

PARA Board Meeting Minutes 6/13/98

The meeting was called to order by Sam Ganow, President. He requested committee items. Attendance was taken and it was noted that all areas were represented with full voting privileges going to those present in behalf of their respective areas.

Sam Ganow gave treasurers report on behalf of Chuck Gregory. He noted a beginning balance of 30,677.98. Deposits for the year totaled \$33,011.00. The balance after all projected expenses is \$31,176.77, approximately a break even situation for the year. A projected balance of \$29,826.77 will begin the 98/99 season. A motion was made by Wally Phillips to approve the report, Steve Antal seconded. Motion carried.

Sam Ganow, JI-II Chairman, presented Scott Murphy and Kristen Heslop as nominations to receive Governor's Cup Award for last season. Denise O'Neal made a motion to accept the nominees, Niko(?) seconded. Motion carried. The JI-II Chair report was given (attached).

Sam Ganow distributed the ACC Report for Dan Chayes. (Attached)

Denise O'Neal offered to edit PARA Guide for 98/99 season under same terms as last year. Sam Ganow accepted offer with board approving. Copies of last years guide were distributed for changes to be marked.

The J-III Chairmans report was distributed on behalf of Bonnie Bartkowski and Jeff Mikos. The dates for the J-III Derby for 1999 are February 26, 27, 28.

There was no J-IV & V report. Big Boulder/ Jack Frost will host the 1999 J-IV & V Derby on March 6 and 7.

A membership report was given by Sam Ganow for Neil Randall. Last years membership was comprised of 723 member. Breakdown follows: J1-2: 145M/50F 195;

J3: 79M/44F = 123; J 4 -5: 145M/84F 229; Sr: 6M/4F 10; Masters: 15M/2F = 17;

AlpineCoaches & Officials: 149.

Winnie Backlund requested that all area chairs get complete lists of membership henceforth due to some questions/concerns as to which areas kids register with. The board agreed in discussion and Sam will let Neil know to distribute those.

The issue of timers came up with regard to needing printers on primary and secondary electronic timers. We are awaiting further information from Ed Marrucci who was not present.

An Agenda was presented. Jeff Swigard motioned for approval and Frank Fox seconded the motion, which then was approved by board. The Agenda included: 1-snowboarders,

2-PA Cup head tax, 3-Coaches at post-season events, 4-Ski area coaches lists, 5-TD expenses, 6-PARA dues, 7-Derby quotas.

Per agenda, the following action was taken. Niko made a motion with Jeff Swigart seconding and motion carrying: Snowboarders are recognized as racers and must join PARA and USSA.

Follow-up with Eastern and USSA will be made and each regional chair will be notified of change. Niko was appointed snowboard chairman and will notify mountains, clubs, eastern and USSA of the change.

Regarding PA CUP, Mary Burkholder motioned and Helen Newsom seconded, that the PA CUP Series should continue. It was agreed that the PARA head tax should be built into PA CUP Series to be spread over all 3 events and not just the last one.

Regarding Coaches for post-season travel, the pay rate was discussed. Current rate is 17 cents per mile and \$100.00 per day to cover everything. Need to increase. Also it was recommended that post-season coaches be required to attend the PARA Championship event for the age they will be coaching in post season to become familiar with state teams and how our racers look and who they are. It was determined that a list of state team coaches and post season coaches should be listed in PARA Guide so parents know who to call to coordinate post season travel, etc. A motion was made to pay post season coaches \$100 per day plus expenses with a reasonable cap for food and lodging, to be determined, and 30 cents per mile. Denise O'Neal presented motion, Niko seconded, and motion carried by the board.

It was requested that all areas send a list of coaches to Chuck Gregory, Neil Randall, and Matty DePaulo by August 15 so that appropriate info will go into PARA Guide. Any updates can be provided no later than December to same people.

TD Expenses were discussed. FIS rules state that payment is to be \$65.00 plus expenses per day up to \$400 total and \$65 plus per diem for travel days, with a \$400 cap for travel. The board suggested that we request local TD's where possible. Clubs can write a check to a TD and the TD can write a check back to the club so that the donation becomes tax deductible for the TD where TD is not expecting payment. Clubs should budget for TD expenses. If not charged, the clubs end up ahead.

PARA dues were discussed. A motion was made by Wally Phillips with a second by Steve Antal to raise dues as follows: \$18.00 for racers and officials, \$40.00 for families, and coaches remain as they were at \$5.00 The board agreed that funding coaches travel would require more money. The motion carried.

Derby quotas were discussed and will remain the same for next season: J1-2: 85, J3: 50/70, and J4-5: 100.

Officials clinics were brought up. The information discussed at clinics needs to transfer better to the coaches. The idea of a combined clinic at Mercersburg was recommended. Steve Antal made the motion to adjourn and Debbie McNamera seconded. Motion carried.