

CNISSF Minutes Meeting April 24, 2009

1. Welcome, Judy Flinn, Introductions

2. Members Present:

North I: McCloud, Mt. Shasta, Yreka

North II: Enterprise, Foothill, NAWA, Red Bluff

Central I: Chester, Chico

Central II Ski: Bear River, Colfax, Nevada Union, Placer

Central II SB: Bear River, Colfax, Davis, North Tahoe, Placer

South I: El Dorado, Golden Sierra, Ponderosa

South II: Mammoth

Members Absent:

North I: Butte Valley, Etna, Surprise Valley, Tulelake, Weed

North II: Corning, Ferndale, Shasta

Central I: Pleasant Valley, Sac Country Day

Central II Ski: Davis, Portola, Quincy

Central II SB: Nevada Union, Truckee

South I: Amador, Argonaut, Capital Christian, Oak Ridge, Union Mine

South II: Bishop, Lone Pine, Rim of the World, Sultana

3. Championship Wrap Up: Lucy Schram

A. What Worked: Thanks to Mammoth race dept., parents, volunteers, and gatekeeping from Central

B. What Didn't Work: Lucy felt disconnected with the racers. The weather at Mammoth on the 1st snowboard day was particularly difficult. It was suggested to give kids a packing list for ever-changing weather. There was discussion that perhaps the race should have been canceled. Dylan reiterated the need for a gatekeeping video for snowboarders and will work over the summer to get one. Lastly, there was some trouble with some snowboarding starts. Mark Faulkner suggested that race departments at the resorts should be reminded that these are high school racers, as opposed to Far West racers. In defense of the Mammoth race department, their personnel were trying to get racer their starts in between gusts of wind. All in all, the 1st snowboard race day was stressful for all involved. Judy said race departments will be notified in advance that patience is needed by all personnel.

C. Letter of Apology: regarding fist fight by brothers (Mom got hit trying to break up fight). CNISSF asked for letter of apology for both boys and hasn't received it yet. Bill Treat will talk to boys involved this week about letters. AD from the high school thinks one boy will straighten out by next year.

E. Thanks to South I and II and Lucy for an overall successful championship.

4. 2010 Championships: Lucy Schram
 - A. Location: Mt. Shasta March 7 – 12, 2010
Reminder: Housing is a commute to the resort.
All ticket info will be available by winter meeting
Parents can walk to bottom of course. It's a casual walk.
Snowboarders will have single (not dual) GS
Snowboarders will have a dual slalom
Ski: Monday/Tuesday
Snowboard: Wednesday/Thursday
Back up location: Northstar in case of lack of snow
 - B. Concern over leashes for snowboards: Mt. Shasta rep will check and get back on that. She believes they don't require them.
 - C. No word on housing discounts, still working on that possibility. If there is to be a discount, it will be offered through chamber of commerce.
5. ASC: Bill Clark
 - A. Coaching Award: Paul Chesney Award: Jack Morgan, Colfax Snowboard
6. Financial Report: Judy Flinn
 - A. Bottom Line: starting the season with about \$8000
 - B. School Credits are because of \$ Ken Ramirez held for T-shirt sales for those particular schools.
7. Application to Federation: Judy Flinn
 - A. Sugarbowl Academy wants to field a Nordic Team.
8. Awards:
 - A. Team with highest GPA: Sally Zutter
A new award to recognize the team with highest GPA, similar to Top Dog award, either total team or state team. Judy suggested it might be easier at the division level because of data collecting issues. Vote: 5 in favor, 15 opposed. Not approved. to award at state level.
 - B. Banners for team with total highest number (combined ski and snowboard) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd banner. Division level and championships. Costs roughly \$40/Banner, totaling \$840. This would be \$28/school.
Championship vote: 8 yes, 6 no. Approved: added \$120 to awards bill.
Division vote: 3 yes, 9 opposed. Not approved. If divisions want to to it anyway, they pay for it and let Judy know so she can order the banners.
 - C. Replace plaques with banners: Sally Zutter
Additional cost to move from plaque to banner: \$17 per banner
Total cost \$630 all divisions at state to move from plaques to banners

Discussion: Moved several years ago from banners to plaques because many schools won't hang 2nd or 3rd place banners. Concern over added cost.

Vote: plaques to banners at championship: 9 yes, 7 opposed. Approved
plaques to banners at division: 0 yes, unanimous. Not approved

D. Letters for Championship teams: Backes

Can order online from CIF, \$12/ award

Can't call it "state" anything, it's "championship"

Discussion: perhaps do something at team level or school level

Vote: CNISSF provide a badge to 2 championship teams: 1 yes, the rest no. Not approved.

9. Dues: Judy Flinn

Recommend hold the line on cost

\$225 / team for CNISSF, \$200/ school for championship

10. Coaching Certification: Bill Treat

Remind all individuals working with kids to get certification, one year is needed to complete verification. Many people are missing certifications. The town you registered for the course is how individuals are tracked for completion. Some schools are needing to do sexual harassment course. Dylan informed group of a level 100 course in the fall/winter.

11. Coach Approval: Judy Flinn

Make sure all coaches are approved by school district in case of any liability issues.

12. Change to guidelines (Racer Responsibilities -1) and by-laws (Duties of the Contestants -1)

A. late racers must run right before last racer, so timer will know when race is over.

New wording: "Racers who are late for their start will run just before the last racer on the start list for that event"

13. Pilot CNISSF Half-Pipe and X-Cross Competitions: Jack Morgan

A. Proposed event: SBX: inspect course, competitors run course 1 at a time, and timed (once or twice), competitors are seeded according to a matrix (you don't want to loose all fastest in one heat), eventually fastest should go head to head in final round, a complicated series of heats ensues, with someone eventually winning, and some go to a consolation round, Within each heat, the competitor with the fastest time trial gets to choose the lane they'd like. Inspection and time trials take about 2/3rd of the time of the entire event. This would need to be a separate event.

B. X-Cross Held at Championships: Sunday before championships

Only 1 CNISSF racer competed

Several athletes had raced the Saturday before, were too tired, many snowboarders were traveling that morning. Perhaps this particular event is not a good litmus test for the idea of a SBX race.

C. Insurance: CIF has said the cost would be \$4000 added insurance, but no other info. It is not known if this fee is per school or per CNISSF. Additionally, it is also not known if it would be less if there were no

half-pipe. In short, it has been very difficult getting ahold of CIF, and their person only wants to talk with Judy Flinn. CNISSF would still need to go through procedure for the formal application for a new sport. When snowboarding was added, there was no additional insurance cost. CNISSF will need data before we can get hearing with CIF.

D. Boreal will have a pre-built course that perhaps could be used the week before championship

E. Jack will continue investigating this event, Chris (Mammoth) will help. Chris said Mammoth will have a course in January or February, no snow concerns, however, cost is high. Judy suggested the event be somewhere central. It was suggested that we piggy back on a race (day after) to reduce costs. Some mountain may host the event, and we let racers know. Judy will continue working on CIF to find out about insurance.

14. Championship Dates: March 7-12, alternates March 14-19

15. Race Camps: Mammoth Slalom Ski Camp End of April, beginning of May
Mt. Hood Summer Ski Camp: racing, freestyle, snowboard camp

16. McCloud and Yreka are the only two ski teams in their division. They would like a discussion of realignment to be on the winter meeting.

17. Division meetings were held.

18. Meeting Dates:

Winter Meeting: December 10, 2009 ASC, 10:00 am

Spring Meeting: April 16, 2010 ACS, 10:00 am