



Rocky Mountain Nordic
May 30, 2015 Spring Meeting Minutes
Minturn, Colorado

Attending:

Mike Elliott (RMN)
Walt Evans, Shannon Sweeney, Jeff Alden (Aspen)
Evan Elliott, Rich Jortberg, Quincee Cotton (Boulder)
Austin Ross, Molly Susla, Jen Oberling (Crested Butte)
Gary Colliander, Ramona May (Durango)
Christina Stark (Grand Mesa Nordic Council)
Kendall Butts (Gunnison)
Dan Wieland, Eric Pepper, Allison Ebbets (Vail)
Olof Hedberg, Peter Haynes (Summit)
Brian Tate, Josh Smullin (Steamboat Springs)

1. Financial Review. RMN has \$56,661 in their bank account. Since Mike Elliott has been the Executive Director, RMN has not seen any financial growth but has maintained the current financial level thanks to the efforts of Ruthie Brown when she was the President and Executive Director of RMN. Rocky Mountain Nordic Angel has \$36,774 in their bank account. RMN Nordic Angel offered \$1,000 matching grants to five RMN skiers who qualified for the Nation's Cup Scandinavian Trip or the World Junior Championships. Three skiers did take advantage of the offer. From the money they individually raise and the RMNA matching grant, they paid for their trip.
2. RMN Membership Dues for 2015-16 are due no later than December 11, 2015 and RMN dues will remain the same as this past winter.
 - 1) \$40 U20, U18, U16
 - 2) \$20 U14, U12
 - 3) \$10 U10, U8
3. USSA & FIS Membership is due by October 15, 2015. After that date there possibly could be a penalty for skiers who were members the previous year. That is not the case for new members. The same is true for FIS membership. Skiers anticipating participation in the U18 Scandinavian Trip, the World Junior Championships, or the U23 World Championships, they must have an FIS license. Hopefully they also know they need a passport.

All skiers participating in a National Ranking List, NRL, races must be competitor members of USSA. They can receive same day membership. USSA membership pricing is a part of these minutes as an attachment.

Note: USSA will be able to handle Club and Team Bulk Membership. More information regarding directions for Bulk Membership for clubs/teams to follow at a later date.

4. Warp-Up JNs Truckee, CA. Truckee did a good job despite having very little snow coverage. All races were on a 2.5 km loop. RMN was very close with Midwest for second in the Alaska Cup Points going into the relay event. Ended up fourth in Alaska Cup points. Catered dinners were the best any of the coaches and athletes have ever experienced at other Junior National events.

Austin Ross made comments to the effect that more effort should be made in scheduling duties for development coaches attending the JNs. There was not a consensus of how this would be accomplished. Other comments from other coaches were that training development coaches at a National Championships is not an effective use of the RM coaching staff. Topic tabled for further discussion at a later time.

5. RMN Summer Camp Opportunities:

- 1) Western REG Park City, Utah June 20-27, 2015. By Invitation only
- 2) SSWSC Summer Testing Camp July 13-16, 2015. Contact Brian Tate & Josh Smullin
- 3) USSA U16 National Camp Burlington, VT July 24-31, 2015. By Invitation Only
- 4) Olof Hedberg Sweden Camp July 23 – August 4, 2015. Camp is now full. 15 athletes.

6. Discussion was held on the RMN JNQ race schedule for the 2015-2016 winter season. A copy of the RMN JNQ and RMN U14 Championships are attached and a part of this minutes.

A motion to accept the race schedule as presented was made by Austin Ross and seconded by Rich Jortberg. Motion Passed unanimously. Distances and race technique were tabled until the RMN fall meeting October 10, 2015 in Aspen, Colorado.

7. All RMN JNQ races need be NRL races. FIS points will only be used in seeding RMN JNQ races if they are combined with College races. Otherwise USSA points will be used for seeding then RMN points.

For the first RMN JNQ races it is recommended that the races be an interval start format. Seeding will be scramble format. Second day RMN JNQ seeding to be based on first day's result. No action was taken and recommendation was tabled until the RMN Fall meeting.

8. Dan Weiland led a review of the RMN JNQ wax protocol for 2015-2016 races. Holmenkol has stopped producing Matrix Blue and Matrix Red which were the Mid and Warm glide waxes. Dan recommended the following waxes to be substituted for the RMN wax protocol:

- 1) Cold HWK P1
- 2) Mid Holmenkol Racing Mix Blue
- 3) Warm Holmenkol Racing Mix Red

No action was taken and approval for those waxes was tabled until the Fall RMN meeting in order to receive more information and pricing on the recommended Holmenkol waxes.

Mike Elliott asked for a motion that he could take to the five divisions that participate in the Soldier Hollow Super Qualifier recommending an easy to understand Waxing Protocol. Eric Pepper made the motion that only HF waxes and lower fluorinated waxes be used for all classes. Dan Weiland seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. RMN Head Tax for all RMN JNQ races in Colorado per skier is \$5 for U16 and older and \$3 for U14 and younger. Mike Elliott will calculate an invoice from RMN for each race and submit it to the Chief of Competition at each RMN JNQ.

10. RMN JN Selection Criteria for the Junior Nationals was reviewed. It remains the same except for the designated races in paragraph 8E. RMN has a policy to take the fastest skiers to the JNs. The purpose of paragraph 8E allows U16 skiers to compete head to head with U18 and U20 skiers for the extra JN Team slots, beyond RMN's quota of 21 males and 21 females, created by skiers who pre-qualified for the RMN JN team and will attend the JNs. Mike Elliott recommended that the comparison language be changed to read, "Next skiers named to the RMN JN Team will be the first skiers on the combined list who have not previously been named as an RMN JN Team Qualifier for the JNs no matter what their respective class". No action was taken and a decision on any changes to the RMN JN Selection Criteria will be recommended and voted on at the fall RMN meeting.

11. A short review of next year's Junior National Champions that will be held in Telemark, Wisconsin March 5-13, 2016. RMN has reservations at the Lakewood's Resort for lodging. Mike Elliott is still working on pricing for a meal plan at the Lakewood's Resort. Two other divisions are also staying at the same resort.
12. Mike Elliott recommended that RMN take 12 coaches to the JNs in order to make skier's JN expense less expensive. 12 coaches is how many New England had at Truckee
13. Senior Nationals are scheduled for Houghton, MI Jan 3-9, 2016. This is where junior skiers ranked in the first 20 men or the first 20 women on the final ranking list at the Junior World Championships Team trials are automatically qualified to enter the JNs as a part of the RMN JN Team and are not counted against the RMN quota (USSA Rule 70.1.2). RMN skiers who qualify for and attend the USSA Nations Cup Trip (formerly Scandinavian Cup) with the U.S. Ski Team are automatically qualified to enter the JNs as a part of the RMN JN Team and are not counted against the RMN quota (USSA Rule 70.1.3).

The four athletes for the Youth Olympic Games will also be selected from the Senior National competitions in Houghton, MI. More details will be disbursed at a later date.

14. RMN Select Teams for 2015-2016 are attached as a part of these minutes.
15. Walt Evans and Shannon Sweeney offered to have Aspen Valley Ski & Snowboard Club host the Fall RMN meeting and Training Camp over the Columbus Day Weekend of October 10-12, 2015.
16. Austin Ross reported that Crested Butte will conduct a Thanksgiving training camp like previous ten to 12 years ago on groomed trails. Location of tracks in Crested Butte will depend on adequate snow. More information from Crested Butte will follow.
17. Meeting Adjourn at 2:20pm