



### *Ski Committee Minutes*

*April 26, 2022 In person MIAA Office 10:00am*

\* Attendance Art Reilly, Mark Casale, Hilary Green, Matt Ricard, Scott Mighill, Craig Gernualdo, Greg Varous, Joe Miller, Guest Matt Wentworth, Stephanie Ridolfi

\* Call to Attendance at 10:15AM by Art Reilly

\* Approve minutes from previous meeting-motion to accept by Scott Maghill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hilary Greene-all in favor 1 abstain (6-0-1)

\* Alpine Scoring Proposal-no decisions will be made today, Matt will give an overview of the proposal. The committee will talk about the proposal

- Not similar to any leaguer
  - Done due for ease of scoring
  - Very few teams participate/many of those get disqualified
  - Unfairly weights skiers who finishes higher in the standings
- Proposal-this was done until 2014**
- 100 points to 1<sup>st</sup> place, 99<sup>th</sup> place would get 99 points, etc down to 100<sup>th</sup> place
  - Every team has a representative finish at least one run at states

Art-a school must have 3 skiers to be able to qualify for the state title. The top 3 times will be added together and the lowest time would be name the winner. If a school does not have 3 skiers, they can only compete for the individual 1<sup>st</sup> place. You do not qualify as a team for states, you qualify as an individual.

Craig-are we bound to be required to be like swimming and track

Ann-TMC is still trying to figure out where the hybrid sports fall. At this time TMC is not asking for any input with how to move forward.

Hilary-you could have a dnf and still win a state championship? Matt-this will be discussed later in the presentation

#### **Benefits**

- Allows more teams to participate
- Teams that do not have 3 skiers will never be able to win, but they are still able to finish and place
- Scoring can be quick if done correctly

Mark-NH does not do teams, only individual medals/places. There is no uninformative through states

Matt-this model is similar to that of World Cup

Matt-2<sup>nd</sup> point – Limit the number of participants that each school has. Cap it at 5. It is hard for a team that has 3 qualifiers to compete against those schools who have 10.

Ann-if you think changes need to be made, this is the time to do it. We can create a sub committee and they can work together over the next year to propose a new way of scoring for the 2024 season? We do not have to limit it to just to scoring, we can propose any changes we feel fit.

Matt-do you think TMC is looking for more team champions vs. individual champions?

Ann-Most of the MIAA events are leaning towards consistency through the sports. Tennis is no longer have individual championships.

Matt-a school can send 9 racers, however they have to designate which 5 will represent your school for the state title.

Mark-instead of looking to create something new, we should be looking at colleges to see what they are doing and mimic what they have or build off of their platform.

Ann-there could be a lot of changes if we put together a sub committee, this can discussed at that time.

Art-looking at a sub committee to look at the Alpine ski scoring process (time vs points) and school entering information.

**Katie will send out an email to the full committee to see who would like to participate in the sub committee. Uses coaches reps and league presidents to tap some others to be involved.**

- Joe Miller-TD Nordic Report
  - \* Good race day, great conditions for the race. Same number of teams participated as last year. Prospect went off great, volunteers did a great job. Announcement was done by Mark Santella, Hunter Greene did great with scoring, and clothing sales was very popular. Athletes really enjoy the day.
  - \* League would like to keep the race at Prospect.
- Greg-Coaches seem to like Prospect
  - Could the date be pushed a little later, it was a conversation that was held with the coaches/leagues
- Ann-at Prospect we have not had to worry about the mountain/snow. The venue is great for the athletes and spectators.
- Hilary-coaches report
  - It was really nice to go back to what felt what was “normal” after covid. Joe was great to work with on many of the obstacles we had to over come (snow/weather)
  - Numbers were good
- Rule 35.2 Nordic Discussion- special rule in the MIAA handbook that allows Nordic community can continue to ski until the end of the winter season.
  - Ann- to clarify what this means is the intent to this rule was to allow the teams to continue to participate within their leagues after the Nordic ski tournament. This is not

meant to be able to work longer with the athletes and prepare them for a non MIAA Event.

- This is a rule change proposal year, does this rule need clarification within the handbook
- Stephanie-I believe that it is needed
- At this time there is no need to clarify this rule-maybe a communication out to coaches explaining what the rule means. This will be done at the league meetings.
- Alpine Ski
  - Tournament Report
  - Mark-went very well. The conditions were good, staff was very helpful. There were some challenges that needed to be addressed prior to the race, which was taken care of very quickly. There were some people brought in to help with timing/scoring/technical issues/refs with each course. It ran on time and it was a very smooth event
  - Ann-we were very lucky to have Mark helping us out, the event went very well.
  - Art-everything did run very smoothly, only thing that needs to be a little quicker would be getting the scores to the MIAA.
  - Bibs were an issue due to the bibs from previous years were returned moldy and were unable to use. Alternate process was to order paper bibs, which created some difficulty on the race day. To replace the bibs it would have been \$7,000.
  - Mark-Tyvek bibs are an option
  - Is sponsorship an option? TPG?
  - Scott-Coaches Report-got in 11 races. A lot of concern over the point vs time conversation. Would like to be part of the subcommittee. I will work on getting comments from coaches.
- Misc:
  - Alternate Process-the day of the races and up to the race is causing some confusions. I think have 2 alts from each league is a lot (over 20 alternates). They are thinking that they are going to show up the day of the race and be able to participate and ski.
  - Ann-24 hrs prior to the race notify the AD/Principal that an alternate is needed. 1 alternate per league is fine.
  - Mark-day of the race we only used 1 maybe 2 on race day. Having over 20 alternates is a lot.
  - Ann-the day of the race we used 16 alternates as forerunners on the mountain since they were there. In the past the mountain has forerunners ready for us, but Mark was unsure of the process and was being very nice to include these students.
  - There needs to be a tighter process. Alternates are notified 24 hours in advance of the race. The forerunners will be provided by the mountain.
  - Scott-in the past the MIAA has never paid for the alternates, however this year they did.
  - Art-if the day before the race, by noon the league president needs to be notified if an alternate is needed, the league president will notify the alternate principal/ad for the alternate and then notify the MIAA.
  - Greg-motion to move to 1 alternate per league-2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott-
    - Art-what is that changing? As a league president it is helpful to have a list of alternates. You are only paying for the alternates if they are skiing.
    - Greg-withdraw the motion

- Mark-I would like a high school forerunner on the mountain.
- Ann-there is no way that there can be high school forerunners.
- Katie-can we put the request for 2 forerunners on the bid for a new location.
- Mark-it should be added/explained in the format to clarify.
- Nordic Format Review
  - Hilary-could we change the wave start to a mass start?
  - Joe- if there was a whole field to start it maybe an option, but because it starts at a hill it may not work. Let's table it for 2023-2024
  - Motion by Greg to support the Nordic ski format 2<sup>nd</sup> Hilary all in favor (6-0)
- Alpine ski-
  - The format states that a hard shelled helmet that has hard shell covering for the ears, specifically designed for GS skiing must be worn for alpine skiing-
    - The Handbook MUST be updated to reflect this working (rule 77.2) Matt or Scott will submit a rule change proposal for this. However, in the tournament this rule must be followed as written in the format. Communication to the coaches/ads prior to the start of the tournament is needed. League presidents must communicate.
  - Motion to support the format-Scott, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephanie 4 voting members