

Provincial Development Program Committee meeting minutes  
Sat April 13, 2019  
Sport For Life Centre

Present: Karin McSherry, Megan Carter, Richard Huybers, Steven Wintoniw, Lorne Warkentine, Aaron Warkentine, Pauline Nadlersmith, Jackie Hummelbrunner, Ihor Barwinsky

Regrets: Tamara Howard, Casey Nelson, Betsy Lockhart

1. Richard shared updates from Nordiq Canada
  - Renaming of race (age) categories
2. High flouro ban across provinces  
Season debrief:
  - Successes:
    - Manitobans continue to perform well at National races. Sign of good club coaching programs.
    - Canada Games selection races #3 & #4 were a success
    - Good communication – season was well planned and communicated
  - CWG:
    - Reviewed the athlete survey distributed post Games and discussed each response
    - Improvements to CWG Selection Policy
      1. Define how points are assigned. Explain the math.
      2. Ensure athletes in Selection Races #1 & #2 race in *same* category
      3. Define the “bonus” points given to national race results (in lieu of provincial selection races 1 & 2)
      4. Consider “tie breaker” rule
      5. Consider “consistency” reward, DNF scenario, ability to eliminate a bad selection race result
      6. Consider a 20/80 points ratio vs current 30/70
  - Challenges:
    - Unexpected drop out of selected athlete on Nationals trip created stressful situation and bad feelings all around. This can easily happen again and we need to be proactive. Consider best practices re: naming Alternates, maintaining positive team dynamic, trip cost, eliminating drop outs not based on physical/mental health or other extenuating circumstance. **ACTION:** Ihor & Jackie to draft language/guidelines re: team spot cancellations
3. PDP Committee
  - Megan & Pauline both stepping down as Co-Chairs. Both wish to remain on Committee
  - As per PDP Terms of Reference (TOR), Committee members choose a Chair from among themselves.
  - **ACTION:** Megan & Jackie to review TOR and draft an update with better defined member roles. Intention is to distribute TOR with invitation to community members to express interest in open positions. Coach reps should be coaches of currently registered athletes
4. 2019-2020 Season
  - May 25<sup>th</sup> is RRN Spring Camp in Riding Mt – considering opening to larger community
  - Early Snow Camp – consider collaborating with Biathlon? Location could be Sovereign Lake (site of 2020 Nationals) or Canmore. Camp should also be in conjunction with first Noram races. Selection based on 2019 performance (i.e. for “travelling” athletes, not “developing” athletes)
5. Other:
  - **ACTION:** Karin to open Award Nominations form at beginning (rather than end) of each season so that nominations can be received throughout the year.
  - **ACTION:** add “Technical Professional Development” (coaches, wax techs etc) as standing committee meeting agenda item
  - Let’s collaborate more with Saskatchewan, Thunder Bay, Biathlon re: training camps, competitions
  - Kenora expressed interest in hosting 2020 Provincials weekend.
6. Next meeting – May 2019, TBD by Doodle poll