

PARA FALL MEETING

October 19, 1991

I. The fall meeting of the Pennsylvania Alpine Racing Association was called to order at 9:21 a.m. on Saturday, October 19, 1991, by the President, Jack Hardy at Ski Roundtop. Membership attendance is on file.

II. The minutes of the April 27, 1991 meeting were approved as read. Gravenmier/Sutch - MOTION CARRIED.

III. The treasurer's report (see attachment #1) was approved as presented and the proposed budget for the upcoming year was reviewed. Sutch/ Picariello - MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Annual Reports

A. President-Jack Hardy reported that three companies that owed money for PARA advertisements have filed for bankruptcy at a cost of \$300.00. A bounced check from a downhill racer was turned over to the Central Area chairman for collection.

B. J Chairman-Bob Lambert was attending the ACC meeting and in his place Jack Gravenmier reported that he will be working with Bob Lambert to insure a smooth transition in the J I/II chairmanship. Jack reviewed the upcoming dates for Super G camps and J I/II Junior Olympic events.

C. J 3/4 Chairman-Bill Yoder was also attending the ACC meeting but forwarded a written report. (see attachment #2)

D. Downhill Chairman-Dave Lundy was absent. Craig Raphaelson reviewed the tentative schedule of the J Derbies with a Super G race scheduled for Friday, February 21st. Gus Picariello brought it to the attention of the board that a Nor-Am race is scheduled at Hidden Valley during the same time period as our J I/II downhill. Different race dates were discussed for the Feb. 19 through Feb. 21st time period and the final decision will be left up to Dave Lundy.

Craig Raphaelson reported that the speed camp discussed at the Spring meeting was not possible due to slop availability. Stephen Vastagh mentioned that Blue Knob is interested in the development of a race program and might be considered in the future for such events.

E. Masters - Horst Locher - no report.

F. Alpine Officials - John DeMatte - no report, but a review of upcoming clinics were presented by President, Jack Hardy.

G. Seeding and Points - Jay Zwally - The 1991-92 Fall J 3/4 seed list was distributed. Jay addressed the letter from Fred Andrea concerning the equalization in points for the racers from the south. Area chairman will check the seed list as to the correct ages of racers in their area.

H. Quotas - Les Glanz - the calculations will basically be the same as last year with 82 racers for the J Derbies and 110 racers for the J 3/4 Derbies. (see attachment 113)

I. PARA Guide - Larry Snavely - In Larry's absence Jack Hardy reported that all guide information including race schedules have been forwarded to Larry. Advertisement forms have been mailed to potential advertisers. A discussion ensued about securing ads from other states! Also, Jack Hardy mentioned the possibility of securing corporate sponsors and the need to get the Guide out prior to Thanksgiving.

J. Membership - Neil Randal - Area chairman will receive membership lists by area and mailing labels of PARA members will be available.

K. Race Director - Gus Picariello - The race schedule has been completed for the 1992 season. There are two rabbit races scheduled in December for J 1/2's at Jack Frost and Hidden Valley. A discussion followed about area releases that need to be signed by parents before a racer can compete. It was recommended that release notification or copies of area releases be placed in the PARA Guide. Jack Hardy reminded everyone that racers must be members of USSA as well as race officials and all jury members for insurance reasons.

L. Area Reports

1. Eastern - Bill Sutch - no report
2. Northeast - Bill Yoder - see attachment #4
3. Central - Brian Eardley - see attachment #5
4. Western - Shaun Donnellan - no report
5. Blue Ridge - Jack Gravenmier - see attachment #6
6. Southern - Bill Howard - no report
7. Masters - Horst Locher - no report

V. Unfinished Old Business

A. Jack Hardy reminded the board that in April, 1991, the board voted to eliminate the practice of paying coaching fees to Eastern Cup Races for the 1991-92 season.

B. J 3/4 seed point list equalization - the letter from Fred Andreae. concerning the three possible solutions for equalization of J III/IV seed points was addressed. (see attachment #7) Jay Zwally mentioned that the computer program can be re-programmed to give a broader base in determining seed points. After a lengthy dis-

discussion about possible equalization of seed points for the J 3/4 / racers from the Southern and Blue Ridge areas, the following motion was made - MOTION - - - -
At the J 3/4 Derby, the 1st and 3rd runs will be counted as a race, while the 2nd run will be counted as a race with a five point penalty. If four runs are made, the event will be scored as two races. Zwally/Sutch Addendum Sutch - In the event that only two runs are made, each run will be counted as a race. Zwally accepted the Addendum with the provision that the J 3/4 Chairman will have the final decisions as to the number of runs that are possible on a given race day at the Derbies. MOTION CARRIED - 11 FOR - 6 OPPOSED.

C. Audit Chairperson - Jack Hardy announced that he is looking for an individual to chair the auditing of the Treasury books.

VI. New Business

A. Secretary Lita Pace mentioned that PARA is beginning to get calls about Freestyle, Mogul and Snowboarding interest.

B. Board of Directors Changes

1. Central - Stephen Vastagh will replace Phil Poffenberger.
2. Western - Beth Slater will replace Bill Boucher.

C. Downhill Clinic - Shaun Donnellan requested that the question of which downhill racers are required to attend the downhill clinic be resolved. A discussion ensued as to the downhill schedule and the feasibility of running a J III Super G Clinic and race in conjunction with the J I/II downhill program. MOTION – Soltow/Glanz Any downhill racer who has under 250 race points will not have to attend the downhill clinic prior to the downhill training and race dates. The said information shall be footnoted in the PARA Guide. MOTION CARRIED

D. Stephen Vastagh announced Blue Knob is attempting to schedule a team race the weekend of March 1st and 8th, 1992, more information will follow.

E. MOTION - Soltow/Picariello - The PARA originated J 3/4 seed list will be eliminated. Place points scoring will be adopted at J 3/4 races and Derby selections from each area will be computed by these place points. Derby runs will follow a randomized selection for start order.

After a lengthy discussion, another motion followed - MOTION - Donnellan/Chisholm - that the previous motion be tabled until the spring 1992 meeting. - MOTION CARRIED - 9 FOR - 6 AGAINST.

F. JIII Super Camp Selection - A discussion evolved about the selection process. - MOTION - Vastagh/Soltow - The selection of the racers who participate in the J Super Camp should be under the direction of the J 3/4 Chairman. It is strongly recommended that the order of the Derby finishes be considered first and that the direction of the chairman also be considered. MOTION CARRIED.

The board of directors gave its support of the previous methods of selection of participants to the J3 Super G Camps.

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G. Fred Soltow requested that area chairmen address the need for J 4/5's to remain at their home slopes for more training than races.

H. Shaun Donnellan questioned the "special 4's" designated by the Northeast and North areas. After an explanation that the Northeast and North are scheduling separate J III and J IV races, and that the "special 4's" will exist only in those areas for competition purposes, were the questions answered.

I. Horst Locher requested that at the Derbies, if warm weather promotes cornsnow type conditions, the race courses be side slipped to keep the courses as consistent as possible.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 2.10 p.m.
Sutch/Picariello

Respectfully submitted:

Lita Pace - Secretary

The next Board of Directors meeting will be scheduled for the end of April, 1992.