

RMN BOD Meeting 05/21/2026 - Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Voting Members:

- Christine Horning (CCMS Coach Rep)
- Gordon Gianniny (CB Coach Rep)
- Sophie Caldwell-Hamilton (AVSC Coach Rep)
- Sari Anderson (RMN Treasurer, AVSC Parent Rep)
- Mark Hurlburt (Team Summit)
- Abe Ott (DNSC Coach Rep)
- Ann Stanek (CCMS Parent Rep)
- Ben Barbier (SSWSC Coach Rep)
- Dina Pesenson (SWNC Parent Rep)
- Jeni Nicovich (DNSC Parent Rep)
- Josh Smullin (SSWSC Parent Rep)
- Julie Current (SSCV Parent Rep)

- Kyle Beling (Telluride Nordic Coach Rep)
- Lena Wilensky (CB Parent Rep)
- Ross Williams (WPCC Coach Rep)
- Dan Weiland (SSCV Coach Rep)

Guests:

- Brian Tate (SSWSC)
- Mike Savoie
- Duncan Koehn (Team Summit)
- Kristen Downs (Team Summit)
- Evelina Sutro (AVSC)
- Nathan Schultz
- Jana
- Weronika

Abridged Meeting Minutes:

Established a quorum, meeting called to order at 10:04 AM

No objections were made to recording the meeting; recording started

Motion #6: Motion to add Ben Barbier (SSWSC) to the RMN BOD

- Motion: Dan Weiland
- Second: Gordon Gianniny
- No objections were raised, Ben Barbier is added to the RMN BOD as the SSWSC Coach Rep.

Motion #7: Motion to add Ben Barbier (SSWSC) to the RMN Executive BOD

- Motion: Abe Ott
- Second: Dan Weiland
- No objections were raised, Ben Barbier is added to the RMN EX BOD to replace Brian Tate.

Motion #8: Motion to approve the May 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Christine Horning

- Second: Dan Weiland
- No objections were raised, May 6 2026 Meeting Minutes are approved.

USSS Spring Congress Updates:

- Officials Subcommittee (Mike Savoie): Mike reported that Rick Capalla is being replaced, that the Officials Subcommittee reviewed a Neutral Wax Policy proposal for JN's and referred it to the Coaches Committee, and that the Sport Education Academy now has ~12 online courses intended for TD's and Officials.
- Junior Committee (Josh Smullin): Proposals to release the final NCAA list earlier for earlier JN's team naming; proposal for seeding the JN's sprint based on sprint points instead of distance points; ongoing discussion around JN's reform, mostly around moving U16's out of JN's and into alternative championships. No current action.
- Coaches Committee (Christine Horning): Christine asked for feedback on where RMN stands on JN's restructure and on the neutral waxing policy proposal.
 - Discussion around Neutral Waxing Proposal:
 - Most coaches were in favor, citing ability to focus more on athletes/coaching instead of equipment (Mark, Ross, Josh, Gordon).
 - Some concerns were raised that a wax policy at JN's would put more of an emphasis on skis and may not actually reduce costs (Dan).
 - Implementation was identified as a major deciding factor on whether or not a policy would be successful (Abe, Brian)
 - No final decisions were made around the Neutral Waxing proposal at this meeting, but a full proposal is expected to be available later this spring.

RMN Wax Protocol for 2026/27: Ross presented current RMN policy and some changes to IMD's policy (allowing liquid HS8, allowing cold app for U14 and under), asked if RMN wanted to change our current policy for the upcoming season.

- Dan noted that liquid HS8 is a better wax than solid HS8, which lead to discussion about challenges with regulating/controlling liquid application.
- Ultimate decision was to stick with current RMN wax policy (solid HS5, HS6, and HS8) for 2026/27 RMN JNQ's.

RMN Performance & Participation Trends: Jim Galanes was not in attendance to present his proposal; Christine summarized that he's interested in taking a closer look at RMN performance trends at JN's and participation trends at JNQ's over time, encouraged RMN community to join RMN Strategic Development Committee to address these questions.

RMN Timing Contract: Christine presented a proposal to secure a contractor with one timer for all three RMN JNQ's to provide a consistent registration/results platform, improve timing quality, and reduce burden on race organizers. She also presented proposals from three different timing contractors (Zone4, Maverick Timing, Rocky Mountain Timing) for the 2026/27 season.

Discussion:

- Main points FOR: providing a consistent product, potential cost savings, only using “trusted timers” - precedent for other regions using this approach (e.g. NENSA) (Dan, Kristen, Josh, Christine).
- Main points AGAINST: some venues (e.g. Steamboat) have good relationships with existing timers, would prefer not to change; may be too much of a rush to try and get one timer for the 2026/27 season - some hosts may already have timers lined up (Brian, Abe).
- Other discussion points centered around which timers to use, how to address timing issues when they do occur.
 - Discussion around Zone4 - potential to reduce costs by training more local timer
 - Discussion around Rocky Mountain Timing - fairly widespread support for using at JNQ’s given reasonable price and experience with the sport - some concerns about experience, what services would be provided.
 - Discussion around how to deal with timing errors: Dan identified need for more support from USSS when timing issues occur, but exact solutions were unclear. Proposed having Hosting Committee develop guidelines.
- Bottom Line: discussion was tabled, Christine will put together a list of “approved timers” for hosts to choose from for 2026/27 with the potential to pursue a single timer for future seasons.

Points & Seeding for Senior Nationals, Junior Nationals: Josh Smullin emphasized the importance of distance points for seeding for Senior Nationals, Junior Nationals - especially for U16’s who have fewer opportunities to build a good points profile.

- Proposed having more distance races early in the season, having opportunities for U16’s to be scored in the same races as U18/U20’s when possible; provided examples of several current US Ski Team athletes who raced at JN’s as U14’s, Seniors as U16’s.

2026/27 RMN Race Schedule: Christine presented the tentative RMN Calendar as prepared in the Calendaring Meeting held earlier this spring. Discussion focused on which venues would host, how to design RMN calendar to work with other events (SoHo Super Tour, Senior Nationals, RIMSA Races), and which race formats to use.

- JNQ #1: Discussion centered around whether to host an RMN JNQ in December or to just combine with the SoHo SuperTour the previous weekend. Concerns were raised about racing right before and right after finals week; counterpoints included prioritizing supporting RMN as a region rather than only racing at SoHo, giving opportunity for younger athletes to race early in season, history of college athletes racing first RMN JNQ weekend.
 - Final decision was to stick with a December 19/20 JNQ.
 - Potential hosts were Crested Butte and Steamboat; Crested Butte was chosen to avoid a Friday race during Finals Week (Steamboat could only host Friday/Saturday).
 - Ben Barbier proposed a Sunday/Monday race to avoid missing school on Friday; BOD was supportive. Gordon will work with CB Nordic to see if Sunday/Monday race is feasible and get back to the BOD with a final answer.

- Formats: Classic Sprint (hosts later in season can't host a classic sprint), 5km interval start skate for all age groups U16+ to allow for better points scoring.
- JNQ #3: Discussion around whether Team Summit or Steamboat or Vail should host JNQ #3 - consensus was that Steamboat or Vail should have the opportunity to host given that Summit hosted in the 2025/26 season. Kristen (Summit) expressed interest in hosting under better circumstances (not stepping in as alternative host) in the future. Additional discussion around timing for JNQ #3 - either weekend after SoHo in Steamboat OR weekend of 2/6-2/7 in Vail.
 - Main points against hosting weekend after SoHo were long travel, two weekends of racing back-to-back. Multiple parents expressed concern about back to back weekends, pointed out that participation in one or both events may be compromised.
 - Main points for were getting to race with college skiers in Steamboat on 1/29-30, having a longer training block in between JNQ's #3 and #4.
 - **Motion #9:** Motion to host JNQ #3 on January 29th/30th in Steamboat in conjunction with the CU invite, 2 days of distance races 10km or less.
 - Motion: Josh Smullin
 - Second: Gordon Gianniny
 - Discussion: Parents noted concerns about back-to-back travel; Abe noted option to skip SoHo, race in Steamboat for families that don't want to do both, also noted importance of explaining decision to host in Steamboat to families.
 - Voting: 11 for, 4 against, 0 abstained. Motion carries, JNQ #3 will be hosted in Steamboat on January 29th/30th.
 - Formats: will be decided in conjunction with RMISA, but will be 2 distance races 10km or less.
- JNQ #4: Based on decisions for JNQ's #1 and #3, SSCV was decided as host for JNQ #4. Some discussion around dates, consensus was to host on February 20/21st to maximize ability for training block between Steamboat and JNQ #4.
 - Formats: Classic interval start, Skate mass start to mirror JN's formats and have the final qualifier race be head-to-head.
- Mike Elliott Youth Festival: Abe proposed hosting in Durango, presented back-up option of hosting on Grand Mesa (or another venue) in case of insufficient snow.
 - Christine presented feedback from combined Stampede + Youth Festival in 2026, discussion around how to make combined events more successful in future while preserving focus on celebrating young skiers.
- Other discussion around releasing start times/JNQ schedules further in advance to help with travel planning.
- No objections were made to the schedule outlined above, Christine will finalize the calendar and share with RMN later in the week.

RMN JNQ Hosting Rotation Proposal: Christine presented a proposal to formalize RMN's hosting rotation to ensure equality and consistency in JNQ host selection. Also expressed need for policies around how hosting a re-located JNQ affects the rotation, how a failure to meet

hosting guidelines affects the rotation. No immediate action was taken, but this will likely be an action item for the Hosting Committee.

RMN + CHSAA Collaboration: Christine presented a proposal to collaborate with CHSAA and offer joint competitions. Main hurdles include CHSAA can't race on Sundays, CHSAA skiers can't be overtaken by non-CHSAA skiers. Josh noted that distances also have to be the same for U16, U18, and U20 skiers.

- Potential opportunities in the 2026/27 season for overlap include the 5km interval start in CB (Assuming it gets move to Monday 12/21), potentially races in Steamboat - but likely not a good fit due to already being combined with RMISA.
- No immediate action was taken, Christine will sit in on the CHSAA calendaring meeting and report back to the BOD.

RMN Committees: Callouts to sign up for RMN committees - Christine reminded that you don't have to be on the BOD to serve on committees!

- RMN BOD Structure Committee: Focused on re-visiting BOD structure, reviewing other regions BOD structure for ideas.
- JN's Planning Committee: Already has several members, focus on 2027 JN's planning.
 - Christine shared proposal for 2027 JN's hats - after some discussion, decided to poll athletes to gauge interest.
- Race Hosting Committee: Focused on developing race hosting guidelines for JNQ's, looking for more members.
- Parent Committee
- RMN Strategic Development Committee: Re-visiting purpose, mission, and vision; reviewing trends in participation and performance.

Meeting Scheduling: Abe proposed taking some time to schedule the next BOD meeting before adjourning, also emphasized importance of avoiding working hours to ensure maximum participation.

- Some discussion around hosting an in-person BOD meeting in the fall.
 - **Motion #10:** Motion to host the Fall BOD meeting in person:
 - Motion: Christine Horning
 - Second: Gordon Gianniny
 - Vote: 0 in favor, 13 opposed - motion fails, fall BOD meeting will be virtual.
- **Motion #11:** Motion to host the Fall BOD meeting from 6-8pm to avoid working hours and practice hours
 - Motion: Abe Ott
 - Second: Christine Horning
 - Vote: 13 in favor, 0 opposed - motion passes, fall BOD meeting will be hosted from 6-8pm.
- **Motion #12:** Motion to host the Fall BOD meeting on October 21st, 2026 (Wednesday).
 - Motion: Christine Horning
 - Second: Gordon Gianniny

- Vote: 12 in favor, 0 opposed - motion passes, fall BOD meeting will be hosted on Wednesday October 21st 2026 from 6-8pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM

Full Meeting Notes:

- Quorum Established, meeting called to order at 10:04
- Meeting recording: no opposition, meeting recording started.
- New RMN BOD Member: Ben Barbier (Steamboat) - proposed new BOD member, recently accepted position as nordic director at SSWSC.
 - Christine noted that RMN would also like Ben to serve on EX BOD, Ben
 - Motion 1: Voting Ben into RMN BOD
 - Motion: Dan Weiland
 - Second: Gordon Gianniny
 - No opposition, motion passes.
 - Motion 2: Voting Ben into RMN EX BOD
 - Motion: Abe Ott
 - Second: Dan Weiland
 - No opposition, motion passes.
- May 6th minutes approval:
 - Motion 3: Approving May 6th minutes
 - Motion: Christine
 - Second: Dan Weiland
 - No opposition, motion passes.
- USSS Congress Updates
 - Official Subcommittee (Mike Savoie):
 - Rick Capalla being replaced
 - Neutral wax policy proposal
 - USSS SEA published ~12 courses that will be run through sport education center for officials.
 - Mark asked if information for new TD was included on there - Currently broad range of topics, available now, intended for TD's and officials to use.
 - Junior Committee (Josh):
 - Proposed that NCAA list that can qualify for JNs be completed earlier - would allow RMN to name full team earlier.
 - Chris Mallery proposed using sprint seeding for sprint at JN's - may make more sense for U18+
 - JN's reform: ongoing discussion of moving U16's out of JN's and into separate competition or regional comps, no current action.

- Coaches Committee (Christine):
 - JN's Restructure proposal: Mostly around U16's
 - Neutral JN's waxing proposal - will be reviewed by Coach's committee.
 - Initial thoughts from Mark: Likes RMN policy, but doing at national level gives one wax company monopoly for junior waxing.
 - Josh: Noted that we do have to pick a brand, but it should focus on skiers, not on brands.
 - Ross: Asked if there has been discussion of how it'd be implemented? Josh: unsure, not that detailed yet.
 - Dan pointed out that it puts more emphasis on skis, so may not actually save money.
 - Gordon noted that it's already a race of skis for many athletes, doesn't think that having a wax protocol would change that significantly.
 - Abe - noted that implementation would be very important - details could make or break whether it's effective. Important to implement it well.
 - Brian - noted that Biathlon and Nordic Combined already do this and could provide good examples of how to do this.
 - Josh: In the past, USSS has noted that they won't endorse a wax policy - would have to be enforced by coaches and regions.
 - Christine asked for feedback on where RMN stands on these items
- RMN Wax Protocol for 2026/27 (Ross): Intermountain has made some adjustments to their wax protocol - main changes are allowing HS8 liquid and allowing "cold application" for U14 athletes and under to allow re-app between warmup and race. Ross asked if anyone has proposed changes.
 - Dan noted that HS8 liquid is a better wax
 - Ross: Intermountain allows HS8, but has specific application guidelines. Ross would be in favor of using liquid.
 - Discussion around whether to adopt liquid or stay with solid - ultimate decision was to stick with HS8 solid in order to keep application simple and consistent.
- RMN Performance Trends at JNs and participation trends within RMN (Jim Galanes): Jim wasn't present, Christine provided background that Jim would like to take closer look at performance and participation trends.
- RMN Timing contract (Christine): Proposal to contract one timer for all three RMN JNQ's. Goals:
 - Have consistency for registration, seed lists, etc. for parents and athletes
 - Guarantee high/consistent standard for timing.
 - Would also have timer calculate RMN points, CO Cup points, etc.
 - May reduce organizational burden.
 - Some challenges would be finding timer that can do all three weekends, figuring out how to deal with costs (does RMN pay or does host pay?), some hosts already have pre-existing relationship with certain timers.
 - Discussion:

- Brian: reinforces that some venues would like to keep with the timing contractors they have used, proposes creating a list of “trusted timers” for venues to select from rather than having one timer for all races.
- Dan: Noted that the main goal is to provide a consistent product across all races, so having a list of “trusted timers” wouldn’t achieve that.
- Kristen Downs: asked whether there would be cost savings - Christine noted that it’d depend quite a bit on which timer we selected.
- Josh noted that NENSA uses one provider (Bullit timing) for all of their races, wondered about asking other divisions what they do / how well it works for having one provider. Also asked if cost savings are a major factor.
- Christine noted that the main benefit is consistency across races, ideally there would be some cost savings as well.
- Christine reviewed Zone4’s timing quote and pointed out that mileage is a major cost given that Alex is coming from Boise - Alex had noted that he’d be willing to train someone local.
- Sophie asked who SSWSC has used as timer - Brian responded that they’re using Alex Phipps (Zone4).
- Sophie noted that one of the options on this list, Jeff Wescott, timed in Aspen last year and had major issues.
- Josh noted that if we don’t go with a universal timer, we should definitely have a list.
- Dan & Sophie asked if RM Timing has been used before - Gordon has used for the Alley Loop, others noted that he’s been used in Snow Mountain Ranch, Frisco, and Aspen as well.
- Abe noted that in the long term, having a single timing contractor would likely be preferable - but that making that change for this year may be too soon.
- Christine noted that we could push this decision to the Hosting Committee - Dan pointed out that next season’s host will need to make decisions about timers sooner rather than later, so kicking down the road may not work.
- For now - Christine proposes creating a list of “approved timers” for the 2026/27 season, asked for coaches to provide any other timing options.
- Brian noted that if we were to pick a single timer, Josh Dalley’s quote seems to make the most sense based on pricing, location, etc.
- Josh also noted that we need to have a policy for results issues - how does RMN respond? Dan noted that this should come down from USSS rather than being on RMN.
- Mike asked what that support from USSS should look like/what we should propose to USSS:
 - Dan noted that after Winter Park last year, no one followed up after he submitted his TD report. Would’ve appreciated feedback from the top.

- Mike - worries that USSS would push back and say that if we're not using their standard timing system they can't support - Might be a criteria for which timers we can and can't use.
- Dan noted that this is something that should be in a race hosting guidebook and that we should probably be enforcing standards more.
- Josh proposed keeping track of major issues with timers and not using them again in the future.
- Mike was in support of this, but noted that pretty much every timer has had at least some issues.
- Bottom line for now: tabling this discussion, Christine proposes making list of approved timers, and should vote on whether or not we seek to have one timer for the 2026/27 season.
 - Also worth figuring out how timers get on to or off of the list.
- Sophie asked if current hosts would be open to using Josh Dalley for races this year.
 - Dan said yes, seems like there would be many things in favor of using RM Timing.
- Mark proposes using as-is timers for this year, looking into using single timer in future years.
- Brian brought up need for clear guidelines when things go wrong - Dan was in support of having this in a hosting guidebook.
- Jeni Nicovich asked whether we should have a specific policy on when/why we wouldn't use a timer after mistakes are made.
- Brian noted that it'd be helpful to compare what services each timer is providing.
- Points & seeding for Senior/Junior Nationals (Josh): Emphasizing importance of distance points for seeding Senior Nationals - if we don't have several distance races before Seniors, our athletes may not be seeded very well.
 - Also didn't expect U16's to be seeded by points for JNs mass start last year, but they were - points matter going into these big events.
 - Other divisions (e.g. Alaska) intentionally schedule races to allow their younger athletes to score points ahead of championships.
 - Provided several examples of current WC skiers that attended JN's, Seniors as U14's and/or U16's.
 - Argues in favor of having some combined U16/U18/U20 races (e.g. 5k's).
 - Question from Kristen: generally speaking, our division is in no-man's land for SuperTours? Usually yes - but this year we have SoHo.
 - Ross noted that Central intentionally goes to college races, SuperTours, etc. that can help with points.
- 2026/27 Calendar:
 - Brian asked why we have a sprint in December if interested in scoring points? Gordon clarified that some coaches had requested sprint opportunity before Sprints.

- Gordon asked whether having both U16's and U18/20's race a 5k interval start would work for points scoring purposes - Josh said yes, but would need to be in same start field.
- SSWSC Options: preferred option would be combined RMISA + JNQ Race Jan 29/30
 - Second option would be Friday 12/18 & Saturday 12/19/26 - Fri/Sat to avoid interrupting free ski day on Sunday
 - All SSWSC options would have to preclude racing on Sundays.
 - Third choice would be Feb 19/20
- Christine also noted that sprint option at SoHo Super Tour may reduce need to have a sprint at our first JNQ. Dan pointed out that classic sprint at Senior Nationals, so would be nice to have classic sprint ahead of time.
 - Josh noted that SuperTour will not have separate heats for U16's - 50 juniors will qualify for heats.
- Josh pointed out that we're proposing hosting a JNQ the weekend after the SoHo SuperTour - could we just use SoHo as JNQ #1? Could also skip December Qualifier and take part in SoHo SuperTour.
- Sophie and Josh also raised concerns about having a race right before and right after finals week.
- Dan raised point that little kids likely wouldn't go to SoHo Super Tour - would be a long time before SoHo JNQ.
- Ross and Sophie mentioned that there will be local/town series races that younger kids can do.
- Dan and Josh also mentioned that option to travel to a different state/division takes away from RMN's own JNQ's.
- Brian pointed out that December JNQ has been a thing for many years, hasn't been an issue in the past.
- Ben also mentioned that some college kids also show up for that weekend, can help get points.
- Gordon brought up concern that SoHo may not have sufficient snow to host.
- Ross and Christine both in favor of keeping December JNQ in CB, Josh agreed that athletes who want to can go to SuperTour and skip 1st JNQ if they want to.
- Dan and Christine in favor of keeping CB JNQ for first weekend to avoid a Friday race during Finals Week.
 - Ben suggested having a Sunday/Monday race for 1st JNQ to reduce missing school.
 - Gordon to look into that option, both Ben and Dina mentioned that their parents would be willing to help.
- Dan and Josh both supported having a 5km interval start in CB
- Discussion around sprint vs. distance race for second day in CB - Dan in favor of sprint, Josh in favor of distance. Will likely need to go to a vote.
- Looking at JNQ's #2 and #4:

- Josh asked why Summit would get JNQ 2 years in a row? Kristen - town excited about hosting again, hosted “under duress” last year. Lots of moving parts for them to be able to host. Can also host a classic sprint.
- Kristen raised concern about having a recovery week coming out of SoHo
- Josh asked for more feedback from other coaches about schedule
 - Gordon noted that Sat/Sun SoHo race straight into Friday race the next week would be a quick turnaround.
 - Jana also in support of not having a back-to-back weekend out of SoHo, asked about differences in cost between Minturn and Summit. In favor of having one JNQ in conjunction with RIMSA.
 - Dan noted that Vail doesn’t charge for hosting - only potentially higher cost would be lodging, etc.
 - Dan: Rotation through different venues is important, didn’t get to host last year - so should get the nod this year. Open to Feb 6th/7th or Feb 19/20.
 - Josh: Agrees that it’s important to join with colleges at least one weekend, but hard to do if unclear where DU would end up. SSWSC can’t host weekend of Feb 6/7.
 - Sophie: also noted that having concentrated 10-days of racing with SoHo + SSWSC does open up a big training block after SSWSC/before JNQ #4, which could be beneficial. Josh noted that it might also be good prep for college.
 - Christine: In speaking with IMD - might get some athletes who come from SoHo to Steamboat if able to host Jan 29/30.
- Hosting Rotation Proposal (Christine): RMN currently doesn’t have a policy on this. Christine pulled up who has hosted races in the past, positive = how many hosts we currently have. Would like to get input on formalizing rotation to avoid alienating potential hosts.
 - Sophie noted that even as recently as last year we had fewer hosts than races - good problem to have this year.
 - Would also be valuable to have policy for how taking over a relocated JNQ affects rotation, how a failure to meet hosting guidelines affects rotation.
- Motion #5 Proposes that SSWSC hosts 2 distance races (<10k) on 29th/30th in conjunction with colleges.
 - Motion: Josh Smullin
 - Second: Gordon Gianniny
 - Discussion: Three parents (Lena, Julie, Ann) noted that having 2 back-to-back weekends with lots of travel would be challenging.
 - Lena (CB Parent): noted that many families may not be able to pull off both weekends.
 - Christine: for CCMS - lots of smaller clubs aren’t sending younger athletes to SoHo, sees opportunity for younger athletes to race a little sooner in season with race in Steamboat.

- Abe noted that he'll encourage athletes who are on the fence about doing one or the other to do the race in CO, will be important to communicate why we made this decision.
 - Voted using spreadsheet, motion carried 12-3.
- JNQ #4: based on previous discussion, JNQ #4 would go to Vail.
 - Christine asked whether Vail would want to host on Feb 13/14 - consensus was that Vail would host Feb 20/21.
- Race formats:
 - CB will be classic sprint, skate interval (5k for U16, U18, and U10)
 - Steamboat will be ?
 - Vail will be Classic individual, skate mass.
- Mike Elliott Youth Festival:
 - Abe: Durango keen to host, has good back-up plans in case of low snow.
 - Back-up plan was to host on Grand Mesa last year.
 - Feedback from last year's Youth Festival: Some positives, also some downsides. Interested in trying to combine with events like the Stampede in the future, but would need to plan ahead more.
 - Abe noted that combined event may put less focus on actual kids events.
- No objections to current calendar - Christine will clean up calendar and send out by the end of the week.
- Josh asked for clarification on whether CB will be a Sunday/Monday race or a Saturday/Sunday race - Gordon will get confirmation from CB Nordic that Sunday/Monday is feasible.
 - Some concern that Sunday/Monday would be more expensive given to proximity to holidays - most likely will be just as expensive to do Friday/Saturday nights.
- Josh also asked that hosts put out start times further in advance to inform travel decisions.
- RMN + CHSAA Collaboration (Christine): Lots of discussion this year about RMN and CHSAA collaboration. Main hurdles - CHSAA can't race Sundays, also must set up start structure such that CHSAA athletes can't be overtaken by a non-CHSAA skier.
 - Potential to combine CHSAA with Monday interval start race for CB JNQ.
 - CHSAA will also have many events during gaps in our schedule - could be an opportunity for younger RMN athletes.
 - Christine will attend CHSAA calendaring meeting, will report back on how it would work for CHSAA and RMN to race together.
 - Josh noted that you also have to have all age groups (U16, U18, U20) race the same distance.
 - Likely wouldn't make sense to combine with Steamboat JNQ/College Race bc too many different entities/ability levels.
 - Bottom line: Christine will work with CHSAA, Colorado HS Ski League on presenting an option for them to join an RMN race.
- Committees: All RMN members can serve on committees - don't have to be on the BOD.

- RMN BOD Structure Committee (Mark): Has been discussion about current structure (1 coach/1 parent from each club) - goal of committee is to look at how other divisions, etc. do it.
- JN's Planning Committee (Christine): Current members = Christine, Jeni, Dina, Kristin, Julie Current, Ross.
 - Artemis Hamrick (SSWSC) put together a proposal for making hats for 2027 JN's - she'd like to start production in the summer. Could also be a fundraiser. Discussion:
 - Dina mentioned that hats have not been a big hit with athletes in the past.
 - Brian noted that RMN has had hats available to anyone in the division previously, noted that this might be nice.
 - Josh suggested tabling for now, sending a poll out to athletes to gauge interest.
- Hosting Committee: Last year was just Gordon, Eric, and Christine - need more members, ideally a TD or two.
- Parent Committee
- RMN Strategic Development Committee: Re-visiting purpose, mission, and vision; reviewing participation and performance trends.
- Call for additional proposals for committees
- Meeting Scheduling (Abe): Standard across organizations to have schedule of next meeting set before adjourning current meeting. Proposes having date and time of next meeting decided before we log off.
 - Also important to remember that many RMN community members have full-time jobs, so scheduling outside of normal working hours as possible is ideal. E.g. 5-7pm on a week day (Tues/Weds/Thurs).
 - Dan noted that in-season, we're coaching on weekdays after school.
 - Mark in favor of scheduling next meeting now.
 - Gordon asked if any interest in having an in-person fall meeting.
 - Motion to host fall BOD meeting in person
 - Motion: Christine Horning
 - Second: Gordon Gianniny
 - Discussion:
 - Abe noted importance of having a virtual option if we did have an in-person meeting.
 - Josh noted that he didn't see a point in traveling, etc. when zoom works just fine.
 - Dina noted that it can be challenging to find a location.
 - Motion fails (12 No, 1 Abstained)
 - October BOD meeting tends to be shorter - Christine proposes starting at 6pm
 - Motion 11: October BOD will run from 6-8pm
 - Motion: Abe Ott
 - Second: Christine Horning
 - Vote: Motion passes (13-0)

- Motion 12: Fall BOD meeting will be hosted on October 21st
 - Motion: Christine
 - Second: Gordon
 - Vote: Motion passes (12-0)
 - Next board meeting is scheduled for October 21st, 6-8pm, virtual.
 - Josh - wanted to call out JN's Mass Start again - everything came together and worked for us on that day, something to keep in mind moving forward.
 - Meeting adjourned at 1:07pm
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Chat Discussion: