



USSA CONGRESS 2009

Alpine Meeting Minutes and Reports

The USSA Center of Excellence and the Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2009

3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Alpine Executive Committee – Bob Dart chair	01
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THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Alpine Officials Working Group – Gretchen Ransom chair	03
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12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Alpine USSA TD Working Group – Bob Calderwood chair	08
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Alpine Regional Subcommittee – Beat Hupfer chair	09
2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Alpine FIS TD Working Group – Tom Winters chair	10
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Alpine Education/Development Subcommittee – Dave Galusha chair	11
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USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee
USSA COE – Room 216
Park City, UT
Wednesday, May 13, 2009
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

1. Call to order

Dart called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

2. Review of committee membership

Dart did a roll call of the membership.

MEMBERS:

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

* non-voting

GUESTS:

Finn Gundersen, Tim Maguire, Alissa Consenstein, Terry DelliQuadri, Gary Wright, Brewster McVicker, Darlene Nolting, Karen Korfanta, Molly J. Laramie.

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection with the addition of C. Liability insurance and D. Olle Larson letter under new business.

4. Review and approval of minutes

The minutes will be reviewed and approved at the Saturday meeting.

5. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule

Dart and Evans reviewed the schedule and location of the meetings.

A. Review alpine materials and handouts

Evans reviewed the meeting book.

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

The individual chairs will need to assign a secretary and submit minutes to Weinman by 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

6. Staff reports

Evans referred to the written reports as presented in the books.

A. USSA management report

There was no management report.

B. Alpine Director - Jesse Hunt

Hunt is in Europe and was not available to comment.

C. Competition Director - Walt Evans

Evans highlighted a few of the items in his report including in particular noting that we had to lay off the three regional coaches due to budget constraints. He complimented those individuals and thanked them for the work that they had done.

7. Action item and critical issue review

A. Executive Summary Review

Evans reviewed the executive summary as presented in the materials.

It was pointed out that there was a typo in the dues increase chart, Competitors will increase from \$125 to \$140.

There were some additional items discussed that will be added to the individual subcommittee and working group meetings.

B. Executive Committee

1) Executive report - Dart

2) ASC operating procedures – Slattery

Slattery commented on the changes approved by the Executive during the October teleconference referring to the printed materials. Dart's intent is to have a clean version of the changes for presentation to the Board.

3) Nominating Committee review terms – Slattery

Programs Chair, FIS TD, at Large. The nominating committee will prepare a report for the Saturday meeting.

4) Awards - Dart/Slattery

Slattery noted that the alpine award nominees were covered in the executive summary.

5) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

There were no reviews in the interim. Any infractions during the season were adjudicated by staff and accepted by the athletes and families.

C. Rules and Technical Subcommittee - Van Slyke

Van Slyke noted that the community is very happy with the auto-processing system for results. He thanked Evans for his work on the fall update and the information that it provides. He reviewed other items that will come up in the various working group meetings as well as his subcommittee.

D. Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom

Landstrom referred to the summary list already reviewed. He suspects that there will be specific discussion on membership fees.

E. Development and Education Subcommittee – Galusha

Galusha referred to the summary list already reviewed. He asked that Evans provide him with a copy of Olle Larson's letter. He will have an expanded agenda including the points that have been raised in the summary.

F. Regional Subcommittee – Hupfer

Hupfer had no issues to report.

G. FIS – Winters

Winters commented on some of the issues that will be coming up at the FIS meetings including penalty manipulation, FIS TD expenses and SL poles.

H. Athletes – Macartney

Macartney was excused and there was no report.

8. Old business

A. Venue planning

Reviewed in the executive summary.

B. Report on race exceptions last season

Reviewed in the executive summary.

C. Confirm Whistler Cup J4 strategy

Reviewed in the executive summary.

9. New business

A. Dues and fees

The dues and fees are listed in the executive summary. Evans reported that last week he held a teleconference with membership, education, the sport directors and state and divisional leadership to push out information to local leadership.

B. Casper Mountain Racers divisional affiliation change

Reviewed in the executive summary. The request for change is listed in the books on page 128.

C. Liability insurance

Van Slyke reported that he has had some discussions with individuals regarding their personal liability exposure. A small group will review with the USSA insurance company and some other avenues will be explored to provide coverage for coaches and officials.

D. Olle Larson letter

Evans reported that he received a letter from Larson this week regarding training and racing and that the sport is becoming so expensive that it is pushing athletes out of the sport. This will be discussed further at the development and education subcommittee.

10. Recess

The meeting was recessed at 6:37 p.m.

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee
The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT
Wednesday, May 13, 2009
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Minutes

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, first session

Orientation: Reports, Issues Identification, Tasking

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

Vice Chair: Gary Wright

Members: Mike Kelly, Bear Bryant, Bill Gaylord, Charlie Burnham, Robert Calderwood, Fraser West, Bruce Crane, Tom Winters, Ted Sutton, Allen Church, Thelma Hoessler, Gretchen Ransom, Jeff Weinman

Guests: Sherri Hale, Roger Bay, Chris Smith, Gina Gassman, Ted Dunn, Roger Perricone, Jenna Ginsberg, Dirk Gowens, Don Page, Michael Browne, Walt Evans, Alice Anderson, Karen Korfanta, Curt Hammond, Nancy Weidel, Ingrid Simonson, Molly J. Laramie, Grant Lindemer, Ellen Hoffman, Esther DelliQuadri, Roy Logan, Robert Dart, John Jacobs, JoAnn Fuller, Jill Firstbrook, Ernie Revello, Mike Hammer, Anna McIntyre, Connie Webster, Rick Duncan, Pat Callahan, Stanley Goldschmidt, Brad Ghent, Paul Mahre

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

**Motion: to approve the agenda.
Hoessler/Church/without objection**

3. Review and approval of minutes

**Motion: to approve the 2008 meeting minutes.
Winters/Korfanta/without objection**

4. Reports (summaries and additions to written reports)

A. Chair

Van Slyke discussed organizational restructure for R&T Sub Committee and its working groups. Announced the AO Working Group will no longer exist and all working groups will now report to R&T Sub Committee. A Rules Working Group has been created; Gary Wright has been appointed chairman by Bob Dart, Alpine Sport Committee Chairman. Wright read the description of responsibilities of the new working group and has been tasked to propose a slate to fill it for Friday's meeting.

Van Slyke appointed Ingrid Simonson, Charlie Burnham, and Fraser West as honorary members of the sub-committee.

- B. Competition services staff
- C. Senior FIS representative
- D. Rules and Technical working group chairs

5. Issues identification and orientation
 - A. Status of action items from last meeting
 - B. USSA planning process and allocation of resources
6. Recess for working group and task force meetings

**Motion: to recess for working group and task force meetings
Winters/Korfanta/without objection**

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Officials Working Group
The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 14, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Gretchen Ransom

1. Call to order

Ransom called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

2. Review meeting plan and organization

3. Roll call and determination of voting members

Members

Chair: Gretchen Ransom

AO Education WG: Thelma Hoessler

USSA TD WG: Bob Calderwood

FIS TD WG: Tom Winters

Eastern: Chuck Hughes

RMD: Esther DelliQuadri

IMD: Mike Hammer

Northern: Mike Kelly

Far West: Phil GilanFarr

PNSA: Roger Root

Alaska: Scott Young

Charlie Burnham (Ex officio)

Ingrid Simonson (Ex officio)

Jeff Weinman (USSA)

Guests

Paul Van Slyke, Jill Firstbrook, Dirk Gowens, Allen Church, Jenna Ginsberg, Cath Jett, John Jett, Gary Wright, Tom Barnes, Roy Loman, Ted Dunn, Brad Ghent, Nancy Weidel, Don Page, Sherri Hale, Tami Strong, Bear Bryant, Stanley Goldschmidt, Ellen Hoffman, Alice Anderson, Brewster McVicker, Terry DelliQuadri, Gina Gassman, Grant Lindemer

4. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting

**Motion: to approve 2008 meeting minutes
Hughes/Kelly/without objections**

5. Divisional reports, by divisional representatives

Thelma Hoessler, AOEWG – Thelma reported that her working group will be looking at certification and update requirements for alpine officials.

Bob Calderwood, USSATDWG – Bob reported that his working group will be discussing use of local TDs for USSA events and will discuss some minor rule changes.

Chuck Hughes, East – Chuck reported that the East had their annual meeting May 1-2 this spring. He discussed the Doc Sosman Memorial Fund that is being formed. Chuck discussed education training and issues that they had incurred during the season. His division had awarded an Eastern Alpine Officials Award.

Esther DelliQuadri, RMD – Esther reported that they had a growth year in RMD alpine officials at pre-season clinics. They had good success with a hands-on Chief of Course clinic and were able to certify new officials in the CC category. They also incorporated some real-life challenges into their TD update, with exercises such as filling out incomplete TTR forms.

Mike Kelly, Northern – Mike reported on officials' clinics in the region. They had great success with a mock race that was held indoors. Mike said they were able to simulate an entire race arena in the mock race. They also incorporated the different entities in producing an event, and did everything from producing a fact sheet to REF reports to producing results. It allowed all the folks involved in the production of an event to see what the other groups did and how each part fit together.

Mike Hammer, IMD – Mike discussed some of the practical challenges in his region, especially the immensity. It spans the area between Jackson, WY to McCall, ID, and goes as far south as Las Vegas. They had good success at officials' clinics, and were able to administer 39 tests at their Ogden, UT clinic. Mike said that they found incorporating more "real life" scenarios helped in the clinics in addition to review of the rules and materials. With the large territory in his division, Mike said he also faced challenges with assigning local TDs. Since there is a natural split between the northern and southern groups within IMD, Mike said he was finding success assigning TDs from the north to events in the south, and TDs from the south to events in the North.

Phil GilanFarr, Far West – Phil also reported on officials and clinics within his division. He felt that more emphasis needs to be placed on the CC and CR categories of officials. He said that lack of certification and experience played a part in more than one event in his division.

Roger Root, PNSA – Roger reported that they held three successful clinics in the region in Spokane, Seattle, and Portland. They also held a coaches' symposium in conjunction with a referee clinic and update. He said they are seeing some progress in getting more parents involved. Roger also reported that they are also progressing in the area of updating certifications and purging their officials' roster of inactive members. He said the division is encouraging clubs to take on the CO portion of the education process. It allows more time at clinics for the other classes, and it appears that the attendees come in a little more prepared. Roger also expressed some frustration with trying to contact TDs prior to races, as he doesn't always know the name of the individual assigned or contact information for him/her.

Scott Young, Alaska – Scott reported that their biggest challenge in the division is that they have become, once again, a one club division. He said that 90 percent of their races are held at one area. They have a limited group of officials, but they try to rotate positions with younger and newer officials to minimize repetition and the process also helps the younger officials gain experience.

Gretchen Ransom, Central – Had good quality of clinics and officials. Although the athlete numbers fell slightly, the officials are going fairly strong. Held three good clinics within the division. The toughest region seems to be Region 2, as the population of officials covers a large geographic area. Efforts are made to alternate clinic locations within the region to better serve the needs of officials.

Jeff Weinman, USSA Staff – Jeff reported that the national roster listed 5,700 alpine officials. He also announced that 83 TDs nationwide held no TC certification.

Discussion was held on the reorganization of working groups, specifically the dissolving of the AOWG and where the duties would be assigned that the group had previously dealt with. Charlie Burnham and Ingrid Simonson, along with the other members of the working group who had contributed over the years to its success, were thanked for their insight and dedication.

Charlie Burnham's list of duties that the AOWG had been assigned over the years, and recommendations for which groups should assume those duties, was reviewed.

It was recommended by the committee that the following duties will rest with the designated group:

- Approve officials' upgrades for level 4, and ratify USSA TDs level 3 and 4 upgrades after review from USSATDWG. The duty of approving officials' upgrades to level 4 will be handled by the AOEWG, and the USSATDWG will handle the upgrading of TDs to level 3 and 4.
- The AOEWG will take on the duties related to tracking officials' histories, and the tracking of any new categories of officialdom. Charlie's comment was that the divisions are in charge of entering

data and forwarding that to Jeff Weinman for entry into the national database, but it was felt that some oversight was still needed.

- Duties associated with rule enforcement will be assumed by the Rule Compliance/Review Committee.
- Funnel for dealing with issues between USSA and volunteer organizations. This will be taken over by Rules and Tech.
- Development of certification guidelines and matrix. Updated the matrix when necessary. This duty would fall to the Rules and Tech committee.

6. Review of afternoon agenda

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

**Motion: to recess until 4:00 pm
Hoessler/DelliQuadri/without objections**

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Judicial Committee
The Yarrow - Judge
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 14, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

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

Guests: Alex Natt, Paul Mahre

1. Call to order
2. Review of committee membership
3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes
5. Review grievance routing and procedures
6. Review interim activity
7. Old business

The USOC code of conduct due process checklist will be added to the code of conduct section of the ACR.

8. New business
9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 am.

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group
The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 14, 2009
09:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Minutes

Working Group Members Present:

T. Hoessler, Chairperson	Roger Root, Pacific Northwest Ski Association
Scott Young, Alaska	Esther DelliQuadri, Rocky Mountain
Grant Lindemer, Central	Ingrid Simonson, Ex officio
Stan Goldschmidt, East	Allen Church, Ex officio
Dirk Gouwens, East	Bob Calderwood, Ex officio
Jill Firstbrook, East	Tom Winters, Ex officio
Phil GilanFarr, Far West	Gary Wright, Ex officio and Vice Chair
Mike Kelly, Northern	Don Page, At-Large

Guests: Paul Van Slyke, Ingrid Simonson, Jenna Ginsberg, John Jett, Ernie Revello, Roy Loman, Ted Dunn, Brad Ghent, Bill Gaylord, Charlie Burnham, Michael Browne, JoAnn Fuller, Connie Webster, Tami Strong, Finn Gundersen, John Jacobs, Ellen Hoffman, Jeff Swift, Andrew Nat, Alissa Consenstein, Julie Woodworth, Chris Smith, Anna McIntyre, Molly J. Laramie, Fraser West, Ted Sutton, Bear Bryant

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.
2. Review of Committee Membership and Introductions
 - Voting members identified.
 - Moment of silence observed as a token of respect and love for those who have departed, especially for “Granny Mac”, mother of Esther DelliQuadri and “Granny” to many coaches and competitors.
Motion: To recognize Mike Hammer as a representative for Troy Price, Intermountain Division at this meeting.
Page/Wright/without objection
3. Approval of Agenda
Motion: To accept Agenda as presented.
Goldschmidt/Calderwood/without objection
4. Approval of Minutes of 15 May 2008.
Motion: To accept Minutes of meeting of 15 May 2008.
Goldschmidt/Wright/without objection
5. Reports
Chair's Report
 - Report e-mailed to working group members.
 - Education-material recipient list and e-mail list updated.

- The Alpine Officials Committee will be dissolved following the 2009 USSA Congress, and all of its working groups will report directly to the Rules and Tech Sub-Committee. Current and past Chairs of the Alpine Officials' Committee were thanked for their many years of guidance and support.
- Change in physical address for USSA announced.
- Outstanding support furnished by USSA staff members noted.

Committee Member Reports

- Officials' education update requirements discussed.
- Divisions are continuing their efforts to identify those officials whose certification status is in jeopardy due to lack of attendance at required updates.
- Divisions are focusing on recruiting, educating and maintaining officials.
- Value of e-mail updates noted; these updates allow for consistency and continuing education of officials.
- Chief of Course certification and the necessity for formal educational materials discussed.
- Technical Delegate per diem issues discussed.
- Education of timing officials and use of forms discussed.

USSA Staff Report

- Jeff Weinman, Assistant National Competition Director
 - American Specialty Insurance Report requirements discussed; report must contain contact information and it must be signed.
 - Divisions need to address the number of USSA Technical Delegates not currently listed as holding Timing & Calculations certification.
- Sheryl Barnes, Member Services Director

Membership process and fee schedule discussed.

- On-line registration discussed; utilized by 45% of membership; support appreciated.
- Background screening discussed; new memberships will continue to require screening; one-third of existing members will be re-screened. Members whose on-line memberships are "pending" are not allowed to serve as Jury members, Jury Advisors or Course Setters.
- Membership renewal reminders will be distributed via post card or e-mail.
- Membership renewal applications will be mailed in September and may be used in lieu of on-line registration.
- Beginning 2009-10, membership cards will only be available on-line. They can be printed immediately after membership/screening process is complete.
- Beginning 2009-10, USSA Competition Guides will be supplied only to USSA Coaches, Officials and member clubs. The Competition Guide will be available for download from the USSA website.

6. Old business

A. Alpine officials' resources

- Timeline for updating and distributing education materials.

Education materials will be updated as information is made available and will be distributed prior to 15 October.

- Power point presentations
 - Current presentations

Competition Official, Referee and Timing & Calculations power point presentations are updated on a yearly basis. Updated versions will not be released until they are approved by USSA.
 - New presentations

A power point presentation has been prepared for Basic Timing & Calculations. The presentation will be reviewed during the summer and will be released for use during 2009-10 clinics/seminars; recommendations for improvement are requested.

B. Alpine Officials' Certification

- Referee

2008-09 Referee certification requirements discussed; no issues with implementation reported. Divisions' efforts to enforce requirement as well as the support of the USSA coaches' community commended.
- Jury Advisor certification requirement discussed.

Gary Wright will form a task force to address the impact of requiring the use of certified Jury Advisors at all levels of USSA competition: non-scored, scored technical events and scored speed events. The task force will deliver their report at the 2010 Congress so that the working group can consider a decision based on minimum, reasonable standards.
- Masters' alpine officials' educational needs

Master officials continue to attend USSA-approved Alpine Officials' Clinics/Seminars.

C. Coaches' educational needs and plan for USST coaches' education.

Finn Gunderson, USSA Director Sport Education, expressed his appreciation of Alpine Officials' efforts and requested that the working group address the possibility of including Referee Clinics/Seminars at Level 1 and Level 2 Coaches' Clinics. The request will be considered depending on time available for required education and testing. Certification and update requirements as they affect USST coaches will continue to be addressed; USST coaches who have left USSA employment will be reminded of membership, certification and update requirements.

7. New business

A. Clinic/Seminar materials

1) Chief of Course Materials

The necessity for Chief of Course educational materials and examinations were discussed. Esther DelliQuadri will form a task force to assist in the preparation of these materials so they are available for the 2009-10 seasons.

Motion: Modify Chief of Course (CC) certification prerequisites to include a written recommendation from a Level 3 or higher Referee (RF), Chief of Course (CC), or Technical Delegate (TD), and modify Level 1 Chief of Course (CC) certification requirements as follows: Attend level 1 Chief of Course (CC) Clinic and pass level 1 Chief of Course exam.

Wright/Hammer/without objections

- 2) Preparation of clinic/seminar materials and updating of Alpine Officials' Manual. There will be no change in the methods used to update and prepare these items.
- 3) Web-based clinics/seminars.

There is no plan in place to implement this type of education.

- B. Update requirements for Chief of Race, Chief of Course, Race Administration and Timing & Calculations.

There are guidelines in place for Chief of Race certification but unlike Referee and Technical Delegate, there is no actual certification requirement for individuals serving in this capacity.

Motion: Modify USSA Alpine Competition Rules (ACR) as follows: In order to serve as Chief of Race (CR) at a scored event (USSA or FIS), an individual must be, at a minimum, certified as a Level 1 Chief of Race (CR), Referee (RF), or Technical Delegate (TD).

Lindemer/Wright/without objections

Motion: That Chief of Race (CR) be required to maintain the same update standards as Technical Delegate (TD), Referee (RF) and Jury Advisor (JA).

Wright/Root/without objection

MOTION 7: That Chief of Course (CC), Chief of Timing & Calculations (TC), and Race Administration (RA) be required to attend an update every two (2) years in order to maintain USSA Alpine Officials' Certification.

GilanFarr/Gouwens/without objection

- 1) Should teaching at a USSA-approved clinic fulfill the update requirement?

Teaching assignments are made by the Divisions/Regions/States and are recognized as fulfilling the requirement for update.

- 2) Should attending a FIS TD Update fulfill the update requirement for all sections including USSA Technical Delegate and Referee?

Attendance at a FIS TD Update has been and will continue to be accepted as fulfilling the requirement for update.

- C. TD per diem for USSA non-scored championship events; i.e. J4, J5 Championships, Masters Nationals

Discussion of this item is deferred to the USSA Technical Delegates' Working Group.

- D. Expiration of Educational Materials

- 1) Data Management and Competition Official Study Guides

Motion: That educational materials for Competition Official (CO) and Data Management (DM) remain in effect and can be used until next season's educational materials become available.

DelliQuadri/Goldschmidt/without objection

- 2) Expiration of Study Guides for remaining categories

As a housekeeping issue, Jeff Weinman will remove expired Study Guides and Updates from the USSA website.

- E. Referee and Course Setter certification requirements for USSA non-scored events. Discussion on this item will be tabled until 2010 Congress.

Recommendation: The AOEWG strongly recommends that Referee (RF) certification be required for Referees, Assistant Referees, Course Setters and Jury Advisors (Start and

Finish Referees) at USSA non-scored events, i.e. YSL.

F. Distribution of Alpine Officials' CD

Due to budget constraints, the CD was not distributed in 2008-09; there are no plans for future distribution.

8. Discussion Items

A. Medical Plan – its impact on minutes of Jury and Team Captains' meetings.

The requirement for an event medical plan that has been approved by the Jury and presented to the Team Captains was discussed; the importance of Jury Minutes documenting these actions emphasized. Team Captains' Meeting Minutes should also reference the availability of an approved medical plan.

B. Provisional rerun and "first fault".

There is no rule regarding "first fault". Either a provisional rerun is confirmed by the Jury, or if the request is found to be unjustified, it is not allowed and the competitor is subject to further sanction.

C. What is the purpose of "bibs at the start"?

Rules require that competitors wear bibs supplied by the Organizer; a replacement bib fits this definition. Jury Meetings and Jury Minutes regarding use of a replacement bib are not a required item.

D. Is forerunning an acceptable alternative for required Downhill Training participation?

If a competitor does not participate in at least one timed training run, there is no provision in the rules for "special" training runs, and the competitor must not be allowed to start in the actual Downhill race.

E. Super Combined: Do we need clarification of use of SC points, seeding, and results? These rules will be clarified in the 2009-2010 Update & Review – Alpine.

F. Double entry: Are the rules clear? What are the possible penalties of "Double Entry"? The intent of rules regarding double entry is that a competitor must not appear on more than one Start List on the same day. Downhill Training is part of the Downhill competition and all competitors should be available to start all scheduled training runs.

G. Who is responsible for educating/updating officials?

USSA is responsible for providing materials; each official is responsible for utilizing them.

H. Best Practices: Is there a way to present suggestions for practical solutions and acceptable innovations? Is it acceptable to implement an innovation and just "hope for the best"?

There are established procedures to present suggestions for practical solutions and acceptable innovations. Major requirement in these situations is communication with affected parties so that they can be evaluated and a consensus can be reached based on the merits of the suggestion. Pre-approval of innovative ideas is preferable, especially if the innovation might place the validity of a race result in jeopardy.

9. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion: That Gretchen Ransom and Thelma Hoessler be elected to serve as Co-Chairs of the AOEWG and that Gary Wright be elected to serve as Vice Chair of the AOEWG for a two-year term.

Calderwood/Hammer/without objection

10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn at 11:40.
DelliQuadri/Goldschmidt/without objection

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09:00 AM – 11:40 AM
Action Items

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M/S/C Wright/Hammer/Unanimous

MOTION 2: Modify USSA Alpine Competition Rules (ACR) as follows: In order to serve as Chief of Race (CR) at a scored event (USSA or FIS), an individual must be, at a minimum, certified as a Level 1 Chief of Race (CR), Referee (RF), or Technical Delegate (TD).

M/S/C Lindemer/Wright/Unanimous

MOTION 3: That Chief of Race (CR) be required to maintain the same update standards as Technical Delegate (TD), Referee (RF) and Jury Advisor (JA).

M/S/C Wright/Root/Unanimous

MOTION 4: That Chief of Course (CC), Chief of Timing & Calculations (TC), and Race Administration (RA) be required to attend an update every two (2) years in order to maintain USSA Alpine Officials' Certification.

M/S/C GilanFarr/Gouwens/Unanimous

MOTION 5: That educational materials for Competition Official (CO) and Data Management (DM) remain in effect and can be used until next season's educational materials become available.

M/S/C DelliQuadri/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

MOTION 6: That Gretchen Ransom and Thelma Hoessler be elected to serve as Co-Chairs of the AOEWG and that Gary Wright be elected to serve as Vice Chair of the AOEWG for a two-year term.

M/S/C Calderwood/Hammond/Unanimous

The AOEWG strongly recommends that Referee (RF) certification be required for Referees, Assistant Referees, Course Setters and Jury Advisors (Start and Finish Referees) at USSA non-scored events, i.e. YSL.

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Western Region ACC
The Yarrow - Mountainview
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 14, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Minutes

Chair: Curt Hammond

Members Present:

Curt Hammond, Chairman	Craig Krueger, Vice Chairman
Dave Galusha, Secretary	Beat Hupfer, Past Chairman
Curtis Shuck, PNSA	Chuck Holcomb, PNSA
Ruben Macaya, IMD	Aaron Atkins, FW
Todd Kelly, FW	Gina Gassman, Athlete
Roger Bay, ND	Kevin Chaffee, IMD
Kristi Revello, Athlete	Sparky Anderson, AK
Rick Duncan, ND	

Staff present:

Lester Keller, Regional Alpine Director	
Jennifer Stielow, Regional Alpine Manager	
Lucy Schram, FW	Carma Burnett-Carew, IMD
Paul Mahre, PNSA	Sherri Hale, ND

1. Welcome and introduction of members

Hammond appointed an additional athlete Representative, Kristi Revello of MHA/PNSA.

Hammond remarked that the committee is in need of a new secretary which becomes the Vice Chair in a couple of years. The committee is also in need of a new WR Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Dave Galusha resigned as Secretary of the WR ACC and announced his retirement from the Park City Ski Team. Dave also announced he would be leaving the ACC Committee but would complete his term as national development and education chairman.

Hammond and several other committee members, including Keller, acknowledged and thanked Galusha for his service and congratulated him on his successful career in the West at the Park City Ski Team.

2. Review and approval of agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda
Unanimous vote

3. Review and approval of minutes

Motion: To approve the agenda
Approved/Unanimous vote

- A. Appointment of Divisional Staff as acting Secretary(s). Hammond thanked those who collaborated on minutes.
- B. Acknowledge and accept Divisional Staff's offer to serve as editorial board of regional policy text for publication and web.

4. Executive committee report

A. Chair's report

B. Treasurer's report

The treasurer's report was accepted.

C. Director's report

1) Season in review (see published report).

Club visits, goal is to stress fundamental skiing and motor skill development; allowing youth coaches to do the skills acquisition part of their jobs.

2) USSA and NDS

WR represents 77% of USST Alpine team, 54% of all ABC Teams with 21% of the USSA membership.

Concerns about USSA and NDS in the current economy; Jeff Pickering is no longer an NDS employee; he is solely working and paid by Western Region.

Cancelled the May camp due to lack of participation. NDS prep will be in Loveland in November. Conditioning camp, July 13-20th for the Regional Team nominee level athletes. Keeping camps closer to home instead of European travel.

Jesse Hunt has resigned as Alpine Director, not filled yet. Finn Gunderson is looking for an Alpine person to help out with web-based sharing of information. This is a job opening.

3) Other USSA Congress action items

Galusha and Hupfer reported on the following:

Age groupings for J2s to a three year age class proposal coming from RMD; would not come into play for one more season.

We are the only country that does not adhere to FIS age-classification nomenclature.

Single pole slalom as the USSA standard.

Children's vertical, gate counts, delays, etc. for J4 level. Stubby use, must vs. should language in the rules.

Alpine Officials – regarding recertification, Chief of Race and Chief of Course, RA and TC.

For the 2010-2011 season all races will be on Homologated hills, recertification is a must.

Rocky Central would like to bring J4s to Whistler Cup again.

4) Coach and managers' reports

Stielow reported on physical assessment testing.

Regional team athletes must have a fall and spring testing. Spring testing needs to be done by June 1st, fall testing needs to be done by October, before on-snow training begins.

Data form for testing and norms and standards will be on the website to send in.

Individual results will be sent to home coaches within the next two weeks.

5. Development committee report

6. Old business

A. Calendar review per working group meetings

1) Revisions per Calendar Working Group

Proposal to eliminate the Classification race in December

Proposal removing the J4 Festival

**Motion: To reconfirm the WR stand that J4s will not be sent to the Whistler Cup.
Macaya/Holcomb/without objection**

**Motion: To Discontinue the Western Region J4 Festival
Macaya/Holcomb/without objection**

Discussion – can readdress in the fall if National decides to reinstate the Whistler Cup for J4s.

2) Western Region Elite FIS series

a) Schedule

Speed Series 2 DH/2SG

Wild West Series 2SL/2 GS

Selections will continue to be done by the current Western Region process. No changes to the quotas.

b) Sites

Allow PNSA to decide their J3 JO site according to the WR J3 Rotation schedule, by June 1.

FISU quotas may change. It appears the current system used by USSA is out of date and has been changed by the FIS.

Mission Ridge (Tech)

Mt. Bachelor (Speed)

(Secret Ballot Vote)

3) Western FIS races

a) Series/blocks

4) Junior championships

Motion: To utilize two series, one speed, and one tech event for qualification to the National J2 competitions.

Atkins/Shuck/without objection.

Motion: To support RMD J2 age class proposal (3 year J2 age class 15-17)

Atkins/Holcomb/without objection

Discussion – Galusha felt the executive committee would wait one more year. This might not align with FIS, might not matter though.

a) Bid process

Awarded to Schweitzer (Secret Ballot)

5) ENL races

Motion: To allow for each division to continue to calendar ENL race series under the existing procedures and head tax structure and to allow each division to hold up to 8 starts per gender as Western FIS Open or ENL Races provided:

- a. **These do not conflict with a Western Elite Series competition or a Western Championship event for FIS aged competitors.**

- b. There is no forced participation requirement, particularly of regional automatics or Western regional team members.
- c. Normal Region entry fee/head tax portion provisions apply, that is there a \$12.00 per start fee due to the region.
- d. That the Western Region considers removing the classification events from the 2009-2010 calendar.
- e. Proposed two Regional FIS Level competitions:
 - i. (2) tech series that will be split between two geographical areas and held simultaneously in (Dec/March) where host division cannot travel to other series;
 - ii. speed series at one location (Jan/Feb).
- f. Proposes that Western Region grant each division 30 per gender quota spots in the other divisions' FIS series unless restricted.

Atkins/Shuck/without objections

7. New business

A. Seating of incoming chair

Craig Kruger

B. Rules and procedures review and approval

1) Western Region Fees

Motion: To increase the Western FIS entry fee to \$38.00 (from \$35.00).

Hupfer/Kelly/without objection

**Motion: To amend Western Refund Policy:
Western Refund policy for canceled events:**

- a. For events canceled prior or during the first scheduled team captains' meeting there will be a complete refund of all paid entry and speed training fees.
- b. For technical events canceled by the jury on the day of competition there will be an entry refund of half (1/2) of the organizer's portion (\$10.00), half (1/2) the regional portion (\$6.00) and the USSA Head tax of \$6.00.
- c. For speed event(s) canceled anytime during the official program dates by the jury there will be an entry refund of half (1/2) the regional head tax (\$6.00), the \$6.00 USSA head tax and the training fee, if no training was conducted. The organizer retains the organizer's portion provided the organizer and ski area make all possible efforts to hold the event, as assessed and reported in the event evaluation report by the Jury members (3) consisting of the Technical Delegate, the Referee and the Assistant Referee.

Hupfer/Kruger/without objection.

Motion: To assess a regional portion (i.e. head tax) of the entry fee to all other races held in Western region consisting of the J3 Junior Olympics, (USSA scored category = \$2.00 per starter) College USSA scored competitions = \$2.00, FISU races = \$2.00.

Hupfer/Kruger/passed with 1 opposed

C. Level 100 and 200 coaches clinic schedule

Contact Chelsea Steinbach in Sport Education at USSA offices or Lester Keller for more information.

- Clinic Dates/Coaches' Education/Club Development Visits for levels 100,200,300 (300's are split into SL and speed)
 - Keller is planning to host a 300 level speed clinic 1 during the WR Speed Event. Keller also noted that Ski clubs can have private clinics for their club.

D. Divisional meeting schedule

Keller asked each of the divisions to send him their meeting schedules.

E. Other

**To support Casper, WY program moving to RMD in Rocky/Central Region from Northern Division in Western Region.
Kruger/Bay/without objection**

8. Next meeting

The next meeting will be by teleconference in the fall of 2009.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Rocky/Central Region ASC
The Yarrow - Summit A
Park City, UT
Friday, May 14, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Dave Waller

1. Welcome and call to order

Waller called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

2. Introduction of RC ACC members

Committee - Casey Charlson, CEN, Jon Nolting, RMD, Robert Dart, RMD, Darryl Landstrom, CEN, Bill Slattery, CEN, Dave Waller, CEN, Pat Callahan, RMD, Anje Worrell, RMD, Roger Perricone, RMD, Dave Waller, CEN

Guests - Sean Ramsden, RMD, Mike Bowman, RMD, Leah Mason LeSage, RMD, Jeff Kai, RMD, Deb Armstrong, RMD, Karen Ghent, RMD, David Samuels, CEN, Alice Black, RMD, Tom Barnes, CEN, Darlene Nolting, RMD/USSA, Terry DelliQuadri, RC/USSA, Brewster McVicker, CEN/USSA

3. Review and approval of agenda

**Motion: to approve the agenda.
Slattery/Perricone/without objection**

4. Review and approval of minutes

**Motion: to approve the minutes
Slattery/Landstrom/without objection**

5. Staff reports

A. Terry DelliQuadri

1. Welcome of guests that haven't been here in the past.
2. We are starting to come together working as a region more instead of working separately as two divisions.
3. Rob Worrell, our RC Regional Coach, has been laid off.
4. Club Coaches are going to have to fill the lead spot in projects that Rob used to fill.
5. While working on a regional series for J2 selections we need to make sure we don't add another layer of racing for our athletes. Across the board our athletes are racing too much.

B. Darlene Nolting

1. Good races series in RMD with great partners/sponsors.
2. Regional projects are good.
3. RC Junior Olympic Sites are great and set the bar for the rest of the country.
4. Thanks to Rob Worrell for all of his hard work for the division.

C. Brewster McVicker

1. Central had good projects in Rocky in the early season – GS and SG projects.
2. More Central athletes participated in the Topolino Time Trials and the divisional athletes were competitive.
3. Central speed project at Indianhead – working on the speed elements and terrain.
4. Sponsor for the Mid-Am Series – Tiger foam, Events went well and were well attended.
5. Great to have Sterling Grant home training and racing in the Central division.
6. Membership is down on the youth – specifically J4 girls.
7. Brewster did a lot of coaches' education this winter. A lot of High School coaches attended these clinics.
8. RC Region hasn't had the chance to ring the J2 region's bell yet, can we start the Alpine Sport Committee meeting off with the ringing of the region's bell.
9. We need to engage more coaches at projects; the same coaches are always coaching at projects.
10. Darlene and I spend hours on intents – we need to encourage our coaches/parents/athletes to communicate better with us regarding their plans and do this in a timelier manner.

6. Divisional ACC reports

A. Central – Dave Waller

1. FIS Races
 - a. Participation same as last year – initiated CanAm Series by incorporating a race in Thunder Bay, Canada into our Lutsen, Spirit swing through the north land.
 - b. Championship at Lutsen was excellent – strong field, half the entries from out of region, penalties in the low teens.
2. Athlete performance
 - a. Whistler and Topolino – Paula Moltzan and Lauren Samuels
 - b. USST Nominations – Sterling Grant and Kaylin Richardson – B Team, Ryan Wilson – C Team, Michael Ankeny and Lauren Samuels – D Team and Lindsay Vonn on the A Team
3. Trust Fund for D Teamers
 - a. We created a trust fund that will fund Central athletes named to the USST D team. Portion of the earnings fund the athletes, remaining earnings reinvested, fund will grow each year and will last through the years.

B. Rocky Mountain – Jon Nolting

1. YSL numbers in RMD are huge; we are restricting athlete's entry to events, which is not what we want to do.
2. RMD has added a GS series to the calendar, similar to the Loveland Derby.
3. Task force was put together in RMD to look at the J4's not going to Whistler Cup and to bring this issue to the Development Working Group.

7. Old business

- A. Junior Olympic siting – two-year bid cycle – DelliQuadri was to oversee a working group of no more than five people to report back to the committee this year with a plan for a five-year master plan to work on a rotation strategy of the J3 and J4 Junior Olympics. – three options were presented:
 - 1. Keep things the same – both age groups are on the same two-year rotation coming up for bid at the same time.
 - 2. Go with a one year bid or a three year bid cycle on one of the age groups to move to an opposite year cycle.
 - 3. A three-year three-site cycle where events would move around to three different sites on a rotational basis with each site sitting out one year during the three cycles.

Motion: In the next bidding cycle the J4s will be on a one-year bid and the J3 age group will be on a two-year bid and then both age groups will continue on a two-year cycle. Slattery/Perricone/without objection

- B. The new Chair and Vice-Chair should review by-laws and make sure they are updated and current.
 - 1. Waller has found the by-laws in Dart's archives and will put them together in electronic form and will circulate to the committee through the summer for review.

8. New business

- A. Membership/Sheryl Barnes came in and spoke to the group.

- 1. USSA did 45% of their membership by online registration
- 2. Membership will not send out hard copy registration to members until late fall.
- 3. Memberships done online are immediate unless a coach or official needs to go through background check.
- 4. Background checks will be done in thirds from now on.
- 5. Competition guides will only be sent out to coaches and officials. The competitions guides will be posted online.
- 6. Digital membership cards can be printed online.

- B. Change the dates of the J3 JOs

Motion: To change the dates of the J3 JOs. To support the date change of March 3-10, 2010 for the J3 JOs.

Nolting/Perricone/approved - 7 for/3 opposed

- C. Change the schedule of the J4 JOs

Motion: To add a day to the J4 Junior Olympics, the men and women would be racing Giant Slalom on separate days while the other gender has a day off.

Charlson/Slattery/failed

Dart feels that we shouldn't ask the site to add this to their bid mid-cycle. If this is approved it should be applicable to the next cycle.

- D. Divisional ACC proposals needing regional approval

- E. Whistler Cup qualification

Motion: To add a line in the Whistler Cup qualification: "If there is a tie for first in the SG, GS or SL and two separate winners in the other two races (i.e. for total winners), then the duplicate winner with the single lowest race point result in the other two disciplines will be

selected."

Nolting/Callahan/without objection

- F. **Motion: The concept of a Regional J2 series to be used for J2 selections. A task force will be put together through the summer to work through all the issues and put together a full proposal to the divisional committees for approval.**

Slattery/Charlson/without objection

This will make the region stronger and more cohesive.

Everyone considers this a positive move for the region.

Issues that need to be considered: Travel – two blocks, selection events need to be four-event, there is no protection, and how many events should be in the selection criteria, discretion in the event, Automatics in the selections.

Motion: The Task Force will consist of: Task force will be chaired by Jon Nolting. RMD and Central will nominate two members to the committee, plus staff.

Waller/Charlson/without objection

- G. Add an additional YOB to the J2 Nationals and change the name to a National Junior Championships. Comments from the group to maybe add a National J1 Championships.

9. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Perricone/Nolting/without objection

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USSA Alpine Technical Delegate Working Group
The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 14, 2009
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Robert Calderwood

1. Call to order

Calderwood called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm.

2. Review of committee membership

Chair: Robert Calderwood (Central)

Vice Chair: Randy Rogers (PNSA) - excused

Esther DelliQuadri (RMD)

Phil GilanFarr (Far West)

Scott Young (Alaska)

Evert Uldrich (IMD)

Roger Root (PNSA) representing Rogers

Guests included: Jeff Weinman (USSA), Bruce Crane

Chuck Hughes (Eastern)

Mike Kelley (Northern)

Ingrid Simonson (Immediate Past Chair)

Gretchen Ransom (Ex Officio, AO Chair)

Thelma Hoessler (Ex Officio, AE Chair)

Don Page (Honorary)

3. Review and approval of agenda

Calderwood added Weinman and Crane to the agenda

Approved, unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes

Approved, unanimous

5. Reports

A. Chair

B. Alaska Division

Young reported no new TDs in the pipeline. He said that many of the “old guard” are still in place, and they are very experienced and do a good job. As they hold the majority (90 %) of their races at the same area, many of the officials are the same from race to race. They rotate positions with the younger officials to increase the newer officials’ experience. They have been rotated so that younger folks can begin the process and get experience. Young reported that they have had to use some local TDs in their races due to the distance involved and the number of races at one area.

C. Central Division

Ransom reported they held good clinics and races in the division and had limited TD issues. Had comments from one regional treasurer concerning charges from a couple of TDs and what appeared to be unreasonable charges in the course of events. Two current USSA TDs in the region are interested in pursuing their FIS TD-ship. As of yet, they are still in pursuit of their USSA TD 3 certification.

D. Eastern Region

Hughes reported that they held two regional updates and multiple state updates for TDs and Referees. Hughes reminded the group that TDs should be attending TC clinics and updates as part of their TD requirements. Hughes reported numbers of officials in each of the states and divisions who are current and/or have had their certification levels raised. He also reported that Ted Sutton had given a very good presentation on the continual upgrading of homologation information. Hughes also reminded the group to remember to get signatures at TCMs and also spread the information on the medical plan for the event, once it is approved by the jury. Hughes said they are in need of more TDs in the pipeline. He said that the East had a good year for officials, and had only one anonymous letter expressing disappointment.

E. Far West Division

GilanFarr had nothing new or different to report from his previous reports in the AOWG and AOEWG.

F. Intermountain Division

Uldrich reported having a good snow year in the region. He said they held four officials' clinics at Ogden, Sun Valley, and McCall. None of the clinics addressed TD material. Costs to clubs continue to be an issue in the division. Efforts have been made to use local TDs at un-scored events, which raised some questions of independence. Evert read stats on races held, what levels they were, and only eight out of 46 were open to USSA TDs. The remainder were FIS and upper level races.

G. PNSA Division

Root reported for Rogers. Root reported that they had seven people complete classroom TD training, including a few women, and they are continuing their pursuit through on-hill and practical testing. Root said that their region also wrestles with assigning TDs to races that won't incur huge expenses, and that they can't afford to send someone 450 miles to an event.

H. Rocky Mountain Division

DelliQuadri reported that their region has two new TDs and will probably lose two. Esther reported that they had clinics for continuing education for TDs, including filling out incomplete TTR forms. DelliQuadri is also working to incorporate homologation files into the classroom setting for USSA TDs.

I. Northern

Kelly said they held a clinic at Big Sky and had TD candidates and attendees. He said they had great success running a mock race inside the building at the clinic. They simulated a real race, and included all the paperwork in the exercise. It helped to show what happens at a race, and what all the different factions contribute. He commented that they had some issues at a venue due to last minute TD replacement and it was costly to the club – they suffered a net loss for the race. Kelly asked for some clarity and explanation on expense reports and whether the per diem included meals or other expenses. Meals are separate, and not included in the per diem.

J. Alpine Officials Chair

Hoessler reported that she already has an item on Dr. Calderwood's agenda. Hoessler also invited TDs to work with an RA at an event to help realize what goes on and how much work goes into it.

K. USSA Staff

Weinman reported that they have (nationally) 83 USSA TDs without TC certification. As TC is a requirement for being a TD, he advised group members to police their members.

6. Old business

A. Per diem for USSA TDs – Results from 2008-09.

Calderwood did another TD expense report/per diem survey. He showed a PPT presentation regarding USSA TD reports. About 25 percent of USSA TDs turned in reports to Calderwood. He showed totals for expenses and per diems charged. He also had some forms that he had received from the East; they were received all together in one packet but had some missing information, just per diem amounts. Dr. Calderwood said the Eastern division was the best group for reporting. He reported that on a national level, some of the TDs charged larger than normal amounts. Calderwood asked if the group wanted him to continue to keep stats on the TD expense reports. It was felt by the group that Calderwood's reports provide important information. Esther felt that the reporting will increase with time, and so Calderwood's reporting will continue.

- B. Appointment of TDs from local area – referred back for further discussion (from Alpine Sport Committee May 2008).

Calderwood reread the motion from last year's meeting regarding the ability to assign local TDs under exceptional circumstances, such as excessive travel. It had been given to the ASC group, and it got kicked back as they felt it was already covered in the rules. It was also felt that implementing the motion could allow for impropriety and abuse by ROCs and such. The current ruling already allows for TD replacement (with the best qualified person) under force majeure conditions. Calderwood said that it's obvious from the TD reports that local TDs are being utilized. The issue gets further complicated when all the members of the jury are from the same local area. However, "local area" is not necessarily the same as "local organizing committee." The duty will remain with the USSA/FIS commissioners to assign independent TDs, and exceptional cases will be dealt with according to the current rules. Calderwood reminded the group to properly document instances where local TDs are used due to force majeure or other extenuating circumstances which constitute a variance from the rules. More discussion also followed concerning local area vs. local organizing committee and how rules can be interpreted.

- C. Cataloging TD experiences both positive and negative (to allow for common solutions to problems) – Rogers

Calderwood reported that Randy Rogers has wanted to catalog TD experiences, both positive and negative, and has established a link on Facebook for people to send in information.

7. New business

- A. REVISION of Section 601.2, 601.2.1, 604.2.1 and 604.2.2 of ACR to mimic ICR regarding appointment of Referees by TDs, i.e. USSA will appoint the referee and assistant referee to USSA Championship events (U.S. Nationals, JOs).

Motion: Revision of section 601.2. To revise the USSA ACR rules to read:

601.2 – Appointments by USSA

The USSA appoints the TD for all competitions and:

U601.2 – For National Championships and JO events

The USSA appoints the Referee and, for DH and SG events, the Assistant Referee

U601.2.2 – In all other races, the TD appoints the Referee and, for DH and SG, the Assistant Referee

Hoessler/Ransom/without objections

Motion: Revision of section 601.4

U601.4.1 - Appointment of the jury for National Championships and JO events

U601.4.1.1 – USSA appoints the

Technical Delegate

Referee

Assistant Referee (for DH and SG events)

U601.4.2 – Appointment of the jury for all other USSA races

**U601.4.2.1 – The USSA appoints the TD for all competitions
Hoessler/GilanFarr/without objections**

Motion: revision of rule 603.2

Add: U603.2.1 – The USSA appoints the course setters for National Championships and JO events

**Amend 603.2.3 – add “For all other events” before “the appointment is made by the Jury.”
Hoessler/Hughes/without objection**

B. Dual role of active coach and Technical Delegate.

The working group also discussed persons filling dual roles of acting TD and active coach. He asked if the group was interested in an explicit policy allowing or disallowing an active coach (with competitors in the event) to act in the role of TD? A potential situation could come into play if the TD is coaching, and an athlete is injured, and where the TD's attention was at the time. The TD is viewed as the overall official in charge of making sure rules are followed, etc. It's felt that the TD should not be coaching while filling a TD assignment, as it increases liability. The divisions were charged with policing their TDs and not assigning them to an event where they're actively coaching.

C. Expansion of USSA TD per diem/ Extend TD per diem to include non-scored USSA events.

DelliQuadri discussed extending the TD per diem to include non-scored USSA events, as some events (championships and masters) require a TD level 3 or higher who doesn't (under the current rules) qualify for a per diem. Regional and national events, even for non-scored athletes, still require high-caliber officials. J3,4,5 Regional or National Championships and Masters Nationals would fall under this category.

Motion: To allow TDs a per diem for J3,4,5 Regional and National Championships and Masters Nationals.

DelliQuadri/Hughes

Phil GilanFarr suggested modifying the motion to allow for per diem when a non-scored race runs in concurrence with a scored event. Support was also expressed for per diem for any event (scored or un-scored) and that the per diem should be fairly provided to all TDs. The motion was amended to include all events, whether scored or non-scored, for per diem for USSA TDs. Roger Root from PNSA suggested the group should not be deciding the per diem amount as it is burdensome for some venues. Evert reported that IMD collects an additional head tax at races for the region which is used to offset costs incurred for TD expenses.

Motion: To allow TD per diem for all USSA alpine sanctioned events.

DelliQuadri/Hughes/carried with one nay.

Bruce Crane talked about resources available to USSA TDs. He discussed the Additional Report of the TD, which is used to voice serious issues regarding homologation of the hill. It may or may not incite a re-inspection, but allows the onsite TD to communicate with the course inspectors' community. Bruce is willing to utilize and distribute the form that FIS uses, which is very helpful for the line of communication.

D. Election of Working Group Chair and Vice Chair.

**Motion: To retain Calderwood as Chair and Rogers as Vice Chair
Hoessler/DelliQuadri/without objection**

8. Executive session

A discussion was held regarding complaints lodged against a TD. Action was deferred pending further consultation.

Proposal to move the following to TD3

Bruce Bolger – 5748983
Joann Fuller – 5810593
John Stahler – 4495354
Eugene Pavitt – 5410949
Peter Cornish – 989160
Neal McNealus - 5398052

Proposal to move the following to TD4
Bob Nevins – 4942348

Proposal to move the following from TD6 to TD5
Don Page (by request) - 84137

**Motion: To approve the above recommendations.
Hughes/DelliQuadri/without objections.**

9. Adjournment

**Motion: To adjourn the meeting
DelliQuadri/GilanFarr/without objection**

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Action Items

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601.2 – Appointments by USSA

The USSA appoints the TD for all competitions and:

U601.2 – For National Championships and JO events

- The USSA appoints the Referee and, for Downhill and SG events, the Assistant Referee

U601.2.2 – In all other races, the TD appoints the Referee and, for DH and SG, the Assistant Referee

M/S/C Hoessler/Ransom/Unanimous

MOTION 2: Revision of section 601.4

U601.4.1 - Appointment of the jury for National Championships and JO events

U601.4.1.1 – USSA appoints the

- Technical Delegate
- Referee
- Assistant Referee (for DH and SG events)

U601.4.2 – Appointment of the jury for all other USSA races

U601.4.2.1 – The USSA appoints the TD for all competitions

M/S/C Hoessler/GilanFarr/Unanimous

MOTION 3: Revision of rule 603.2

Add: U603.2.1 – The USSA appoints the course setters for National Championships and JO events

Amend 603.2.3 – add “For all other events” before “the appointment is made by the Jury.”

M/S/C Hoessler/Hughes/Unanimous

MOTION 4: To allow TDs a per diem for J3,4,5 Regional and National Championships and Masters Nationals. The motion was amended to include all events, whether scored or non-scored, for per diem for USSA TDs.

M/S/C DelliQuadri/Hughes/Motion carried with one nay.

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Regional Subcommittee
The Yarrow – Summit B
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 14, 2009
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

Members: Beat Hupfer, Curt Hammond (West), Walt Evans (Staff), Terry DelliQuadri (Staff)

Guests: Darryl Landstrom, Brewster McVicker, Robert Dart, Lucy Schram, Jeff Kai, Craig Krueger, Rick Duncan, Chris Smith, Alissa Consenstein, Tim Maguire, Tom Barnes

1. Call to order

Hupfer called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. Review and adoption of agenda

3. Review of minutes

4. Reviewed membership population

5. Reviewed USSA fee structure

Evans went over membership; online update, renewal notices, background screening will have to be updated for about a third of the coaches and officials based on a random draw, digital membership card and new adjusted fees for the 09/10 season (written report is in the book, page 98).

6. USSA Club services and Online services

Walt Evans outlined these services and the online resources center.

7. Reports

Regional reports from the 08/09 season are in the Congress book.

A. Eastern Region

Tim Maguire gave a brief report (written report is in the book, page 86).

B. Rocky/Central

Terri DelliQuadri gave a brief report (written report is in the book, page 88).

C. Western Region

Curt Hammond gave a brief report (written report is in the book, page 90).

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

USSA Congress 2009

USSA Alpine FIS Technical Delegate Working Group

The Yarrow - Summit B

Park City, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2009

2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Tom Winters

1. Call to Order – Welcome by the Chairman
2. Review of Working Group Members -

Members:

Tom Winters (Chairman)

Bob Calderwood

Bill Hicks

Randy Rogers (excused)

Bill Slattery (Honorary)

FIS Committee Members Present:

Allen Church: Timing Working Group,

Bob Calderwood: Courses/DAR Events

Bob Dart: NorAm – COC/ Masters Racing

Karen Korfanta: Alpine Rules & Control/Chair: Alpine Ladies Working Group

Ted Sutton: Alpine Courses & Tech Advisors

Jeff Weinman: Alpine Classification

Tom Winters: Alpine Technical Delegates / Co-Chairman Snowboard Committee

Guests Included: Tami Strong, Thelma Hoessler

Paul Van Slyke (Vice Chairman)

Bob Dart

Chuck Hughes

Gretchen Ransom (Ex officio)

Jeff Weinman (USSA Staff)

3. Review & Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Approved
4. Reports

A. Winters provided a review of activities relative to the FIS:

- All Event assignments were covered in an orderly fashion but for one event where the foreign assigned Technical Delegate could not make the event at the last minute. This circumstance as highlighted by Hammond caused the Race Organizer to incur a much higher travel expense than should have normally been incurred. In the future, as referenced by Dart, where this circumstance occurs consideration should be given to the utilization of the force majeure authorization granted in the FIS ICR.
- Winters reported on the Technical Delegate travel expense survey undertaken during this past season – this report is the basis for the North American request and continued approval for exemption to the FIS Travel Allowance of 600 CHF (\$500 USD). The survey encompassed some 140+ events and showed that approximately 45% of all events had a Technical Delegate travel expense of 600 CHF (\$500 USD) or less with the remaining 55% averaging approximately 1,050 CHF (\$870 USD). This is in line with prior survey results.
- A review of the proposed items to be included in the Jury Minutes at all events was discussed i.e. a) Course and Security inspection and approval by the Jury b) Review and approval of proposed Medical Plan by the Jury.

- Specific verbiage for the Course and Medical Plan items will be provided after the FIS meetings which are to be held in Dubrovnik, CRO and reviewed by USSA Legal Counsel.
 - Due to some confusion, the Technical Delegate Expense Form for next year will be revised so as to highlight the fact that the referenced “per diem” item does not include meals.
- B. Winters asked the various FIS Committee Members as well as industry members present to comment on any issues or items which might be of concern or interest to be discussed at the upcoming FIS Meetings.
- 1) Karen Korfanta – Alpine Rules and Control/Chairman Alpine Ladies Working Group

Undertook a review of the ongoing rule proposals to be addressed at the upcoming FIS meeting. Items referenced included: single pole slalom, gender balancing and points manipulation. Karen in her USSA position as NorAm Coordinator gave a brief report and thanked all the host sites from this previous season.
 - 2) Allen Church – Timing and Calculation

Quality of the required timing reports continues to improve. The Chairman referenced that, during his event assignment in Switzerland, he had the opportunity to work with Francisco Cataneo from the FIS who personally reviewed in excess of 2000 timing reports this year – someone reviews every timing report submitted.
 - 3) Bruce Crane – Courses

Referenced and reviewed ongoing homologation issues including the migration of the FIS to electronic submissions.
 - 4) Bob Dart – NorAm/COC/Masters

Reviewed FIS proposals i.e. rules clarification with regard to the classification of overall Continental Cup winners. Bob noted that Canada took the podium from us this past year and thus we have a little work to do next year.
 - 5) Bob Calderwood – DAR Events

No issues to report on at this time - still in a state of flux and discovery. Bob Calderwood will be representing Bruce Crane and USSA at the FIS Courses meeting in Dubrovnik, CRO next week.
 - 6) Jeff Weinman – Classification

Gave a broad overview of activities within the classification area and upcoming related programs within USSA. Jeff will not be attending the meetings next week and will be represented by Walt Evans
 - 7) John Jacobs – Equipment Supplier/Reliable Racing Supply

Reviewed with Winters a new panels' proposal and the utilization of panels especially with regard to high wind application i.e. lowering of panels vs. bow tie and fixation.
- C. Regional/International reviews – Assignments/Venues
- 1) Central – No Issues,
 - 2) East – No issues just need for additional TDs due to increasing schedule.
 - 3) Intermountain – No issues. However. referenced need for additional TDs to facilitate event coverage in the future due to retirements.
 - 4) Rocky Mountain – Everything was acceptable due to the good cooperation and work of the regional TDs but ongoing need for TD Candidates was also mentioned.

- 5) Western Report – Same as Intermountain
- 6) International Report – Tom Winters once again referenced that he would continue to pursue TD exchanges for foreign assignments.

D. Open Issue and Commentary

- 1) Van Slyke commented on better communication of Technical Delegate assignments and any changes thereto should be considered. He reviewed research being undertaken on being able to provide Technical Delegates and interested parties with excess liability insurance which item also includes accident coverage.
- 2) Van Slyke remarked on the need for consideration by divisions and sub-entities who take program materials for their own utilization and membership education to consider making a contribution to the content/meeting preparation and presentation costs.
- 3) Hoessler – Remarked on Data Management/Split Second etc. items being fixed for this coming season i.e. forerunner listing problems.
- 4) Strong – Potential for providing timing and software educational component at 2009 FIS Technical Delegate Updates and Clinics.
- 5) Jenna Ginsberg/Paul Mahre – Points manipulation by competitors not skiing up to ability level – enforce the rules and education of coaches and competitors is needed. Disqualification of competitor is not a complete answer due to party, even after disqualification, still being included in the penalty point's calculation. The Chairman noted that if a Competitor is determined by the Competition Jury to have engaged in "unsportsmanlike conduct" i.e. points manipulation, they should be disqualified and removed from all event consideration elements; however minutes of such undertaking must be provided.

5. Educational Programs – Mandatory Annual FIS TD Updates

Whistler Mtn. BC, CAN October 23-26, 2009 and Lake Placid, NY, October 30 - November 1, 2009.

All interested parties, ROC members, national officials, race administrators as well as World Cup, Nor-Am and National Championship Organizers are invited and encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

6. Old & New Business

No issues to be reported on or requiring further discussion.

7. Closed/Executive Session

A. Discussion of present Technical Delegate Candidates who have finished their required testing process and were being forwarded on to the FIS for International Technical Delegate status:

- 1) Dirk Gouwens. Grant Lindemer and Tony Nunnikhoven.
- 2) It was noted that candidate Phil GilanFarr has undertaken and completed the extended experience requirements as requested by this committee, i.e. traveling back East to do speed events with Ted Sutton and Horst Weber who wrote quite good reviews. The consensus of the Committee was that the Candidate should undertake next season to complete his written examination as well as one (1) candidate technical event and a technical final examination with a foreign examiner.

8. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was adjourned.

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Education and Development Subcommittee
USSA COE – Rooms 216/218
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 14, 2009
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Dave Galusha

Committee members in attendance: Dave Galusha, Craig Krueger, Mike Bowman, Casey Charlson, Jeffery Byrne, Finn Gundersen, Gina Gassman

Committee members absent: Kirk Dwyer, Doug Williams, Peter Dodge, Wendy Neal

Guests present: Jesse Hunt, USST, Tim Maguire, USSA/East, Lester Keller, USSA/West, Walt Evans, USSA, Darlene Nolting, USSA/RC, Michael Todd, Kate Avrin, Anje Worrell, Troy Price, Ruben MaCaya, Jon Nolting, Dave Caller, Tom Barnes, Darryl Landstrom, John Jacobs, Joann Fuller, Connie Webster, Alissa Consenstein, Sparky Anderson, Margo Christiansen, Sherri Hale, Beat Hupfer, Roger Bay, Phil McNichol Alice Black, Jeff, Kai, Jenn Stielow, Leah LeSage, Brewster McVicker, Todd Kelly, Lucy Schram, Aaron Atkins, Ben Sinclair, Todd Brickson, David Samuels, Sean Ramsden, Tad Smith, Paul Rozypal, Deb MaKenzie, Gail Barber, Julie Woodworth, Roby Larson, Rick Duncan, Terry DelliQuadri, Karen Ghent, Brad Ghent

1. Call to order

This will be the last meeting Dave Galusha will chair as he is moving on in life. He has enjoyed his time as chair of this committee. On behalf of the committee and everyone who has known him through the years, we would like to thank him for his leadership and direction. Dave received a standing ovation.

2. Review and adoption of agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda.

M/S/C

3. Review of minutes

There are minutes from the January work sessions; these minutes do not need to be approved as it was a work session.

Motion: to approve minutes from May 2008

M/S/C

4. Review membership

5. Review of Committee's role within USSA structure

We can make recommendations to the Alpine Sport Committee which can be moved forward to the USSA Board.

6. Chair's report

Galusha reported no activity other than January work session call, notes of this are in USSA Congress book.

7. USSA staff reports

A. Athletic Department – Bodensteiner, not present

B. Alpine Director – Hunt

- 1) Thanks to Dave for all his work on the committee and his work at the Park City Ski Team.
- 2) Thanks the National Team staff for their hard work and dedication to the athletes and the Team. Great work from both the staff and the athletes.
- 3) There is a formal report on page 64 in the Congress book, please look to that for more information.
- 4) We had a difficult spring working through the financial difficulties and keeping the Team intact and making sure we keep our goals in the forefront.
- 5) Long Term Athletic Development (LTAD) – In the past the Alpine pipeline has been focused on competition. We decided we need to look at the big picture and expand the scope of the pipeline. Task Force members - Finn Gunderson, Jesse Hunt, Walt Evans, Troy Flanagan, Dave Galusha, Deb Armstrong, Kirk Dywer. We did research together and reviewed other systems. Jesse, Walt and Finn visited the schools/academies in Austria. They really focused on their systems – facilities, talent identification, programming and funding resources. They are picking kids young and they are putting their best young athletes with the best coaches. The intensity that the programs showed at the young age in those academies was impressive.
 - a) We looked at a number of different systems around the world in different sports and in our sport and looked at our own/USSA documents.
 - b) Divide the pipeline into different areas of emphasis, while looking at biological and training age – Conditioning Emphasis, Technical and Tactical Emphasis, Equipment selection and preparation, Performance Psychology Emphasis, Competition Emphasis.
 - c) Early introduction to the sport is critical to our athletes.
 - d) Pre and post puberty – we want to see athletes who have sound fundamental skills pre puberty.
 - e) In the pipeline, skiers get what they need at the right time, which keeps skiers in the sport, skiers progress at their age.
 - f) The Next Steps – Develop presentation, prepare club power point, prepare teaching points, develop and deliver posters, background content.
 - g) Thanks to the people who were a part of the Task Force and their hard work to get this completed.

C. Sport Education – Gunderson

- 1) Despite the economy we had record numbers of clinics and participants attending.
- 2) Introduction of the Level 300 Slalom clinic. This clinic is where we give direct feedback to the coaches on their coaching skills.
- 3) Lost Dave McCann in July. Thanks to everyone for their patience working with sport education during our time of transition and low staff.
- 4) We are looking for someone to fill Finn's position as Alpine Manager in sport education. We need someone with credibility and someone with technological skills.

D. NDS – Evans

- 1) Welcome everyone to these meetings and to the Center of Excellence.
- 2) Thanks to Dave for your leadership over time.
- 3) Walt also has a report in the Congress material, please refer to that.

- 4) Thanks to the Regional directors, Kate Avrin and the rest of the NDS staff for their hard work and we were able come in on budget.
- 5) Walt had to lay off the three regional coaches this spring, this is a blow to the NDS staff, and they were valued employees.
- 6) Pushing USSA membership dues, this will be a challenge in the future.
- 7) Domestic calendar has been a huge challenge – getting everything scheduled.
- 8) The economy has been a big challenge to events.
- 9) Honored to work with the professionals we have with the NDS projects.

E. Regional Reports – Maguire/DelliQuadri/Keller

- 1) Tim Maguire – Thanks to Dave for his hard work. The East had a successful year. As a region we had to deal with USSA taking J4s out of Whistler Cup. The East had a J4 race with Quebec and the Eastern Region – 60 Canadian and 60 Eastern Region athletes. This was a great success. The East has a lot of clubs. The East is going to hire someone to be a club development person. This person will visit clubs and be a liaison with the USSA/Eastern Region, clubs and parents.
- 2) Terry DelliQuadri – Thanks to Dave for his leadership. We are working with our clubs to raise the bar. We have a number of websites where you can find information for the Region and the divisions. www.ussa.org, www.ussacentral.org, www.rmdussa.com. Central division has set up a trust fund to support athletes who have been named to the D Team. Congratulations to Karen Ghent named as USSA domestic coach of the year.
- 3) Lester Keller – It is a professional pleasure to work with the people I work with in our region. We are able to come together and reason together. We have five divisions that are different and facing different challenges and needs. Acknowledged Dave and the contributions he has made to the region, and welcomed Jesse to the West. Calendar has been, and will always be, a challenge. We have made a conscious decision to make sure we are focusing on fundamentals.

8. Discussion items

- A. Alpine Classification Nomenclature – Align classes with FIS and other nations – Propose K1 current J4-11-12, Propose K2 current J3-13-14, Propose J1 current J2-15-16, and Propose J2 current J1-17-19. FIS doesn't have any nomenclature for J5 and J6 age category. There is some agreement that this would be a positive move in the future.

Motion: The concept of under 9 years olds would be J6.

M/S/C

Motion: The J2s would be 15, 16, and 17 years old.

M/Failed, tabled until 2010 meetings.

Western Region has approved this proposal. This proposal will allow the 17 year old to have an avenue/place to set their goals and to encourage more participation at the 17 year old age.

- 1) A J1 Nationals event - follow the youth development guidelines.
- 2) Some of the clubs are losing their athletes at 17 years of age - this would keep their athletes in the clubs for one more year.
- 3) We would need to put together a task force to look at this issue and come back to the committee with recommendations.
- 4) This event is on top of World Juniors, if the age group expands, some of our best 17 year olds would not be at the event.

- B. Whistler Cup and J4 – In January the decision was made not to bring J4s to Whistler Cup. Issues at hand:
- 1) Cost
 - 2) Driving race structure for J4s to name a team of two boys and two girls for one event.
 - a) Randy Hill for USSA sport science in Talent Identification – things to consider – Maturation – it is impossible to determine who is going to win at an older age, maturation for athletes = Women – 11 to 13, Men – 13 to 15, psychological kickback for athletes at this age can detrimental.
 - b) It is a critical period in the child's growth where you can focus on certain points such as - Children before maturity cannot tolerate anaerobic activity. They are all aerobic engines pre-puberty. Certain time for speed (10 seconds or less) – Strength you can focus on after puberty.
 - c) Psychological components – Pressure from parents, coaches, and peers can also be very detrimental at this age. Moving to an international environment.
 - d) Pipeline blocker – more often than not are early-maturing athletes.
 - 3) Mike Bowman – spoke in favor of J4s attending Whistler Cup:
 - a) He doesn't feel that the USSA has proven or shown the group where this is.
 - b) If this is the direction USSA wants to go, then they need to be consistent across the board with their decision.
 - c) Mike mentioned a couple of sport psychologists who feel that athletes attending the event is a positive.
 - d) We do emphasize skill development and follow the LTAD.
 - e) Whistler Cup shouldn't be used as talent ID, it should be used as an experiential environment.
 - f) Empirical evidence – Something that can be proven by evidence and experience. In speaking with coaches who have years of experience, they feel it is a positive event/ environment for those athletes.
 - 4) Lester Keller presented the Western proposal to eliminate the J4s from attending Whistler Cup.
 - 5) Casey Charlson presented his opinion on the opportunity of expanding the athletes' horizons.
 - 6) Gina Gassman commented that the Whistler Cup does set up expectations on the athletes from both the parents and USSA. Cost for those athletes is pretty huge.
 - 7) The Committee voted to uphold the decision earlier in the year to not send J4s to Whistler Cup. Vote: 4 for and 2 opposed.
- C. Should a training run in Super G for children be mandatory? At an international level, the training run is not mandatory; a free run is provided but is not mandatory.
- 1) Lester spoke in favor of having a training run be mandatory for events.
 - 2) Super G training for clubs is hard.
 - 3) Recommendation that the language stay as is in the Competition Guide.
- D. Shorter gate/course changes /vertical drop/gate counts/ - Troy Price will head up that working group and will come back to the committee next spring with recommendations.
- E. Quota issues - These issues will be discussed at the Quotas' working group meeting tomorrow.

F. Test events were held using single pole slalom – FIS held these events and there weren't any negatives coming out of the events.

1) Terry DelliQuadri attended two events where this happened.

2) Recommendation that this committee support this proposal following FIS action. If FIS approves, we would use single pole for all scored and non-scored slaloms.

G. Calendaring – Walt will present the calendar at the Program meeting tomorrow. NDS invitational – National Championships Downhill will be at the NorAm Speed event in late February.

9. Old business

There was no old business.

10. New business

There was no new business.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Officials Working Group
The Yarrow - Summit B
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 14, 2009
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Gretchen Ransom

1. Call reconvened meeting to order

Ransom called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

2. Roll call and determination of voting members

Chair: Gretchen Ransom
USSA TD WG: Bob Calderwood
Eastern: Chuck Hughes
RMD: Esther DelliQuadri
Northern: Mike Kelly
PNSA: Roger Root
Charlie Burnham (Ex officio)
Chair: Ingrid Simonson

AO Education WG: Thelma Hoessler
FIS TD WG: Tom Winters
Central: Gretchen Ransom
IMD: Mike Hammer
Far West: Phil GilanFarr
Alaska: Scott Young
Bill Gaylord (Ex officio)
Fraser West (Honorary)

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting

5. Working Group reports

- A. Education - T. Hoessler

Hoessler reported on six action items and one recommendation.

**Motion: to accept the Education chair's report
Hughes/GilanFarr/without objection.**

- B. USSA TD - B. Calderwood

Calderwood reported that his group held discussions on the assignment of TDs, course setters, and referees. They had four action items involving minor rule clarifications.

**Motion: to accept the USSA TD's chair's report
Kelly/GilanFarr/without objection.**

- C. FIS TD - T. Winters, not present

6. Old business

There was no old business.

7. New business

There was no new business.

8. Executive session

Officials Level Upgrades

Patty Nichols – 5586698 – upgrade to CO4, DM4, RF4, TC4

Martha Buyer – 4496927 – RF4

Martin West – 5084561 – CC4, CR4, RF4

Ken Gay – 5835301 – CO4, JA4

Pat Callahan – 5100490 – CR4

Mark Wedeking – 4704201 – CC4

Ruth Neilsen – 4871992 – RA4

Motion: to approve the list of upgrades as presented.

Gaylord/Burnham/without objection.

Bill Gaylord extended thanks to Fraser West for all his work, and to Gretchen Ransom for her effort and work in the structural transition of the working group.

9. Adjourn

Motion: to adjourn the meeting.

Hoessler/DelliQuadri/without objection.

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USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group
Summit – B
Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 14, 2009
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Action Items

Review and recommendation of AOWG assignments and where those duties may fall in the future:

It was recommended by the committee that the following duties will rest with the designated group:

1. Approve officials' upgrades for level 4, and ratify USSA TDs level 3 and 4 upgrades after review from USSA TD WG. The duty of approving officials' upgrades to level 4 will be handled by the AO E WG, and the USSA TD WG will handle the upgrading of TDs to level 3 and 4.
2. The AO E WG will take on the duties related to tracking officials' histories, and the tracking of any new categories of officialdom. Charlie's comment was that the divisions are in charge of entering data and forwarding that to Jeff Weinman for entry into the national database, but it was felt that some oversight was still needed.
3. Duties associated with rule enforcement will be assumed by the Rule Compliance/Review Committee.
4. Funnel for dealing with issues between USSA and volunteer organizations. This will be taken over by Rules and Tech Committee.
5. Development of certification guidelines and matrix. Update the matrix when necessary. This duty would fall to the Rules and Tech Committee.

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Courses Working Group
The Yarrow – Summit A
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 14, 2009
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane

1) Call to order

Crane called the meeting to order and asked Mahre to serve as recording secretary. He also asked Calderwood to manage the action item documents.

2) Status of Working Group membership: inspectors, advisors, correspondent members

Crane mentioned that this topic would be revisited for action later in the meeting.

The working group email distribution is to more than 50 addresses – and growing

3) Review and approval of agenda

Crane moved 8a to the end of agenda and added discussion of Annual Meeting - Education Component under New Business

4) Review and approval of minutes of last meeting

**Motion: to approve the minutes of May 2008
Byrne/Calderwood/Unanimous**

5) Reports:

A) Chairman: FIS activity, USSA activity

Crane noted that his report was sent via email on April 22, 2009 and is in the meeting binder.

B) Inspectors: FIS/USSA

Noted topics included dealing with inspector expense payments, useful topo maps and pictures, fencing plans, documentation, need for good cooperation with ski area and organizer: they need to be oriented to view homologation as an important added-value from USSA. Brief discussion on the inclusion of a medical plan as part the inspection report (documentation under item 9 of the report).

C) Technical Advisors: Tom Johnston, others

Noted that the life-span of air fencing appears to be about seven years in the environment of alpine ski racing. Shared his experience of TDs who contested the elevations on inspection reports based on their own GPS. Requested better notation and/or designation on topo maps/pics of where start and finish are situated; reminder to TDs that the homologation document prevails. Additional Report can be used if TD believes data per homologation to be substantially incorrect. Provided anecdotal experience of A-net and B-net installations, use of B-net in front of A-net, and installations of multiple B-net where trail width is limited. Noted World Cup is seeing more offset in course setting and more gates in courses to control speed.

D) USSA Staff

Crane reported on conversations with staff: Hope to improve communication with inspectors and sites/ROC. Hope to have homologations available on website in future.

6) Brief Review of FIS homologation rules, process, reporting, publication

Possible future changes to reflect the new data and reporting format. Reviewed procedures for submitting inspection reports on-line. Noted that nomination of inspectors to specific assignments must be submitted to FIS before reports can be filed. Discussion of pros and cons of making inspections in winter – good possibility for re-inspections, but concern if for new homologations - and has impact on validity dating of certificates.

7) Review of FIS homologation process and rules in ICR.

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8) Discussion of USSA homologation process, reporting, publication

Much work is needed to educate places regarding homologation requirements and process. The working group requests support and assistance of the alpine sport community, noting the work to be done in next one to three years.

Noted that the submission of an “Additional Report of the TD” does not automatically void current certificate, nor necessarily mean course may not be used for further competitions. However, this does initiate a review process which may result in suspension of use until reinspection. In USA, Additional Reports of the TD for both FIS and USSA homologated courses are to be sent to the chairman, different routing from TD packet.

9) Proposals/action Items, guidelines, recommendations

A) Course specifications, general rules and requirements

Crane pointed out that recent reductions of minimum vertical drop for DH and SG and the wide range of possibilities for FIS ENL and/or USSA registered provide new options. Inspectors should be prepared to educate places both in pre-inspection communications and on-site. One suggestion is to prepare a list of ‘benchmark’ elevations corresponding to minimums (and maximums, for example, for K1/2, JIII and younger).

B) Process: requests, inspections, reports and documentation, publication

Motion: To approve “Proposed Timeline/Due Dates”, including late fees, as prepared by the chairman.

Calderwood/Byrne/Unanimous

Motion: To approve publication and distribution of a standard homologation request form with requirement of pre-payment (fees submitted with application); to be available on-line, in the ‘Master Packet of Forms (alpine officials), from key volunteers and staff, to accompany Schedule Agreement blanks, and on request.

Mahre/Crane/Unanimous

The ‘reverse’/second page of this form will provide information for organizers/places including an outline of their responsibilities and direction to locate resources, rules and guidelines, sample documentation, report forms.

- Checklist for inspection preparation, sample report packet, guidelines for support of inspections, etc. Unanimous support for development of these resources, to be available on-line, and referenced on the homologation request form and in educational materials.

- Unanimous agreement that USSA reporting process and management of documentation/ archives would be electronically-based moving forward, in principle and subject to practical considerations (development of data management tools, education of inspectors, etc.); FIS provides a general model.
- Discussion of reporting of variances from the 'normally' minimum widths on inspection reports (no actions, will remain as according to the specific circumstances).
- Discussion of formats for recommendation of protection installations: plan; map/drawing preferred to narrative, other options include table or chart; but must be clear and straight-forward, providing good reference for ROCs and TDs. Also noted that re-homologation requires full documentation in order in order to move towards electronic archives and retrieval.
- Crane requested clearer, more complete and consistent identification of email subject, attached files and file formats. Guidelines will be prepared and provided to inspectors.

10) Homologation inventory, expiring courses and new requests, inspector assignments

A) Status of database/inventory; direct distribution; posting on USSA website

Various lists extracted from the master database managed by Crane had been distributed 24 April 09 by email

Proposals for initial assignment of inspectors were collected to the master Assignment Worksheet held by the chairman. Updated versions will be prepared and distributed following this meeting and then monthly. When distributed, this worksheet becomes the official record of assignment of inspectors.

B) Working group membership; development of inspectors

Motion: To approve the "Proposal to the Rules & Technical Subcommittee To endorse qualification, nomination, the assignment process for USSA Alpine Course Inspectors"
Mahre/Crane/Unanimous

11) Closed Session

Motion: To request ratification of the current roster of USSA alpine course inspectors. To report on the roster of "inspectors-in-training"
Mahre/Crane/Unanimous

12) New Business

- Education component as part of future USSA Congress meeting program.
- Working group expressed support and recommended to the chairman that an afternoon 'business meeting' be followed by an evening education session, open to all, and structured with both presentations and dialogue.
- Next meeting will be May 2010, time and location TBA.

13) Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting
Unanimous

PROPOSED TIMELINE/DUE DATES

FIS Inspection/homologation requests and reports

(Preferred to have requests by mid-May/USSA meetings)

Requests Jul 15

Reports Sep 1

USSA Inspection/homologation requests and reports

Requests Aug 15

Reports Oct 1

Publication of USA lists/updating of USSA website

Dec 1

Mar 31

Validity (based on annual 'cycle' and five/ten year duration)

Validity begins Nov 1 (FIS)

Dating of chair signature begins validity

Duration of validity begins immediate next Nov 1

Validity begins Nov 15 (USSA)

Dating of chair signature begins validity

Duration of validity begins immediate next Nov 15

Late fees apply*

Consolidated schedule

Mid-May	USSA Congress
End-May	USA assignments to FIS
July 15	deadline for FIS requests (change pending)
Aug 15	deadline for USSA requests
Sep 1	FIS reports due
Oct 1	USSA reports due
	FIS late fees apply *
Nov 1	FIS validity begins
	USSA late fees apply *
Nov 15	USSA validity begins
Dec 1	publication to USSA web site
Mar 31	publication to USSA website

*\$50.00 late fee per report will apply for completed reports accepted after Nov 1 (FIS) or Nov 15 (USSA); late fees may be waived by chairman on request of inspector, according to the specific circumstances.

Proposal to the Rules and Technical Subcommittee of the Alpine Sport Committee to endorse institution of a Request for Homologation Inspection form and to recommend approval of fees to be submitted with these applications forms.

The working group is unanimous in support of this proposal, to be effective for this season subject to practical considerations.

This form will be distributed to state, divisional and regional contacts and further to the e-mail distribution lists of those contacts, via download from the USSA web site at the location where other homologation information is available, and as part of the 'Master Packet of Forms/documents', with blank Schedule Agreements, and on request.

This form will:

- Capture important information for assignment of an appropriate inspector – FIS or USSA homologation/ registration; events: DH/SG/GS/SL; course meets minimum vertical for regular scored use or ENL/ registered.
- Indicate responsible person and contact information for the place, also identifying the role of the contact person (ski area, club, ROC, OIP, etc.).
- Request signature and fee to affirm understanding and commitment to follow through.

'Reverse' of the form will provide information regarding the process, responsibilities of the applicant (fees, expenses, collaboration with inspector, support for on-hill inspection, acceptable document preparation, possibility of required additional work), reminders regarding width, vertical drop, etc., and sources of additional information including where to find example documents and template report forms.

Chairman of the working group will develop draft of the form for review (Paul Van Slyke, Tom Winters, USSA staff), a.s.a.p. basis.

Fees payable to USSA Alpine Courses with the request are those applicable to the inspections and eventual homologations being requested and will be applied in that way. However, they will be submitted on a non-refundable basis. Additional fees will apply if additional inspections/reports are done, in fact. Depending on the circumstances, the working group chairman may request waiver/refund of fees when no inspection is made and no report is submitted.

Routing of request forms is to the working group chair. Intention is to delegate initial receipt of requests and contact with the place on a regional (geographic) basis, and forwarding to the chairman. Official application and inspector assignment lists will remain the responsibility of the chairman.

Proposal to the Rules & Technical Subcommittee of the Alpine Sport Committee to endorse the following concerning qualification, nomination, development, recognition, continuing education and activity requirements, and the assignment process for USSA Alpine Course Inspectors:

The working group is unanimous in support of this proposal, to be effective on approval.

Basic qualifications for alpine course inspectors:

USSA TD 2 or higher

Or, Chief of Course 3 and Referee 3, or higher, with commitment to TD track

Or, equivalent as verified by the WG

Physically capable

Desirable skills and experience:

Competitor, coach, ROC experience on-hill

Engineering, GIS, surveying, architecture, forestry, area operations, etc.

Relevant computer skills

Identification, nomination:

Nomination by state, divisional, regional competition committee; second by current inspector;

Or, nomination by current inspector; second by state, divisional, regional competition committee with which the nominee is affiliated;

Targeted resume available for WG review, and on request to R&T Subcommittee;

Nominations, seconds and resumes to WG chairman for initial review;

Forwarded with comments to FIS inspectors;

If endorsed by simple majority of FIS inspectors, and upon successful completion of 'development', 'continuing education', and 'DH/SG', when appropriate, these appointments will be forwarded to R&T Subcommittee, respectively, Alpine Sport Committee for ratification.

Outside of the annual meeting framework, the same concept but appropriately delegated and subject to review at next regular meeting.

Development prior to assignment:

Understudy during at least two inspections, with favorable recommendation; can be with same inspector;

Independent production of report and documentation, review by chairman;

Annual AO clinic participation, preferably as a presenter in course-related area;

Attendance at annual WG meeting/work session.

Continuing education, on-going development:

Bi-annual AO clinic participation;

Every other year attendance at WG meeting/work session, or substitute such as participation at a FIS inspection or official Technical Advisor inspection, or equivalent as verified by the WG.

As additional requirements prior to **DH/SG** inspection assignments:

- Active FIS or USSA TD 3 and Chief of Course 3, or higher;
- Understudy at DH or SG inspection (can be one of original understudies);
- Participation at a FIS or official Technical Advisor inspection for DH or SG;
- Every other year participation as TD or Chief of Course for DH or SG, or equivalent on-going activity as verified by the WG.

Assignment process:

- FIS inspection requests will be referred to the FIS inspector in region with assignments confirmed by the chairman;
- Requests for inspection to be made according to the process in place;
- WG chairman responsible for making assignments and may delegate as needed;
- Normally, a nearby, qualified inspector will be assigned to USSA inspections;
- New DH/SG inspection assignments are subject to review and approval;
- 'Own-area' inspection assignments are subject to review and approval;
- Routing/delegation for these reviews by WG chairman to FIS inspectors;
- 'Additional Reports of the TD' may initiate inspection assignment for rehomologation. If reinspection is called for, a different inspector may be assigned, depending on circumstances.

Activity required:

- Inspectors must perform a minimum of two inspections at two different places in an 18-month period unless excused by the chairman, subject to review by WG.
- To be reinstated, inspector must attend next WG annual meeting/work session and may be required to assist with an inspection prior to own assignment

In order to proceed with the work at hand, the following is included as an integral part of this proposal, also to be effective immediately.

Ratification of current inspector roster:

- 'Advice and consent' of R&T and ASC is requested at this meeting;
- Current inspectors meeting minimum qualifications will be 'ratified' by R&T SC, respectively ASC;
- Current inspectors not meeting minimum qualifications, etc. including activity requirement, and with consideration for equivalents as verified by the WG, will be reviewed by working group and proposed, or not, for 'ratification';
- The working group may propose specific courses of action in addition to either continued recognition or retirement.

For information: The necessary review of the current inspector roster was undertaken by the working group in closed session on 14 May 09. The resulting request for ratification of USSA Alpine Course Inspectors is submitted as a separate action item.

The Alpine Course Approval Working Group requests ratification of the current roster of USSA alpine course inspectors; list follows.

These inspectors meet or exceed the minimum qualifications to be recognized as USSA Alpine Course Inspectors.

The working group is unanimous in this proposal.

Allen Church
Dan Chayes
Dana Huff
Don Cushing
Ev Uldrich (including DH/SG)
Jeff Byrne (including DH/SG)
John Jacobs
Mike Kelly
Ron Bonnevie
Scott Young (including DH/SG)
Stanley Goldschmidt

FIS Inspectors also are recognized as USSA inspectors:

Robert Calderwood (including DH/SG)
Bruce Crane (including DH/SG)
Paul Mahre (including DH/SG)
Ted Sutton (including DH/SG)
Tom Winters (including DH/SG)

The working group reports the following “inspectors-in-training” according to the qualifications and procedures in place:

Fred Turton
Peter Swertka
Gary Wright
Peter Mackey
Ellen Galbraith
Kurt Engl
Dirk Gouwens
Mike Browne
Steve Travis

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Classification Working Group
The Yarrow - Mountainview
Park City, UT
Friday, May 15, 2009
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

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

Members:

Chair: Allen Church

Beat Hupfer

Vice Chair: Cath Jett

Paul Mahre

Gail Barber

Connie Webster

Dave Waller

Jeff Weinman

Guests: John Jett, Alice Anderson, Esther DelliQuadri, Bill Gaylord, Chuck Hughes, Nancy Weidel, Michael Browne, Ingrid Simonson, Mike Hammer, Thelma Hoessler, Don Page, Dirk Gowens, Stanley Goldschmidt, Jenna Ginsberg

2. Review and approval of agenda

Motion 1: To approve the agenda and minutes.

Waller/Hupfer/Unanimous

3. Review and approval of minutes

4. USSA staff report

Review of list production and re-runs.

Projects for summer – fixing email bugs, name bugs, and foreign athlete bugs in auto-processing.

5. FIS representatives' reports

One less list in 2010 with special Olympic list.

Changes to injury protection.

6. Action item referral/disposition

A. Minimum technical standards of scored races

Weinman reviewed the list of races that were given exceptions to the rules for number of starts, lack of vertical drop and minimum penalty. A written report of the exceptions is in the books.

B. Substandard races reports

Weinman reviewed the list of races where the penalty was adjusted either because they did not meet the minimum vertical drop requirement (raised to 50.00) or they calculated below the minimum USSA penalty of 25.00 and were raised to that level. A written report of the races is in the books.

Questions regarding whether USSA penalty for FIS races should be raised to 25.00. Weinman will review some of the data and distribute that to the working group for further review.

C. Penalty manipulation

Discussion on races with U.S. Team members and other elite athletes who “sandbagged” and were removed from the results.

Should they be disqualified and allowed to remain in the penalty?

Should this be a training issue for our coaches and TDs?

Request Thelma and Finn to continue with education.

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

Are 25.00 and 50.00 point adjustment appropriate?

Doesn't affect a lot of races, but definitely highlights the ones that should be adjusted.

Should the USSA calculated penalty for FIS be equal to the FIS penalty?

Staff will look at data to see if this is appropriate.

7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

8. Other business

A. Loon Mountain Request for minimum penalty to be waived

**Motion 2: To deny the request based upon the excessively low vertical.
Weinman/Waller/Unanimous**

B. USCSA Seeding Request

USCSA Chair upset because it is out of order and not approved by them.

This is an RMD only proposal. Tabled until collegiate meeting has concluded. If necessary, Classification will examine and vote electronically.

9. Adjournment

**Motion 3: To adjourn.
Weinman/Jett/Unanimous**

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Collegiate Working Group
USSA Center of Excellence, Park City, UT
Friday, May 15, 2009
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees

Committee:

Chairman – Mark Sullivan	Vice Chairman – Daryl Landstrom
USSA BOD – Bob Dart (absent)	NCAA Rules 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 Gassman, Tom Barnes, Terry DelliQuadri, Jill Firstbrook, Casey Charlson, Dave Samuels, Terry Leonard, Paul Rozsypal, Chris Smith, Jon Nolting, Darleen Nolting, Kate Avrin, Rick Duncan, Roy Loman, Sherri Hale, Craig Krueger, Chuck Hughes, Ted Dunn, Finn Gundersen

Meeting Chair: Mark Sullivan

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

Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

2. Review and approval of agenda

Sullivan added two items to the agenda:

Discuss FIS America's University Cup

Discuss "Colorado" Seeding System

**Motion: To approve the agenda with changes.
Perricone/Bonneau/Unanimous**

3. Review and approval of minutes

**Motion: To approve the 2008 Meeting Minutes
Landstrom/Perricone/Unanimous**

4. USSA staff report – Walt Evans

5. Major Event Scheduling

Have NorAm Cup schedules accommodate cross over between NCAA Championships and Nor-Am Finals. We are still trying to resolve the current conflict. USSA has asked ACA to move Canadian Nationals to accommodate. Nor-Am Finals are in the eastern region. US Alpine National Championships are in the east - goal is to have it coincide with the Nor-Am finals at the same venue/site.

NCAA Championships, Sunday River, Maine

Giant Slalom, March 10, 2009

Slalom March 12, 2009

USCSA Nationals, Winter Park, CO

March 2-6, 2009

J2 Olympics are in the east in 2010, Site TBD

FIS America's University Cup

USSA is striving to build inter-nation relationships. Attempting to develop opportunity for collegiate athletes to have training and competition in the summer. University teams still need to be consulted. The plan would be to implement the event in 2011.

There is a possibility that Japan and Korea could participate. Selection likely to be based on FIS points. Additional possibility to invite USCSA National Champions and/or runner up as well.

(Please see detailed proposal submitted by Walt Evans.)

6. FIS representatives' reports

7. Action item referral/disposition

Minimum technical standards of scored races

Substandard races reports

Penalty manipulation

Penalty levels and adders (reflecting athlete ranking lists?)

Confirm Super-Combined technical data for scoring

8. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**Motion: to nominate Sullivan for chair
Perricone/Landstrom/Unanimous**

Other nominations were tabled pending consideration of committee membership.

9. Other business

The task force charged with exploring methods to expand the interaction between collegiate ski programs and USSA offered their progress to date. The initial task force was comprised of five members, Mark Sullivan, Jill Firstbrook, Darryl Landstrom, Casey Charlson, and Todd Wyant. The group discussed existing problems and possible solutions.

Going forward the task force will finalize development of several possible action items for consideration in the future. Draft concepts will be submitted to the Executive Committee for the fall meeting for discussion.

To support the task force going forward, two additional sub-groups were formed to explore the more specific areas. They are -

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

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

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

10. Adjournment

**Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m.
Perricone/Landstrom/Unanimous**

USSA Collegiate Working Group

An advisory body for collegiate skiing in the United States, coordinating the activities and concerns common among the NCAA, USCSA, and other stake holders regarding opportunities, rules, quotas, calendaring and selection procedures for USSA special projects and major events.

Chairman (1) - Directs meetings, oversees and assigns projects and sub-committees, serves as chair of the executive committee, represents the USSA Collegiate Working Group on the USSA Program Committee.

Elected on odd years/two-year term.

Vice-Chairman (1) - Serves as chair in the absence of the chairman.

Elected on even years/two-year term.

USCSA Representative (1) - Represents interests of the USCSA.

Elected on odd years/two-year term.

NCAA Representative (1) – Represents interests of the NCAA.

Elected on even years/two-year term.

Parent Representative (1) – Represents a parental perspective to collegiate ski racing.

Elected on odd years/two-year term.

Athlete (Collegiate) Representative (1) – Represents an athlete's perspective to collegiate ski racing.

Elected on even years/two-year term.

High school/J1-J2 Representative (1) – Represents the interests of high school age athletes to help identify opportunities in collegiate ski racing.

Elected on odd years/two-year term.

At-Large Representative (1) – Available to serve duties as assigned by the Chairman.

Elected on even years/two-year term.

The Executive Committee shall convene to prepare the agenda for the annual meeting and is empowered to act on behalf of the USSA Collegiate Working Group on all matters brought before it between meetings of the USSA Collegiate Working Group. The Executive Committee will make aware their decisions to the Committee via email in a timely manner. The Executive Committee will consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the USCSA Representative, and the NCAA Representative.

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Quotas and Selection Working Group
USSA COE – Room 214/216
Park City, UT
Friday, May 15, 2009
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer (present)

Members Present:

Tom Barnes, Eden Prairie, MN (Rocky/Central) (present)
Terry DelliQuadri, Steamboat Springs, CO (USSA Rocky/Central Director) (present)
Peter Dodge, Hanover, NH (Collegiate) (absent)
Kirk Dwyer, East Burke, VT (Eastern) (absent)
Walt Evans, Park City, UT (USSA Competition Director) (absent)
Dave Galusha, Park City, UT (Western) (absent)
Lester Keller, Park City, UT (USSA Western Director) (present)
Tim Maguire, Jaffrey, NH (USSA Eastern Director) (present)
Jon Nolting, Granby, CO (Rocky/Central) (present)
Doug Williams, Carrabassett Valley, ME (Eastern) (absent)

Guests: Brewster McVicker, David Samuels, Casey Charlson, Darryl Landstrom, Sean Ramsden, Jenn Stielow, Finn Gundersen, Jeff Kai, Paul Mahre, Deb Armstrong, Mike Bowman, Leah LeSage, Sheri Hale, Michael Todd, Rick Duncan, Julie Woodworth, Tao Smith, Roy Loman

1. Call to order

Hupfer called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

2. Review committee membership

Hupfer took roll and welcomed guests to the meeting.

3. Review and approval of agenda

Keller requested to add National FIS to New Business

4. Review and approval of minutes

5. Reports

A. Staff

Lester Keller: Alice worked long and hard to manage international quotas. International licensing information is in the USSA packet on pages 106-107. Keller also requested a round of applause for Jeff Weinman and Alice Anderson for managing national quotas.

B. Winter activities

6. Quota proposals

A. Review Competition Guide

1) NorAm

There were no changes.

2) WJR

Changes to this section have been approved.

3) FISU discussion.

Keller noted that USSA was notified by Richard Rokos that USA FIS quotas are not in alignment with current FISU rules. Staff just received the rules and has not had time to discuss these.

Proposal: to have a staff working group to report back in the fall on aligning with these rules.

Substantive change is that FISU become normal FIS races. This needs to be discussed and is not something that can be solved today. Study needs to be done to figure out how to react to the FISU rules.

4) Regional FIS Series

There were no changes.

5) Junior Olympics

No changes, except Keller reported that Western Region has eliminated the J4 Festival as a regional event.

6) Canadian FIS events.

There were no changes.

7) International Children's Racing.

Hupfer: Language in the competition guide needs to be changed, taking out J4 participation.

8) USST

Criteria published.

Criteria for 2011 to be set by July by USST staff.

9) **Motion: Add D Team to the section #1, pg. 21 of 2009 of competition guide. This deals with entry priority in out of country FIS competitions. Previously that read "All USST A, B and C team members."**

Keller/Maguire/Unanimous

7. International licensing

A. The system was managed well and worked well this past season.

8. New business

A. National FIS Races

There needs to be a change in calendaring during the coming season due to the Olympics being held in Canada. Early competitions normally scheduled in the East that are traditionally NorAms will need to be calendared in 2010 as National FIS Series Races. These competitions will be part of the WJR selections. Quotas proposed to be set as traditionally done in the past. Keller read from 2000 Competition Guide, pgs. 49-50. He also commented that the fields need to be large enough for organizers to be able to hold these competitions.

Motion: USSA staff to put together quotas based on historical precedence, actual numbers to be figured and reported back to the committee in the fall.

Keller/Nolting/Unanimous

- B. NDS Invitational. USST event, perfect storm with USST Olympic athletes at these sites for training camps. Quota sizes to be managed by staff.
- C. RMD J2 Quota proposal.

Proposal: To transfer five men and five women quota spots to each region from the national development quota and to then reserve five men's and five women's spots for national development.

Keller noted that it is important to manage that competition project as a team. Any larger and it is not possible to manage it as a team.

DelliQuadri remarked that this year it became an issue because a few athletes were nationally selected based on past competition successes and not regional selections. Keller asked Nolting if he felt that the national development quota is being abused. Are athletes being missed? There was much discussion on this subject regarding the level of competition at the J2 Nationals, selections system, etc.

Hupfer: Thanked all for the discussion. He asked Nolting if he's satisfied with the discussion and if he still wants to submit his proposal. Nolting withdrew his proposal.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be in the fall via teleconference

10. Adjournment

**Motion: to adjourn the meeting
Keller/Nolting/Unanimous**

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Timing Working Group
The Yarrow - Mountainview
Park City, UT
Friday, May 15, 2009
12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

Members: John Jett, Ellen Hoffman, Dirk Gowens, Stanley Goldschmidt, Bill Gaylord, Tami Strong, Jenna Ginsberg, Dave Waller

Guests: Alice Anderson, John Jacobs, Gretchen Ransom, Esther DelliQuadri, Bear Bryant, Paul Van Slyke, Chuck Hughes, Nancy Weidel, Cath Jett, Michael Browne, Ernie Revello, Grant Lindemer, Ted Dunn, Ingrid Simonson, Mike Hammer, Gary Wright, Thelma Hoessler, Don Page

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
2. Review and approval of agenda

**Motion: To approve the agenda that was approved with the deletion of Election of Chair and Vice Chair as that was done last year, and the addition under new business of a proposal from Jenna Ginsberg.
Without objection**

3. Review and approval of minutes

**Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.
Jacobs/Hoffman/without objection**

4. Reports

A. Chair

Church reviewed the work that he does with FIS reviewing FIS TTR forms for the USA and some of CAN. He also works with FIS staff on updating the FIS and USSA TTR form.

B. USSA staff

Weinman had nothing to add to his comments in other meetings.

C. FIS representatives

Church noted that his Chair review included FIS items.

5. Action item disposition

A. Requests for temporary exceptions

There were no requests for exceptions during the 2008/09 season.

B. USSA Timing Technical Report Form quality

The group reviewed the process for timing form distribution to members of the committee or designated assistants. Church and Weinman will review the distribution list. John Jett will review the Rocky reports going forward. Gouwens pointed out that there are many individuals involved in timing who are very good at what they are doing. There are also a lot who are having problems.

Members of the group will work to distill some of the issues that are faced to determine if there are specific items that should be added to the fall teaching update by Thelma.

C. Review and update of USSA/FIS timing rules

There were no timing changes proposed. Jett asked if the FIS would be publishing a new version of the timing booklet. Church did not know. There have been additions to the list of homologated equipment and that information is available on the FIS website.

6. Homologation of equipment, publication

FIS is looking at some of the older timing equipment that is currently homologated to determine if it is not meeting current requirements.

7. Other business

A. Ginsberg proposal

Ginsberg stated that where she had contact information, she had sent out a proposal to the working group members prior to the meeting for review. She reviewed her written proposal, which follows the minutes.

Each of the members of the working group made comments regarding the proposal.

There was a general feeling that no action would be taken on the proposal today. This is a great first step in a review of the current process for timing officials. The proposal should be shared with other working groups of the Rules and Technical Subcommittee and with the subcommittee itself. Each of those groups should have the opportunity for full consideration and review for future action as appropriate.

Motion: To create a task force for further review of the proposal and to develop a complete proposal to come back next year for action.

Waller/Goldschmidt/without objection

The members of the task force will be selected by Ginsberg with members from other working groups.

8. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn - 2:06 p.m.

Hoffman/Waller/without objection

Review of Timing and Calculations – Jenna Ginsberg

Current Situation

The only measure of the sport of Alpine Skiing and who wins is time. Often very small margins separate winners, podiums and the top athletes. It is essential that we, as the leaders in the creation of the rules for measurement of our sport, can show that these rules are effective and that our sport is being judged (timed) accurately and correctly. We have worked diligently to ensure the rules to provide the correct measure of our sport while providing a reasonable burden on organizers and officials.

With extremely close times (often .01 can separate multiple racers), failure to following the rules and methods prescribed can result in the wrong person being named the winner. Multiple systems, correct synchronization, documentation and homologated, redundant equipment ensure not only a back-up system, but validation and proof of the correct time.

Over the past number of years we, as a group, have been reviewing documentation (TTR Forms) to ensure ski racing is being timed accurately and to ensure the rules we have created are followed. There are many competent timing officials around the country, and while mistakes do happen and can be corrected, analysis of current TTRF over the 2008-2009 a number of systematic problems have been found (see Attached list).

Currently there are no minimum standards required for T&C staff at any level of race. So while the rules and prescribed methods are in place, there is no insurance the person responsible for measurement of the sport will be competent, know the rules or follow them. For example: This year at least two NorAm level competitions used TC staff who have never attended a T&C clinic and have no T&C certifications at all. One FIS series had a Chief of T&C who had never timed a race or been a T&C official or any type of ski racing official at ANY Race.

Furthermore, many TDs are no longer up to speed on modern timing and cannot anticipate, recognize or evaluate problems related to timing and documentation. Often it is obvious TDs are simply signing TTR forms with mistakes and not notifying state or regional representatives of problems because they are not capable of identifying problems.

There is continued confusion/disconnect about the role of the Chief of Timing and Calculations. In most races the recognized expert of timing acts as the Chief of Timing and Head Timer. The individuals we certify as Chief of Timing and Calculations are, in fact, the same people who operate the timing equipment and the computers. They are the ones with thorough and complete knowledge of how timers, start gates, photocells and all related equipment operate. (i.e. USB – Serial converters, Optical Isolators, on-hill wiring, power systems, etc.). Without this knowledge, it may be impossible to guarantee that generated results are accurate.

Most Race Organizers cannot afford to hire, or do not have enough volunteers to staff events to the level that requires several timing staff and an additional Chief of Timing. The reality is that at most events, the Chief of Timing:

- a. Sets up the start and finish areas (Start Gate, Photocells)
- b. Operates both System A and B timers,
- c. Operates one or two computers,
- d. Manages a hand timing crew,
- e. Assists an announcer,
- f. Often runs the race by controlling starts, stops, DNFs
- g. Manages any and all issues that come up because they are the most accessible official in the finish area.

With the above mentioned items in mind, we are proposing that the Alpine Officials' Certification Matrix for Chiefs of Timing and Calculations be adjusted. Attached is the proposed updated Chief of T&C Matrix. We would recommend implementing these changes over a two-year period in conjunction with required clinic updates.

Additionally, we are proposing the following.

1. A minimum level of certification be required for those people operating timing equipment at various level events as follows:
 - a. Level 1 – Non-Scored Races
 - b. Level 2 - USSA Scored Races
 - c. Level 3 – FIS level races
 - d. Level 4 – Nor Am and above
2. All those certified in Timing and Calculations must attend a Timing Update course at least once every 2 years.
3. All USSA TDs must attend a Timing Update course within the next two years which is conducted by a member of the Timing Working Group. This course should be offered in conjunction with regional TD updates and should contain specific course content on what a TD needs to look for when reviewing TTR and timing tapes.
4. All FIS TDs must attend their annual TD update which will include at least one hour of practical timing-specific content conducted by a Timing Working Group member chosen by the FIS TD commissioners.
5. Over the next two years, all those who are currently certified as level 3 or higher TC must provide to the Timing Working Group at least three complete packets for review and confirmation of their Level 3 status. This packet will include:
 - a. TTR, Completed and signed by TD
 - b. Related Timing Tapes
 - c. Split Second Race file
 - d. Completed and signed Referee Reports
 - e. Complete Race Results.

This will likely result in officials (TDs, COR and CoT) who do not possess the required competencies to either seek additional education and gain further experience or lose their current T&C levels. Additionally there are many TDs who do not have a T&C certification. Since this has been a pre-requisite for quite some time now, all those who do not complete and pass a TC 1 course and exam by December 1, 2010, should have their TD status suspended and not allowed to work as a TD until the above-mentioned requirements are satisfied.

We further recommend the following:

T&C Clinics become practical teaching opportunities. Hands-on clinics with timing equipment from multiple manufactures as well as the participant's own equipment would be highly encouraged. Talking about timing is not the same as actually timing and using the equipment. Efforts should be made to include reps from these companies and bring their equipment.

Timing clinics should include information related to computer software and how it interfaces with the timing equipment. While it is possible to conduct a ski race without a computer, in reality this rarely happens. We need to focus on how timekeeping is currently done. The interface between timing and race administration should also be discussed, as these two functions have become increasingly inter-related.

Course exams should be specific to certification levels (Level 1 USSA, Level 3 FIS). Each exam should include a practical portion which requires the candidate to be able to synchronize clocks as prescribed in the timing guide, perform the synchronization plus 1 test, and complete the appropriate sections of the TTRF. This may require examinees to bring their equipment to the clinic and have instructors who are trained in the operation of various types of equipment.

Due to advancements and improvements in computer software, the job of Data Manager no longer exists. The functions of Data Manager are generally done with the push of a button. This function is either performed by the Chief of Timing or the RA. There is no exam for it, no clinics specific to it and we would argue seldom, if ever, does a race below World Cup ever have a separate person assigned to this job. Tracking the DM position is a waste of valuable resources at the regional and USSA level.

We understand in some cases the higher level of required certification will provide a hardship for some race organizers. This is why we are proposing a two-year implementation period. Individuals who currently possess the competence or are truly interested in providing the best service for the sport can move through the process quickly. During implementation, we would propose that if a race organizer cannot find staff that meets these requirements, that they be able to petition the Timing Working group to allow a lower level or non-certified individual to do the timing (on a case-by-case basis).

The efforts outlined herein are proposed to ensure that our sport is properly measured, and to work toward eliminating the issues that have been identified through our review of races and TTRs in recent years.

Timing and Calculations

Recommended changes to Certification matrix – Jenna Ginsberg

Getting Started

Attendance at CO clinic

Aptitude for math/numbers

Computer skills to operate timing/scoring programs

Level 1

- Attend introductory T&C Clinic.
- Pass Level 1 TC exam.
- Demonstrate ability to instruct/run manual timing crew (operating in TOD mode).
- Calculate EETs accurately.
- Prepare Timing Technical Report.
- Prepare and understand Report by the Referee forms.
- Learn and understand electronic timing systems (Timers, Start Gates, Photocells, etc.).
- Demonstrate ability to access/descend Non-Scored Race Course.

Level 2

- Work 10 days in various T&C positions at sanctioned competitions.
- Receive favorable recommendation by two higher level supervising T&C officials.
- Demonstrate skiing ability to access/descend Scored-Level Race Course.

Level 3

- Work 10 additional days in T&C positions at Scored-Ability Class level events.
- Demonstrate good management skills under varying conditions.
- Handle all calculations accurately/confidently.
- Serve as Chief of T&C under supervision of senior (Level 3 or above) T&C.
- Receive favorable recommendation from the same senior T&C to qualify for Exam.
- Pass Level 3 advanced TC exam (75%).
- Demonstrate skiing ability to access/descend FIS-level race courses.
- Required, submission of completed TTR forms and related timing tapes and Split Second race files for three scored level events where candidate served as Chief of T&C in the past year. (Submit to Timing Working Group representative for your region.)
- Recommendation by at least one Timing Working Group member from within region.
- Approval of Regional Alpine Officials Committee.

Level 4

- Serve a minimum of five outstanding years as a T&C official.
- Receive favorable recommendation from regional Timing Working Group member(s).
- Receive approval of National Timing Working Group and AO committee.

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Programs Subcommittee
USSA COE – Room 216
Park City, UT
Friday, May 15, 2009
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

1. Call to Order

Welcome everyone – the goal of the meeting is to address any issues and motions from meetings today that will move forward to tomorrow afternoon's meetings.

2. Introduction of Committee Members

Beat Hupfer, Mark Sullivan, Steve Scivinski

Guests: Karen Korfanta, Mike Bowman, Karen Ghent, Gina Gassman, Bill Skinner, Walt Evans, Darlene Nolting

3. Review and approval of agenda

**Motion: to approve the agenda
Sullivan/Hupfer/Unanimous**

4. Review and approval of minutes

**Motion: to approve the minutes
Sullivan/Hupfer/Unanimous**

5. Working Group Reports

A. Calendar

Korfanta presented the NorAm Calendar. There are still a lot of holes in it as they are working towards filling it out. November block in Colorado. December has Lake Louise and Panorama. There will not be a January block this year. Speed block will be in the states and the speed portion of the National Championships will be a part of this block. NorAm Finals in March, we are trying to avoid NCAA finals and may include the National Champion tech as a part of the event. Dates for upcoming events – USCSA Champions will be March 2-6, 2010 in Sunday River, Masters Nationals will be March 29 – April 2, 2010 in Sun Valley.

Draft 5B has been attached to these minutes.

B. Quotas

- 1) Staff task force to look at the FIS U quota. Staff will look at this over the summer and will present at the fall conference call.
- 2) January block that used to be NorAms, will be National FIS for this coming year. Staff will review all quotas for this event, review numbers in the 2000 competition guide and finalize at the fall conference call.
- 3) Start rights for the D Team athletes with International licensing will be protected, re: pg. 21 to reflect "All USST A, B, C and D Team Members".

- 4) Remove J4 participation language from comp guide, re: pg. 47.

C. Collegiate

- 1) Concept of creating a new event called the America's Cup with South America. To give our collegiate athletes a chance to get on snow in the summer time. There is no action at this time.
- 2) Nominated and re-elected a chair, Mark Sullivan. We elected to not make any other nominations at this point; our operational document for the collegiate working group has been submitted to the Classification Committee for review and approval.
- 3) Colorado Seeding proposal has been approved in concept by staff pending endorsement by USCSA BOD in June.

D. Masters – Annual Meeting Report dated 3/24/09 Pg. 59

- 1) Bill Skinner introduced Steve Scivinski as the new Master's Chair. Just replaced Keith McCauley – thank to Keith for the great job he has done.
- 2) The objective is growing Master's membership.
- 3) Nationals will be in Sun Valley March 28 - April 2, 2010. Eastern Regionals are TBD and Western Regionals will be in Park City.
- 4) Alpine and student competitors 18-24 years old can use their competitors' license to race in Master's competition, excluding Regional and National events.
- 5) Master Representatives will be participating at various ski shows to promote Masters' Racing.
- 6) If a coach has a coaches' license and is 39 years old and below, they will be allowed to race in Masters Racing excluding Regionals and Nationals.
- 7) World Criterion for a FIS Nationals event is very strict and we will not have Nationals as a FIS event for three reasons: 1) we have no control over Quotas, 2) Intent to race is not required, 3) FIS will not allow sponsorships.
- 8) Alpine Masters Series is a great product for the Master's group. This is something that might need to go online in the future.

6. Old Business

There was no old business.

7. New Business

A. Walt commented that the calendar should be presented at a different place than here. It was agreed that the Sport Committee is a more appropriate venue for it.

- 1) Walt will present the calendar draft 5B at the ASC meeting.

8. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn the meeting.

Sullivan/Hupfer/Unanimous

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee
The Yarrow - Mountainview
Park City, UT
Friday, May 15, 2009
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Minutes

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, second session

Issues: Discussion and Action Items

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

Vice Chair: Gary Wright

Members present: Jeff Weinman, Gretchen Ransom, Robert Calderwood, Brad Ghent, Thelma Hoessler, Ingrid Simonson, Bill Gaylord, Allen Church, Bruce Crane, Tom Winters

Guests: Alice Anderson, Esther DelliQuadri, John Jett, Mike Kelly, Bear Bryant, Jill Firstbrook, Michael Todd, Chuck Hughes, Ellen Hoffman, Nancy Weidel, Sherri Hale, Connie Webster, Chris Smith, Jo Ann Fuller, Roy Loman, Tedd Dunn, Molly J. Laramie, Stanley Goldschmidt, Don Page, Mike Hammer, Jenna Ginsberg, Dirk Gowens, Tom Barnes, Casey Charlson, Brewster McVicker, Tim Maguire, Alissa Constantine, Finn Gundersen, Jenna Ginsberg, Beat Hupfer, Cath Jett

1. Review of Wednesday evening meeting

Van Slyke explained updated structure of the Rules & Tech Sub Committee.

2. Reports and Action Items

**Motion: To dissolve the Alpine Officials working group effective at the end of this meeting.
Wright/Calderwood/without objection**

**Motion: To create Rules Working Group pursuant to the directive of the Alpine executive committee.
Wright/Gaylord/without objection**

**Motion: To accept Alpine Officials Working Group Final report.
Crane/Gaylord/without objection**

**Motion: To accept Alpine Officials Education Working Group Report.
Crane/Gaylord/without objection**

**Motion: To accept USA TD Working Group Report.
Wright/Hoessler/without objection**

**Motion: To accept Courses Working Group Report.
Gaylord/Church/without objection**

**Motion: To accept FIS TD Working Group Report.
Wright/Gaylord/without objection**

**Motion: To accept Classifications Working Group Report.
Wright/Calderwood/without objection**

**Motion: To accept Timing Working Group Report.
Wright/Crane/without objection**

**Motion: To accept Rules Working Group Report.
Gaylord/Church/without objection**

- Van Slyke explained that the Alpine Executive Committee created Rules as an experts working group and that he has appointed Karen Korfanta, Thelma Hoessler, Dirk Gouwens and Mike Hammer as members.

3. Other business

There was no other business.

4. Next meeting

The next meeting will be in May 2010 at USSA Congress.

5. Adjournment

**Motion: to adjourn the meeting.
Crane/Wright/without objection**

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee
USSA COE – Room 218
Park City, UT
Saturday, May 16, 2009
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

MEMBERS:

Bob Dart - Chair	<u>present</u>
Walt Evans - National Alpine Competition Director	<u>present</u>
Dave Galusha - Development and Education Chair	<u>present</u>
Jesse Hunt - Alpine Director	<u>present</u>
Beat Hupfer - Regional Chair	<u>present</u>
Chip Knight - Athlete Rep	<u>on telephone</u>
Darryl Landstrom - Program Chair	<u>present</u>
Scott Macartney - Athlete Representative	<u>excused – in Athlete's Council meeting</u>
Bill Slattery - Immediate Past Chair	<u>present</u>
Paul Van Slyke - Rules and Technical Chair	<u>present</u>
Tom Winters - Ex officio *	<u>present</u>
Jeff Weinman - Secretary *	<u>present</u>

* non-voting

GUESTS:

Alissa Consenstein, Tim Maguire, Brewster McVicker, Terry DelliQuadri, Gary Wright

1. Call to order

Dart called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

2. Review and approval of agenda

3. Review and approval of minutes

4. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes' distribution

Minutes should be provided to Weinman by 10:00 a.m.

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

A. Executive committee

1) Executive report - Dart

2) ASC operating procedures – Slattery

Slattery reviewed the changes to the ASC operating procedures document. Slattery had made some 'clean up' changes to the document that is provided in the meeting materials, but nothing that changes the structure or intent.

**Motion: To approve the changes as presented in the book as well as the changes noted by Slattery during the meeting.
Slattery/Galusha/without objection**

3) Nominating Committee review terms and nominations – Slattery

Slattery reviewed the nominating report that will be presented during the ASC.

Evans and Dart asked Gina Gassman to fill one of the vacant athlete positions on the ASC and she accepted. There was some discussion on the procedure for filling positions. Knight commented that it was a very good idea to have a woman filling one of the positions.

Gassman's nomination was forwarded to the Athletes' Council for review.

4) Awards - Dart/Slattery

There was no new information on awards.

5) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

There was no action out of the Judicial meeting other than to request that the USOC due process checklist be included in the Alpine Competition Guide.

6) Rules and Technical Subcommittee - Van Slyke

Van Slyke reviewed the action items that are coming out of the Rules and Technical Subcommittee and the associated Working Groups.

7) Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom

Landstrom reviewed the action items that are coming out of the Programs Subcommittee and the associated Working Groups.

8) Development and Education Subcommittee – Galusha

Galusha reviewed the action items that are coming out of the Development and Education Subcommittee.

9) Regional Subcommittee – Hupfer

Hupfer reviewed the items discussed in the Regional Subcommittee report. This will be the last year for the Regional Subcommittee as the group has been disbanded under the new operating procedures. The regional representatives will still sit on the ASC and will appoint one member to the Executive Subcommittee.

10) FIS – Winters

Winters had no additional report.

11) Athletes – Macartney

Macartney was in the athlete's council meeting. Knight had no report.

12) Review ASC agenda

The agenda was reviewed for changes.

13) Old/new business

There was no other new business.

14) Adjournment

**Motion: To adjourn at 10:17
Slattery/Landstrom/without objection**

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Sport Nominating Committee
Saturday, May 16, 2009
Report

Nominating committee recommendations are as follows:

The at-large position: Karen Korfanta

The FIS representative: Tom Winters

Athlete representative: Gina Gassman

Alpine program sub-committee chairman: Darryl Landstrom

USSA Congress 2009
USSA Alpine Sport Committee Meeting
The Yarrow - Summit C
Park City, UT
Saturday, May 16, 2009
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

MEMBERS:

Bob Dart - Chair	<u>present</u>
Jeff Bruggeman - Rocky/Central Region Rep	<u>absent</u>
Kirk Dwyer - Eastern Region Rep	<u>absent</u>
Walt Evans - Competition Director	<u>present</u>
Dave Galusha - Development and Education Chair	<u>present</u>
Gina Gassman – Athlete Rep	<u>present</u>
Curt Hammond - Western Region Rep	<u>excused</u>
Jesse Hunt - Alpine Director	<u>present</u>
Beat Hupfer - Western Region Rep	<u>present</u>
Chip Knight - Athlete Rep	<u>excused</u>
Karen Korfanta - At-Large	<u>present</u>
Darryl Landstrom - Program Chair	<u>present</u>
Scott Macartney - Athlete Rep	<u>excused</u>
Roger Perricone - Rocky/Central Region Rep	<u>present</u>
Bill Slattery - Immediate Past Chair	<u>present</u>
Paul Van Slyke - Rules and Technical Chair	<u>present</u>
Doug Williams - Eastern Region Rep	<u>absent</u>
Tom Winters - FIS Rep	<u>present</u>
Jeff Weinman - Secretary (non-voting)	<u>present</u>

1. Call to order - Bob Dart

Dart welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Review and approval of agenda

There were no changes to the agenda

3. Review and approval of minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from Alpine Executive on May 17, 2008, Alpine Sport Committee on May 17, 2008, Alpine Executive on October 15, 2008, Alpine Executive on January 23, 2009. Slattery/Hupfer/without objection

4. Staff Reports

- A. USSA/USST Management report

Bodensteiner was not available to comment as he was attending the Center of Excellence (COE) opening ceremony.

- B. Alpine Director - Jesse Hunt

Hunt talked about the COE opening and the excitement of athletes and staff surrounding the new building and training center.

He referred to his written report in the meeting material. He highlighted the challenges being faced due the financial situation. The focus is the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver. He stated that he is pleased with the results achieved last year and that those results should bode well for the coming year. He pointed out the new LTAD plan and thanked the individuals who have been participating in that project. He thanked his staff for the work they have done. He thanked Evans for the work he has done with the domestic program and the D Team.

C. Competition Director - Walt Evans

Evans noted that his report is in the book and that he referred to it many times during the week. He thanked all the volunteers for their time and efforts and congratulated everyone who was awarded special recognition at the awards ceremony the previous evening. He thanked his staff for the work they do.

Dart thanked the staff for their work and the volunteers for all that they do.

5. Alpine Subcommittee reports

A. Executive Committee

1) Executive report – Dart

Dart noted that there is a Board meeting tomorrow morning at the COE.

2) ASC operating procedures – Slattery

Slattery referred to the amended operating procedures as outlined in the meeting materials and reviewed the major changes. There were a few minor items that were missed on the included version of the document and those were highlighted during the review; none of those were substantive.

Motion: To accept the amended Alpine Sport Committee operating procedures as presented.

Slattery/Van Slyke/without objection

3) Nominating Committee review terms and nominations – Slattery

Slattery pointed out that the nominating committee is composed of the executive committee of the ASC. The nominating report is in the meeting packet on the last page and includes Karen Korfanta – at large, Tom Winters – FIS representative, Gina Gassman – athlete representative and Darryl Landstrom – program subcommittee chair.

Motion: To approve the nominations as presented.

Slattery/Van Slyke/without objection

4) Awards – Slattery

Dart asked everyone for their help in identifying and submitting nominations for the various awards presented within the USSA.

5) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery stated that there were no action items out of the Judicial meeting; there is a request to include the USOC due process checklist in the competition guides. The checklist was in the meeting materials from these meetings last year.

B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee - Van Slyke

Van Slyke thanked staff, his working group chairs, the volunteers and Gary Write (vice chair) for all their working not only during these meetings but all season long.

He reviewed the changes to the subcommittee including the elimination of the Alpine Officials Working Group and the creation of the Rules Working Group. The Rules Working Group will be chaired by Gary Wright with Thelma Hoessler, Karen Korfanta and Jeff Weinman as members and will focus on review rules within the field of play.

Van Slyke referred to the action items from each of the various working groups.

Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

Motion: to accept motions 1-3 as a recommendation for season 2009-10 and as a requirement for season 2010-11.

Evans/Perricone/without objection

Motion: To accept motion 4 with the amendment that the words 'currently certified' are added to read 'That currently certified Chief of Course...'

Evans/Korfanta/without objection

The intent of motion 4 is that an update is defined as the general update currently required for TDs and RFs and can include the FIS TD update as well.

Motion: To accept motions 5 and 6 as presented.

Van Slyke/Evans without objection

USSA TD Working Group

Motion: To defer motions 1-3 for further review by the new Rules Working Group.

Perricone/Landstrom/without objection

Motion: To accept motion 4 which allows a per diem of \$50 for all USSA alpine sanctioned competitions.

Evans/Slattery/without objection

There was discussion that the phrase 'per diem' does not accurately reflect what the payment is for. This will be reviewed further by Winters and Wright. Evans stated that the best practice for all TDs would be to accept the additional per diem. If they then chose to donate it back to the club that would be okay, but that should not be the expectation of the club.

Alpine Classification Working Group

Motion: To accept the Classification report as submitted

Slattery/Hupfer/without objection

Alpine Courses Working Group

Van Slyke thanked Bruce Crane for all his thought and effort in the preparation and execution of the meeting.

Motion: To accept the Courses report as submitted

Landstrom/Hupfer/without objection

Van Slyke stated that he thinks the expectation will be driving more communication. Paul Mahre noted that Crane did an excellent job with the meeting. Evans also thanked Crane for his work and applauded the changes that are being planned. He said that there was the possibility for education during these meetings next year. Crane thanked Ted Sutton, the previous chair, for the ground work he had laid in the system.

There were no action items out of the FIS TD working group. The written report is included with the materials.

C. Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom

Landstrom thanked everyone involved in the Programs subcommittee for the work they have done. He referred to the report presented in the meeting packet.

Evans reviewed the current major event calendar plan and the process used in building the calendar.

Quotas Working Group

**Motion: To accept the Quotas report as submitted.
Landstrom/Hupfer/without objection**

Criteria and quotas for the NDS invitational will be developed based upon previous use.

**Motion: To accept the Programs report as submitted including the Collegiate and Masters working groups.
Slattery/Korfanta/without objection**

Evans extended his appreciation to Keith Macaully the past chair of the masters working group for his work in the previous years.

D. Development and Education Subcommittee – Galusha

Galusha thanked staff for their written reports.

Galusha noted that the eastern representation was missed and hopes it is not a long-term direction.

Galusha talked about the Long-Term Athlete Development information that is being developed. A group of staff and experts worked throughout the season on this document that builds out age appropriate competencies to back up the pipeline. This is a draft and input is appreciated. The goal is to be able to produce a poster that encapsulates the information which can be hung in the ski club to help answer questions. Additional materials with age appropriate content will be built out to support the LTAD.

Galusha reviewed the written report in the materials. A task force will work to review the USSA vs. FIS nomenclature regarding the naming of age classes and to review the age groupings currently in place. A new J6 age class should be added for athletes 8 and younger. The subcommittee confirmed the Executive decision to not allow J4s to compete in international children's competitions i.e. Whistler Cup. A working group will review course setting and gate standards for youth racing.

**Motion: To accept the Development and Education report as submitted.
Perricone/Korfanta/without objection**

Dart thanked Galusha for the number of years they have been working together from the time in the East and now as chair of development; Galusha was reminded that the past chair continues as a member of the subcommittee.

E. Regional Subcommittee – Hupfer

Hupfer reviewed the report presented; there were no action items only reporting. This will be the last official meeting of the subcommittee. The six regional representatives will continue to select one member to represent the regions on the executive subcommittee and will call meetings as necessary.

**Motion: To accept the report as presented.
Slattery/Landstrom/without objection**

Dart thanked Hupfer for his work.

F. FIS – Winters

Winters reviewed some of the items that will be coming to the FIS committees next week. Korfanta has outlined issues included single pole slalom and point manipulation and Winters will be working to continue the exception for travel expenses for TDs.

G. Athletes – Macartney

Macartney was not available. Gassman did attend the Athletes' Council meeting earlier in the day. During the meeting there was a presentation on a survey taken of the athletes. Two of the issues raised by the survey that need to be worked on were communication and funding. The plan from the Council is to conduct a survey every two years.

6. Old business

A. Confirm Whistler Cup J4 strategy

The Whistler Cup strategy was affirmed in the approval of the minutes earlier in the meeting.

7. New business

A. Dues and fees

Dues and fees for season 2009-10 were reviewed as presented in the materials.

B. Casper Mountain Racers divisional affiliation change

Chris Smith, the Program Director and Head Coach of the Casper Mountain Racers spoke of their program's request to change divisions. The letter of request is in the Congress book.

Galusha asked how many athletes were in the club – Smith answered 55; Slattery asked if there were any independent athletes from that area – Smith answered no.

Dart stated that, as a condition for the approval, the Western Region, Northern Division and Rocky Mountain Division needed to approve the change, which they have.

Motion: To accept the geographic affiliation change of Casper Mountain from Northern to Rocky.

Slattery/Evans/

Perricone asked that the change be made contingent on the Rocky Mountain Board of Directors' approval.

Paul Mahre spoke in favor to the change based upon his experience in Northern.

Amended Motion: To accept the geographic affiliation change of Casper Mountain from Northern to Rocky contingent on the acceptance of the Rocky Mountain Board of Directors. Slattery/Evans/without objection

8. Comments from guests

There were no comments from the guests in attendance.

9. Closing remarks

Dart thanked everyone again for their attendance and commitment to alpine ski racing. He pointed out that the alpine schedule for these meetings included 50.75 hours of meetings with an average attendance of 40 people for a total of over 2,000 man hours of work.

10. Next meeting

There will be an executive committee teleconference in the fall and the 2010 Congress here in Park City in the spring.

Dart expressed his thanks to Hunt for his leadership and guidance as Alpine Director over the past years and wished him well in his new position as the Director of the Park City Ski Education Foundation.

11. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

Slattery/Hupfer/without objection