



PACRAT Post-Race Discussion
26 January 2014
Lion's Club – Welches, OR

Present: Andy Hobart, Colleen Stroeder, Colleen Walter, Sheri Parshall, Dale Parshall, Colleen Hankins, Bob Lawrence, Jay Pollock, Diane Hicks

Not present: Bruce Parshall

This was an informal “after-action meeting” on the first race, facilitated by PACRAT Vice Chair Andy Hobard.

Andy asked for board member comments, which are noted below:

Jay Pollack was congratulated for having a well-organized “Rat Patrol.” Jay advised he’ll be looking for additional help.

There was discussion regarding board members being first on the course. It was suggested and agreed by the board members we will intersperse board members in the first group, rather than allow all board members to race in a clump at the beginning of the race.

The board agreed that the Lion’s Club was a nice venue. Food was very good.

It was suggested that we set up a protocol for some kind of direct communication with the respective resort’s Ski Patrol/First Aid rooms so that we have instant access to both in case of an accident on the course. Andy will work with Greg to set this up. It was pointed out that calling “911” on Motorola radios will reach the Ski Patrol at all Mt. Hood resorts and it was noted that we should point this out to racers

Colleen S. advised that Meadows did not provide enough come-back chits (documentation as to what was provided was conflicting—we received fourteen, but documentation indicated we were given 15—we requested 17). Greg should speak to Meadows to get the additional three chits.

We continue to have issues with fast slippers/shadowing. It was suggested that this be brought to the attention of the captains so that there’s no confusion about what “fast slipping” and “shadowing” means, and to clarify that it’s not allowed.

It was noted that it was a great help to have a board member located/stationary on the slope for this race, both to act as gatekeeper (Sheri reported 4 DQs that might have been missed otherwise), and to keep an eye on troublesome gates/areas that need more than the normal maintenance. It was suggested that, if we have the personnel, we create a permanent assignment for a stationary “gatekeeper”.

Andy congratulated everyone on a “job well done” for the first race. It was noted that there was initially some confusion and resultant delays due to the pacesetting, but that should not be evident at the next race. All agreed that, for the most part, things went well.

It was suggested that we tell racers to bring growlers, in case we have left-over beer.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERI PARSHALL
Secretary