



USSA CONGRESS 2008
Alpine Meeting Minutes and Reports

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center

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USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee

3rd Floor Conference Room – USSA
Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 14, 2008
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Members:

Bob Dart – Chair	<u>Present</u>
Walt Evans – National Competition Director	<u>Present</u>
Dave Galusha – Development and Education Chair	<u>Present</u>
Jesse Hunt – Alpine Director	<u>Present</u>
Beat Hupfer – Regional Chair	<u>Present</u>
Darryl Landstrom – Program Chair	<u>Excused</u>
Scott Macartney – Athlete Representative	<u>Excused</u>
Bill Slattery – Immediate Past Chair	<u>Present</u>
Paul Van Slyke – Immediate Past Chair	<u>Present</u>
Tom Winters – Ex-officio *	<u>Present</u>
Jeff Weinman – Secretary *	<u>Present</u>

* non-voting

Guests:

Gary Wright, Finn Gundersen, Brewster McVicker, Tim Maguire, Terry DelliQuadri, Luke Bodensteiner, Lester Keller

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m. by Dart. He welcomed everyone to the 2008 Congress and thanked each of them for their attendance and participation.

2. Review of committee membership

Dart reviewed the committee membership as presented on page 109 of the materials. There were some corrections made and are reflected above. Need to ensure that we have current athlete representation.

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion 1: To approve the Executive minutes from Saturday, May 19, 2007 as

presented on page 41 of the materials. Evans/Hupfer/without objection
Motion 2: To approve the Executive minutes from Tuesday, October 16, 2007 as
presented on page 47 of the materials. Van Slyke/Evans/without objection

5. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule
 - A. Review alpine materials and handouts
Weinman reviewed the books and the materials and noted that they will be available online at the end of the meetings for those who did not attend.
 - B. Appointment of recording secretaries, strategy and procedures for minutes
Minutes should be handed in to Weinman as soon as possible so that the minutes' packet can be built out for the Saturday ASC meeting.
6. Staff Reports
 - A. USSA Management Report – Bodensteiner
Dart introduced Bodensteiner – USSA Associate Vice President of High Performance. Bodensteiner thanked the committee for the invitation. Evans reviewed the Alpine committee structure and the areas of responsibility within the Subcommittees and Working Groups. Galusha asked that if there is a written report from staff in the book it would be better to look at highlights and have more time for questions during staff reporting.
 - B. Alpine Director – Hunt
Hunt noted his report is in the book beginning on page 61. It has been a difficult spring with the retirement of some athletes. Staff has worked hard to communicate well and make those transitions as easy as possible, but there have been challenges. Hunt stated that there have been some coaching changes with the teams in particular the head coaches on both teams with Sasha Rearick taking over for Phil McNichol with the men's team and Jim Tracy taking over for Patrick Riml with the women's team. Winters asked if the communication was beginning far ahead of athlete transitions. Hunt said that the USSA is working to make sure that the athletes are aware of the programs that are available to them outside of the team including educational opportunities at Westminster in Salt Lake City. Bodensteiner stated that the company is working with athletes from their start with the team at the Rookie Camp to talk about life after racing.
 - C. Competition Director – Evans
Evans highlighted some of the items within his report which begins on page 79 of the materials. Evans thanked Gundersen for his work on the club seminar that finished ahead of these meetings.
 - D. Education Department – Gundersen
Gundersen referenced his report beginning on page 86 of the materials. Gundersen thanked everyone who worked on and attended the club seminar.
7. Action item and critical issue review
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Executive report – Dart
Dart stated that there had been no interim Executive action. He feels that holding the Fall Executive meeting after the Fall FIS meeting is better timing than prior to the FIS meeting. The group reviewed and discussed each of the points in the Executive report beginning on page 13.
 - 2) ASC operating procedures – Slattery
Scott Macartney comes on to the Executive as the Alpine Board Representative, replacing Horton. Need to ensure that we have other athlete representation, one

more for executive and another two for the Sport Committee. He stated that he believes the ASC operating procedures should be reviewed for possible changes prior to the Fall Executive meeting.

3) Nominating Committee review terms – Slattery

Slattery reviewed the chairmanships that are up for election during these meetings and the procedures for elections within the committees and working groups. A nominating report will be developed and presented at the next Executive meeting. Slattery suggested that the Operating Procedures be reviewed for any necessary changes before the fall executive meeting.

4) Awards – Dart/Slattery

The Alpine nominations for the various USSA awards were reviewed in the Executive summary. Continue to have challenges getting nominations from the community.

5) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

There will be a meeting of the Judicial Committee, there is one item that will be reviewed. Evans noted that there were a number of instances that came up during the season that were dealt with by staff and by local committees.

Bill Marolt came in and welcomed everyone. He praised the work done by Gundersen and Evans on the club symposium. Things are going well; biggest current challenge is replacing V.P. of Foundation.

B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

Van Slyke stated that the major issues within Rules and Technical were either covered in the Executive review or will be covered under new business.

C. Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom

Landstrom is excused. The major issues within Programs were covered in the Executive review.

D. Development and Education Subcommittee – Galusha

Galusha stated that the major issues within Development and Education were reviewed within the Executive review. One other issue that will come up is whether there should be differences between the men's and women's elite development plans. Evans also noted that the USSA will not be sending a team to the World University Games this year in China due to safety and security risks. Evans noted that we need to continue to drive coaches to set courses that are in compliance with the rules.

E. Regional Subcommittee – Hupfer

Hupfer noted that the major issues within Regional were covered in the Executive review. The conference call that was hosted by the USSA earlier in the week with local governance regarding the online USSA membership systems that are rolling out was very informative. Sheryl Barnes will be coming into some of the meetings to answer questions on the new system.

F. FIS – Winters

Winters noted that the major FIS issues were reviewed during the Executive summary.

G. Athletes – Macartney

Macartney is excused. Hunt had lunch with Macartney and said that Scott will be bringing some issues to the table on Saturday.

8. Old business

A. Venue planning

Was covered in the Executive summary.

- B. Multi Sport membership
Was covered in the Executive summary.
 - C. Report on race exceptions last season
Was covered in the Executive summary. Exceptions will be granted on a two year basis to those races which are requesting minimum penalty exceptions. Two races per day exceptions will continue to be reviewed annually.
9. New business
- A. Team Captains Meetings (online meeting)
Winters will review Team Captains Meetings in the FIS TD Working Group.
 - B. Pace skiers and Double Entry at classical events
Classification will review the use of pace skiers and double entry exceptions.
10. Recess
The meeting was recessed at 6:55 p.m. until Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 14, 2008
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, first session

Orientation: Reports, Issues Identification, Tasking

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

Members Present:

Paul Van Slyke (Chair)	Karen Korfanta (At-large)
Gary Wright (Vice Chair)	Ingrid Simonson (Alpine Officials WG Chair)
Bob Calderwood (USSA TD WG Chair)	Ted Sutton (Courses WG Chair)
Allen Church (Timing & Classification WGs Chair)	Tom Winters (USA FIS TD WG Chair)
Bruce Crane (Immediate Past Chair)	Jeff Weinman (USSA)
Thelma Hoessler (Alpine Officials Education WG Chair)	

Guests: Gretchen Ransom, Alice Anderson, Bear Bryant, Walt Evans, Bob Dart, and others.

1. Call to order; attendance/proxies
2. Review and adoption of the program and agenda
**Motion 1: To approve the agenda
Hoessler/Church/passed**
3. Review and approval of 2007 Meeting Minutes
**Motion 2: To approve the minutes
Winters/Korfanta/passed**
4. Reports (summaries and additions to written reports)
 - A. Chair
Van Slyke gave a short report noting that he had had good communication with the USSA staff during the season.
 - B. Competition services staff
Weinman and Evans thanked those in attendance for their participation and commitment to ski racing. They each referred to their written reports in the materials.
 - C. Senior FIS representative
Winters reviewed some of the items that were expected to be discussed during these meetings relating to FIS issues.

D. Rules and Technical working group chairs

The various R&T working group chairs gave short reports on items that would be covered during their individual meetings.

5. Issues identification and orientation

A. Status of action items from May 2007 meeting

Van Slyke and Weinman briefly reviewed issues from the 2007 meetings – there were no issues left outstanding.

B. USSA planning process and allocation of resources

Van Slyke reviewed the executive summary that is presented in the materials and tasked issues out to the various working groups as appropriate.

6. Recess for working group and task force meetings

Motion 3: To recess for working group meetings

Winters/Korfanta/passed

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USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Ingrid Simonson

1. Call to order
Simonson called the meeting to order.
2. Review meeting plan and organization
Ingrid discussed the format for the day's meetings; the morning meeting will be the opportunity for the representatives from the various divisions to present their divisional reports. Issues and action items which are based on the morning's meeting will be dealt with in the afternoon session.
3. Roll call and determination of voting members
Ingrid asked for a role call and the voting members present were:

Chair: Ingrid Simonson	IMD: Mike Hammer
Vice chair: Gretchen Ransom	Northern: Mike Kelly for J. C. Knaub
AO Education WG: Thelma Hoessler	Far West: Phil GilanFarr
USSA TD WG: Bob Calderwood	PNSA: Roger Root
FIS TD WG: Tom Winters	Alaska: Scott Young
Eastern: Jill Firstbrook for C. Hughes	Charlie Burnham (<i>Ex officio</i>)
RMD: Esther DelliQuadri	Jeff Weinman (USSA)

Guests: Paul Van Slyke, Grant Lindemer, Bear Bryant, Dirk Gouwens, Gary Wright, Nancy Wiedel, Allen Church, Stan Goldschmidt, Don Page, Sherri Hale, Andrew Mat, Alice Anderson, Ed Gassman, Ellen Hoffman, Darlene Nolting, Ron Bonnevie, Dan Chayes, Ted Sutton, John Jacobs.

Motion 1: To approve Jill Firstbrook as a proxy for Chuck Hughes on the AOWG for the 2008 meetings, and Mike Kelly to replace J.C. Knaub as the representative for the Northern division.
Hoessler/Calderwood/without objection
4. Review and approval of minutes from May, 2007
Motion 2: To approve the minutes from both meetings from May 2007.
Burnham/Calderwood/without objection
5. Divisional reports, by divisional representatives
Eastern - Jill Firstbrook – The Eastern division had an awesome winter with great snow conditions. As a region they are continuing to do regional and state clinics which seem to be quite effective. The clinics have been very well attended, and the information seems to be

well disseminated as a result. Jill also commented that the opportunity to have FIS updates so close geographically allowed regional and state upper level Alpine Officials to attend. It allowed those officials to pass along information in more of a first-hand way. Jill is looking forward to educating and encouraging more people to be involved.

Alaska – Scott Young – Scott reported very successful officials' education clinics. He attributed some of the success to putting out the word that clinic updates and certification were mandatory for referees, course setters, etc. Scott also commented that although some of the officials in their division had moved on, quite a few new people were rising up through the ranks to replace them. He is looking forward to helping out the newer officials and moving them up through the ranks. He reported that as a division they had no real problems or issues. The snow conditions were excellent throughout the season.

Central - Gretchen Ransom – We held several excellent clinics throughout the division. In addition to the normal clinics held in early November also offered a CO class during the Shelly Glover Foundation weekend at the end of September. Many of the parents attended and got their foot in the door education-wise. We have seen a slight decline in the availability of TDs whose kids are no longer racing. Grant Lindemer handles certification tallying for the Central Division, and reported that the list is being purged of inactive and outdated officials. On a good note, certification is up and attendance at clinics has been strong.

IMD - Mike Hammer – Mike reported that the snow conditions in his division were excellent this past season. In some cases, there was so much snow that races and venues had to be altered and that presented a few problems as far as TD costs. In general, their division was challenged financially with respect to paying for TDs. In particular, non-scored races seemed to be hit hard. Efforts have been made to find local TDs to cover races, but it also raises the question of whether the officials are unbiased as some of them might be considered representatives of the 'organizing committee.' Mike also reported that finding people for weekday races is also an issue. In addition to being able to afford TDs, finding them on short notice in the event that a race venue or date changes also adds to the ongoing challenge of hosting races. Having officials that travel a long way adds to costs, by adding an extra day of travel, food, lodging, etc. Mike discussed trying to add more aspects in clinics, such as course setting and timing in addition to the normal offerings. He would like to offer a session where RAs and TDs, for instance, could work together on some real-life scenarios. Mike's clinic locations last year included Park City, Bogus Basin, and McCall.

Far West - Phil GilanFarr – Phil discussed their clinics, in particular their annual clinic combined with the Far West Gala. It is always a very successful kickoff to the season. As kids and parents are both involved in the weekend, the clinic's attendance has increased. Phil also talked about updating his officials' tabulation system for attendance to clinics. It was an interesting compilation, in that 70% of officials had attended a recent clinic. Phil has been using the information to target clubs who hadn't had representatives attending the clinics for a number of years. He has seen good attendance of younger coaches at clinics to become licensed referees, and thanked Finn Gundersen for helping to spread the word.

Northern - Mike Kelly – Mike reported that he took over as AO Chair in his division. He felt that they had great success in clinics and virtually doubled the number of officials in their division compared to the last year. He has been busy cleaning up the officials' roster. He is planning already for next year's clinics, and would like to offer an early session for coaches and alpine officials. Ideally he would like to do an on-snow clinic in early December in Big Sky, MT in the hopes that it would offer a more real-life scenario.

RMD - Esther DelliQuadri – The main clinics for the division are held in November. Last season's clinics were very successful. They had a great influx of parents of athletes attending the clinics as their athletes were attending a weekend project. Esther also said that their division has begun posting update dates on officials' licenses as a method of notification. She felt that their attendance increased in clinics as a result, as many people were unaware that their certification was in jeopardy. There were clinics being held into the month of January. Esther also said that their division is offering a Chief of Course clinic this fall. The class will hopefully involve in-classroom and on-hill education opportunities. In searching their records of officials, Esther noticed that 22 of over 500 officials were certified as CC. As eight of those 22 are also TDs, they are hoping to certify more people.

PNSA – Roger Root – Roger reported that their division also held successful clinics this past season. He said that they had 156 officials that went through a clinic or update, which is great for their division. In his opinion, word is getting out that people need to get updated or lose their certification. He also stated that Ingrid Simonson has been instrumental in helping to spread the word and enforce the rules requiring certification. Roger said that clinics will be held regionally again this year in Spokane and Seattle, and in conjunction with a coaches' symposium. Roger also discussed his division's provision for sharing B-net within the division for clubs hosting sanctioned events. He is responsible for traveling around the division with 25 rolls of net to help the venues with competitor security. In addition to sharing B-net, their division also shares some timing equipment for races.

Jeff Weinman and Alice Anderson from the USSA were introduced. Jeff will make a presentation to the AOWG during the afternoon session. Alice thanked the group of officials for their hard work. Jeff explained that Alice is the key contact for results, etc.

6. Review of afternoon agenda

Ingrid reviewed the agenda for the afternoon. Jeff Weinman will make a presentation as will Sheryl Barnes from the USSA. Other agenda items include the presentation from the development group on the use of stubbies on non-scored races. It is also an election year, so the chair and vice-chair positions will be voted on.

Gary Wright discussed the frustration of not having qualified forerunners in FIS races. He asked the group to entertain ways to improve the situation. Scott Young said it's been an issue for a long time, and Ingrid agreed.

Thelma read a note she received from someone who was frustrated with the test scores that their coaches received on TC tests. They felt their scores were a reflection of the ineffectiveness of the instructor and requested a retest and/or a different instructor.

Don Page expressed a need for the complete homologation file to be accessible to TDs at races, and not just the front page, and he wants to know what's going on to forward information on head injuries, etc for athletes from event to event. Ingrid said that Ted Sutton will discuss the homologation file issue in the afternoon session, and Paul Van Slyke said that the executive committee is working on the injury compilation. Don asked what happens to scored races if they utilized referees that weren't qualified. Jeff Weinman reminded the group that the TD is responsible for that, and that the USSA is not monitoring it at this point. Gary Wright reminded the group that the TD is supposed to pick the most qualified individual out of those officials at hand.

On a homologation file note, Thelma said that whenever she goes to a site and they don't have the homologation information available; Gary Wright, Ted Sutton, and Bob Calderwood have all helped to pass along the information in its complete form.

Bob Calderwood said they would discuss in the Courses Meeting a method to put homology files in a PDF file to make them more accessible.

7. Recess, until 4:00 p.m.

Motion 3: To recess

DelliQuadri/Calderwood/without objection

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Judicial Committee

The Yarrow - Judge
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

Committee members present: Bill Slattery, Bob Dart, Walt Evans, Tom Winters, Dave Galusha.
Guest: Alex Natt

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

There were three Code of Conduct violations during the season. These situations were professionally handled by Alpine Staff.

It was recommended that the USOC Due Process Check List be inserted into the ACR in the Code of Conduct Section of the ACR. The list is on page 145 of the Congress binder.

There is a possibility of an appeal coming before the Judicial Committee. Tom Winters will investigate the circumstance surrounding the appeal. Tom was to inquire if Mike Hammer would be available for assistance in the investigation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Bill Slattery, Chair

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
09:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Minutes

Working Group Members Present:

Thelma Hoessler, Chair

Scott Young, Alaska

Grant Lindemer, Central

Stan Goldschmidt, East

Dirk Gouwens, East

Jill Firstbrook, East

Phil GilanFarr, Far West

Mike Hammer, Intermountain

Mike Kelly, Northern

Roger Root, PNSA

Esther DelliQuadri, Rocky Mountain

Ingrid Simonson, Ex-Officio

Allen Church, Ex-Officio

Bob Calderwood, Ex-Officio

Tom Winters, Ex-Officio

Gary Wright, Ex-Officio and Vice Chair

Don Page, At-Large

1. Meeting called to order at 09:00.
2. Review of Committee Membership and Introductions
 - Voting members identified.
 - USSA staff members introduced.
 - Anna McIntyre introduced; contributions to development of Alpine Officials noted.
 - Moment of silence observed as a token of respect and love for those who have departed.

MOTION 1: To recognize Mike Hammer as a temporary representative for Intermountain Division at this meeting.
To recognize Mike Kelly as a replacement member for Northern Division on this Working Group.
M/S/C Wright/Calderwood/Unanimous
3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2: To accept Agenda as presented.
M/S/C Goldschmidt/Wright/Unanimous
4. Approval of Minutes of 17 May 2007.

MOTION 3: To accept Minutes of meeting of 17 May 2007.
M/S/C Wright/Calderwood/Unanimous
5. Reports

Chair's Report

- Report e-mailed to working group members.
- Outstanding support furnished by USSA staff members noted.
- Education-material recipient list and e-mail list updated.
- Problems encountered during 2007-2008 discussed.
- Continuing quality of educational materials identified as a priority.

Division Reports

- Officials' education update requirements discussed.
- Divisions are continuing their efforts to identify those officials whose certification status is in jeopardy due to lack of attendance at required updates.
- Divisions are focusing on recruiting, educating and maintaining officials.
- Necessity for FIS questions in Race Administration and Referee examinations discussed. The Chair, with the assistance of interested volunteers, will review these examinations with the understanding that they continue to meet all levels of competition.
- Content of Timing and Calculations Study Guides discussed. Divisions are encouraged to add additional components from Data Management, etc., as required.
- Divisions are encouraged to add components other clinic/seminar materials as required by the officials attending the respective sessions.
- Necessity to teach basics emphasized.

USSA Staff Report

- Sheryl Barnes, Member Services Director
 - Membership process and fee schedule discussed.
 - Multi-sport membership, similar to non-scored youth membership, available; \$25 discount available for second and subsequent memberships; discount will be applied automatically.
 - USSA membership fees will not increase.
 - FIS late membership fee reduced to \$150.
 - On-line USSA membership application will be available beginning in June. On-line registration will provide capability to receive USSA-generated e-mail, and it will allow updating of personal information. In addition, it will provide a secure link to the background screening procedure.
 - With the exception of officials' membership applications that require background screening—either new or required by re-screening cycle, on-line memberships will be processed immediately and membership numbers will be available for race data entry. Late fees and rush fees, when required, will be applied automatically.
 - FIS registration, lifetime membership, foreign membership and associate membership applications not supported by on-line system at this time.
 - Membership renewal applications will be mailed and may be used in lieu of on-line registration.
 - Function of "Member List" option of USSA website discussed.
- Jeff Weinman, Assistant National Competition Director
Report is in the Congress Manual. Additional reporting will be at Alpine Officials' afternoon session.

6. Old Business

- Alpine Officials' Resources
In order to accommodate clinic/seminar schedules, materials will be mailed no later than 15 September.
- Power Point Presentations

- Updates of current presentations, Competition Official, Referee and TTR, will be completed as required by ICR/ACR rule changes.
- Evaluation of the EET, Race Points, and USSA/FIS Penalty Calculations presentations will be undertaken. The objective is to restructure the presentations so they meet accepted standards. When the presentations are in an acceptable format, they will carry the USSA logo; manual editing of presentations that carry the USSA logo is not allowed.
- Alpine Officials' Certification
 - Referee
 - In order to serve as Referee, Assistant Referee or Course Setter, Referee certification is required.
 - Implementation Issues
 - If a certified Referee is not available to serve as Referee, Assistant Referee or Course Setter, the Technical Delegate may appoint the most qualified individual present for the event.
 - Jury Advisor. Discussion of this item deferred to Alpine Officials' Committee
 - Masters' Alpine Officials' Educational Needs
 - Masters Officials did not make any requests for assistance; they supported scheduled Alpine Officials' clinics/seminars.
 - Coaches' Educational Needs
 - Education of USSA Coaches, under the direction of Finn Gundersen, is showing major results. Coaches are supporting Divisions' efforts to provide Referee certification.

7. New Business

- Availability of new ICR and its affect on USSA Competition Regulations
 - Updating of the USSA Competition Regulations will be completed as the new version of the ICR becomes available.
- Clinic/Seminar Materials
 - Preparation of Clinic/Seminar Materials and Updating of Alpine Officials' Manual
 - Efforts to delegate preparation of these materials will continue. Sections will be assigned upon an individual's stated intent to become involved.
 - Web-based Clinics/Seminars
 - Due to the content of the material that is covered at clinics/seminars, the recognized value of question/answer sessions and the availability of the experiences of senior officials, web-based clinics/seminars are not acceptable to the USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group members.

8. Discussion Items

- Why do we have Team Captains Meetings?
 - The purpose of a Team Captains Meeting is to conduct the draw, present the event schedule as well as communicate event rules and procedures that the Team Captains need to communicate to their athletes.
- What constitutes Team Captains' "approval"?
 - Recent communications with FIS indicate that FIS' interpretation of Team Captains' approval, as required by some of the FIS rules, is approval of all Team Captains present.
- Minutes: Jury and Team Captains' Meeting; are they necessary?
 - Rules require that minutes of Team Captains' Meetings and Minutes of Jury decisions, with a record of members' votes and signatures must be prepared. Proper documentation is required for liability/appeal situations.

- When is the use of USSA Points at a FIS event acceptable?
This is a Jury decision allowed by FIS rules generally based on the best interests and security of the competitors. If a Jury votes to use USSA points to seed FIS competitors without FIS Points, proper documentation must be prepared. In addition, foreign competitors who do not have USSA points must be seeded in a special group.
- Is the official named in the database actually officiating?
 - Problems encountered by the use of a 'ghost' name discussed.
 - Staff is working with software provider to address software issue that is resulting in inaccurate change of a selected member's USSA number.
- What is "due process"?
 - Definition of and requirement for allowing due process discussed.
 - The IOC's checklist for due process will be included in 2008-09 teaching materials.
- Who is responsible for educating/updating Officials?
 - USSA is responsible for preparing and providing accurate education materials for USSA Alpine Officials.
 - Individuals are responsible for accessing printed/web-posted materials, reading and understanding the materials, and attending required clinics/seminars.
 - Individuals are responsible for maintaining required professional memberships.
- Best Practices: Is there a way to present suggestions for practical solutions and acceptable innovations?
The best way to approach this is communication via E-mail, telephone, etc.

9. Adjournment

MOTION #4: To adjourn at 11:30.
M/S/C Lindemer/Page/Unanimous

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Western Region ACC

The Yarrow - Kearns
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Chair: Curt Hammond

Members present:	Curt Hammond - Chair	Dave Galusha - Sec
	Sparky Anderson - AK	Gina Gassman - athlete
	Todd Kelley - FW	Aaron Atkins - FW
	Ruben Macaya - IMD	Troy Price - IMD
	Beat Hupfer - Ex-officio	Paul Crews - AK
	Chuck Holcomb - PNSA	Bill Gunesch - PNSA
	Craig Kruger - ND	Roger Bay - ND

USSA Staff present: Lester Keller, Jeff Pickering, Jen Stielow
Approximately 12 guests

1. Welcome and introduction of members
2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Review and approval of minutes
**Motion: To approve the minutes from Jan 9, 2008
Hupfer/Price/carried**
4. Executive committee report
 - A. Chair's report
 - B. Treasurer's report
The treasurer's report was accepted.
 - C. Director's report
 - 1) Season in review (see published report)
Reported on WR year and results. Remain very strong and won Regions Cup.
Concerned about quality of some WR events. Should we develop list of expectations and evaluation forms for events?
**Motion: Add a quality evaluation form for all WR events to be compiled in the WR office and used as part of the bid process beginning in the 09/10 season.
Gunesch/Hupfer/carried**
 - 2) NDS

WR athletes well represented at NDS projects. NDS/USST race was excellent event, probably will not be on next year's schedule but possibly in future years.

3) Other USSA Congress action items

USSA Congress- WR well represented with Galusha as Ed/Dev chair, Alpine Executive and Judicial, Hupfer as Regional chair and Alpine Executive, Galusha, Hupfer and Hammond on Alpine Sport Committee. WR has 23% of the USSA population yet fills 56% of the USST.

4) Coach and managers reports

Good first year for Jeff, learning system, names and expectations.

Jen, Topolino great training experience. Top 15 JO J3 camp to be run in July with sport science component. J2 nationals good venue and project but expensive. 245 athletes in WR physical testing database; goals for increased numbers. Planning a conditioning camp 4-5 days in July of top regional team candidates in San Diego with sport science, nutrition, testing and education components.

5. Development committee report

A. Projects

This year's projects reviewed, posted on the USSA site. Looking into other sites. Alyeska in June discussed as a future possibility.

6. Old business

A. Calendar review per working group meetings

Splitting site for December series based on gender with 1/3 J1s, 1/3 first year 2s and 1/3 second year 2s as targeted quotas.

Executive will review and decide on final bids. All bids must be in by May 26.

Motion: To utilize the two FIS elite series at Utah and Jackson and the Devo speed races at Big Sky as WR J2 Nationals qualifiers. Macaya/Hupfer/carried

ENL races discussed. Discussion of having divisional FIS events when possible instead of ENL. Galusha pointed out that cancelled events and access to low penalties in some but not all divisional FIS could skew WR rankings and points base. Divisions will run some USSA qualifiers as ENL FIS, requests due to Keller now.

7. Alpine officials issues

For scored USSA events, course setters and referees must hold referee licenses.

Discussion on lack of follow through at the USSA level in processing AO upgrades, may affect referees getting status into the system.

Course setters lists discussed, divisions are responsible to get these to the WR office, include email addresses. List can distinguish levels of approved setters i.e. J3s, USSA scored, FIS. Questions being asked by experienced coaches who do not show on the list.

8. New business

A. Rules and procedures review and approval

Discussion of WR Junior Championships structure.

Motion: The WR Junior Championships will be a six start series, 2SL, 2GS, 2SG. One male and one female WR Junior Champion will be named based on World Cup point scoring of each athlete's best results for ½ the number (rounding up) of the events contested. These WR Junior Champions will also be included on the WR Quota to the U.S. National Championships that season. Galusha/Macaya/carried

Motion: To approve the 08/09 WR calendar draft. Kruger/Macaya/carried

Motion: To approve the staff proposals for J3 and J4 selections and shootout format that were distributed in March. Kruger/Hupfer/carried

J4 involvement at Whistler Cup discussed. Galusha argued that J4 content should be fundamentals based yet we calendar events at the divisional and regional level to select a quota of two boys and two girls for the WR. General agreement was that we could do better things with J4 competitions if Whistler Cup selection was out of the mix.

Motion: The WR of the USSA does not support fielding a U.S. team of J4 athletes to the Whistler Cup FIS children's events. Gunesch/Anderson/carried

Motion: If the U.S. does not field J4 team to the Whistler Cup FIS children's events, the WR will eliminate the J4 Festival from its calendar. Crews/Atkins/carried

Keller to look into modifications of WR refund policy when events are cancelled day of. Karen Korfanta will look into NorAm refund policy and get info to Keller.

Discussion of private coaches, parent coaches and athlete's representing themselves at events where entry is via a WR quota. Keller noted that a structure of naming a regional coaching staff to represent and work with all WR athletes at such events as NorAms, U.S. Nationals and Junior 2 Nationals has worked well in the past. This year, a few athletes have opted out of this system due to private coaching. This created problems in covering all athletes on the quota.

Motion: FIS entry forms for WR quota teams will include all athletes on the quota and WR identified staff to be named by the WR Director. All athletes on such FIS entry forms will be required to share in the expenses of the named WR staff for events that they are entered in by the WR. Hupfer/Gunesch/carried

- B. Level 100 and 200 coaches clinic schedule
 - C. Divisional meeting schedule
Keller asked each of the divisions to send him their meeting schedules.
 - D. Other
9. Next meeting
The next meeting will be by teleconference in the Fall of 2008.
 10. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned.

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Rocky/Central Region ASC

The Yarrow - Summit A
Deer Valley, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Jon Nolting

1. Welcome and call to order – Jon Nolting 9:35 a.m.
2. Introduction of RC ACC members

COMMITTEE: Jon Nolting Chair/RMD, Dave Waller Vice-Chair/CEN, Anje Worrell RMD, Pat Callahan RMD, Roger Perricone RMD, Jeff Bruggeman CEN, Casey Charlson CEN, Bill Slattery CEN, Bob Dart RMD. Excused: Darryl Landstrom CEN

GUESTS: Darlene Nolting RMD/USSA, Brewster McVicker CEN/USSA, Terry DelliQuadri RC/USSA, Jeff Kai RMD, Tom Barnes CEN, Sam Damon RMD, Dave Samuels CEN, Tony Olin CEN, Aldo Radamus RMD, Ed Gassman RMD
3. Review and approval of agenda – **M/S/C Slattery/Perricone**
 - A. Membership Update – Sheryl Barnes
 - a. Multi-sport youth membership - \$25 discount for each additional membership sign-up as incentive for members to try different sports.
 - b. Membership Tools on the website – all membership tools are in one place on the new website.
 - c. Online Membership – In the testing stage now. Should be up and running by June.
4. Review and approval of minutes – **M/S/C Callahan/Bruggeman**
5. Staff reports
 - A. Terry DelliQuadri
 - a. Membership issues for the divisions are different. In both divisions the smaller clubs are struggling.
 - b. Staff – Brewster, Darlene and Rob are doing a great job.
 - c. USSA is focusing on working with and helping out the clubs.
 - d. Darlene does a lot of regional work, selections, camps, competition projects and intents. Terry is working with Walt to bring her job description in line with what she is already doing.
 - e. Thanks to everyone for all of their help.

- f. Four Rocky/Central athletes were nominated to the D Team – Michael Ankeny, Hunter Schleper, Wiley Maple, and Will Gregorak. Also many athletes will be invited to both C Team and D Team camps. Ryan Wilson is skiing great. Athletes are skiing well at both Whistler and Topolino.
 - g. We are working well together as a region at camps and competition projects.
- B. Rob Worrell
- a. Report is in the Congress book.
- C. Darlene Nolting
- a. Online Intent to Compete process.
 - b. Junior Olympics at Vail and Winter Park were fantastic and showcase our region.
- D. Brewster McVicker
- a. Thanks to everyone, Darlene and Terry for their help with the on the job training.
 - b. Thanks to everyone in Central for all of their support and help.
 - c. Membership decline was largely due to economics and challenges in the Detroit market.
 - d. Working on scheduling races that are more localized, less travel for Central athletes.
 - e. Good success with our athletes.
 - f. Status quo is not acceptable; we need to make sure we are continually trying to better ourselves.
 - g. Great group of parent volunteers in the region.
 - h. Working on developing a partnership with racing in Ontario, partnering on their venues.
6. Divisional ACC reports
- A. Central – Dave Waller
- a. Communication from Brewster was great; it was appreciated by all the members.
 - b. Central Camps – Central subsidizes the GS and SG camps in the fall. Camp subsidy has replaced athlete grants and this is working well. We have been able to bring in some ex-ski team alumni to the camps.
 - c. Athlete Performance – Michael Ankeny and Julia Wong at U.S. Nationals, and Michael Ankeny and Lauren Samuels at J2 Nationals.
 - d. Central Championships – Great event, low penalties, prize money led to competitive racing. Calendared earlier in March, excellent attendance from out of region and out of U.S.
 - e. Buck Hill was the Alpine Club of the Year.
- B. Rocky Mountain – Jon Nolting
- a. Colorado Ski Cup – A major sponsor, Surefoot, came online. Every CSC was mentioned in the Denver Post and the Rocky Mountain News. Overall it worked well. Fields were strong both in the Elite series and Junior Cup Series.
 - b. Speed Series – will be held in Aspen in 2008-09 in February on J2 Nationals venue.

- c. Age class initiatives – RMD used to seed athletes going into the Qualifiers. The qualifiers will be seeded by TRS in 2008-09. This should help alleviate over racing by J3's and bring a deeper set of J3's into the awards to encourage retention at the Age Class Open level of racing.
 - d. J4/J5 athletes in slalom – RMD is exploring the use of shorter 27 mm gates for slalom to help promote development of our young athletes.
7. New business
- A. Junior Olympic siting
 - a. Task Terry to oversee a working group of no more than five people to report back to the committee with a master plan for a rotation of the J3 and J4 Junior Olympics after 2010. **M/S/C Dart/Perricone**
 - b. J3 – Ski Club Vail submitted a bid – Vail has a proposed schedule that moves up by a few days – Competition starts Mar. 5 in Vail on Golden Peak and then moving to Beaver Creek for the tech events ending Mar. 11.
 - i. Proposal to accept Ski Club Vail's bid for the J3 JO's with the dates as proposed for 2009 and for March 7th -13th, 2010. **M/S/C Perricone/ Worrell**
 - c. J4 – Winter Park and Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club have submitted bids.
 - i. Anje Worrell presented a bid for the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club.
 - ii. Jon Nolting presented a bid for Winter Park.
 - iii. A vote was taken among the RC ACC Committee members and the bid was given to Winter Park on a 5-3 vote.
 - B. Foreign athlete Junior Olympic Proposal
 - a. Foreign USSA member athletes (X-members) who are training and competing in Rocky or Central may qualify for the Rocky/Central J3 or J4 Junior Olympics through the respective division's qualification methods. These foreign athletes will not count against their division's quota. RMD and CEN will each have 4 quota spots total (men and women). Seeding of these foreign athletes will be as additions to the seeds where their qualifying results would seed them (seed would be expanded, would still contain 4R and 4C athletes). These athletes are not eligible for Whistler qualification on the RC USA quota, and will be purged from the results prior to doing the Whistler selections. **M/S/C Slattery/Perricone**
 - C. Divisional ACC proposals needing regional approval
 - a. Rocky/Central Regional Team Criteria – Accept 2009/10 criteria as presented – **M/S/C Callahan/Worrell**
 - D. Update Chairmanship – 2 year term, rotates between Central and Rocky
 - a. Nomination for chair – Dave Waller **M/S/C Bruggeman/Perricone**
 - b. Nomination for vice-chair – Pat Callahan **M/S/C Nolting/Bruggeman**
8. Old business
- a. The new Chair and Vice-Chair should review by-laws and make sure they are updated and current.
9. Adjournment **M/S/C Nolting/Bruggeman**

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USSA Alpine Technical Delegate Working Group

The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Robert Calderwood

1. Call to order

Calderwood called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

2. Review of committee membership

Chair: Robert Calderwood (Central)

Esther DelliQuadri (RMD)

Scott Young (Alaska)

Jill Firstbrook for Chuck Hughes (Eastern)

Ingrid Simonson (Ex Officio, AO Chair)

Don Page (Honorary)

Vice Chair: Randy Rogers (PNSA)

Phil GilanFarr (Far West)

Evert Uldrich (IMD)

Mike Kelley (Northern)

Thelma Hoessler (Ex Officio, AE Chair)

Guests included: Gretchen Ransom, Paul Van Slyke and Jeff Weinman

3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion 1: To approve the agenda as presented.

Uldrich/Page/Passed

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion 2: To approve the minutes as presented.

Page/Uldrich/Passed

5. Reports

A. Chair

Bob distributed the mission statement for the USSA TDWG. It explains what the mission is as a group, and includes the eligibility for membership – which is level three TD and above. More information is available on the sheet.

It was quite a year! Action items to discuss during the meeting include jury meetings and whether the need to be there in person is necessary.

B. Alaska Division

Scott Young: They have implemented a shadowing program for parents, ex coaches, etc. for people to follow the TD along and get some experience in the race arena. With limited qualified officials and venues, race juries tend to get repetitious as the same people keep doing the same old thing. So they're trying some new ideas to get new people in positions to relieve redundancy and boredom.

C. Central Division

Gretchen Ransom: They have been seeing a slight decline in active USSA TDs due to kids moving on. More are coming in to the ranks, it's a cyclic situation.

D. Eastern Region

Jill Firstbrook: They are working to keep TDs involved, interested, and educated. They do have some TDs retiring, but they are replacing them as needed. She feels they have a strong base. They are also continuing the process of educating people to keep up level of performance.

Don Page also added that Stan Goldschmidt was one of the TDs who was vigilant about rechecking the vertical drops and elevations regardless of what was printed out on homologation reports. Don also requested that more information for homologation files be available and easily accessible.

The Chair reminded the group that the Courses Committee will be dealing with the issue during their meeting. He did feel from his experience that the PDF file would be small enough that it would be easily downloadable.

Don Page just wanted to remind the group that the TDs are remiss in their duties if they're not checking for the report and looking at it.

The Chair reminded the group that checking the elevation and vertical drop are both duties of the TD.

E. Far West Division

Phil GilanFarr: Phil reported that their TD base is growing as a result of their rebuilding that began about five years ago. They have worked through the past few years to get some newer TDs educated and involved. It has worked well. He reported a smooth year. Phil said that they do have some coaches who are also TDs, but that they assign them to an event where they're not coaching.

F. Intermountain Division

Evert Uldrich: Evert reported that for once they had too much snow rather than not enough snow. A few race venues had to be changed as a result. They have quite a few TDs in the region, and many of them are FIS TDs. Evert discussed his methods of establishing vertical drop measurements.

The Chair asked Evert's opinion about the quality and reliability of GPS and altimeter units. Evert replied that you get what you pay for, and that the cheaper the equipment the less accurate the reading. He also explained the improvements in GPS technology and the difficulties achieving an accurate reading because of the nature of the angle that the satellites are measuring. Others in the group discussed their methods of measuring.

Charlie Burnham talked about the topographical maps that are used for checking elevations, and that varying factors can alter the elevations recorded on those, such as old photos, different coverage of foliage which can give false elevations, etc.

G. PNSA Division

Randy Rogers: Randy reported that their division also dealt with a lot of snow throughout the winter. He said that one of his TDs had been at a race where it was snowing up to four inches an hour. He hasn't seen a lot of new TDs in their pipeline, but they're working on it. Roger Root has been helping by scheduling clinics in conjunction with coaching clinics to help make the clinics more attractive to attendees. Randy reported that Paul

Mahre is working on a proposal for a different method of gate count. Randy commented that preemptive communication with course setters also helps. He also commented that early communication helps with obtaining the homologation files. He discussed how much communication helps, and cited a situation from Whistler and multiple radio points along the course to ensure competitor security in foggy conditions.

H. Rocky Mountain Division

RMD – Esther DelliQuadri: Esther reported that she has had several requests for TD evaluations, and has had some issues dealing with people on the low end of the scale. Esther said that in extreme cases of poor performance, they would handle it “in house.” Esther also commented that throughout the winter she noticed some TDs having a lack of ability to troubleshoot problems. She intends to have a portion of their fall clinics devoted to such issues.

Paul Van Slyke discussed gate counts and the need for meeting the minimums. He discussed not only communicating the rules but enforcing them. He asked the group to address their coaches and course setters and task them to meet the minimum gate counts. Tapes and other measuring devices help to give an idea of the parameters, but they don't work if you don't use them.

Gary Wright brought up the viewpoint that part of the need to meet the minimum counts is from a risk management stand point.

Once again, the group agreed that there's a huge need for communication, not only for obtaining homologation files but for working with course setters and juries as well.

Thelma Hoessler reminded the group of the need to document their actions, jury minutes, and the need for following due process as dictated by the USOC.

Jeff Weinman reminded the group to use the American Specialty accident form or the USSA won't process the injury claim. Regardless of how much information is known about the incident/accident, the paperwork should be sent in ASAP.

6. Old business

A. Status of use of NEW USSA TD candidate nomination form and the USSA TD candidate performance evaluation form

The Chair discussed changing the TD candidate form and asked if anyone had used it or had any comments. It can be found in the master packet of forms. Thelma reminded the group that when they're circulating new forms for approval that they should create and/or send documents in a format that's easily used by a majority of people.

B. Per diem for USSA TD's – Results from 2007-08

The Chair talked about the USSA TD per diems. He had asked for copies of expense reports, and only got 70 out of 400 some odd races. Bob showed a chart with compiled information that he received from the reports that did show up. He asked for the group to continue to send in their information this coming season.

Randy Rogers brought forth a proposal to amend the rule for reimbursement. He felt that the per diem should be given to TDs level 3 and above. Randy feels the need to be sensitive to sites paying the costs, as well as rewarding the TDs who have stuck it out to be level 3.

Motion 3: To restrict the \$50 USSA TD per diem reimbursement to level 3 TDs and up. Rogers/Hoessler/Failed

Other comments included the need to raise the level of reimbursement, the comment that not all TDs are charging for expenses, the desire to keep the reimbursement because it raises the level of professionalism, and smaller events and venues have a harder time covering the expenses.

Charlie Burnham said that it doesn't work well for some TDs to charge and some not to charge. There is concern that organizing committees will 'shop' for TDs if some don't charge and some do. Gary Wright said that even donating the money back to the ROC can also be misconstrued. The question was raised as to whether the sanction agreement should spell out the costs - Jeff Weinman said that the agreement did stipulate all costs associated with the event.

Evert Uldrich opened a discussion about the challenges facing the IMD and how much it costs to bring in officials for events.

Motion 4: to amend the rule 602.2.4, which states that a TD cannot be a member of the local organizing association. The amendment would allow for "a USSA TD who is a member of the local organizing committee to be appointed to non-scored events under exceptional circumstances such as excessive travel."

Uldrich/DelliQuadri/Passed

Discussion followed, and included the need, if a TD was chosen from the local organizing committee, to have an objective TD since the rest of the jury was also local. Randy Rogers also commented on the need for having a representative who was objective. Paul Van Slyke felt that it's not a good situation to get a reputation about having a 'local' jury for events.

C. Reporting of vertical drop

The Chair discussed TD reports and vertical drop reporting. Mistakes are down on forms, which is good. Form completion and accuracy are improving. The Chair recommended the cessation of TD report review regarding vertical drop reporting.

7. New business

A. Team Captains' meetings – are they necessary or can they be accomplished electronically?

The Chair opened discussion regarding Team Captains' meetings and the need for them. Are they necessary and can they be achieved electronically? The consensus was that they are a necessary part of the event and conducting them electronically is not an option.

B. TDs relationship with the ROC – Good experiences should be communicated to the ROC.

Randy Rogers discussed the need to pass along good information as well as the tough stuff concerning races and how things went. He will be starting a blog and welcomes ideas and comments.

C. Other

Bob discussed a slight change to the TD report forms. He would like to see the applied penalty as well as the calculated penalty shown on the form.

8. Executive session

Randy discussed the need for TDs to be up to date, to know how to troubleshoot problems, to know how to do stuff that goes on in a race. He also stressed the need to work with the

RAs to get stuff done. Thelma also reminded the group that they as TDs, and as candidates, deserve the utmost respect when they go to a site. Jill reminded the group that it's a group event and that it takes everyone.

Proposal for level 3 TDs to move to level 4:

PNSA – Ev Colter

IMD – Bob Bolduc

RMD – George Brooks and Tony Nunnikhoven

The East presented four people for level 3 TD:

Nick Brewster – 5380837

Whitney Browne – 4961702

William Dunstan – 480552

John McGregor - 5103072

9. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Education and Development Subcommittee

The Yarrow - Kearns
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Dave Galusha

Members present:	Dave Galusha - Chair	Dour Williams - East
	Jeff Byrne - Ex-officio	Craig Kruger - West
	Gina Gassman - Athlete	Casey Charlson - R/C
	Finn Gundersen - USSA ed.	Kirk Dwyer - Ex-officio
USSA staff present:	Jesse Hunt	Walt Evans
	Luke Bodensteiner	Tim Maguire
	Terry DelliQuadri	Jeff Pickering
	Darlene Nolting	Jen Stielow
	Sheryl Barnes	

Approximately 30 guests

1. Call to order

Galusha called the meeting to order at 2:00. Welcome- Topics not limited to agenda. Guests please wait until reports are completed prior to asking questions. Only meeting each year where domestic programs have access to USSA/USST leadership staff.

2. Review and adoption of agenda

3. Review of minutes

4. Review membership

R/C to name second Regional Rep

5. Review of Committee's role within the USSA structure

Committee role and membership reviewed

6. Chair's report

7. USSA staff reports

A. Athletic Department – Bodensteiner

1) Talent ID

Don't want to overstate the role of talent id. It is really a new area for us; it is a new area in general. It is sort of an idea in the same vein as development programs, it is an additive program. There are a lot of anecdotal stories about how talent id is successful,

even in nations where it is done it is a small part of the program. We are looking at it as an additive component, and we will step into it gradually.

2) Pipelines

Have challenged the sport directors to update their pipelines this summer; Alpine has been very good at describing theirs. Draft of new Pipeline distributed. Pipeline model is a descriptor, what we want to add into it is the technical and physical skills. This is a training focus that we want to have and to be able to use it as a leadership tool.

3) Elite Coach Fast Track

A program that we are going to put in place starting this fall, an elite coach fast track system, pro-active for what we anticipate will be a lack of coaches after the Olympics. Top level coaches that aren't working with the team - we will start to ID them and move them up in the system. We will put them in the system and educate them.

Q Talent ID, what are your goals for the alpine program, do you have any idea where you want to take it?

A Not really, we have already started in Aerials. In a sport like Alpine where you have multi disciplined athletes it is harder. We want to start to ID early which sports young athletes may be suited for.

Finn: Let's say you had 20 quota spots for a camp, and you have eight athletes in contention for the last three spots, maybe you would select the last three on results of physical testing.

Dave: The other thing that alpine has going for it is the history of top athletes and their junior testing results. Can study this for Talent ID factors.

Dave: Fast track coaches program, Americans?

Luke: It has potential spin offs. It is for American coaches that really want to get tracked into the national team. Pipeline, the Sport Directors are taking the lead in the pipeline, expect to be done by July.

B. Alpine Director – Hunt

Welcome, for the content of our program, I am going to refer you to page 61, what we are doing at the elite level, men's and women's team.

12 months ago I talked about direction with regard to criteria and the changes that we were going to make. Now that we have been through the spring, it has been a very difficult spring. It was a difficult and challenging process. We have done the best with the athletes to communicate with them. Beyond the athletic program we have opportunities available. With regard to the season, we had historic results at the World Cup. What is exciting for me is we had top notch results at the level below that, at the Europa Cup, it was a reflection on how focused the athletes were to make the team. And down below that- World Junior's our team standings and three male athletes made the top 5.

Age ranking and where we stand with that, on the Women's side we still have some work to do. We picked a smaller team purposefully so we do more invitations there.

Outside of that-some changes, head coaches have moved on—Jim Tracy is the new women's coach, on the men's side Sasha Rearick.

We are going to provide as consistent a program as possible.

C. Coaches Education – Gundersen

I appreciate the people who went to the conference, it exceeded our expectations.

Report is on page 86.

Close to 1000 coaches attended clinics, we had 83% evaluate our clinics as excellent.

I want to look at a few things for goals on page 86-87.

We are going to try and issue some joint papers to help out with the clubs.

Coaching requirements—whether or not we require all coaches to be educated to be coach members of USSA, no firm time line on that. We are integrating with PSIA.

Kirk: Obviously you are making a lot of progress with coaches' education. But the lack of services coming from the USSA, how do you disseminate to the eastern region the education we need? We just need adequate staffing and staff support.

Doug: There is a huge concern about the building, that we won't be able to access that.

Finn: The education dept. has the smallest staff, we have had instructors fly out here for meetings, and they then in turn were educated and were supposed to disseminate the information. They are very aware that they are going to have to support the entire country.

Dave: The initial presentation on the COE, people across the country being able to log in and see videos or watch presentations, training, etc.

Doug: What comes out of the east, how you can change the current state of it, to put together a strategic plan.

Dave: Coaches requirements, have you thought about the idea that you have a certain amount of time after joining in which you must engage in education programs to maintain membership?

Finn: Not all have followed through on certification, but I like that idea.

D. NDS – Evans

Integrated education and development system. We are going to post the Congress books online. The report I have on page 79 is the operations plan. It talks about our purpose and operations plan. It is great to have Jesse and Luke to work with.

Jesse is in charge of the Alpine website, and I am in charge of the Club website. We hope that you use it.

Jen Stielow worked on physical conditioning sports science field test, and impact evaluation, for concussions.

Goals the same as last year. Critical success factor: leadership, integration, sustainability, continuity. Eight year analysis of the NorAm cup. On the next page is an analysis of world juniors, we are starting to gain again. If we don't have athletes starting in the first seed we don't have a chance to ski onto the podium.

Topolino spreadsheet, we did not achieve goal. There are 49 athletes in the first seed with a random draw. Our first seed athletes did not have luck of the draw.

Darlene and that staff had a record year up at Whistler Cup - five gold medals.

Deviating from the agenda, Sheryl Barnes from Membership

Multi-sport youth discount, 2008-09 for those athletes that have more than one youth membership, it is programmed into the online renewal system.

Thanks to Jeff, the late fee for Alpine FIS reduced from \$180 to \$150.

Member list tool - allows you to go online and download a list of members.

Online registration is in beta right now. We will test in the field in the next couple of weeks; we have targeted a goal of 50% of our members to register online. The same time we launch the renewal, we will also launch a dashboard where you can update your information.

Background question - times vary; how many counties or states you have lived in, and foreign background screening takes a long time.

E. Regional Reports – Maguire/DelliQuadri/Keller

Region reports are in the printed materials.

8. Discussion items

Clear path issues

Page 131 projects are outlined; online there is more detail.

Page 161 on the #2 project, new project, interface with John Hale and the D team women and Lester, 12 ladies invited, 5 to attend.

Junior champions camp, first camp, must be a fundamentals camp, Nov. 9-15 complement the regions and the clubs.

Women's speed Nov 29, using world cup venue. Free ski on that venue.

J2 Women's FIS TBA, Europe.

Doug: Happened this spring, is that the timing of project #2 and letting people know two weeks ahead of time, it is an important time for us, particularly if we don't get enough notice on it.

Walt: If you have issues we need your feedback.

Jesse: We have a chance in April to evaluate our program and evaluate our plan. It wasn't by design, Walt and his staff delivered on this, we want to take advantage of the snow.

Dave: What is routing of invitations?

Walt: We have a guideline, 30 days national notification. The routing of the invitation goes to the home coach; we want you to carry the good news to the athlete to the parents. You deal with it internally, then a week later the athlete gets the letter.

Lester: Confusion on how invitations are issued and how you are invited to camps in May vs. June. They are based around the educational materials that Finn and Jesse produce. The May camp, within the progression is our first content, it is short, the next camp in June has three different contents depending on how many times you have been. The content has always been what we would have done if we had a higher level camp, if the season had allowed us to do that, that group is an older group. If you have never been to June you get an invitation to May. We try to progress experiences for the athletes as they qualify for the camps.

Development Team

A lot of the D team women didn't make criteria?

Jesse: The highlights were Laurenne Ross made the C team. She was a highlight. Julia Ford moved along, she is still just off the mark; some of the athletes had some injuries. We need to keep moving forward with the program. We want to start in May. The key for us is to create some training opportunities for us and hopefully it translates into performance. Are we getting a program that is appropriate, yes. 55-60 days on snow before the season starts.

Doug: Are the girls coming to you with fundamentals?

Jesse: We need to assess. That is one thing we need to do to get the girls together and athletes getting exposure helps them and their club. Affecting that group and improving that skill - broaden skills and move them. We could short term focus on one discipline where the athlete already has talent, but we aren't doing that right now. School, how do you manage the young athletes who are still in high school? The markers are an indicator to us as a nation, philosophy is what we are doing as a nation rather than an individual, are our programs good enough at every level to win? It may happen, it may not happen. It is a great indication where we are in the international arena at every level.

Dave: size of the Development Teams and attitude of the staff are they positive for more opportunities in competition to invite people?

Jesse: They had opportunity to train with the D Team, with the competition at that level it is chosen by NDS. The easiest way to choose racers is the objective marker, reflect on what we have done to date.

Walt: We have encouraged them to keep their team size down so that there is room for those athletes.

Terry: Comment on the D team, why they aren't making criteria. In the NorAms the third place girl was 6 seconds out. There is definitely a lack of depth, which is why we jumped on this move to fill that gap.

Dave: Are we in a temporary down cycle with female talent? Hopefully the good young girls coming up will turn this around.

Terry: Hopefully you can take those peaks and valleys out.

Finn: We are worried that female hockey and other sports have taken away from skiers, we might have lost a certain number of athletes that we will never get back.

Jesse: What we are doing with holding our programs accountable, this is just part of the process, we do need to pay attention to it, this is where we need to put some effort and resources.

Walt: On page 132 Clear Path for NDS project invitations, the second box up needs to be Whistler and the June camp this is for the 2008-09 season.

Dave: The J2 Nationals one of the more exciting things we put on, are there any comments about that event?

Doug: Congrats on the Aspen J2's, it was great. But we did have a housing situation, sometimes the girls had to go back and forth twice in one day and a kid is not going to pay \$3000 to attend J2's it has to be part of the package.

Jeff Kai: We are working on trying to find lodging

Dave: Can we look for sponsors to help underwrite the cost?

Jeff: Looking for a donation and tax advantage.

Walt: We watched that event very closely, it is important to get Canada to compete with us. One thing, in both genders we are hovering at 50 points, the slalom penalties are in low 30's, we need to work on getting penalties lower. So we are first seed in the world, we should think of working with FIS U races.

J4 Development System

Dave: The J4 development system in this country, there is not a person who disagrees that this is the most important time for fundamentals yet we let selection for Whistler Cup affect our content and competition calendar for this group. Western region has adopted the stance, that the concept of J4's at the Whistler Cup is not beneficial to development and supports not fielding a J4 team to the event in the future.

Kirk: I disagree with the women. I had an athlete that won three events. I think that the females are two years ahead of the boys, with boys there is much more maturation disparity than with girls. I think the women should be there.

Terry: I just want to highlight one athlete that attended all four years.

Dave: He is only athlete to be there four years in a row. The majority of J4s selected do not go more than once.

Darlene: I have been project leader there for a number of years, we had seven or eight athletes who repeated, and those athletes that did repeat skied stronger the following year. This year our girls skied with much more confidence than in the past, I think there is a little bit of experience that pays off. The athletes handle it very responsibly. Another comment, J4's if they didn't go, it would be an intense project for the J3's.

Dave: Comments are all focused on the ones that had been chosen. I am arguing that the associated selection/competition calendar and training content becomes counterproductive to what we should be focusing on—fundamentals. Were there races created to qualify a quota of four? If we don't have the J4's at the Whistler Cup, competition schedules can allow for more fundamentals focus and alternative fun competition events.

Casey: I don't think there is anything negative you can get out of it. Kids get a lot of it.

Kirk: It depends on what the goals are for that race, the men's side two athletes that have scored world cup points, on the women's side there were quite a few women.

Terry: I think one thing that we should consider, how many of those girls, if they didn't have these carrots out there, would they go somewhere else?

Kurt: We have a big contingent, there is a huge impact on the J4's that do not go to Whistler Cup. We have athletes that have quit because they did not make the Whistler Cup. We are losing some kids because of the requirements to get to Whistler.

Darlene: J4's have three full weekends of racing and then qualifiers and then JOs and then Whistler Cup.

Dave: I am optimistic that this discussion will be brought up again in the future.

Kirk: In the East having a focus and coming together to compete is beneficial.

Dave: Not ready to make a proposal, but ready to bring it back to the state or regional level.

The use of stubbies, children's poles, and Kombi events for non scored competitions.

Are there any safety issues? Only in the positive. The Kombi event now has some guidelines from the FIS.

Jeff: These types of events would be very much supported.

Kirk: Mark Sharpe J5-4's they set guidelines there are positive things about stubbies, but there may be negatives as well, Rocky is doing innovative work in shorter gates.

Dave: What we are seeking right now is the support of the USSA for non-scored races.

John Jacobs: There is a deficiency in the criteria whether or not this should apply to junior racers, back in 2003 we took a good look between stubbies and tall gates, there needs to be age appropriate gates. In NY we intended it to be training device, the reaction was very positive. Their development committees decided to use it because of the fairness of sport. Clearly the smaller child has a disadvantage with the big gates. NY now has an age specific tall gate and that is what they are running with. If it is going to be a precision to the ACR, the stand height 64" and 25mm in diameter, the flex is mass appropriate.

Jeff Sirjane: Support of this has been addressed at Topolino - at international level, 50% slalom stubbies, and 50% age appropriate gates.

Casey: We finally got a Kombi race and the feedback was negative because there was nothing in the books. The coaches that were against it say it belongs in the domain of training.

Dave: Part of the reasoning is that if you don't throw it at people in competition some people won't train it.

Terry: Just want to point out, at J4's international, there is no slalom it is only stubbies and kombi courses. Dan Strip did a study last year with racers from Koznik to Aldo's son and videoed running a tall gate, they used gates cut at different levels, Koznik was the same with every gate level, younger kids were best with 48in and 27mm gates. Ski club Vail is now using those gates.

Motion: To allow the use of stubbie gates and age appropriate gates designed and manufactured for children for non-scored events, and to allow the running of non-scored kombi races per the kinder kombi technical data that we have from the children FIS level. M/S/C

Coaches' education issues

Going into a season where to be a referee or a course setter in scored events, you must be a certified referee.

Finn: Maybe create a National Standard to purge every two years, some people report every six months and some never do. So there is no regulation throughout the system.

Dave: Compliant course setting, for scored races. A strong mandate that fudging a TD report with gate numbers and distances that a lot of courses crowd the distances, we are hurting our development because we are making our courses too easy?

Troy: We have to fudge the numbers the other way, for J4's.

Walt: We don't have much expertise on little kids stuff, we need to adapt that so that it is appropriate for little kids. We might have to do a study group. Suggest putting together a study group on this to report for next year. (Group was established after the meeting.)

Jeff: Why aren't we coordinated with officials and coaches?

Finn: A lot of the first year coaches are just level ones. We thought it was a little onerous for all coaches to be level 1 referee, if we bite the bullet to say you have to be certified to be a

coach member than we will throw that in there, eventually to be a level 1 certified coach you will need to be a level 1 referee.

Jeff: If more coaches have that info they would be better coaches, maybe keeping your referee certification part of your education, let's work on it.

Calendaring Issues

Walt: USST athletes who don't make World's will come home for the first 2.5 weeks of Feb. We will have a NorAm meeting when we get to S. Africa. We don't have U.S. Nationals or the dates locked down. J2 nationals will be later, around Mar. 7.

NCAA will be in Sunday River GS on Mar. 11, SL on Mar. 13.

World U games will not be attended by the U.S. due to issues of medical access from site.

FIS U quotas? No change.

Equipment regulations

Walt and Jesse will pay attention to the less aggressive side cuts on the World Cup this year and the trickledown effect.

9. Old business

10. New business

Dave's two year term is coming up, the limits are 4 two year terms. He will take the position on two conditions:

- 1) The development staff at the USSA engages him from time to time on issues that may be pertinent to this committee.
- 2) Members of the committee forward issues for the next meeting as they emerge. If no issues are identified, communicate that information.

**Motion: To elect Galusha to serve as Committee Chair for another two year term.
Byrne/Williams/carried**

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine FIS Technical Delegate Working Group

The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Tom Winters

1. Call to order
2. Review of committee membership

Tom Winters	Chair	Present
Paul Van Slyke	Vice Chair	Present
Bob Dart	Member	Present
Bob Calderwood	Member	Present
Bill Hicks	Member	Present
Chuck Hughes	Member	Represented by: Jill Firstbrook
Randy Rogers	Member	Present
Ingrid Simonson	(Ex-Officio)	Present
Bill Slattery	(Honorary)	Present
Jeff Weinman	(USSA Staff)	Present

FIS committee members present

Allen Church: Timing Working Group

Bob Calderwood: DAR Events

Bob Dart: NorAm – COC / Masters Racing

Karen Korfanta: Alpine Rules and Control / Alpine Ladies Working Group

Ted Sutton: Alpine Courses and Technical Advisors

Jeff Weinman: Alpine Classification

Tom Winters: Alpine Technical Delegates / Sub: University Racers

Note: There were some 36 attendees at the meeting.

3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection.
5. Reports
 - A. Chair
 - 1) FIS report and review of activities – FIS Members present

The chair asked the various FIS committee members, as well as industry members, to highlight issues of interest which will be discussed at the upcoming FIS meetings in Cape Town, South Africa.

Karen Korfanta – Alpine Rules and Control / Alpine Ladies Working Group – Undertook a review of the ongoing rule proposals to be addressed at the upcoming FIS meetings. It was noted that the entire ICR is being modified and redrafted for inclusion as a new ICR to be printed for season 2008-09. Karen has also recently assumed the position of NorAm manager for the USSA and as such she reviewed the successful past season's program. It was also noted that the FIS Ladies working group is working on a seminar for all disciplines.

Allen Church – Timing and Calculations – FIS Timing Book is being updated and in the review of the "timing reports" from the past season, it was noted that 4% of all reports highlighted that no system "A" timer was operational or utilized.

Ted Sutton – Courses – Referenced and reviewed ongoing homologation issues and projected ongoing activities such as the desire for electronic filing of homologation reports and access.

Bob Dart – NorAm / COC / Masters – Reviewed FIS proposals i.e. rules clarification with regard to the A/B NorAm section i.e. live timing, water bar usage, video control and race quality. The FIS International Masters Cup will be in the U.S. next year, possibly at Mammoth Mtn., CA.

Bob Calderwood – DAR events – No issues to report on, still in a state of discovery.

Jeff Weinman – Classification – Gave a broad overview of activities within the classification area and upcoming related programs within the USSA.

John Jacobs – Equipment supplier / Reliable Racing Supply – Reviewed new stubbie 27 cm / 180 cm pole for youth events. It was noted that attention should again be paid to the method of utilization of panels and poles especially regarding high wind application i.e. lowering of panels vs. bow tie.

Tom Winters – Technical Delegate issues

- a) Equipment – No issues this past season but everyone will need to be properly informed as to the outcome of the equipment proposals being made to the FIS and the implementation dates as adjusted.
- b) FIS Completion and TD Reports – 100% delivery. Expense reports 70% - needs improvement.
- c) Extensive discussion was undertaken on the need for classical Team Captains' meeting based upon risk management issues and the report made by Roger Perricone on the beta test undertaken.

Based upon the aforementioned beta test results, the need for "classical team captains' meeting", with physical participation by athlete representatives vs. internet utilization, was unanimously reconfirmed.

- d) Review at the TD meeting in Cape Town will include
 - i) Technical Delegate aspirant and retirement age study
 - ii) Race point manipulation
 - iii) Replacement chair for the committee

iv) World Cup assignments – nations for 2008-09

B. Regional / International reviews – assignments / venue comments

- 1) Central Division – No issues.
- 2) Eastern Region – No issues, just need for additional TDs due to increasing schedule.
- 3) Intermountain Division – No issues, however, referenced need for additional TDs to facilitate event coverage in the future due to retirements.
- 4) Rocky Mountain Division – Everything was acceptable due to the good cooperation and work of the regions TDs.
- 5) Western Region – Same as Intermountain.
- 6) International – WC / COC / JUN / CHI Reports – Winters noted that he would continue to pursue TD exchanges for foreign assignments.

6. Educational programs – location and dates

Mandatory annual FIS TD updates. Salt Lake City, USA – Oct. 24-26, 2008. Toronto, CAN – Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 2008. Please note that all interested parties, ROC members, national officials, race administrators as well as World Cup, NorAm and National Championship organizers are invited and encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

7. Old and new business

- A. Report from the USSA office
No issues reported on.
- B. Update programs – suggestions and observations
No comments.
- C. Use of internet / FIS Site / Split Second – comments and observations
No reported issues. Thelma Hoessler noted how quickly Split Second Timing continues to address and resolve problems.
- D. FIS – suggestions and observations
Need for greater communication with ROC event organizers as to TD assignments was noted by Ingrid Simonson and such will be undertaken this next season.

8. Closed meeting session

- A. Discussion of two current TD candidates and their position within the FIS educational and testing process was reported on. Dirk Gouwens and Mark Sullivan have completed all of their requirements and were accepted as eligible for submission to the FIS TD committee for consideration as TDs.
- B. It was noted that candidate Grant Lindemer has finished the practical portion of his FIS required testing program and would be eligible to take his final on hill examination and written examination during this coming season's update meetings.
- C. Approval of the TD aspirant / candidate – Tony Nunnikhoven (Rocky).

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Ingrid Simonson

1. Reconvened meeting to order
The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.
2. Roll call and determination of voting members

Chair: Ingrid Simonson

Vice Chair: Gretchen Ransom

AO Education WG: Thelma Hoessler

USSA TD WG: Bob Calderwood

FIS TD WG: Tom Winters

Eastern: Chuck Hughes

Central: Gretchen Ransom

RMD: Esther DelliQuadri

IMD: Mike Hammer

Northern: J. C. Knaub

Far West: Phil GilanFarr

PNSA: Roger Root

Alaska: Scott Young

Charlie Burnham (*Ex officio*)

Bill Gaylord (*Ex officio*)

Fraser West (*Honorary*)

No role call was taken as the group had been recessed, but the Chair reminded the group that Jill Firstbrook is representing Eastern for the meeting and Mike Kelly is the new rep for Northern.

3. Review and approval of Agenda

Agenda items for the meeting include the use of stubbies for J4 and J5 races, TC, JA, RA officials – do they need different language for updates, and election of chair and vice chair.

Thelma H. moved and Charlie B. seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

4. Review and approval of Minutes from May 2007
5. Working Group Reports

A. Education

T. Hoessler

Thelma reported that they used the session to discuss real-life cases, ideas, and desires for change. There were no action items. Thelma moved and Mike Hammer seconded to approve the report. The motion passed.

B. USSA TD

B. Calderwood

Bob Calderwood reported that they had an exciting meeting. Bob discussed amendment to rule 602.2.4 regarding USSA TDs from local organizing associations appointed at races. Not many expense reports were turned in – 70ish out of 470 races. Bob reported that the amendment voted on in his group came to a tie vote, and that he had to vote to break the tie. Bob moved, and Jill Firstbrook seconded to accept Bob's report. The motion passed.

C. FIS TD

T. Winters

Paul Van Slyke reported that their action item was a recommendation that the FIS TD WG supports the traditional Team Captains' meetings as outlined in the rules. In addition, in educational pursuits it is their (FIS TD WG) desire to guide their TDs so that they'll stay within the covers of the rule book. Forerunners were also discussed, and there is a proposed amendment to allow age-appropriate, national point holders who are qualified ability-wise to forerun. The group is also working on accommodation standards for FIS TDs at events. Paul moved, Bob Calderwood seconded, to approve the report. The motion passed.

6. Old Business

A. Tracking alpine officials work history and service records: Update

Jeff Weinman reported that from a membership update standpoint, regions should get information to him (Jeff) as early as possible (clinic updates, certification levels) so that information can be included on cards when officials send in their renewals. Jeff discussed the need for timeliness in reporting information – don't wait until the spring or the last minute (if at all possible) to get information to him so that it can get updated on the web since that's the most current and reliable source for officials' status. Although regions might do their own thing on their own sites, he needs the information sent to him ASAP. Once a year updates leave some people out of the loop, and a rolling update seems to work better. He encounters fewer phone calls and less clueless people as a result. The East is one that operates on the once-a-year spring update in order to better police their roster. Jill said that they would try to send in information as the clinics conclude, and that would help a bit for Jeff. She wasn't sure if they could update all the officials, but felt that at least for the CO and REF levels they could. Those positions are ones in which credentials are crucial, and they know on a state and regional level who's legal and who's not. Jeff said that he can handle roster updates from the representatives at any time, and is willing to accept it on an ongoing basis. Grant Lindemer suggested that the regional roster representatives send in their information after clinics. A target date of Dec. 15 was suggested for getting in clinic and updates in to Jeff so that the officials' list can be updated. Ingrid reminded the group that the course setters that take a clinic still need to actually join the USSA and go through the background screening before they're legal. Jeff explained a bit of the process of membership and background screening. How they appear on the website, how they're listed, how and when their status changes, etc. Although the target date is Dec. 15, information should still be sent in ASAP or in the spring at the latest. Jeff has been working with the different reps to streamline information and clean up rosters. Jeff discussed the changes in tabulation regarding reporting of officials and how to designate clinics and updates, as far as whether to show the update as a date, or a season. At this point, it looks like the season will be designated. The 'last clinic attended' posting will be on the website.

B. Protocol for On-site USSA memberships: Update

Protocol for USSA online membership signup was discussed by Sheryl Barnes at the a.m. session. Thelma also said that although membership can be obtained quickly, some of the ROCs are putting a deadline on online memberships, like two hours before the TCM, etc. Jeff cautioned the group that if it's a hurry-up sign up at a race site, they (RA, ROC) should try and make sure that a parent signs the form instead of the athlete forging the parent's signature.

C. Compliance issues: Every other year update requirement for TD, RF, JA

Each of the regions seems to be handling their own issues with regard to certification downgrading. The request was made to standardize things like downgrading officials on a nationwide basis so that one division isn't giving the ax to an official, just to have that official land in another area to try and officiate. Discussion followed on what constitutes an update in a season. For example, if someone takes a clinic now, and does nothing further, when do they actually become unofficial? Paul posed the question of should the season for an official mirror the USSA membership dates? It was agreed that the seasons are essentially the same. In the end, it was agreed that the divisions should be the ones to purge their rosters and update with Jeff on a timely basis.

D. Course setting issues

A reminder on the requirements for course setters was given.

Jon Jacobs from Reliable Racing presented a discussion on using stubbies on non-scored events. Jon said that he discussed age-appropriate equipment with the development committee. They discussed different divisions using different gates. Some divisions use stubbies, some chose the J4 rapid gate. Comments resulting from the discussion with the development committee included athlete progression and training for athletes utilizing different tools and gates, trying to judge events using stubbies, and comments from coaches who had used different types of gates. Jon's speech was mostly informative, as a different group will have this as an action item, not us. There is a task force formed, and they are looking at not only what type of gate is acceptable for competitor safety, etc, but also at how the rules are laid out.

Questions arose regarding RAs and CRs their certification requirements and whether they should mirror the other officials' matrix guidelines. Esther voiced a desire to see CR required to do the two year update as well as TD, JA, and REF. Gary Wright suggested that the divisions handle the update requirements with a suggestion in the rules to update every two years. Thelma recommended that the RA, TC, and CR should be updated by attending their duty-specific update. Esther believes that the tracking of officials that we're already doing with the 'last update' column will also help resolve the issue. Jill asked for some additional language in the update regarding the recommendations for the RA, TC, and CR should be updated on a regular basis.

Jon Jacobs also discussed proper usage of gate panels. The process for homologation of a panel is very specific, and if it isn't used the way it's tested it won't perform as designed. The homologation is virtually negated when they're not hung properly. Using bungee straps to gather the panel rather than butterfly technique helps to mitigate the issue. However, butterflying gate panels, undoing one side, etc., basically defeats the effectiveness of the panel. Panels need to be attached properly or they don't work right. Jon has a desire to see different language in the rules, especially with regard to altering the panel placement.

Karen Korfanta said that the only discussion on a FIS level is to increase the size of the panel to include more advertising.

7 New Business

**Motion: to elect Gretchen Ransom as AOWG chair.
Burnham/GilanFarr/without objection**

**Motion: to elect Chuck Hughes as vice-chair.
Van Slyke/Hoessler/without objection**

8. Executive Session: Level 4 Candidate Review

Divisional representatives

See lists for individuals.

All advancements were approved without objection.

Mike Kelly asked for help regarding clinics and updating officials who haven't had their clinics and updates recorded properly. It was agreed that officials could be grandfathered in if it was felt that there was an error or lapse in reporting, or if the division felt that the official had met the requirements. One case in point was people in his division who had worked races but hadn't reported them. Paul cautioned him to make sure that tests were being taken in applicable situations.

9. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn

Kelly/Burnham/without objection

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Regional Subcommittee

The Yarrow - Alpine
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

Members Present: Chair Beat Hupfer, Jeff Bruggeman (Rocky/Central), Curt Hammond (West)

Guests: Darryl Landstrom

1. Call to order

Hupfer called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Review and adoption of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

3. Review of minutes

The minutes were approved without objection.

4. Membership population review

The group reviewed the population tables presented in the materials.

5. USSA fee structure review

Reviewed Membership Update handout May 2008 from Cheryl that covers the USSA fee structures (only change is FIS late fee is down to \$ 150), USSA Club and Online services. Online membership registration is great news, thanks to staff for making this happen.

6. Reports

Regional staff reports from the 2007/08 season are in the Congress materials.

A. Eastern region – there was no report.

B. Rocky/Central region

Bruggeman reported from R/C meeting that Winter Park will host J4 JO's and Vail J3 JO's for the next two years. A special foreign quota of four athletes for the J4 and J3 event was approved.

C. Western region

Hupfer reported from WR meeting that an event evaluation form will be used starting with the 2008-09 season. TDs and Refs will be asked to email the form to the Regional office (cc the race organizer) after completion of the event. It then will be used in future bid process to help raise the quality of regional events.

7. New business

8. Old business
9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Courses Working Group

The Yarrow - Alpine
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2008
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Ted Sutton

1. Call to order

Sutton called the meeting to order.

2. Review of Working Group membership

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

4. Review and approval of minutes

The minutes were approved without objection.

5. Report by Walt Evans

Evans reported on the USSA's venue management program which includes 1) Education; 2) Inventory of Protection Equipment and 3) Course Inspections

6. Report of the Technical Advisor – Tom Johnston

Johnston reviewed anecdotal experiences from several race venues during the past season. Tom reminded everyone to work together in a cooperative fashion to ensure future successful events.

7. Report from inspectors USSA/FIS

8. Rules and course discussion (B-Nets) coverage as shown on reports - is it enough?

9. Training on electronic filing of inspection reports - Bruce Crane/Bob Calderwood

Extended presentation from Crane and Calderwood on using digital tools and techniques in the preparation of inspection reports.

10. Homologation inventory and assignments

Crane reviewed summer assignments for the group.

11. Old business

12. New business

Crane assumed the chair of the group as Sutton stepped down.

13. Adjournment

Proposed Schedule for Homologation/Registration

08/09 all championship events
 09/10 all scored events and all J3 events
 10/11 all sanctioned events (including masters events)

For the 08/09 ACR revise 202.1.2.3

DH and SG competitions and all championships GS and SL events that appear in the USSA Calendar may only...

For the 08/09 ACR add U202.2

A championship GS or SL event is any championship event or any event used for final selection for athletes to regional, national or international events.

For the 08/09 ACR would revise 601.4.9.1 (before the race the TD)

Replace first bullet point with ICR:

Reviews the homologation file and consults the organizer about the possible existence of a special authorization.

If he establishes that no homologation exists, the Jury must cancel the race (see article 650).

He reads the TD reports about previous events at the site and checks whether the improvements proposed in these reports have been carried out.

For the 08/09 ACR would revise 650.1 (Rules about Homologations - General)

All DH and SG events (both scored and non-scored) may only take place on courses that have been approved by the USSA. Homologation of SL and GS courses is required for all championship events. Courses not meeting the minimum vertical drop requirements will be registered and an inspection certificate provided. Registered courses are subject to all rules pertaining to homologated courses.

For the 08/09 ACR 650.6.4

For all courses, the expiry date is indicated.

Validity for Homologated/Registered courses;

Speed events valid for 5 years (presently ACR 650.6.6.1)

Tech events valid for 10 years (proposed ACR 650.6.6.2) existing ICR not presently in ACR (*amended to add "beginning 09/10"*)

Supplementary Reports

AO Education Working Group should review the use of the supplementary reports.
(TDs should submit this report to indicate that reinspection is needed)

Inspections for Downhill

Propose adding to ACR 650.5 the following;

The inspector for Downhill courses must not belong to the state requesting a first homologation.

Force Majeure

Propose adding to ACR 601.4.9.1 (duties of the TD before the race)

Has the right, if a Slalom or Giant Slalom cannot be carried out on the homologated course because of "force majeure", to move the race to a "substitute course" proposed by the organizer. This is on the explicit condition that the necessary homologation measures can be fulfilled. For Downhill and Super-G there is only the possibility of shortening the run on a homologated course. The minimum prescribed vertical drops must, however, be observed in any case

Homologation Fees and Inspectors' Expenses

FIS homologation or re-homologation (Covers USSA homologation, same discipline same course)	\$250 per discipline
USSA homologation, registration or re-homologation	\$150 per discipline
Late Fee , FIS and/or USA - After Oct. 1st add	\$100 per discipline
Replacement , photocopy of FIS or USSA homologation files	\$ 25 per file/course
Artificial Light Inspection	\$150 per course
SL & GS for 2 events on the same course/trail	\$150 per course

Men and women's courses for the same discipline on one trail can be homologated on the same report; a single fee applies. (*Data and other information for each of GS and SL must be reported, and separate certificates and numbers will be issued.*) All fees for both FIS and USSA homologations are payable to "USSA - Alpine Course Approvals" and must accompany homologation reports forwarded to the Chair.

Inspectors' Expenses - FIS and USSA

Course inspectors' expenses, for both FIS and USSA homologation and re-homologation, are paid directly by the requesting or responsible area, club or race organization to the inspector upon presentation of an expense statement and/or voucher.

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Classification Working Group

The Prospector - Theater Lounge North
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2008
8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures

The meeting was called to order at 8:26

Connie Webster (NYRSA) and Julie Woodworth (VARA) were added to the committee last year but left off of the membership list. Dirk Gouwens will proxy for Julie during this meeting. Mike Hammer (Intermountain) was appointed to replace Ernie Revello.

2. Review and approval of agenda

***Motion 1: To approve the agenda
Barbour/Hupfer/unanimous***

3. Review and approval of minutes

4. USSA staff report

Weinman reviewed number of competitions/events and autoscoring procedures/problems.

5. FIS representatives reports

Weinman reviewed preparation for FIS meetings in South Africa. There are some quota changes being proposed for European races that shouldn't impact U.S. athletes too much.

Terry DelliQuadri said that it had affected an NDS team that was in Europe last year. Weinman will look into it.

No U.S. athletes were listed on the over maximum starts report, but the double entries report has not been released and he suspects that some of our athletes are listed on that report.

Church will primarily be discussing timing issues/changes

6. Action item referral/disposition

- A. Minimum technical standards of scored races

Review of table in comp guide – no changes required

- B. Substandard races reports

Buck Hill has been given a waiver on minimum penalty because they are considered a 'classic event'. Should the rules be applied consistently, and eliminate this exception? Discussion ensued.

It was decided that exceptions will continue to need executive approval and be reviewed in the spring.

It was recommended that only one exception should be approved for each race. (Double entries OR applied penalty but not both).

Exceptions must be applied for before the fall Executive meeting.

C. Penalty manipulation

Discussion on penalty manipulation and how to apply rules for disqualifications/sanctions. There is no set rule and maybe there needs to be one.

Staff will look at the possibilities of creating data flags for possible penalty manipulations.

D. Penalty levels and adders (reflecting athlete ranking lists?)

No changes will be done to the calculations at this point. We will need to see how the frequency of the lists affects this.

E. Confirm Super-Combined technical data for scoring

Weinman reviewed these adders, F-Factors, etc. but with so little data (one race) it is difficult to see if they are appropriate. The data will continue to be reviewed as more races come online.

Motion 2: To approve factors as presented with committee reviews as necessary.

Alpine F-Factor for SC	1000
Alpine SC Max for FIS	250
Alpine SC Max Seed Points	660
Alpine SC Min Penalty	125
Alpine Minimum Time for SC	50
Alpine Minimum Vertical Drop for SC	100
Alpine SC penalty adder for race not meeting specifications	20
Alpine single/double pen MAX for SC	18
Alpine single/double pen min for SC	4
Gouwens/Hupfer/without objection	

7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**Motion 3: To elect Allen Church as Chair for another term.
Waller/Barbour/unanimous**

**Motion 4: To elect Cath Jett as Vice-Chair for another term.
Gouwens/Barbour/unanimous.**

8. Other business

None discussed.

9. Adjournment

**Motion 5: To adjourn
Barbour/Weinman/unanimous**

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Collegiate Working Group

The Prospector - Theater Lounge South
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2008
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Mark Sullivan

Attendees

Chair – Mark Sullivan
Vice Chair – Daryl Landstrom
USSA BOD – Bob Dart
NCAA Rules Committee Rep. – Kevin Sweeney (absent)
USCSA Rules Committee Rep. – Ron Bonneau
Parent Rep. – Roger Perricone
EISA Rep. – Peter Dodge (absent)
RMISA Rep. –Richard Rokos (absent)
NCAA Nordic Rep. – TBA
Club Coach – TBA
At Large – George Thomas (absent)

Guests:

Walt Evans	Terry DelliQuadri	Brewster McVicker
Tim McGuire	Curt Hammond	John Jacobs
Ester DelliQuadri	Laura Sullivan	Don Page
Gina Gassman	Paul Crews	Tom Barnes
Terry DelliQuadri	Dave Waller	Jeff Bruggeman
Maureen Hammond	Jill Firstbrook	Casey Charlson

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.
2. Review of committee membership
3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes

**Motion: To approve the 2007 meeting minutes
Dart/Perricone/approved**

5. Major event scheduling – Evans

Page 133 of the USSA Congress booklet and the USSA web site under governance, NorAm schedule is posted.

NCAA Championships - Sunday River, ME

Giant Slalom, March 11, 2009
Slalom March 13, 2009

USCSA Nationals - Winter Park, CO

March 3-8, 2009

J2 Nationals - Aspen CO

March 8-14, 2009

6. WWUG – Evans

USSA and USOC have decided not to participate in the 2009 Winter World University Games in China this year. Walt will update after FIS Congress in Cape Town, South Africa.

7. USSA Membership – benefits and liabilities

9. Other business – M. Sullivan

Explore the creation of a task force to explore methods to expand the interaction between collegiate ski programs and the USSA. The group discussed existing problems and possible solutions. The task force is charged with developing several possible action items for consideration in the future. Draft concepts will be submitted to the Executive Committee for the fall meeting for discussion. The task force will be comprised of four members, Jill Firstbrook, and Casey Charlson, and Todd Wyant. To support the task force two other sub-groups were formed to explore the more specific areas. They are:

Internal Development: Walt Evans, Mark Sullivan, Darryl Landstrom, Jeff Pier, Evan Weiss

Marketing/Education: John Jacobs, Paul Crews, Ron Bonneau

Purpose of this initiative is to promote growth, retention of current USSA athletes and to bring more awareness to the ski community regarding the opportunities that are available at the college level.

10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn (12:04pm)

M/S/C –Bonneau/Landstrom, approved

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Quotas and Selection Working Group

The Prospector - Theater Lounge South
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2008
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

1. Call to order – 12:36 p.m.
2. Review committee membership
 - A. Present: Beat Hupfer (Chair), Dave Galusha, Kirk Dwyer, Jon Nolting, Tim Maguire, Terry DelliQuadri, Walt Evans, Bob Dart, Tom Barnes, Jeff Bruggeman
 - B. Absent: Peter Dodge, Lester Keller, Doug Williams
 - C. Guests not noted
3. Review and approval of agenda
 - A. Added selection material from page 117 USSA Congress book
4. Review and approval of minutes
5. Reports
 - A. Fall executive committee, no report
 - B. Staff
 - 1) Walt Evans, Terry DelliQuadri, Tim Maguire and Brewster McVicker all noted that quota management/racer intents are a very major part of staff workload. Lists are clogged with multiple intents from individual athletes, lots of last minute pulls and confirming actual intent is challenging. Automation/online options are being considered by the USSA. Walt noted that nationally this is at least 18 months out. Terry noted that RMD and R/C may try to get online system in place for 2008-09 season. Lots of issues with getting this up and running. Discussion about divisional procedures, different levels of rules to follow.
 - C. Winter activities (quota management)
 - 1) It was noted that 20% junior development quota to NorAms helped with junior access to those events.
 - 2) Discussion of NJR issue in AUT/ITA.
 - 3) Note that FIS Quota rules not being followed in Europe (from Trevor Wagner via Evans) – FIS quotas in women's fields imposed only after field is filled.
6. Quota proposals

A. Review Competition Guide

- 1) Discussion: NorAm Finals selection which includes NTSM is cumbersome. Study needs to be done on how to adjust. Small text changes reviewed and adjusted.
- 2) **M/S/C DelliQuadri/Nolting** – Remove 2nd to last paragraph page 42, "Regional/divisional offices are responsible to the event organizers for the full entry fees for the confirmed quota, whether or not the confirmed quota is actually used. Out-of-region entry fees will be submitted, in a check, etc. for the lump sum, by either the regional/divisional office or by a designated team leader/manager from that region/division."

M/S/C Evans/Nolting – Accept RMISA proposal as follows:

"Authorization: Voted and passed by RMISA member institutions, Park City, UT May 14, 2008, (Same rule as "Eastern FIS-University Series", *Alpine Competition Guide 2008*, Chapter 4 Series and Selections, p 41)

Rocky Mountain Intercollegiate Ski Association (RMISA) FIS University Series

The RMISA FIS U Series uses a modified Continental Cup Starting Order. All rules for the Alpine Continental Cups, Section 3, 'Starting Order' and Section 4 'Points', shall apply with the following exceptions:

3.1.4 Validity of the Basic List, "After the ~~third~~ second race in that discipline in the current season the basic list will be deleted."

3.2.1 Special Group, "Competitors who have accumulated at least ~~400~~ 200 Cup points in the overall classification of the Continental Cup may start as number 16 in all disciplines in that Cup only, unless they have a right to start in the first 15."

7. International licensing

A. Summer 2007

- 1) Report by Walt Evans – no major issues.

B. Winter 2007/08

- 1) Report by Walt Evans. Managed by Alice Anderson in the USSA offices. Noted that use of traveling letter no longer an option, all entries now must come from the USSA offices. Noted that Europa Cup start rights for non USST athletes are limited to athletes with 150 WR in events being contested.

8. New business

A. U.S. Nationals will be held in Western Region Mar. 23-31, 2009.

B. J2 Nationals will be in Aspen, CO starting Mar. 8, 2009.

9. Summer assignments

10. Next meeting, at the USSA Congress 2009

11. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Timing Working Group

The Prospector - Theater Lounge North
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2008
12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
2. Review and approval of agenda
**Motion 1: To approve the agenda
Jacobs/Strong/without objection**
3. Review and approval of minutes
**Motion 2: To approve the minutes with the addition of Dirk Gouwens as attending
Gouwens/Hoffman/without objection**
4. Reports
 - A. Chair
Church noted that he would be heading to the FIS meeting.
 - B. USSA staff
Weinman stated that he hoped the distribution of timing forms to the various members who were reviewing was better this year than in the past.
 - C. FIS representatives
Church has reported previously. Weinman noted that there are no issues with Classification that should impact timing.
5. Action item disposition
 - A. Requests for temporary exceptions
Church reported that there were no requests for exceptions to the timing rules this year and last year there was only one. He recommends removing from the rules the option for an exception.

**Motion 3: To remove the following text from section 611.2 “Exceptions may be authorized on a petition basis through the USSA office to the chair of the Timing Working Group” from the rules.
Goldschmidt/Hoffman/without objection**
 - B. USSA Timing Technical Report Form quality
There was a review of the timing forms from around the nation. It was noted that there are instances where the timing officials have faked the data saying that everything came from system A so the rest of the data doesn't matter. Technical Delegates and Timers

need to be trained on the importance of the forms and what the data can tell us. Was recommendation that the timing form be amended to include a question for the TDs asking if the timing tapes were available and were they checked. Church will bring this and some other issues to the FIS group to see what has been happening worldwide and if there is consensus for changes.

C. Review and update of USSA/FIS timing rules

Any FIS rule changes that impact the USSA timing rules will be reviewed by Church and Weinman and if minor will be dealt with administratively, but if they are substantive will be brought to the Working Group by email for review.

6. Homologation of equipment, publication

The official list of homologated equipment is available on the FIS website.

7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**Motion 4: To elect Church to another two year term.
Hoffman/Goldschmidt/without objection**

**Motion 5: To elect Ginsberg to another two year term.
Ransom/Waller/without objection**

8. Other business

**Motion 6: To add Dan Chase as a member of the Working Group.
Gouwens/Jacobs/without objection**

9. Adjournment

**Motion 7: To adjourn
Hoffman/Goldschmidt/without objection**

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Programs Subcommittee

The Prospector - Theater Lounge South
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2008
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

1. Call to order 2:10PM
2. Introduction of committee members
Darryl Landstrom - Chair, Keith McCauley - Masters Chair, Walt Evans - USSA Competition Director, Beat Hupfer - Quotas, Mark Sullivan - Collegiate
3. Guests – Brewster McVicker, Laura Sullivan, Bill Skinner, Paul Crews, Sherri Hale, Ron Bonneau, Terry DelliQuadri, Casey Charlson, Tom Barnes, Grant Lindemer
4. Review and approval of agenda
5. Review and approval of minutes
6. Working Group Reports
 - A. Calendar – USSA staff driven in advance of Congress and presented to applicable committees and working groups
 - B. Quota
 - 1) Quota management future online registration process will streamline process
 - a) Membership effective June 08
 - b) Scheduling agreements and athlete race registration within 18 months
 - 2) Reviewed comp guide
 - a) FISU Carnival Seeding re: page 41 the USSA Alpine Competition Guide
Motion: change description to reflect “FISU Carnival Series” – The FISU Carnival series uses a modified Continental Cup Starting Order. All other language unchanged 3.1.4 and 3.2.1
M/S/C Evans/Nolting
 - b) Regional FIS Events – remove 2nd paragraph from bottom of page 42 ACG.
 - 3) International licensing is managed by staff to comply with FIS rules prohibiting double entries.
 - 4) J2 Nationals at Aspen in 2009 specific dates TBA - will rotate regionally 2010, 2011

C. Collegiate

- 1) USCSA Membership Update. USSA to extend temporary membership through 2008-09 pending formal revision to student/competition membership policy.
- 2) USSA & USOC decided not to participate to WWUG in China 2009
 - a) USOC has released formal announcement.
- 3) Improve Marketing/partnerships to enhance College skiing
- 4) Task force created to address membership, education and retention – first objective and strategy report to be submitted to ASC executive Fall 08

D. Masters – McCauley

- 1) Thank you to Bill Skinner for all his efforts.
 - 2) USSA Staff to redefine age criteria in the USSA Comp Guide to reflect :
Alpine Student/Competitors 18-25 yr olds can use that membership to race in Alpine Masters races except for Regional and National Championships. A master's membership will be required to participate in the Championships.
 - 3) Membership – how to improve? Tools - Electronic, video, online, PSIA, NASTAR, Newsletter. Lost some members last year (5%). Some take a break for families then return. Idea to have activities for children. Master's program video (to be viewed during ASC).
 - 4) Championships - Nationals at Sunday River, possible FIS Criterium at Mammoth, Eastern TBA, West at Park City
 - 5) Masters racers fans of the USSA, watch WCSN
 - 6) FW scholarship program raised 37k, 250k over 10 years to help fund USST members.
 - 7) Calendar issues? Dealing with Ski Areas, Masters seem to be at the end of the pecking order with areas scheduling. This is tough for advanced planning.
 - 8) Identify who we are. Potential members have other options w/snowboard, terrain parks, etc.
 - 9) USSA events for Insurance
7. Old Business - none
 8. New Business
 - A. Walt - please give feedback on congress, materials, content
 9. Assignments - none
 10. Adjournment 3:10 p.m.



NOR AM CUP
2008-2009
Committee Draft 1

Updated 17 May 2008 (post USSA Congress)

Ladies

Date	Site	Country	DH	SL	GS	SG	SC	USA/CAN
Dec. 2-5	Keystone, CO	USA			2-3			
Dec. 4-5	Winter Park, CO	USA		4-5				
Dec. 8-12	Lake Louise	CAN	11-12			8	8	
Dec. 14-15	Panorama	CAN				14-15	14	
Jan. 3-6	Mt. Ste. Anne	CAN		3-4	5-6			
Jan. 31-Feb. 3	Alberta TBA	CAN		2-3	31-1NTE on Feb. 2			
Feb. 5-11	pending west	USA	10-11			5-6	5	
Mar. 12-15	Lake Placid, NY	USA		15	16	12-13	12	
Totals 24			4	7	7	7	4	

Men

Date	Site	Country	DH	SL	GS	SG	SC	USA/CAN
Nov. 30-Dec. 1	Keystone, CO	USA			30-1			
Dec. 2-3	Winter Park, CO	USA		2-3				
Dec. 8-12	Lake Louise	CAN	11-12			8	8	
Dec. 15-18	Panorama	CAN			17-18	15-16	16	
Jan. 2-5	Sunday River, ME	USA		4-5	2-3			
Feb. 2-5	Alberta TBA	CAN		4-5	2-3NTE on Feb. 3			
Feb. 7-13	pending west	USA	10-11			12-13	12	
Mar. 12-15	Lake Placid, NY	USA		15	14	12-13	13	
Totals 23			4	7	9	7	4	

Speed package
i.e. NAC

World Cup Finals: Mar. 11-15; Are, SWE

World Junior Championships: Feb 28 – Mar 8, Garmisch, GER

USA Nationals: March 23-31; TBA WEST

CAN Nationals: March 16-24 TBA EAST

USA J2 Championships: March 8-14 (TBA); Aspen, CO

CAN J1 Championship: TBA

NCAA Championships: March 11-14; Sunday River, ME

USCSA Championships: March 3-7, Winter Park, Colorado

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

The Prospector - Theater Lounge North
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2008
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, second session

Issues: Discussion and Action Items

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

Vice Chair: Gary Wright

1. Call to order and attendance

The meeting was called to order and attendance was taken.

MOTION-4: That the FIS Rules Committee member to the FIS will be a member of this subcommittee.

M/S/C Wright / Sutton / passed

2. Reports and Action Items from R&T working groups

MOTION-5: Accept the report and action items from Alpine Officials Working Group which includes reports from Alpine Officials Education, USSA TD's and FIS TD's, and advisement of Gretchen Ransom as Chair and Chuck Hughes as Vice Chair.

Submitted by Simonson/Hoessler/carried

The action item from the USSA TD Working Group regarding ACR 602.2.4 was extensively discussed.

MOTION-5A: Split Motion 5 and consider the action item second.

M/S/C Crane / Sutton / passed

Additional discussion of proposed change to ACR 602.2.4 took place.

Question was called and Motion 5 carried with a majority affirmative vote.

MOTION-6: Accept the report and action items from Courses Working Group which includes the changes to the ACR to conform it to the requirement that USSA homologate GS and SL courses. See attached Courses Action Items. Sutton resigned as Chair and appointed Bruce Crane with Calderwood continuing as Vice Chair.

Submitted by Sutton/Hammond/passed

MOTION-7: Accept the report from Classifications Working Group.

Submitted by Church/Calderwood/passed

MOTION-8: Accept the report from Timing Working Group, including the action item to remove from ACR 611.2 the language stating “Exceptions may be authorized on a petition basis through the USSA office to the Chair of the Timing Working Group.”
Submitted by Church/Calderwood/passed

3. Projects, issues and consideration of action Items (if not addressed in working group reports)
 - A. Items from Competition Services staff - None
 - B. Elections – At Large, Chair, Vice Chair
Nominations to At-Large: Gaylord, Wright & Hammond.
The three individuals nominated were elected.
Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair: Van Slyke & Wright.
The two individuals nominated for Chair and Vice Chair were elected.
 - C. New Items
MOTION-9: Make the activity year for alpine officials the same as the USSA membership year. M/S/C Crane/Calderwood
The motion was discussed.
MOTION-9A: Table Motion 9 and refer it to Alpine Officials Working Group.
M/S/C Wright / Hammond / passed
4. Other business
5. Routing of post-meeting action items
6. Next meeting
USSA Congress 2009
7. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned.

**USSA Congress 2008
R&T Action Item Summary**

R&T Sub-Committee

Motion: That the FIS Rules Committee member to the FIS will be a member of this subcommittee.

M/S/C Wright/Sutton/passed

USA TD Working Group/AO Working Group

Motion: To amend ACR 602.2.4 to allow for “a USSA TD who is a member of the local organizing committee to be appointed to non-scored events under exceptional circumstances such as excessive travel.”

M/S/C Uldrich/DelliQuadri/passed

USA FIS TD Working Group

Motion: To confirm the need for traditional FIS Team Captains Meetings.

Motion: To approve Tony Nunnikhoven as FIS TD Candidate

Courses Working Group - See attachment to minutes

Timing Working Group

Motion: Accept the report from Timing Working Group, including the action item to remove from ACR 611.2 the language stating “Exceptions may be authorized on a petition basis through the USSA office to the Chair of the Timing Working Group.”

M/S/C Church/Calderwood

Elections

AO Working Group - Gretchen Ransom Chair, Chuck Hughes Vice Chair

Courses – Bruce Crane Chair

Classifications – Allen Church Chair – Kath Jett Vice Chair

Timing – Allen Church Chair – Jenna Ginsberg Vice Chair

R&T Sub-Committee – Paul Van Slyke Chair, Gary Wright Vice Chair

At Large – Gary Wright, Curt Hammond, Bill Gaylord

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee

3rd Floor Conference Room – USSA
Park City, UT

Saturday, May 17, 2008
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Members:

Bob Dart – Chair	<u>Present</u>
Walt Evans – National Competition Director	<u>Present</u>
Dave Galusha – Development and Education Chair	<u>Present</u>
Jesse Hunt – Alpine Director	<u>Present</u>
Beat Hupfer – Regional Chair	<u>Present</u>
Darryl Landstrom – Program Chair	<u>Present</u>
Scott Macartney – Athlete Representative	<u>Excused</u>
Bill Slattery – Immediate Past Chair	<u>Present</u>
Paul Van Slyke – Immediate Past Chair	<u>Present</u>
Tom Winters – Ex-officio *	<u>Present</u>
Jeff Weinman – Secretary *	<u>Present</u>

* non-voting

Guests:

Gary Wright, Finn Gundersen, Tim Maguire, Terry DelliQuadri, Brewster McVicker

1. Call to order
Dart called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.
2. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
3. Review and approval of minutes
There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.
4. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes distribution
After this meeting, the minutes will be assembled for presentation at the afternoon Alpine Sports Committee meeting.
5. Summary review (action items, initiatives and issues)
 - A. Executive committee
 - 1) Executive report – Dart
Items will come up later in the agenda

- 2) ASC operating procedures – Dart/Slattery
Executive will work prior to the Fall meeting and review for any changes to present to the USSA BOD.
 - 3) Nominating Committee review terms and nominations – Slattery
Chair: Bob Dart
USSA Board Representative: Bob Dart
At-Large Position: Karen Korfanta
 - 4) Awards – Dart/Slattery
Nothing new to report. A reminder that nominations, including bios need to be submitted by the end of March. Suggested that the awards information be distributed to the entire Sports Committee during the nominating process.
 - 5) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery
The Judicial Committee met and reviewed the Judicial complaints that came forward during the season. Three of those were handled by staff and at a local level. There is one issue that is being investigated for review by the Judicial Committee. The group also reviewed the USOC Due Process Checklist that is in the meeting materials.
- B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke
Van Slyke reviewed the discussion and action items from the Subcommittee. One issue will be amended regarding the assignment of USSA TDs to non-scored races.
 - C. Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom
Landstrom reviewed the discussion and action items from the Subcommittee.
 - D. Development and Education Subcommittee – Galusha
Galusha reviewed the discussion and action items from the Subcommittee. There is a new Youth Working Group that has been formed and will focus on issues for younger athletes.
 - E. Regional Subcommittee – Hupfer
Hupfer reviewed the discussion and action items from the Subcommittee.
 - F. FIS – Winters
Winters reviewed the discussion and action items from the Subcommittee.
 - G. Athletes – Macartney
Macartney did not have a report. The Committee reviewed with Macartney the structure of the Sport Committee and the procedures for planning and action.
6. Review ASC agenda
The agenda was reviewed, there were no changes made.
 7. Old business
There was no other old business to review.
 8. New business
 - A. Team Captains' Meetings (online registration)
Winters reported that the FIS TD Working Group reaffirmed the requirement to hold a traditional (in person) team captains' meeting.
 - B. Pace skiers and Double Entry at classical events
Van Slyke reported that the Classification Working Group had reaffirmed the process for requesting exceptions to the rules for double entry and minimum penalties, but that the Working Group would continue to review these, and other races in the Spring.

- C. The Subcommittee chairs will review the Congress schedule and see if there is a better way to organize the meetings to try and eliminate duplication and conflict.
 - D. The Subcommittee reviewed the course protection video.
9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned.

Alpine Sport Committee
Operating Procedures
Recommendation for Approval

1. The Alpine Sport Committee Chair is voted on in even numbered years – to conform to current practice (reference page 6 of Alpine Operating Procedures)
2. Alpine Regional representative to the Alpine Sport executive committee is elected on odd numbered years – to conform with current practice (reference page 6 of Alpine Operating Procedures)
3. FIS representative is elected on odd numbered years by the alpine sport committee members and should be an experienced FIS committee member – to conform with current practice (reference page 7 of Alpine Operating Procedures)
4. USSA Board position is voted on even numbered years – to conform with current practice (reference page 7 of Alpine Operating Procedures)

USSA Congress 2008

USSA Alpine Sport Committee Meeting

The Yarrow - Summit C
Park City, UT

Saturday, May 17, 2008
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Members:

Bob Dart – Chair	Present
Jeff Bruggeman – Rocky/Central	Present
Kirk Dwyer – Eastern	Present
Walt Evans – USSA Staff	Present
Dave Galusha – Development and Education Chair	Present
Curt Hammond – Western	Excused
Jesse Hunt – USSA Staff	Present
Karen Korfanta – At-large	Present
Craig Kruger – Western	Replaces Kent Towleron going forward
Darryl Landstrom – Program Chair	Present
Scott Macartney – Athlete Representative	Present
Roger Perricone – Rocky/Central	Present
Bill Slattery – Immediate Past Chair	Present
Paul Van Slyke – Rules and Technical Chair	Present
Jeff Weinman – Secretary*	Present
Tom Winters – FIS prehensive*	Present

Need to replace one Eastern representative and either two or three athlete representatives.

Guests:

Terry DelliQuadri, Brewster McVicker, Bill Skinner, Allen Church, Tim Maguire, Bruce Crane, Mike Hammer, Dirk Gouwens, Gary Wright, Andy Daly, Finn Gundersen, Jon Nolting, Stanley Goldschmidt, Tom Barnes, Bear Bryant, Casey Charlson, Molly J. Laramie, Grant Lindemer, Esther DelliQuadri

1. Call to order - Bob Dart

Dart called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Dart pointed out that there are additional copies of the meeting materials available for anyone who wants. There is a packet of minutes from the week's activities as well.

Dart asked for a moment of silence to recognize those individuals involved in alpine who passed away during the season: Kyle Hopkins, Margo Eaton, Evelyn Masbruch, Dick Goetzman, Dr. Leland Sosman and Paul Robbins.

2. Review and approval of agenda

Dart asked that the Nominating report be moved to new business and that Venue Management be added to old business.

**Motion: To approve the agenda with these changes.
Slattery/Hupfer/without objection**

3. Review and approval of minutes
Minutes were available in the meeting materials and were posted online.

Motion: To approve the minutes of ASC from May 19, 2007 and Executive from Oct 16, 2007 as presented.

Slattery/Landstrom/without objection

4. Staff Reports
- A. USSA/USST Management report
- B. Alpine Director - Jesse Hunt
Hunt noted that he had given his report in previous meetings. His written report is in the materials. He pointed out that the tightening of the criteria started 12 months ago. That tightening has kept some strong athletes off the team, but a strong team has been nominated. Hunt thanked Evans for all of his work driving the domestic program. He also thanked Weinman. He thanked Gundersen particularly for the work he did on the Club Symposium but also for his work leading the education department.
- C. Competition Director - Walt Evans
Evans thanked Hunt for his comments. He thanked his staff for their work. He noted that these have been very good meetings and he thanked and applauded those who were in attendance for the work they do. Evans referenced his printed report in the materials.
- D. Education Director - Finn Gundersen
Gundersen referenced his report presented in the materials. He noted that it is easy to have a good club symposium when you have good presenters like Hunt, Evans, Galusha and Dwyer and he thanked them for their participation. Highlights of coaches' education this year were over 450 coaches on snow for level 100 and 200 and another 400 in fall seminars. One of the most important goals for the coming season is to develop the education plan for utilization of the Center of Excellence.
5. Alpine Subcommittee reports
Dart began with a roll call of those present.
- A. Executive Committee
- 1) Executive report – Dart
Dart noted that the reports from the executive meetings are in the handouts. He stated his belief that of the 20+ years he has been involved, the meetings get better and better and he thanked that staff and the Subcommittee and Working Group chairs for their work.
There is a task force that will be formed to review the committee structure and to work to eliminate duplication in reporting. It has been ten years since the current structure was put into place and it is time for a review of that structure.
- 2) ASC operating procedures – Dart
Slattery referenced the attachment to the executive minutes from earlier in the day. These recommendations for changes to the operating procedures are to conform to current practice.

**Motion: To accept the recommendations for changes to the Alpine Sport Committee Operating Procedures as presented.
Hupfer/Galusha/without objection**

4) Awards - Dart/Slattery

Dart stated that he believes alpine was well represented at the awards banquet the night before. He will work with staff to send out awards information to the sport committee members by email next year when it comes out. Committee meets first week of April so all nominations need to be in well ahead of that.

5) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery pointed out that the minutes from the Judicial meeting are in the minutes' packet.

**Motion: To approve the Judicial report
M/S/without objection**

A) Rules and Technical Subcommittee - Van Slyke

Van Slyke thanked the Subcommittee and Working Group members for their hard work during the meetings. He thanked Gary Wright (vice-chair) for his help. He thanked Weinman for his work.

Van Slyke referred to the list of action items presented in the minutes from his second meeting.

Dart thanked Ingrid Simonson and Ted Sutton for their years of service to the sport of alpine ski racing.

Motion: To approve the report of the Rules and Technical Subcommittee, including all action items, except for the issue relating to USSA TDs being able to come from local area.

Evans/Slattery/without objection

Motion: To refer the USSA TD's proposal regarding local TDs (ACR 602.2.4) to be referred back to the USSA TD Working Group for further consideration and to look at ways to accommodate the request under the current rules.

Van Slyke/Hupfer/without objection

Van Slyke will work with Bob Calderwood and the Intermountain and Northern officials chairs on this item.

B) Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom

Landstrom thanked those who participated for the work that they did during the meetings and throughout the year. He noted that the Calendar Working Group is very much a staff driven process now. Evans distributed the major events calendar in the meeting materials. USSA online memberships will be going live in the coming weeks. Landstrom reviewed the one action item that came from the various working groups within the subcommittee.

He reported that the masters program had developed a recruiting DVD with the help of local university students.

Evans pointed out the updated calendar that was presented in the minutes packet. He also pointed out a membership update that was distributed by Sheryl Barnes (USSA Member Services Director) that has been included in the minutes packet.

Motion: To approve the Programs subcommittee report and the action items therein.

Slattery/Hupfer/without objection.

Bill Skinner introduced the Masters recruitment DVD that was developed and showed it to the Committee.

C) Development and Education Subcommittee – Galusha

Galusha noted that they had good meetings. He thanked the staff members for their written and oral reports. This is the one meeting during the year to have contact with all the USSA staff and a good opportunity to ask questions. There was a lengthy discussion regarding J4 development and the way that the Whistler Cup affects that development program. Working on a youth issues discussion group.

One action item to come out is to allow the use of stubbie gates and age appropriate gates designed and manufactured for children for non-scored events, and to allow the running of non-scored kombi races per the kinder kombi technical data that we have from the children FIS level.

Motion: To approve the Program Subcommittee report including the action items therein.

Evans/Landstrom/without objection

Dart thanked Galusha and stated that he expected more discussion on J4 development next year.

D) Regional Subcommittee – Hupfer

Hupfer reported that there was a small meeting and that the report is included in the packet. Written regional reports are included in the original meeting materials. There were no action items.

Motion: To approve the Regional Subcommittee report.

Perricone/Slattery/without objection

E) FIS – Winters

Winters reviewed the report from the FIS TD meeting. There was discussion on the use of online team captains meetings. There was a reaffirmation of the need for physical presence at team captains' meetings.

Motion: To approve the FIS report including the action items therein.

Bruggeman/Van Slyke/without objection.

F) Athletes – Macartney

Macartney had not come in yet from the athletes' council meeting and so his report will be moved to later in the agenda.

6. Old business

A) Venue Management

Dart reported that within venue management, there is a three phase strategy; 1) education, 2) inventory and 3) inspections. Tim Maguire has been working with individuals on a basic course protection video. This will be able to be shown at local education clinics. A draft version of the video was shown to the group.

Evans stated that he sees this is a first level of education and that going forward a higher level protection video might be produced too.

General consensus that this is a great start. The goal is to have a finished project for the fall education clinics.

At this point Scott Macartney joined the meeting; he was asked to report.

Macartney stated that the athletes' council is looking at how athletes enter and then later exit the sport. The goal is to ensure that when athletes leave they go on a good note so that in the future they act as advocates rather than adversaries.

Dart pointed out that Macartney had been in the morning executive meeting and he gave feedback at that time.

B) Race Exceptions

Dart referred to the morning executive committee meeting regarding pace skiers and double entries. Requests for exceptions to the rules must still be submitted as a written request and submitted by Oct. for review. Exceptions are required for prize money, double entry, penalty exceptions and vertical drop exceptions.

Brewster McVicker requested that a report form similar to the request form be developed for consistency. McVicker was asked to prepare that template.

7. New business

A) Nominating Committee review terms and nominations – Slattery

The nominating committee recommendation was reviewed:

Bob Dart as Chair of the ASC

Bob Dart as the Alpine Representative to the USSA Board

Karen Korfanta as an At-large Representative to the ASC

**Motion: To approve the recommendations of the nominating committee.
Winters/Perricone/without objection**

Evans noted that he is working to replace the athletes to the sport committee. Macartney stated that he would check with current local athletes to see if anyone would be interested in participating.

8. Comments from guests

There were no comments from the guests.

9. Closing remarks

Dart stated that he thought the club symposium was an excellent addition to the Congress program and he hoped it would continue.

A task force is looking at the Congress schedule and structure to see where inefficiencies can be eliminated. This will be further reviewed during the fall Executive teleconference.

Dart asked that everyone fill out the meeting survey that is included in the original meeting materials and return to Walt or Jeff.

Evans pointed out that the original meeting book is available at www.ussa.org under alpine news.

10. Next meeting

Mid-October Executive teleconference. Spring 2009 Congress during this same timeframe.

11. Adjournment

**Motion: To adjourn
Slattery/Van Slyke/without objection**

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

MAY 2008

Multi-Sport Youth Discount

We have been working with our club partners to bring a meaningful program to membership that fosters participation in multiple sport programs at the youth level. The discount will be offered for both new and existing members this season.

Beginning with the May renewal for the 2008-09 competition season, those athletes holding more than one youth memberships will receive a \$25 discount on their second and subsequent youth memberships. Parents of youth athletes will see a line item for the discount on the upcoming renewal.

Youth memberships include the following categories:

Alpine Youth
Freestyle Youth
Cross Country Kid
Jumping Nordic Combined Kid
Freestyle Rookie
Snowboard Regional Competitor

Dues/Fees 2008-09 Season

USSA membership fees for the 2008-09 competition season remain unchanged. There are some changes to FIS fees as noted below:

Alpine FIS - \$80, \$150 late
Freestyle FIS - \$60, \$100 late
Cross Country FIS - \$80, \$150 late
Snowboard - \$80
Jumping FIS - \$25
Nordic Combined FIS – \$25
IPC Alpine Skiing Disabled - \$100, \$200 late

Member List Tool

A new tool is available on www.ussa.org to provide USSA clubs and event organizers easier access to membership lists. The Member List tool provides a method for downloading lists of current USSA members in specified categories and sports. This is a real-time, dynamic tool.

The tool is located in the dropdown menu on the right side of ussa.org. Simply select Membership Tools and then choose Member List.

Just choose the current season, your division and the appropriate inventory item or items from the list of memberships. You may choose multiple membership categories such as alpine youth, alpine non-scored student and alpine competitor for one division. If multiple divisions are needed, you'll need to run multiple lists.

The list will provide the members' names, USSA membership numbers, year of birth, gender and membership category.

Online Registration

USSA will be launching online registration and renewal soon. The system will support registration of new and existing members. Additional tools will include the ability for members to update their personal information such as address, email address and phone numbers, as well as changes to the Medical Insurance.

Communication has been ongoing about the launch and will continue. We'll be sending email notifications of launch date to clubs, parents, coaches, officials and athletes of the specific launch date in the next coming weeks. We'll also post information and a link to the system on www.ussa.org.

We're looking forward to providing this exciting new service to aid in the registration process.

Here are some details:

Who can register online?

- New and renewing members 18 & over including athletes, coaches and officials may register online.
- Parents of new and renewing members under 18 may register their children.
- Exceptions include foreign members of any membership category and those who wish to register as associate members.

What transactions may be done online through the registration and renewal program?

- New and renewing members may register online, including paying for division dues, state dues and corresponding late fees for those divisions and states participating in the Dues Management program.
- Athletes may register for FIS and/or IPC AS.
- Purchase multiple memberships and receive the appropriate discounts.
- Background screening registration may be concluded where applicable via the online registration tool.
- Opt-in to division or state email communication lists.

What transactions may be done online through my account?

- Member may update their personal information such as address, phone, email and password.
- Background screening registration may be concluded where applicable via the Member Dashboard

When will the new tools be available?

We are currently beta testing and conducting some managed testing with real users. We anticipate the system will be in June.

When will my membership be active?

Your USSA membership will be active immediately unless you are a coach or official for who background screening is required. However, FIS and IPC AS license processing can take up to 14 business days. So athletes registering for FIS or IPC AS should register early to avoid delays.

Where will online registration be available?

- Initially, the link to create an account and register online will be located in the black navigation bar next to the “contact us” link.
- In addition, a link will also be available through the Membership Tools menu on the right-hand side of the homepage on www.ussa.org.

How will I be able to register or renew my membership online?

Just go to the one of the online links on www.ussa.org, create an account and then click to register for membership and the program will guide you through the process.

Other Potential Online Projects:

Club Registration
Changes and upgrades to existing memberships
Online Classifieds
Associate Renewal
Expanded Membership Merchandise Offerings