



Alpine Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2015

1. Call to order

Darryl Landstrom called to order the regular meeting of the Alpine Sport Committee.

2. Roll call

The Agenda was approved. Motion: Bill Slattery 2nd: Roger Perricone: No opposed conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Bob Dart, Chip Knight, Jessica Kelley, Todd Kelly, Caroline Lalive, Karen Korfanta, Mike Morin, Joe Paul, Roger Perricone, Bill Slattery, Paul Van Slyke,, Beat Hupfer, Tao Smith, Craig Krueger. USSA staff: Tiger Shaw, Alex Natt, Jeff Weinman, Gwynn Watkins.

3. Approval of Agenda and minutes from last meeting

The Agenda was approved. Motion: Bill Slattery 2nd: Roger Perricone: No opposed

The minutes were approved as read. Motion: Bill Slattery 2nd: Bob Dart: No opposed

4. Reports

4.1. USSA staff update:

- Tiger Shaw: Status with Split Second: We are moving towards an alternative timing company, Vola, Swiss/French based company. Building a task force group for education and training. Provide training sessions in the East, West, and online. Announcing nationally soon. The objective is everyone switches to Vola.
- USSA has developed an independent system for NASTAR
- Chip Knight: announced staff changes: Bill Gunesch, Darlene Nolting, and Martin Guyer are the new regional directors. Jeff Pickering is the new west coach and will be announcing the new east coach soon.

4.2. USSA BOD update: Darryl Landstrom

- Meeting in Vail before World Cup. Minutes will be distributed and any questions on BOD activities. No questions.
- ASC executive committee met and report later on in the agenda.

4.3. Athlete Rep: None

4.4. Development and Education: Mike Morin

- Course setting matrix was tabled for spring congress. Would like everyone to submit names for a task force. This task force will present a final draft at the May congress.
- Aldo Radamus submitted a proposal for a point cut off standard for out of region competition. We would like that distributed and discussed for a topic at Congress. In addition the development committee will be drafting a proposal for a USSA point standards for domestic races.
- Equipment: Problem with ski manufactures and USSA equipment matrix compliance. The Executive Committee will be addressing this. Specifically one of the manufacturer's labeling and markings do not meet the criteria. Issue is with children's and masters' skis. Executive committee will update the entire committee on potential solutions we identify and approve.

4.5. Judicial: None

4.6. Programs: Beat Hupfer: 3 proposals brought forward by USSA staff. We circulated amongst quotas working group and made adjustments and passed unanimously.

1. Quotas to U.S. Alpine Championships: Athletes who have qualified for Olympics and World Championships, inserted a line so these athletes are automatics. Clarification to the college quota, those athletes can qualify through national and regional quota. Maintained ability to qualify through both, however clarified deadlines for the national board to assist the regions in their selection. Motion: Beat Hupfer Second: Bob Dart

Discussion: Deadlines are 28 days to intend. 16 days to confirm before first team's captain meeting.

Passed Unanimously

2. U19 Nationals Championship: More equally distribute the gender allocation and add 2 spots for women. Motion Beat Hupfer Second: Roger Perricone

Discussion: None

Passed Unanimously

3. U19 Men National Project series: Quota of 20 U19 men per region. 10 additional junior national spots based on NTSM of FIS points and 10 development spots. Motion: Beat Hupfer Second: Mike Morin

Discussion: What thoughts went into when and where these races are sited? Staff worked around the NorAm schedule. Early in Vail for SL, January in in Stowe for GS, and April in Bachelor for SG. Cost is a concern; staff is working hard to keep the costs low. Intention is to control the field minus the foreign quota.

Passed Unanimously

4.7. Rules and Tech: Paul Van Slyke

FIS TD Updates: Denver Oct 23-25, 2015 and Bromont Oct 30-Nov 1, 2015. They are being well attended. FIS website is updated with a 2015 ICR. Some rule changes.

- 695-- Panels are red and blue with some exceptions for an orange panel. This will be a jury decision. Read about changes for World Cup.

- 606—label contested to conformity. Commercial marking from manufacturers.
- 606.2.1—Plumbed suits will be legal through 2017-2018 season
- 627—Not permitted to start. Specific to equipment violation, the athlete will be denied to start. Those athletes will not be included in penalty calculation.
- 604.4---Final date of entry 48-24hrs before first team captain's meeting.
- 604.4.3--- The event program must be published on the FIS Alpine calendar.
- 804—Single pole slalom is permitted at all races up to World Cup.

Classification---Ted Sutton will be retiring as an inspector

Education—Thank you to Thelma for her work over the summer on the education material.

5. Summer 2015 ASC and BOD Executive Committee Action Items

- 5.1. UNH Fund Raiser Event Adder—second time this race is flagged for not meeting the criteria of classification committee. An average of point improvement percentage is 14%. The UNH race was 28%. Classification recommended a 27.69 adder and the Executive Committee acted on that recommendation.

Dave Waller—Chairman of classification working group. This is not arbitrary; there is data behind it. We do have to come up with a process moving forward. I would like to hear from this committee and USSA staff whether we continue to refine our metrics and raise the question about these races.

We will continue to communicate and talk about it; the classification committee will continue their work.

- 5.2 Non-Compliant Poles—read the current verbiage in the ACR

5.3 Helmets U14 and older—USSA BOD did not endorse a phase-in. Athletes U14 and older must meet FIS standards. Has been distributed in Ski Racing and USSA Excellence newsletter

5.4 Masters requested delay of implementation for FIS-approved helmets. BOD wanted more information and approved a delay due to FIS not requiring this at the Masters level.

- 6. Alpine Event Calendar**—information available on the website

- 7. Education**---Clinic schedule is posted on the website

- 8. ACR/Intent to Compete/Online Entry**---ACRs are being mailed and posted on the website. Working on a precisions document for any errors. No change for Intent to Compete site except international entries will be done via the USSA intent site for 15-16 season.

- 9. New business**—None

10. Old Business

- 10.1 Governance Task Force---Meeting in August and are working on the compliance of the by-laws for the affiliates. They have a conference call at the end of the month.
- 10.2 ASC Committee Operating procedures--Conducting a review for the ASC and there is another BOD task force is reviewing all disciplines. Have any updates or modifications for spring congress.

11. 2016 Congress Review--Dates for Congress: May 11-15th, 2016.

- ASC will meet on May 11th 6:30pm and again on May 15th 11am. Proposal deadlines for Congress on April 11th
- Elections—ASC chair, Board Rep, Development Committee chair, Rules and Tech chair, and regional reps.
- Awards---Need to do better for nominations of awards. Suggested we engage previous winners

12. Adjournment

Darryl Landstrom adjourned the meeting.

Motion: Roger Perricone

Second: Beat Hupfer