Grand Nordic Spring 2026 Meeting - April 23, 2026

In attendance: Kathy Jamison (Scholarships), Dan Jamison (School team -Asst coach & Liaison), Tony Heisler (Treasurer), Diana Lynn Rau (President), Lisa Bornfriend (Publicity), Chris Michalowski (Partners Liaison), Susan French-Smith (Sales & Marketing Website), Greg Finnoff (Race Series), Jeff Russell, Christine Lee (Secretary)
Via Zoom - Ross Williams (Winter Park Competition Center), Terri Rylander (Media & Grants)
Guests: Ben Kaune, Megan Kaune, Mark Kaune

The meeting began at 6:37 at Diana Lynn Rau's house.

The first order of business was the presentation by three teen scholarship recipients.
Ben Kaune spoke about how getting a scholarship had helped him. His parents also thanked Grand Nordic for the support .
There was also a video presentation by Luca and Saylor Archie, Junior Nationals racers who got a Grand Nordic scholarship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Christine Lee summarized the minutes from the last three meetings and asked that the minutes from them be approved. A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM April 8, 2025, September 9, 2025 and October 25, 2025 (annual member meeting) was made by Lisa Bornfriend, seconded by Chris Michalowski. The minutes were approved by all.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tony Heisler presented the Treasurer's report. Assets and expenses. Some figures – spent $4,000 less on advertising, (probably because of Faster Skier billing not included), Swap gross was $5695 – Paid out $2,000. Profit - $2800. Grants - $23,000+.
Mentioned that the Gliders uniforms were paid for mostly by grants. A

MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT by Susan French-Smith, seconded by Kathy Jamison. All voted aye.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – A report was sent by Al Rothenbach.
We had 148 memberships this year. Lot lower than other years, usually over 200. Probably caused by having only one lesson day and bad weather. Had 100 non renewals. The year before we had 75 non renewals.
Diana asked for someone to be a backup for Al. Lisa B. and Terry R. volunteered.

SCHOOL TEAM: Dan Jamison will be the Team Rep and voting GN Board Member. Liaison to the Schools. He reported that John Kuhns (Middle School Coach) said that the Middle School program loses kids when they get to High School. Maybe because they have many other activities. There is a great article in Faster Skier on kids being pushed at the middle school level.
The high school program had a successful season. The rental program was also successful.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Kathy Jamison reported that Scholarship were awarded to 14 students with a total of $3557.22. Question was asked if we should give more money for each scholarship – the consensus was to WAIT for now. There was also a discussion from Ross Williams, Chris M and Dan J whether or not to give scholarship money to any kid that wanted to try X-C skiing next season. This would be at the entry level for a limited number of kids. A trial session for now will be tried.

SALES & MARKETING: Susan French-Smith reported that we had four Gold memberships and one Silver membership. Regarding KFFR radio ad broadcasts for Gold members – some have taken advantage of this offering. Sign-up Genius is working well and we will stay with it. A suggestion for a marketing tool was to have stickers with GN name and

slogan. A discussion followed with the topic: "What kind of audience are we trying to get and could we get a sponsor for these stickers? Chris M mentioned that he had gotten partnerships/grants for his Gliders program. From Mt Parks ($5,000), Granby Rotary ($500) and $500 from the Fraser Lions Club. Takes about $60 to outfit a kid. He had 19 kids.
He reported that even though people had to pay the Red Barn Relay was a fun event.
He and Diana mentioned that GN had donated money and volunteer work for X-C projects at SMR and DTR. (for example ; the original SMR CCO lights, lights at DTR, the Biathlon bathroom, trail work on the Young Ski Trail). Perhaps a good project for this year was helping to put in lights on the CCO trail system so skiers could ski in the evening.

LIAISONS: Greg Finnoff is the Masters Race Coordinator. Jeff Russell has agreed to be a Liaison with the CO Masters Program and Maggie Michalowski will work with him. (Odd and Sally have moved to the Grand Junction area).

OTHER ITEMS: Diana R reported that Ranch to Ranch will be held next year with, hopefully, the original course of SMR to Granby Ranch.
GN Webscorer set up was okay. WPCC/HS ski rental program will be moved to the GN Webscorer. WPCC/High School Ski Rental Program will be initially set up at Swap. They were instructed to buy 2-3 new skis every season (classic and skate each) to build up inventory. Gliders will add 2-3 sets of equipment each year as well.
Insurance: We have $1,000,000 for each occurrence with $3,000,000 aggregate (she will check this out). Might need more in the future.

OLD BUSINESS: Dates to be set/Persons in charge

MERCHANDISE: Karen Cross has moved so we need a new person who is responsible for this. Orders for this year have been made but need

someone at each of our events to sell the merchandise and run the program.

SUMMER CONCERTS: Need someone to hand out flyers, put up boards, etc. Aug 20 and 27. Need someone for prep – calling the participants in advance for updated flyers.

SKI SWAP: Jeff Paulson, DTR, (DLR maybe), Chris Lee – Saturday, October 24, 2026.

RANCH TO RANCH: One day only - Saturday. Diana said that if we still want to keep it for one day she will need much more help. She cannot do this herself.
Ross W., Dan J., said they would help. Ross suggested that the Comp kids help to pick up signs after the event on Saturday and Dan J. said that the H.S. kids help on Friday to put up signs.

RACES: Greg Finnoff gave a report on last season's races.
8 races schedules, 1 race cancelled.
Total of 714 participants – last year 730
$31,000 in entry fees, last year $43,000
$1,500 for timers (each event)
We make more money if people register for all races.
Gross this year: $7,000 after expenses.
GN gets $5,000

Races next year – some dates-
DTR – Stagecoach/Governors' Cup – Jan 23&24
Feb 14 – Sweetheart Race

FREE LESSONS: also other events
Diana will check if DTR will be 3rd lesson at Tommelfest Dec 5
Dec 13 (Sunday – SMR)

JAN 31 (Sunday – SMR)
Kids Free Fridays at SMR – Jan 8-Feb 26
Gliders – Jan 3-Mar 7

There will be a Coaches Clinic – Date TBA

NEW BUSINESS:

A MOTION WAS MADE TO NOMINATE CHRIS MICHALOWSKI AS VICE-PRESIDENT. The motion was made by Lisa B. and seconded by Kathy J. **The motion was passed unanimously.**

Other items of business: If our project for this year would be getting lights for CCO trails at SMR how much should we donate?
All agreed that this would be a great project and GN should help with the expenses but let's see if SMR is receptive and how much it costs first before we make that decision.

The new ski trailer cost $4,000 but it needs to have the roof fixed and propped up. Charlie Rau will not be able to do this but Dan J. and others volunteered to work on this need.

There being no further business to discuss there was a motion to adjourn by Christine L, seconded by Lisa B. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Christine Lee, Secretary