

PARA Annual Spring Meeting – Saturday May 7, 2016 - 9:30a.m.

Ski Roundtop Mountain Resort, Ski Patrol Building

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by David Bond, President.

Roll call of voting members. The following members were present: David Bond (President), Kurt Zwally (Vice President), Jon Tate (Secretary), Chris Klebe (Treasurer), Curt Schramm (Central Chair/SSRC), Eric Updegrove (Central/TMART), Diann Roffe (Central/SRRC), Michael Jacobson (Central/LMRT), Dan Chayes (Central/WTSEF), Liz Dailey (Central/SRRC), John DeLong (East Chair/JFRT), Rob Lipton (East/BMSC), Scott Book (East/Montage), Amato DePaulo (East/BMSC), Tom Yen (East/BMSC), Bruce Wickersham (NE Chair/EMSC), Patrick Wende (NE/EMSC), Bruce Newman (NE/EMSC), Gus Picariello (NE/PASEF), Pam Kolba (NE/SMRT), Jim DiBiase (West Chair/WPRC), Eric Hessinger (West/HVRC), Charles Donnellan (West/WPRC), TJ Greenier (West/WPRC), Derek Berger (West/DCWST).

Absent: Jim Davenport (East/JFRT), Bill Hosie (NE/PASEF), Matt Stuckey (West/BKST)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and Approval of Minutes - Motion to approve Unanimous
2. Presidents Report - Motion to approve Unanimous
3. Treasurers Report - Motion to approve Unanimous
4. Membership and Quotas Report - Motion to approve Unanimous
5. Alpine Officials Report - Motion to approve Unanimous
6. Gate Judge Report – Bill Filling is looking for some help with administrating the program. Please contact Bill or the Executive Committee if you have interest. - Motion to approve Unanimous
7. Coaching Report – Suggestion for a coaches email list. Regional Chairs have been requested to collect the emails of the coaches. - Motion to approve Unanimous
8. ACC Report – Head tax for Scored races will probably move to back to \$3. - Motion to approve Unanimous
9. ECC Report – Bruce Bedell attended the ECC meeting. The scoring of U14 athletes was discussed but not approved. The U14 SG will count as an event at the Eastern Championships. A U14 Mid Atlantic Festival was discussed and may be developed. It will not be a qualifier for Eastern Championships. The U14 Championships are based on 50% population and 50% performance. - Motion to approve Unanimous
10. USSA Affiliation Agreement – NEW BY-LAWS – Motion Wickersham/Lipton - Motion to approve Unanimous
11. Age Chair Reports
 - a. U12 Report - Motion to approve Unanimous
 - b. U14 Report - Motion to approve Unanimous
 - c. U16 Report – 1 speed camp - Motion to approve Unanimous
12. PARA B-Netting Matching Grants Initiative – Approval for continuation of grants. June 30, 2016 is the deadline for submission to PARA.
13. Web Site report

Suggestions for discussions - NEW BUSINESS

1. PA Cup & Championship Event Schedule:

- a. PA Cup 1 & 2, January 14 & 15, 2017 – Seven Springs
- b. PA Cup 3, 4, & 5, January 27, 28 & 29, 2017 – Blue Mountain
- c. PA Finals (Cup 6,7 & 8), March 3, 4 & 5, 2017 – Elk Mountain
- d. U12 Championships – February 24, 25 & 26, 2017
- e. U14 Championships – March 3, 4 & 5, 2017
- f. U16 Championships – February 24, 25 & 26, 2017

2. Reviewed Derby/Championships –

a. Voting on Championship locations for 2017 and 2018

- i. U12 – Tussey – Would like to revisit costs and field size for 2018. Motion Chayes/DiBiase – Passed.
- ii. U14 – Seven Springs – Need to negotiate with mountain for fees. The speed camp format will remain unchanged. Motion Lipton/many – Passed.
- iii. U16 – Blue Mountain – Motion Wickersham/Roffe – Passed.

a. Field Size – will remain the same.

- i. U16 – 50% of population, with minimum field size of 70 and maximum field size of 90. This includes 5 discretionary athletes.
- ii. U14 – 40% of population, with minimum field size of 70 and maximum field size of 90. This includes 5 discretionary athletes.
- iii. U12 – 40% of population, with minimum field size of 70 and maximum field size of 90. This includes 5 discretionary athletes.

3. Scoring format changes – A working committee of Roffe, Donnellan, and Chayes will try to address tie breaker criteria.

4. Speed Camp –

- a. U16 Speed Camp – February 6 & 7, 2017 (Monday & Tuesday) at Blue Mountain

5. Quotas - Motion – Quotas will use the current population with competitor license by age and class as of January 15th. Chayes/Picariello Passed 14-9

6. PA Cup Awards - Motion – Awards for PA Cup U16 & U19 athletes and Gift Cards for U21 athletes, World Cup points for U19/U21 athletes and a single cup for the highest scoring U19 athlete DiBiase/Lipton Passed

7. U16 Championships Scoring Methodology – Confirmed decision from May 2015 Board Meeting of using “Collegiate Seeding” of the U16 Championship - This is the same method used to seed the first runs at the Eastern U16 and U16 Championships as well as the first run at many collegiate “Carnivals.”

Using the athlete rankings from each region, athletes would be placed into seed groups and randomized within their seed group for each run. “Group A” would always run first, “Group B” would always run 2nd, “Group C” would always run third, etc. The first four athletes from each region would be placed in Group A. The second four athletes from each region would be in Group B. The third four athletes from each region would go in Group C, etc. (While regional quota sizes will differ, the regions with larger quotas will just have more athletes in the bottom seed group.)

To accomplish the randomization in Split Second, the athlete “Nation” field would be populated with the athlete’s seeding group (e.g. Group A, etc.). Split Second allows one to first list athlete by “Nation” (e.g. Group A athletes first, Group B second, etc.). From there, Split Second also allows one to randomize athletes of the same “Nationality.”

8. U16 Participation in PA Cup Races - Motion – Allow all U16s to participate in PA Cups 1-5 with head coaches approval. Newman/Roffe Passed 15-5
9. NYSSRA U12 Future Star Festival – Tim Brown. NYSSRA had planned a two day event to be held at Windham Mountain, NY. The event, which was to be skills based, was open to a total of 100 athletes from NYSSRA, SARA, Tri-State, NJSRA and PARA. Details of the event and curriculum were not provided prior the event being cancelled due to weather/snow condition. PARA was to be allotted 20 quota slots. Motion – PARA to support with \$3,000 for coaching. Wickersham/DiBiase Passed
10. U14 and U16 State Team Training Camp Projects (GS and SL) – Bruce Bedell. Proposal for in-season PARA State Team SL and GS projects next season for the U14 and U16 State Teams. Working Committee approved of Bedell, Donnellan, Reit, DePaulo
11. Motion - Reduce U21-19 State Team size to 12 based on quota – Schramm/DiBiase Passed.
12. Request was made for coaches to coordinate pre-season northern races.
13. Request to explore SG racing opportunities in New York to help with U19 speed points.
14. Motion – U12 State Team size increased to 10 boys and 10 girls. Passed.
15. Motion – U14 State Team size increase. Failed.
16. Coach of the Year
17. Alpine Official of the Year – Nominated - Joe Bender. Passed.

18. Budget – Added \$3,000 to U12 Coaching. Lipton/Donnellan Passed.

19. Election of Officers

a. President – Nominated - David Bond. Passed.

b. Treasurer – Nominated - Chris Klebe. Passed.

20. Meeting adjourned. 3:00 pm

21. Regional Breakout Sessions occurred after the Board Meeting adjourned.