

Grand Nordic Board Meeting – Year End (2022-2023 Season)  
4/26/2023

Attendees: Diana Lynn Rau (President), Christine Lee (Secretary), Anthony Heisler (Treasurer), Dan Scott (Board member), Kathy Jamison, Dan Jamison, Charlie Rau, Lisa Bornfriend, Jeff Russell, Stephen Lee, MariAnge Andersen, Patrick Brower, Greg Finnoff, Colleen Finnoff, Terry Rylander (Zoom), Susan French Smith (Zoom)  
Dane Jensen, Sylvia Brower

The meeting began at 7:35 p.m.

There was a presentation from Sylvia Brower and Dane Jensen. They had been to Junior Nationals in Anchorage and talked about their experience. They had been awarded \$450 each from the Hogan Fund and \$300 each from the Grand Nordic Scholarship Fund.

Approval of Minutes: Christine Lee (Secretary) presented the October 22, 2022 Member Meeting minutes. The slate of nominees for officers of Grand Nordic was presented at that time. The slate:

Diana Lynn Rau, President/Christine Lee, Secy/Tony Heisler, Treasurer  
One nomination from the floor – Dan Scott as a member of the board.  
Stephen Lee (seconded by Charles Patton) made a motion that the slate as presented be passed. All present voted aye.

Patrick Brower, as assistant coach in East Grand Middle School, reported on the status of the x-c program. There were 40 initial kids with 30 skiing during the season. They had good results this year. However the gear being used is at least 5 years old and there is a need for newer updated ski gear.

Dan Jamison reported that the MPHS team was also very successful with good results in their races.

Marie-Ange said that the x-c schedule for Devil's Thumb was set. They may add a skiathon and other new events and have an end of season party.

The Comp Center report was presented by Jeff Russell. Good season. The Comp Center will try to put on a Junior National Qualifier Event in December.

Greg Finnoff (Race Series Coordinator) reported on the GN Race series. Was an incredible success for first year. Six races went well. First event had 150 people and there were 775 total participants. A problem though: organizing began too late, in November. Should begin getting ready for the next season much earlier. The 2023-2024 series committee is mostly the same as last year's and is already working together as a team.

Planning to have 6 races for the 2023-24 season. Plan early – dates, sponsors, venues. Communicate. Try to make it sustainable by having entire families participate. Community kind of series. Categories: Jr. race, 3K, short course and long course. Equal number of skate and classic races. Push for promotion and collaboration: Grand Nordic, Colorado Nordic Masters, W.P. Comp Center, SMR, DT and Grand Lake Nordic.

We also need participants from other areas. Lisa could make flyers. Media advertising. Collegiate races? Maybe a festival weekend – team sprints along with skate and classic races.

Mari-Ange mentioned that a waiver might be needed by the ski areas. We should look into this for the upcoming season.

MEMBERSHIP: Al Rothenbach sent in a report that we had 160 memberships and 324 members. Diana asked whether we should raise our fees. They are now \$35 (single) and \$50 (family). After much discussion the MOTION WAS MADE TO LEAVE GRAND NORDIC

MEMBERSHIP FEES THE SAME FOR THIS YEAR. (Chris Lee made the motion, seconded by Dan Scott). All VOTED AYE.

RANCH to RANCH: Diana is working with Granby Ranch on a problem with the waivers. But on the plus side, people liked the time slots.

SCHOLARSHIPS: (Kathy J.) – Amount : \$2983.72 plus \$1200 for 4 special requests. Total : \$4183.72.

Dan J. asked for more money for scholarships and a set deadline. The deadline matter was tabled for a further time.

TREASURER: Tony –Reported that we showed a profit for the year. Chris L. made a MOTION TO RAISE THE LIMIT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND TO \$5,000. After some discussion THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

KIDS PROGRAM: - Dan Scott – Reported that there was inconsistent attendance at the kids lessons so it was difficult for kids to show progress. (But the kids really liked the snow bibs). Regretfully, because of time constraints, he has to resign from leading and helping with the kids program.

NEW BUSINESS: Diana R. is asking for help in writing a grant. Also needs to have dates for all our programs by August 1. Dates for the Swap, Free Lessons, Ranch to Ranch. She is trying to get information confirmed so we can announce our schedule at the High Note Thursday show August 17 in Winter Park.

SWAP – Probably Saturday, October 21

FREE LESSONS (2) – SMR , Sunday, Dec. 10 and tentatively a second lesson at SMR either on Monday, Jan. 15 or Sunday, Jan 28.

RANCH to RANCH – TBD

MISC:

Lisa B. reported that many people used the website to inquire about the race series.

The X-C SKIER gear tests at SMR went well. Maybe make it a yearly event?

The Board was asked to think about bringing back selling merchandise hats, t-shirts?

Also asked if we should bring back the coaches clinic next year?

The elementary x-c program in Granby is also going well.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Christine Lee

GN Secretary