



ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Alpine Executive Committee

USSA Center of Excellence - 1 Victory Lane, Park City, UT
2nd Floor Borgen Swartz Education Resource Center

Wednesday, May 18 2011, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Committee Membership:

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

Guests: Luke Bodensteiner, Tim Maguire, Terry Delli Quadri, Dirk Gouwens, Beat Hupfer

1. Welcome and call to order
Dart called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and thanked everyone for their attendance.
2. Review of committee membership
Dart reviewed the committee membership.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved as presented without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were deferred to the Saturday meeting.
5. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule
 - 5.1. Review alpine materials and handouts
 - 5.2. Procedures for minutes
6. Staff reports
 - 6.1. USSA management report – Bodensteiner
Bodensteiner reviewed some of the structural changes that have occurred within athletics. Since Jesse Hunt left the USSA, alpine was run under a management team of Bodensteiner, Evans, Rearick and Hoedlmoser. Now with the hiring of Patrick Riml as alpine director, that position will focus more on development and less on elite teams. Walt will continue to oversee the competition system as well as taking on the multi-sport responsibility of Sport Development which includes venue development, athlete

recruitment and club services and overseeing competition staff within the Regions - the Directors, however, will be under Riml. Bodensteiner spoke about the possibility of USSA developing and hosting a multi-sport ski and snowboard academy at the Center of Excellence. Need to ensure that the academy would add value and not take away from what is currently being done. The academy would serve as an athlete career and education program. Due to the intensity of high-performance program education, for athletes can suffer – looking for ways to counter that. Morin asked what the timeline would be – Bodensteiner replied that due to the Olympic cycle either in 2013 or after Sochi.

6.2. Sport Development Director – Evans

Evans previewed some of his presentation for tomorrow where he will talk about Sport Development.

6.3. Alpine Director – Riml

Riml will review the elite and development programs during his ASC presentation. He spoke about the staff changes at the elite level. He spoke about the current level of our athletes compared to the rest of the world. We are lacking quality at the younger level. Need to ensure that entire nation is focused on achieving elite success. Will discuss Whistler Cup, Topolino and other FIS international racing. Will review ways to economize sport.

Morin discussed some of the issues that he is hearing regarding the potential to remove international FIS children's racing from the program. There are concerns including removing that benchmark will be de-motivating; out-of-region competition should start before 16 (based upon the coming age change).

Need to refocus goals and expand access – rather than 3 boys and 3 girls going to Topolino have 10 boys and girls come to Park City for an evaluation and education program. Need to educate parent and club level to know that freeskiing is an integral and important part of ski training.

There was discussion regarding what opportunities can be brought with the change in ages to continue to motivate athletes to continue and improve. What structural changes will need to evolve.

Evans noted the importance of the Development committee as a sounding board and idea group. Important decisions with the coming age change include will there be a U16 National Championship, will there be points for the U14 group?

Riml noted that FIS is taking Super Combined out of the World Cup calendar. There will still be SC at the Olympics and at the World Ski Championships. How will that affect domestic programming?

There was considerable discussion on development issues.

7. Action item and critical issue review

7.1. Executive summary review – Dart

Dart reviewed the remaining items under the Executive Summary and tasked those out to the various Subcommittees and Working Groups.

Motion 2: To allow single gate giant slalom at all USSA competitions, scored and non-scored. Any FIS limitations would still apply (Continental Cup and above).

Slattery/Van Slyke/without objection

The homologation working group was recognized for the enormous volume of work that was done this past year.

7.2. Executive Committee

- 7.2.1. Executive report – Dart
Dart had no other items to report on.
- 7.2.2. Nominating Committee review terms – Slattery
Slattery reported that the at-large position will need to be voted for the Sports Committee. He also reminded everyone to be sure each of the groups holds elections where needed.
- 7.2.3. Awards – Dart/Slattery
Dart and Slattery reviewed the award nomination process.
- 7.2.4. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery
Slattery reported that there were no Judicial Committee actions during the season.
Van Slyke asked that a procedure be developed to help guild appeals bodies in their work. Slattery and Winters said that they would work on such a paper.
- 7.3. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke
Van Slyke reviewed some of the items that would be discussed within his Subcommittee and various Working Groups.
- 7.4. Program Subcommittee – Landstrom
Landstrom reviewed some of the items that would be discussed within his Subcommittee and various Working Groups.
- 7.5. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin
Items for Development and Education were covered earlier.
- 7.6. Regional – Perricone
Perricone will meet with the Directors to review any Regional issues that will come to the Sport Committee.
- 7.7. FIS – Winters
Within Rules and Control mostly clean up. Weinman said that he will speak with Winters about some issues with FIS-Uni.
- 7.8. Athletes – Macartney / Knight
There was no athletes report.
- 8. Old business - There was no other old business.
- 9. New business - There was no new business.
- 10. Time and place of next meeting - The next meeting will be Saturday morning at the Marriott.
- 11. Recess - The meeting was recessed at 6:45 p.m.

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Park City Marriott - Prospector 4
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 18 2011, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

Committee Membership:

Chair: Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY	Present
Vice Chair: Gary Wright, Aspen, CO (Rules Working Group Chair)	Excused
Charlie Burnham, Durango, CO (Honorary)	Present
Bob Calderwood, Goodyear, AZ (USSA TD Working Group Chair)	Present
Allen Church, Albuquerque, NM (Classification and Timing Working Groups Chair)	Present
Bruce Crane, Park City, UT (Courses Working Group Chair)	Present
Bill Gaylord, Flagstaff, AZ (At-large)	Present
Curt Hammond, Mercer Island, WA (At-large)	Present
Thelma Hoessler, Santa Fe, NM (Alpine Officials Education Working Group Co-Chair)	Present
Karen Korfanta, Heber City, UT (FIS Rules Sub Committee)	Present
Gretchen Ransom, Duluth, MN (Alpine Officials Education Working Group Co-Chair)	Proxy
Terry Sherwood	
Ingrid Simonson, Snoqualmie Pass, WA (Honorary)	Present
Jeff Weinman, Salt Lake City, UT (USSA Staff)	Present
Fraser West, Lone, CA (Honorary)	Excused
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS TD Working Group Chair)	Present

Guests: Paul Mahre, Molly Laramie, Rick Miller, Esther Delli Quadri, Grant Lindemer, Ted Sutton, Roger Root, Chuck Hughes, Jill Firstbrook, Gail Barber, Connie Webster, Tony Nunnikhoven, Rick Duncan, Sherri Hale, Walt Evans, David Samuels, Tom Barnes, Ed Gassman, John Jacobs, Bear Bryant, Paul Crews, George Struthers, Dirk Gouwens, Mike Brown and others.

1. Welcome and call to order
Van Slyke called the meeting to order.
2. Review of committee membership
The roll was called. Terry Sherwood has a proxy from Gretchen Ransom for these meetings.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion: To approve the minutes from May 2010.
M/S/C Hoessler/Crane/without objection
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair
The chair thanked the members and guests for their volunteer work as Alpine Officials and leaders in our sport.
 - 5.2. USSA staff

Walt Evans welcomed the group and offered some of the highlights for the upcoming congress.

5.3. FIS representatives

No reports at this time.

5.4. Rules and Technical Working Group Chair

5.4.1. Courses - Bruce Crane

Reported on the working groups large volume of inspections over the last two years - over 450 courses have been approved. Much of the work was accomplished by Ted Sutton and Bob Calderwood who were recognized and thanked for the extraordinary work. The future of the WG is to raise the bar for reporting, improve quality and improve the training of the inspectors for the next big wave of inspections that will occur in 2018. Bruce reviewed his mandate from FIS Courses Subcommittee to revamp the 650 rules. Electronic reporting and access and inspector development will be addressed in the Working Group meeting. There will be an educational session on Friday for interested parties.

5.4.2. Alpine Officials Education - Thelma Hoessler

Thelma noted that minimum clinic standards, ski-up review and online testing proposals will be discussed. She further commented that attendance at the Congress and working group meetings is not an acceptable substitute for the annual update attendance requirement.

5.4.3. USSA TDs - Bob Calderwood

No report at this time.

5.4.4. Rules - Gary Wright

No report at this time.

5.4.5. Timing - Allen Church

No report at this time.

5.4.6. Classification - Allen Church

Reported that Dave Waller will present the findings of the task force assigned to propose an alternative method to exceptional races.

6. Issues identification and orientation

- Noted that the Working Group Chairs have distributed information and agendas and that the members should make sure they have read the information prior to their meetings.
- Timing working group to review and report a proposal on the continued potential use of timing devices that have not been rehomologated by FIS.
- Rules to review helmet rules with regards to the popular helmet cameras.
- Reminder to Rules, USSA TDs and AO Education of their elections this Congress for Chair and Vice Chair.
- AO Education - Officials Certification Matrix review and update.
- Concussion procedure review should not be discussed in working groups as content will be delivered at Saturday's Alpine Sport Committee by Alex Natt, USSA legal counsel. Policy and directive will be delivered when completed for distribution and implementation. Jeff Weinman reviewed the Utah State Law that is in effect and how it will affect all competition under USSA.

- Of note, the Alpine Executive approved the use of single panel GS for USSA racing effective season 2012-13 which will be brought before the Alpine Sport Committee on Saturday.

7. Old business

There was no old business to review.

8. New business

Evans asked that everyone attend the ASC meeting Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

9. Time and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the subcommittee will be Friday May 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in Prospector 2.

10. Recess

The meeting was recessed.

Alpine Sport Committee

Park City Marriott - Silver Mine C
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 7:30 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Committee Membership:

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

Guests: Luke Bodensteiner, Tim Maguire, Terry Delli Quadri, Lester Keller, Tony Nunnikhoven, Molly Laramie, Rick Miller, Peter Dodge, Ron Kipp, Greg Murtha, Kurt Engel, Troy Price, Terry Sherwood, Tom Barnes, Jeff Burrows, Richard Rokos, Mike Hammer, Kate Avrin, Ingrid Simonson, Bob Calderwood, Michael Browne, Dan Chayes, John Jacobs, Thelma Hoessler, Grant Lindemer, Bruce Crane, Dave Waller, Sheryl Barnes, Roger, Root, Grege Struthers, Ed Gassman, Chanh Nguyen, Jeff Dekko, Beat Hupfer, Ellen Galbraith, Brad Ghent, Esther Delli Quadri, Karen Ghent, Rick Duncan, Joe Paul, David Samuels, Ted Sutton, Jon Nolting, Brewster McVicker aand others.

1. Welcome and call to order
Dart called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.
2. Review of committee membership
The committee membership was reviewed.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved with slight modification to the order of the staff reports.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes will be approved during the Saturday meeting.
5. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule

5.1. Review alpine materials and handouts

The meeting handouts were reviewed. Meeting materials have also been posted to an ftp site within USSA.

5.2. Issues identification and orientation

There was a brief review of known items for discussion during these meetings. It was noted that topics were tasked during the executive meeting.

There are a lot of changes coming within alpine, particularly due to the age realignment within FIS and USSA. FIS will finalize the nomenclature and that will further drive USSA changes.

6. Reports

6.1. Chair

Dart did not have a report for this meeting.

6.2. USSA staff

6.2.1. Management – Bodensteiner

Bodensteiner reported on three topics. Over the last three years, since Jesse Hunt left, alpine has been run as a management team with Evans, the head coaches and himself. Riml has been hired as alpine director but with a different focus than in the past, emphasizing development. The three Regional Directors now report to Riml. Evans continues with oversight of the competition system; he now has sport development responsibilities as well focusing on growth, resort relations and club services.

USSA is looking at the feasibility of hosting a ski and snowboard academy within the organization. There is a meeting with five of the large academies tomorrow to review the plans. The goal is to match what is being done by some of our major competitor nations. The USSA academy would be built to enhance the current structure not to take anything away from what is being done locally.

Utah has new concussion legislation that will affect how we operate. The law requires that an athlete suspected of sustaining a concussion be pulled out of competition / training by coaches / officials / clubs until the athlete has been signed off by a certified specialist. The specifics of the process will be developed and distributed with reporting being handled through Weinman.

6.2.2. Education – Nolting

Just completed and graduated Coaches Academy with new level 300 coaches.

New staff with Ron Kipp retuning and David Green.

Working towards a baseline certification for all sports for members who want to be coach members. The goal is to introduce coach members to basic concepts of sport.

Working to develop online courses within the coaches curriculum.

6.2.3. Sport Development – Evans

Evans reported that since Riml was hired his job has changed significantly.

Evans thanked the Rules and Technical community not only at the national level but the local level as well, as that is the volunteer group that produces the product of racing within the States and Divisions.

One of the challenges this year was within courses homologations - over 400 courses were inspected.

He thanked the three Regional Directors for the work they have done together over the years. He recognized Kate Avrin for the work that she does with the development program.

He reviewed his presentation as distributed electronically.

6.2.4. Alpine – Riml

Riml reviewed his presentation as distributed electronically.

Evans asked Riml to talk about course setting for children. Riml stated that it is critically important to have course setting that is appropriate for the age and level of the athletes.

Evans thanked Karen Korfanta for the work that she does with the NorAm calendars and with the Junior Championship program.

Dart noted that, with the change in age structure, this is a great time to look at the entire program.

6.2.5. Eastern Region – Maguire

Maguire referred to his report in the materials. Had a great season with a terrific staff and looking forward to the coming year.

6.2.6. Rocky/Central Region – Delli Quadri

Delli Quadri referred to his report in the materials. He also briefly reviewed the projects that had been run in Rocky and Central during the season particularly in physical assessments.

6.2.7. Western Region – Keller

Keller referred to his report in the materials. He noted as he had written in his report referencing Einstein's definition of insanity "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results" that this is a great time to reevaluate everything we are doing. There is tremendous research being done on talent identification and performance. Need to be ready to embrace change with new and better ways to move forward.

7. Old business

There was no old business reviewed.

8. New business

There was no business.

9. Time and place of next meeting

The next meeting for the Sport Committee will be Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at the Marriott in Prospector 4.

10. Recess

The meeting was recessed at 8:50 a.m.

Alpine Rules Working Group

Park City Marriott - Room 128
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Gary Wright

Membership

Gary Wright, Aspen, CO	Present
Dirk Gouwens, Lake Placid, NY	Present
Karen Korfanta, Park City, UT	Present
Mike Hammer, Jackson Hole, WY	Present
Thelma Hoessler, Santa Fe, NH	Present

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The Rules Working Group is brought together to review issues that might be brought up by various committees or organizations throughout the year. The group has not met since its last meeting in Park City in May, 2010. The group has been given the items below to review on behalf of the Alpine Executive Committee

2. New Business

2.1 Review Rule U1256.3.

It has been observed that this rule has not been followed and in some cases juries are making decisions to not hold training runs.

It is the opinion of the committee that the requirement for J3 SG training runs should lie within the Alpine Development and Education Subcommittee. This rule was reviewed by that committee three years ago and it was confirmed that the rule should stay in place as is. The Rules Working Group also feels that the rules for Children's SG allow for juries to make proper decisions as they refer back to Section 1000 which allows juries to decide if force majeure exists to eliminate a training run.

2.2 Review of Rule 205.2

The Group feels that, while it may not be a good idea for athletes of legal age to consume alcohol in any amounts at a ski race, the decision of whether to allow an athlete of legal age who has consumed alcohol to race should lie within the competition jury. Further, the athletes' code of conduct prohibits only immoderate use of alcohol and does not address a zero tolerance policy for competitions.

2.3 Review of whether Helmet Cams are appropriate at ski races

The group feels that equipment issues should be addressed by the FIS first and then USSA should follow this lead. The group is not aware of any issues involving helmet cams at this time and will defer to FIS for advice at this time. Karen and Gary will be at the FIS meetings next month and will inquire if the FIS has had any interest in either allowing or disallowing helmet cams.

2.4 Review of proper forerunners at ski races

The group feels that in all cases, age appropriate rules should take priority when deciding on who may or may not forerun a course. In other words, if a J3 age racer is permitted to forerun a J1-2 GS, it must fall into the guidelines for J3 racers with respect to Maximum Vertical Drop

etc. It is also inappropriate for a J4 age racer to race in any level of DH as both USSA or FIS do not permit J4 age racers to participate in DH. The group also feels that in cases of force majeure, a coach may be elected to forerun a course if no forerunners are available. This should be a last case scenario and should only take place in the actual time frame allowed for forerunners. All requirements for athlete equipment apply.

3. Additional Items

In summary, the group feels that all the items reviewed above can be addressed by ongoing education of coaches and officials rather than changes to language of the rules or the creation of new rules.

The group will be in contact with Alpine Officials Education to see that these items are addressed in the Alpine Update in the fall.

In the future, the group requests to have a regular scheduled meeting at 8:00am or immediately following the USSA CEO Keynote Address.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Gary Wright was elected as the Chair for an additional two years.

Mike Hammer was elected as Vice Chair for two years.

The group would like to have the Alpine Sport Committee define the structure of the Rules Working Group to make sure that the above elections are keeping with the intent of the original creation of the Working Group.

5. Adjournment

Alpine Judicial Committee

Park City Marriott - Marriott Board Room
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

Committee Membership:

Chair: Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL	Present
Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO	Present
Walt Evans, Park City, UT	Present
Dave Galusha, Park City, UT	Excused
Mike Hammer, Jackson Hole WY	Present
Scott Macartney, Kirkland, WA	Excused
Alex Natt, Park City, UT (Ex-Officio, USSA Counsel)	Present
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ	Present

1. Welcome and call to order
The meeting was called to order by Slattery.
2. Review of committee membership
The committee membership was reviewed and roll was called.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection.
5. Review grievance routing and procedures
No change was deemed necessary at this time.
6. Review interim activity
For information purposes only, Evans and Hammer reviewed an incident which occurred at a previous Whistler Cup event in Canada.
7. Old business
There was no old business to review.
8. New business
Confirmation of the addition of Mike Hammer, who has acted as a consultant to the Committee, as a member.
9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Alpine Officials Education Working Group

Park City Marriott - Silver Mine C
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chairs: Thelma Hoessler and Gretchen Ransom

Committee Membership:

Chair: Thelma Hoessler, Santa Fe, NM
Chair: Gretchen Ransom, Duluth, MN
Vice Chair: Gary Wright, Aspen, CO (Ex-Officio)
Michael Browne, Saratoga Springs, NY (East)
Bob Calderwood, Goodyear, AZ (Ex-Officio)
Allen Church, Albuquerque, NM (Ex-Officio)
Esther Delli Quadri, Steamboat Springs, CO (Rocky Mountain)
Jill Firstbrook, Newbury, NH (East)
Phil GilanFarr, Crystal Bay, NV (Far West)
Dirk Gouwens, Lake Placid, NY (East)
Grant Lindemer, Forest Lake, MN (Central)
Don Page, E Greenbush, NY (At-Large)
Bob Pettit, Bozeman, MT (Northern)
Troy Price, Ogden, UT (Intermountain)
Roger Root, Moscow, ID (Pacific Northwest)
Terry Sherwood, Girdwood, AK (Alaska)
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (Ex-Officio)

1. Welcome and call to order

Hoessler called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

2. Review of committee membership

Voting members identified. Gretchen Ransom is not present; co-chairs share one vote so proxy not required. Don Page not present; email received appointing Laura Sullivan as his proxy. Tom Winters present; if absent during a vote Dr. Bill Gaylord will serve as his proxy.

3. Review and approval of agenda

East proposal regarding online examinations added under New Business, Item 7.5.

MOTION 1: To accept Agenda as amended.

M/S/C Calderwood/Root/Unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes

MOTION 2: To accept Minutes of meeting of 13 May 2010

M/S/C Lindemer/Wright/Unanimous

5. Reports

5.1. Chairs

Report emailed to Working Group members. It is also posted on USSA's ftp site and is included in the Congress book.

5.2. Divisions

Issues reported and discussed included size of regions, recruiting and retention of officials and instructors, medical plan requirement, radio protocol.

Allen Church reported on change in timing precision for season 2012-2013; additional discussion deferred to USSA Timing WG meeting.

Bob Calderwood reported on per diem and Technical Delegate Reports; additional discussion deferred to USSA TD WG meeting.

Gary Wright briefly discussed issues relating to head trauma reporting. Additional discussion deferred to ASC meeting on 21 May.

Laura and Mark Sullivan will prepare a presentation on radio protocol. Presentation will be included on the AO Education CD and, if possible, will be posted on the USSA website. Study Guides will address need for concise communication.

5.3. Staff

5.3.1. Competition Services (Alice Anderson and Jeff Weinman)

Report is in the book and posted on USSA's ftp site. Alice Anderson thanked for her continued assistance to the Alpine Officials' Community.

5.3.2. Membership (Sheryl Barnes and Lois Benevento)

Reported on background screening and emphasized need to start process in a timely fashion; screening for foreign nationals or those who have live abroad can take several months. The \$25 reactivation fee will no longer be charged; those who fail to complete screening process will be inactivated until USSA receives a positive determination.

2011-2012 online membership available; all members will have to accept Concussion Policy. Membership fees have not increased; there is a \$5 increase for FIS registration.

Benefits of the new user system discussed: requires creation of new user account, allows creation of one account for multiple family members, and will allow use of e-mail address as a user name.

Due to concern about security of children, Member Tools is being restructured to provide data security; access will require login access and card print will be a separate link within a member's account.

Online Chat Support has been added to support online registration issues.

Regions/Divisions that allow USSA to collect Region/Division dues can be supplied contact information for their respective members.

Assistance of USSA Membership Staff applauded.

5.3.3. Education (Jon Nolting)

Value of Coaches' Clinic hosted by RMSRO discussed; USSA Coaches will continue to utilize its availability. Non-scored events discussed; increased Kombi scheduling will assist in athletic development.

Best wishes for a complete recovery extended to Jeremy Nolting, son of Jon and Darlene Nolting.

6. Old business

6.1. Clinic materials

6.1.1. Availability of education materials

Education materials will be mailed no later than 15 September; if possible, will include FIS fall meeting decisions.

6.1.2. Distribution of education CDs

List of recipients distributed; corrections requested. Initial preparation and verification of CDs is done over a two-day period; no additional CDs will be burned.

6.1.3. Updating of Alpine Officials' Manual

Alpine Officials' Manual will be updated and posted on the USSA website as soon as review completed; manual will also be included on the AO Education CD.

6.1.4. Power point presentations

6.1.4.1. Current presentations – do they serve our needs?

6.1.4.1.1. Competition Official

Presentation is acceptable; will be updated.

6.1.4.1.2. Referee

Presentation is acceptable; will be updated.

6.1.4.1.3. Timing & Calculations: TTR, EET and Race Points

Allen Church will update the TDTR Power Point presentation.

6.1.4.1.4. USSA/FIS penalty calculations

Presentation is acceptable and useful.

Jill Firstbrook will organize a Task Force charged with preparation of a Power Point presentation addressing the instruction changes required for determining clear passage for single pole Slalom and single panel Giant Slalom; Gary Wright will assist in the editing. Presentation will be included on the AO Education CD and, if possible, will be posted on the USSA website.

6.2. Certification Requirements (attached)

6.2.1. Does the provided Chief of Course education materials support the requirements of the Guidelines?

Study Guide will be modified to include reference to additional resources available on USSA website.

6.2.2. Revision of Certification Guidelines

The Certification Guidelines will be updated to address reported issues. Suggested change to Chief of Race Certification Requirements will be taken under advisement and will be reconsidered at the May 2012 Congress. Changes to Technical Delegate and Data Management certification requirements will be reported to Rules and Tech Sub-Committee for review and approval. Other changes, including replacement of "Update" with "Continuing Education" are accepted.

6.3. Update requirements for key officials

6.3.1. Are there issues associated with the update requirement?

No issues reported regarding requirement for bi-annual update.

- 6.3.2. Is instructing at USSA-approved clinics or attending FIS TD Updates fulfilling update requirement for all sections including USSA Technical Delegate and Referee?

Preparation required to teach a specialty-area clinic is accomplished using current materials and should fulfill the requirement, however, Divisions/Regions/States may require separate Update Clinic for their instructors.

Officials who attend the FIS TD Update are responsible for reporting this attendance to their respective AO Chairs.

- 6.4. TD per diem for all USSA events

TD's are encouraged to accept the per diem; if they wish to then donate it to the club or another organization, they should do so by personal check. The approved per diem is \$50 per travel, training, competition day; no changes to this amount are allowed.

- 6.5. Expiration of Educational Materials

- 6.5.1. Data Management and Competition Official Study Guides

There is no expiration date for these Study Guides; they may be used until a revision is posted.

- 6.5.2. Expiration of Study Guides for remaining categories

All other specialty-area Study Guides expire on 01 June; the Study Guides, Master Packet of Forms, and the Teaching Review & Update will be removed from the USSA website at that time.

- 6.6. Referee and Course Setter certification requirements for USSA non-scored events

The rationale of requiring Referee certification for Referee, Assistant Referee and Course Setters at USSA non-scored events discussed.

- 6.7. Masters' alpine officials' educational needs

Masters' events continue to be a concern. Our only option is to be available to assist with requests for assistance.

- 6.8. Minimum Clinic Standards

The need to establish and archive clinic standards discussed. Standards received from respective Divisions/Regions will be reviewed by Gary Wright and will be forwarded to Jeff Weinman.

- 6.8.1. Are sanctions reasonable

Application of sanctions for officials who knowingly violate documented clinic standards may, at the discretion of the Division/Region, be applied. Any applied sanction should not exceed the severity of the offense.

- 6.8.2. Should sanctions be respected by all Regions/Divisions/States

All Regions/Divisions/States should respect sanctions levied by a different Region/Division/State.

- 6.8.3. Examination Time Limits - Special Needs

Examination administrators are encouraged to respect requests for extensions of examination time limits as requested by individuals with special needs.

- 6.9. Documentation Requirements and Submittal

- 6.9.1. Event Medical Plan

An Event Medical Plan is required for all USSA-sanctioned events. The Chief of Race is encouraged to contact the Ski Patrol and involve them in the preparation of the plan. An Event Medical Plan is not valid, however, until it is approved by the Jury and reviewed with the Team Captains.

6.9.2. Minutes: Jury and Team Captains

Acceptance of Event Medical Plan, as well as acceptance of course set and on-hill competitor protection must be documented. Information discussed at Team Captains' Meetings must be documented.

6.9.3. USSA and FIS

Jury Minutes and Minutes of Team Captains' Meetings are required for all USSA sanctioned – both scored and non-scored – events.

7. New business

7.1. Specialty-Area Examinations

7.1.1. Review of "Procedure for Appeal of Failing Examination Grade" (attached)

Clarification that appeal fee must be paid either by "cashier's check or money order" added to text.

7.1.2. What is our Percentage of Failures?

In a positive note, rather than report failing percentages, Divisions reported passing percentages as follows:

Alaska	90%
Central	84% (skewed by 50% failure in TD 3)
East	95%
Far West	100%
Intermountain	95%
Northern	100%
Pacific Northwest	99%

7.2. Technical Data & Timing Report (TDTR) - should it be required for all USSA-sanctioned events?

This item was discussed and deferred to the USSA Timing WG for further action.

7.3. Rules - Why must mandates/rules such as the ones relating to single-panel GS and second-run cutoffs for non-FIS USA events be observed?

Failure to comply with USSA mandates may invalidate event liability insurance.

7.4. Head Injury Laws - how do we implement them? (Jeff Weinman and Gary Wright)

At the request of staff, discussion of this item was deferred.

8. Recommendations for Advancement to AO Level 4 with exception of USSA TDs*. (Please present printed list with advancement categories, USSA membership numbers and member names.)

9. *Recommendations for advancement to Level 3 or Level 4 USSA TD must be submitted to USSA Technical Delegate Working Group.

MOTION 4: To approve the following officials for advancement to Level 4 as listed.

M/S/C Calderwood/Root/Unanimous

East

4683116	Kathryn Okoniewski	RF4
5748983	Stacey Bolger	CO4
5412556	Stephen Burgart	CO4
4838231	Richard Burnley	CO4

Intermountain

5744321	Beverly Pacal	TC4
5406566	Bradforde Saxe	RF4
4542197	Ken Corrock	CC4, CO4, JA4
4707840	Kevin Chaffee	CC4, RF4
4571543	Stephen Schowengerdt	RF4, CR4, JA4, CO4, CC4, DM4
4814703	Steve Bounous	CC4, CO4, CR4, JA4
5773860	Tami Strong	CO4, TC4, JA4
2830446	Tom Johnston	JA4
4758462	Troy Price	JA4
5267836	Alan Bybee	CO4, JA4
4316436	Lester Keller	JA4
0113103	Bruce Crane	JA4
4880191	Dan Vaughan	JA4
4580130	Karen Korfanta	JA4

Northern

5992508	Bruce Krueger	CC4
3095197	John Champeny	CC4, CR4
4381901	Roy Loman	CC4
3137973	JC Knaub	CR4
5014196	Tony Nunnikhoven	RF4

Rocky Mountain

5973987	Pete Daley	CR4
5799416	Doug Elsey	RF4

10. Discussion

Master Packet of Forms is updated yearly; please use current forms

USSA will review possibility of accepting USSA Race Result Packets electronically; paper copy packets must be submitted until the process becomes available.

FIS packets will continue to be submitted electronically. Issues, if any, can then be addressed by USSA.

11. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION 5: That Thelma Hoessler be elected to serve as Chair of the AOEWG for a two-year term.

M/S/C Calderwood/Delli Quadri/Unanimous

Gretchen Ransom was thanked for her assistance and support during the previous two-year term. This Chair acknowledges and understands that work responsibilities created a hardship.

MOTION 6: That Gary Wright be elected to serve as Vice Chair of the AOEWG for a two-year term.

M/S/C Lindemer/Delli Quadri/Unanimous

12. Adjournment

MOTION 7: To adjourn at 12:00.

M/S/C Price/Sherwood/Unanimous

Alpine Western Region ACC

Park City Marriott - Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Craig Krueger

Committee Membership:

Chair: Craig Krueger, Helena, MT

In attendance: Craig Krueger, Karen Korfanta, Bill Gunesch, Curt Hammond, Ryan Shorter, Rob Crick, Paul Crews, Sparky Anderson, Mark Brownlie Todd Kelly, Steve Bounous, Ruben Macaya, Rider Duncan, Jeremy Ueland, Rob Crick, Ryan Shorter, Kristina Revello, Gina Glassman

Staff: Lester Keller

Divisional Managers – Carma Carrew, Shari Hale, Paul Mahre, Lucy Schram

1. Welcome and call to order
Sign in sheet.
2. Review of committee membership
No one new on the committee from the Fall.
3. Review and approval of agenda
Passed
4. Review and approval of minutes from Fall call Oct. 19, 2010.
Passed
5. Executive committee report
 - 5.1. Chair's report
See attached.
 - 5.2. Treasurer's report
See attached. Slow spring, some head tax still to collect. Collected approximately \$86,000 in HT. Approximately \$111,000 spent on projects. Current cash is approximately \$40,000. Should be at the \$70,000 amount in the end.

New board for the Western Foundation – Craig Krueger-Pres, Karen Korfanta-VP, Bill Gunesch – Sec/Treasurer. This account is only gaining ~ 1% earnings. \$56,000 sitting there. Will need to add to new business what to be done with this \$56,000.
 - 5.3. Director's report
Interesting year and spring. Change in staffing. Brad Saxe has left to go to the Europa Cup, Jenn Stielow has left to move onto a new path. With the changes Lester's focus is to be on athlete development. Come together in the WR with 5 different divisional sets of needs. Cooperation is key to success. Club Visitations with new manager and new coach in tow. Trying to communicate and not step on any toes.

Will be discussing upcoming age change, etc. Walt and Lester are working closely on the WR Manager hire.

MOTION by Ruben Macaya, 2nd by Kristina Revello – allow Lester to form a hiring committee to hire a new WR coach. PASSED

Captive Web – preferring to hire someone to host a separate WR website instead of being inside the USSA website.

5.4. Coach and manager reports

No coaches report. Divisional Managers reports – all is going well.

6. Development committee report

6.1. Projects

Jessie Hunt and Jamie Landwehr spoke to this area.

6.2. Training plan

There is a big push to increase the skill development at a young age. Our athletes are currently hitting the J1 level and lacking the skills to make it to the International level of competition and be successful.

6.3. Other

U16 age camp, development camp. Focusing on the top level athletes of this age class. Details to follow.

***MOTION by Rob Crick, 2nd Ruben Macaya: Passed**

The Development Sub Committee will be constituted by each of the five divisions identifying two representatives to interface with the Regional Development Director and Regional Vice Chairperson to carry out the responsibilities of the sub-committee identified in regional policies and procedures. Appointments July 11, 2011 and every May meeting thereafter.

Discussion – need to have lower age-class coaches involved to meet the big push on skills quest.

*WR Region U Classification Proposal/Work in Progress (see attached) Course Setting Recommendations – this is to be taken to the Development Committee meeting this afternoon by Jamie Landwehr and Jessie Hunt.

MOTION by Paul Crew, 2nd Rob Crick Passed unanimously

The Western Region ACC accepts the report of the course specification subcommittee and forwards the report to the National Development Committee.

7. Old business

7.1. Calendar review per working group meetings

7.1.1. Revisions per Calendar Working Group

There were no revisions.

7.1.2. Calendar (bold text will be event host)

- Devo Tech Series – **Jan. 5-8 Jackson/Snow King**
- Devo Speed – 2 bids: **Jan. 12-18 Mammoth** or Feb. 4-10 Big Sky/Mammoth. The February date is no longer viable for the WR.
- Elite Tech Series #1 – **Jan. 26-29 Park City and Snowbird**
- Elite Tech Series #2 – **Feb. 17-20 Jackson/Snow King**
- WR JR Champs 4 bids – **Mar. 8-13 Schweitzer** or Bogus Basin

- J3 Jr Champs (no vote) – **Mar. 15-18 Big Sky (SGs), Bridger (Tech)** lodging in Bozeman.
- Devo Tech Series March block – down to one race **Park City Mar. 26-29**, Sugar Bowl Mar. 22-25
- Spring Series: 2 bids **Mission Ridge Apr. 6-11 and Bachelor Apr. 13-19** or Mammoth Apr. 9-20 can add 2 SGs.
- Devo Spring Race: Meadows Apr. 7-10 or **Sugar Bowl April 8-11.**

7.2. Shoot-out

The shoot-out will not be scheduled this season.

7.3. Alpine officials issues

There were no issues to discuss.

8. New business

8.1. Divisional meeting schedule

IMD - April 25-26, 2011

PNSA - May 3-5, 2011

Alaska - May 25, 2011

Northern - June 10, 2011

Far West - June 10, 2011

8.2. Travel for divisional FIS races

MOTION by Kristina Revello, 2nd Steve Bounous

For any Western Region divisional FIS event containing a speed component there will be a quota of 10 men and 10 women from each of the other large divisions (within Western Region) to be allowed to participate in that event.

Discussion that there was no mention of Alaska regarding tech events in original verbiage. They would like to be categorized like Northern. Lester recapped divisional FIS races. Beat would like to open Divisional FIS races to all divisions with a limited quota of 10.

MOTION Paul Crews, 2nd Gina Gassman. PASSED

Alaska athletes may travel to other division FIS races. Quota sizes may be as large as 10 men and 10 women.

8.3. Great West Foundation

What to use the monies for. Possibly for concussion management, coaches' education. Open discussion for how to use the monies. Idea #1 Initial web hosting for the WR website (Brownlie), ImPACT Regional membership (Crews). Applications may be submitted to the board.

8.4. J3 seeding

Tabled to a motion for the Fall teleconference. Divisions will discuss this.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Alpine Rocky/Central Region ACC

Park City Marriott - Unita 2
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Pat Callahan

Committee Membership:

Chair: Pat Callahan, Aspen, CO	Present
Tom Barnes, Eden Prairie, MN	Present
Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO	Present
Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN	Present
Chelsea Lynch, Breckenridge, CO	Present
Joe Paul, Bloomington, MN	Present
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO	Present
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL	Present
Dave Waller, Chesterland, OH	Present
Anje Worrell, Steamboat Springs, CO - Proxy given to Deb Armstrong	Present

Guests: Darlene Nolting, RMD/USSA, Brewster McVicker, CEN/USSA, Terry Delli Quadri RC/USSA, Kate Avrin, Karen Ghent, Katherina Golik, Jeff Kai, Alice Black, Jeff Burrows, Nick Asoian, Terry Leonard, Kent Towlerton, Chanh Nguyen, Jeff Dekko, Aldo Radamus, Richard Rokos, Paul Rozsypal, Dave Samuels, Rick Miller, Crawford Pierce, Kirk Dwyer

1. Welcome and call to order
Callahan called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.
2. Review of committee membership
The roll was called and the membership reviewed.
3. Review and approval of agenda
**Motion: To approve the agenda with the addition of a report by Sheryl Barnes
M/S/C Waller/Callahan**
4. Review and approval of minutes
**Motion: To approve the minutes of the last meeting
M/S/C Landstrom/Waller**
5. Staff reports
 - 5.1. Sheryl Barnes – USSA Membership
 - Background screening is taking a little bit longer than it used to, at least 2 to 3 weeks for a U.S. Coach and 2 and 3 months for foreign coaches. We cannot rush the screening process. Coaches who do not follow up with their paperwork to finalize screening and membership will be put on the inactive membership list.
 - All membership categories will be signing off on the concussion policy.
 - There are no fee increases for this season.

- Member Services innovations with new user account system include: families can be under the same account, there is online chat support and better data security.
- 5.2. Terry Delli Quadri – Rocky/Central Region Director
- Discussed new staff structure
 - Regional Camp for J3 and J4's at A-Basin coming up and all RC Staff will be involved
 - Terry will be working on projects and development
 - Terry's travel budget has decreased
 - Discussed calendar for coming year – U.S. Nationals and NorAm Calendar
 - Thank everyone for attending these meetings. It is important for you to be here.
- 5.3. Darlene Nolting – Rocky Division Manager
- Coach of the year – Pat Callahan
 - Alpine and Club of the year – Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club
 - Thank you to everyone with their patience this year as I started out the year slow and behind and worked hard to catch up throughout the year.
- 5.4. Brewster McVicker – Central Division Manager
- Thank you to everyone
 - Brewster did a number of development projects
 - Indian Speed camp renamed the Terrain Elements Camp was our biggest project
 - We are focusing on fundamental skill development
 - Coaches' Education – there is a lot of need for coaches' education and Brewster could spend the whole year doing coaches' education
 - Officials' Education – Brewster is working on revamping the officials' education plan
 - Acknowledge Joe Paul, first recipient of the Bill Slattery Sportsmanship Award
 - Spring Series at Lutsen was outstanding, great event and great conditions
 - Age Class Championships – we allow Canadians in the event and it has helped raise the bar at that event
 - Membership numbers – J3 and older we are down 3% this past year.
 - Looking forward with Walt and Patrick in the future.
6. Divisional ACC reports
- 6.1. Central – Dave Waller
- Membership – the gap between Youth and Competitor is getting bigger and bigger
 - Terrain Elements camp is a fantastic event.
- 6.2. Rocky Mountain – Mike Bowman
- Thank Darlene and Terry and coaches in the division for their hard work for the division and
 - NDS has decided not to send athletes to International Children's races, RMD is opposed to this is working hard to allow International Children's racing to continue
 - Tasked Age class and Ability committees to put together some goals for their series and have the committees work together
 - A few proposals the division has put together that have been pushed forward to the National committees
 - Eliminate the JR FIS Series, but continue the JR FIS Championships
 - Gold Medal Initiative Projects
 - Eastern J2 Project
 - J3 Speed Elements
 - European J2 Project
 - Podium Projects
 - Speed

- Center of Excellence Project
- Tech projects
- Conditioning and All-Star is moving forward
- Strong participation and working relationship with RMSRO
- Online race registration is something we feel is important and will work on getting organizers

7. Old business

7.1. RC ACC Bylaws

Dave Waller will work on this in the coming year and get it out to the committee members.

8. New business

8.1. J3 Junior Championships

Ski and Snowboard Club Vail has proposed a bid for the RC J3 Junior Championship.

Motion: To accept bid with the entry fee increase to be no more than 25% in the second year over the first.

M/S/C D. Landstrom/R. Dart

Discussion about the two year bid and the possible percentage increase for the 2nd year bid. 25% increase would be the maximum increase.

8.2. J4 Junior Championships

Motion: Beginning with the 2013 RC U14 JR Championship to add a Kombi/Parallel event to the Championship and if necessary add day to the event.

M/S/C Callahan/Landstrom

Discussion about whether or not it was necessary to add a day to the event. Steamboat will re-evaluate the schedule for the 2012 to see if they can add the event to their current bid structure. Should the Kombi event be included in the Overall?

The Committee will meet by conference call this summer to vote on and finalize the details.

8.3. Canadian K2 Championship – quota and selection

The Canadian K2 Championships is the championships for K2's (J3's, 1996-1997 YOB) race held in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada, in March 21-25, 2011. The Rocky/Central region sends three male and three female J3 athletes (born in 1996-1997), selections are from the Rocky/Central J3 Junior Championships. The goal would be to select the athletes next in line from the Whistler Cup selection.

Athletes will be selected by using the Overall Ranking list minus the DH with the Whistler Cup athletes crossed off the ranking list as you move down the list until three athletes per gender have been selected. Ski-up athletes will not be allowed to participate, only age eligible athletes will be considered.

~~The will be no alternates considered.~~ Alternates will be considered until the quota has been filled.

Motion: To accept the proposal and delay any decision no later than September 1st based upon development committee action and recommendation.

M/S/C Dart/Perricone

8.4. Can Am – quota and selection

Rocky/Central has a quota of 5 men and 5 women to the Can Am races.

Team Selection will be as follows:

1. Any 'special' J3 (an athlete who is a J4 by year of birth but opts to race as a J3), competing as a J3 in the Junior Olympics who meets the J3 criteria for either Whistler Cup or the Canadian K2 Championships.
2. The remainder of the quota will be filled by ranking the athletes using the sum of their best two of four place point results (1 for 1st, 2 for 2nd, etc.) from each run of the technical events only. Ties will be broken using the best result(s) from the technical events. If a tie still exists after all four technical race results are used, the athlete's super G result will be used as the final tiebreaker.
3. 'Special' J4s (an athlete who is a J5 by year of birth) are not eligible for selection.
4. In the case of one of the technical (GS, SL) events is cancelled the selection would use the remaining three technical events for the selection. If both runs of event in the selection process are cancelled, the SG results will be used.
5. Alternates will be considered until the quota is filled.

Motion: To accept the proposal for Team Selection and delay any decision no later than Sept. 1 based upon development subcommittee action and recommendation.

M/S/C Dart/Perricone

- 8.5. Selection for the Talent ID Selection Camp

Motion: To use the overall ranking from the RC J3 Junior Championships to select 9 men and 9 women for the National J3 Talent ID camp in Park City, there would be 1 male and 1 female spot left open for Development Director with divisional managers for discretion.

M/S/Failed P. Callahan/Slattery

We should also look at the ITS selection and see how this flows out. The project is not fully planned or organized.

The Committee can get together in the summer to finalize the selection.

Motion: To accept the proposal and delay any decision no later than Sept. 1st based upon development subcommittee action and recommendation.

M/S/C Dart/Perricone

9. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

M/S/C Callahan/Dart

Alpine USSA TD Working Group

Park City Marriott - Silver Mine C
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Calderwood

Committee Membership:

Chair: Bob Calderwood, Goodyear, AZ (Central)	Present
Vice Chair: Randy Rogers Eugene, OR (PNSA)	Present
Esther Delli Quadri, Steamboat Springs, CO (RMD)	Present
Phil GilanFarr, Crystal Bay, NV (Far West)	Present
Thelma Hoessler, Santa Fe, NM (Ex Officio, Alpine Officials Education Chair)	Present
Chuck Hughes, Killington, VT (Eastern)	Present
Don Page, E Greenbush, NY (Honorary)	Excused
Tony Nunnikhoven, Bozeman, MT (Northern)	Present
Gretchen Ransom, Duluth, MN (Ex Officio, Alpine Officials Education Chair)	Excused
Ingrid Simonson, Snoqualmie Pass, WA (Immediate Past Chair)	Present
Evert Uldrich, Rigby, ID (IMD)	Present
Scott Young, Anchorage, AK (Alaska) proxy to Terry Sherwood	Present
Jeff Weinman, Park City, UT (USSA staff)	Present
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS)	Present

Guests: Mike Hammer, Roger Perricone, Connie Webster, Allen Church, Grant Lindemer, Paul Van Slyke and others.

1. Welcome and call to order
The meeting was called to order at 12:45 p.m.
2. Review of committee membership
The roll was called. Terry Sherwood was accepted as proxy for Scott Young. Tony Nunnikhoven was added as the new Northern representative.
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion: To accept the agenda as presented.
M/S/C
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion: To accept the minutes as presented.
M/S/C
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair
There were no major issues to report.
 - 5.2. Alaska Division
There were no major issues to report.

- 5.3. Central Division
 - There were no major issues to report.
- 5.4. Eastern Region
 - There were some issues with per diems.
- 5.5. Far West Division
 - There were no major issues to report.
- 5.6. Intermountain Division
 - 16 race weekends, 20+ TDs assigned, 1/3 are FIS so FIS TDs average 1 race per USSA TD.
- 5.7. Northern Division
 - Good year, had one issue that was resolved. 11 active TDs, a couple in the pipeline.
- 5.8. PNSA Division
 - 3 scheduled updates and held 2, strong TDs - 2 new ones.
- 5.9. Rocky Mountain Division
 - Good year, met most goals.
- 5.10. Alpine Officials - Thelma Hoessler
 - We would like this working group to set up standards for the TD shadowing program. AOEWG reviewed certification guidelines, which included a lot of "word smithing." There was one major change. Level 1 shadowing changed. *Level 1 Shadowing at 2 USSA events with a level 3 or higher TD and working as a TD at one USSA event under the mentorship of a level 3 or higher TD. Level 3 – shadow at a speed event.*
- 5.11. USSA
 - Weinman had no issues to report.
- 5.12. FIS
 - Winters had no issues to report.
- 6. Old business
 - 6.1. TD and other certifications
 - Weinman reported that there are currently 39 certified TDs with no Timing and Calculations certification (a pre-requisite for TD). Also 26 TDs that have no record of attending a TD update within the past two years as required for continuing certification. Hopefully this last number is a lack of communication from the Divisions/States.
 - 6.2. TD expense form
 - A discussion was held regarding a region changing the approved TD Expense Report for their own specific purposes. It was reiterated that USSA forms may not be altered without USSA approval. Regions may design and use an additional form for their own purposes if desired.
 - 6.3. Per Diem for TDs
 - Motion: To make TD per diem mandatory for Level 3 and 4 TDs and suggested for Level 1 and 2 TDs.**
 - M/S/Failed**

Discussion followed - Concern clubs may ask for L1 or 2 TD to save on expenses (although clubs do not have that authority). This is an appropriate minimum payment, TDs can donate back.

Motion failed for lack of support.

6.4. Clarification of "eyewitness testimony" in jury meetings – Gary Wright

To handle situations where no video is available. Bruce – for perspective Gary and I at same appeal group, a good way to define or explain it; “Did you and your eyes see it? OK!” “Did you and your ears hear someone else saw it? NOT OK!”

7. New business

7.1. USSA single gate giant slalom

Occurred several times this past year even though it was not approved by USSA. Resolved yesterday when Executive Committee approved USSA single gate giant slalom.

7.2. Gate panel mounting – Tom Winters for Tom Johnston

Discussion Points

- John Jacobs – Addressed butter flying panel – consequences if this happens, then it can nullify the homologation, it depends on how it's done. Do not use duck tape or zip ties, possibly use bungee in middle.
- Tom Winter – suggested they lower height to minimum height, panel doesn't have to be at top.
- Cut holes in it; financial concerns.
- John Jacobs - You do these things at your own risk, it may nullify the homologation.
- If you do make adjustments, have the Jury sign off on it.
- Non-removable numbering systems, piling up and impeding the panel coming off.

7.3. Minor change in USSA TD Report form

Hoessler – A line was added for head tax information.

Calderwood - form was adjusted so there are now boxes to mark on how measurement was taken/verified; Altimeter, GPS, Other ____.

7.4. Coaches forerunning courses they set

Discussion and clarification followed. This should not happen.

8. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair

8.1. Chair

Motion: To nominate Randy Rogers as Chair.

M/S/C Hoessler/Hughes/without objection

8.2. Vice Chair

Motion: To nominate Chuck Hughes as Vice Chair.

M/S/C Simonson/Winters/without objection

9. Executive session

9.1. Working Group concerns

- TDs signing off on events knowing things were not done properly.

- FIS TDs officiating USSA events without USSA credentials.
- Misbehavior by an athlete at an event but not in the venue i.e.; hotel room, TD said it's not in my jurisdiction and did nothing. Tom Winters says it falls under the guidelines of unsportsmanlike conduct at the FIS level and can result in a sanction.

9.2. Advancements

Motion: To accept the following nominations for Level 3 and Level 4 Technical Delegates as listed.

M/S/C

Division	Level	Name	USSA
East	3	John Felix	5305933
East	3	Mike Cosman	5809140
East	3	Rich Howes SR	5149315
East	3	John M Paulovich	5414586
East	4	Chuck Schweitzer	5524129
East	4	John R McGregor	5103072
East	4	Peter Hommel	5681101
Northern	4	Craig Krueger	4070215
Northern	4	John Shampeny	3095197
Northern	4	JC Knaub	3137973
PNSA	3	Pat Owsley	5754551
PNSA	3	Carl Guenzel	5878459
PNSA	4	Clyde Makinson	4956512
PNSA	4	William H. Brooks	5721717
Rocky	3	Aaron Humphrey	5414537
Rocky	3	Jeff Westcott	5788826
Central	3	Mark Janssen	5766027

10. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

M/S/C

Alpine FIS TD Working Group

Park City Marriott - Silver Mine C
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Tom Winters

Committee Membership:

Chair: Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ	Present
Vice Chair: Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY	Present
Bob Calderwood, Goodyear, AZ (Central)	Present
Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO (Rocky)	Present
Jill Firstbrook, Newbury, NH (East)	Present
Bill Hicks, Sandy, UT (West)	Present
Chuck Hughes, Killington, VT (East)	Present
Randy Rogers, Eugene, OR (West)	Present
Ingrid Simonson, Snoqualmie Pass, WA (Ex-Officio)	Present
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL (Honorary)	Excused
Walt Evans, Park City, UT (USSA staff)	Present
Jeff Weinman, Park City, UT (USSA staff)	Present
Alex Natt, Park City, UT (USSA Counsel)	Present

Guests: A substantial number of both USSA Technical Delegates, FIS Technical Delegates, USSA Committee Members and interested parties were in attendance – 35+.

1. Welcome and call to order
The chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. Review of committee membership
The roll was called and the membership reviewed.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved as presented.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved as presented.
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair and Vice Chair
The Chair and Vice Chair made a broad overview report about the past season – the good, the bad and the challenging. All in all – all events were covered primarily due to the efforts of the regional coordinators – thank you for all your efforts.
 - 5.2. Regional / International reviews – assignments / venue comments
Reports on the year's activities by the Regional Directors were made with no great problems being encountered but for the need for additional Technical Delegates.
The USA continues to maintain its presence on the FIS International Calendar as exhibited with the fact the Bob Dart was able to be assigned as the Technical Delegate at

the premier events held in Kitzbühl, Austria this past year and numerous other USA Technical Delegates over the past few years have fulfilled various international assignments.

It was noted that USSA will not be participating in any international children's events this.

Reports were made by the various FIS Committee members and interested parties present with emphasis and overview of potential items or issues which would be discussed or decided at the FIS meeting to be held in Portoroz, SLO the first of June were discussed:

Karen Korfanta: Rules and Control – Proposed agenda items mainly encompass the cleaning up of various rule verbiage. Rule Sub-Sections 704 -904. Proposal regarding Giant Slalom – in the interest of safety – skiers will be subject to a DQ Sanction if they fall and hike back up the course. Single Flag Giant Slaloms. The Super Combined event will be going away over the course of the near future however will still be contested in the next World Championships and Olympics.

Bruce Crane: Courses - Reviewed the implications and prior demands along the way to the 10th anniversary of electronic homologation data transfer. Reviewed the ramification of the proposed environmental proposal with regard to national associations – USSA is not in support of this initiative because of the legal implications. All environment aspects of ski area and venue development must reside and stay with the party who has primary control of such items - the area owner and operator.

Allen Church: Timing & Calculations – Technical Delegates will be seeing new timing requirements which will be found in a new Timing Booklet. Timing criteria in many instances are being expanded to include the requirement for time to the ten thousand mark “10,000th”. Bill Hicks / Dirk Gouwens initiated a discussion of a new multi-beam finish unit utilized recently in Canada. The observation was made that the unit – which has the ability for a simultaneously A & B finish impulse - was from the Olympics and was not generally available to normal event organizers. The Chairman made the comment that it is the obligation of Technical Delegates to make sure that timing units utilized at FIS events are listed as approved in the current FIS list of homologated timing equipment.

6. Other presentations and discussion items

- 6.1. Alex Natt – Legal Counsel, USSA – Made a presentation to the group and guests on the new Utah Concussion Legislation and the ramifications within the entire USSA organization and events. There are presently 19 states with concussion legislation in place with present legislation underway within the U.S. Congress. Notification of a suspected concussion incident is to be provided to the USSA offices wherein the athlete in question will have his / her membership competition license placed on hold until a properly rendered medical release and return to competition authorization is received by the USSA offices. Reporting forms and other operational aspects of this procedure are presently being developed and will be provided before next season.
- 6.2. Tom Johnson – Security Systems Expert USSA – A presentation and broad discussion was undertaken with regard to the current state of security systems i.e. double “A” nets and utilization of smaller box squares which greatly increase the weight of such installations. The methods for securing gates in high wind situations was discussed i.e. static pole utilization, butterfly, bungee cords, taping, cutting wind slits etc. In summary any modification to a gate panel would negate any manufacture homologation representations and warranties and would have to be at the discretion and decision of the Competition Jury. Also, it was mentioned that the current practice of placing gate numbers tapes at the top of a gate pole inhibits homologation release systems. The numbers should be affixed below the panel area.

7. Old business

7.1. Candidates

A short report was made as to the current status of two (2) FIS Technical Delegate Candidates. Both Ron Bonneau and Phil GilanFarr, the current Candidates have completed all practical examination requirements and are awaiting administration of final examinations at the beginning of next season.

8. New business

This year's FIS Update Seminars will be held Oct. 21-23 in Calgary, ALB, CAN and Oct. 28-30 in Lake Placid, NY, USA.

9. Closed meeting session

9.1. Status of Technical Delegate candidates and aspirants

Potential Aspirants Nominees, Carl Gunzel (PNSA) and Mike Ginsberg (FW) were discussed with the decision, notwithstanding their extensive backgrounds, that various participation items needed to be undertaken during this next season for the working group to consider further action on the nominations again.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Alpine Development and Education Subcommittee

Park City Marriott - Wasatch
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Mike Morin

Committee Membership:

Chair: Mike Morin, Stratton Mtn, VT (East)	Present
Vice Chair: Jesse Hunt, Park City, UT (West)	Present
Mike Bowman, Telluride, CO (Rocky/Central)	Present
Peter Dodge, Hanover, NH (College)	Present
Krik Dwyer, E Burke, VT (East)	Present
Dave Galusha, Park City, UT (Immediate past Chair)	Present
Gina Gassman, Loveland, CO (Athlete)	Present
Jamie Landwehr, Sandpoint, ID (West)	Present
Jon Nolting, Heber City, UT (USSA staff)	Present
Joe Paul, Bloomington, MN (Rocky/Central)	Present
Patrick Riml, Park City, UT (USSA staff)	Present

Guests: Tim Maguire, Terry Delli Quadri, Connie Webster, Chelsea Steinbach, Ron Kipp, Darlene Nolting, Finn Gundersen, Walt Evans, Aldo Radamus, Julie Woodworth, Ben Webster, Jeff Kai, Rick Miller, Brewster McVicker, Troy Price, Todd Brickson, David Samuels, Jeff Dekks, Chanh Nguyen, Chelsea Lynch, Deb Armstrong, Ryan Shorter, George Struthers, Jeff Burrows, Pat Calahan, Kent Towleron, Eric Williams, John Jacobs, Sparky Anderson, Craig Krueger, Jeremy Ueland, Nick Asoian, Karen Ghent, Kate Avrin, Bridger Call, Kerri Choller, Tami Strong, Greg Murthe, Kurt Engel, Bill Hudson, Todd Kelly, Kristina Revello, Lucy Schram, Carma Burnett, Mark Brownlie, Terry Leonard, and Jeff Byrne

1. Welcome and call to order

Morin called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. He discussed the executive meeting from the previous evening. Looking for creative solutions to challenges facing us; change is not always comfortable.

2. Review of committee membership

Roll was called and the committee membership reviewed.

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Review and approval of minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

5. Discussion items

5.1. Coaches certification – Nolting

- Certification process: misalignment in certification, must prioritize certification, NDS project to make coaches at least L. 100 Certified.
- Redirecting efforts back to L. 100, including children's content, analysis on men's C Team athletes.

- Continue to work on development on one more level.
 - USSA staff coach should be L.100, weekend coaches should be L. 200.
 - Articles for coaches' journal.
- 5.2. Coaches Academy – Nolting
- Successful on-snow, movement analysis.
 - Involvement with National Team Staff and other programs.
- 5.3. Age realignment – Evans
- Coming 2012-13 season: Athletes must be 16 in order to subscribe in FIS list; new nomenclature – will be approved next week.
 - Alpine Training System principles. Competition and rankings: build-up developmentally.
 - Age group recommendations: Expecting FIS to move forward.
 - Hunt asked the reason behind the change. Evans noted it was for the welfare and safety of athletes.
 - Domestic categories will be filled in once the FIS structure is finalized. A U8 category will be included if it is deemed useful.
- 5.4. NDS structure – Rimi
- Working closely with clubs and regions for athlete development
 - NDS Projects: Copper – awaiting approval
 - Competition
 - Budget
 - Ski academies working directly with National Teams
 - Challenges: cost, culture, coaches education, talent ID, athlete management and development
 - Solutions: increase number of junior athletes ranked in top 10 in their age group, critical to have international exposure
 - Dave Galusha: Past age ranks and historical statistics? Junior World Championship age is crucial.
 - What do we need to do for the younger ages? Fundamentals and basics.
 - Next step for clubs? Fundamentals, what is the ultimate goal?
 - What is envisioned in the number of athlete for April camp? Freeskiing, 10 boys & 10 girls from each region, competition
 - Crawford Pierce: Spring break in April – skiing during that time.
 - Goal is to put a lot of money into the programs.
 - Jeff Kai: Age change challenges? Develop separate programs for men and women.
 - Kent Towlerton: U.S. system of high school and college, maturity levels change and selections change – 2 years in high school for FIS racing – consideration of keeping more people in the sport.
 - Aldo Radamus: FIS profile, only 25 starts? [Walt] This proposal is on the table and is worth some brainstorming. [Mike] What will college coaches be looking for?

- Jeff Kai: Is it worth looking into provisions? Jeff's Opinion: having a year of FIS will provide more opportunity.
 - Mike Morin: Interested in hearing more thoughts; many counterproposals regarding FIS, not much from U.S. side.
 - The age change is appropriate to a large extent on the men's side.
 - Allow 18-year-olds to compete in Championship.
- Lester Keller: Age change fits LTAD and culture with the high school/college split
 - Naturally fitting
 - Pat Callahan: High school seniors are provided a better opportunity right before college
 - Mike Morin: parts of the age change will help with membership. NCAA rules with PG regulations before joining teams.
 - Adam Chadbourne: Discussion on age change is moot. Safety and a high finish rate are key. Stay with start limitations.
 - Lester: Problem – only two starts hoping for a magic result
 - Mike Morin: Why not propose U18 class limited to 25 starts?
 - Kent Towlerton: Would they allow that?
 - Patrick: Talk with other nations
- Walt Evans: We are using up a lot of FIS starts, should concentrate on the right races.
 - Mike Morin: Looked at calendar and qualification system in East. A clearer path to qualification is easier to say and harder to do. Huge pressure to qualify athletes for championships. Mirror the World Cup and Europa Cup; ability to move up is defined by competition wins – series leaders advance; allows coaches to plan for their athletes; competition guides are confusing.
- What is going to be done to take care of J2s and J1s?
 - Patrick Riml: That's where the directors come in to deal with the regions and the clubs, then the D Team. Team selections currently taking place.
 - Terry Delli Quadri: C Team and D Team camps currently going on with invites out.
 - Kent Towlerton: Are you going to lower or change the criteria?
 - a. Patrick Riml: There is an objective of criteria through a selection camp, for both men and women.
 - b. Lester Keller: Regions are still responsible for competition management
 - Mike Morin: What about women athletes not making criteria?
 - a. Kent Towlerton: Clubs are great at mimicking what the National Team does, but they don't allow athletes to compete head-to-head. Top athletes should be competing together. The D-Team level allows for this to happen. For women, this is important by the age of 14.
 - b. Adam Chadbourne: Calendars overlap
 - i. Patrick: NDS camps in July
 - ii. Terry: Planning in July for next summer

- c. Darlene Nolting: Positive feedback from camps with NDS; cancellation because of clubs overlapping calendars.
- d. Gina Gassman: Fundamentals, skills, and training is lost because of a full calendar and too many races.
- e. Mike: Where and when does a kid become desperate to develop those skills?
- f. Lester Keller: Not unless you drive is that the reward. National coaches are doing remedial work because the fundamentals and basics aren't there when they get to that level. There must be rewards.

6. Motions

6.1. Motion 1: To form a task force of the Regional Development Directors to put a final recommendation forward on the U10 through U16 Grid for Starts Course Setting and Equipment Recommendation.

M/S/P: Lester Keller, Joe Paul

- Terry Delli Quadri: What's the harm of older athletes skiing a tighter course?
- Walt Evans: Executive meeting in mid-July; should be in competition guide
- Mike Morin: Opportunity to be in line with ICR; children's verticals are significantly less providing more opportunity for combinations
- The motion reads recommendation

6.2. Motion 2: For USSA J4 SL Events and under (U14 and below), where SL gates are used, a gate standard of 25 to 27mm in diameter and a minimum gate height of 54 inches from the snow surface to the top of the gate shall be used.

M/S/P: Joe Paul, Jesse Hunt

- What is this rule trying to stop? Trying to create an age appropriate course. Age appropriate training devices are included in competition guide.

6.3. Motion 3: To support the planning and execution of a J3 (U16) National Project. This Project should focus on Skiing Skills, Head to Head Competition and Condition Evaluation. The regional quota would be 10 boys and 10 girls.

M/S/P: Lester Keller, Terry Delli Quadri

- Walt Evans: Will the subcommittee recommend this to the sport committee as a Marriott Championship series events?
- Shouldn't be called National Championship
- Reward competitions with a champion
- Encouragement of participation of Skills Assessment

6.4. Motion 4: To support the decision to not field USA teams to Topolino or Whistler Cup competitions.

M/S/P: Lester Keller, Kirk Dwyer

6.5. Motion 5: To support a U16 International Competition Trip beginning in 2012-13. Advancing 9 boys and 9 girls from the previous year's 2012 J3 (U16) National Project, where the focus is on Ski Racing Culture, International Training and the highest standard of International Racing. Discretionary selection is available to the U.S. Alpine Director to fill the team.

M/S/P: Lester Keller, Kirk Dwyer

- Jon Nolting: Concerns -- U14 should have exposure to U16, U16 should have exposure to U18.
- Darlene Nolting: Injury could allow for an athlete to not have an opportunity to attend the International Competition because of the age class.

6.6. Motion 6: To put forth a statement about the importance of delivering a skill based education program to USSA Grass Roots Programs identifying the importance of the following items:

- **National Development Staff needs resources to make club visitation to deliver existing USSA Education Materials.**
- **A cultural shift from a focus on racing for qualification to a focus on racing to validate training.**
- **Deliver age group concepts for ATS, train to race ratios, course setting recommendations and ski equipment recommendations.**

M/S/P: Kirk Dwyer, Jamie Landwehr

- Mike Morin: Allow for club visitation, but it is currently financially impossible. Power of personal visit from National Team Staff has a huge impact.
- Tim Maguire: Program visits usually entails athletes, coaches and parents and watching what's going on, mostly working directly with coaches and parents.
- Dave Galusha: Limit starts for first years. ATS and LTAD should be taken into consideration.
 - Terry Delli Quadri: Should be based on how much you ski.
 - Mike Morin: Education is key, hope that clubs and grass root programs make good decisions.
 - Lester Keller: There is a way to regulate
 - Jesse Hunt: Is this a USSA issue or FIS? There is good management at regional levels.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Alpine Timing Working Group

Park City Marriott - Prospector 3
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

Committee Membership:

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

1. Welcome and call to order

Church called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

2. Review of committee membership

The committee membership was reviewed. Bruce Crane was removed from the roster. Weinman will contact Hoffman to see if she is still interested in being involved.

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Review and approval of minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed without objection.

5. Reports

5.1. Chair

Church reported that there is a new FIS Timing Booklet and a new list of homologated timing devices; some timers were de-listed and some are new.

5.2. USSA Staff

Weinman reported that timing report forms were distributed to members of the Working Group throughout the season.

5.3. FIS representatives

Church noted that he expects that the timing report will change again this year. It was suggested that for USSA we should use the same form rather than develop a second USSA specific form.

6. Discussion items

7. Old business

- 7.1. Timing task force for education presentations
- Strong reviewed the work of the Task Force. There is some work that could be done to refine the presentation that was developed to give more information on working with systems within race scenarios. USSA will post that information to the website under education materials so it is more widely available once it is refined.
8. New business
- 8.1. Extension of expiration dates for homologated timers for USSA scored and non-scored Races
- There was discussion on allowing an extension of homologated timers which have been removed from the list of valid devices by FIS. This would allow clubs time to prepare for and save money for purchasing a new system.
- Motion 1: To grant an extension of time, for USSA non-scored competitions, to use expired (previously FIS homologated) timing devices – with the exclusion of championship events. Devices should be replaced by the 2012-13 season and must be replaced by 2013-14 season.**
- Chayes/Jacobs/passed**
- Motion 2: To grant an extension of time, for USSA scored competitions, to use expired (previously FIS homologated) timing devices – with the exclusion of championship events. Devices should be replaced by the 2011-12 season and must be replaced by 2012-13 season.**
- Waller/Strong/without objection**
- 8.2. Adoption of modifications to timing rules specific to USSA scored and non-scored events
- Gouwens reviewed some of the current rules related to timing as stated in the Alpine Competition Regulations and suggested possible changes and clarifications to those rules - attached. Members of the working group should review the information to allow for proper consideration and action at Congress 2012.
- 8.3. Timing Technical Data Reports for non-scored competition
- There was discussion on requiring the TTDR for non-scored events.
- Motion 3: To require the TTDR for all non-scored championship events.**
- Gouwens/Chayes/without objection**
- 8.4. Task force on minimum Timing and Calculations certifications.
- There was discussion on minimum recommendations for different levels of competition. It was concluded that current regulations – including the wording in the schedule agreement that requires 'appropriately certified individuals' covered the proposal.
- 8.5. Working Group membership
- Jacob Treadwell was added as a member of the Working Group.
- 8.6. Distribution of Timing Technical Data Reports
- The distribution of forms was discussed. In the East there is a system in place. Rocky – John Jett, Central – Gretchen Ransom (Dave Waller will confirm), IMD and Northern – Tami Strong, Alaska – Terry Sherwood. Far West – Ellen Hoffman or Lucy Schram. PNSA needs to be determined.
9. Adjournment
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Alpine Courses Working Group

Park City Marriott - Silver Mine C
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Thursday, May 19 2011, 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane

FIS and USSA Inspectors

Ron Bonnevie		Dana Huff	
Jeff Byrne	present	John Jacobs	present
Bob Calderwood	present	Paul Mahre	present
Dan Chayes	present	Peter Stwertka	excused
Allen Church	present	Ted Sutton	present
Bruce Crane	present	Ev Uldrich	present
Don Cushing		Tom Winters	present
Kurt Engel	present	Scott Young	
Stanley Goldschmidt	excused		

Inspectors-in-Training

Tom Barnes	present	Peter Mackey	
Mike Browne	present	Tony Nunnikhoven	present
Peter Cornish		Roger Perricone	present
Ellen Galbraith	present	Jeff Sirjane	present
Brad Ghent	present	Dave Suckling	excused
Doug Hall		Steve Travis	

USSA Staff

Tom Johnston	Jeff Weinman	Walt Evans
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Guests

Dirk Gouwens	Gary Wright	Lucy Schram
Kristina Revello	Rob Crick	Paul Bussi
Matt Brown	Paul Van Slyke	Rick Miller
Ed Gassman	Mike Hammer	Robert Petitt
Jeremy Ueland	Rick Duncan	Bear Bryant
Esther Delli Quadri	Julie Woodworth	Connie Webster

1. Welcome and call to order
Welcome; review of meeting plan and rules of order; designation of recorder(s)
2. Review of committee membership
Inspectors, 'in-training', advisors, correspondent members (attendance on separate sheet)
3. Review and approval of agenda
Chairman noted items under Old Business, New Business and in Closed Session.

Motion 1: To approve the agenda as amended (Old Business, New Business)

MSC: R Calderwood / T Sutton / Unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion 2: To approve the Minutes of the May 2010 meeting (summary and action items as posted on the USSA website, and otherwise available prior to this meeting)

MSC: P Mahre / E Uldrich / Unanimous

5. Reports

- 5.1. Chair – FIS activity, USSA activity, interim decision, status of action items

Chairman noted the very large work load of the past two years and that the USA inspectors had achieved substantial completion of homologation of all courses to be used for USSA calendared competitions in all events and at all levels. Chairman especially thanked Bob Calderwood and Ted Sutton who were responsible for almost half of the 447 scheduled, inspected, reported and approved for FIS and USSA homologation or registration.

The anticipated inspection work load for next several years is considerably less, and the USSA Alpine Courses working group (WG) will have the opportunity to focus more on quality, in particular, upgrading 'standards' of our reporting, and on inspector development for the future, as current senior members likely will not be carrying the load in 2018-2020. Educational tools re reporting and a more refined processes for evaluation of 'inspectors-in-training' will be needed to supplement our mentoring curriculum.

There are no changes proposed to the basic USSA homologation process, which begins with the place/venue submitting an official application and concludes with a signed report and documentation in PDF book format which is emailed by the chairman to the place and to the inspector, with original certificate following by regular mail.

- 5.2. Inspectors and Technical Advisors: FIS / USSA

Comments included mention of need to further educate USSA Technical Delegates regarding their responsibility to measure the actual vertical drop being used.

- 5.3. USSA staff

Tom Johnston shared his experiences with trends in course preparation and protection, reminding the group of the presentations on the program for the following afternoon.

6. FIS homologation process – rules, reporting and publication; 2010-11 developments

- 6.1. Responsibility for observance of environmental regulations

Chairman reported the proposal he had drafted at the request of the FIS Alpine Courses Subcommittee chairman to define the responsibility for observance of environment regulations as that of the applicant/place/venue.

- 6.2. Review (and revision) of ICR 650

Chairman noted that he was similarly tasked to review ICR Article 650 – equivalent ACR 650) as part of a small working group. There are no proposals at this time. Chairman asked the WG to review USSA ACR 650 and to comment with any suggestions.

7. USSA homologation process – application, inspection, reporting, publication

- 7.1. Access to homologation reports and documentation

For FIS homologations, reports are posted directly to the FIS web site, and following review and validation by the FIS alpine courses chairman, they can be accessed on-line by the place – for own reports – and by all TDs and course inspectors via pass worded log in.

There is no on-line access to USSA homologation report packets. The chairman emails the PDF book and certificate image to the place and to the inspector. The chairman may make further distribution for internal use, for example, WG reference for educational purposes or at specific request of USSA staff. The place is required to provide copy to assigned TDs. Further distribution is at the discretion of the place.

There followed a discussion of possibilities of legitimate purposes, the advantages of access and potential problems, need for disclaimer regarding usage, and 'ownership'.

Motion 3: That the USSA Alpine Courses working group, with USSA staff, develop a pass word protected online access process, similar to that of FIS, for USSA homologation reports and certificates.

MSC: E Uldrich / P Mahre / Unanimous

7.2. 'Standards' for report packages

Chairman reviewed the requested format and contents of the Inspection Report and associated documents that make up the homologation file. The provided reference list will be further developed from the WG discussions on some specific points.

Chairman requested that inspectors consider including a recommendation as to the minimum amount of B-net/fence to be available in section 8 of the report.

Of particular note: The 'General Remarks' section can be used by the inspector to include a comment regarding suitability of the course for various levels of competition – and by including an asterisk (*) can indicate that this should be considered in the calendaring process. The asterisk will be carried forward on the report, appearing as part of the certificate number, on the certificate, and on lists of homologations posted to the USSA web site, etc., in order to alert calendaring groups and staff. The chairman will work with USSA staff to develop this further – access to the reports which include such comments – eventually via direct electronic access.

It also is appropriate to include any comments regarding utilization of courses with relatively narrow sections in this 'General Remarks' part of the report and rather than in section eight.

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

8.1. Status of database/inventory; communication with venues; USSA website

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

The WG reviewed status of posted lists and current applications, new requests and potential rehomologations for this cycle. Assignments will be made following this meeting in the same manner as last year. The chairman will email an image of applications to the inspector; upon acceptance of the assignment, the inspector will contact the place/venue.

9. Issues; proposals / action items, guidelines, recommendations; requests

9.1. Restricted / limited / special homologations

9.2. Reporting of width; inspector's authority to approve / responsibility to document

9.3. Protection plans: Minimum amount of B-net to be available

9.4. Process: requests, inspections, reports and documentation, inspector's recommendation, chairman's approval; appeals

Consideration of any actions on these topics had been made under previous points.

10. Old business

USSA GS/SL on same track: reviewed possibility, noting single report package to be adapted to provided information specific to each event if necessary. No actions.

Additional Report of the TD: chairman reminded the WG of the intended use of this document and that is not for distribution other than that intended. Request that AO Ed and USSA TDs working group continue educational efforts on this point. No action.

Post-Congress(es) issues: Chair requests affirmation of previous routing: chairman to review, also with FIS inspectors as appropriate, and possibly with members of the WG. Any actions would need approval via the Alpine Sport Executive Committee after appropriate routing at working group and subcommittee levels (chairmen/women). For example, possible ACR amendments corresponding to ICR changes would be routed through Rules working group chair and R&T subcommittee chair. Consensus agreement.

11. New business

Potential changes in vertical drop references resulting from the impending age category changes: Brief discussion; no action.

On-line educational tools: Chair noted that this had been mentioned several times in reports during the Congress, and it is an opportunity for our constituency as well. Some of this may be forthcoming already from the education sessions Friday afternoon. No action.

File names/subject lines for emails with attached homologation report packages/documents: Following discussion, it was agreed that the file name should be composed of two character state code, place name, trail name, FIS or USSA 'type', event, year, and revision version, if applicable. Abbreviations are acceptable, as long as the information is clear. Same or similar should appear in the email subject line. Chair will discuss with staff what might be necessary for file naming and other consideration for electronic archiving and access. No further action at this time.

12. General discussion ("open mike")

Ted Sutton commented in regard to occasional issues with elevations and resulting vertical drops, suggesting that inspectors use as much information as they have in order to determine start and finish data. It is standard practice in taking field measurements to consider several sources, the more the better, for example GPS and altimeter, references to good topo maps, different on-line sources for digital information, etc. When surveyed or engineer-derived information such as lift or building elevations are available – ask the area as the club likely will not have this information – this can be invaluable, especially for minimum vertical drop courses.

13. Closed session

13.1. Identification and development of inspectors; continuing activity

13.2. Working Group membership; consideration of new inspectors

Motion 4: To recommend that the Rules & Technical Subcommittee, respectively Alpine Sport Committee and USSA Board, ratify the working group's approval of Michael Browne and Jeff Sirjane as USSA Alpine Course Inspectors, having completed the published nomination, development and approval process to the satisfaction of the working group.

J Byrne / P Mahre / unanimous

14. Adjournment

Regular session recessed at 8:46pm and resumed at 10:09pm.

Motion 5: To adjourn (10:10 pm).

MSC: P Mahre / D Chayes / by acclaim

Alpine Classification Working Group

Park City Marriott - Prospector 2
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Friday, May 20 2011, 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

Committee Membership:

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

1. Welcome and call to order

Church called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

2. Review of committee membership

Church reviewed the committee membership. Ernie Revello was removed as he has not been in attendance in the past two years.

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

4. Review and approval of minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed.

Hupfer/Mahre/without objection

5. Reports

5.1. Chair

Church spent time doing the summer point adjustment to equalize the FIS and USSA lists. That system continues to work well and will go forward in the coming months.

5.2. USSA staff

Mahre asked if we incorporate the FIS points list into each USSA points list or only once per season. Weinman replied that it is done every list. The FIS list is loaded into our database and then we compare the normal calculation to the FIS points and the athletes USSA points - use the better of the FIS or normal calculation.

Woodworth asked about the reason for the minimum penalty and adjustments to races that score below the minimum. Weinman replied that the minimum penalties are in place to protect the top end of the USSA points list so that only FIS results will influence that

level of points. He compared it to the FIS list where only World Cup can score to zero and other levels of competition can only score to a certain level.

Mahre asked about Canadian points and if there has been any discussion on making those work within the USSA points system. Weinman and Church replied that there had not been recently. Canadian points used to be normalized to USSA but they changed their system a number of years ago and were out of sync with USSA calculations. Mahre will get the process for current Canadian point calculations and will review those with Church.

5.3. FIS representatives

Weinman talked about issues with injury protection and quotas that will be discussed at the FIS meetings. The current system for FIS injury protection should be working but there are athletes who seem to be unfairly being affected. Weinman will work with FIS staff to review the U.S. athletes. FIS staff is proposing a new system for injury protection. That new system, from Weinman's perspective, is good in that it should simplify the process, but changing again for the fourth time in the past 10 years is troubling.

6. Discussion items

There were no discussion items outside the old business.

7. Old business

7.1. USSA race data review – Waller

The task force looked at how results are calculated and the effect of low penalty races on the points list. Waller reviewed the research completed by the task force. The conclusion of the task force was that athletes in low penalty races were statistically not scoring any better result than those at high penalty races.

It is recommended that the current minimum penalty levels of 15 for standard and 30 for non-standard races be continued.

The task force will continue to look at data over the coming year including looking at potential changes to the penalty calculation. Mike Brown will be added to the distribution for the task force to review the research.

7.2. Championship seeding using World Cup points – use and recommendations

The seeding system did not end up being used in any of the USSA scored series as was allowed so there were no reports given.

8. New business

8.1. Committee membership

Motion 1: To add Bill Gaylord to the Working Group as the Rocky representative.

Weinman/Waller/without objection

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned without objection.

Alpine Collegiate Working Group

Park City Marriott - Prospector 1
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Friday, May 20 2011, 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Mark Sullivan

Committee Membership:

Chair: Mark Sullivan, Cummington, MN	Present
Vice Chair: Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN	Present
Peter Dodge, Hanover, NH (NCAA Representative)	Present
Ron Bonneau, Caldwell, ID (USCSA Representative)	Excused
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO (Parent Representative)	Present
John Jacobs, Queensbury, NY (At-large)	Present
Brewster McVicker, Harbor Springs, MI (High School / J1 & J2 Rep – one year term)	Present
Gina Gassman, Loveland, CO (Student Representative)	Present
Walt Evans, Park City, UT (USSA Alpine Staff)	Present

Guests: Terry Delli Quadri, Laura Sullivan, Tom Barnes, Terry Delli Quadri, Terry Leonard, Paul Rozsypal, Finn Gunderson, Tom Barnes, Jaka Korencan, Kevin Sweeny, Tony Nunnikhoven, Tim Maguire, Bob Dart

1. Welcome and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

2. Review of committee membership

Roll was called and the committee membership reviewed.

3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion 1: To approve the agenda as presented.

M/S/C - D. Landstrom/B. McVicker, approved

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

M/S/C - R. Perricone/R. Bonneau, approved

5. Major event scheduling

NorAm Cup schedule

- March 13-14 Tech Events
- Scheduling of January tech series in February with speed series not seen to benefit collegiate athletes.

NCAA Championships, Bridger Bowl, MT - Mar. 7-10, 2012

USCSA Nationals, Sunday River ME - Mar. 5-10, 2012

6. Reports

6.1. Winter World University Games

See the attached WWUG report.

7. Old business

There was no other old business.

8. New business

8.1. Proposal to expand the FIS-U seeding system

P. Dodge – Proposal to expand the Seeding system used at EISA FIS-U events from 15 to 30 (See attached language). Proposal allows for more athletes (30) to benefit from existing seeding system. Proposal based on language taken from Continental Cup format. No change to USSA or foreign quotas.

T. Maguire stated this will not compromise junior athlete opportunities.

Motion 3: To expand the Seeding system used at EISA FIS-U Events from 15 to 30 (see attached language).

M/S/C – In favor (4) J. Jacobs, P. Dodge, R. Perricone, G. Gassman, opposed (2) D. Landstrom, B. McVicker, approved

8.2. Proposal to allow limiting the second run field size

P. Dodge – Proposal to allow limiting the second run field size to 60 at FIS-U events.

T. Delli Quadri – Rules currently provide for this.

Proposal withdrawn by P. Dodge

8.3. Proposal to revise college quota to U.S. Championships

P. Dodge – Propose eliminating the provision for USCSA and NCAA National Champions to qualify for U.S. National Championships. Instead all quota spots would be distributed by the college quota rules.

D. Landstrom, T. Leonard, T. Nunnikhoven, B. McVicker, M. Sullivan spoke against the proposal.

Proposal withdrawn by P. Dodge.

8.4. Elections

R. Perricone was elected as the new Chair.

Committee will recognize B. McVicker as the USSA staff representative to the committee.

9. Adjournment

Motion 4: To adjourn (10:30 a.m.).

M/S/C – D. Landstrom/B. McVicker, approved

- The games were very well organized and supported by the Turkish government and the Turkish Ski Federation. Security was very high yet we never felt that we were in any danger. The team and coaches came away with a very positive experience and memories for a lifetime.
- Minor distraction was the outbreak of the “Turkish Flu” that ran through the Athlete Village. Everyone that was afflicted recovered and performed well.
- Team USA contributed our coaching expertise as Jury Members and Course Setter.

On the down side

- Snow conditions were very limited, no free skiing or additional training was available. There was just one strip of snow on the race hill. Warm up and training was either above the start or below the finish. The athletes dealt with these difficulties very well.
- We had two season ending injuries, Katie Hartman and Grant Jampolsky. I am happy to report that both are well on the way to full recovery and looking forward to next season.
- The Nordic team was sub-standard and the selection process needs to be revisited so we will have the top college Nordic skiers at Maribor.
- We need to look at ways to help fund future Winter World University Games so Team USA will always send the top Collegiate skiing athletes regardless of ability to pay.

The Alpine Team and Coaches would like to thank Walt Evans, Kate Arvin and everyone from USSA/USST for all of their hard work and support for this project. As historic as the results were in Erzurum, all of the Varsity College Ski Teams are committed to even better results at the next Winter World University Games in Maribor Slovenia in 2013.

This project represents a very important step in moving the top collegiate skiing athletes on to the U.S. National Team

Submitted by; Terry Leonard Colorado Mountain College

Alpine Quotas and Selections Working Group

Park City Marriott - Prospector 2
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Friday, May 20 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

Committee Membership:

Chair: Beat Hupfer, Mammoth Lakes, CA	Present
Deb Armstrong, Steamboat Springs, CO	Present
Tom Barnes, Eden Prairie, MN (Rocky/Central)	Present
Terry Delli Quadri, Steamboat Springs, CO (USSA Rocky/Central Director)	Present
Peter Dodge, Hanover, NH (Collegiate)	Present
Kirk Dwyer, East Burke, VT (Eastern)	Excused
Walt Evans, Park City, UT (USSA staff)	Present
Bill Gunesch, Government Camp, OR (Western)	Present
Lester Keller, Salt Lake City, UT (USSA Western Director)	Present
Tim Maguire, Jaffrey, NH (USSA Eastern Director)	Present
Doug Williams, Carrabassett Valley, NH (Eastern)	Excused

Guests: Darlene Nolting, Brewster McVicker, Darryl Landstrom, Craig Krueger, Connie Webster, Julie Woodworth, Eric Williams, Lucy Schram, Jessie Hunt.

1. Welcome and call to order
Hupfer called the meeting to order.
2. Review of committee membership
The roll was called and committee membership was reviewed.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
**Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.
M/S/C Maguire/Barnes/without objection**
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Staff
Reports are in the meeting materials.
 - 5.2. Domestic quota management
 - NorAm intent/quota issues, Canada issues as well
 - Working on solutions to simplify selection systems online
 - 5.3. International licensing
A report on international licensing and athlete volume is in the meeting materials. It was noted that with the age change in 2012-13 there may be an increase in summer activity; that may need to be regulated.

6. Quota Proposals
 - 6.1. Review Competition Guide
 - Update sites & dates
 - **Motion 2: All members of USST (A, B, C, D) have automatic access to all NorAm events**
 - **M/S/F – Keller/Delli Quadri**
 - **Motion 3: All members of USST (A, B, C) have automatic access to NorAm Finals**
 - **M/S/C Maguire/Delli Quadri**
 - **Motion 4: To allow the option in FIS-U to allow 2nd run be limited to 60 racers per FIS rules**
 - **M/S/C Dodge/Maguire**
 - Page 40 Renaming to USSA Junior Championships – eliminate wording relating to Whistler
 - Page 42 International Children's Racing – The USSA will not field any teams and authorize any USA athlete into FIS International Children's Competitions.
 - U.S. Adaptive info now at USOC.
7. Old business

There was no other old business.
8. New business

Brewster McVicker will replace Walt Evans as a staff representative to this Working Group.
9. Adjournment

Motion 5: To adjourn.
M/S/C Maguire/Delli Quadri

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Park City Marriott - Prospector 2
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Friday, May 20 2011, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

Committee Membership - reviewed in 1st session

Attendance:

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

Guests:

1. Welcome and call to order

Paul Van Slyke welcomed members and guests and reviewed the agenda. There was a brief review of Wednesday night's meeting. Reports were delivered by the working groups as below. For a record of Working Group action items please see the individual meeting reports.

2. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

3. Review of Wednesday evening meeting

There were no minutes to review.

4. Reports and action items from Rules and Technical Working Groups

4.1. Officials

4.1.1. Education

Motion 1: To accept the report and action items.

M/S/C Gaylord/Calderwood

4.1.2. USSA TDs

Motion 2: To accept the report and action items.

M/S/C Crane/Gaylord

Van Slyke thanked Calderwood for his many years of service as Chair of the USSA TD Working Group.

4.1.3. USA FIS TDs

Report by Bob Dart, Karen Korfanta and Paul Van Slyke on behalf of Tom Winters - no action items.

- 4.2. Courses

Motion 3: To accept the report and action items.
M/S/C Church/Sherwood
- 4.3. Classification

Report from Dave Waller regarding study of establishing minimum penalties.
Motion 4: To accept the report (no action items).
M/S Wright/Calderwood/approved (Gaylord abstained)
- 4.4. Timing

Motion 5: To accept the report and action items.
M/S/C Gaylord/Calderwood
- 4.5. Rules

Motion 6: To accept the report (no action items).
M/S/U Gaylord/Church

Pat Callahan (RMD) asked about 4 gate flush for J3. Van Slyke told him that rules regarding slalom for J4-3s was tasked to the Development Subcommittee for review.
5. Projects, issues and consideration of action items (if not addressed in working group reports)

There were no additional items to review.
6. Items from USSA staff

Staff had no additional items for review.
7. Elections - At-large

Nominations for the two at-large positions were Bill Gaylord and Curt Hammond.
Motion 7: To accept the nominations for Bill Gaylord and Curt Hammond as at-large representatives to the Rules and Technical Subcommittee.
M/S/C Hoessler/Wright (Gaylord abstained)
8. Old business

There was no additional old business.
9. New business

There was no new business.
10. Closed session
 - 10.1. Officials upgrades

Officials nominated for upgrade will be passed to the Sport Committee (included in the reports).
11. Adjournment

Motion 8: To adjourn.
M/S/U Gaylord/Church

Alpine Program Subcommittee

Park City Marriott - Prospector 1
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Friday, May 20 2011, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Committee Membership:

Chair: Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN	Present
Brewster McVicker (USSA staff)	Present
Beat Hupfer, Mammoth Lakes, CA (Quota's Chair)	Present
Steve Slivinski, Ketchem, ID (Master's Chair) proxy to Bill Skinner	Present
Mark Sullivan, Cummington, MA (Collegiate Chair)	Present

Guests: Curt Hammond, Kevin Ward, Gina Gassman, Grant Lindemer, Darlene Nolting, Bill Slattery, Terry Delli Quadri, Peter Dodge

1. Welcome and call to order

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

2. Review of committee membership

The roll was called. Brewster McVicker will replace Walt Evans as the staff representative to the Subcommittee.

3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion 1: To approve the agenda as presented.

M/S/C Hupfer/Sullivan/unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion 2: To approve the minutes as presented.

M/S/C Hupfer/Sullivan/unanimous

5. Staff report

There was no staff report prepared for this meeting.

6. Working group reports

- 6.1. Quotas

Action Items to move forward

1. **NorAm Finals- added C team to A & B team members as automatics.**
2. **EISA FIS-U option to limit second run starts to 60 competitors – decision to be announced at team captains' meetings**

Motion 1 approved

Motion 2 approved pending review of IRC language applicable to USSA scored/non-scored events

6.2. Collegiate

Action Items to move forward

1. **Proposal to seed first 30 competitors in EISA FIS-U competitions according to their EISA-FIS U start list points.**
 - **Proposal allows more athletes (30) to benefit from existing seeding system. Proposal based on language taken from Continental Cup format. No change to USSA or foreign quotas.**
 - **Proposal will also allow field size to expand from current 80m/80w to 90m/90w.**
 - **T. Maguire stated this will not compromise junior athlete opportunities.**

Motion Approved

2. **Roger Perricone selected as new Chair - Brewster McVicker to replace Walt Evans as staff representative.**

6.3. Masters

There were no action items from the Masters national committee meeting held during the 2011 Masters Championships in Copper Mtn., CO.

Information items

- Event Calendar is posted on USSA site
- Membership survey completed in 2010
- Nationals are sited in Park City, Utah

7. Old business

There was no old business to review.

8. New business

There was no other new business to review. Executive Committee will have two action items.

9. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn.

M/S/C McVicker/Hupfer

Alpine Executive Committee

Park City Marriott - Uinta 2
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Saturday, May 21 2011, 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Agenda (closed meeting)

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Committee Membership:

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

Guests: Terry Delli Quadri, Dirk Gouwens, Beat Hupfer, Lester Keller, Karen Korfanta, Brewster McVicker and Gary Wright.

1. Welcome and call to order

Dart called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance. This meeting is a wrap-up of action items prior to the main meeting.

2. Review and approval of agenda

3. Review and approval of minutes

Motion 1: To approve the Executive Committee meeting minutes from Aug. 30, 2010 and Oct. 14, 2010 as distributed.

Perricone/Landstrom/without objection

4. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes distribution

For the main meeting we will prepare action item reports.

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

5.1. Executive Committee

5.1.1. Executive report – Dart

Dart has a meeting in the midst of the timeline for the Sport Committee and will ask Landstrom to chair in his absence.

5.1.2. Nominating Committee nominations – Slattery

Programs subcommittee chair, FIS representative to the Executive Committee and at-large. Recommendation to continue with current representatives – Landstrom, Winters, Korfanta respectively.

There was no objection to presenting this slate.

5.1.3. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

There were no action items in the Judicial Committee. Mike Hammer was added as a member.

5.2. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

Van Slyke thanked Weinman for his participation and work within Rules and Technical. He reviewed, and there was discussion on, the action items from the various Working Groups and the Subcommittees.

Evans noted that about 900 officials would be being training for the 2015 World Ski Championships at Beaver Creek/Vail. Hoping that our national education structure, RMSRO and VVF can work together to enhance the education program and help to bring those new volunteers into the organization.

5.3. Program Subcommittee – Landstrom

Landstrom reviewed, and there was discussion on, the action items from the various Working Groups and the Subcommittees.

5.4. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin reviewed, and there was discussion on, the action items from the Subcommittee.

Keller asked about non-FIS international racing for children. There was quite a bit of discussion. Updated policies will be developed for review and consideration during the Fall Executive meeting.

5.5. FIS – Winters

There was no report beyond what has been covered.

5.6. Athletes – Macartney / Knight

There was no athlete report.

6. Review ASC agenda

The agenda was reviewed there were no changes suggested.

7. Old business

There was no other old business.

8. New business

8.1. Review / clarification of regions, divisions and states

Slattery and Evans will work with Connie Webster to review local bylaws and how they relate to the USSA bylaws.

8.2. Draft of 2012 Congress schedule

Weinman briefly reviewed his thoughts for a schedule reform for next year. He will send it out for review and consideration.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Alpine Sport Committee

Park City Marriott - Prospector 4
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Saturday, May 21 2011, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Committee Membership - reviewed in first session

1. Welcome and call to order

Dart called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He thanked everyone for their work the last few days.

2. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved with the addition of a report by Alex Natt on concussions and moving a few other items in the order.
without objection

3. Review and approval of minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.

Slattery/Perricone/without objection

4. Reports (action items, initiatives and issues)

4.1. Executive Committee

4.1.1. Executive report – Dart

Dart reviewed the board issues.

Motion: To approve the action item regarding the use of single gate giant slalom.

M/S/C Slattery/Dwyer/without objection

4.1.2. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Motion: To approve the report of the Judicial Committee.

M/S/C Landstrom/Evans/without objection

4.1.3. Nominating Committee nominations – Slattery

Slattery reported that the following nominations are presented

FIS representative – Winters to be reapproved

At-Large – Karen Korfanta to be reapproved

Programs Chair – Landstrom to be reapproved

Motion: To approve the slate as presented.

M/S/C Landstrom/Evans/without objection

Vice Chair – Landstrom

Motion: to approve Landstrom as the ASC Vice Chair.

M/S/C Evans/Perricone/without objection

4.2. Athletes – Macartney / Knight

Macartney reported that there are a number of new athletes on the Athletes' Council. He has been selected as chair for the group and will sit as the athlete representative on the USSA Executive Committee.

Motion: To accept the athletes report.

Slattery/Van Slyke/without objection

4.3. Concussions – Alex Natt [9 min]

Natt gave a summary of the USSA concussion management policy. Due to recent Utah state legislation. When someone joins or renews USSA this year they will certify that they have been informed of the USSA policy. If an athlete is suspected of suffering a concussion, they should be pulled from participation in training and competition, USSA will be notified and the athlete will be placed on medical hold, the athlete will remain on hold until USSA is provided with notification that they have been cleared by a medical professional who is trained in concussions. At an event, the TD and Jury will be responsible to pull an athlete. 15 states have passed some form of concussion legislation and there is discussion in the U.S. Congress as well. Some of the final details are yet to be determined and will be distributed once they are fully developed. Dart noted that education at the club and coach level will be very important.

4.4. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke [15 min]

Van Slyke thanked everyone for their work this week. He thanked staff for their support.

Van Slyke reviewed the action items from the various working groups.

Thanked Gretchen Ransom for her work as co-chair of the Alpine Officials Education Working Group. She has stepped down from that responsibility due to time constraints.

Thanked Bob Calderwood for his many years of service as the chair of the Alpine USSA TD Working Group.

Reviewing the Classification report and the task force study focused on minimum penalties, it was noted that the way to fix penalty manipulation would come not through changes to structure but through education of coaches, athletes and parents to shift the culture and increase awareness of sportsmanship and the non-value of top athletes skiing slow to effect the penalty.

Evans asked if the online testing task force is for one year or multi-year – it is a one year chaired by Gretchen Ransom.

Evans asked if the task force working on the single pole slalom / single gate giant slalom PowerPoint would complete that for the coming season and asked who is involved. Jill Firstbrook will chair with Grant Lindemer and they would recruit some others to work with them.

Dart complimented Bruce Crane and Walt Evans for the courses' education session that was produced.

Motion: To approve the report and action items therein for the Rules and Technical Subcommittee.

Slattery/Gassman/without objection

4.5. Program Subcommittee – Landstrom [38 min]

Landstrom thanked staff in particular Weinman. He thanked the chairs of his various working groups.

Dart noted that staff would be working with the NorAm committee to expand access to the NorAm series. The quotas may need to be reevaluated by executive depending on if those quotas are expanded.

Macartney expressed some concerns with the collegiate changes within the Eastern FIS-U series and there was discussion around those concerns.

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

Van Slyke/Evans/without objection

At this point in the meeting Dart and Macartney excused themselves to attend another meeting. Landstrom assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

4.6. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin reported that there were two successful meetings of the group; focusing on action not just reporting. That said there was good information from staff.

Evans suggested that action item 3 be amended to include a USSA Alpine Director discretionary quota of 6 boys and 6 girls to accommodate for regional differences. This was agreed to.

Kruger asked about action item 1 – if that would be implemented this year and the differences between different recommendations. Morin replied that the goal is to have something done for the coming season to not lose time and that staff (Riml, Nolting and the Regional Directors would work to have one set of guidelines from the various proposals.

Macartney asked about item 4 and if that would preclude an athlete from attending Whistler or Topolino on their own. Riml responded that yes all FIS international children's racing would be eliminated.

Motion: To approve the report and action items therein as amended (item 3 allowing for Director's quota) of the Development and Education subcommittee.

Perricone/Dwyer

4.7. Regional Committees – Perricone

Perricone reviewed the action items of the Western Region ACC and the Rocky/Central ACC.

Evans asked about the first motion from R/C ACC dealing with J3 Championship entry fee increase. The intent is that the entry fee would not increase more than 25% in the second year.

The East had no action items that would require Sport Committee action. Kirk Dwyer has resigned as the Chair of the Eastern ACC to be replaced by Connie Webster.

To approve the Regional report as amended to clarify the R/C ACC motion on the Vail Junior Championship entry fee.

Slattery/Morin/without objection

4.8. FIS – Winters

Winters reported on some of the issues that would be coming up during the meetings in Portoroz.

Evans asked about the Norwegian proposal for reducing the vertical drop for sprint downhill from 400 m to 350 m.

Motion: To approve the report as presented.

Slattery/Morin/without objection

5. Old business

There was no other old business to review.

6. New business

6.1. Congress planning 2012

Landstrom asked for feedback from participants to think about the Congress schedule. There is consideration for replacing the Wednesday evening Rules and Technical meeting with the opening ASC meeting where reporting and tasking would occur and the R&T meeting would not be replaced. He stated that he believes the courses education meeting was very good. There was discussion on what the best schedule could be particularly for the course development education session.

Patrick thanked everyone for their work and appreciates their efforts.

7. Comments from guests

There were no guest comments.

8. Closing remarks

Landstrom thanked everyone once again for their work during these meetings and throughout the year in support of alpine ski racing.

9. Time and place of next meeting

Congress 2012 currently scheduled May 8-13, 2012

10. Adjournment

11. Korfanta/Evans/without objection