

Western Region ACC MINUTES

May 9th 2017 12:00pm-5:00pm

Double Tree Hotel, Park City Ivers/Hearst Room

1. Welcome & Introductions- Todd Kelly
Thank you to the WR Members for attending the April Meeting and to the calendaring committee for their work this morning.
2. Roll Call – Lucy Schram
 - Executive – Todd Kelly, Ryan Shorter, Troy Price, Karen Korfanta, Lucy Schram
 - AK – Scott Zahn
 - FW- Beat Hupfer, Mike Ginsberg
 - IMD – Gordon Perry, Bridger Call
 - NOR- Roger Bay
 - PNSA – Bill Brooks, Dan Henry
 - Officials – Roger Root
 - Collegiate – Sparky Anderson
 - Athletes – Will Brandenburg
 - Staff – Bill Gunesch, Gwynn Watkins, Darryl Whitaker, Sherri Hale, Carma Burnett, Paul Mahre, Lucy Schram
 - Guests – Curt Hammond, Raul Guisado, Jesse Hunt, Eric Brandolini, Matt Brown, Swithin McGrath, Molly Laramie, Tami Strong, Kevin Chaffee, Steve Bounous, Dve Pym, Heather Walker, Jim Reilly, Brian Morgan, Kevin Keane, Mark Wedeking, Todd Brickson, Tyson Henrie, Phil Gilanfarr, Jim Tschabrun
3. Review Agenda / Additions – Todd Kelly
Additions made under New Business
4. Review and Approval of Minutes – chair
Beat Hupfer motion, Troy Price 2nd – minutes approved unanimously
5. USSA Program Update – Chip Knight
6. Western Region Program Update – WR staff
 - 6.1 Directors report – Bill Gunesch
 - 6.1.1 Reviewed Mission statement
 - 6.1.2 Participation – numbers are growing within the youth ages
U14's on the points list are growing; U16 and older has leveled off
Collegiate opportunities and how to provide info to families
Ability class racing in PNSA, would like to see IMD/FW try it
 - 6.1.3 Athletic Performance - measured by events, results reviewed
 - 6.1.4 WEST Team Criteria reviewed – Development Committee will review qualifications,
 - 6.1.5 Athlete Development – mission and goal, club importance, model and prep projects reviewed
 - 6.1.6 Calendar – 46 FIS races in the 2016-2017 season. Working with ROC on appropriate sets, snow surface
 - 6.1.7 Course Setting Initiative – create a WR ACC working group to develop a region-wide setting philosophy for regional FIS and championship events
 - 6.1.8 Leadership/Communication – flow chart reviewed. Looking for a new Regional Coach(supplement via WR budget), requesting an in season assistant(funded by WR budget), youth coordinator(funded by WR budget). First half of season communications were good, still working to improve on this.
 - 6.2 Manager's report –Gwynn Watkins
 - 6.2.1 Thank you to Darryl, Bill, Pick, Divisional Managers

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- 6.2.2 Communications – Regional Newsletters – template, New USSA website, forums, project communications, policies and procedures, intents and entries regional and winter international. Thank you to all the race organizers, recognize Alpine Meadows for their outstanding U14 Regional Championship event!
 - 6.2.3 Regional programming – hard conversation time about being on the same page. Communications between the ACC and the coaches in their areas.
 - 6.3 Youth Coordinator's report – Darryl Whitaker
 - 6.3.1 Reviewed Job Description and goals
Specific goals – 5 division visits, smaller clubs, coaches education to enhance travel budget, be part of Divisional Youth Projects, involved in conversation in Development Department and National Committees, Enhance use of Skills Quest assessment tool
 - 7. Membership- Sheryl Barnes, Jenni Wright, Matt Lemon
 - 7.1 Member Services Update
 - 7.1.1 Growing Athletic Membership – Club and athlete growth
 - 7.1.2 Enhancing Customer Service – Knowledge Base on the website, OS Ticket, new Online Chat – Tawk.to(tracks the chats data)
 - 7.1.3 What new for FY18 – limit of 2 short term memberships per season, pricing adjustments of short term reviewed
 - 7.1.4 Membership benefits reviewed
 - 8. Coaches Education and Club Development- Jon Casson/Ellen Adams
 - 8.1 Ellen Adams – Club Development Manager
Club Excellence – higher attendance this year; Goal to create a Regional Club Excellence
Resource in educational development, adding peer review in club assessment; surveys to help obtain nationwide info; alpine club working group, club leadership forum – open rank discussions
 - 8.2 Jon Casson – Director of Sport Education
Goal to reach more of the part time coaches
Level 100 Revision; Updated training systems; COE TV Migration; Coach Academy – Combined Level 200 and 400 for alpine, snowboard and freeski reviewed education model: LMS tracking- May 2017; Course development/review – August, Course available September
Training Systems – Development Phases Domain: now based on data
 - 9. Officials updates –Roger Root
Review of reporting needs. An official report will be submitted later.
 - 10. WR Committee Reports and Proposals
 - 10.1 Executive Committee Report – Todd Kelly
Thank you to the Executive Committee for their work this year. Slow year.
 - 10.2 Treasurer Report – Troy Price
 - 10.2.1.1 Western Region Incorporation – met last week with Tax Accountant and preparing to file taxes. This 2nd filing will help us qualify for 501c3 status
- WR Finances –

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10.2.1.2 2017 financials

- working to pay bills in smaller chunks: quarterly
- improved timeline of accounts receivable and payable

10.2.1.3 Proposal 2018 budget – Bill Gunesch

Requesting approval of budget in August as areas are continued to be studied.

10.2.1.4 Proposals Troy and Gwynn

MOTION: Troy Price, 2nd Bill Brooks, Require USSA online registration for all WR projects (prep and competition). **Approved Unanimously**

10.3 Site Selection Committee Report –

10.3.1 2018 Site selections – see attached calendar for dates

Dec Open Tech: Snow King in IMD, Mission Ridge in PNSA

Add one slalom to the December Open Tech block, remaining as a 4 day block with 5 events being held.

Elite Tech #1 – Snowbird and Park City

January Open SG – Snowbasin

Speed Series 2DH/2SG in Schweitzer

Elite Tech #2 – Snow King, 6 day block is one gender for GS days

WR JR Champs – Alpine Meadows, back up at Mammoth

U14 Regional Champs – Jackson Hole

U16 Champs – Alyeska, AK

March Open Tech – Mammoth and Snowbird

Spring Series – Mission Ridge

Spring Speed Series – Mt. Bachelor

MOTION Troy Price, 2nd Dan Henry to approve the 2017-2018

WR FIS Competition Calendar. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.4 Development Committee Report – Ryan Shorter

Committee completes items during the summer, not during winter

10.4.1 Current selections and selection issues – none at this time

10.4.2 Selection proposals - none at this time

10.4.3 Quota proposals - none at this time

10.4.4 Regional Team Selection – will work with Gunesch and get that out to the committee. This is the time to make changes.

10.4.5 **ACTION ITEM:** request from WR staff to create a task force to discuss programming. First call by June 15th.

11. National Committee Reports

11.1 U16 and Older Working Group – Jesse Hunt, Meeting tomorrow at 10am.

No report.

11.2 U14 and Younger Working Group – No report.

11.3 Club Development Working Group – John and Tami, group meets tomorrow for first time.

11.4 Coaches Education Working Group – Scotty McGrew, No report.

11.5 Alpine Regional Subcommittee – Bill Brooks and Todd Kelly, no report.

11.6 Quotas and Selections – Beat Hupfer Chair, no report.

11.7 Regional Subcommittee – Craig Krueger Chair, no report.

12. Projects

12.1 National – nothing reported

- 12.2 Regional – nothing reported
- 13. Other Old Business - chair
- 14. New Business – chair
 - 14.1 Skills Quest at Championship Environment
MOTION by IMD, 2nd Beat Hupfer
To not hold Skills Quest during Regional Championship events
4 yeah, 6 Nay, **MOTION FAILS**
 - 14.2 **MOTION** Far West, 2nd Bill Brooks
To decrease the U16 WR Junior Championships Field size
Yay -1 Opposed – the rest **MOTION FAILS**
 - 14.3 WR Head Tax for cancelled events–
MOTION Troy Price, 2nd Ryan Shorter
To revise the current head tax refund policy for cancelled races.
Motion tabled to the August meeting.
 - 14.4 NPS- Position paper
MOTION Dan Henry, 2nd Will Brandenburg
While we recognize that USSA Staff technically controls scheduling of races,
including NPS races, we, the Western Region ACC, do not support the NPS
Series or scheduling of any NPS races.
Tabled for further research and continued Regional Discussion. Placed on
August agenda.
 - 14.5 Whistler Cup
MOTION by Troy Price, 2nd Ryan Shorter to establish a U14 Whistler Cup
To establish a U14 Whistler Cup Team to benchmark the top tier U14's in our
region amongst their International Peer Group.
Aye- Nay-0 1 Abstention **MOTION PASSES**
 - 14.6 **MOTION** Beat Hupfer, 2nd Mike Ginsberg
All the Far West Division of the Western Region to host up to two starts per
discipline: Slalom and Giant Slalom outside the 'competition season'
generally defined as November to April.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
 - 14.7 Discussion regarding the Regional Coach brought up by Pete Korfiatis,
MMST. Request that during competition season coach focus on training and
development, not traveling to higher level events with the athletes.
- 15. Meeting Schedule – Todd Kelly
Conference call in August and October
- 16. Adjournment – 16:48

Date	National Events			WestReg Events			Divisional Blks	Date
	NorAms/Natls	U19s / NPS	U16s / NPS	Elite / Speed	NJR / Open	U16 / Champs		
11/13/2017								11/13/2017
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11/16/2017								11/16/2017
11/17/2017								11/17/2017
11/18/2017	NorAms Colorado 2SL/2GS							11/18/2017
11/19/2017								11/19/2017
11/20/2017								11/20/2017
11/21/2017								11/21/2017
11/22/2017								11/22/2017
11/23/2017								11/23/2017
11/24/2017		Men - NPS Copper						11/24/2017
11/25/2017								11/25/2017
11/26/2017								11/26/2017
11/27/2017		Copper 2SG / 2GS U19 M/W						11/27/2017
11/28/2017								11/28/2017
11/29/2017								11/29/2017
11/30/2017								11/30/2017
12/1/2017		RMD 2SG2GS Copper M / W						12/1/2017
12/2/2017								12/2/2017
12/3/2017								12/3/2017
12/4/2017	NorAms Lake Louise NAC 2DH		U16 NPS Beaver Creek Copper Speed Project SG/GS					12/4/2017
12/5/2017								12/5/2017
12/6/2017								12/6/2017
12/7/2017								12/7/2017
12/8/2017							12/8/2017	
12/9/2017	NorAms Nakiska/COP 2GS / 2SL AC/2SG							12/9/2017
12/10/2017							12/10/2017	
12/11/2017							12/11/2017	
12/12/2017							12/12/2017	
12/13/2017							12/13/2017	
12/14/2017							12/14/2017	
12/15/2017					Open Tech 3SL/2GS Multiple Sites	Snow King IMD Mission Ridge PNSA		12/15/2017
12/16/2017								12/16/2017
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1/4/2018							1/4/2018	
1/5/2018		Men - NPS West SL/GS					1/5/2018	
1/6/2018							1/6/2018	
1/7/2018							1/7/2018	

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	NorAms/Natls	U19s / NPS	U16s / NPS	Elite / Speed	NJR / Open	U16 / Champs		
1/8/2018								1/8/2018
1/9/2018			U16 NPS East SL/GS					1/9/2018
1/10/2018								1/10/2018
1/11/2018								1/11/2018
1/12/2018								1/12/2018
1/13/2018								1/13/2018
1/14/2018							1/14/2018	
1/15/2018							1/15/2018	
1/16/2018							1/16/2018	
1/17/2018							1/17/2018	
1/18/2018				Open SG/SG New	Snowbasin			1/18/2018
1/19/2018								1/19/2018
1/20/2018				Elite Tech #1 2SL / 2GS FIS				1/20/2018
1/21/2018				Qualifier	Snowbird			1/21/2018
1/22/2018					Park City			1/22/2018
1/23/2018								1/23/2018
1/24/2018								1/24/2018
1/25/2018								1/25/2018
1/26/2018								1/26/2018
1/27/2018								1/27/2018
1/28/2018								1/28/2018
1/29/2018	WJC - Davos							1/29/2018
1/30/2018				Speed Series				1/30/2018
1/31/2018						Schweitzer		1/31/2018
2/1/2018					2DH / 2SG SG Qualifier		U16 RTG Project Option	2/1/2018
2/2/2018								2/2/2018
2/3/2018							2/3/2018	
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2/8/2018							2/8/2018	
2/9/2018							2/9/2018	
2/10/2018							2/10/2018	
2/11/2018							2/11/2018	
2/12/2018							2/12/2018	
2/13/2018	NorAms East 2SL/2GS	Men - NPS East SL/GS				WR Zabgeb Europe Trip	2/13/2018	
2/14/2018								2/14/2018
2/15/2018								2/15/2018
2/16/2018				Elite Tech #2 2SL/2GS			2/16/2018	
2/17/2018				Qualifier			2/17/2018	
2/18/2018					Snow King		2/18/2018	
2/19/2018							2/19/2018	
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2/26/2018	NorAms RMD 2DH/SG/AC						2/26/2018	
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