

PENNSYLVANIA ALPINE RACING ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 6, 1990

PARA President, Jack Hardy, presided over the PARA meeting, October 6, 1990, at Ski Roundtop, Lewisburg, PA.

I. The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by John Hardy. All those present introduced themselves and stated their area of representation. (attendance list on file)

II. The minutes of the Board of Directors meeting, April, 1990, were approved as read.
MSC Sutch/Pace

III. Treasurer's Report (see attachment #1)

Treasurer Charles Gregory presented the proposed budget for the 1990-91 season. An addition to the proposed budget was the cost of the printing of the PARA rule book.
Yoder/Andreae MSC

IV. Annual Reports

A. PARA President--Jack Hardy (see attachment 1/2 & #3)

1. Jack recommended that the Board of Directors should consider the services of a volunteer PARA member knowledgeable in the legal area to pursue the insurance and/or incorporation considerations.
2. Jack is still looking for a Downhill chairperson for the upcoming season.
3. Jack has sent letters to past advertisers requesting that all past due accounts be cleared up as soon as possible.

B. Quotas - Les Glanz (see attachment #4)

1. The JI/II numbers fit in easily.
2. J 3's state team will consist of 9 boys/5 girls, with 6 boys/3girls to go to J3 Junior Olympics.
3. Gus Picariello requested that all area chairmen check and verify the racers area membership for qualifier purposes.
4. Less explained the method used to develop the quotas system he developed.

C. Incorporation Report - Stephen Vastagh

1. In Stephen's absence, Jack Hardy presented a report on incorporation that carries a minimum level of cost for the protection.
2. Jack Hardy also distributed a letter from Burke Mountain Academy (see attachment #5) offering training to J3 Junior Olympic racers the week before the races. Gus Picariello recommended that we check with Carabasset Valley Academy too.

D. JI/II Chairman - Jack Gravenmier (see attachment #6)

1. The Junior Olympic allocations for J 1's are 5 men/2 women for technical and downhill events.

2. The JO allocations for J 2's are to be announced later.

E. J 3/4 Chairman - Bill Yoder (see attachment #7)

1. The J 3/4 Derby will be held March 2 & 3, 1991.

2. The J3 Junior Olympics will be run with 1 Super G, 2 GS, and 2 Sl runs at Sugarloaf, Maine.

3. Very little information has been coming from Eastern USSA to date concerning J 3/4 racing.

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F. Masters Chairman - Horst Locher

1. There are only three ski areas presently holding Masters races. With the interest in Masters racing increasing, there is a need to expand the PARA Masters program.
2. In order to qualify for the Masters trophy, the racers maintain their PARA membership and qualify in races from two or more areas.

G. Race Director - Gus Picariello

1. Eastern USSA is experiencing problems in that there has been a large staff turn over and a relocation to Lake Placid, NY. The new Eastern USSA Secretary is Joanna Green, 518-523-9606, FAX 518-523-2468.
2. The final draft of the 1991 race schedule is completed.
3. A USSA Coaches Pre-course will be held at Camelback, PA on December 14, 15, and 16th - the fee is \$90.00 for members and \$110.00 for non-members.
4. Gus Picariello recommended that PARA set up a purchase program for its racers. This is not a give away program, but one that would allow racers to purchase equipment from ski equipment companies at a reduced rate.
5. There is a possibility of a rabbit race at Seven Spring, December 23 or 24 for Jr I/II's.

H. Seeding and Points - Jay Zwally

1. In Jay Zwally absence, Jack Hardy reported that the Fall J 3/4 seed list will be available shortly.

I. PARA Guide - Tom Chishoim

1. Beth Slater will be putting the guide together.
2. Advertising will produce the needed revenues. Any revenues above cost will be used for reimbursement of Beth Slater's efforts.
3. The PARA rule book has been delivered to Tom by Jay Zwally. Tom is ready to work with the printer on prices.

J. Membership - Neil Randall - absent

K. Sponsorship - Wes Pace

1. The securing of drawing items for the Derbies will follow along the same lines as last year.

L. Area Reports

1. Northeast - Bill Yoder (see attachment #8)
2. Eastern - Bill Sutch and Central Brian Eardley - Introduced new board members from their areas.
3. Western, Southern and Blue Ridge - no reports

V. Unfinished Business

A. PARA guide

1. Under Executive order of approval, Beth Slater was appointed PARA Guide Assistant Editor. The compensation for her efforts will come from Guide funds above the cost of printing and mailing. Bill Yoder recommended that we retain the quality of the Guide and review the new Guide development process at the spring meeting.
2. Jack Hardy stressed the need for proof-reading and cooperation from area chairmen is getting together all pertinent guide material.

B. PARA Rule Book

1. \$1,500.00 has been allocated for the printing and dispersal of the PARA Rule Book to the membership.
2. It was recommended that the PARA Guide and PARA Rule Book be distributed together with the PARA Rule Book as a separate entity. The size would involve a size format in comparison to the 1989-90 Guide.

C. Status of PA Downhill

1. President Jack Hardy announced that a PA Downhill chairman is needed.
2. Gus Picariello recommended that PARA run a Super G event with one day of practice followed by a race day.
3. Brian Eardley requested a job description for the Downhill Chairman.
4. Tom Matalavage volunteered to assume the responsibility of the race secretary to work on registration and all paper work.
5. Charles Gregory stated that the fee does not cover the cost of the downhill race. Jack recommended that the fees be listed as a TBA, and if needed we will mail, under separate cover, the fees to all potential downhill contestants.
6. Samuel Hayden reported that Elk Mt. will be charging a \$1,000 fee this year.

D. PARA Incorporation, Non-profit, Insurance

1. President Jack Hardy stated that all race officials must be licensed officials with USSA in order to be covered by USSA insurance.
2. In order for PARA to be registered as a non-profit organization, there is a certain amount of paper work that would be required to be filed.
3. To incorporate and file for non-profit status would cost PARA approximately \$2,500.00. Bill Yoder mentioned that with the incorporation and non-profit status, it would enable PARA to obtain insurance coverage for PARA officers and Board of Directors.

E. J 3/4 Derby Quota

1. All discussions about J 3/4 Derby quotas will take place at the Spring 1991 meeting.

VI. New Business

A. New Board of Directors nominations

1. Northeast - Mike McGinn
2. Central - Robert Lambert, Tom, Mateal, Doug Renalds
3. Western - Dennis Lowther
4. Eastern - TBA

5. Southern - Allen - Giffin

B. Financial support for racers and coaches

1. The financial cost to racers and coaches attending Eastern Cup Series is tremendous. The Eastern Cup racers bring race point consideration back to other PA racers. The reimbursement to coaches also have to be increased in order to decrease the out of pocket expenses incurred by coaches.

MOTION - MSC: Horner/Locher - PARA coaches will be paid \$100.00 per day and \$.17 per mile travel expenses for all Eastern Cup Series races The racers will receive reimbursement for race entry fees. Where ever possible and feasible, coaches and racers will share travel and lodging expenses. Approximate documentation will be required for all reimbursement.

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MOTION - MSC: Horner/Gravenmier - PARA coaches will be paid \$100.00 per day and \$.17 per mile travel expenses for all Junior Olympic events.

2. The above policies will be reviewed at the 1991 Spring meeting to determine if there are major financial problems for PARA.

C. Stephen Vastagh's Letter - PARA Regions

1. President Jack Hardy reviewed a letter from Stephen Vastagh concerning the geographic areas within PARA. The letter addressed the need to develop and increase the competition level by offering more PARA wide races for the more competitive racers other than the once a year selection process. Discussion developed about inter-region races.

2. A Gold Star committee could be put in place to develop a series of inter-region races in the future. This item will be discussed at a future meeting for potential development.

D. Charles Gregory requested that area chairmen turn in all membership applications and fees as soon as possible.

E. Tom Chisholm commented on the problems encountered travelling to the J I/II Derbies. In the future, he would like to see a decision made 48 hours prior to a race if a race site is in question. A discussion ensued about the responsibility of change or cancellation of races.

MOTION - MSC - Eardley/Picariello - If possible, there will be a 24 hour notice of cancellation of races. A letter concerning this motion will be sent to all concerned ski areas and a statement of the racers responsibility to check with ski areas about possible race cancellations before departing for races will be published in the PARA guide.

VII. President's Wrap-up

A. PARA Spring Meeting

1. The date for the Spring Meeting will be announced at a later date.

VII. Adjournment

1. There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.
Motion - MSC - Gregory/Matalavage

Respectfully submitted,

Lita Pace

Secretary