

PARA Annual Spring Meeting Continued – Saturday May 11, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 9:02 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), Rudi Riet (Central/LMRT), Ben Shirk (Central/SRRC), Dan Chayes (Central/WTSEF), Andrew Blacklund (East Chair/JFRT), Rob Lipton (East/BMSC), Danny Griffin (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), Keith Dickerson (NE/PASEF), Kevin Malkin (NE/PASEF), Charles Donnellan (West Chair/WPRC), Bob Hunt (West/HVRC), Mike Clarke (West/WPRC), TJ Greenier (West/WPRC), Derek Berger (West/DCWST)
 - b. Absent: Adam Jacobson (Central/LMRT), Thomas Earley (NE/SMRT), Richard Fiore (West/BKST)
 - c. Others present - Tim Brown, Tom Yen, Jonathan Altman
3. Old Business
 - a. Review and approval of Minutes from last year.
 - i. Approval of May 6, 2023 – David Bond/Ben Shirk. Voice vote pass.
 - ii. Approval of June 5, 2023 – Patrick Wende/Rob Lipton. Voice vote pass.
 - iii. Approval of November 8, 2023 – Ben Shirk/Rob Lipton. Voice vote pass.
 - b. President's report – Patrick Wende/Rob Lipton. Voice vote - Report accepted.
 - c. Alpine Officials – Patrick Wende /Kurt Zwally. Voice vote – Report accepted.
 - d. Treasurer's report - Rudi Riet/ Kurt Zwally. Voice vote - Report accepted.
 - e. Membership report – Bruce Newman/Dan Chayes. Voice vote - Report accepted.
 - f. Coaches Report – Bruce Newman/Patrick Wende. Voice vote – Report Accepted.
 - g. ECC Report – Rudi Riet/Bruce Newman. Voice vote – Report Accepted.
 - h. ACC Report – High School Championships March 3-9, 2024 and U14 Finals will continue. Sam Ganow was awarded the Berkshire Award. Bruce Newman/Ben Shirk. Voice vote – Report Accepted.
 - i. Age Group Reports –
 - i. U12 – Ben Shirk /Rudi Riet. Voice vote - Report Accepted.
 - ii. U14 – Bruce Newman/Kurt Zwally. Voice vote - Report Accepted.
 - iii. U16 – Patrick Wende/Rudi Riet. Voice vote - Report Accepted.
 - iv. U18 – Patrick Wende/David Bond. Voice vote - Report Accepted.
 - j. PARA B-net Grant Report – Charles Donnellan/Patrick Wende. Voice vote – Report Accepted.

- k. Speed Camp Report. Rudi Riet/Patrick Wende. Voice vote - Report Accepted.
- l. Website Report. Rudi Riet/Patrick Wende. Voice vote - Report Accepted. A working group will continue of TJ Greenier, Danny Griffin, Jonathan Altman, and Carrie Scheetz to explore options.

4. New Business

- a. U12 Post Season Events.
 - i. NYSSRA U12 Motion – PARA will budget \$2,500 per year to support a coach to support our athletes, for a two year trial. Jon Tate/Bruce Newman. Voice vote approved.
- b. U12 post season event selection. Piches will be the primary post season event. The U12 NY event will be open to the next top 10 (5M/5F) athletes. If these spots are not filled, the State team members will be able to fill any remaining slots. Tim Brown/Patrick Wende. Voice vote approved.
- c. PARA State Team Sweatshirt proposal – David Fonash
 - i. For U16 and U18/U21 post season events (Eastern Finals and Championships), athletes in the quota are awarded state team status, the minimum state team size is 10 athletes per gender with the maximum of the quota size of the respective event. State Team members are awarded sweatshirts. Dave Bond/Bruce Newman. 12-10 PASS
- d. Motion to discontinue U16 State wide series for a regional racing and 2-3 championship event to be defined . Bob Hunt/Chris Klebe 12-8 PASS
- e. PA Cup Dates – Kurt Zwally/Rob Lipton. Voice vote approved.
 - i. PA Cups 1&2 (SL) at Seven Springs (two weeks later)
 - ii. PA Cups 3-5 (SG, GS, GS) at Blue Mountain
 - iii. PA Cups 6-8 (SL,SL, GS) Finals at Elk Mountain
- f. State Championship dates 2025 - Kurt Zwally/ Rob Lipton. Voice vote approved.
 - i. U12 Championships (Feb 22 & 23)
 - ii. U14 Championships (Feb 22 & 23)
 - iii. U16 Finals (Feb 28, March 1 & 2)
 - iv. PA Cup Finals (Feb 28, March 1 & 2)
- g. Volunteer of the Year award – No nominations.
- h. Coach of the Year – No nominations.
- i. Alpine Official of the Year – Sam Ganow. Patrick Wende/Dan Chayes. Voice vote approved.
- j. Budget –
 - i. Motion – add \$4,000 budget for B-net and change of date to 5/24 for applications according to Kurt Zwally’s proposal. Applications needed to be submitted to Exec in order to award amount before KBF grants are due. Dan Chayes. Voice vote approved.
 - ii. Budget is table until next meeting.

- k. Election of Officers
 - i. President – Patrick Wende was elected President.
- l. Treasurer – election postponed until next meeting due to time.
 - i. Nominees are John DeLong and Charles Donnellan
 - ii. Chris Klebe term is extended until June 30th or until another treasurer is elected. Voice vote approved.
- m. By-laws – Rob Lipton, David Bond, Patrick Wende, and Dan Chayes will review by-laws.
- n. Meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm. Dan Chayes/Rob Lipton. . Voice vote approved.

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