

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MAINE PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION**  
**SKI COMMITTEE**  
**NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

A meeting of the MPA Ski Committee was held on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the MPA Office.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chad Brackett, Ted Hall, Thomas Plourde, Scott Walker (Chair), and Eric Werntgen (GoToMeeting),

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Al Cayer

**LIAISONS PRESENT:** Ron Gifford and Aaron Duphilly (GoToMeeting).

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael Bisson.

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES:** On a MOTION by Plourde/Hall, the minutes of the March 31, 2017 meeting were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED with Hall abstention.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was reviewed and placed on file:

On a MOTION by Hall/Plourde, the Cooperative team of Fort Kent/Wisdom was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED for Boys Nordic Ski.

- Email from Bob Arsenault regarding yearly schedule for Alpine and Nordic to a four-consecutive day of competition with Nordic and Alpine from A and B to be opposite. The committee expressed concern about the availability of the Alpine venues. No action taken.
- An email Aaron Duphilly to allow t-shirts on race day. On a MOTION from Hall/Plourde to explicitly allow the wearing of t-shirts on hot days such as last year's state meet. The TD and Race Jury would decide whether to allow this on a given day. The MOTION passed UNANIMOUSLY.
- Email from Aaron Duphilly for the introduction of the Nordic format of pursuit for day 2. ON a MOTION by Plourde/Hall to change to a pursuit format for Nordic on day 2 as introduced in the (see minutes March 31) defeated 3-1-1.
- On a MOTION from Plourde/Brackett for the format of the championship race to a pursuit and to do individual awards for skate, classical, and pursuit and increasing the run order from 6 to 8. The MOTION was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- To allow skiers with fewer than three skiers to receive additional ghost skiers and thus be able to score as a team at the state meet. On a MOTION by Plourde/Brackett was defeated 0-4-1.
- Email from Ted Hall regarding four options for the Nordic State meet was shared. Action was already taken with the previous motions.

**2018 RACE DATES, SITES, AND SCHEDULE:** Courtney Poston suggested changes to the race schedule to a USSA model of Girls then followed by the Boys on the same course following the course inspection, then a course reset and to follow the same format for the second run. Tabled until January meeting pending feedback from the coaches' association.

TD Coverage: Courtney will connect with Dave Kearing, Maine Alpine Racing Association ([www.mara.org](http://www.mara.org)).

- Mt. Abram – Scott Stone
- Big Rock – TBA
- Black Mountain – TBA
- Fort Kent Outdoor Center – Justin Easter and timing is on-site.

**COACHES' REPORT:** The coaches submitted the following report:

Alpine (Ron Gifford)

- Class A classification changes.
- Feedback about Quarry Road from 2017 regarding the parking and not a lot of warm space. Quarry Road has made a number of improvements.
- Fees passed on to sites to cover gatekeepers.
- Vote to not have the dates of Alpine and Nordic overlap.
- Looked at the potential to move championships out of the vacation week.

Nordic (Aaron Duphilly)

- Would like different colored bibs for B and C with the combined race.
- Clarification of not having Middle School and High School not practicing together.

**2018 BULLETIN:** The 2018 Ski Bulletin was reviewed and updated.

**2018 SKI FORMS:** The 2018 ski forms were also reviewed and updated. The Alpine form does not need to be changed. The Nordic will need to be changed to one run order list expanded to eight skiers.

**2018 RULEBOOK:** Updates will be worked through with by Chair Scott Walker and Mike Bisson.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting will be held in Thursday, January 9 at the MPA office at 9:00 a.m.

**NEXT MEETING ITEMS:**

- Race order for Alpine changing to Girls/Boys and then Girls/Boys.
- Change of helmet to a FIS certified helmet requirement, which is currently required for Eastern Championships. (Ski committee will request input from the Sports Medicine Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a MOTION by Plourde/Brackett, it was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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