

TRI-STATE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP - 10/26/2024

1. Tri-State leadership and coaches are passionately committed to providing the best experience possible for our athletes, coaches, officials, and families.
2. Tri-State leadership arranged for the General Membership meeting to be in-person at Thunder Ridge and also available via Zoom:
 - a. The meeting was recorded and will be available on the TSASRA website.
 - b. Doug Lewis of Eliteteam conducted a day of dryland training with a focus on preparing the mind and body for the challenges of ski racing.
 - c. Garrick Dardani of [Steiner's Sports](#) gave an informative presentation on boot selection and fitting for young athletes.
 - d. Attendance was disappointingly sparse.
3. Leadership and Coach's Education and Development Committee continues to prepare a full slate of events during the upcoming 2024-25 season:
 - a. Legendary former US Ski Team coach Phil McNichol will coach our TSASRA coaches at Catamount and BEAST from **January 28th to 31st**. Registration will be on AdminSkiRacing.
 - b. To be allowed on the hill at all USS&S sanctioned events, all coaches must have a minimum certification of Level 100 by the end of the season.
 - c. The Ed/Dev Committee will be conducting numerous on-snow and remote workshops to prepare coaches for the On-Snow certification assessments.
 - d. Plans are in place for TSASRA athletes to participate in a day of training at Big Snow in New Jersey on **November 10th**. Registration is on [AdminSkiRacing](#).
 - e. Plans are in the works for a speed camp, in collaboration with NYSSRA, at Gore for **February 12th-13th**.
 - f. Leadership discussed implementing a plan for TSASRA to purchase several pairs of Super G skis at a substantial discount through Steiner's Sports for the use of TSASRA athletes attending postseason speed events. Steiner's would tune, maintain, and store the skis, and would also adjust the bindings for our athletes.
4. The race calendar for the 2024-25 is nearly complete under the leadership of Competition Committee Chair Mark Colman and will be posted soon on the website.
5. It was a pleasure to award the first Paul Putnam Memorial scholarships/grants to Jillian Bradford from Wachusett and Connor Dann from Mt. Southington.
6. We would like to see greater participation from our coaches and parents in volunteering to staff the plethora of roles that need to be filled to run quality races for our athletes. It takes a really BIG village to run a ski race. Please join in this effort!

- Bruce Diamond, President of TSASRA