

Intermountain Cross Country Ski Competition Committee

Spring Meeting Minutes, May 1, 2018

Present:

Wastach Nordic Ski Academy: Bill Hokanson
Soldier Hollow Ski Team: Zach Hall, Sara Studebaker Hall
Park City: Gordon Lange, Emma Gerrard
Bogus Basin Nordic Team: Wilson Dippo
West Yellowstone: Moira Dow, Drew Barney
Sun Valley Ski Foundation: Rick Kapala
Utah Nordic Alliance: Tom Bonacci, Steve Cook
Jackson Hole Ski Club: Ben Morley
Bridger Ski Foundation: Dragan Danevski

Financial Summary:

Heidi Watanbe: Quickbooks P and L to be emailed
13,800 Cash on hand with 800 in additional receivables due IMD. Approximately increase of cash reserves year over of \$4,500 from Fiscal 16/17.

AGREED: Annual IMD Club Dues Payable NOV 1st .

NOTE: Dues must be paid PRIOR to Annual IMD Fall Business Meeting in order to vote as a member of IMD XC Sport Committee

AGREED: IMD Athlete Individual Registrations DUE December 1.

Athlete Registrations will continue to be submitted via Team Leaders rather than individually by skiers. This was implemented in 17/18. There MAY be an on line registration tool developed for the IMD Website.

Late Registrants will continue to be accepted

DISCUSSION: 2017/18 Season

WYSEF: Great job overcoming early difficult snow conditions

BOZ Prologue/Pursuit; Popular format. Nots on points: Prologue Format favorable for securing low points while second day Pursuit least effective format for scoring lower USSA points

When an IMD OPENER is included in the calendar, the OC will offer U14 and older races. It is optional for the OC to offer races for age classes U12 and younger

WYSEF/First JNQ jointly held with RMISA. Good weekend of races. We were able to meld RMISA and IMD formats management because no sprint races were offered. Great opportunity to pursue when the respective schedules allow for cooperation. Thanks to Matt Johnson, MSU and Moira Dow/WYSEF for working to make the event happen. The interval start races provided an excellent scoring base for the JR's

McCall: Recommended that McCall Organizers work to lengthen sprint course

ACTION ITEM: Tom Bonacci will investigate the opportunity to place a 2 day USSA TD Clinic at West Yellowstone Festival, in order to develop more IMD based Technical Delegates.

It is an important objective to attract and train more people to pursue TD certification. Each club is asked to seek possible TD Candidates and encourage them to participate in the certification process. Pending Confirmation of a TD Clinic to be run at the Ski Festival, IMD may offer some subsidy of cost (lodging, clinic fees) for IMD based TD attendees

USSA Sport Committee Proposal:

Kapala has submitted a proposal to the USSA Officials committee:

For Individual Sprints when Timing of Heats is used to determine advancement of Lucki Loser, ALL Times of All Competitors in All Heats posted by either hard copy or digital display at the Start pen. Heat times must be posted prior to the start of the next round of heats. Note: There is no standardized display format for live timing posting of heat times and LT often fails, hence the need to printed or digital display.

ACTION ITEM: Develop IMD JNQ Specific Seeding Recommendations for INTERVAL START FORMAT RACES for use by JNQ OC's and TD's. TO BE POSTED on IMD Website. Kapala to complete

ACTION ITEM: NEW BEST PRACTICE IMPLEMENTED for IMD JNQ's for 2018/19

The OC that is hosting the FIRST JNQ Annually will print off hard copies of the currently registered IMD Athletes to be presented for review by IMD Team leaders at the beginning of the First T.L meeting to start the JNQ series. All coaches are asked to carefully review the list for accuracy to ensure all of their athletes are registered for inclusion in the IMD selection rankings.

WYSEF/ Dow confirmed traditional Yellowstone Ski Festival 11/17 through 11/25

On 11/24 a FIS Interval Start Race will be offered 5km Women, 10km Men as well as a 5km non- scored JR Race

QUESTION; Can a SCORED USSA U16 Boys also be offered? It is likely that a significant number of U16 Boys who need to ski a 5km instead of a 10km, would be willing to pay the higher race fee in order to get a scored USSA race.

WYSEF is seeking to run a USSA SUPER TOUR on the weekend of December 12/1-2/2018. This will be confirmed at the upcoming USSA meeting

Motion 1 Lange, 2nd Morley

Proposed 2018/19 IMD Calendar

12/22-23	IMD Opener	TBD
1/18-19	SOHO Super Q	
2/2-3	Boise	
2/16-17	Bozeman	

Failed 5 against 4 in Favor

Primary Discussion Points

Boise and Bozeman are in line according to the set JNQ rotation.

SOHO would like to host the Super Q but requests that it is held 1/18-19 to best accommodate their hosting of the Feb Biathlon WC at SOHO, In addition they were in favor of keeping 2/16-17 open from JNQ's to allow for viewing by IMD athletes

SV/Kapala pointed out importance of concluding JNQ qualifying ideally three weeks out to allow parents time to but JN Air tickets. In addition, IMD uniform production needs 3 weeks to be completed.

SV requested that no JNQ be scheduled on the weekend of 1/12-13/2019 to allow skiers who attended Nats in Craftsbury ample time to recover and prepare

General conversation about the importance of maintaining an open weekend between JNQ's , no back to back JNQ weekends, importance of prioritizing JR scheduling needs over local, marathon races

Motion 2 Z Hall, 2nd, Dippo

Proposed JNQ Selection Calendar

12/22-23, 2018	Bozeman, Lindley Park
1/18-19, 2019	SOHO Super Q
2/9-10 2019	Boise, Bogus Basin

Passed 6 in Favor, 3 opposed

- Note: With this schedule , for this year there is no IMD Opener in addition to the three JNQ's

Discussion to Establish the Specific Race Formats for the JNQ's

Bozeman Day 1 INDIVIDUAL Sprint: Classic
12/22-23/18 Day 2 Mass Start: Skate
 U16 Boys and U16 Girls: 5km
 U18/20 Girls: 5km
 U18/20 Boys: 10km

SOHO Day 1 INDIVIDUAL Sprint: Skate
1/18-19/19 Day 2 Mass Start: Classic
 U16 Boys and Girls: 5km
 U18/20 Boys and Girls: 10km

BOISE Day 1 INTERVAL START: Classic ALL Classes U16/U18/U20 5km
2/9-10/19 Day 2 INTERVAL START: Skate
 U16 Boys and Girls: 5km
 U18/20 Boys and Girls: 10km

Voice Vote: Approved

Motion: S. Studebaker, 2nd Wilson Dipppo
Intermountain Youth Championships to be hosted by Jackson Hole Ski Club
2/23-24/2019 Formats TBD
Voice Vote: Approved

Action: Gordon Lange/ Park City Ski Team is pursuing the creation of Western Club Event on March 9/10 to provide USSA sanctioned 2 day event to provide racing opportunity for

NOTE FOR ACTION:

All Host OC's of IMD JNQ's, Super Tours, FIS NRL's and IYC's Please contact Robert Lazzaroni Prior to June 1 to complete NRL Registration process and complete sanctioning agreements in accordance with USSA Deadlines

All Host OC's Please send to Scott Lacy IMD Webmaster basic event Info for Sept 1 posting
Please directly distribute EVENT INFO MATERIALS directly to all IMD Member Clubs via IMD email list

Motion: B Hokanson 2nd Z Hall
Maintain Current IMD Fee Structure for IMD Opener and JNQ's events
U16 & older: \$35/day U14 and Younger: \$20/day
Pre Race Training Day" Trail Fee \$5.00
Banquet Fee \$15/person
Voice Vote: Approved

DISCUSSION; Host OC's may petition the IMD Executive Committee for approval to include additional trail pass fees in the event that venue trail pass costs exceed IMD Event price Structures. It is requested that trail fee approvals are submitted prior to the West Yellowstone Fall IMD Meeting

Voice voted: approved

Discussion: Inaugural IMD U14 Summer Camp is organized for July 16-20 at SOHO. Thanks to Emma Donohoe, Emma Gerrard and Wilson Dipppo. Payments will be made by team \$193 will include: Food at camp, rollerski fees, transport at camp and housing. Open the all skiers who were U14 last season and both U14 years for 18/19.

Motion G Lange 2nd: M Dow

\$100 Camp Fee Subsidy for All IMD REG and National U16 Qualified Skiers

IMD REG – 13 skiers

IMD N U16 – 9 skiers

Voice Vote Approved

Discussion of Scott Lacy Proposal re: Enhanced IMD Website Function
To the IMD Spring Meeting 2018

NOTE: Actions approved

There has been a full year with the new website up. Online traffic is increased from the previous website and the updates, such as online registration, have worked really well. With IMD Nordic moving towards a more modern age, I am suggesting more features to be added to the website: Having an online payment system for athlete registration and possibly JN payment. It is well within the possibility of the current website and something that has been requested/suggested many times throughout this winter. A system where an invoice is sent once registration closes and there is a link to pay online right then, through our IMD website, and the payment is linked directly to the already existing IMD bank account run by Heidi. This can be for athletes attending JN's as well. **APPROVED**

In addition to the online payment system, it has also been discussed to have a thorough "History of IMD" page on the website to not only view the past national title skiers but also the evolution of IMD over the last few decades. **APPROVED** And now it is being discussed to have a map of the region with each Nordic skiing area tagged and a link to the website for that area (if there is one). Both of these things are larger tasks than minor updates to the website, but well within the capabilities of the current website hosting service. **NOT APPROVED**

I would like to build these features and content for the IMD website this summer for \$1100 upon the approval of IMD.

REQUEST; Please send to IMD adjusted proposed fee for work with Club Map Removed

TABLED: Discussion of Possible Amending of JN Selection Procedures pending possible changes to JN Qoutas. Recommended Conference Call Mid summer to review JN Selection Process.

UPDATE: 2019 Junior National Planning Anchorage:

Van Rentals at Midnight Sun Car Rentals/ ANCHORAGE 5 15 passenger vehicles RESERVED

Lodging and Meals Being Negotiated at Coast International Hotel , located 5 minutes from Anchorage International and 10 minutes from Kincaid Race Venue . Waxing room available at hotel

Room Price Point: approx. \$35/per person/ per day

Meals TBD but likely \$60/day which would put total per day cost under \$100/day. Lowest projected in last 3 years

NEXT IMD MEETING: West Yellowstone, TUESDAY NOV 20th 7.30pm