

CNI SSF ALPINE SPRING MEETING SUMMARY
FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2007 10:00 A.M. ASC

Members Present: Amador, Argonaut, Bear River, Bishop, Chico, Colfax, Corning, Davis, El Dorado, Enterprise, Etna, Foothill, Golden Sierra, Mammoth, Mercy, Mt. Shasta, NAWA, Nevada Union, North Tahoe, Placer, Portola, Red Bluff, Rim of the World, Sacramento Country Day, Shasta, Weed, Yreka, ASC

Members Absent: Bishop Quinn, Butte Valley, Capital Christian, Chester, Ferndale, Lone Pine, Oak Ridge, Paradise, Pleasant Valley, Ponderosa, Quincy, Sultana, Surprise Valley, Tulelake, Union Mine

1. Introductions/Roll Call

Members introduced themselves.

2. Wrap up of the 2007 Championships

North I and North II were thanked for the excellent Championships.

Bill Treat (Red Bluff) noted the following that "worked" at the Championships: Start and finish referees, showing the gatekeeping CD to gatekeepers, a head gatekeeper with at least two assistants who were always circulating through the course to assist the gatekeepers, and a group of racers at the top of the course who were able to step into a station in case of a late gatekeeper.

Bill Treat (Red Bluff) noted the following that "did not work" at the Championships: Awards without entertainment and coaches who encourage the bending of our rules.

Lucy Scham (Championship Coordinator) pointed out that Mt. Shasta is a solid race venue for the CNI SSF and that we would be returning to Mt. Shasta in three years.

Thanks to Jack Morgan for the excellent job of producing the results at the Championships. Lucy Schram for her fine job as Championship Coordinator. ASC for hosting our meeting once again.

3. 2008 Championships (Schram)

The 2008 Alpine Championships will be held at Northstar. Awards will be off site at a location TBA.

Lucy distributed the Championship Overview Document and referred coaches to the CNI SSF website for further details.

4. Financial Report

Judy Flinn gave a brief overview of the financial summary.

5. Setting of Dues for 2007-2008.

Ski/Snowboard/Nordic Dues - \$225.00/team
Championship Fee - \$200.00/school

6. Applications for Admission to the Federation

There have been no applications for admission to the Federation.

7. Report of the Re-alignment Committee

There will be no re-alignment for the 2007-2008 season.

8. Gatekeeping at the Championships

Dave Van Scoyoc's gatekeeping comments/suggestions were discussed. Coaches are encouraged to have all Championship gatekeepers assume this position in at least two league races.

8. Continued

Bill Treat (Red Bluff) suggested that coaches show the USSA-GK CD twice during the regular race season and clinic athletes by setting up mock courses, demonstrating good and bad clears, and having athletes fill out actual cards.

Division Coordinators were reminded to contact Bill Treat for gatekeeping cards. (Waterproof)

9. Preliminary Report on Coaching Certification

Bill Treat (Red Bluff) reported that the NSCIF is still in the process of determining if the USSA Course will satisfy CIF requirements for mandated coach education. Bill noted that

preliminary discussions indicate that about an hour of "school district/CIF information" would need to be added to the USSA course.

10. Discussion on Snowboarding.

After extensive discussion and polling of the membership, snowboard competition will remain within the divisions as it currently is with Central II continuing to be split into Central II Ski and Central II Board.

11. Changes to the Championship Guidelines (Penalty Point System)/(Racer Responsibilities 12.)

Bylaws VI. (League Meets d.)/(Duties of the Contestants 12. and 14)/ XV(Race Helmets)

Racers will wear an approved helmet during a school sanctioned activity with their coach (practice, pre/during/post race)

- a. When their feet are attached to skis or board
- b. When they are gatekeeping

Racers may remove their helmet when they are outside the race arena when the skis or board are not attached to their feet unless otherwise specified by the Chief of Race or other race official. The race arena is defined as the fenced off area from the start wand through and including the finish corral.

12. Helmet Description

Championship Guidelines (Racer Responsibilities 12.)

Bylaws(XV. 2.)

Helmets are defined as being made of a single molded hard shell and padding which covers the entire head, thereby including both ears entirely and extending down to a point adjacent to the wearer's jaw. These helmets shall be specifically designed and manufactured for snow sports competitions and conform to recognized and appropriate standards such as CEH.Din 1077, ASTM F2040, SNELL S98 or RS 98. Helmets must be worn as designed, including a buckled chinstrap.

Helmets designed for other sports, such as kayaking or baseball, are strictly prohibited and will result in racer disqualification at any CNI SSF sanctioned event whether a practice or pre/during/post race. Should an entire team elect to wear inappropriate helmets at any CNI SSF sanctioned event whether a practice or pre/during/post race, the entire team will be disqualified. "Disqualification" during a practice means that the racer will not be allowed on the slope.

13. Stipend Increase

Championship Coordinator \$1,700.00 per year
Webmaster \$600.00 per year

14. Education of Coaches Regarding the CIF North Section and CIF

Coaches were reminded of the following:

CIF Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Coaches (Section 19)

"Personal Conduct - refrain from profanity, disrespectful conduct, and the use of alcohol or tobacco in front of student-athletes or other situations where my conduct could undermine my positive impact as a role model."

NSCIF Code of Ethics (Section B.)

"I shall demonstrate a high standard of personal conduct, honesty, and self-restraint, being above reproach in such areas as the use of profanity or vulgar mannerisms and the consumption and/or possession of unacceptable substances while in public service or performance or at the site of an interscholastic activity."

15. Reminders about Volunteer or Privately Paid Coaches

CNISSF coaches must screen all volunteer/privately paid coaches and verify that these individuals meet all the criteria for coaching in their school district. This includes but is not limited to fingerprinting, possession of a valid First Aide Card, CPR Certification, and all other district requirements. Please verify with your athletic director that all "coaches" have met the school district requirements before working with your team. Chaperones must also be fingerprinted. It is recommended that all coaches be approved by the school board to transfer the liability to the school district.

16. Definition of Race Apparel

Racer Responsibilities 7.

Replace "bib" with "apparel"

17. Division meetings were held.

Alpine Championships March 3,4,5,6,(7)

Alternate Dates March 10,11,12,13, (14)

Fall Meeting December 7, 2007 ASC 10:00 a.m.

Spring Meeting April 25, 2008 ASC 10:00 a.m.