

MINUTES Western Region ACC
August 17th
Conference Call

1. Welcome & Introductions- chair. Vice Chair presided in absence of Chair
2. Roll Call – secretary
 - 2.1 Review of voting members from each division
Executive – Todd Kelly(late), Troy Price, Ryan Shorter, Karen Korfanta
AK – Lex Patten
FW- Mike Ginsberg, Beat Hupfer
IMD – Gordon Perry, Bridger Call
NOR- Rick Duncan, Jeremy Ueland
PNSA – Curt Hammond, Dan Henry
Officials – Roger Root
Collegiate- Sparky
Athletes – none in attendance
Staff - Gwynn Watkins, Bill Gunesch, Carma Burnett, Will Brandenburg,
Shari Hale, Lucy Schram, Chip Knight, Jeff Pickering,
Guests – Jesse Hunt, Bill Brooks
Not in attendance - Jamie DuPratt, Scott Zahn
 - 2.2 Athlete Representative – no nominations. Looking for 2 nominations heading into the October Fall Call.
3. Review Agenda / Additions – no changes
M/S/A – Mike Ginsberg/Gordon Perry/unanimous
4. Review and Approval of Minutes –
M/S/A – Mike Ginsberg/Troy Price/unanimous
5. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Program Update – Chip Knight
Rebranding to U.S. Ski & Snowboard – new logo rolled out
New website being rolled out this fall
Staff Changes: Will Brandenburg, Western Region Coach & Jeff Pickering, Western Region Jr Coach
Summer project review – written report distributed
Nor Am Calendar close to finalized, schedule reviewed
U19 NPS – 2 blocks, Dec SG in Copper & SL.GS in Vail; Feb in Waterville Valley; overlap with Nor Ams to target two different levels of athletes.
U16 NPS – Dec SG in Copper; Burke in January
US Jr Alpine Championships – Sun Valley
U16 Nationals – Mission Ridge
National Projects – young FIS to Europe in Jan; U16 to 7 Nations in Feb; Whistler Cup 1st year U16's
Reminder on rule front: New equipment and course setting regulations
6. FIS Update – Chip Knight
Potential age change – no movement on this
7. Western Region Program Update – WR staff
 - 7.1 Directors report – reviewed summer camps/projects and staffing updates
Visited 15 clubs on the mountain over the summer
Task Force/Think Tank of Regional leaders: Phil McNichol- chair, each division is represented
WR PnP will be updated and posted on the website
 - 7.2 Gwynn Watkins – regarding branding, a kit will come out for assistance

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- 7.3 Will Brandenburg – excited to be in this roll and looking forward to help other athletes in the West pursue goals, honored to be in the position.
- 7.4 Jeff Pickering – thank the entire staff. Excited to work in the position and with Will can work together and spend time in the Region and working with the younger kids
8. Alpine Education and Officials updates –Roger Root
Changes – Jury Advisors in all events have to be certified JA, REF, Chief of Race, plus TDTR for all reports.
Goal: Make sure traveling coaches have updated records and are certified.
A 2nd AO rep needs to be named from WR to the AOEWG for Congress 2018
9. Treasurer Report – treasurer
 - 9.1 Western Region Incorporation – filed 2015 and 2016 taxes to move forward.
 - 9.2 WR Finances –
 - 9.2.1 2017 financials -
Online registration for Regional projects, good move
 - 9.2.2 Proposal 2018 budget -
ACTION ITEM: Troy asked everyone to review the budget, ask questions and request approval at the October call.
10. Site Selection Committee Report – Bill Gunesch
 - 10.1 2018 Site selections
 - 10.1.1 Elite Spring Series – Mammoth picked, date change 4.2-5.18
 - 10.1.2 Spring Speed Series – Bachelor agreed to move to 4.7-12.18
 - 10.1.3 March Open Series – Ginsberg working on new site
IMD Open Series might change dates and venue. Carma will update.
11. Development Committee Report – vice chair
 - 11.1 Western Region Development task force update – Bill covered most of this during his report. Topics are remaining broad, trying to narrow.
Jessie Hunt – team vs. project based programming; quantity vs. quality
Question – what is the end goal: Staff looking for recommendations on how Region bridges the gap between Clubs and National Team.
12. National Working Group updates
 - 12.1 U16 – Jessie Hunt, no summer activity to report
 - 12.2 U14 – no further action since Congress
 - 12.3 Coaches Ed – no report
 - 12.4 Alpine Regional Sub Committee – no report
 - 12.5 Quotas and Selections – No activity since Congress
13. Other Old Business – chair
 - 13.1 Head Tax refund policy language – Bill Gunesch reported
Requesting review, work with Executive Committee for further fine tuning.
ACTION ITEM: Refund Policy on October Fall Call
 - 13.2 NPS Position Paper- Curt Hammond addressed. Looking for a clear path of what the Ski Team/Region/Divisions take care of. Task moved into the WR Committee.
 - 13.3 Follow up on Whistler Cup attendance for U14's – Troy Price
Information will be posted in the WR PnP, make sure communications to Divisional Coaches.
14. New Business – chair

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14.1 Beat – are there quota numbers for Elite Series? Gwynn will provide them soon...had to wait for August 15th membership deadline to be completed.

15. Meeting Schedule – chair

Request that all send an email to Gwynn and Lucy with preferred October and March dates.

15.1 October Fall Call- October 16th or 17th

15.2 March Call - Tuesday, March 20th or 27th

15.3 April Meeting - April or 13th and 18th

15.4 May Congress - May 2-5, 2018 Park City

16. Adjournment – 11:08

M/S/A – Gordon Perry/Troy Price/Unanimous