

SKI JUMPING/NORDIC COMBINED SPORT COMMITTEE MINUTES

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May 16, 2009

Chair: Chuck Heckert

1. Chairman's Introduction

Chairman, Chuck Heckert, called the Committee to order and gave his opening comments, expressing his desire to have a lot of good work and planning toward good future solutions for the sports of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined.

2. Roll Call

The following members were present: Chuck Heckert, Dave Jarrett, John Farra, Todd Wilson, Matt Laue, and Alan Alborn. The following members were absent and excused: Art Togle, Jed Hinkley, and Matt Cook

Chairman Chuck Heckert declared a quorum and opened up for discussion the issue of replacing Matt Cook from the committee with Casey Colby for a two-year term. Motion made by Dave Jarrett; second by Alan Alborn; all in favor. Approved

3. Additions to the Agenda

Farra brought forward a discussion that we needed to establish some rules for summer/fall US Championships, especially related to the Nordic Combined event. It was agreed by voice vote that this could be tackled by the Officials' Subcommittee this summer.

No additional agenda items were brought forth and the agenda was **approved**.

4. Approval of Minutes, Spring Congress '08

Mr. Heckert called for the approval of the minutes, which were presented to the members approximately one month before the meeting. Upon a motion made by Todd Wilson and seconded by Alan Alborn, the minutes were **accepted**.

5. Proposals and Reports from the Officials Subcommittee (Chairman Matt Laue)

Proposal to replace J/NC rules with amended rules that were worked on and agreed upon by the Officials' Subcommittee with input from the Coaches' Subcommittee - A working group will finalize the rule changes and proper wording prior to publication in the Comp Guide. The major rule changes include an increase in the maximum JO entry fee to \$200, up from \$150, and the addition of the J1 category to the Junior Olympics. Upon a motion made by Matt Laue and seconded by Todd Wilson, the proposal was **accepted**.

Proposal to create a Working Group to discuss the creation of USSA Hills' homologation/certification guidelines and implementation process as soon as possible - Upon a motion made by Matt Laue and seconded by Dave Jarrett, the proposal was **accepted**.

6. Proposals and Reports from the Coaches' Subcommittee (Chairman Todd Wilson)

Proposal to add J1 category back into the JOs - Upon a motion made by Matt Laue and seconded by Todd Wilson, the proposal was **accepted**.

US Championships were discussed at length and much latitude was given to the Nordic Combined coaches in this Olympic Games season in deciding the right place and time to hold the event. It was decided to hold the US Championships for a second year in a row in Lake Placid on October 10, 2009. Farra and the USSA events department will work to confirm; this concept in negotiations with ORDA. This US Championships plan was supported by voice vote. **Accepted.**

The National Ranking List (NRL) design presented and tested during the 2009 season by Casey Colby was unanimously approved by voice vote for use in the 2010 season. See Appendix I for National Calendar of events. **Accepted**

7. Review term limits and election of open SJ/NC Sport Committee positions

Jed Hinkley and Alan Alborn expressed interest in remaining on the committee for two-year terms. Both were unchallenged and received unanimous voice support.

Dan Warner recently took over the Eastern Divisional Chair and in doing so made himself a candidate for the USSA Sport Committee. Proposal was made to replace Art Tokle with Dan Warner for a two year term. Majority vote confirmed this move.

Chairman Chuck Heckert's term was up and, while he would have considered staying on if needed by the committee; he welcomed other members of the SJ/NC community to come forward. Joe Holland made himself available as a candidate for the position of Chairman. Vote to elect Joe Holland to a two-year term as Chairman was unanimous.

New SJ/NC Sport Committee

Joe Holland	Chairman, IMD	(5-11)
John Farra	USSA Nordic Director	(by employment)
Dave Jarrett	USSA NC Coach	(by employment)
Matt Laue	Officials' sub-committee	(5-10)
Todd Wilson	Coaches' sub-committee	(5-10)
Art Tokle	Division Rep	(5-10)
Alan Alborn	Athlete Rep	(5-11)
Casey Colby	Athlete Rep	(5-11)
Jed Hinkley	Athlete Rep	(5-11)

Proposal to create one at-large position on the SJ/NC Sport Committee and then with the ten members in the Sport Committee we can discuss converting one athlete rep position into an at-large position. Unanimous voice vote approved this proposal. **Accepted.**

Farra since found out that change in committee structure will need to be presented at the Fall USSA Board meeting and he will follow up with Chairman Joe Holland at that time.

The Committee unanimously approved Chuck Heckert for an At-large position on the Committee if it becomes available, and further expressed its goal of adding a woman to the committee. Blair Thompson was discussed as a prime candidate for future committee positions.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place in May 14, 2010 in Park City.

9. Adjournment of Committee

Motion to adjourn made by Dave Jarrett, second by Matt Laue. Approved.

APPENDIX I

2010 USSA JUMPING/NORDIC COMBINED CALENDAR DRAFT

Date	Location	Jumping	Nordic Combined	Comments
Jul. 3	Lake Placid, NY	K90		LP summer event
Jul. 4	Steamboat, CO	HS75	NC Mass Start	July 4 th event
Jul. 22-26	Park City, UT	K10, K20, K40, K64, K90, K120	running NC	SpringerTournee
Aug. 1-2	Calgary	K64	running NC	SpringerTournee
Sept. 19-20	Chicago, IL	K70 x 2		Norge SuperTour (NRL x 2)
Oct. 10-11	Lake Placid, NY	K90 x 2	NC roll	US Championships (NRL) & Falling Leaves (NRL)
Dec. 5	Steamboat, CO	K114	7.5km	Winter Start event
Dec. 12-13	Park City, UT	HS100	10km	COC-NC Event
Dec. 19-20	Lake Placid	HS100	10km	COC-NC Event
Dec. 23	Steamboat, CO	LH	10km	NC OWG Trials
Dec. 29-30	Lake Placid	K120, K90	Sprint 10km	SuperTour (NRL) JWC Trials
Jan. 1-3	Lake Placid	K120, K90	10km	NAJC - JWC Trials
Jan. 22-23	Eau Claire	K88		5 Hills Tour - SuperTour NRL
Jan. 27	Ishpeming	K90		5 Hills Tour - SuperTour NRL
Jan. 30-31	Iron Mountain	K120		COCJ Men
Jan. 30-31	Chicago, IL	K70		5 Hills Tour – Norge SuperTour NRL
Feb. 3	Minneapolis	K70		5 Hills Tour - SuperTour NRL
Feb. 6 -7	Westby, WI	K114		5 Hills Tour - SuperTour NRL
Feb. 13-14	Brattleboro, VT	HS98		Brattleboro SuperTour Finals NRL
Mar. 3-6	Steamboat, CO	HS75	Individual Team	Junior Olympics