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USSA Congress 2010

USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee

The Yarrow - Ivers

Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes – Members and Invited Guests Only

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Members:

Chair: Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO

Walt Evans, Park City, UT, (USSA Competition Director)

Dave Galusha, Park City, UT (Development & Education Chair)

Chip Knight, Stowe, VT (Athlete)

Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN (Program Chair)

Scott Macartney, Kirkland, WA (Athlete - BOD Representative)

Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL (Immediate Past Chair)

Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY (Rules and Technical Chair)

Jeff Weinman, Salt Lake City, UT (Secretary)*

Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS)*

TBD (Regional Chair)

* Non voting

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Review of committee membership

The committee membership was reviewed. The Regional Representative to the Executive Committee needs to be selected from the six regional representatives.

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

4. Review and approval of minutes

Approval of the minutes will be postponed until the Saturday meeting to allow time for review.

5. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule

A. Review alpine materials and handouts

Evans reviewed the materials as presented in the materials.

B. Appointment of recording secretaries, strategy and procedures for minutes

Weinman noted that the individual chairs will need to prepare and return minutes as soon as possible after the conclusion of their meetings.

6. Staff Reports

A. USSA Management Report - Bodensteiner

Bodensteiner will report at the Thursday meeting.

B. Competition Director – Evans

Evans will report at the Thursday meeting.

7. Action item and critical issue review

A. Executive Summary Review

The summary, as presented in the materials, was reviewed. Other items from the Subcommittee Chairs were discussed.

B. Executive Committee

1) Executive report – Dart

No report.

2) Nominating Committee review terms – Slattery

BOD Rep, Chair, Rules & Tech Chair, Regional Chair, Development & Education Chair and At-Large all have to be nominated and approved.

Individual Subcommittees and Working Groups need to review operating procedures within their group.

3) Awards – Dart/Slattery

Reviewed in the Executive Summary.

4) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

There was no winter activity. There is a code of conduct violation that will be reviewed during these meetings.

C. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

The working groups have been asked to review their structure. Other items were reviewed that are expected to be discussed during the meetings.

D. Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom

The working groups have been asked to review their structure. Other items were reviewed that are expected to be discussed during the meetings.

E. Development and Education Subcommittee – Galusha

Galusha was not at the meetings and is stepping down. A new Chair will be elected during these meetings. Jeff Byrne, the previous Chair, will run this meeting.

F. FIS – Winters

Some of the issues that are expected to arise during the FIS meeting in Turkey were reviewed.

G. Athletes – Macartney/Knight

Neither Macartney nor Knight were present to make a report.

8. Old business

A. Report on race exceptions last season

Weinman reviewed the races granted an exception last season; referred to his report in the materials.

9. New business

There was no other new business.

10. Recess

The meeting was recessed at 6:15 p.m.

USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, first session

Orientation: Reports, issue identification, tasking

Attendance:

Members: Paul Van Slyke, Chair, Gary Wright Vice Chair, Bob Calderwood USA TD WG, Thelma Hoessler Co Chair AOEWG, Gretchen Ransom Co Chair AOEWG, Tom Winters FIS TD WG, Bruce Crane Courses WG, Allen Church Timing/Classifications WG, Gary Wright Rules WG, Karen Korfanta FIS Rules Sub Committee, Curt Hammond At Large, Bill Gaylord At Large (excused, Charlie Burnham Honorary, Ingrid Simonson Honorary, Fraser West Honorary (excused), Jeff Weinman Staff

Guests: Gail Barber, Mike Hammer, Jay Rand, John Jacobs, Walt Evans, Ed Gassman, Nancy Wiedel, Roger Perriconne, Jill Firstbrook, Chuck Hughes, Dirk Gouwens, Mike Browne, Dan Chayes, Ted Newman, Terry Leonord, Connie Webster, Tom Barnes, Brewster McVickers, David Samuels, Ron Bonneau, Paul Mahre, Ted Sutton, Molly Laramie, Roger Root, Rick Duncan, Robert Petitt, Stan Goldschmidt, Don Page

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

1. Call to order; attendance/proxies
2. Review and adoption of the program and agenda
Review and approval of minutes

**Motion: Approve Minutes from 2009
M/S/U Crane, Calderwood**

3. Reports (summaries and additions to written reports)

Chair

Review of purpose document, matrix document and confirm membership up to date and accurate USSA staff

Walt Evans and Jeff Weinman– Congress Books also available online; reports tomorrow
FIS representatives

Tom Winters – Will cover FIS issues at FIS TD Working Group

- A. Rules and Technical working group chairs

Courses

Bruce Crane –

Materials distributed to members and candidates by email in advance of Congress. Busy year with numerous homologations and rehomologations, etc. This year will be the same. Working on new members to assist with work load.

Alpine Officials

Thelma Hoessler and Gretchen Ransom -
Clinics standards being developed, including teaching time and testing time, attendance,
instructor requirements, exam requirements

USSA TDs

Bob Calderwood –
Will review TD Expense report issues, etc.

Rules

Gary Wright
Will respond to Sport Committee actions items forwarded from USSA TD WG. Discussed review
of U629.4.

Timing

Allen Church
Task force input re: timing certification education and minimum requirements

Classifications

Allen Church
No new issues. Exceptional events being eliminated

4. Issues identification and orientation

Status of action items from last meeting

Officials Matrix - Requirement for bi-annual update attendance.

USSA TD WG referral from Alpine Sports to Rules WG. Approved new per diem for USSA TD and
Inspectors including non-scored events

New Business

Don Page – Issue that divisional AO chairs no longer represented after dissolution of AOWG.

5. Recess for working group meetings

Motion to Recess

M/S/U Winters, Hammond

USSA Alpine Sport Committee

The Yarrow - Summit B

Park City, UT

Thursday, May 13, 2010

7:30 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Members:

Chair: Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO	Present
Jeff Bruggeman, Grawn, MI (Rocky/Central)	Absent
Kirk Dwyer, East Burke, VT (Eastern)	Present
Walt Evans, Park City, UT, (USSA Competition Director)	Present
Dave Galusha, Park City, UT (Development & Education Chair)	Excused
Gina Gassman, Loveland, CO (Athlete)	Present
Curt Hammond, Mercer Island, WA (Western)	Present
Chuck Hughes, (Eastern)	Present
Beat Hupfer, Mammoth Lakes, CA (Regional Chair)	Excused
Karen Korfanta, Heber City, UT (At-large)	Present
Chip Knight, Stowe, VT (Athlete)	Excused
Craig Krueger, Whitefish MT (Western)	Excused
Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN (Program Chair)	Present
Scott Macartney, Kirkland, WA (Athlete - BOD Representative)	Excused
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO (Rocky/Central)	Present
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL (Immediate Past Chair)	Present
Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY (Rules and Technical Chair)	Present
Jeff Weinman, Salt Lake City, UT (Secretary – non voting)	Present
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS)	Present

Guests:

Tom Barnes, Luke Bodensteiner, Mike Bowman, Michael Brown, Jeff Burrows, Dan Chayes, Bruce Crane, Terry Delli Quadri, Jill Fristbrook, Ed Gassman, Brad Ghent, Karen Ghent, John Jacobs, Lester Keller, Grant Lindemer, Chelsea Lynch, Tim Maguire, Leah Mason, Brewster McVicker, Mike Morin, Jon Nolting, Robert Petitt, Sasha Rearick, Connie Webster, Julie Woodworth, Gary Wright

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

2. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

3. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule

Evans referred to the meeting schedule

A. Review alpine materials and handouts

Evans reviewed the meeting materials presented in the books.

4. Executive report – Dart

Dart referred to the Executive Summary in the meeting materials. He noted that while that list is not exhaustive of the issues that will be addressed during the meetings, it is a starting point for review.

5. Staff reports

A. Management – Bodensteiner

Bodensteiner thanked everyone for their attendance and for the work that they do. He noted that the USSA experienced tremendous success during the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games and all that success starts at the local level with local racing and clubs. He spoke briefly about performance band selection theory and how that can affect all levels of the work that is done within the USSA.

Bodensteiner talked about the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) noting that Dart is a member. The SPC has been working to develop long term plans for all of the USSA sports. One of the strategies coming out of the SPC is to refocus on alpine development ensuring that the Teams, the National Development System, the Regions and the Clubs are all working together cooperatively.

B. Alpine

1) USST Staff – Rearick

Rearick spoke about the Men's Alpine Team. The expectation for him is that he will stay on budget and will win medals at the Olympics and World Championships. He noted that the clubs are responsible for the Team's success through their development of athletes and coaches who are working with the Team.

Rearick reviewed his presentation explaining performance band theory, talking about the process of the study that was done in developing performance band. He pointed out that the study has revealed that the Team criteria has been too hard for some ages and too easy for others. The study revealed the need for a deeper talent pool at younger levels to achieve success at higher levels.

2) Domestic – Evans

Evans went through his PowerPoint presentation reviewing the materials in his written report included in the meeting materials.

a) Eastern Region – Maguire

Maguire reviewed his written report included in the meeting materials.

b) Rocky/Central Region – Delli Quadri

Delli Quadri reviewed his written report included in the meeting materials.

c) Western Region – Keller

Keller reviewed his written report included in the meeting materials.

C. Education – Nolting

Nolting reviewed his written report included in the meeting materials.

D. Competition Services – Weinman

Weinman reviewed his written report included in the meeting materials through his presentation.

6. Recess

The meeting was recessed at 9:05 a.m.

USSA Alpine Judicial Committee

Park City, UT

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

Members:

Scott Macartney – Member / Athlete Rep., Absent

Bob Dart, Member

Tom Winters, Member

Alex Natt, Ex-Officio Member

Dave Galusha, Absent

Walt Evans – USSA Staff

Guests:

Mike Hammer, Esq., - Advisor, Gary Wright, Esq. - Advisors, Ed Gross

1. **Meeting Called to Order** at 9:00 AM
2. **Roll Call** was called by the Chairman
3. **Review and Approval of Prior Minutes and Current Agenda** – No changes proposed.
4. **Committee Membership:** The Chairman reviewed the composition of the Committee and noted that Dave Galusha had a new position and might not be available or desire to continue on this Committee. It was the feeling of the members that it was a benefit to the Committee to have a person with the background and knowledge afforded by a person like Dave Galusha on the Committee. The Chairman was directed to contact Dave Galusha and see what his availability and interest for future involvement might be.
5. **Review of Grievance Routing and Procedures:** General discussion was held with stated desire that USSA office staff be the primary focal point for such matters and information. It was noted that USSA staff needs to be apprised of any Divisional matters which might have judicial implication in a timely manner for coordination and control.
6. **Review of Interim Activities:** The Chair noted that there had been no interim activities or items which were directed to the committee for consideration.
7. **Old Business:** None to be considered at this time.
8. **New Business:** The Chairman mentioned that USSA Staff has informed the Committee that a possible code of conduct infraction action if not resolved at the USSA level might be coming before the Committee. Minimal discussion was held due to the potential for adjudication by the Committee on this matter. The Committee asked Mike Hammer, Esq. of Jackson Hole, WY to act as an advisor to USSA Staff on the formulation, discovery and due process coordination and recommendations to USSA Staff with regard to this potential item.
9. **Meeting Adjourned:** 10::00 AM

USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 13, 2010
09:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Minutes

Working Group Members Present:

Thelma Hoessler, Co-Chair	Bob Pettit, Northern
Gretchen Ransom, Co-Chair	Roger Root, Pacific Northwest Ski Association
Scott Young, Alaska	Ingrid Simonson, Ex-Officio
Grant Lindemer, Central	Allen Church, Ex-Officio
Michael Browne, East	Bob Calderwood, Ex-Officio
Dirk Gouwens, East	Tom Winters, Ex-Officio
Jill Firstbrook, East	Gary Wright, Ex-Officio and Vice Chair
Phil GilanFarr, Far West	Don Page, At-Large
Troy Price, Intermountain	

1. Meeting called to order at 09:15.
2. Review of Committee Membership and Introductions
Voting members identified.

Stanley Goldschmidt tendered his resignation and introduced his replacement, Michael Browne. Chairs thanked Stanley for his guidance and assistance through the years and invited him to sit with the Working Group and share the duties with Michael.

Representative from Rocky Mountain, Esther Delli Quadri notified Chairs she would not be present and granted her proxy to Charley Burnham.

MOTION 1: To recognize Charley Burnham as representative for Esther Delli Quadri, Rocky Mountain Division at this meeting.
M/S/C Page/GilanFarr/Unanimous

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2: To accept Agenda as presented with New Business section left open for additions as required.
M/S/C Page/Price/Unanimous

4. Approval of Minutes of 14 May 2009.

MOTION 3: To accept Minutes of meeting of 14 May 2009.
M/S/C Gouwens/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

5. Reports

Chair's Report

- Report e-mailed to working group members; no additional report required.

Committee Member Reports included the following:

- Officials' update requirements and issues involved with tracking updates discussed. Best efforts encouraged; Charley Burnham offered to share the spreadsheet used in Rocky Mountain.
- Publication of an Event Medical Plan is requiring additional education.
- Day-of-race Team Captains' Meetings are presenting challenges but progress in proper conduct of these meetings is being made.
- Value of e-mail updates noted; these updates allow for consistency and continuing education of officials.

- Alice Anderson, USSA National Rankings Coordinator, presented with PNSA's Unsung Hero Award. The assistance and cooperation of "Alice – I Can Do That – Anderson" recognized by all in attendance.
- No additional items noted.

USSA Staff Report

- Jeff Weinman, Assistant National Competition Director
 - Report is in the Congress book. It is also available on the USSA web site.
 - Distribution of Alpine Competition Manual discussed; budget will not allow for additions to current recipient list.
- Sheryl Barnes, Member Services Director
 - On-line membership registration discussed; there will be no change to fees.
 - Temporary membership procedures are being reviewed in order to eliminate problems.
 - On-line membership process has proven to be successful; the membership card has been reformatted for easier access and printing.

6. Old business

A. Clinic Education Materials

- 1) Preparation and mailing of clinic materials
Education-material recipient list updated. Only named-recipients will receive the education material CD's and these individuals are responsible for further distribution. Recipients are encouraged to copy material to their computers, as replacement materials will no longer be e-mailed.
- 2) Updating of Alpine Officials' Manual
With the valued input from many officials, the Manual will continue to be updated on a yearly basis.
- 3) Web-based clinics
There are no plans to introduce web-based clinics due to issues involved with their implementation. Web-based clinics would also result in the loss of interaction with senior officials and would result in the loss of shared experiences and advice.
- 4) Power point presentations
 - a. Power point presentations are an educational asset.
 - b. Dirk Gouwens and Roger Root will review the Basic Timing & Calculations presentation in an effort to present an official edition.
 - c. Grant Lindemer and Charley Burnham will review the Competition Official presentation in an effort to streamline its format.
 - d. No additional presentations requested.

B. Chief of Course Certification Requirements

- 1) Certification requirement is not presenting a problem.
- 2) Chief of Course education materials are serving their intended purpose. Course setting education will remain the responsibility of the Coaches' community.

C. Update requirement for Chief of Course, Chief of Race, Race Administration and Timing & Calculations

Current Alpine Official will continue to be reminded of the bi-annual update requirement. Serving as an instructor or attendance at a FIS TD Update should be accepted as fulfillment of the update requirement. A basic update clinic is recognized as fulfillment of the requirement; however, Divisions/Regions/States have the latitude to require specialty-specific update clinic attendance.

D. TD per diem for USSA non-scored championship events; i.e. J4, J5 Championships, Masters Nationals was deferred to the USSA Technical Delegates' Working Group and final decision was to extend the per diem to all USSA-sanctioned events, both scored and un-scored. Per diem as applies to course inspectors and is paid in addition to expenses incurred for transportation, meals and lodging. The expense report form will be revised as required for clarification of "per diem".

E. Expiration of Educational Materials

- 1) Data Management and Competition Official Study Guides

Posted Study Guides for these specialty areas do not expire and may be used until an updated version is posted.

- 2) Expiration of Study Guides for remaining categories
Regardless of continuing presence on the USSA web site, Study Guides for all other specialty-area certification categories expire following each competition year.

- F. Referee and Course Setter certification requirements for USSA non-scored events
The requirement for USSA non-scored events will continue to be “should be certified”.
- G. Masters’ alpine officials’ educational needs
Masters’ officials are welcome to attend regularly scheduled Alpine Officials’ Clinics. There are no plans to include or encourage separate Masters’ Officials’ Clinics.
- H. Coaches’ educational needs and plan for USST coaches’ education
Jon Nolting, USSA Alpine Sport Education Manager, discussed plans for coaches’ certification and education. Schedule of Coaches’ Academies will be supplied to the Alpine Officials’ community for possible addition of Referee clinics.

7. New business

- A. Minimum Clinic Standards
Preparation and publication of minimum clinic standards has become a necessity. Due to required input, clinic standards appropriate to the respective divisions/states will be prepared and forwarded to Gary Wright, Chair of Rules Working Group for review and presentation for approval at the 2011 USSA Congress. The standards should address the areas of concern noted in Chairs’ Annual Report.

MOTION 4: Defer additional discussion regarding preparation and publication of Minimum Clinic Standards until 2011 Congress.
M/S/C Page/GilanFarr/Unanimous

- B. Violation of Minimum Clinic Standards
Proposed standards should address whether or not violation of published standards are subject to sanction and whether or not sanctions, if applied, should be recognized by all Regions/Divisions/States.
- C. Examination Time Limits – Special Needs
As published in the cover letter that accompanies the clinic materials, individuals with special needs may require additional time in order to complete an examination; respect for identified special needs is required.
- D. Examination Failures
The content of specialty-area examinations is reviewed and is updated prior to each competitive season. Although an individual who fails an examination cannot retake it until an updated version is available, there is no limit as to how many times an individual can attempt to successfully complete specialty-area examination.
- E. Report from Bruce Crane, Chair USA Courses Working Group
- USA Additional Report of the TD form discussed. Form, if accepted, will be included in the 2010 Master Packet of Forms
 - Review of USSA Transmittal requested. It would be helpful if the form included course information
 - Assistance requested educating officials regarding protective installation requirements included in homologation reports
- F. Additional Items
The following items were discussed and will be addressed as required.

- Request for documentation for all officials' activity
- Add teaching innovations to future meetings
- Attempt to obtain rule changes earlier
- Publish Precisions to USSA rules and post them in an easily accessible area
- Verify accuracy of course setting charts and their agreement with rule text
- Investigate possibility of providing "Comp Guide Ap" as well as paper copy versions for parents.

Moment of silence observed for those who have departed, especially for Jack Young, who served as a mentor for many in our officials' community; condolences extended to his family.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8. Recommendations for advancement to Level 4 received.

MOTION 5: To approve officials presented for advancement to Level 4 as listed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION 6: To adjourn at 12:00 PM
M/S/C Wright/Lindemer/Unanimous

CENTRAL

4650602	Elaine Kolkmann		DM4
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EAST

4941357	Jim Bayse		RF4
5692645	Lucy Blake		CO4, DM4, RA4
4961702	Whitney Browne		CO4
5046768	Edward Barry Cupoli		CO4, CC4, CR4
5810593	Jo Ann Fuller		CO4, JA4
3236965	Rolf A. Gidlow		CO4, RF4
5814678	Dirk Gouwens		JA4, CO4
5119797	James Green		TC4
5856000	Matt Howard		TC4
3993995	John Przekop		RF4
4951968	W. Todd Rebhan		CO4, DM4, RA4, TC4
4891362	Rebecca J. Schneider		CO4, DM4, RA4
4616538	Connie Webster	JA4	

INTERMOUNTAIN

5558416	Sue Bybee		DM4
5558432	Francesca Hammer		DM4
4758462	Troy Price		CR4

PNSA

2738433	Ron Bonneau		CR 4
5721717	William Brooks	CR4	
3168309	Bill Cimock		RF4
5256094	Evertt Coulter		CO4, JA4
5400403	Jim Doudna		CO4
4540340	Gloria Fletcher	TC4	
3160967	Bill Gunesch		CO4, CR4
4570602	Charles Holcomb		RF4
4956512	Clyde Makinson	CO4	
4946984	Jerry Managhan		CO4
5258587	Andrew Mat		TC4
4634176	Kevin McDevitt	CC4, RF4	
5121769	Pat Murphy		CO4
4964193	Roger Root		CO4, DM4, RA4, TC4
5126271	Roger Taggart		RF4
4544763	Chris Thompson		CO4
4791885	Karl Wardrop		CO4, CR4

USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

Summit – B, Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 13, 2010, 09:15 AM – 12:00 AM

Action Item

MOTION 5: To approve officials presented for advancement to Level 4 as listed.

CENTRAL

4650602 Elaine Kolkmann DM4

EAST

4941357 Jim Bayse RF4
5692645 Lucy Blake CO4, DM4, RA4
4961702 Whitney Browne CO4
5046768 Edward Barry Cupoli CO4, CC4, CR4
5810593 Jo Ann Fuller CO4, JA4
3236965 Rolf A. Gidlow CO4, RF4
5814678 Dirk Gouwens JA4, CO4
5119797 James Green TC4
5856000 Matt Howard TC4
3993995 John Przekop RF4
4951968 W. Todd Rebhan CO4, DM4, RA4, TC4
4891362 Rebecca J. Schneider CO4, DM4, RA4
4616538 Connie Webster JA4

INTERMOUNTAIN

5558416 Sue Bybee DM4
5558432 Francesca Hammer DM4
4758462 Troy Price CR4

PNSA

2738433 Ron Bonneau CR 4
5721717 William Brooks CR4
3168309 Bill Cimock RF4
5256094 Evertt Coulter CO4, JA4
5400403 Jim Doudna CO4
4540340 Gloria Fletcher TC4
3160967 Bill Gunesch CO4, CR4
4570602 Charles Holcomb RF4
4956512 Clyde Makinson CO4
4946984 Jerry Managhan CO4
5258587 Andrew Mat TC4
4634176 Kevin McDevitt CC4, RF4
5121769 Pat Murphy CO4
4964193 Roger Root CO4, DM4, RA4, TC4
5126271 Roger Taggart RF4
4544763 Chris Thompson CO4
4791885 Karl Wardrop CO4, CR4

USSA Western Region Alpine Competition Committee

Park City, UT

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Karen Korfanta

Attendees: Lester Keller, Paul Cruise, Sparky Anderson(2 votes), Todd Kelly, Mark Brownlie, Ruben Macaya, Steve Bounous, Rick Duncan, Jeremy Ueland, Rob Crick, Chuck Holcomb, Kurt Hammond, Kristina Revello, Gina Gassman (athlete rep)

1. Welcome and Introduction:
 - a. Karen Korfanta is chairing this meeting as Craig Krueger could not attend.
2. Review and approval of agenda: addition of Concussion/IMPACT, Age realignment.
 - a. The agenda in the book is last year's agenda.
 - b. Revised agenda has been approved.
3. Review and Approval of fall conference call minutes: Approved
4. Executive Committee report
 - a. Chair's report – No report
 - b. Treasurer's report – Distributed by Bill Gunesch.
 - i. Income matches what is needed to operate the region.
 - ii. Report on the Great Western Ski Foundation.

Recommendation by Bill Gunesch: The officers of the WR ACC become the officers of the Great Western Ski Foundation. There will be a check of the By Laws and Bill will meet with Beat regarding this issue.

- c. Director's Report
 - i. Season in Review – see Lester's Report that was distributed at the working committee meeting and published in the Congress book. What really sets the WEST apart from other regions? Cooperation and trust, good planning, athletic output, effective operation, physical training through assessments. The D team will use the field test and their normal testing. Feels that skill development should be the goal at the J4-5 level.
 1. Among the goals of the Western Region are:
 - a. To have 5 racers named to the USST D Team annually
 - b. Win the Garner regions' cup at the US National Alpine Championships
 - c. Win the J2 Nationals regions' cup

- d. Conduct effective governance meetings and forums
- e. Establish and operate a region-wide physical assessment system
- f. Design and implement an effective FIS calendar
- g. Design and manage excellent training projects in areas where pace and coordinated effort in topics that are difficult for clubs and divisions to do singularly

2. For the past season our goals were met.

- ii. USSA/NDS –NDS has shrunk in what has been offered compared to 2008-2009. There is an expanding program starting this summer with the addition of camps operated parallel to the D Team for each gender. Passed out the schedule of NDS projects for this summer and fall.
- iii. Jeff Pickering spoke about valuing being out in the field and seeing how the development is around the world. Pick spoke about the projects that he is working on over the coming summer and how the progression has been and will be valuable to the WR athletes. Pick is putting together a working group from the 5 divisions to help Pick evaluate and plan the upcoming development of athletes (Jamie L, Todd B., Sparky A., Mark B., and Jeremy U).
- iv. Kurt Hammond pointed out that there are to be 2 regional positions on the Alpine Sports Committee. Selection was made from the grouping listed in item iv.
- v. Discussion regarding athlete development in Western Region vs. Europe. Karen pointed out the Strategic Planning Committee plans as this is all related. Broad base of athletes so that NDS level will be a large field, 40-45.

5. Old Business

a. Calendar review per working group meetings

- i. **Motion 1, Gunesch/Macaya:** to modify the calendar structure for 2010-2011 in the following ways:

1. To allow the divisional development series to be conducted with the following modifications:

- a. Each division may conduct up to 8 races for each gender, at least 2 races must be speed events, and Alaska Division is exempt from the speed requirement. These may be FIS, ENL, or JUN FIS category races
- b. Divisions may collect a portion of the entry fee equal to the division head tax on USSA races in that division. Regional Head Tax to be \$2.00.
- c. Entry into divisional FIS races is restricted to members of the host division as it reflects/effects western divisions with the exception that

- i. Northern Division may enter up to 10 racers per gender in any other Western Divisions' races
 - ii. Any division may enter up to 10 racers per gender in Alaska division's FIS races.
- 2. The regional development series will be conducted in 2010-2011 in 3 time blocks.
 - a. Block 1 December 2 technical starts in each discipline for each gender in two sites, split venue by gender.
 - b. Block 2 January 2 speed starts in each discipline.
 - c. Block 3 March – 4 technical starts in each discipline in two sites.

The December block will be held at a single site for each gender. The quota structure will be (per gender): AK 10, FW 25, IMD 25, Northern 10, PNSA 25, RD 15.

The January block will be a J2 National qualifier. The current quota system for championship selection events will be used.

The March block will be a “conflicting” development series block and the existing quota method will be used.
- 3. The elite series will remain as it is currently conducted.
- 4. The FISU races will remain as it is currently conducted.
- 5. The Spring Open Series race will remain as it is currently conducted.

Vote: passed unanimously

6. Calendar 2011:

December Mammoth 11-14, 2010 = Women
December Snow King 10-13, 2010 = Men
J3 JO's: Squaw Valley USA March 17th training – March 20th final day
Jr Championships: Bogus Basin - March 8-13,
January speed Series: Big Sky January 22-30th. Dates can flex on either location.
Spring Series: Mission Ridge April 4-9, 2011, dates can flex
Spring Downhills: Mt. Bachelor dates TBD.
Spring Open will be decided upon in PNSA.
 Laura Flood will be January 20-23.
 Sierra Crest Cup March Block will be decided upon by Far West
 IMD March block will be in Park City

Motion 2 / Crews, Anderson: Alaska will host the 2013 W J3 Olympics and will reenter the divisional bid rotation schedule at that time. The Alaska J3 Subsidy will end with the 2010 J3 Olympics. The bid rotation schedule will become:

2011 Far West
 2012 Northern
 2013 Alaska
 2014 IMD
 2015 PNSA

2016 Far West

Discussion to give the lower 48 teams one more year to save funds

Vote: Passed unanimously

7. Sheryl Barnes came in to discuss membership. Passed out Congress Briefing May 2010.

8. **Motion 3** / B. Call and Kristina Revello, 2nd Todd Kelly

Topolino Shootout Selection

*top 15 'protected' selections from the previous Regional Junior Olympics remain.

*Each Division is granted 2 slots for 1st year J3s. These slots are selected and submitted by the Divisions at no directive of the Region (in terms of selection method, gender, etc.)

*extenuating circumstance can be awarded as Directors Quota Slots to 2nd year J3 athletes who suffered an injury and were therefore not able to compete in the previous years' Junior Olympics. These cannot be awarded to alternates under the "development" pretext.

*No 2nd year J3 alternates (not in the top 15) will be selected, barring qualification by above Director's Quota.

*Under no circumstance will a J4 participate in the event.

* AMENDMENT: 2 for each division. These spots do not have to be filled and not meant to protect spots for incoming J3's, but are available for both genders/age groups along with the director's quota for extenuating circumstances such as injury, illness, etc. not to exceed 16 total athletes.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

9. Other:

a. Karen spoke about GS Gate panel study being done

b. For FIS races and up the gates must be the same homologated parts. Hoping to diffuse that.

c. Discussion regarding Single Pole GS at the FIS level.

d. Discussion about shorter gates for J4 age class. That verbiage will be added to the comp guide going into next season.

e. Annual agenda item about scheduling level 100, 200 and 300 coaches education. Check the coach's education schedule on the USSA education section of the website.

f. **Motion 4** / Macaya/Bounous

Proposal to change the Tie Break System of Selecting the WR Whistler Cup Team the J3 Olympics: No longer use the combined winner in the selection or tie breaking criteria. Continue to select the winners of the SL, GS and SG to select athletes. In the case of multiple winner(s), select the SL, GS or SG silver medalist(s) with the lowest race points. In the case of a tie in race points, select the athlete that has the next best place finish with the lowest race points.

VOTE: Passed unanimously

g. **Motion 5** / Revello/Kelly

For the J3 Junior Olympic Seeding, use a divisional draw for each seed by the ROC in which each division will then place their athletes in the selected positions according to their qualifying selections.

VOTE: passed 15 yes, 1 no

- h. Collegiate discussion Ron Bonneau, from College of Idaho
Request to the Western Region explanation of return of refunds for Collegiate USSA.
Request region to attend collegiate events, USCSA events. Utilize these athletes to be interns, officials, etc. Lester will meet with Ron to explore potential college needs.

10. New Items:

- a. Hammond, Age alignment issue regarding a 3 year J2 age class. Keep talking about it and not pushing hard on it as not much movement taking place at this time.
- b. Revello, Concussion discussion: making it a requirement for Regional team and travel athlete must have base IMPACT testing done.
- c. Divisional meeting schedule
 - i. IMD meeting May 22nd
 - ii. PNSA meeting June 5-6th
 - iii. Far West June 11th
 - iv. Northern June 12th
 - v. Alaska will schedule after these meetings

11. Meeting Adjourned.

USSA Alpine Rocky/Central Region ASC

Park City, UT

Thursday, May 13, 2010

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Dave Waller

1. Welcome and call to order – Dave Waller
2. Introduction of RC ACC members
 - A. Committee – Dave Waller, Pat Callahan, Roger Perricone, Anje Worrell, Chelsea Lynch, Darryl Landstram, Tom Barnes, Joe Paul, Bob Dart and Bill Slattery
 - B. Guests – Mike Bowman, Terry DelliQuadri, Brewster McVicker, Darlene Nolting, Jeff Kai, Paul Rosypaul, Richard Rokos, Karen Ghent, Brad Ghent, Aldo Radamus, Deb Armstrong, Leah mason, Alice Black, Katharina Golic, Ellen Galbraith, David Samuels, Jeff Burrows, Ed Gassman, Finn Gundersen, Jeff Burrows, Walt Evans
3. Review and approval of agenda **M/S/C – Darryl Landstrom/Joe Paul**
4. Review and approval of minutes **M/S/C – Roger Perricone/Pat Callahan**
5. Staff reports
 - A. Terry Delli Quadri

Terry has a report in the book. Thank the staff Brewster and Darlene for their hard work and covering the loss of the regional coach. We did not drop any programming. Both divisions are working on similar issues – drop in membership and drop in start numbers.
 - B. Darlene Nolting

Attended J2 Nationals as the Project leader, thanks to the staff that worked together for the athletes in the region. Attended J4 Junior Olympics at Winter Park, congratulations to them for the great event they put on. Attended Whistler Cup as the Project Leader.
 - C. Brewster McVicker

Good season for Central athletes. Drop in membership of 5% on the competitor side of things, age class membership continues to hold strong. Brought Canadians into their age class championships, this was a good addition to the event. They raised the bar. Canadian FIS Series – Can Am Superior Cup. Coaches' education clinics in the Central Division. The Indianhead speed project is our biggest project in the division – we had 100 athletes attend the project. Commissioner for the RC J3 Junior Olympics. Brought a number of athletes out to the Millennium Bank Junior FIS Series.
6. Divisional ACC reports
 - A. Central – Dave Waller

Membership steadily declined by 20% in the last four years. Need USSA to continue the temporary license program. Can Am Series – Thunder Bay, Canada combined with our Lutsen, Spirit gaining Canadian interest. Canadians participating in age class championship. Championship at Lutsen was usual excellent race – strong field, half the entries from out of region, penalties in the low tens.

B. Rocky Mountain – Mike Bowman

New Rocky Mountain Division ACC Chair. Membership is down on the competitor side of things, but up on the youth membership. Reconvening the RMD task force/development committee – program, conditioning, vision and mission, education, calendar, - Come up with guiding principles for each group and create a partnership with the division to make sure we are working in the athletes' best interest. Come up with clear markers for athlete development

7. New business

A. By-laws review – Dave Waller will work through the by-laws and get them online and out to the committee members.

Discussion on when proposals should be due to the committee. The consensus was that proposals coming out of the divisional ACC meetings should be due to the RC Committee the day after the Divisional ACC meetings.

B. J3 JOs

Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club and Ski and Snowboard Club Vail have submitted bids. Both clubs presented their bids to the committee.

Aspen Ski and Snowboard Club was selected to host J3 JO's for the 2011 season by a vote of 7 to 2.

C. J4 JOs

Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club and Winter Park Resort have submitted bids. Both clubs presented their bids to the committee.

Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club was selected to host the J4 Junior Olympics for the 2011 and 2012 season by a vote of 9 to 1.

D. Junior Olympic scoring proposal

Motion: To use the current World Cup Scoring to score the overall for the RC J3 Junior Olympics. M/S/C Roger Perricone/Dart

Motion: To use the current World Cup Scoring to score the overall for the RC J4 Junior Olympics. M/S/C Roger Perricone /Dart

Motion: To include all events to score the overall for the RC J4 Junior Olympics. M/S/ C Roger Perricone /Bill Slattery 1 opposed – Dave Waller

E. Divisional ACC proposals needing regional approval

Motion: To make the 2011 J3 JO bid a one-year bid and the 2011-12 J4 JO bid a two year bid and then the bidding return to a two year cycle on alternating years. M/S/C Pat Callahan/Bill Slattery

This motion is a result of calendar considerations

Motion: To use the 54" 27 mm gates at the Rocky/Central J4 Junior Olympic Slalom. M/S/C Pat Callahan/Roger Perricone 8 for 2 opposed, Landstram and Barnes

Motion: To request J3 quota spots for Rocky/Central to send athletes to the Canadian Juvenile Championships. M/S/ Pat Callahan/Roger Perricone

Amend: Request that the quotas working group review the Rocky/Central request for access to the Canadian Juvenile Championships. M/S/C Pat Callahan/Bob Dart

F. Sheryl Barnes gave a presentation on where membership is for this coming year.

Deadline for FIS membership for summer racing is on May 31st. Online sign up is up and running. Partner offers will be bigger this year. Watch online for that. Temporary membership needs to be automated before it can be opened up to everyone. Ski Brule sent in a great report on their event and Sheryl will use that in her Addendum B presentation in July. Lindsay Vonn first came to USSA through a temporary membership event.

8. Old business
9. Kick Out The Incumbent
Pat Callahan will be the new chair of the Rocky/Central ACC.
Vice-Chair will be from Central
10. Adjournment **M/S/C Bill Slattery/Darryl Landstrom**

USSA Alpine Technical Delegate Working Group

The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 13, 2008
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members in attendance:

Robert Calderwood, Chair and Central
Randy Rogers, Vice Chair and PNSA
Charlie Burnham – attending on behalf of Esther DelliQuadri - Rocky
Phil GilanFarr – Far West
Scott Young – Alaska
Evert Uldrich – IMD
Chuck Hughes – Eastern
Robert Petitt – Northern
Ingrid Simonson – Immediate Past Chair
Gretchen Ransom – AOEWG
Thelma Hoessler – AOEWG
Don Page – Honorary
Jeff Weinman - USSA

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm on Thursday, May 13, 2010.

The agenda was sent out prior to the Congress, along with last year's minutes, and no responses were given to the Chair prior to this meeting.

Review of committee membership – Bob Petitt was accepted as the newest Northern representative.

A moment of silence was held for Jack Young's passing.

Clarification of per diems for inspectors was an addition to the agenda, as was Bruce Crane talking for a few minutes about the Alpine Courses Working Group.

Chuck Hughes moved and Don Page seconded to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

Reports from divisions and Chair:

Chair, Bob Calderwood – everything seemed to go well throughout the season. There were a few minor problems that were taken care of on a divisional basis.

Alaska, Scott Young – issues from last year were solved regarding giving checks to TDs. Scott reported that Alaska is a big state with few individuals officiating, so they're working hard on retention of officials once their children move on.

Central, Gretchen Ransom reporting on behalf of the Chair – no major issues during the season. Good coverage on events with the TDs in the region and scored and non-scored events were shared evenly by all.

East, Chuck Hughes – Chuck reported that the East had a pretty good year with some tough snow conditions. They were able to produce great races, and Chuck gave thanks to all the volunteers and officials. East has held their spring meeting already, and they emphasized the need for fairness,

education, and good representation from officials at events. He reported that they're looking at restructuring the committee back east. A task force is in place for a year to come up with some policies, procedures, and by-laws to continue operating professionally. Chuck discussed development of TDs and the officials' matrix. He feels they've been doing a good job but sees some room for improvement. Chuck also said that they're short on TDs in the Eastern region. He sees a need for younger coaches and officials to step up into the TD pipeline. Chuck reported no real issues with single pole slalom. He requested some improvement on diagrams in the ACR for course setting distances. Many of the TDs still weren't sending in TD expense reports. Chuck concluded by saying that they're trying to utilize upper level TDs in the lower level races for coverage and mentoring as well.

Far West, Phil GilanFarr – Phil reported good success in recruitment for TDs by searching through referees, coaches, etc. to find potential recruits to encourage to go on through the TD process. Expense reports were still an issue with people not sending them in. Phil said that they're looking at a sub-committee to help with the mentoring of officials new to race production and those at new race venues.

IMD, Evert Uldrich – Evert highlighted the geographical and logistical problems in the division. He said that people getting to clinics is difficult, especially with the new requirements for updating. Snow was also an issue with holding coaches' clinics. Snow in Idaho was about 60 percent of normal. He said they encountered fewer issues with local TDs being assigned to events. Evert reported that the region has two level 4 TDs retiring this year. Some of the races have turned into FIS rather than USSA, which decreases the demand for USSA TDs but he felt the regional TDs were still being active.

PNSA, Randy Rogers – Randy reported that quite a few officials went to Canada over the Olympics which created a bit of a strain. Roger Root did a very good job coordinating clinics throughout the division. A few new younger TDs are coming up in the ranks. Randy reminded the group that we all need to "take ourselves seriously first" in order to be effective. He said it's always tough to have someone be a coach one day, and an official the next, and that we need to mentor and recruit. Randy concluded by saying that they had some snow challenges in the early season with too little, and too much snow later in the season.

Rocky, Charlie Burnham for Esther DelliQuadri – Charlie reported that the division had no particular issues. Snow conditions in Rocky were similar to other areas. Charlie feels their TD pipeline is working well, as they have several people getting into level one this next year, and some will be moving to level two, etc. Charlie reported that Tony Nunnikhoven will also be helping with TD recruitment and mentoring.

Northern, Robert Petitt – Bob highlighted the geographic constraints in the division. He noted that they need some work and help in their TD pipeline development.

AOEWG, T. Hoessler – No new news to report.

USSA Staff, Jeff Weinman – Jeff reported that his roster still shows 60 TDs in the country with no timing certification. He also noted that the rosters also show outdated clinic attendance by individuals that are still being certified as TDs. He asked the divisional representatives to assist in cleaning up the rosters.

Old business –

The Chair showed some informational slides regarding TD expenses and per diems being charged. His stats show that more TDs are requesting the per diem and filling out reports. However, we could be doing better. We have 436 TDs, but only 84 submitted expense reports. Every TD needs to submit an expense report to the ROC to reflect actual costs, and then it's up to them (the TD) whether they accept the reimbursement or donate it back to the club or whatever. Reports need to be legible and signed, etc. Chuck Hughes noted that the East has a daily per diem in one state of \$75.00, which is supposed to include the USSA TD per diem (\$50) and a max of \$25 per day for food. Bob reminded the group that official forms should not be altered to reflect policies that differ from USSA. Bob will continue to record the expense reports.

Bob also highlighted last year's motions. He said that the Rules Working Group will be handling motions 1-3 from last year's meetings, which dealt with assignment of referees by TDs and cases where referees may be assigned by an alternate method. Gary Wright spoke regarding the rule changes and wording,

and felt that the rules and tech group didn't feel the need to make a new rule for a few events and their differentiation from the normal rules.

Last year's motion 4 to allow a per diem for all events (USSA) passed and is in effect.

New Business – homologation and courses issues. No real issues to discuss. Bob discussed the expense report for officials and noted that the language for charging the per diem is included in the reporting form. Gary suggested that Jeff Weinman add a portion on the bottom of the form (which Bob will do) which spells out the expenses, in addition to per diem.

There was some discussion regarding the term “per diem” and what it means. Some view it as the total per day, some view it as what you get beyond your expenses. The latter is correct. Some clarifying language will be added to the reports, by Bob, to help dispel confusion.

Bruce Crane discussion – Bruce reported that he has been asked to capture some experiential knowledge of the course inspectors and figure out a way to share it with USSA TDs, so he is looking at how to devise a curriculum and educate people. Bruce is looking for input to develop the educational material and get it out.

Thelma moved and Phil GilanFarr seconded to move into executive session. Motion carried.

Executive session –

Randy Rogers did a presentation and the idea of foreseeing the future and making rules before the issues come up.

Don Page moved and Thelma Hoessler seconded “that the USSATDWG recommends that USSA Team Captains' Meetings be alcohol-free.” As a risk management issue we might benefit by taking the approach to ask ROC's and TC to abstain from providing or bringing alcohol to Team Captains' Meetings. The perspective is that all participants in these meetings still carry a responsibility until after the meetings conclude and information is shared with other team coaches and athletes. Motion passed unanimously.

Phil GilanFarr talked about “eyewitness testimony” as referred to in the rule book and what that entails. Gary Wright said that he may add some language to help explain what that means.

Phil also talked about splitting a TD between two venues/events. He gets pressure to assign one to a double event. Discussion followed respecting both ROC and TD standpoints.

Level 3 and 4 upgrades:

Level 3 TDs

Far West –	Mike Ginsberg	4912309
Rocky –	Chris Hoss	5817887
East -	Stephen Burgart	5412556
	Chuck Schweitzer	5524129
	Andrew Bullis	4760450
	Donald Gulick	70284 – that's his REAL number !

Level 4 TDs

East -	James Bayse	4941357
	James Engle	5230834
	Peter Swerttka	5571468

Level 3 TDs were accepted – Don Page moved and Evert Uldrich seconded. Motion carried.

Level 4 TDs were accepted – Don Page moved and Randy Roger seconded. Motion carried.

Don Page and Evert Uldrich seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

USSA Alpine Technical Delegate Working Group

The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 13, 2008
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Action Items

USSATDWG 2010 Action Items:

MOTION:

USSATDWG recommends that USSA Team Captains' Meetings be alcohol-free.

Don Page moved and Thelma Hoessler seconded; unanimous.

USSA Alpine FIS Technical Delegate Working Group

Park City, UT

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Minutes

Submitted By: Tom Winters, Chairman

Meeting Chair: Tom Winters

Members:

Tom Winters, Chair

Jill Firstbrook – Member / East

Bill Hicks - Member / West

Robert Calderwood – Member / Rocky-Central

Jeff Weinman – USSA Staff

Paul Van Slyke, Vice Chair

Chuck Hughes – Member / East

Randy Rogers – Member / West

Robert Dart – Member / Rocky-Central

Gretchen Ransom – Acting Secretary

Guests:

Karen Korfanta – FIS Committee Member

Ted Sutton – FIS Inspector

Thelma Hoessler – USSA Committee Chair

Cath Jett

Don Page

Bruce Crane – FIS Committee Member

Paul Mahre – FIS Inspector

Ingrid Simonson

John Jett

Evert Uldrich

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:09 pm
2. The Chairman announced that the FIS Congress meetings will be coming up in about 3 weeks in Turkey. Tom stated that at such time he will be stepping down as the USA FIS Commissioner and Paul Van Slyke will be assuming this FIS Committee position. Tom will still be active in the position of chairman of the FIS Technical Delegate Working Group and that he look forwards working with Paul Van Slyke in his new position.
3. According the Working Group's operating procedures, Paul Van Slyke will be vacating his Eastern position on the Working Group when becoming the FIS Commissioner and as such it was announced that the Eastern position on the Working Group will be assumed by Jill Firstbrook.
4. The Chairman asked if there were any comments or additions to be made to the proposed agenda. No comments were presented with regard to the proposed agenda.
5. The Chairman asked if there were any comments, additions or deletions to be made to the minutes of the Working Group's prior meeting as presented. No comments were presented with regard to the minutes.
 - a. Bob Calderwood and Bill Hicks moved and seconded to approve the agenda and the minutes of the Working Group's last meeting minutes.

Reports By Committee Members

1. The Chairman made a short report relative to last year's activities and the fact that last year was a rather trying year for everyone what with the Olympics in Canada. Challenges included travel letters from foreign athletes, including at least one case of fraud. It was noted that foreign athletes

in order to be entered in events in the USA must have valid travel letters, such letter should be on file with the USSA offices so as to be available for verification if deemed necessary. One other challenge was the ever present weather fluctuations.

2. Bob Dart, Rocky-Central: – Bob reaffirmed the aforementioned challenging season and the endeavors required to make sure that all the FIS races in Rocky were covered. It was noted that there continue to be new events added to the regions calendar i.e. the Junior FIS series; need for additional Technical Delegates which will be available for many years in the system was noted as well as the issue of needing to assure proper mentoring of TD Candidates and newly approved Technical Delegates. Technical Delegate should be involved for more than five years.
 - a. It was noted that there were some 458 FIS events scheduled in the USA last year with assignment coverage being provided by less than 50 qualified Technical Delegates.
3. Bob Calderwood, Rocky-Central – The races were well covered, but Bob is always looking for outside division Technical Delegates to cover events in the Central Division.
4. Bill Hicks, Western - Reported that he had to do a little scrambling to cover all the FIS races this past season and the scrambling looks to increase again next year.
5. Chuck Hughes, Eastern - Reported on the great amount of cooperation exhibited in the East as well as the great group of Technical Delegates he and Paul VanSlyke had to work with this past season. Mention was made of the supportive and good job that USSA Regional staff put forth. In looking toward future challenges it was noted the number of Scheduled events has increased each of the past several years by approximately 15-18 FIS events. Note was made of the assistance afforded by both Ted Sutton and Bear Bryant.
6. Paul VanSlyke, Vice Chairman - Requested the continued exception for those two individuals be noted with the FIS when the Chairman makes his recommendations. He said that many others also helped throughout the season by filling in. Paul also spoke about the need to find as well as mentor replacements Technical Delegates for ourselves and strive to engage them at a young age if possible – pick the right people and foster the growth.
7. Tom Winters, Chairman – Reviewed our continued involvements on the FIS International scene with our USSA Technical Delegates being involved in such events from the Olympics level on down. A substantial amount of participation in “cross the border officiating” with Canada was noted. Tom and Paul will continue to endeavor to expand the number of events open to US TDs outside the US.
8. Bruce Crane, FIS Committee Member - Took a few moments to speak about the Courses Group, and reviewing the process of document preparation and posting. He noted that, at the upcoming FIS meetings, the French may propose men’s SG minimum vertical drop be lowered to try to conform with the 10 or 12 full women’s foreign SG homologated courses instead to the current ENL for men. Currently, men’s SG minimum vertical drops are as follows: 350 (ENL) and 400m for FIS and up.
9. Karen Korfanta, FIS Committee Member - Commented on various issues that she anticipates discussion on at the FIS Congress i.e. single pole GS. There has been past opposition regarding the single pole GS, but as the single pole SL was approved so might the single pole GS. Karen foresees them trying (if it passes) single pole GS in the southern hemisphere first before being expanded to include the northern hemisphere There's also discussion about equipment homologating of the parts within a homologated gate – as in the hinge, the base, etc. Karen also said that some gate panel discussion may also come up regarding GS panels and future

developments. She also said that work is still in progress with language clarification in the rule book.

10. Tom also discussed homologations on gates, and said that the poles are sent in for recertification on a periodic basis and are good throughout the period of homologation.
11. Bob Dart reported that on the Nor-Am committee they're working on rule clarifications with 400 and 450 point holders. He also said that they're cleaning up procedures between USA and CAN regarding entries and associated costs. This is the first year where the overall Nor-AM winner will have a World Cup start spot.
12. Randy talked about single pole events and why the big push? Advantages include faster course setting, more room for protection, more visibility on the course for the racers. Disadvantages include course crew dealing with outside lines that are tougher to delineate, sponsors get less advertising, and the aesthetic value of the race arena.
13. There was a little more discussion on single pole GS, and instructions for correct gate passage would be similar to those for single pole SL. The group was reminded that nothing is for certain until the FIS meetings and the vote of the FIS Council.
14. Course setting challenges discussions followed including setting delays into hairpins. Better diagrams were requested as the FIS TDs in the room were arguing about the interpretation. Discussion descended quickly into what's a delay, what isn't, and everywhere in between. Most consider that a turn doesn't exist unless there's an edge change. The request for a definitive diagram came again.
15. Jeff Weinman discussed travel letters and how they'll be handled. Jeff said that they (USSA) are looking at having all the travel letters come through USSA, and then Jeff would post the athletes for which travel letters have been obtained. Canadian entries are also required to have accompanying travel letters. If the travel letters are coming from USSA, they've already come from the NGB. Foreign athletes racing for universities don't necessarily have the travel letter or confirmation from the foreign federation. UNI events have specific rules, and don't necessarily send a copy of the travel letter to the USSA beforehand.
16. The Chair also discussed a double entry situation from last year, and cautioned the group to be aware those things are still going on and to be diligent.
17. The western 2010 North American FISTD update will be in Portland Oct 22-24, and Eastern portion will be in Montreal on Halloween weekend.
18. The Chair said that operationally speaking, USSA is happy. Some TD reports were sent in in a timely fashion, some weren't. Discussion followed regarding injury reporting. All injuries should be reported on the ISS form. Broken legs don't necessarily constitute a major accident to FIS, but still need ISS paperwork and USSA needs the information on their report. Remember to fill out an ISS report for every injury, and a USSA insurance report for USSA events or a USSA racer injured in a FIS event, and the FIS form for major FIS event injuries. Internet procedures were also covered, as well as online TD reports and correcting errors when penalties and other information aren't correct.
19. No suggestions to the FIS were forthcoming, but Randy Rogers cautioned the group to police its own jury if our counterparts aren't doing the right job, or if they're pushing their own agenda. Document what's happening out there. For instance, don't toss a competitor an event without documenting it. If a competitor disqualifies him/herself or otherwise removes themselves from

competition, keep a record of it. For instance, a young man pulled himself out of an event, but it didn't get reported properly, so he wasn't listed on the start lists or ref report and then he got hurt.

Executive Session

1. Randy Rogers brought forth a set of nomination forms for a new aspirant. A few comments were introduced, including the need for some speed experience, and the need to get out of the given region. Randy highlighted the individual's qualifications and experience. Discussion followed concerning the track to follow, events to include the individual in, when he'd be able to test and become a candidate. A couple of the committee members are familiar with the aspirant, and spoke to his qualifications.
2. Paul Van Slyke moved and Jill Firstbrook seconded to test the individual this fall and put him on a two-year track. The motion was approved.
3. Randy also said that he has another prospect in the works. Another candidate will also retest this fall.
 - a. Discussion followed concerning scheduling TDs for events, and the need to get events in the individual regions covered by some of the regional TDs, vs having the regional TDs going to other events outside their own region and then having to bring in out-of-region TDs at a higher cost.
4. Bob Dart moved and Bill Hicks seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

USSA Alpine Education and Development Subcommittee

The Yarrow – Summit A
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 13, 2010
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Jeff Byrne

Committee members in attendance: Jeff Byrne – past chair, Joe Paul - RC, Kirk Dwyer - East, Gina Gassman - Athlete, Mike Morin - East, Jon Nolting – USSA Education Staff, Mike Bowman - RC, Jamie Landwehr - West, Jesse Hunt - West, Lester Keller USSA/West, Terry DelliQuadri USSA/RC, Tim Maguire USSA/East

Committee members absent: Dave Galusha, Peter Dodge

Guests present: Walt Evans USSA, Ryan Shorter, George Struthers, Ruben Macaya, John Jacobs, Karen Ghent, Jeremy Euland, Curt Hammond, Terry Leonard, Tom Barnes, Rick Duncan, Connie Webster, Todd Brickson, Aldo Radamus, Ed Gassman, Brewster McVicker, Beat Hupfer, Julie Woodworth, Jeff Sirjane, Ben Roberts, Hank McKee, Deb Armstrong, Chelsea Lynch, Leah Mason, Alice Black, Katharina Golik, Jeff Kai, Finn Gundersen, Kate Avrin, Darlene Nolting, Rob Crick, Chelsea Steinbach

1. Call to order: Jeff Byrne
2. Review and adoption of agenda
3. Review of minutes
4. Review membership
5. Chair's report
6. USSA staff reports

Luke Bodensteiner: not present

Sasha Rearick

- 1) We need to find other markers to identify potential athletes
- 2) Showed density of population required to have steady World Cup performers
- 3) Performance Band
 - a. Top 7 vs. Top 30 in the world – chose 30 because statistics are more valid; What is the team size needed? Need 12 men in top 30.
 - b. FIS Rank used on performance band – you must be within the performance band to be a top athlete; dots used for athlete history; criteria was adjusted.
 - c. Statistics used from 15 yrs. old and up.
 - d. Fundamentals are solid
 - e. Pressure in the fall line – rhythm and timing
 - f. Athletes that succeed have feel – feel must be taught
 - g. Conditioning base: focus on conditioning as a requirement and base for moving into projects; but should not select off of conditioning; Chronic issues are abundant in new athletes and sometimes 2-3 years to succumb it.
 - h. Markers: need to develop as a group – show that someone has potential on the World Cup. Don't forget athletes who execute on demand. Look at other markers, technological and mental.

- i. Healthy athletes
 - j. Heart
- 4) Athletes need to be managed and have goals.
 - 5) System of focus: who goes to NorAms, etc.
 - 6) Competitions: 478 FIS races in America in 2009-10 season. Choose races where skills can be executed and focus and execute on skills learned in training. Snow preparation.
 - 7) Multiple race series where athletes compete head-to-head. Recommendation: Bring up a series of races that are selection races, 6 SL, 6 GS, 6 SG.
 - 8) Entry into races should be performance based: if you're within the performance band you should be able to compete in NorAms. 3rd standard deviation does not have a good chance of competing at elite World Cup level. NDS selection would be very valid. There are tremendous opportunities and potential within in the clubs and regions. This approach would give clarity to whom we are trying to select. Clearly states expectations of where you need to be to perform.
 - 9) Tri Out Camps 2 std: select more athletes to C-Team. Psychological and Physical evaluations, training age, racing age all taken into consideration.

7. Discussion items

a. Coaches certification: Jon Nolting

- i. Sport Education report on pg. 73 in books. Active year for Jon. Chelsea and Jon run the show now in the Sport Education Department. Chelsea Steinbach is Education Coordinator. Alpine Manager position is currently available and new Education Resource Developer that will provide video to Center of Excellence TV.
- ii. Revised General Statement of Purpose; who stakeholders are and what our focus is. Primary Goals are also updated, continual learning amongst all coaches. Take Center of Excellence nationwide.
- iii. Center of Excellence TV was launched July 2009. Over 135,000 views, over 150 videos posted. Primary video delivery system that is free. More content will be added over the summer, including more junior video.
- iv. Out of 4200 member coaches, 1700 coaches are currently certified. Retrieve more content and push education. How is certification a motivator or not in our system? What is the incentive? In order to achieve this, we want to push the academies and drive the amount of content we can provide. The next step would be to additions into certification levels, but there must be a benefit on the other end.
- v. Our current database makes it difficult to track certification levels and who needs to do a continuing education credit. Grow depth of knowledge in order to teach the sport better.

Deb Armstrong: If you're going to be tested and certified to verify your certification, there could also be other motivating factors.

Jeff Byrne: Criticism about certification in the past. Certification exams could be directed toward ability and be held independently of the education portions of the clinic. You're on the right track for making the certification process better.

Walt Evans: We are requiring that all NDS coaches hold at least a level 100 certification. National Team athletes are encouraged to obtain their level 100 certification the first year off the team. We are currently offering clinics free to retiring athletes, and 50% off for other USST alumni to start their certification.

b. Alpine Training System

- i. Online viewing of the Training Systems, including online resources. New platform out by August, with rapid increase in content. Need help in content, editing, and brainstorming.
- ii. One page simple sheet of paper that everyone can have access to, with a base level of understanding. USSA Sport Science is helping build out information.
- iii. Selection methods need to support all concepts from the Training Systems.
- iv. On-snow and certifications were held for all USST staff to increase their level to 300. Excellent dialogue was captured for future use.
- v. Level 100 certification is required to be involved with future projects.
- vi. 2011 Goals: New DVD and learning materials will be introduced, GS Technique and Tactics DVD, updating and combining and updating Fundamentals 1 & 2 CD-ROMS to DVD, 2009-10 Winning Runs DVD is currently being produced.
- vii. Want to bring back Fundamental Skills Assessment: Basic Alpine Skills Assessment (BASE). Practical use for skill competition or skill assessment. Hope to complete it by end of season.
- viii. Delivery: Mandatory certification for all USSA member coaches, beginning in 2011-12 season by creating a new base level of certification from current system. Online, basic coaching skills, basic ethics, etc. Troy Flanagan and Jon will be working on the certification to be available by the end of the summer. Entry level certification below level 100. This will be across all sports, not just alpine.
- ix. Return of Coaching Academies, beginning with a 3-day session in Colorado in early November. Next May, a more intensive academy will be introduced at Mammoth. Want to drive a critical mass of national team and sport science staff to help, as well as outside experts.
- x. Alpine Training Systems: at level 300, there will be structure for performance level track for coaches entering FIS level, children's focus for developmental skills, along with other levels of coaching. Conditioning, performance psychology, and other domains will also be introduced. Level 100, 200, and 300 certifications will still be available, but focusing on the specific levels that you'll be coaching at.
- xi. Online Shop is down indefinitely. All orders are manual through Chelsea. New shop is being created by IT. Current materials are available at a discounted price for Congress.
- xii. Kirk Dwyer, question: Development committee would like to be more involved with education. How can we move our sport forward? Complimented Jon on LTAD and the rest of the information provided at Excellence Conference. Great planning and preparation, but no periodization. You mentioned race starts. It seems like we need to educate coaches in periodization.

Sasha Rearick, answer: I agree, we need to do periodization more. I try to emphasize skill development, teach tactical situations, spend time teaching skiing. As we select the team, we look at who has the lowest FIS points. Let's come up with markers that are skill based markers, rather than just FIS points and select athletes based on that. Austria created a system for juniors that added skills competition and duals to allow for more skiing. More and more people wanted to work on fundamentals skills. We need to look at it in a different way.
- xiii. Women's performance band is reviewed.
- xiv. Lester Keller acknowledges the creation of the LTAD. It would be nice to follow through on it. We spent a lot of time on alpine competencies, defining ski racing. Single selection method and other methods, physiology, motor skills. We need to change a few things and we should get started.
- xv. Tim Maguire agrees with Lester. All selections need to work together or nothing will be changed

- xvi. Terry DelliQuadri follows up on what Jon, Sasha, and Lester discussed. Reports on Mt. Bachelor and how it was being driven as a preparation for an evaluation, the girls who were invited worked very hard. There was no grumbling and very concentrated efforts on becoming better at the new skills. There is already some good work from people headed in the right direction.
- xvii. Comments from Joe Paul, discussing criteria for D-Team. If there's a rubric, it makes it more objective and correlates what's being done at the Ski Team.
- xviii. Sasha Rearick comments on how we execute. Skill development needs to be simple and athletic based. Too many drills are boring and not athletic based. You can evaluate skills in skiing. Look at the best skiers in the world and what they're doing on their skis.
 - 1. Kirk Dwyer: Thinks Sasha has a very important point.
 - 2. Gina Gassman: Fundamentals haven't been practiced. Austrians use fundamentals in J4 and J5 levels on up, and use it as a daily practice.
- xix. Building out phase 4 and younger, coaches working with J3 and younger athletes. Help us develop content on the back end and help with curriculum development. We would like to put together a task force. Anyone who is interested can contact Jon Nolting. We would like to look at long-term, beyond Sochi. Jon will follow-up at 2011 Congress meetings.
- xx. ATS Brainstorming Session:
 - 1. Lester Keller: People want to do the right thing and will follow the reward. How can we make skill acquisition a real focal point to the younger ages, phase 4 and below? We are not acquiring the skills in a fun and dynamic way. How can we change the programming so skill development became important?
 - 2. Paul Mahre: Currently we assess by time. If we are trying to find our talented athletes via skills, we are going into judging, which is a whole new discussion. We don't rely on the assessment, we rely on what happens at the finish line and we're satisfied with that time. We're not comfortable assessing that. We are going to have to teach ourselves how to assess skills. Not all of us have that knowledge. PSIA has that knowledge, but we don't have that in our abilities. We work with people who know how to do that. They already have skills when they join our program, but we had no part of those skills.
 - 3. Gina Gassman: At the young age, we need to work on fundamentals, but determining what is fun for someone and not fun for another will be difficult. Can that be added to the training module?
 - 4. Mike Bowman: Skill base should come from above. What to assess and how to assess it. Apply that to the J5, J4, and J3 levels. Is it up to USSA to take the lead on this, and make a commitment and add it into the module? USSA might need to say that they believe that it's important. Skills should stay with a time element.
 - 5. Jon Nolting: There needs to be a competitive element. Our best bet is to drive the skill development and requiring that skill in a format that looks as much like racing as possible. To get to the base skills, there will be a departure. We have things that challenge more than traditional elements, but we can't lose sight of what our sport is. We start with what skills we need at each level and build it from there.
 - 6. Joe Paul: The older our athletes are, the less they work on skills. Provide a skills day of competition to motivate younger athletes to work on skills. If there's no motivation, there won't be any skills practiced. Refine skills as you get older.

7. Kirk Dwyer: Work on skills, but work on speed as well. Motivational skills drills can provide competition.
 8. Terry DelliQuadri: Our discussion is going towards the direction of changing the actual sport of a timed event. We need to talk about how we change how we prepare.
 9. Sasha Rearick: Have free ski run down a tough hill, and all you look at are the basic skills a couple times a year.
 10. Sasha: Clubs who have to work with parents that's difficult. If you have this kind of competition, you will have the parent's support.
 11. Ruben Macaya: Agrees with Sasha. The skills will be learned by J3 level. Add a separate event that includes a skills race. If you want to teach these skills at a young age, the less qualified coaches are teaching them. How can you improve the skills at that young age with inexperienced coaches.
- c. Junior Olympic parent education: Jon Nolting
- i. Worked with Walt for eight JO events. The ATS was used as a model to build it out.
 - ii. Championship dos and don'ts
 - iii. Average age in Olympic gold medalists: 26 years old
 - iv. Average age in World Cup winners: just under 28 years old
- d. Calendaring – Evans
- i. No calendar in the book, but it will be available tomorrow afternoon.
 - ii. Walt met with Canadians and national team staff.
 - iii. We must protect Beaver Creek World Cup so D-Team athletes will have the opportunity to forerun.
 - iv. We want to bring women in to compete at Sunday River. Mt. St. Ann will not be revisited.
 - v. We are negotiating with Aspen to hold America's Cup again. Best athletes in the nation will be present. Some of our best men and women will be competing in Garmisch, so they will miss the event.
 - vi. Finals will be in Canada from 2010-2014.
 - vii. When we are double scoring SC and SG, seeding at NorAm must be based on SC points. SG skiers are at a disadvantage. This will be brought up at FIS meetings in Turkey.
 - viii. J2 championships will be at Sugarloaf again.
 - ix. Producing six alpine JO events with new logo.
- e. FIS issues: Walt Evans
- i. Jesse is leaving the FIS Alpine Executive position.
 - ii. Important Topic: Win FIS Council bid for Vail/Beaver Creek
 - iii. Materials: There are some proposals out there GS gate flag that is a bad design; You can only use one brand of flexpole with screw in base, hinge, and shaft. USA is not in support of gate proposal.
 - iv. Three discipline selection in Turkey, sending several men and women.
 - v. German proposal suggesting that athletes cannot face FIS racing until the age of 16.

8. Jeff Kai: 3-year window for J2s

- a. How can we increase our numbers, retain USSA memberships and keep kids in the system?
 - i. Mike Morin: Criteria often points to something else. Favors early maturer. LTAD supports older for men, but younger for women. East: boys transitioning from J2 years is brutal, many quit. Extending J2 year one more year will give them more success and more experience. Pressure is taken off the athlete to allow for skill development. Allowing the skills development is supported by LTAD. Advance younger athletes to a higher level of competition. Keep kids in the sport 2-3 years longer.
 - ii. Jesse Hunt: Kids are leaving the sport because they can't afford it. We need to look at strategies on how to make the sport more affordable. Shifting age will not solve the problem. Changing the age might not change participation.
 - iii. Sasha Rearick: There are too many races on the calendar
 - iv. Mike Morin: Create a calendar that is clearer, providing more rest. Pieces can be tied together smartly. We need to be creative. Cost is not the only factor. Having fun and not having fun is a factor. Membership surveys prove this.
 - v. Joe Paul: There are tons of families who can't afford the sport, but their kid has a chance to make the J2 Nationals, so they make it work.
 - vi. Attendant comments on how there is not a downside to making this happen.
 - vii. Another attendant comments on how this would be in the best interest of the athletes in the east. The challenge is developing the athletes so they are ready to perform. From a developmental standpoint, there would be a better event created.
 - viii. Mike Morin will put together a group to discuss this issue further.
 - ix. Jon Nolting commented on bringing the motion to the floor.
 - x. Walt Evans wants to make a change and then let it work. This will be brought up in the executive meetings in the fall. This is bigger than J2 Olympics.

9. Old business

- a. Aldo Radamus would like to discuss the pipeline and women's opportunities.
 - i. Lester Keller: juniors cannot be placed into the NorAms. We need to discuss access into the continental system. Athletes who have been in the system longer might need to meet criteria. We have athletes who have been in many NorAm races, but have never stood on a podium.
 - ii. Aldo Radamus: Can we do something to drive more people to compete within their region?
 - iii. Sasha Rearick: we need to have a strategy to drive FIS points. We are potentially shutting the door on athletes who have dreams to race. We have to come up with strategies on how to keep people in the sport.
 - iv. Terry DelliQuadri reiterates Aldo's statement. This is a participation issue. Men who are winning J2 Nationals are moving up to the National Team.
 - v. Gina Gassman: women who mature earlier and perform earlier will keep them in participation. Women drop out if they aren't within the performance band, and they don't have the competition levels that would increase their motivation.

10. New business

- a. Mike Bowman discusses Rocky/Central slalom gates, 27 mm diameter.
 - i. Walt Evans says that is within the rules
 - ii. Mike mentions that it has been developed and teams have been using it.
- b. Guests are dismissed
- c. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - i. Nominations
 1. Mike Morin, nominated for Chair by Jon Nolting
 2. Mike Morin elected
 3. Jess Hunt nominated for Vice Chair by Lester Keller
 4. Jesse Hunt elected

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Alpine Timing Working Group

The Yarrow - Ivers

Park City, UT

Thursday, May 13, 2010

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

Members:

Chair: Allen Church, Albuquerque, NM	Present
Vice Chair: Jenna Ginsberg, Rumford Point, ME	Excused
Bruce Crane, Park City, UT	Present
Curt Gleaves, Beaverton, OR	Absent/Excused
Dirk Gouwens, Lake Placid, NY	Present
Stanley Goldschmidt, Newton, NJ	Present
Ellen Hoffman, San Leandro, CA	
John Jacobs, Queensbury, NY	Present
John Jett, Mountain Village, CO	Present
Tami Strong, Cottonwood Heights, UT	Present
Dave Waller, Chesterland, OH	Present
Dan Chayes, Whitetail, PA	Present

Guests:

Gail Barber, Michael Browne, Sherri Hale, Thelma Hoessler, Chuck Hughes, Cath Jett, Roy Loman, Don Page, Robert Petitt, Gretchen Ransom, Peter Stwertka, Laura Sullivan, Mark Sullivan, Paul Van Slyke

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

Church called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. He reviewed the rules of the Timing Working group.

2. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

3. Review and approval of minutes

**Motion: To approve the minutes as present.
Jett/Jacobs without objection.**

4. Reports

A. Chair

Church reported that within the FIS Timing Working Group to remove timers homologated in 1997 from the list of approved timers. Weinman noted that we need to look at that proposal with the FIS representatives. While the goal of being sure that all the timers are accurate is a good one, to impose costs on sites within short order is objectionable.

B. USSA staff

Weinman did not have anything to report.

C. FIS representatives

Weinman noted that he would have something within Classification, but not at this meeting.

5. Discussion items

A. USSA Timing Technical Report Form quality

There was considerable discussion on the TTRF. The general consensus is that the forms should continue to be used and reviewed for accuracy. Gouwens will distribute to the Working Group the audit process used in the East for review and comment. A consistent audit process will be developed so that a summary report can be returned for analysis at next year's meeting.

The distribution of reports was discussed. The East has their plan in place. Rocky – John Jett, Central – Gretchen Ransom, InterMountain and Northern Tami Strong. Ellen Hoffman will be contacted to determine her commitment. Far West, PNSA and Alaska will need to be determined for distribution.

B. Review and update of USSA/FIS timing rules

There were no rule changes reviewed.

6. Old business

A. Task force report and recommendations:

Gouwens reviewed the purpose of the task force, which was established last year after a proposal from Ginsberg. That task force met and reviewed some of the issues that they see. Out of that meeting, the task force proposed the following items:

- 1) Currently, USSA Sanction agreements require "appropriate certification" for Chief of Timing.
 - a) Propose that the appropriate certification for NorAm and National Championships is level 3 beginning with the 2010-11 season
 - b) Propose the appropriate level for all FIS races be level 3 beginning with the 2011-12 season.
- 2) Currently the Chief of Timing and Calculations does do the timing at many events. Propose that education materials are developed and taught to reflect that reality.

Motion: To accept the report as delivered.

Jacobs/Goldschmidt/without objection

Motion: The Timing Working Group recommends that the Chief of Timing and Calculations at NorAms and National Championships should be a level 3 or higher.

Waller/Goldschmidt/without objection

Motion: To recommend that the education committee develop training for timing equipment education.

Waller/Goldschmidt/withdrawn

Motion: To empower a task force to develop a common curriculum related to the education of timing equipment set up and use, and the use of results software, and to report to the Chair by July 15, 2010.

Chayes/Goldschmidt/without objection

Members of the task force will include John Jett, Tami Strong, Dirk Gouwens and Gretchen Ransom.

7. New business

Motion: To adopt the changes to the Timing Working Group purpose document as attached.

Waller/Goldschmidt/without objection

Motion: To nominate Allen Church as Chair.

Strong/Goldschmidt/without objection

Motion: To nominate Dirk Gouwens as Vice Chair.

Strong/ Goldschmidt/without objection

Ginsberg was thanked for her work as Vice Chair over the last six years.

8. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn – without objection

ALPINE TIMING WORKING GROUP

Purpose

To serve as an experts group to understand race timing equipment and systems and develop rules for their use to assure accurate alpine race results. To conduct timing quality measuring programs to help improve the level of proficiency of alpine race officials. The Timing Working Group reports to the Rules and Technical Subcommittee.

Rules and Policies

- A. Membership: Membership is accorded by invitation to technical timing experts from USSA divisions and states, USSA staff, members of related FIS committees and industry representatives. Guests are welcome to attend.
- B. Chair: The chair of the working group is selected for two-year terms by the members in even numbered years; there are no term-limits.
- C. Vice-Chair: The vice-chair of the working group is selected for two-year terms by the members in even numbered years; there are no term-limits. The vice-chair shall be an active member. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair substitutes for the chair.
- D. Seating of officers: The chair and vice-chair are seated at the conclusion of the meeting when they are elected.
- E. Voting and Quorum: A majority of the working group members shall constitute a quorum for normal business and a simple majority of those present and voting shall decide. The chair may only vote to cast a deciding vote.
- F. Meeting Schedule: The working group meets annually at the USSA Congress. Additional meetings may be called as necessary on the initiative of the chair or as requested by other members.
- G. Agenda: The chair shall draft and distribute the agenda in advance of any meeting.

May 2010

USSA Alpine Courses Working Group

Thursday, May 13, 2010

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Action Items

Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane

1. Call to order for 'business meeting'
2. Working Group membership: inspectors, 'in-training', advisors, correspondent members
3. Review and approval of agenda(s)
Agenda was reviewed and approved by the WG, with agreement to modify order as appropriate
4. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes(s)
M/S/C: R Calderwood/E. Uldrich/Unanimous:
To approve the minutes of meeting of May 2009 as distributed and posted on the USSA web site.
5. Reports:
 - A. Chair: FIS activity, USSA activity, interim decisions, status of action items
 - B. Inspectors and Technical Advisors: FIS / USSA
 - C. USSA staff
6. Review of FIS process, rules, reporting, and publication; 2009-2010 developments
7. Discussion of USSA homologation process, application, inspection, reporting, publication
8. Proposals/action Items, guidelines, recommendations
 - A. Identification and development of inspectors; continuing activity and education
Chair requested that WG members review action taken on this subject in May 2009. Review against criteria will need to be undertaken no later than next meeting of the WG.
 - B. Course specifications, general rules and requirements
Restricted/limited/special homologations or approvals
M/S/C: P. Mahre/E. Uldrich/Not carried (1 vote in favor):
That the WG support creating a set of guidelines for restricted homologations.
Reporting and follow-up when work is required for homologation
'Normal' minimum width
Protection plans
'Preliminary' or 'provisional' approvals
 - C. Process: requests, inspections, reports and documentation, approval, appeals
Process in general
Timetable
WG affirmed interim decision taken by the Chairman in regard to validity dating
Inspection
Reports and documentation
Appeals
M/S/C: P. Mahre/S. Goldschmidt/Unanimous:

To propose that the USA FIS course inspectors act as a review panel for any appeals to a decision of the WG Chairman in regard to the approval of a proposed homologation.

D. Additional Report of the TD

By consensus and without objection, the WG approved the use and routing of a USSA Additional Report of the TD and requested that this new form be included in the 'Master Packet of Forms'

9. Homologation inventory, expiring courses and new requests, inspector assignments

A. Status of database/inventory; communication with venues; posting on USSA website

Terminology: discussion re clarification: "homologated", "registered" (both are approved)

Updating of lists on USSA web site

B. Rehomologations and requests for new homologations; assignment of inspectors

(Further assignments and maintenance of the official assignment list to be as in 2009-10)

C. Access to homologation reports and documentation

(As the result of discussions later in the meeting, the WG requested the Chairman to investigate further the possibility of USSA homologation report documents being archived electronically and available on-line)

10. Old business

Handling of ICR changes and other post-Congress items

Following discussion, the WG directed the Chairman to review changes to the FIS ICR in regard to potential impacts on the USSA ICR in matters concerning alpine courses, and/or in cases of other needed changes to the ACR in these areas, for proposal to the ASC Executive Committee, with the understanding that significant items and proposed changes would be communicated to the WG for review and comment prior to proposal to the Exec Comm.

11. New business

By consensus and without objection, the WG endorsed the updating of descriptions of the USSA Alpine Courses Working Group in the Alpine Sport Committee procedures manner.

12. Working Group membership; consideration of new inspectors (closed session)

Chairman and vice-chairman (two-years; necessary or not ?)

No request for an election was made; WG affirmed continuation for two year period.

Proposal and endorsement of (new) USSA inspectors

M/S/C: J. Byrne/P. Mahre/Unanimous:

To propose that Peter Swertka and Kurt Engel be recognized/ratified as USSA Alpine Course Inspectors, effective immediately on approval of the ASC, respectively USSA Board.

(Executive Session)

And further, to propose that Gary Wright be recognized/ratified as USSA Alpine Course Inspector, immediately on successful completion of a designated under-study assignment.

Proposal and identification of (new) "Inspectors-in-Training"

M/S/C: J. Byrne/J. Jacobs/Unanimous:

To recognize Brad Ghent, Tom Barnes and Peter Cornish as new "inspectors-in-training", having completed the stipulated nomination process and review by the WG.

Review of inspectors' activity and continuing education requirements (no action)

13. Adjournment of 'business meeting' **MSC: T. Winters/S. Young/by acclamation**

USSA Rules Working Group

Park City, UT

Friday, May 14 2010

8:03 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Gary Wright

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Review and approval of minutes
4. Reports
 - A. Chair – Summary of past year's activities. Worked via emails. Will continue for 2010 – 2011.
5. Discussion items
 - A. Electronic Seed Boards – No action needed. Rules are clear and appropriate.
 - B. U629.4 - No action needed. Rule is clear and appropriate.
 - C. Alpine Update – No action needed.
 - D. Use of FIS-like precisions – Recommend to request staff provide an October listing of all USSA and FIS precisions.
 - E. Review of all “U” designated rules in the ACR – Tabled until conferral with staff.
 - F. Reviewed 2009 Motions from USSA TD Working Group re: USSA appoints certain officials for certain events as referred by Alpine Sport Committee. Recommendation to withdraw 2009 Motions from USSA TD Working Group because the issues are already sufficiently provided for by Sanction Agreement with USSA.
6. No Old Business
7. No New business
8. 2010/11 Members Wright, Chair; Hoessler, Hammer, Gouwens, Korfanta and Weinman
9. Adjournment

USSA Alpine Classification Working Group

The Yarrow - Summit A

Park City, UT

Friday, May 14, 2010

8:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

Members:

Chair: Allen Church, Albuquerque, NM	Present
Vice Chair: Cath Jett, Mountain Village, CO	Present
Gail Barber, Park City, UT	Present
Dave Waller, Chesterland, OH	Present
Beat Hupfer, Mammoth Lakes, CA	Present
Paul Mahre, Newport, WA	Present
Ernie Revello, McCall, ID	Absent/Excused
Connie Webster, Cazenovia, NY	Present
Jeff Weinman, Salt Lake City, UT (USSA)	Present
Julie Woodworth, Cavendish, VT	Present
Gretchen Ransom, Duluth, MN (Ex-Officio)	Present
Thelma Hoessler, (Ex-Officio)	Present

Guests:

Dan Chayes, Paul Crews, Rob Crick, Dirk Gownes, Bill Gunesh, Sherri Hale, Molly J Larmie, Robert Petitt, Jay Ranel, Peter Stwertka, Nancy Wiedel

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:51 a.m.

2. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection

3. Review and approval of minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes with the correction to remove election of chair and vice-chair from the record as that was not done last year.

Weinman/Hupfer/without objection

4. Chair report

Church reported on the process that is used in the creation of what has been called the "Fall Adders", done to align the top end of the USSA and FIS points lists. The term needs to be updated to "Summer Adders" in the Competition Guide.

Church stated that the APS is working well. Weinman noted that the only major departure between USSA and FIS is in the calculations for injury protection but recommended that we maintain our current system.

5. USSA staff report

Weinman noted that some of the information in the points' chapter of the Competition Guide needs to get updated/corrected. If anyone sees anything that needs correcting, please let him know as soon as possible.

Weinman reported that there is a glitch in the auto-scoring where the parser is deleting the xml files after they are processed so USSA does not have an historical record on some of the events. That will be worked on over the summer.

6. FIS representatives' report

Weinman reported on some of the items that will come up at the FIS Classification meeting including ensuring that athletes who have results that have dropped off (14 or more lists) are not required to join FIS on the first list of the season to maintain their points. They are able to join at anytime during the season and have the normal adders applied. Weinman is also proposing that the quota rules for men be made to match women so when the field is not full quotas are not enforced.

SUI will be presenting a proposal to change minimum point levels for 'other' categories (i.e., military, CIT, police, etc.).

7. Discussion items

A. Substandard races report

Weinman reviewed the list of substandard races and races that had been granted an exception to penalty or multiple starts in one day. A listing of those races was in the meeting materials.

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

Weinman proposes that exceptions for minimum points be eliminated and to lower the minimum levels. There is no set criteria for granting exceptions, and when you have one you have to justify it to others.

Motion: To adjust the minimum penalty levels from 25 and 50 to 20 and 40 and to eliminate exceptions to those minimum penalties.

Weinman/Webster/Passed 5/3

Discussion: Mahre asks how this is going to affect colleges. West hasn't asked for it, and East is ok with the new levels. Gouwens notes that several other ski areas are planning on future races that will mirror the Cochran races. Waller suggests scrutinizing data further. Mahre suggested utilizing the FIS model where different levels of racing have different minimum penalty levels.

8. Old business

9. Other business

10. New business

A. Operating rules

Proposed changes to the current Classification Working Group operating rules were reviewed. Changes reflect one meeting instead of two; Alpine Point System is actually called Athlete Point system; wordsmith current applications. No substantive changes.

Motion: To accept the amended operating rules as presented.

Jett/Hupfer/without objection

B. Mid-Am Seeding System

Waller presented a proposal from Central Alpine Sports Committee to use Mid-Am points to seed the first 15 athletes for a one-year trial.

There was considerable discussion clarifying the proposal. Weinman noted that, if passed, it would still need the approval of FIS before it could be used.

Motion: To accept the Mid-Am Finals seeding proposal as a one-year trial, pending FIS approval.

Waller/Hupfer Unanimous

Motion: To allow the continued use of previously-approved alternate seeding systems (team seeding, TRS, Turton Method etc.)

Hupfer/Weinman Unanimous

Motion: To use the FIS-U seeding system for PNSA's Northwest Cup and East's Empire Cup series as a one-year trial.

Mahre/Weinman/Amended

Motion: To grant each division/state the opportunity to use the Central Mid-Am Seeding system for one USSA Scored race series final in season 2011 as a one-year trial. Each area that chooses to use the system will need to submit a written report at the 2011 Congress.

Mahre/Weinman/without objection

Motion: To set aside the previous decision which changed the minimum penalty levels and eliminated exceptions to those levels, and to create a task-force to research the effect of low point races on the points list and to determine appropriate minimum penalty levels by July 30th with a report to the Working Group for recommendation to the Executive Committee for action.

Waller/Jett/passed 4/2 with 2 abstentions

The task force will consist of Waller (as chair), Weinman, Jett and Mahre.

11. Election of Chairs

Motion: To nomination Church as Chair

Barbour/Jett/without objection

Motion: To nominate Jett as Vice Chair

Webster/Hupfer/without objection

12. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Jett/Webster/without objection

ALPINE CLASSIFICATION WORKING GROUP

Purpose

To advise the USSA staff on the maintenance of the Athlete Points System for alpine (USSA Alpine Seeding List) as a method of ranking all classified competitors. The chair is the Commissioner of the APS with final authority to review and decide complaints or discrepancies and to redress grievances of the APS. As needed, projects will be assigned to working group members and others. The Classification Working Group reports to the Rules and Technical Subcommittee.

Rules and Policies

- A. Membership: Membership is accorded automatically to one representative from each USSA division, members of related FIS committees and to USSA staff who interface with the APS. Additional members having requisite technical knowledge, including representatives of vendors who provide competition scoring programs, may be seated by vote of the membership. Guests are welcome to attend.
- B. Chair: The chair of the working group is selected for two-year terms by the members in even numbered years; there are no term-limits.
- C. Vice-Chair: The vice-chair of the working group is selected for two-year terms by the members in even numbered years; there are no term-limits. The vice-chair shall be an active member. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair substitutes for the chair.
- D. Seating of officers: The chair and vice-chair are seated at the conclusion of the meeting when they are elected.
- E. Voting and Quorum: A majority of the working group members shall constitute a quorum for normal business and a simple majority of those present and voting shall decide. The chair may only vote to cast a deciding vote.
- F. Meeting Schedule: The working group meets annually at the USSA Congress. Additional meetings may be called as necessary on the initiative of the chair or as requested by other members.
- G. Agenda: The chair shall draft and distribute the agenda in advance of any meeting.

May 2010

Motion to Use Mid Am Points as the Basis for Seeding Athletes in the Central Championship

Background

The Central FIS Championship culminates the Mid Am FIS Series in the Central Division. The Central Championship is recognized as a premier race with low penalties. With significant out of region entries and athletes from the USSA Ski Team in the field, the atmosphere is exciting on and off the race course.

To add further interest to the race and provide even more incentive to Central athletes to race the full Mid Am series, the Central Alpine Sports Committee requests approval to use a different seeding method for a one-year trial.

Motion

The first 15 racers will be seeded in each event based on cumulative Mid Am points earned at the Mid Ams series for GS and SL events. Mid Am points will be assigned using the New World Cup scale. NorAms use a similar seeding process. The racer with the highest Mid Am points will be seeded first, second highest will be seeded second, racer with the fifteenth highest Mid Am points will be seeded fifteenth. If any of the top 15 ranked competitors are not entered, then their seed positions will not be filled by racers with the lowest FIS points. A double draw will determine the start order. After the top 15 positions are filled, the remainder of the field will start based on their FIS points.

The second run start order will be determined using flip 30.

Objective

Our goal is to provide an incentive for all athletes not just J2s to participate in the Central Mid Am series. J1 participation is declining partly because there is no end of season goal for the vast majority of J1 racers. By earning Mid Am points and a possible top seed at a premier race, all Central racers will have incentive to race the entire Mid Am series. The race is run professionally both on and off the hill and the proposed seeding method would add to the exciting environment.

USSA Alpine Collegiate Working Group

Yarrow-Summit B, Park City, UT

Friday, May 14, 2010

8:45 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

Minutes

Attendees

Committee:

Chairman – Mark Sullivan

Vice Chairman – Darryl Landstrom

USSA BOD – Bob Dart (absent)

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. – TBN

Club Coach – TBN

At Large – George Thomas (absent)

Walt Evans - Staff

Guests: Terry Delliquadri, Brewster McVicker, John Jacobs, Laura Sullivan, Gina Grassman, Tom Barnes, Paul Rozsypal, Roy Loman, Terry Leonard, Jeremy Neland, Jeff Sirjane, Sheryl Barnes, Lois Benevento, Karen Korfanta, Lester Keller

Meeting Called to order at 8:50am

Approval of 2010 Agenda: M. Sullivan

Motion 1: Approve the 2010 Collegiate Working Group Agenda

M/S/C - R. Perricone/W. Evans, approved

Approval of 2009 Minutes: M. Sullivan

Motion 2: Approve the 2009 Meeting Minutes

M/S/C - D. Landstrom/R. Bonneau, approved

Major Event Scheduling: Walt Evans

NCAA Championships, East, March 10-13

USCSA Nationals, West, March 1-5

WWUG: Walt Evans

January 26-February 6

Events: SL, GS, SG

Selection criteria will be adjusted to reflect the three disciplines vs. four typical.

Richard Rokos will lead project.

R. Bonneau inquired if the US will be sending athletes from other disciplines to this event. W. Evans indicated the relevant discipline sports director should be consulted.

WWUG Selection Committee:

- Project Leader: Richard Rokos (RMISA)
- NCAA: Peter Dodge (EISA)
- USCSA: Mark Sullivan
- Non-Competing Athlete: Gina Gassman
- USSA Staff: Walt Evans

USCSA Report: M. Sullivan

Sullivan reported on USCSA general membership and financial status. Brief discussion followed regarding teams that recently successfully transitioned to USCSA from NCAA.

NCAA Report

No representative attended from a NCAA program to give an official report. R. Bonneau reviewed notes taken at the RMISA Meeting held Wednesday May 12.

The group discussed possible modifications to the meeting schedule to turn the NCAA lack of attendance around.

Alpine Collegiate Working Group - Organization and Purpose: M. Sullivan

Motion 3: Approve the draft Alpine Collegiate Working Group - Organization and Purpose

M/S - R. Perricone/W. Evans,

W.Evans requested document be amended to include a member of the USSA Alpine Staff. Proposed wording to be added after At-Large Representative,

“USSA Alpine Staff (1) – Represents the direction and philosophy of the USSA and the US Ski Team. Appointed by USSA’s Alpine Management Team.”

Amendment accepted by R.Pericone/W. Evans

M/S/C - R. Perricone/W. Evans, approved

Excellence Newsletter: W. Evans

Suggested a collegiate interest/information component could be added to the current newsletter. Idea was well received, Gina Grassman will pursue.

Elections

Nominations:

Vice Chair – D. Landstrom

NCAA Representative – P. Dodge

At-Large – John Jacobs

High School/J1 & 2 Representative – Brewster McVicker (one year)

Student Representative – Gina Gassman

Motion 4: Accept the slate of officers as nominated.

M/S/C - R. Bonneau/W. Evans, approved

Committee Membership:

Chairman – Mark Sullivan

Vice Chairman – Darryl Landstrom

NCAA Representative – Peter Dodge

USCSA Representative– Ron Bonneau

Parent Rep. – Roger Perricone

At Large – John Jacobs

High School / J1 & J2 Representative - Brewster McVicker (one year)

Student Representative - Gina Gassman

USSA Alpine Staff – Walt Evans

Adjourn:

Motion 5: Adjourn (10:20am)

M/S/C –R. Perricone/D. Landstrom, approved

USSA Alpine Quotas Working Group

Park City, UT

Friday, May 14 2010

Minutes

Members: Tim Maguire, Terry DelliQuadri, Bill Gunesch, Lester Keller, Tom Barnes, Beat Hupfer, Walt Evans, Kirk Dwyer, Deb Armstrong Absent: Peter Dodge, TBA(East)

Guests: Terry Leonard, Aldo Radamus, Jaka Koroucan, Joe Paul, Darlene Nolting, Brad Ghent, Karen Ghent, Brewster McVicker, Grant Lindemer, Rick Duncan, Hank McKee, Paul Crews, Jeremy Udand, Katharina Golik, Jeff Kai, Darryl Landstrom

1. Review and approval of agenda
2. Review and approval of minutes
3. Reports
 - o Staff
 - o Domestic quota management
4. Quota proposals
 - o Review Competition Guide
 - **Motion:** Canada 14 days entry into USA Nor Am events
 - **Motion:** Expand Nor Am quotas
 - **Motion:** On page 39 any remaining spots alternate between the NTSM ranking list and development. M/S/C Kirk Dwyer/Lester Keller
 - **Motion:** Change the selection for the Canadian Nor Am races to correlate with the USA Nor AM events
 - **Motion:** National Championship DH will contain the same US athletes as qualified and entered in the Nor Am Speed Series.
 - **Motion:** College Quota – pg 42, – edit/delete "and manage "
 - FIS U typo changes
 - 3.1.4 – second race
 - 3.2.1 – 200 cup points
 - J3 Junior Olympics
 - Top American Finishers will have opportunity at these events
 - Canadian events – As a general rule the US may claim up to 15 quota spots – There should be a white paper with Canada that shows the internal agreements that we have engineered them that is mutually signed. This would help when working with TD's from another country. This could then get in the rules of the points and reviewed at FIS TD updates.
 - Pg 47. For races in Ontario the Central Division Manager will manage entries.
 - International Children's Race – This past year USA had a one-year deal with Canada to expand the quota for each gender from 3 athletes to 4 athletes for Whistler Cup only.
 - World University Games – The College Committee has put together a committee to work with staff to develop criteria, implement criteria and name the World University team by July 1st.

- There will be a Super Combined at US Nationals this coming year. Pg 41 Super/Super Combined selection for the college quota.
5. International licensing
 - Summer 2009
 - Winter 2009-10
 6. Old Business
 7. New Business
 - Rocky/Central Region is exploring opportunities to find other events for our races. One of these is the Canadian Juvenile Championships. Currently the East is sending 5 male and 5 women filling the US quota to this event.
 - History – the East explored the same alternatives. This project started four years ago.
 - One option: The National Office could go to Alpine Canada and try to get a larger quota.
 - Canada would want reciprocity, by being allowed to attend Junior Olympic events in the USA.
 - **Motion:** The USSA Junior 3 and Junior 4 Olympics are limited to USSA athletes who have qualified through Regional procedures. USSA Junior 3 and Junior 4 athletes may only compete in the Region in which they qualified. M/S/C Walt Evans/Lester Keller
 - Walt will go to the Canadians to see if we could get an expanded quota to the event.
 - Walt is working on putting on a Men's NDS Invitational at Paganella, Italy. This has not been specifically finalized.
 8. Adjournment M/S/C Terry DelliQuadi/Tim Maguire

USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Park City, UT

Friday, May 14, 2010

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, second session

Attendance:

Members: Paul Van Slyke, Chair, Gary Wright Vice Chair, Bob Calderwood USA TD WG, Thelma Hoessler Co Chair AOEWG, Gretchen Ransom Co Chair AOEWG, Tom Winters FIS TD WG, Bruce Crane Courses WG, Allen Church Timing/Classifications WG, Gary Wright Rules WG, Karen Korfanta FIS Rules Sub Committee, Curt Hammond At Large, Bill Gaylord At Large (excused, Charlie Burnham Honorary, Ingrid Simonson Honorary, Fraser West Honorary (excused), Jeff Weinman Staff

Guests: George Struthers, Monica Struthers, Roger Perricone, Molly Laramie, Robert Pettitt, Shelli Hale, Mike Hammer, Don Page, Roy Loman, Chuck Hughes, Gail Barber, John Swjank, Tao Smith, Gina Gassman, Dirk Gouwens, Mike Browne, Dave Waller, Paul Mahre, Stanley Goldschmidt, John Jacobs

Discussion of Action Items

1. Officials Education

No action items.

Motion to accept report.

Hammond/Burnham/unanimous

2. USSA TDs

Recommendation: All Team Captains' Meetings shall be alcohol free.

Motion to accept report.

Crane/Korfanta/unanimous

3. Timing

Follow-up from Task Force results in recommendation that Timing Officials for NorAm and National Championships should be level 3 or higher.

Created a task force to recommend development of a common curriculum related to the education of officials for timing equipment set-up and use, and the use of results software. Report to chair by 15 July 2010.

Elections: Chair - Allen Church, Vice-Chair - Dirk Gouwens

Motion to accept report.

Hammond/Burnham/unanimous

4. USA FIS TDs

New FIS TD Commissioner Paul Van Slyke.

Chair -Tom Winters, Vice-Chair – Paul Van Slyke

Fall 2010 FIS TD Updates in Portland and tentatively Montreal

Motion to accept report.

Simonsen /Calderwood/unanimous

5. Courses

To propose that the USA FIS course inspectors act as a review panel for any appeals to a decision of the WG Chairman in regard to the approval of a proposed homologation.

By consensus and without objection, the WG approved the use and routing of a USSA Additional Report of the TD and requested that this new form be included in the 'Master Packet of Forms'

Approved New inspectors and inspector trainees.

Chair – Crane, Vice-Chair - Calderwood

Motion to accept report.

Calderwood/Burnham/unanimous

6. Classification

2009 Minutes Corrected

Task force charged to investigate exception races and propose alternative methods to deal with exceptions and report to Chair by 30 July 2010.

Motion to approve Mid-Am seeding.

Motion to allow each division and state to run series finals event using Mid-Am seeding

Sport Committee requests task force elimination exceptions.

Chair – Allen Church, Vice-Chair – John Jett

Motion to accept report.

Hammond/Simonsen/unanimous

7. Rules

Recommend withdrawal of USSA TD WG motion re: requirement for USSA to nominate TD, Referee and course setters for National Championships and Junior Olympics.

Motion to accept report.

Crane/Korfanta/unanimous

8. Elections –

At large – Curt Hammond, Bill Gaylord

Motion to elect.

Hoessler/Crane/unanimous

Motion to elect

Chair – Paul Van Slyke, Vice-Chair – Gary Wright

Hoessler/Crane/unanimous

9. Adjournment

Crane/Calderwood/unanimous

USSA Alpine Programs Subcommittee

The Yarrow - Judge

Park City, UT

Friday, May 14, 2010

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Members: Beat Hupfer, Mark Sullivan, Bill Skinner (for Steve Scivinski for Masters Ski Racing)

Guests: Curt Hammond, Kevin Ward, Gina Gussman, Grant Lindemer, Darlene Nolting, Bill Slattery, Terry Delliquadri

1. Call to order

Welcome. Purpose of this meeting is to address any issues and motions from meeting that will move forward to Alpine Sports Committee meeting.

2. Committee Members Introduction

3. Review and approval of 2009 minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes

Hupfer/Sullivan/Unanimous

4. Working Groups Reports

A. Quotas

Action Items

1. Clarification of language regarding NorAms
2. Language change on J3 and J4 Olympics
3. A 14-day Intent to Compete with Canadian quota spots(page 40)
4. NTSM Ranking list and remaining spots

The quota selection of the competition guide was reviewed and no major issues needed to be changed. There was discussion regarding about J3 Junior Olympics with more clarification with the wording. International Children's races; there was a quota increase for this past season which is only a one-year situation. World University Games; discussed briefly, to be completed by July 1, 2010. The US National downhill; again is Aspen Colorado; this year we will be adding the Alpine combined. There is a motion have J3, J4 athletes to Junior Olympics limit to US athletes/USSA members through the qualification procedures. Walt Evans is working on NDS invitationals with a potential for an event to be hosted in Italy.

B. Collegiate

No Action Items to move forward

Non Action Items

1. Selection Committee appointed with acting members for World University Games
2. Vote and elections done to fill out the positions of the committee.

3. Committee developed organization and procedures for the committee which was approved
4. Concern with lack of participation with NCAA programs. Discussion to explore how to return the interest of NCAA participation. Possible solution is to schedule meetings for both on Thursday to facilitate a synergy to correct this lack of involvement.

NTSM Ranking

C. Masters

Action Item

1. Motion to allow 18-21 year olds to be allowed to purchase a Masters license and compete in the level one Masters Series

Walt Evans was not in favor of this motion. Walt does not believe this will solve the issues they have and it might also conflict with pipeline athletes. Suggestion is to take this to the Executive Board.

Non-Action Items

1. March 22-26, 2011 Masters Nationals
2. Steve Scivinski is the new chair for the Masters group
3. Far West Chair – Mark Mirviss
4. Central Chair – Ryan Fuller

5. Old Business

- A. Mark Asked Walt for a report regarding The America's Cup with South America. Walt Evans stated that no further action ensued with this project. South America needed to further develop their program.
- B. Colorado Seeding proposal was not accepted by the USCSA Board of Directors.

6. New Business

No new business

7. Adjournment

Motion: to Adjourn the meeting
Sullivan/Hupfer/Unanimous

USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee

The Yarrow - Summit C

Park City, UT

Saturday, May 15, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Chair: Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO	Present
Walt Evans, Park City, UT, (USSA Competition Director)	Present
Chip Knight, Stowe, VT (Athlete)	Excused
Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN (Program Chair)	Present
Scott Macartney, Kirkland, WA (Athlete - BOD Representative)	Present
Mike Morin, Stratton, VT (Development and Education Chair-elect)	Present
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO (Regional Chair-elect)	Present
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL (Immediate Past Chair)	Present
Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY (Rules and Technical Chair)	Present
Jeff Weinman, Salt Lake City, UT (Secretary)*	Present
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS)*	Present

* Non voting

Guests: Terry DelliQuadri, Lester Keller, Tim Maguire, Gary Wright

1. Call to order

Dart called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

2. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda with accepted without change.

3. Review and approval of minutes

Motion 1: To approve the minutes from the Oct. 8, 2009 Executive teleconference meeting as presented. Slattery/Landstrom/without objection

Motion 2: To approve the minutes from the May 12, 2010 Executive meeting as presented. Slattery/Landstrom/without objection

There was discussion and a general consensus that the Thursday morning Sport Committee meeting was useful and should continue. Should look at lengthening the time allowed for that meeting to allow for complete and unhurried reporting. Dart apologized to the Regional Directors for not having more time and invited them to add any other comments at the final Sport Committee meeting if they wished.

Keller asked if there was still a USSA General meeting in the Bylaws. Dart and Slattery responded that the general meeting was removed in 1997 from the Bylaws during the reform but that the Board of Directors meeting is open and allows for comments from guests. Keller asked if the Strategic Planning Report would be presented. Dart responded that he believed that would be done in a closed executive session.

4. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes' distribution

The intention is to have all of the minutes except this meeting ready for distribution during the afternoon Sport Committee session. Any minutes not already to Weinman should be submitted as soon as possible following this session. Weinman suggested the possibility of having the provisional

minutes in an electronic form in the future for the Sport Committee meeting rather than hard copy to reduce the paper used and to allow for a shorter time between meetings.

5. Summary review (action items, initiatives and issues)

A. Executive committee

1) Executive report – Dart

Dart reported on the Strategic Planning Committee which he was a part of. The topics that Committee worked on were sustainability of funding, fan base, memberships. The company is tasked with growing the membership using temporary memberships, fan based memberships. Working with resorts to have a dollar portion of resort lift tickets to help support the USSA. There are other goals related to working with resorts to help drive membership.

2) Nominating Committee review terms and nominations – Slattery

Slattery reported that the nominating committee would present the following for approval by the Sport Committee:

ASC Chair – Bob Dart

ASC representative to the USSA BOD – Bob Dart

ASC At-Large – Karen Korfanta

Rules and Technical Chair – Paul Van Slyke

Regional Chair – Roger Perricone

Development and Education – Mike Morin

Dart welcomed Perricone and Morin to the committee. While generally a new Chair would be seated after the conclusion of the meetings, in absence of the current Chairs, Dart asked that Perricone and Morin be allowed a vote during these meetings – there was no objection.

Keller observed that, with no objection to the slate of nominees, there is no representation from the Western Region on the Executive Committee.

3) Awards – Dart/Slattery

Dart praised the awards presentation from the previous evening and congratulated Winters on his award and all the other winners. Slattery commented that all of the sports need to take an active role in nominating individuals for the awards. Evans congratulated all the alpine nominees and the winners. Evans noted that we do need help in determining nominees. He suggested that Perricone could work with his Regional Representatives to elicit nominations along with bios.

Dart asked the process for the coaches awards. Evans reported that the Alpine Domestic Coach is decided between himself and the Regional Directors, the Alpine International Coach is decided between the Alpine Management Team (Bodensteiner, Rearick, Hoedlmoser and Evans), and the Alpine Club is decided between himself and the Regional Directors. Jon Nolting is used as a consultant on the selections.

4) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery reported that the Judicial Committee met and there was one item relating to a Code of Conduct violation during the Whistler Cup competition. Mike Hammer will work with Evans and staff to ensure that due process is followed with this incident.

Evans noted that staff has been discussing procedural housekeeping – the necessity for staff to be informed about disciplinary and Code of Conduct violations that are occurring at a local level. Recommendation made that Divisions and States inform the Regional Directors of any judicial actions taken.

Keller recommended that a clear procedure paper on the process for grievances, suspensions and appeals should be developed and available for easy access and review.

Keller noted that there is a disconnect when if there is a penalty assessed by a Region, there is nowhere that it states that penalty applies to NDS and National projects as well. There was general consensus that those penalties should and would apply.

Wright stated that the process should be simple, clear and accessible. Slattery agreed that the process should be transparent and that we need to have it published (web and/or Competition Guide).

Slattery noted that there existed a document within the Comp Guide that outlined a step by step process for Jury appeals and other appeals. Evans suggested that he and Slattery needed to review the process. Keller said that what was missing was that, if an athlete is under sanction from a Region, he/she is also sanctioned within NDS.

B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

Van Slyke noted that there were good meetings with good attendance. He reviewed the various action items and some of the discussion topics from his Working Group and Subcommittee meetings.

Van Slyke reported that the Subcommittee Procedures were reviewed as well as timelines for the various Chair and Vice Chair elections. Elections on the Subcommittee were done for At-large (Curt Hammond and Bill Gaylord) and Chair (Van Slyke) and Vice Chair (Gary Wright).

C. Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom

Landstrom reviewed the various action items from his Working Group and Subcommittee meetings.

At this point the committee took a brief recess.

D. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin stated that he had not chaired this meeting. He asked about the role of staff of the Subcommittee. Evans responded that from his recollection, the only staff member on the Subcommittee is the Education Director. The Regional Directors and National Director act as consultants. Other members are two from each Region, the immediate past Chair, one athlete representative and one college representative. Morin reviewed the current membership.

The agenda didn't allow quite enough time given the reports that were presented.

One of the questions within the Subcommittee was what the focus of the group should be. There is a general desire within the Subcommittee that they be an active group and not just a forum.

The Subcommittee empowered a task force, led by Morin, to review the positive and negative aspects of changing the J2 category to a three-year window of 15-17 years old.

Staff will review NorAm quotas and access to see if the 'performance band' criteria could be utilized to complement NorAm selections. Morin believes that the Development Subcommittee could make an impact in the coming years with work in a variety of areas including quotas, clear path, age change and training systems.

E. Regional Subcommittee – Perricone

Perricone met briefly with the other Regional representatives. There were no substantial action items from the three Regions that were coming forward that effect National issues.

F. FIS – Winters

FIS items have been addressed in previous comments.

G. Athletes – Macartney/Knight

Macartney reported that the Athletes' Council continues gathering data from the athletes and working to effectively report that information to staff and the Board.

Morin suggested that it might be useful to get feedback from current athletes on the idea of a tryout camp for D-Team.

6. Review ASC agenda

The afternoon agenda was reviewed.

7. Old business

Dart reviewed one portion of the ASC operating procedures dealing with Regions, Divisions and States having their rules and calendar plans to the USSA office 60 days prior to the Fall Executive teleconference.

8. New business

There was no new business.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Executive committee will be 14 Oct 2010 at 10 MST.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

USSA Alpine Sport Committee Meeting

The Yarrow - Summit C

Park City, UT

Saturday, May 15, 2010

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Chair: Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO	Present
Jeff Bruggeman, Traverse City, MI (Rocky/Central Region Representative)	Excused
Kirk Dwyer, E Burke, VT (Eastern Region Representative)	Present
Walt Evans, Park City, UT, (USSA Competition Director)	Present
Gina Gassman, Loveland, CO (Athlete Representative)	Present
Curt Hammond, Mercer Island, WA (Western Region Representative)	Present
Chuck Hughes, Killington, VT (Eastern Region Representative)	Present
Chip Knight, Stowe, VT (Athlete)	Excused
Craig Krueger, Helena, MT (Western Region Representative)	Excused
Karen Korfanta, Heber City, UT (At-large)	Present
Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN (Program Chair)	Present
Scott Macartney, Kirkland, WA (Athlete - BOD Representative)	Present
Mike Morin, Stratton, VT (Development and Education Chair-elect)	Present
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO (Regional Chair-elect – Rocky/Central Rep)	Present
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL (Immediate Past Chair)	Present
Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY (Rules and Technical Chair)	Present
Jeff Weinman, Salt Lake City, UT (Secretary)*	Present
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS)	Present

* Non voting

Guests: Allen Church, Bruce Crane, Terry DelliQuadri, Stanley Goldschmidt, Thelma Hoessler, Beat Hupfer, Jeff Kai, Lester Keller, Tim Maguire, Paul Mahre, Brewster McVicker, Gretchen Ransom, Fraser West

1. Call to order – Dart

Dart called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Review and approval of minutes

Motion 1: To approve minutes of the ASC from May 16, 2009 with a change in the membership of the Rules Working Group to add Dirk Gouwens and Mike Hammer. Slattery/Van Slyke/without objection

4. Alpine Subcommittee reports

A. Executive Committee

1) Executive report – Dart

Dart reported that the Executive Committee did meet earlier in the day to review the items that would be coming up in this meeting. There were no action items.

2) ASC operating procedures – Dart

Dart noted that the operating procedures were reviewed last year. The Subcommittees and Working Groups were asked to review their individual procedures and membership for review at the 2011 Congress.

3) Awards – Dart/Slattery

Dart stated that he believed the previous evening's awards presentation was excellent. He congratulated Winters as the recipient of the Julius Blegen award. The Regional Subcommittee has been tasked to assist in the nomination process. The USSA awards manual, with a complete listing of the awards and past winners is available for review.

4) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery reviewed the minutes from the Judicial Meeting. Slattery pointed out that if there is judicial action at the Club, Divisional/State or Regional level, USSA should be made aware of that action through communication to USSA Regional staff. This will help with any potential appeal action. The Judicial Committee will work on a paper on the process for appeals that is clear and follows due process.

Evans expressed his appreciation for the work of the Judicial Committee and their availability for counsel when issues do arise throughout the season. Evans stated that he and Slattery will work together on a procedure paper.

Motion 3: To accept the report as presented. Winters/Van Slyke/without objection

B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

Van Slyke began by thanking the various Chairs of his Working Group and their members. He thanked Weinman for his work preparing the meeting materials and data. There was good discussion during the meetings. The individuals involved are very passionate and strive to make the sport better for the athletes.

Van Slyke reviewed the action items as presented in the minutes and reports from the various Working Groups.

Dart asked if there was a new action item from the USSA TD Working Group on the USSA TD per diem; there is no action item requesting a change at this time.

Within the Timing Working Group Allen Church was re-elected as Chair and Dirk Gouwens was elected as Vice Chair. Van Slyke thanked Jenna Ginsberg for her six years of service as Vice Chair of that group.

Within the FIS TD Working Group Van Slyke noted the change in the North American FIS TD Commissioner from Tom Winters to himself. He thanked Winters for his many years of service in that role. Winters will remain as Chair of the Group. The two TD updates will be Oct. 22-24 in Portland and Oct. 29-31 in Montreal.

Van Slyke reminded everyone that all alpine competitions must be held on either a homologated or a registered trail. There is a need for the Regions to help distribute that requirement to the Clubs. Bruce Crane reviewed the process for homologation and that the forms and lists are available on the USSA website. Evans thanked Crane for his good work on this very important subject.

Within Classification, a task force was created to review the USSA minimum penalty levels and submit a proposal for this summer. Allen Church was reelected as Chair and Cath Jett as Vice Chair.

Within the Subcommittee Bill Gaylord and Curt Hammond were reelected as at-large members and Van Slyke and Gary Wright were reelected as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

Dart stated that the goal of the Classification Working Group task force on minimum penalty levels should be examining the appropriate level with the intention of eliminating the exception request for a penalty waiver. Requests for running more than one tech race in one day and for providing prize money will still be considered.

Motion 4: To accept the Subcommittee report as well as the various Working Group reports and action items. Slattery/Evans/without objection

Dart thanked Van Slyke, his Chairs and the members for their work.

C. Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom

Landstrom stated that there were very productive Working Group and Subcommittee meetings.

Landstrom reviewed the action items in the minutes as presented.

Within the Collegiate Working Group, Mark Sullivan was reelected as Chair and other members were identified. There was no NCAA representative at the meeting.

Dart noted that the motions from Quotas relating to Canada having a 14 day entry deadline to NorAms and the motion to expand NorAm quotas will be deferred to the NorAm Committee for review with Canadian staff.

The Masters motion to allow 18-20 should be deferred for further review.

Motion 5: To accept the Subcommittee report as well as the various Working Group reports and action items except to defer the Masters proposal to allow athletes 18-20 to be allowed to purchase a Masters membership and have access to the Masters Regional and National Championships. Slattery/Hammond/without objection

Evans thanked and complimented Landstrom and his Working Group Chairs for their work in these areas.

Evans reviewed the current draft calendar.

Dart also thanked Landstrom and his group for their work.

D. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin referenced the minutes as presented. He thanked Jeff Byrne for acting as Chair for the meeting. The current membership was confirmed: Mike Morin – Chair, Jesse Hunt – Vice Chair and Western Rep, Dave Galusha – immediate past Chair, Peter Dodge – College Rep, Jon Nolting – USSA staff, Gina Gassman – Athlete Rep, Kirk Dwyer – Eastern Rep, Jamie Landwehr – Western Rep, Mike Bowman – R/C Rep and Joe Paul – R/C Rep.

Morin spoke to the current German proposal to the FIS that would change the entry age into FIS competition from 15 to 16. Evans stated that, as a Federation, we would work to delay any implementation of that change for at least one year to adequately prepare for the change. Gassman stated that any delay should be equal between men and women. Dwyer thinks that the proposal has merit for the men looking historically at World Cup entry and performance. He thinks there is a need to be careful with raising the men's age.

During the meeting there was a discussion regarding the structure and purpose of the Subcommittee. There are a number of ideas being looked at across the three Regions that are focused on athlete development. There is a general consensus that there needs to be directed attention to integrate the performance band and applying that to the D Team and the NDS system.

A task force, Chaired by Morin, was formed to review the effect of changing the J2 structure to a three-year group rather than two as it is now. Any research will be presented at the 2011 Congress. Members of the task force include Jamie Landwehr, Joe Paul, Gina Gassman, Terry Delli Quadri, Jon Nolting and Mike Bowman.

Paul Mahre suggested that during a review of any age change that the social aspect of the change be considered along with any athlete aspects. He asked if the German proposal would shift juniors up to 20 years old. Evans responded that that was one of the items that needed to be clarified as we did not know at this time.

Jeff Kai asked if the task force will be open to others as well. Morin responded that he needed to confirm the membership but that Kai would be welcome.

Motion 6: To accept the report of the Subcommittee. Evans/Slattery/without objection

Dwyer asked if there shouldn't be a closed session to review items prior to the open meeting to streamline the process. That will be reviewed during the planning. Slattery suggested that the meeting be set up outside the normal meeting structure through email and conference call.

E. Regional – Perricone

Perricone noted that the items of significance were brought up in the Programs Subcommittee report.

F. FIS – Winters

Winters noted that some of the items that will be in front of the FIS representatives have already been discussed. He welcomed Herwig Demschar as the new USA representative to the FIS Alpine Executive committee as Herwig is well regarded both internationally and domestically.

The USA representatives will be lobbying for the Beaver Creek/Vail bid for the 2015 World Championships.

Other issues that will be discussed are the potential change in GS panels, confirming USA quotas to competitions in the Southern Hemisphere, reviewing other quota issues, getting as much information as possible on the Youth Olympic Games, certification of equipment controllers from the USA and Canada, lowering the SG vertical drop for men to be same as for women at 350 meters, single pole GS following on the heels of single pole SL from last season, and the mixing and matching of rapid gate components and if that is still a homologated pole.

Fraser West expressed his support for the proposed age change within FIS and urged Morin to consult with Evans given his experience with development.

G. Athletes – Macartney

The Athletes Commission spent time discussing the educational opportunities provided by the USSA for its athletes and reviewing the strategic plan that will be presented to the Board.

The Commission will continue surveying Team members to gather data and present that to staff but in a manner that addresses topics in a more meaningful way, seeking solutions to each individual issue rather than en masse.

Gassman noted that there is a new Adaptive athlete on the Commission which is a nice addition to the group.

Dart stated that Knight asked to be excused as he was not able to attend. He thanked Macartney and Gassman for their participation and work in the meetings.

6. Old business

There was no other old business.

7. New business

A. Nominating Committee review terms and nominations – Slattery

Slattery reported that the Nominating Committee, which is the Executive Committee, is presenting the following slate of candidates for consideration:

ASC Chair (two year term) – Bob Dart

ASC representative to the USSA BOD (two year term) – Bob Dart

ASC At-large (one year term) – Karen Korfanta

Motion 7: To approve the slate as presented. Winters/Slattery/without objection

Other chairs approved during the reports were:

Rules and Technical Chair (two year term) – Paul Van Slyke

Development and Education (two year term) – Mike Morin

The final change in Chairs was in the Regional Subcommittee where Perricone was selected from the six representatives.

Motion 8: To approve Perricone as the Regional Chair for a two-year term. Dwyer/Korfanta/without objection

Dart thanked the Committee for their support in reelecting him to lead the Sport Committee. He stated that his goal would be to work with Evans to select a Vice-Chair to work with him and staff to allow for a smooth transition at the end of his eligibility in two years.

Dwyer asked if it might be possible to move away from printed materials for future meetings. This would allow for a shorter window between the morning Executive meeting and the main Sport Committee meeting.

8. Comments from guests

Fraser West urged Van Slyke, Winters and Korfanta to reconsider, on the basis of economics, hosting one of the FIS TD updates in Reno as it is one of the cheapest locations for flights and hotels. He noted that he would be happy to help in supporting the meeting if it was located there.

Bruce Crane wondered if there was a better time for the educational portion of the Courses Working Group to allow for more attendance. Evans noted that we need to work in planning for the meetings to include a Development workshop prior to the open meeting and a Courses educational session outside the meeting. One option for the education session might be Saturday morning during the Executive session and the period between Executive and the Committee meeting. Another option might be to include it within the Excellence seminar.

Dart wants to keep the opening ASC session for reporting. There are other areas that can be looked at with opportunities to adjust the schedule. Van Slyke stated working to allow overlap between the officials' education and the courses education groups.

Paul Mahre asked about the use of rapid gates that are not FIS approved for children's competitions. Evans stated that the ASC had previously approved age appropriate gates without making any specific recommendations as to what those poles are.

9. Closing remarks

Dart will work to see if it is possible to provide electronic documentation going forward but ensuring that there is interaction among the members during the overview. An appropriate amount of time for each of the different meetings needs to be reviewed.

Dwyer asked if the athlete representation of 20% was necessary at all levels of meetings. Slattery stated that it is necessary at the Board level, at other levels it should be a goal but not necessary.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. MST as a conference call. The next meeting of the Alpine Sport Committee will be during this same general timeframe in Park City.

11. Adjournment

Motion 9: To adjourn. Slattery/Dwyer/without objection