

PARA Annual Spring Meeting – Saturday May 6, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 9:05 am by David Bond, President.
2. Roll call was taken and the following Directors were in attendance:
 - a. The following members were present: David Bond (President), Kurt Zwally (Vice President), Chris Klebe (Treasurer), Jon Tate (Secretary), Curt Schramm (Central Chair/SSRC), Dave Fonash (Central/TMART), Adam Jacobson (Central/LMRT), Ben Shirk (Central/SRRC), Rudi Riet (Central/LMRT), Dan Chayes (Central/WTSEF), Andrew Blacklund (East Chair/JFRT), Rob Lipton (East/BMSC), Scott Book (East/Montage), Amato DePaulo (East/BMSC), Carrie Scheetz (East/BMSC), Matt Dembinski (East/JFRT), Patrick Wende (NE Chair/EMSC), Abbi Westgate (NE/EMSC/Athlete Rep), Bruce Newman (NE/EMSC), Gus Picariello (NE/PASEF), Kevin Malkin (NE/PASEF), Charles Donnellan (West Chair/WPRC), Mike Clarke (West/WPRC), TJ Greenier (West/WPRC), Bob Hunt (West/HVRC)
 - b. Absent: Thomas Earley (NE/SMRT), Derek Berger (West/DCWST), Richard Fiore (West/BKST)
 - c. Others present - Sam Ganow, Tom Yen, Tim Brown, Mike Clarke, Jennifer Best, Danny Griffin, Jonathan Altman, Matt Speczynski, Carla Tesar, Jeff Roche, Steve Spagnoletti, John DeLong
3. Old Business
 - a. Approval of last year's minutes (5/7/22)– Rob Lipton/Rudi Riet. Approved voice vote.
 - b. President's report – Rob Lipton/Charles Donnellan. Voice vote - Report accepted.
 - c. Treasurer's report. Rudy Riet/Ben Shirk. Voice vote - Report accepted.
 - d. Membership report – Ben Shirk/Rudi Riet. Voice vote - Report accepted.
 - e. Alpine Officials – Ben Shirk/Rudi Riet. Voice vote – Report accepted.
 - f. Gate Judge report – on hold.
 - g. Coaches Report –Still need Level 100 coaches and Referees. Also, we need to expand the pool of course setting coaches. Voice vote – Report Accepted.
 - h. ECC/ACC Report – NJWS is moving to NY (NYSSRA) leaving only 2 mountains left in NJ (NJSRA). Voice vote – Report Accepted.
 - i. Age Group Reports –
 - i. U18 – Ben Shirk/Kevin Malkin. Voice vote accepted - Report Accepted.
 - ii. U16 – Rob Lipton/Ben Shirk. Voice vote accepted - Report Accepted.
 - iii. U14 – Ben Shirk/Charles Donnellan. Voice vote accepted - Report Accepted.
 - iv. U12 – Kevin Malkin/Rudi Riet. Voice vote accepted - Report Accepted.
 - j. PARA B-net Grant Report – Rob Lipton/David Bond. Voice vote – Report Accepted.

- k. Speed Camp Report presented by Ben Shirk
 - l. Future of PARA Report by John DeLong
 - m. Website Report – A work group of TJ Greenier, Rob Lipton, Jonathan Altman, and Carrie Scheetz will explore options.
4. New Business –
- a. U16 Regional qualifiers presented by Bob Hunt & Derek Berger. Charles Donnellan/Bob Hunt. Motion failed 16-3.
 - b. PA U16/U18 Series by gender presented by Patrick Wende. – Motion – tabled.
 - c. U16 Field Size limits and priority registration. Rob Lipton/Ben Shirk. Voice vote. Accepted.
 - i. MOTION: To cap the field sizes for each of the PARA U16 Series events at specific numbers set by the ROCs, and offer a priority registration period to the top-ranked U16s, followed by an open registration period for all U16s. The full 3 page document and process is posted on the PARA website, with the following modifications. Races should be open 2 weeks prior to the event with at least 3 days for priority athletes registration, and at least 7 days for regular registration. The registration should close no later than 48 hours before the race.
 - d. U16 Series Scoring presented by Dave Fonash. Passes 20-1. Accepted.
 - i. MOTION: For the U16 series, the scoring will be based on the total number of races held minus 1 race. Ties will be broken by the inside out method as previously defined.
 - e. Motion: For the U16 Series, the scoring will be based on the total number of races held minus 2 races. Motion failed 12-8.
 - f. Motion: For the PA Cup series, the scoring will be based on the total number of races held minus 1 race. Ties will be broken by the inside out method as previously defined. Ben Shirk/David Bond. Motion passes 12-10.
 - g. Statewide Race weekends – Ben Shirk/Rob Lipton. Accepted. Voice Vote.
 - i. Race PA Cup 1&2 – SL(2) at 7 Springs on Jan 13, 14
 - ii. Race U16 1&2 – SL(2) at Tussey on Jan 27, 28
 - iii. Race PA Cup 3, 4, 5 – SL(1), GS(2) at Blue Mt on Feb 2, 3, & 4
 - iv. Race U16 3&4 – GS(2) at Elk on Feb 10 & 11
 - h. State Championships date 2024 – Ben Shirk/Rob Lipton. Accepted. Voice Vote.
 - i. U12 Championships (Feb 24 & 25)
 - ii. U14 Championships (Feb 23, 24, & 25)
 - iii. U16 Finals (March 1, 2, & 3)
 - iv. PA Cup Finals (March 1, 2, & 3)
 - i. Speed Race for U18 proposal presented by Ben Shirk. Friday at Blue Mt of PA Cup Weekend. Ben Shirk/Rudi Riet. Pass 15-7.
 - j. State Team Size – tabled.
 - k. State Finals/Championships for 2025 & 2026 – tabled.

- l. In person spring meetings. Tabled.
 - m. Coaches Education Committee. Ben Shirk, Bruce Newman, Keving Malkin, Carrie Scheetz, Western Representative. Report to Executive Committee for final approval. Kurt Zwally/Chris Klebe. Pass. Voice Vote.
 - n. Nominations for awards
 - i. Volunteer of the Year – tabled.
 - ii. Coach of the Year – tabled.
 - iii. Alpine Official of the Year – John Reihner.
 - o. Budget – tabled.
 - p. Election of President and Treasurer
 - i. Dan Chase and Kurt Zwally ran for Vice-President. Kurt Zwally was re-elected.
 - ii. Jon Tate was re-elected as Secretary.
5. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.