



MIAA Ski Committee Meeting

September 28, 2023 – 10:00am (In-Person Meeting)

Minutes

1. Attendance:

- **Non-Voting:** Steve Dubzinski (Assistant Director MIAA/MSAA), Mark Casale (Alpine Tournament Director), Joseph Miller (Nordic Tournament Director)
- **Voting:** Greg Vouros, Matthew Ricard, Stephanie Ridolfi, James Pelkey, Jen Cotton-Herman, Hilary Greene (on phone)

Introductions and Welcome

2. Election of Officers

- Chair: Greg Vouros - Unanimously approved (6-0-0)
- Jameson Pelkey - Unanimously approved (6-0-0)

3. Conflict of Interest Forms

4. Update on May 31st Meeting

Steve Dubzinski: Alpine continuing to alternate championship sites, at Wachusett this year

Joseph Miller: Nordic continuing at Prospect Mountain. There was a conflict at the end of the week at Prospect, so instead of doing the usual Tuesday race with Wednesday and Thursday as backups, it will be a Tuesday race with just Wednesday as a backup. Notchview in Windsor has been a backup location; but it could be in rotation if we wanted to go that direction.

Question about prep schools participating in Nordic

- Steve Dubzinski: Northfield Mount Hermon submitted formal request to join league.
- Joseph Miller: In the past NMH, BCD, and Berkshire School participated, but then found out non-MIAA schools should not be participating.
- Steve Dubzinski: In the past, MIAA has said you either need to be in the ISL or MIAA, and cannot be in both.
- Greg Vouros: The pro is that having prep schools join adds skiers, as they are down to 7 teams in the West. The con is prep schools are not under the same rules as the MIAA schools, so it is hard to hold them and their coaches accountable.
- Steve Dubzinski: NMH and Berkshire School requested to be able to participate in the Berkshire League races as non-scoring athletes, and they would not participate in the championship.
- Hilary Greene: When the prep schools were in the league, it enhanced the quality of the races and they were good participants. For prep schools, their races are hours away and also often get cancelled, so it benefits both sides if they are able to participate in something going on locally.

- Matthew Ricard: How do the league coaches feel about it?
- Joseph Miller: No league coaches are against it.

5. Updates for Nordic and Alpine Tournament Directors

Joseph Miller: Nordic Ski - Date: February 13, 2024 (backup: February 14, 2024)
Mark Casale: Alpine Ski - Scoring script did not work properly last year. This year— Mark will test the script beforehand, and they will manually check it. Due to this, they will need 30 minutes for scoring after conclusion of the race. Two years ago when they were at Wachusett, there was an issue with one of the race trails. We default to USSA rules, and the course has to be certified but they lost the certification. So hopefully this will be all set this year.

6. Nordic Format 2024

Notes: Need to cross out the February 15, 2024 backup date

7. Alpine Format 2024

Notes: Delete the word "still" from D4a1. Use same times in Section B as last year

8. New Business

Joseph Miller: Question about prep school participation, Alternative that prep schools also talked about was using the league race courses after the league has finished their race, though not sure if this would work well.

Hilary Greene: Question about increasing the number of medals for Nordic Championship

Adjournment at 10:51am

