

## **PARA Annual Spring Meeting – Saturday May 2, 2020 - 9:30 a.m.**

### **Virtual Zoom Meeting**

1. Meeting called to order at 9:35 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), Eric Updegrave (Central/TMART), Ben Shirk (Central/SRRC), Rudi Riet (Central/LMRT), Dan Chayes (Central/WTSEF), John DeLong (East Chair/JFRT), Rob Lipton (East/BMSC), Scott Book (East/Montage), Amato DePaulo (East/BMSC), Tom Yen (East/BMSC), Erik Backlund (East/JFRT), Patrick Wende (NE Chair/EMSC), Bruce Newman (NE/EMSC), Gus Picariello (NE/PASEF), Kevin Malkin (NE/PASEF), Pam Kolba (NE/SMRT), Charles Donnellan (West Chair/WPRC), Mike Clarke (West/WPRC), TJ Greenier (West/WPRC), Derek Berger (West/DCWST), Bob Hunt (West/HVRC)
  - b. Absent: Matthew Riggi (NE/EMSC/Athlete Rep), Richard Fiore (West/BKST)
3. Old Business
  - a. Approval of last year's minutes – Dan Chayes/Chris Klebe. Approved voice vote.
  - b. President's report –
    - i. Tough end of season with COVID restrictions
    - ii. Suggestion to make PARA gear available online.
    - iii. Still need volunteers and gate keepers.
    - iv. Voice vote - Report accepted.
  - c. Treasurer's report – expenses down due to cancelled post season events. Patrick Wende/Dan Chayes. Voice vote - Report accepted.
  - d. Membership report – Need to monitor U10/U12 membership and licenses. Rob Lipton/Dan Chayes. Voice vote - Report accepted.
  - e. Alpine Officials – one future TD in pipeline. Patrick Wende/Rudi Riet. Voice vote – Report accepted.
  - f. Gate Judge report –
    - i. 2 people took and passed the exam
    - ii. Want parents to participate.
    - iii. Need to focus on gate judges at the club level.
    - iv. ROCs need to promote gate judge incentive on Race Fact Sheet and sign-up sheets.
    - v. Dan Chayes/Kevin Malkin. Voice vote – Report accepted.
  - g. Kathy Okoniewski, Eastern Region Youth Development Coach, lead a discussion on:
    - i. Discussion on changes and open championships
    - ii. Development skills are not where they need to be.

- iii. Trying to reduce the qualify to qualify racing to allow more time for training and development.
    - iv. Future Stars and Piches
  - h. Coaches Report – Gus Picariello/Rob Lipton. Voice vote – Report Accepted.
  - i. ACC Report –
    - i. Quotas will remain the same.
    - ii. TDs may be required to have annual training.
    - iii. Rob Lipton/Kevin Malkin. Voice vote – Report Accepted.
  - j. Age Group Reports – Rudi Riet/Ben Shirk. Voice vote accepted.
    - i. U19/U21 – Report Accepted.
    - ii. U16 – Report Accepted.
    - iii. U14 – Report Accepted.
    - iv. U12 – Report Accepted.
  - k. PARA B-net Grant Report – moving deadlines to align with KBF timelines. Rudi Riet/Rob Lipton. Voice vote – Report Accepted.
  - l. Website Report – Please keep Carrie Sheetz updated with schedules and changes. Dan Chayes/Rob Lipton. Voice vote. Report accepted.
- 4. New Business –
  - a. NYSEF Camps –
    - i. Speed camps are being planned for next season.
    - ii. Multiple camps and probably on Wednesdays.
    - iii. The importance of Stop the Bleed kits was also mentioned.
  - b. A motion to create a U14 Open Championship task force to address concerns raised at the ACC/ECC meeting was made. Kristin Cook and Charles Donnellan are leading. Rob Lipton/Gus Picariello. Voice vote approved.
  - c. Tom Yen presented a proposal for a State-wide U16 Race Series.
    - i. Motion was made to accept the proposal without the paragraph “To race at U16 Finals, athletes must have started in all 4 of the U16 races held...” Rob Lipton/Kevin Malkin. Motion passes 20-1
  - d. Bruce Newman and Tom Yen presented a proposal to permit PA Cup host venues to limit field size for U16 athletes.
    - i. Current criteria: U16 with Head Coach’s approval are permitted to race in PA Cup races 1-5. The racer will not be able to accumulate PA Cup points.
    - ii. Add to current criteria: Each PA Cup race venue may limit the number of U16 athlete participants so that a manageable field size may be maintained. Criteria may be a

number limit or an athlete qualification: e.g. 2<sup>nd</sup> year U16 or 1<sup>st</sup> year that was prior season U14 State Team member. Criteria must be listed in the race announcement or on the online race registration.

- iii. Rudi Riet/Rob Lipton. Voice vote motion passes.
- e. PA Cup schedule confirmed. Patrick Wende/Charles Donnellan. Voice vote approved.
- f. PA State Championship schedule confirmed. Charles Donnellan/Rob Lipton. Voice vote approved.
- g. State Team
  - i. U12 State Team – 10 M, 10 F, Future Stars 10 M, 10 F
  - ii. U14 State Team – Championships 6 M, 5 F, Finals 13 M, 13 F
  - iii. U16 State Team – Championships 14 M, 12 F, Finals 14 M, 12 F
  - iv. U19 State Team – 8 M, 6 F for Finals
  - v. Quotas will be posted in Championship announcement.
  - vi. Support USSS sanctioned events
  - vii. Patrick Wende/Ben Shirk. Voice vote approved.
- h. Blue Mountain Speed Camp – February 1 & 2, 2021
  - i. Priority for U16
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> year U14s with coach's approval
  - iii. 1<sup>st</sup> year U14s with coach's approval after all U16s and 2<sup>nd</sup> year U14s
- i. PARA Branding discussion tabled for future meeting.
- j. PARA Coaching Resource Committee report and recommendations
  - i. Use Google form or other means to create pool of post season coaches for the Coaching Chair to select from.
  - ii. Designate a lead coach for each event and pair a younger coach with them.
- k. Volunteer of Year – create an award similar to the AO of the year award.
- l. Coach of the Year – Frank Dorman was selected.
- m. Alpine Official of the Year – will be voted on via a Doodle poll.
- n. Budget – tabled to July meeting.
- o. Motion to spend \$500 to support the NYSRA equipment video. Dan Chayes/Gus Picariello. Voice vote approved.
- p. KBF Grant changes
  - i. Club provides grant award letter to Executive Board.
  - ii. Club provides proof that they have a place to properly store the nets.
  - iii. Limit of \$2,000 per grant per grant year.
- q. Gate Judging Committee – tabled.

- r. Election of President and Treasurer
  - i. Dave Bond was re-elected as President.
  - ii. Chris Klebe was re-elected as Treasurer.
- 5. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.