

USSA CONGRESS 2003 – MEETING MINUTES/REPORTS

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USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Executive Committee

USSA
Park City, Utah

Wednesday, May 14, 2003
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

MEMBERS:

Bill Slattery - Chair	<u>Present</u>
Bob Dart - Vice-Chair/Program Chair	<u>Present</u>
Bruce Crane - Rules and Technical Chair	<u>Present</u>
Kirk Dwyer - Development Chair	<u>Present</u>
Walt Evans - Competition Director	<u>Present</u>
Jesse Hunt - Alpine Director	<u>Present</u>
Darryl Landstrom - Regional Chair	<u>Present</u>
Chris Puckett - Athlete Representative	<u>Excused</u>
Tom Winters - Ex-officio *	<u>Present</u>
Jeff Weinman - Secretary *	<u>Present</u>

* Non-Voting

GUESTS:

Alan Ashley	Karen Korfanta	Leland Sosman
Robert Calderwood	Molly Laramie	Carrie Stiegler
Lester Keller	Tim Maguire	Dave Tengdin
Tom Kelly	Brewster McVicker	Jim Tschabrun

1. Call to order
Slattery called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. Review and approval of agenda
Motion 1: To approve the agenda
Approved without objection
3. Review and approval of minutes
Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the Fall Executive Committee meeting as presented.
Approved without objection
4. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule
 - A. Review alpine materials and handouts
Evans welcomed those in attendance and reviewed the materials in the meeting book.
 - B. Appointment of recording secretaries, strategy and procedures for minutes
Evans asked that the Chairs ask a member of their groups to develop minutes and forward them to Weinman.
5. Action item and critical issue review

A. Executive Committee

1) Executive report

Evans reviewed the Executive Report as presented in the meeting materials. Ashley reviewed the plan for increasing membership fees. Tom Kelly added that the goal in the future would be to present fee increases at the fall meetings for implementation the following season, i.e. present in Fall 2003 for season 2004/2005 implementation. Evans reviewed the proposed 2003/2004 fee structure. Evans also reviewed the Alpine FIS Report as provided in the materials.

2) ASC operating procedures

Slattery noted that the ASC operating procedures and the review of terms and appointments would be reviewed by a closed session of Alpine Executive for presentation to the ASC.

3) Review terms and appointments

See above.

4) Awards

Slattery noted that the Alpine nominees are in the Executive report as reviewed above. The Awards committee met and reviewed the nominees for selection.

5) Alpine Judicial Committee

Slattery noted that there was no interim action. There were some violations that were dealt with by Staff but not appealed.

6) Academic-scholastic Task Force

Landstrom stated there was nothing to report.

B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Crane reviewed some of the items that would be coming up in his Subcommittee.

C. Programs Subcommittee

Dart reviewed some of the items that would be coming up in his Subcommittee. The Collegiate Working Group would be meeting during this Congress for the first time in many years. The goal will be to reenergize this group to help better integrate the collegiate community in to USSA.

D. Development Subcommittee

Dwyer reviewed some of the items that would be coming up in his Subcommittee.

E. Regional Subcommittee

Landstrom noted that this will be the first real meeting of the Regional Subcommittee in some time. The goal will be to reenergize this group to help bring concerns forward to the ASC.

F. FIS

Winters reviewed some of the issues from FIS aside from those already covered by Evans

G. Athletes

Puckett was not available to make a report. Evans noted that along with Ashley and Hunt, he had a lunch meeting with the athlete reps, except Puckett, on 5/13/03 to introduce them to the issues. In addition to Puckett, the athlete representatives to the ASC are Heidi Voelker-Brenwald, Geoff Bucheister and Elisha Stephens.

6. Staff update

Ashley noted his pleasure with the athletic performance of all of the teams in all USSA sports. Ashley is focusing the athletic department on 1. Elite athlete programs, working to be sure the USA programs are at least as good as any other nation. Beginning to work with the Univ.

of CO's aerospace division to work on ski structures and race suit design. Working with Univ. of UT on sports psychology. 2. Sports Science has been a major focus to help develop systems to structure the utilization of resources and development of education materials. 3. National Development system in every sport to develop a common system top to bottom providing resources to athletes that would not otherwise be available. And 4. Coaches Education has really become a focus with Finn Gundersen and Dave McCann setting up a business plan that will help to drive Coaches Education. Andy Walsh is now in charge of both Sports Science and Coaches Education.

Ashley touched on funding and the challenges being faced by the company in its efforts to raise money both from private donors and corporate marketing. We have been fortunate to remain flat in our private donor money, but the real challenge is with corporate dollars in this poor economic environment. All the departments have had to reduce budgets but the goals of the company remain the same.

A. Teams

Hunt reviewed the current Team staff structure.

B. Domestic

Evans reviewed the current Domestic staff structure. There are reports from all the Domestic staff available in the meeting materials. Evans thanked Weinman for his work on the materials.

7. Old business

Slattery touched on a concern from PNSA regarding J4 ability to score points. This will flow through the Regional Subcommittee.

8. New business

9. Adjournment

**Motion 3: To adjourn
Without Objection**

Description	Action Items	Information Items	Routing	Desired Outcome
Alpine Awards Nominations		Alpine Club of the Year – NYSEF Alpine Development Coach of the Year – TBA Alpine International Coach of the Year – TBA Tom Reynolds Lifetime Achievement – TBA Beck International Award – Bode Miller John J Clair Jr Award – Gary Black Bud and Mary Little Award – Allen Church Buddy Werner Award – Kirsten Clark Russell Wilder Award – Dan Marshall		ASC Executive has approved these nominations in order to expedite the process. These nominations are forwarded from alpine to the BOD for recognition.
Revamp Development / Education Subcommittee	Jeff Byrne, Education Chair, and Kirk Dwyer, Development Chair, will be reviewing the structure of the Dev. / Ed. Subcommittee with the intent of eliminating both of the current Working Groups and addressing all issues directly within the Subcommittee. The reformed Subcommittee will address critical development and education issues. Positions of the Subcommittee will be addressed during the Congress.		Executive Committee and Development / Education Subcommittee	Implementation
Calendar Working Group	Calendar development has evolved into a staff driven function between the events department and domestic alpine departments within USSA. The Calendar Working Group will be eliminated. Staff will report on the calendar as part of the normal reporting process.		Executive Committee and Programs Subcommittee	Implementation
Increase USSA Membership Dues		Due to financial realities within USSA, particularly insurance costs, member dues in all categories except Youth, Officials and Coaches will be going up. Additional information is forthcoming.		
Provisional FIS Processing Fee		The staff burden for processing a Provisional FIS is the same as a full FIS Inscription. Beginning season 2003/2004, a processing fee of \$25 will be assessed for this service.		
Foreign Participation in non-FIS USSA Events		ALL participants (competitors, officials and coaches) who participate in non-FIS USSA sanctioned events must be members of USSA in the appropriate category. This is a risk management issue and needs to be strictly controlled.		

Multi Category Events		<p>Procedures and Clarification: For USSA sanctioned events where some competitors are racing for points and others are not, the race organizer is recommended to calendar both a Scored and Non-Scored event. If a second sanction agreement is not processed, then head tax must be paid on every starter in the Scored event, even if they are a Youth member. This is the same as in the past when Student members competed in Scored events and had head tax due.</p>		
Elimination of Foreign Athlete Membership Waivers		<p>It is no longer possible for USSA to waive Competitor memberships for elite foreign athletes attending a USA university or college.</p>		
Alpine Equipment Control		<p>It is recommended that skis, boots and standheight be controlled at all Nor Am and National Championship events. Control procedures of equipment at FIS and USSA level events is under review.</p>		
Prize Money		<p>Current ASC policy provides the opportunity, upon request, for FIS race organizers to provide prize money not to be greater Nor Am levels. Staff is reviewing the possibility of a prize money initiative for the spring series in order to stimulate top-level performances from all athletes attending.</p>		
Archived Athlete Points	<p>1. Reactivate points previously earned by athletes eared for athletes born in 1990, 1991, 1992 etc. when they become eligible for Alpine Competitor memberships. 2. Apply all annual fall adders to previously eared points. Note: In the conversion to the current membership structure, many athletes were disadvantaged for money and time previously spent to earn points. Reactivating these points is the fairest thing to do. This change will not allow new points to be eared by Youth members.</p>		Classification Working Group	Approval
FIS Points List		<p>FIS is adding two lists to its points list schedule for the 2003/2004 season. Also beginning in 2003/2004 FIS results will be valid for 15 months, which is a change from the current 12 months.</p>		

USSA Points List	The USSA points list schedule will need to be adjusted to take the new FIS schedule into account.				To reflect the new FIS points schedule
Timing Requirements			Beginning in season 2003/2004 FIS will require homologated devices for the start (start wand) and finish (photocells). The list of homologated equipment continues to be available on both the FIS and USSA websites.		
Alpine Calendar			Please review the attached schedule, in particular the planned dates of the new J2 National Championships.		
J2 National Championships	Quotas for J2 National Championships are proposed to be: 1. USST Automatic 2. 20 men / 15 women per region 3. 10 men / 7 women NDS picked last			Quotas Working Group	Approval
Controlling FIS Entry Nominations	In an effort to streamline the selection process for FIS events the following limitations are proposed to begin in season 2003/2004: 1. All Nor Ams 120 FIS points or fewer in one of the disciplines to be contested 2. CAN National Championships 120 FIS points or fewer in one of the disciplines to be contested 3. CAN FIS 120 FIS points or fewer in one of the disciplines to be contested 4. Out of division FIS or FIS-U 120 USSA points or fewer in on the disciplines to be contested Note: remember, all nominations for selections flow through the appropriate regional staff person. Development nominations are not bound by these criteria.			Quotas Working Group	Approval
World Junior Championship Criteria Review			Current criteria need to be reviewed for particular attention to new FIS list dates and deadlines and well as the Nor Am Cup calendar.	Quotas Working Group	

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USSA Alpine Rules & Technical Subcommittee

RECORD OF MAY 2003 MEETING
(REPORT TO THE ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE)

Call to Order; Attendance/proxies; Rules of Order; Reporting Procedures
Present, Excused, Guests

Review and adoption of the Program and Agenda

Review and Approval of the Record (Summary) of the Previous Meeting

Reports (Summaries and additions to written reports)

Chairman

Competition Services staff

Senior FIS representative

Rules and Technical working group chairs

Issues Identification and Orientation

Rules Review

USSA Awards

Planning

Recess for working group and task force meetings

Recap of Tuesday evening Rules & Technical subcommittee session; incomplete items

Reports and Action Items from R&T working groups

Classification (report/minutes attached)

1. Archival and recovery of USSA points previously earned as J4s

To approve proposal from staff for recovery of archived JIV points, with inactivity penalties

2. Alternate start order procedures

To approve USCSA/RMC proposal, subject to favorable review by the chairman

3. Closing and valid dates for USSA points lists 2003-2004

To approve the proposed schedule of USSA lists (8 lists coordinated with FIS list issues) and to empower staff to adjust as necessary if any changes to FIS list schedule (Note: except for first list, USSA lists will close on a Monday for Wednesday issue/Thursday validity.)

4. Other classification items

Consensus support of staff proposals/policies regarding 1) \$25 fee for provisional FIS number requests, 2) no exceptions to requirement of USSA membership for all participants in USSA sanctioned competitions, 3) multi-category events sanctioned and administered as an event for each involved category, ie. J1, 2, 3 and Youth, both M&F = a scored race and a not-scored race for each gender

Proposals not approved: 1) single penalty, rather than normal inactivity penalty, applied to USSA downhill points of Far West competitors, 2) weekly update of USSA points

Report and discussion of FIS activities and issues: lists schedule, 15-month validity of results, Entry League

Officials

Education (report/minutes attached)

5. Time limits for completion of Alpine Officials certification examinations

To establish exam time limits as proposed and circulated for review in season 2002-2003, to be applied for the 2003-2004 season and reviewed in spring 2004.

6. Review of USSA Competition Regulations for concept and publication format

To request formation of an ad hoc committee (task force) to evaluate the concept and format of distribution of the USSA Competition Regulations, for report in spring 2004.

(Note: there also is a current project underway to review the USSA Comp Regs for clarity, consistency and parallel structure to FIS ICR, for inclusion in 2004 Comp Guide. Any and all substantive changes proposed would be appropriately routed for approval.)

7. Other Alpine Officials' Education Items

Discussion of distribution of materials and information; increasing use of CDs and internet

Discussion of "Alpine 101" (IMD web site), Competition Officials level 1 materials, and other introductory pieces, and the potential for further development and distribution of such

USSA TDs

8. USSA Comp Regs - 2.1.2.3.9 – further definition in regard to Chief of Medical Services

To amend the USSA Competition Regulations to add to 2.1.2.3.9: "The Chief of Medical must work closely with the Jury and particularly the Technical Delegate, keeping them informed as to the nature and disposition of any injury."

(Note: The Chief of Medical and Rescue Services already is defined as a part of the Organizing Committee and subject to the authority of the Jury for Field-of-Play activities.)

9. Equipment regulations: testing of boot sole thickness

To endorse the prototype device demonstrated by Bob Calderwood as a tool for screening purposes (education)

10. Other USSA TDs Items

Discussion of concerns regarding B-nets; referred to Alpine Courses WG

Noted continuing dialogue with Alpine Masters community regarding TDs, Referees

USA FIS TDs

11. No specific action items forwarded for ASC attention at this time

12. Other USA FIS TDs Items

Customary review of the past season, problems and issues; discussion of aspirants and candidates nomination and experience requirements; discussion of FIS items and issues

Alpine Officials (report/minutes attached, including list of upgrades per item 13)

13. Level 3 and Level 4 TDs and Level 4 officials in other specialty areas, Level 5

To approve the recommendations of the USSA TD WG and of the divisional representatives

Rules and Technical motion relating to Alpine Officials WG and component WGs

14. Equipment regulations

Resolved that measuring devices, that is the currently available 'calipers', and eventually boot sole thickness measuring devices, be made widely available, in particular to USSA staff, coaches and club programs

Timing (report/minutes attached)

15. Timing Technical Report Forms

To adopt the FIS process for the evaluation of USSA TTR forms, for the purpose of evaluation, with organizers (and TDs) to be contacted when definite educational need is identified

Course Approvals

Note: Alpine Courses Working Group met following adjournment of the Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting and therefore did not report or present action items for approval. Most business was internal and operational – business as usual. There are no items forwarded to the ASC for action.

Discussion re Entry League and possibilities for new homologation requests. Clarification that suitable sections of courses already homologated for that discipline could be used; TDs to control technical requirements and suitability. Or, new courses could be homologated on an exceptional basis specifically for Entry League races.

There was considerable discussion of the growing concerns of potential B-net deterioration in normal use, due to environmental exposure and handling. There are many factors involved with B-net functioning, not only tensile strength on direct impact. Owners and other users need to be aware and to track usage and any obvious signs of degradation, not only for nets but also for poles and fasteners. Retired net systems must either be disposed of or identified clearly as no longer for use. There is no further direction from FIS or USSA experts at this time; manufacturers and suppliers are aware and have been approached for input.

Projects, issues and consideration of action Items (if not addressed in working group reports)

Items from Competition Services staff

'Old business' and 'On-going'

Discussions regarding attraction and recruitment of entry-level officials and volunteers; no specific action at this time. This is an important issue for Rules and Technical SC and WGs and will continue to appear on meeting agendas and in tasked assignments.

Discussion regarding communications difficulties, both within the Rules and Technical community and from leadership. Although no specific action at this time, R&T SC chair was asked to discuss this issue with staff in order to identify areas open to improvement, including but not limited to further development of ussa.org, inclusion of additional references and wider distribution of CDs, and timely reporting of FIS information.

New Items

Planning items

Continue development of a pipeline depiction to show 'clear path'

Continue review of certification matrix, especially in reference to the pipeline and to coaches and referees education.

Other business

Routing of post-meeting action items

Subcommittee, working group and task force composition and responsibilities

16. Rules and Technical Subcommittee Structure and Procedures

WG chair elections:

AO Education: Thelma Hoessler

USSA TDs: Bob Calderwood

USA FIS TDs: Tom Winters

At-large appointments, approved by the subcommittee:

Gary Wright, Karen Korfanta, Bill Gaylord

Task force assignments and ad hoc committees:

Interface with Alpine Education

Ingrid Simonson

Review of USSA Comp Regs

Gary Wright, J Leland Sosman

Pipeline, certification matrix

Ingrid Simonson, Esther Delliquadri,
Gary Wright, Karen Korfanta, Bill Gaylord

Next meeting

USSA Congress, spring 2004

Adjournment

17. To adjourn

FIS Committee: Alpine Classification Subcommittee (incorporating Data Users Working Group)
Date and site of meeting: 2 May 2003, 0800; Strasbourg, FRA
Report submitted by: Bruce A. Crane, regular member

Initiatives for Meeting, Issues from the Agenda:

Correction of schedule for FIS points lists, Addition of list at end-March/begin-April
Schedule based on issue of new list each month of winter; addition of two lists – total of eight for season 2003-2004, including list at begin-Dec and at early April, issue date for last list to be reviewed by staff

Changes to the Rules of the FIS Points to simplify, clarify, moderate penalties for inactivity, injury, etc
Duration of the validity of results increased from twelve months to fifteen months (racer always will have one year plus one additional period in which to score better results)
Better definition of double penalties in case of no valid results and setting of maximum value of penalties

Twenty-five FIS start limitation for 1st year FIS juniors
No change in application of the rule for 2002-2003 results: extra starts not counted for FIS points
For 2003-2004, maximum of 25 starts in GS/SI; Dh/SG will not be counted against the 25 total (subject to FIS Council approval of modification of FIS Congress actions)

'Entry League' FIS races
Based on review, minimum penalties changed to 50.00 points; ongoing review with possible adjustment
Successful for GS/SI in 2002-2003; to be continued and extended to Dh/SG in 2003-2004
Minimum vertical drop for Dh 400 meters (350 meters for two-runs), for men SG 350 meters
May be done on portion of existing Dh/SG homologation, or an appropriate new exceptional homologation

Timing Technical Report Form to be part of Technical Delegate Report and required for scoring of races
Requested by Timing Working Group to provide mechanism for control of timing and report requirements

Key Information Points, Notes and Comments:

Schedule for FIS Points List activities 2003-2004 accompanies this report (PDF file)
(FIS staff to revisit valid date of 6th list; intention to move one week earlier, depending on races' calendar)

Summary of changes to the Rules of the FIS Points accompanies this report (PDF file)
(Proposed change to adder rules for two-run downhills – 4.4.10 – no negative, minimal positive impact)

Original proposal for amendment of the 25-start rule made by NOR; USA proposal endorsed by Subcomm

Alpine Executive promoting Entry League concept; ENL Dh/SG have potential advantages for USA in building of calendars and athlete development ladder to include speed disciplines when/where appropriate

Timing WG sees need for 'teeth' in the requirements, noting problems with reports and timing for 40% of races, 20% of these being critical to credibility of results; others expressed concern about potential impact of clerical problems on evaluation of athletic performance in cases of errors being only in the reporting

Data Users/Transmission WG incorporated with Classification Subcommittee, driven by FIS staff
Electronic Data handling has become very successful and reliable, providing improved services to athletes, teams, nations; electronic management of TD and Timing reports being considered as next step

FIS points to be scored on qualification races for European Cup "knock out" slaloms
"Precisions" to be distributed and on the FIS web site as soon as possible following the FIS Council meetings

Other items of interest to USA were not seen as issues or in need of discussion and action at this time: Lowry formula for scoring combined at US Championships, University start order using series points, etc

Specific information for Staff:

Special quotas: S Hemi: both/all nations must agree, in principal OK, advise FIS; for N Hemi winter: proposals to FIS office prior to fall meetings (also, requests for exceptions to scoring period)

Key elements in transmitted results file: 4-digit Codex, correct gender, correct season of race, athlete codes, athlete names spelled as per FIS list; receipt of fax of TD report (for coming season, web site will show status of verified/not verified based on TD report; 'not verified' will not be included in 5th list and following)

Race results transmittal file to FIS needs to be the XML portion only, not also the matrix formatted data (implications for USSA systems and for TD/organizer review and control of file before transmission)

Next meeting: 2-4 October 2003, Zurich, SUI
Special quotas, rules precisionings, USSA JII Champs as NJR

FIS Committee: Alpine Courses Subcommittee and Technical Advisor Working Group
Date and site of meeting: 1 May 2003, 15:00; Strasbourg, FRA
Report submitted by: Ted Sutton, Alpine Courses Subcommittee member, and Bruce A. Crane, Technical Advisor coordinator for USA; also attending: Nelson Bennett and Robert Calderwood, Inspectors

Initiatives for Meeting:

USSA had identified no particular initiatives or issues for this meeting. Normal business of the spring meeting is presentation and discussion of reports from FIS staff and a review of the status of homologation work in progress. (USA inspectors are in process of organizing necessary work for submission fall 2003.)

There was no discussion or action taken on use of GPS/GIS technology, homologations for ENL races, review and revision of ICR section regarding homologation.

Key Information Points, Notes and Comments:

Chairman reported that situation with development of racers' equipment and technical abilities and corresponding needs in regard to course specifications and preparations has improved.

Chairman noted that inspectors could request termination of homologations in cases where conditions of the approval had not been achieved and/or changes had been made.

Men's FIS Race Director Helmut Schmaltzle reported on his experiences of the season:

- no particular problems with supplementing of A nets (doubled, B-net in front); each situation is different and there will be different solutions; weather and snow conditions always important factors
- fatigue level of racers is important factor regardless of the actual length or time of the course
- color/dye marking the course is very positive, does require equipment, good people and sufficient time;
- marking used on sides and over terrain, not to indicate the racing line; pine boughs still have appropriate uses: fast, straight sections, in case of continuing snowfall
- equipment will continue to evolve even with the new controls from FIS and the industry, although change will perhaps be at a lesser rate, giving athletes time to adapt

Suppliers (Alpina) again expressed concern about modifications and supplements of A nets; who is responsible for function of the net when it is changed ?; does the FIS Technical Advisors' report function as a "rule" or as a "recommendation" or as a "request" ?; should there be further and precise standards ?

Very important to provide for sufficient space behind for net systems to function

Considerable discussion of degradation of B-net materials due to environmental factors, resulting in failure of the netting at the knots

Lab testing indicates 300 hrs of UV exposure can result in 30% degradation of tensile strength of polyethylene materials

- nylon treated to reject moisture has less degradation, but is heavier and more expensive
- other factors play important roles in success of B-net installations, not only netting strength
- effectively, no common 'language', protocols, procedures for analysis or standards for retirement
- sites need to be aware and set up own procedures to control and replace protection materials

Although there was no specific report or action items, it was noted that the interest of the Alpine Executive Committee to include Dh and SG in the new Entry League concept might mean additional activity in order to provide for necessary homologations (Dh 400m, 350x2runs; M SG 350m to be minimums)

Alpine Courses Subcommittee and Technical Advisors' Working Group meetings were fully integrated. These two groups have met in conjunction at recent sessions, and the agenda was full integrated for this meeting.

Specific information for Staff:

Advertising on A-nets: no change in guidelines or approach by FIS profis: if on slip skirt must function as slip skirt; if above slip skirt, must not effect function of net, must have safe fastening; either location must be maintained/repared/replaced; best for either use would be imprinted rather than attached

Next meeting: Zurich, SUI, 1-4 Oct 2003:

- Submission of homologation reports and review; identification of Congress proposals/issues
- Assignment for official FIS Technical Advisor inspections

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World Cup

TD 6
Ch R ?
Others ?

National Champs
Nor-Ams

TD 6
Ch R; Ch TC ?
RA/DM, Ch C; St/Fin ?

Regional FIS
FIS-Uni

TD 6
Ch R; Ch TC ?
RA/DM, Ch C; St/Fin ?

Jr Olympic Champs
Masters Champs

TD 3
Ch R; Ch TC ?
RA/DM, Ch C; St/Fin ?

USSA Scored Races
Masters Races

TD 2 or 3
Ch R 2 or 3 (one Jury must be 3)
Ch TC; RA/DM, Ch C; St/Fin 1 or ?

USSA Youth Races

TD 1
Ch R ?
Ch TC; RA/DM, Ch C; St/Fin ?

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Mountain View
Thursday, May 15, 2003
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Charlie Burnham

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by the chair.
2. Review meeting plan and organization
The chair explained that this one-hour morning meeting is an attempt to reduce repetition at these meetings, by having the time devoted solely to divisional reports.
3. Roll call and determination of voting members
Paul van Slyke is the new Eastern representative. Mark Megerth, who was not present, is the new Northern representative. Sue Johnson is the new PNSA representative. Alaska was not represented.
4. Divisional reports: As per voting member
Paul van Slyke, Eastern: Raised the issue of deterioration of B-nets.
Grant Lindemer, Central: AO program is strong.
Esther DelliQuadri, Rocky: RMSRO has had a drop in membership to about 200.
Steve Schowengerdt, IMD: IMD is creating an AO Committee with geographic representation.
Phil GilanFarr, Far West: AO program is strong.
Sue Johnson, PNSA: They have tried, successfully, a combined alpine/snowboard clinic. PNSA is concerned about enforcement of equipment regulations. PNSA needs to recruit new TD's.
No reports from Northern or Alaska.
5. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

Ivers
The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2003
09:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Minutes

Working Group Members Present:

Thelma Hoessler	Chairperson	Charlie Burnham	Rocky Mountain
Grant Lindemer	Central	Gary Wright	(Non-Voting)
Stan Goldschmidt	East	Bob Calderwood	Ex-Officio
Don Page	East	Bill Gaylord	Ex-Officio
Phil GilanFarr	Far West	Tom Winters	Ex-Officio
Randy Rogers	PNSA		

1. Call To Order and Introductions

- Called to order at 09:15 AM
- Voting members identified.
- Scott Young – Alaska, Anna McIntyre – East and Sheryl Schowengerdt – Intermountain not present.
- Northern representative has not been named.

MOTION 1: To recognize Jordan Ginsberg – East, Steve Schowengerdt – Intermountain and Paul Mahre – Northern as voting representatives for the respective Divisions for this meeting.

M/S/C Lindemer/Page/Unanimous

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2: To accept Agenda with amendments as deemed necessary by Chair.

M/S/C Page/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes of 15 May 2002

MOTION 3: To accept Minutes of meeting of 15 May 2002 as submitted.

M/S/C Gaylord/Page/Unanimous

4. Chair's Report

- 2002-2003 season goals accomplished as information became available.
- 2002-2003 items of interest and 2002-2004 changes discussed.
- Former Canadian FIS TD Commissioner David Pym's invaluable assistance with preparation of USSA Alpine Officials' teaching materials recognized.
- Excellence of USSA Competition Staff, Jennifer Minson, Cath O'Donnell and Jeff Weinman noted.
- Cooperation and assistance of Sheryl Fine and entire membership staff commended.

5. USSA Staff Report

- Jeff Weinman reported on proposed changes to Competition Guide.
- Finn Gunderson reported on proposed changes to coaches' education format.

- Sheryl Fine reported on USSA on-line membership verification capability, availability of on-line club rosters that can be accessed with USSA member club identification numbers and the possibility of on-line registration and renewal capabilities.

6. Divisional Reports

- Request from PNSA regarding coaches' education will be addressed.
- Request from East regarding possibility of establishing a web-based Alpine Officials' Update program discussed. Stan Goldschmidt will create a web site dedicated to this project and will make a report at the 2004 Congress.
- No problems reported or requests received from other Divisions.

7. Old Business

A. Alpine Officials' Manual – Update and Distribution

- Continue distribution on Alpine Officials' CD and posting on USSA website.

B. Alpine Officials' Course Materials and Publications – Update and Distribution

- Continue printing and mailing from Santa Fe, NM.

C. Race Course Maintenance Video

- No update available or scheduled.
- Version currently in circulation is no longer valid for use as an Alpine Officials' education tool. References to it will be removed from all teaching materials and an effort will be made to advise clubs of the situation.

D. Alpine Officials' Certification

1) Alpine Officials' Certification Guidelines discussed.

- No problems reported regarding application of Guidelines.
- Assignment of Competition Official certification levels for officials with previous certification in other specialty areas at discretion of State/Division AO Chairs.
- Examination criteria discussed.

MOTION 4: To raise passing grade for all examinations to 80%.

M/S/F Rogers/Calderwood/4 in favor; 6 against

- ###### 2) No request for re-alignment of Start/Finish Referee received. Teaching materials will be carefully monitored to address this group.

E. Appeal of Failed Exams

- Revised appeal procedure discussed and amended.
- Appeal procedure (as attached) will be presented to Alpine Officials' Committee.

F. AOEWG and Coaches' Education

- List of State/Division AO Chairs will be supplied to Finn Gunderson.
- Ingrid Simonson will serve as a liaison between Coaches' Education and AOEWG.

8. New Business:

A. IMD: Alpine 101

- Creation and format of Alpine 101 discussed by Steve Schowengerdt.
- Steve Schowengerdt's outstanding contribution to the education of Alpine Officials recognized.
- Jeff Weinman will consider possibility of direct link from ussa.org to Alpine 101.

B. Distribution Plan for Master Packet of USSA/FIS Forms

- Hard copies of master packet of USSA/FIS forms will no longer be distributed. Forms will be included on the CD provided to all Alpine Officials and will also be posted on the USSA website.
- Effort will be made to post certain forms in a non-zipped format for easier accessibility.
- Gate Judge "Fault/No Fault" cards will be furnished by USSA when the current stock of "Fault Only" cards is depleted.
- Report by the Referee forms will be furnished by USSA only as 2-part forms.

C. Update of USSA Competition Regulations

- Steve Schowengerdt will deliver update draft to AOEWG Chair by June 1.
- Draft will be delivered to Bruce Crane, Bob Calderwood, Charlie Burnham and Jeff Weinman for approval and inclusion in 2004 Competition Guide.

MOTION 5: The AOEWG recommends an Ad hoc Committee be established by the Alpine Rules & Tech Committee to evaluate the format of production of the USSA Alpine Competition Regulations and the Competition Guide. The Committee is to issue a report at the 2004 Congress.

M/S/C Gaylord/Page/Unanimous

D. Examination Time Limits

MOTION 6: That examinations' time limits are accepted as proposed for the 2003-2004 season and will be readdressed at the 2004 Congress.

M/S/C Page/Schowengerdt/Unanimous

E. Changes to Working Group

- Anna McIntyre – East has retired. Chuck Hughes has been appointed to the position.
- Anna McIntyre's outstanding dedication and contribution to the sport noted. Her service to the Alpine Officials' community has been an inspiration for everyone.

F. Election of Chair

MOTION 7: That nominations close and Thelma Hoessler be unanimously elected to serve as Chair of the USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group for another 2-year term.

M/A/S/C Gaylord/Page/Rogers/Unanimous

9. Discussion

A. USSA.org

- Website format discussed.

B. FIS ftp Site: Mysql, FIS List and FIS Calendar

- Installation and use of Mysql, the FIS List and FIS Calendar discussed.

10. Other Business

- No additional business discussed.

11. Adjournment

MOTION 8: To adjourn at 11:25 AM.

M/S/C Rogers/Burnham/Unanimous

APPEAL OF AN OFFICIAL'S FAILING EXAMINATION GRADE

That policy for appeal of an official's failing examination grade as previously adopted has been revised as follows:

If after consultation with the examiner and/or the applicable State/Division Alpine Officials' Chairperson, a candidate wishes to file an appeal of a failing examination grade, the following procedure must be followed:

1. An appeal of the failing examination grade shall be presented to the applicable State/Division Alpine Officials' Chairperson. This appeal must be presented in writing within thirty (30) days of written notification of the failure and must include a \$50.00 appeal fee. This fee is refundable if the appeal is successful.
2. The State/Division Alpine Officials' Chairperson shall remove the name of the appellant. An appeal identification number shall be inserted, and copies of all examination documents shall be forwarded to the USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group Chairperson.
3. The USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group Chairperson shall review the examination and forward copies of the examination documents to two (2) additional alpine officials outside of the appellant's State/Division/Region who are qualified to administer/evaluate the examination in question.
4. Appellant and applicable State/Division Alpine Officials' Chairperson will be notified in writing of the decision reached by these parties.
5. Decision will be final and no further appeal will be accepted.

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Regional Subcommittee

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2003
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Report

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

The regional sub-committee met on Thursday May 15 from 10AM-12:30PM. Regional representatives in attendance were:

East: Jeff Pier, Horst Weber

R/C: Darryl Landstrom, Roger Perricone (representing of Olin Armstrong)

West: Bill Gunesh, Beat Hufner

Staff: Tim McGuire - East, Cindy Carlson/Darlene Nolting - R/C, Lester Keller - West, Walt Evans - Competition Director

This was the first scheduled formal meeting during Congress and was well attended including approximately 25 guests. The agenda, copy included in Congress books, had been circulated prior to the meeting so all representatives were prepared to address specific Regional review items. The intention was to conduct an open forum meeting to allow for free-flow of comments from the committee members, staff and guests.

The Regional Chairs/Competition Directors reviewed respective population data, fee structures, registration procedures, calendaring integration with 03-04 National FIS venues and specific competition/development programs. It is encouraging to note that membership growth projections are consistent with national. It was also interesting to note the significant population that participate in high school and collegiate competitions that are not USSA competition or student license holders. This presents a major opportunity to expand membership providing USSA visibility and benefits offer compelling advantages to this group of athletes, coaches and volunteers. It is interesting to note that the non-USSA high school population in Oregon alone is approximately 1,000 athletes and USCSA total membership represents approximately 4,000 with less than 10% licensed competitors!

Sheryl Fine and Walt Evans presented the proposed fee structure for 03-04. The committee suggested that membership services specifically address the insurance impact on membership fees so that applicants have a clear understanding of the need for this proposed adjustment if approved. On-line membership verification is now available. In addition, staff introduced on-line club roster data that will be available to club members this calendar year. USSA Membership Services currently collects divisional and state dues from approximately 12 entities and encourage all participating entities to utilize this service in 03-04. It should be noted that there is not a processing charge for this service. The chair requested staff to collect dues/fees/head tax data from each region to integrate with the membership database.

The sub-committee was disappointed to learn that the proposal to FIS to exempt speed events to the 1st year J2 25 start maximum was not approved and encourages our FIS representatives to continue to pursue this initiative.

There were not any action items, however, Nigel Loring - Alpine Director PNSA, submitted a discussion paper to address their request to re-instate the late season scoring for J4's, copy attached. Walt Evans and I reconvened with Nigel, Bill Gunesh and other PNSA representatives again that evening for further review. It was agreed that Nigel would present this to the PNSA ACC and, if determined appropriate, as an action item to the ASC next spring.

The WACC and RCACC met subsequent to the Regional Sub-Committee meeting, minutes attached. There were not any action items requiring ASC review. However, it should be noted that each committee did approve quota selection processes for the J2 National Championship, R/C Regional Championship FIS and the WR J1/2 Junior Olympics.

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Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

In attendance: Darryl Landstrom, Horst Weber, Jeff Pier, Beat Hupfer, Bill Gunesch, Roger Perricone (for Olin Armstrong)

Guests: Walt Evans, Tony Nunnikoven, Lester Keller, Crawford Pierce, Dave Hjerleid, David Waller, Ruben Macaya, Darlene Nolting, Sue Johnson, Carrie Stiegler, Kevin Kelleher, Tim Maguire, Robert Dart, Molly Laramie, Brewster McVicker, Jim Tschabrun, Doug Williams, Dave Galusha, Karen Korfanta, Cindy Carlson

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
2. Review and adoption of agenda
approved
3. Membership populations

2002-2003 population review

Refer to membership numbers from Member Services

General comments: W Evans – report in book pg 3 – one of the challenges we've had is to grow alpine sport by 2% annually. Refer to Evans report for membership growth/decline. Anticipated a bit of decline in Competitor and some growth in Youth which happened. Sheryl Fine commented that membership overall increase of 4% due in part to freestyle and alpine.

4. 2003-2004 population projections

USSA fee structure – membership and other

A. 2002-2003 review – Sheryl Fine

Membership verification can be done online now

Introducing an on-line club roster in which basic information on club members will be available. Old applications need to be thrown away as this causes confusion and unnecessary phone volume. USSA Membership Services currently collects division and state dues in certain areas. Currently collecting for approximately 12 entities. We encourage the divisions and state entities to take us up on the opportunity. Ski Racing has been purchased by Inside Communications – owner of Velo News. Excited about the changes.

B. 2003-2004 projections

Membership fees change:

Youth +0 (\$30)

Student +10 (\$60)

Comp +20 (\$115)

Master +20 (\$90)

AO +0 (\$40)

Alpine Coach +0 (\$100)

Alpine Cert Coach +0 (\$130)

Horst Webber suggested USSA communicate that the fee changes are due to insurance costs. This would keep members assured that we are not adding cost to USSA but rather, because our insurance has gone up we are forced to restructure fees.

FIS inscription fees – the \$80 and \$180 will remain the same. We will be applying a \$25 administrative fee for a Provisional FIS number.

5. Regional, Divisional and State fee structure – membership and other

A. 2002-2003 review

No Eastern Regional membership fee but there are state fees, listed in comp guide and/or listed in state manuals. Eastern Regional headtax \$3/head/race for regional FIS and \$2/head/race for J3 championship events. All headtax money goes into development for athletes.

West Regional Membership: no regional membership fee, divisional headtaxes vary and are applied. IMD membership is going up to \$50 for competitor members. Regional headtax of \$1/nonscored and \$2/scored at races.

Central Division: \$50/competitor member for full members, \$35/youth full members and 3 race or 1/2 season memberships(youth or competitors). Race fees collected at the beginning of the year in one fee for athlete but none of this money is collected for the division. With the exception of the J3 J4 Championships, no headtax collected on divisional scored or nonscored events.

RMD: Membership fee of \$25 for J3 and older, \$10 for J4 and younger, \$15 for officials/coaches fee. Divisional headtax for scored/FIS \$5/race, nonscored \$3/day.

B. 2003-2004 projections

6. Calendar

Lester Keller: Our dependence on other calendars is one of the reasons it's hard to have calendars drafted and completed by the spring. National, regional, divisional are all integral. Provide principles of calendaring – rest/training/competition – has been accomplished. This breaks down is when ROCs are wanting to host the best races they can – asking athletes to attend a number of different races. This drive makes it hard to manage our athletes appropriately. This said, Lester believes we've done a better job in the recent years with all calendars.

a. 2002-2003 review

Refer to Cath O'Donnell's report for total of scored events in 02-03 season. FIS Inscriptions, and average number of athletes in each event are available in O'Donnell's report.

Evans reported on EL FIS events information generated at the FIS meetings this past spring. Refer to FIS Alpine Committee report from 3 May 2003 meeting in Strasbourg FRA for EL FIS SG/DH reqs, 25 start rule for first year FIS for 03-04 and more FIS information.

b. 2003-2004 projections

O'Donnell has projections for 03-04 on the above categories.

7. Competition programs

a. High School racing

East: Very active HS racing north-south. Jeff Pier reported very little cross over in

USSA and HS events – a few are USSA scored/sanctioned. Majority of HS races are Friday/Saturday and conflict with USSA events and athletes are asked to make choices. 1% of HS races are USSA sanctioned. Not enough is done to entice HS racers to get involved in USSA, sometimes it is cost prohibitive. Central: No HS races are sanctioned by USSA and athletes are migrating to HS racing, dropping out of USSA due to cost and/or recognition by local communities. High School racing is very active across the entire division. About 25% of USSA racers are HS racers across the Division. Michigan: High school league is limiting how many other races an athlete can attend that are not HS events/ This has not created athletes departing from USSA but remains a constant challenge for our top athletes.

RMD: Nuninkoven: HS program in CO is pretty strong – not associated with local USSA clubs with the exception of SSWSC. Events are well attended by HS racers – most interest is from athletes who believe they're not going to be successful at the FIS level and decide to continue in HS racing. There are some top level FIS athletes who do participate in HS racing.

West: HS racing is pretty strong across the entire Region. Type of participation varies from division to division.

b. Collegiate racing

East: NCAA FIS University events. USCSA – large league throughout the eastern region – very independent and many of them are not a part of USSA.

Central: Losing the NMU women's alpine team which is our only NCAA Division 1 team. Collegiate racing is active, but possibly not as active as it sounds it is across the nation.

RMD: Strong affiliation with a number of the NCAA Div 1 colleges. We have participation of regional FIS athletes in FIS Us and university students attending Regional FIS events. USCSA races are USSA sanctioned and this allows a number of the younger USSA racers to compete against some top college racers.

West: Excellent collegiate programs – about 5 programs which are really strong. We support them in their FIS U efforts and there is cross over with USSA FIS and collegiate FIS racing.

c. Masters racing

East: Strong contingency

Central: Strong contingency and on the incline

RMD: Strong contingency in CO

West: Getting stronger and stronger.

d. Nastar racing

East: Less Nastar and more corporate racing – mountains creating their own racing events not through Nastar.

Central: Nastar is not that big in the MN area but city ski leagues are very prevalent. Nastar is quite large in MI.

RMD: Strong Nastar program in CO.

West: No comment

e. Youth racing

East: Administered through local state bodies.

Central: Age class level racing and one divisional championship event per year. Huge youth development programs (non USSA affiliated) which host weekend races and training opportunities.

RMD: Youth racing - age class level – numbers are growing. YSL group strong – two councils within the YSL – about 200+ athletes in east council.

West: Divisions run youth programs – very varied from division to division and we as a region really let them run their own youth programs.

General comments: Pier inquired about the ability of athletes to try out USSA and then if they become members in the following season. This is a possibility and will be discussed among staff members.

f. Development:

Central: Best development projects when RMD/CEN projects are run together. Many of the projects anticipated for the 02-03 season did not come into fruition because of lack of interest and/or calendaring issues. Our goal is to supplement club programs and to do that, a better effort on inquiring on club needs must happen.

East: Peter Stokloza and Peter Clark reports in the Congress book. We try to provide opportunities to athletes that compliment what their club programs do such as going to Europe, providing speed opportunities. Excellent participation. Big concern was the loss of a Youth Coordinator in the East.

RMD: Development is in an 'enhancement' process. We've reestablished our goals and process to get there. We plan to put in place a number of projects with clear goals and content.

West: Refer to Lester/Pelkey report. Career year as a regional director.

8. Reports

a. Junior Olympics

East: With introduction of a Jr 2 Nat'l's Champs, there will be a Eastern J2 Champs event and some of the selection to the Nat'l event will be done there. J1/J2 JOs will now be an Eastern Champ – will include all FIS eligible athletes and be a 4 event. Part of quota to US Nationals will be filled by Eastern Champs event.

RMD/Central: Moving to a Regional Championships event replacing the J1/J2 JOs. All FIS eligible athletes are eligible for selection to this event. Considering changing the J3 and J4 JOs – running J4 JOs as the first JO event, then J3s and then our Regional Championships.

West: Junior Olympics is not part of the Elite pipeline – more of a participatory event and schedule it towards the end of the season so it is their championship event. Divisionally based quota, FIS event for J1/J2s along with a consolation event for FIS.

b. ACC

Identify reporting parties on respective ACC meetings:

R/C: Olin Armstrong

East: Horst Webber

West: Beat Hupfer

9. Other business

Letter from PNSA – J4 scoring letter from Nigel to Evans – reconsider the opportunity for second year J4s to ski up and have the opportunity to compete in competition with J3 athletes. Gunesch commented PNSA for many years have allowed J4s to 'ski up' with J3 and older athletes after their championship events. Because of the USSA licensing changes, J4s do not have the ability to do this. The athletes like to be able to participate in those events and PNSA is concerned this will affect retention of athletes in the sport. PNSA feels it was an important part of their program and wants to see USSA to reconsider. Perricone – I am speaking on behalf of Olin Armstrong and at our RMD meetings I think we understand the drive by USSA to make sure our younger athletes are developing and having fun, not point chasing.

10. Summary of action and information items to be carried forward

Darryl Landstrom extended a thank you for attending the first Regional Subcommittee meeting and contributing to excellent dialogue on issues across the nation.

11. Adjournment

EASTERN ACC MEETING
April 26, 2003
Comfort Inn
Rutland, VT

Committee Members: Julie Woodworth, Wendy Neal, Bill McCollom, Dan Chayes, Kraig Sourbeer, Doug Williams, Jeff Pier, Horst Weber, Peter Dodge, Kirk Dwyer, Connie Webster, Kathy Okoniewski, Dan Marshall, Mike Davenport, Beth Raymond, Paul VanSlyke, Steve Utter, Greg Pier, Craig Antonides, Galen Gobillot

Guests: Dave Gregory, Steve Antal, Sharon Aspinall, Laurel Lashar, Shaun Goodwin, JoAnn Fuller

USSA Staff: Tim Maguire, Janet Larson

I. Administrative Announcements

No proxies.

II. Committee Membership

Motion #1 To approve Mike Davenport, Kraig Sourbeer, Doug Williams and Steve Utter for at-large positions. Webster/Sourbeer/unanimous

Motion #2 To approve Jeff Pier for another term as E.A.C.C. chairman. Webster/McCollom/unanimous

Motion #3 To approve Horst Weber as an emeritus member of the E.A.C.C. Webster/McCollom/unanimous

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion #4 To approve the agenda. Davenport/Gobillot/unanimous

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion #5 To approve the minutes of the 2002 Fall E.A.C.C. meeting. McCollom/Pier/unanimous

V. Reports

EACC Chairman-Jeff Pier	See attached report.
Eastern Alpine Competition Director-Tim Maguire	See attached report.
Eastern Regional Coach-Peter Stokloza	See attached report.
Eastern Alpine Youth Coordinator-Peter Clark	See attached report.

VI. Committee and Working Group Reports

Coaches Education

New staff for Coaches Education positions in Park City including Andy Walsh, Dave McCann and Finn Gundersenn. Levels of Coaches Education will remain the same although names and content might change. Next season, club coach clinics will be delivered by trained presenters and the Regional certification program at the National Coaches Academy. All previous coaches certifications will be honored with a system of continuing education to be implemented in the future.

Alpine Officials-Paul VanSlyke

Thanks to the Eastern Office staff for efforts throughout the season. Clinic attendance was down possibly based on manner of publicity. Entry level coaches education must include Alpine Rules education. Some Eastern B-net(100 roles) from the purchase for Nationals at Sugarloaf has been (originally orange colored, 7+ years old). Discussion of purchase of new fence including use of development and regional funds. Method of officials upgrade requires working with state A.O. Chairman who brings recommendations to Eastern A.O. Committee and for upper level nominations approval comes from the National Committee. Chuck Hughes was appointed to the National A.O. Committee as Anna McIntyre resigned her position. Many thanks to Harry Stoneham for all his work in many aspects of our sport. New award instituted in the East to recognize an outstanding alpine official. Don Cushing was recognized for his efforts this season.

Children's Racing-Kathy Okeneiwski

See attached report. Comment that program for next season must be in place by fall meetings. First J3 Eastern Race is at Whiteface on January 10-11, GS and SL. The 2nd race is tentatively schedule for February 7-8, GS and SG, site TBD. Draft of letter to USSA regarding elimination of Eastern Youth Coordinator position read with suggestions for final draft and distribution.

Motion #6 To support the circulation of letter from the E.A.C.C. to Bill Marolt and the National Development Committee regarding the elimination of the Eastern Youth Coordinator position.
Davenport/Webster/unanimous

High School Racing-Dan Marshall

See attached report. Request made to work scheduling so that championships do not conflict with Finals.

College Racing-Peter Dodge

Need for USCSA representation at meetings. EISA utilized seeding system. Schedule set for next season with first five FIS-University races. Some sponsorship has been acquired. Looking for a media intern for publicity work.

Masters-Bill McCollom

19 races this season with no cancellations. Eastern Champs at Sugarbush North and Nationals at Park City, UT. East won the Nation's Cup. Scheduling for next season in process. Typical field size ranges from 80 to 160 depending on event.

Eastern Region Development-Kirk Dwyer

Quota Committee will have recommendations to A.C.C. for vote by mid-June. Discussion of utilizing new seeding system for Eastern Cups following approval of college testing of system.

Motion #7 To recommend Tom Barbeau for Domestic Coach of the Year and Bruce Colon for the Tom Reynold Lifetime Achievement Award. Dwyer/Utter/unanimous

Motion #8 To create an Eastern Junior 2 Championships to select a portion of the Eastern Quota to the National Junior 2 Olympics with a recommended field size of approximately 100 racers.
Dwyer/Williams/unanimous

- a) it will be scheduled during the last week of February as a USSA scored event
- b) the event will include 2 SGs, 1 GS and 1 SL
- c) to qualify 15 men and 8 women from the event to the National Junior 2 Olympics using the overall scoring from all events (Old World Cup points)
- d) the quotas to this event will be determined by the Quota Committee prior to the Fall Eastern ACC meetings
- e) the top 5 men and 7 women will qualify to the Junior 2 Nationals from the Eastern Cups and Open FIS races through February 14, 2004

Motion #9 To change the Eastern Junior 1&2 Olympics to include Senior Competitors with a field size of approximately 160 racers. Dwyer/Williams/unanimous

- a) it will be called the USSA Eastern Alpine Championships
- b) it will remain a FIS competition (DH, SG, GS, SL, K)
- c) 1 senior man, 3 junior men and 3 women will qualify to the U.S. Nationals using existing procedures
- d) if the event cannot be calendared to include a DH another SG will be added
- e) quotas to this event will be determined by the quota committee prior to the Fall Eastern A.C.C. meetings using the current selection and quotas for Junior Olympics as a guideline

Motion #10 To modify the qualifying procedures for the U.S. Nationals to eliminate the 'tech only' and 'speed only' spots for each gender. These spots will go back into the overall selection from Eastern Cups. Dwyer/Gobillot/unanimous

Endowment Working Group-Mike Davenport

Review of EASEF report with many thanks to the efforts of Harry Stoneham for his efforts!

EASEF-Mike Davenport

See attached report.

STATE ASSOCIATIONS

Maine-Beth Raymond

See attached report. Seeded and Children's Committee Chair positions open. Discussion of new selection method and field sizes of Junior 1-2s will occur at May 12 meeting.

New Hampshire-Craig Antonides

See attached report.

New Jersey-Greg Pier

All races run as scheduled. More than \$16,000 raised at a fundraising dinner for racer scholarship and coaches education. Membership dues will be collected by USSA next season. Working to increase alpine official population.

New York-Connie Webster

See attached report. Compliments to Horst Weber, Doug Williams and Paul VanSlyke for their work at Nationals. NYSSRA utilized online membership registration this season.

Pennsylvania-Dan Chayes

Outstanding season. All events run where and when scheduled. Membership is constant (1000). Looking for more alpine officials.

Southern-Gunther Jochl

Tri-State-Galen Gobillot

See attached report. Welcome Galen to the committee and comment that the energy and motivation of Paul Putnam will be missed.

Vermont-Julie Woodworth

VARA athletes had excellent seasons at all levels. Successful fundraising and athlete support remained strong. State meetings are next week. Thanks to all areas that ran Championships and thanks to all volunteers that work with VARA. Online membership registration will be utilized next season with attempts for online race registration. Calendar issues may have caused some low field sizes. VARA Golf Tournament is May 28 and Clinic/Gala is weekend of October 18.

VII. New Business

A. In order to accommodate the protection needs for regional events, discussion of various possibilities to replace and circulate new fence.

Motion #11 To request from the USSA Events and Competition Services Departments financial assistance in replacing Eastern fence supplies. VanSlyke/Chayes/unanimous

Motion #12 The Development Committee and Eastern Office staff research and consider raising the Eastern Head Tax to develop more funds for protection equipment with recommendations to the A.C.C. by mid-June. Davenport/Dwyer/unanimous

Discussion: The amount of funds raised through Head Tax increases may not be necessary each year for purchase of protection. State organizations must implement processes to increase protection resources. State venues will benefit from the increased amount of fencing available over the years. Comments made that protection and course approvals at younger age group races is inadequate.

B. In the revision of the coaches education system and content, alpine rules education must be included in the entry level coaches education.

Motion #13 To recommend to the Coaches Education Committee the inclusion of alpine rules education in entry level coaches education. VanSlyke/Webster/unanimous

C. Discussion of USSA points lists being generated once per week. Alpine Classification Committee will make the recommendation. The system is moving in that direction. There will be more lists generated this coming season in relation to the FIS lists.

D. Toast to Tim Maguire with congratulations to he and Robin on their marriage!

E. Next meeting will be September 26-27, 2003.

VIII. Old Business

IX. Adjournment

Motion #14 To adjourn the meeting. Dwyer/VanSlyke/unanimous

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12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Bob Calderwood

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 12:40PM
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Approved as published
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
Approved as distributed
4. CONFIRMATION OF DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES:
 - A. Eastern Paul VanSlyke
 - B. Central Bob Calderwood
 - C. Rocky Esther DelliQuadri
 - D. Intermountain Evert Uldrich
 - E. Northern
 - F. PNSA Randy Rogers
 - G. Far West Phil GilanFarr
5. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TD AND ORGANIZERS' APPOINTED PHYSICIAN
In a follow-up to an incident with a physician not cooperating with the jury, a proposal to add the following language to USSA 2.1.3.9.9 was approved:
The Chief of Medical must work closely with the Jury and Technical Delegate, keeping them informed as to the nature and disposition of any injury.
6. PROTOCOL FOR CHECKING STANDHEIGHT: report of task force of Gary Wright and Randy Rogers (2002)
The task force of Gary Wright and Randy Rogers reported on experience with the checking and enforcement of the USSA equipment rules. This resulted in a great deal of discussion as to the need for education of officials, coaches and parents in the requirements and procedures for checking skis (and boots). A conclusion was reached that we need to provide opportunities for checking the equipment starting in the fall. The major issue is having the tools available to accomplish this.
A motion was presented to have the "TD or their appointee inspect, measure and confirm standheight of the ski/binding/plate and boot in the finish arena on a minimum of 5% of the field based on a random draw."
This motion was defeated. No further action was taken.

7. BOOT HEIGHT MEASUREMENT AT USSA EVENTS: discussion of methods and protocol for measurement.
Bob Calderwood presented a device that has the capability of measuring the bootheight. While some refinements are still to be made, the FIS TD Commissioners in Strasbourg received it favorably.
A motion to approved the "caliper" as a screening device for use by USSA this fall was made. Unanimous approval.
8. RULE INFRACTIONS AND SANCTIONS: Don Page
Don Page reported on various rule infractions with their consequent sanctions that he experienced this past year. No action taken.
9. OLD BUSINESS
None
10. NEW BUSINESS
None
11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Calderwood and Rogers were re-elected for another 2-year term.
12. EXECUTIVE SESSION
Approval of the following individuals for advancement to Level 3 TD:
Eastern:
Ted Neuman
Beth Raymond
Michael Browne
PNSA:
Bill Gunesch

Approval of the following individuals for advancement to Level 4 TD:
Eastern:
Don Artico
Rocky Mountain:
Steve Rice
John Whitsel
Intermountain:
Caryn Jones
Northern:
Joe Maxwell

Approval of the following individuals for advancement to Level 5 TD:
Rocky Mountain:
Larry Stevenson

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Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2003
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Co-Chairs: Kirk Dwyer and Jeff Byrne

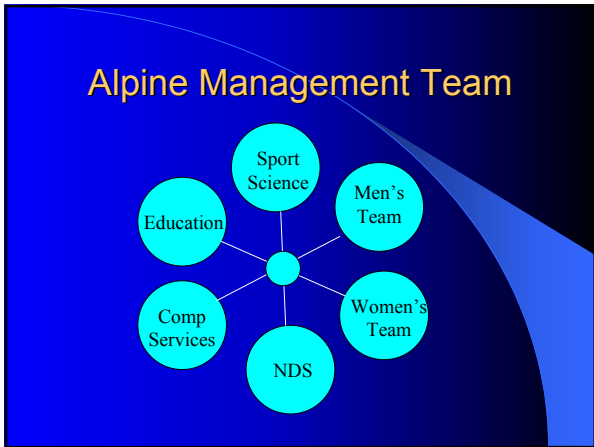
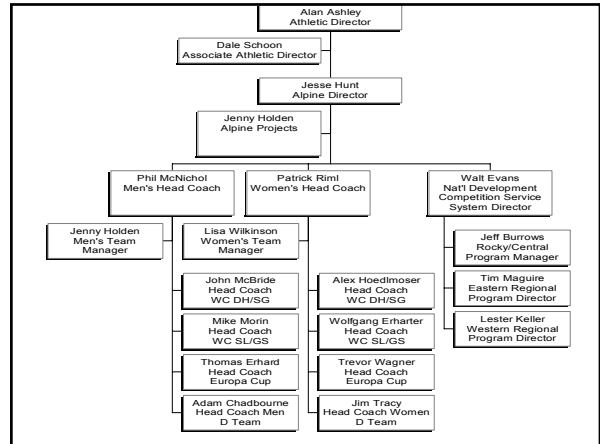
1. Call to order and opening comments
 - Discussion of the combination of the 2 Committees, history, and future.
2. Review and adoption of agenda
 - **MOTION 1:** To accept agenda. Keller / Dodge Pass
3. Review and adoption of minutes
 - **MOTION 2:** To accept minutes. Evans / McVicker Pass
 - A. Development Working Group
 - B. Education Working Group
4. Reform business: Restructuring the Subcommittee and Working Groups
 - A. Proposed purpose:
 - **MOTION 3:** To use the first paragraph of Alpine Development Subcommittee on page 12 in section 4 of the meeting book, delete the paragraphs titled Athlete Development Working Group and Alpine Education Working Group. Keller / Maguire Pass
 - B. Proposed structure
 - Present specific Alpine reports at the beginning of the Congress for an open forum to avoid repetition and allow the committee to address issues during the meeting.
 - Continuity during the transition, use existing people to fill committee.
 - Jeff and Kirk will serve as Co-Chairs until Spring 2004 when these 2 are replaced by one person voted from the committee
 - Representation: Education, 2 Representatives from each Region, College Representative, 1 Athlete Representative
 - No USST Head Coaches
 - 2 year term with no term limit, starting in spring 2004
 - Stagger the membership of the Region's representatives with one beginning with a one year term
 - Regional Reps nominated by regions at the Fall 2003 Regional meetings, can be staff or volunteers.
 - College representative will be Peter Dodge with review by the Collegiate Committee at the Spring 2004 meetings.

- **MOTION 4:** To accept the above structure for this committee. Keller / Maguire Pass
 - Task force: pick topics from population or USSA and give to task forces for 1 year to work on and come back the next spring and report. A group of experts to address issues. Committee members would lead task force, but task force wouldn't be made up of only committee members. A group that can get work finished and create action on problems.
 - 7 people maximum– committee person and 2 from each Region (or whomever will help)
 - Committee member is chairperson
- C. Subcommittee representation and filling of positions
5. Education Department structure, report and update
 6. Alpine Director's report – ATTACHMENT #1
 - Jesse Hunt – power point presentation with Andy Walsh and Coaches Education
 - Elite program has been put together, now we need to drop it down to general population.
 - Structure of Coaches Ed – moved under Sport Science
 - Coaches Ed purpose: inventory of Content, Delivery, and Management, Critical Success Factors, Certification Proposal, and Goals for 2003-2004.
 - Alpine Staff Structure, Alpine Management Team, Alpine Teams Structural Plans, D Team / NDS integration, and Goals.
 - Walt – direction from Alan Ashley to integrate development and education including delivery & resources, consistent to have committee have the same integration.
 7. National Development System report
 - Walt – ATTACHMENT #2
 - Review 2002-2003 prep and comp
 - Staff structure, NDS structure, and NDS Content
 - Plan for 2003-2004
 - Peter Dodge – College report – colleges starting to raise the bar, sent several athletes to National Teams including the USST
 8. Coach Reynolds Lifetime Award
 9. Old business
 10. New business
 - Equipment Regulations
 - Ski lengths will be enforced at FIS, but not at USSA level. Will this create an obstacle for the growth of the sport? Will athletes that buy skis for FIS racing be at a disadvantage to kids racing just USSA?
 - **Task Force #1: Study the impact of FIS regulations on USSA racing**
 - 1) Proceed with what is recommended – USSA come in line with FIS for 2004-05 with 03-04 being a transition, 2) Recommend USSA adhering to FIS ski length guidelines this coming year, or 3) Recommend continuing with no restrictions next season for USSA level competitions indefinitely.
 - Protest only at regional FIS level, TD must react
 - COC and above this will be regulated

- Size of athlete can create a disadvantage and a safety issue
- FIS isn't going to go back to shorter lengths
- **MOTION 5:** Development Committee to recommend USSA adopt the FIS guidelines for ski lengths for the 2004-2005 season for USSA racing with 2003-2004 being a transition year where USSA racing has no restrictions and FIS racing adheres to the FIS guidelines. Maguire / McVicker Pass
- Have committee list "What are your 5 most important issues" so the new committee can have a start on topics for the next meeting. Give to Kirk by tomorrow (5/17).
- Safety – life expectancy of protection for courses
 - Task force to inventory of fence through out nation and make a plan to replenish old fence

11. Continuation of first meeting – May 16th 2:30 – 4:30pm

12. Adjournment – May 16, 2003 – Dodge



Best in the World '06

- Where are we now?
- How do we proceed?

SLC Alpine Medal Count

- Austria 9
- Norway, Croatia, France 4
- Italy 3
- USA, Sweden 2
- Switzerland, Germany 1

St Moritz Medal Count

- AUT 9
- USA 6
- SUI 4
- NOR, CRO 3
- ITA, CAN 2
- SWE 1

Nations Cup

- 1999 9th
- 2000 9th
- 2001 6th
- 2002 6th
- 2003 3rd

Alpine Structural Plan 02-03

Men 5A+4B
Women 5A+5B

Men 4B+5C
Women 7C

Men 7 D
Women 7D

WC

Europa Cup

Euro FIS/Nor-Am
(Residence Program)

Home Based Development Program

25-30
Competitive
National Team
Members

Alpine Structural Plan 03-04

Men 8A+4B
Women 6A+4B

Men 2B+8C
Women 2B+9C

Men 2C+3 D
Women 6 D

WC

Europa Cup

Euro FIS/Nor-Am
(Residence Program)

Home Based Development Program
(Euro FIS/Nor-Am/Regional FIS/Domestic
Projects)

25-30
Competitive
National Team
Members

Alpine Structural Plan 04-05

A+B Team

B+C Team

C+D Team

WC

Europa Cup

Euro FIS/Nor-Am (Res. Program)

Home Based Development Program
(Euro FIS/Nor-Am/Regional
FIS/Domestic Projects)

25-30
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Alpine Structural Plan 05-06

A Team 10-12

B Team 10

C Team 5-8

WC

Europa Cup

Euro FIS/Nor-Am

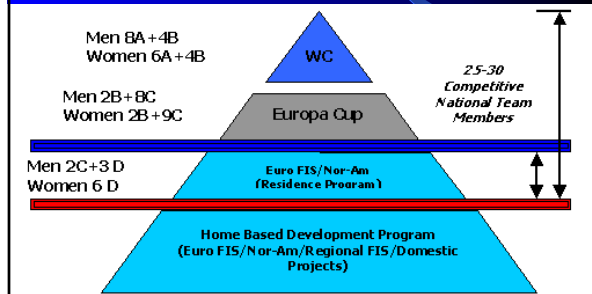
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Concepts to Achieve Success

- Integrate USSA Alpine pipeline
- Raise the Bar for athletes and coaches in the system
- Participation and Retention of athletes in our system

03-04 NDS-D Team Integration



“Raise the Bar” approach

- Evaluation
- Goal Setting
- Planning
- Execution

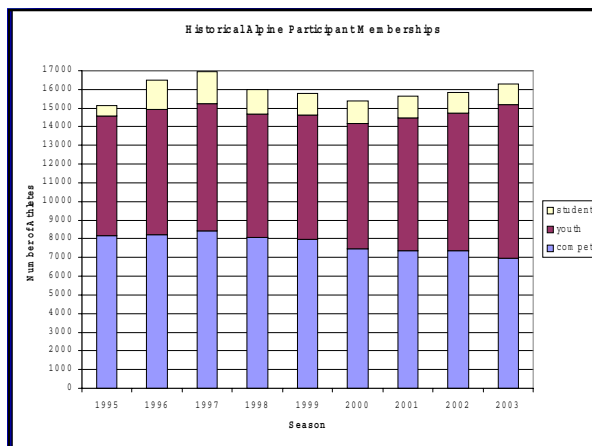


Critical Factors to evaluate at an individual athlete level

- 1) Physical-physical testing/tracking/individual programming
- 2) Psychological-education/tracking athlete perceptions
- 3) Technical/Tactical-Video support /tracking/evaluations
- 4) Equipment-pool support/tracking data base
- 5) Racer Management-tracking data base

Critical factors to evaluate at a coaching level

- Competence to address the critical factors for the athlete



Common Goal Review

- Content
- Racer Management
- Clear path for advancement
- Development/Education

Content

- Using phase I of the athlete tracking system to improve our program content (currently on excel)
- Implement goal setting, daily lesson plans, National Team content and evaluation at the NDS level

Racer Management

- Retain Top athletes
- Build out a progressive development plan with regard to short and long term goals
- Winning at every level, WSC, WC, EC, NA, WJR
- Nor am group returns to OTC for conditioning

Clear Path


- OLYMPICS, WSC
- WC
- EC
- NA/WJR/US Nationals
- J2 Nationals (new 03-04)
- Whistler/ Topolino

Development/Education

- NDS staff had exposure to higher levels of the pipeline in '02-'03
- Approach to development that includes education
- Initiative to develop a mentoring/intern education program with USST staff
- Create education material for each level of development, alpine curriculum



HOME OF THE BRAVE.



National Development System

Report 2002-2003
Plan 2003-2004

Walt Evans, Competition Director

National Development System

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NDS Project Review 2002-03

Preparation	Competition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May terrain • June pool • August Chile • October Glacier • NorAm Prep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European FIS • WWUG • Newcomers • USST crossover • World Jr.

National Development System

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NDS Projects Review 2002-2003 Children

Preparation	Competition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June Norway • January JCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topolino • Whistler

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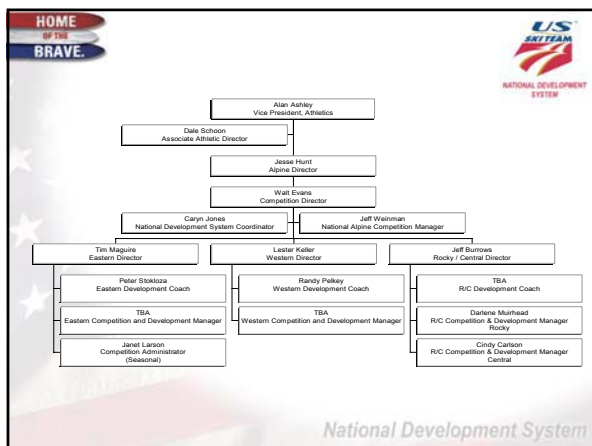
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Regional Project Highlights 2003-2003

- East: Maguire/ Stokloza
- R/C: Burrows, Carlson, Nolting
- West: Keller, Pelkey

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NDS Strategy 2003-04

- Content
- Racer Management
- Clear Path for advancement
- Education/Development

National Development System

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NDS Structure

- Project based
- Target top athletes and coaches (J3 & older)
- Accommodate development as bar raises (planning and credibility)
- Crossover with D Team

National Development System

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NDS Content

- Highest quality
- Spring projects focused on goal setting and education
- Fall and in-season projects focused on raising intensity

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Project Plan 2003-04

<p>Preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Terrain • June Ed/Dev w/ 3s • October Glacier • November Prep • January JCC 	<p>Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NorAm Mgmt. • USST crossover • J2 Newcomers • European Comp (sr/1s) • Topolino • Whistler
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Racer Management

- Win at every level.
- Focus on a multi- event base.
- Strive for retention of athletes.
- Partnerships with home programs and USST staff.
- Accommodate periodization through clear path advancement.



National Development System

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Clear Path

- Stabilize the Nor Am calendar
- Reform the Jr. Olympic program
- Establish a National Jr. 2's

National Development System

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Best in the World 2006 and beyond

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Content • Racer Management • Clear Path for advancement • Education/Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning • Communication • Leadership • Trust • Partnerships • Pride
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National Development System

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine FIS TDs Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2003
2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Agenda

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Meeting Chairmen: Tom Winters

Vice Chairman: Paul Vanslyke

Members Present: Bob Dart, Bill Hicks, Jack Nantz*, Bob Calderwood

Honorary / Ex Officio Members Present: Charley Burnham, Bill Slattery, Lee Sosman,

* Represented by Randy Rogers

Staff Liaison: Walt Evans, Jeff Weinman

Guests:

Phil Gilanfarr

Gary Wright

Nancy Weidel

Molly Laramie

Ingrid Simonson

Jordan Ginsberg

Bill Gaylord

Karen Korfanta

Ester Dell Quadre

Ellen Hoffman

Paul Mahre

Gail Barber

Don Page

Chuck Hughes

Thelma Hoessler

Stan Goldsmith

1. Call To Order, Welcome and Introductions
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Chairman's Report
 - A. FIS Report and Review – See Attached FIS Report – Strasbourg, FRA, 2003
 - B. Other Issues – Open Commentary
 - 1) Competition Equipment Observations- open discussion regarding FIS guidelines and enforcement issues. Reiteration of FIS TD Committee position as to “Protest Enforcement” of equipment issues
 - 2) Competition Reports / Timing Homologation / Expense Reports
 - a) See Attached FIS Report – Strasbourg, FRA, 2003 – USSA was number one
 - b) Allen Church: Reviewed FIS Homologation Proposals – including requirement for homologated timing lights and start wands. List to be provided as soon as received from the FIS – projected timeframe August / September.
 - c) Expense Reports – we did not do well with getting these forms to the chairman. The importance of these reports was stressed – justification to FIS for utilization of in nation TD's for lower level FIS events in USA.

5. Regional / International Reviews – Assignments / Venues
 - A. Central Region – B. Calderwood,
 - B. Eastern Region – P. Van Slyke
 - C. Intermountain Region – B. Hicks
 - D. Rocky Region – B. Dart
 - E. Western Region – R. Rogers
 - F. International Reports – T. Winters, P. Van Slyke - See Attached FIS Report – Strasbourg, FRA, 2003

No major items were noted but for the need for greater communications relative to information as received by Park City.

6. Educational Program's – Mandatory FIS Educational Seminar Dates
 - A. Western Meeting – October 24 - 26, 2003 - CANADA – Kelowna, BC
 - B. Eastern Meeting – October 31 - November 2, 2003 – USA - Lake Placid, NY
7. Old and New Business
 - A. Report from USSA Office – not major items were noted which needed committee action.
 - B. Update Programs – Suggestions and Observations - After some discussion lead by Bob Dart the general opinion of the members as well as the guests present was that the new format of variable presenters should be could be continued.
 - C. Review of Operating Procedures: - See Attached FIS Report – Strasbourg, FRA, 2003
 - D. Use of Internet – FIS would like everything in HTML format – we are not there yet
 - E. FIS – Suggestions and Observations / Action Items – None noted
 - F. Proposals: USSA Office / USSA Committee's – Just prior reference to communications
8. Closed Meeting Session
 - A. Technical Delegate Candidates / Aspirants
 1. Extensive discussion and review was undertaken on the matter of FIS Technical Delegate nominating procedures and experience requirement as well as the new proposed FIS format.
 2. Aspirants: Gretchen Ransom – accepted subject to new FIS 3 year procedure with need for out of division experience including speed events. Bill Gunesch – accepted, due to vast coaching background, on two year remaining track line.
9. Adjournment



**FIS ALPINE TECHNICAL DELEGATE
SUB-COMMITTEE – STRASBOURG, FRA
MEETING MINUTES - 2003**

Report Submitted By: Tom Winters

I. Welcome and Opening Comments

Meeting was opened with opening comments by the Chairman: Stig-Ove Gustafsson (SWE). The Chairman made a statement and introduced our new FIS Alpine Executive Secretary and long time FIS friend, TD and committee member Janez Flere, ARG. As might be remembered Matti Uusitalo, FIN tendered his resignation from the FIS and this position several month ago.

II. Members – Attendance & Roll Call

Members:

Stig-Ove Gustafsson	SWE	Chairman	Present
Thomas Gurzeller	SUI	Member	Present
Martin Leach	GBR	Member	Present
Martin Wieser	ITA	Member	Present
Ted Savage	CAN	Member	Present
Richard Rebstock	FRA	Member	Present
Ferry Speigl	GER	Member	Present
Tom Winters	USA	Member	Present
Edwin Fritz	AUT	Member	Present
Jana Palovicova	CZE	Member	Absent
Eric Henry	AUS	Member	Present
Stefano Pirola	CHI	Member	Present
Hitornari Maruyama	JPN	Member	Present
Matjaz Kranjc	SLO	Member	Present
Jarl Forsmark	SWE	Member	Present
Lee Sosman	USA	Member-Honorary	Present
Janez Flere	FIS		Present
Prisca Longhi	FIS		Present
Karen Korfanta	USA	Guest	
Bob Calderwood	USA	Guest	

III. Approval of Minutes – Zurich Meeting, October 2002

IV. Approval of Agenda

V. Report on Mandatory Technical Delegate Update Courses 2002

- a) North American TD Update Clinics and Educational Seminars were highlighted again as an example for all other nations to emulate – 100+ participants in Reno, NV, USA and 100+ participants in Mt. Tremblant, PQ, Canada . The great number of

participating event organizers and national level officials was further noted. See, “ TD-Seminar 2002 / Participation report to be attached hereto.

VI. Report and Discussion of the Recommendations of the Technical Delegate Educational and Testing Working Group

- a) Need for expanded educational activities especially with regard to the on hill activities was once again discussed with a power point presentation presented by Ferry Speigl, GER
- b) Need for dialogue not monologue in the presentations at clinic/seminars was noted.
- c) New proposed format will be based upon the following:
 - i) Year one (1) after proper nomination by responsible TD Commissioner – candidate must attend the TD Update Clinic / Seminar.
 - ii) Year two (2) attend TD Update Clinic / Seminar and if deemed ready sit for FIS TD Candidate written examination. This next aspect needs to be worked out in further detail – commence education event participation.
 - iii) Year three (3) Final On Hill Practical Examination(s) – revision in format wherein a candidate can pass various sections and not pass others wherein the present format is an all pass or fail undertaking.
 - iv) The proposed new format will provide examiners with an expanded opportunity to evaluate a candidate.
 - v) Note: Speed event element of the candidate testing process must include a downhill – this requirement can not be fulfill in normal circumstances by participation at a Super-G event.

VII. FIS Office Report – Prisca Longhi – Experience / Problems Season 2002/2003

- a) Event Results: During this past season the FIS office handled numerous e-mailed race results many of which required additional information from the Technical Delegate or Race Organizer – the goal is for all results to be transmitted electronically to the FIS office.
- b) Results as mentioned before need the following or attention to the following items:
 - i) Timely preparation and transmission of results – remember without the results the competitors will be penalized when their results fail to be included in the next FIS Points List. It is the responsibility of the Technical Delegate to insure that the results are correct and transmitted to the FIS – not the race secretary or ROC. Pay attention to deadlines
 - ii) Codex are both – event and gender specific – therefore attention should be paid to such information.
 - iii) Names: The first and last name are both control specific when it comes to the FIS Points Lists, therefore, if a spelling error is discovered in the original FIS competitor listing the Technical Delegate and the race secretary should not make the correction on the event results or information. Please notify or have the national association inform the FIS of such type of errors. If the Technical Delegate or race secretary makes the correction to results, without the

confirmation by the National Association such action may result in the event results not being included in the FIS Points List.

- iv) **Note: A result is not considered completely received by the FIS until the “hard copy” of the Technical Delegates report is received. Prisca noted further that some results as still missing for this past season – USSA is 100%.**
- v) **Technical Delegate Substitutions:** The FIS office once again requested notification of any Technical Delegate substitutions three (3) days before any event.
- vi) **Format TD Invitation: Need to formalize TD Notifications.**
- c) **Entry Level League:** “Small Hill Events”, thirty eight (38) events were scheduled in five (5) nations last season with twenty four (24) events being held. The minimum penalty of 60 points was only attained at three (3) events. It was the suggestion of the FIS staff that a greater degree of differentiation in these event could be attained by lowering the minimum penalty to fifty (50) points. In nation TD’s were utilized at the events.
- d) **New Points Lists:** There is a proposal to include two (2) more FIS Points Lists.
- e) **Timing Reports – Results “ We still have a way to go both in getting them in as well as making sure they are correct - but we are doing better than many of our major nation friends.”**

<u>Nation</u>	<u>Number of Valid Events</u>	<u>Timing Reports Rec.</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
USA	266	229	86%
CAN	140	119	85%
AUT	173	116	67%
FRA	198	132	67%
ITA	342	231	67%
JPN	93	73	78%
NOR	129	88	68%
SUI	114	90	79%

- f) **New Technical Delegates:** USSA has three (3) Candidates who have passed all of their examination element and whose name have been presented to the FIS TD Sub-Committee for consideration – Ken Brenner, Jordan Ginsberg, and Roger Perricone.

VIII. Special Cases, Questions and Decisions – 2002-2003

- a) **Speed Skiing:** The question of Alpine Technical Delegates covering such events and controlling the Technical Delegates who participate in them was discussed – the general agreement of the members was that the Speed Skiing issue should be addressed by the Council. The Chairman of the Speed Skiing Committee stated that they only have approximately ten (10) events each year and would like a more formal link to the Alpine TD Sub-Committee.

The Chairman of the FIS Speed Skiing Committee made a presentation of the facts in a “Appeals Case” to the results of an event from last season and asked for guidance from the Alpine TD Sub-Committee members. First it was noted by Tom Winters that he was contacted by several parties and that he informed such parties that the Speed Skiing Committee has a Judicial / Appeals Chairman, as approved by the Counsel, and as such matters of this nature should be address

through this individual. The Chairman of the Alpine TD Sub-Committee further stated that we – subject to a directive from the FIS Counsel have no standing in such a matter – and that anything we might suggest would be only unofficial in nature.

Additional Technical Delegate Quota: With the increased number of events on their calendar Japan requested that their Technical Delegate quota be raised to five (5) from their present level of four (4) – the request was approved with the statement that if the Japanese member feels that he needs an additional Technical Delegate such request would be approved.

The following Technical Delegate - based upon travel considerations and other matters discussed was granted a 1-year retirement exception. K. Votocheck (AUT).

The Chairman made a point to mention that everyone should note that the TD and Jury are charged with the control and correctness of the course setting.

IX. Proposals for Jury Members – World Junior Ski Championships – 2004 and World Ski Championships 2005

Based upon the normal nations rotations schedule the following nations and people were nominated for consideration:

- a) World Junior Ski Championships - 2004 – Technical Delegates: Edwardo Gaja (ITA) – Men, Lotta Sollander (SWE) – Women.
- b) World Ski Championships – 2005 – Technical Delegates: Bob Dart (USA) – Men, Matjaz Kranjc (SLO) - Women
- c) Proposed Jury Members Names Country Jury

To Be Nominated At A Later Date

X. Technical Delegate, Foreign Assignments, USSA – 2003/2004

USSA will continue to endeavor to expand its foreign Technical Delegate involvement and reciprocal program beyond the normal exchange of events with Canada. It should be noted that besides the mentioned normal exchange items USSA FIS Technical Delegates undertook various other foreign assignments – Bear Bryan (Japan), Randy Rogers (Chile), Paul VanSlyke (Korea).

XI. Technical Delegate Expense

The Sub-Committee members were asked to compile information similar to that presented by Tom Winters from the North American Expense and Travel Survey so as to help compile information on actual Technical Delegate costs and potential need for adjustments.

XII. Next Meeting

Zurich, SUI – October 2003



**FIS FISU SUB-COMMITTEE
STRASBOURG, FRANCE - 2003
MEETING MINUTES**

Report Submitted By: Tom Winters

I. Welcome and Opening Comments

Meeting was opened with opening comments by the Acting Chairman – Hans Falsehr (GER). Tom Winters represented the USA in the absence of USA Representative Peter Dodge. The total attendance at the meeting was six (6) people – approximately the same number as were present at the last meeting of the Sub-Committee.

As in several of the prior meetings, it was noted that numerous nations have not nominated anyone to participate on the committee even though they are actively holding FISU events. Each nation is again requested to provide the FIS with the name, address, telephone numbers, fax and e-mail address for their national contact person and representative.

II. Members – Attendance & Roll Call

Members Present or Represented:

Norbert Schied	GER	Chairman	Absent
Hans Falsehr	GER	Member	Present
Urs Schuenpbach	SUI	Vice Chairman	Present
Tom Winters	USA	Substitute	Present
Udo Ebell	AUT	Member	Present
Max Dubins	ITA	Member	Present
Hans Densler	GER	FISU Representative	Present

III. Review and Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes – Zurich 2002

V. Report and Discussion Items

- a) Review of last years calendar and events. Note: as mention before various FISA items i.e. results, calendar and standing can be obtained from the new FISU website: www.fisu.net.
- b) Quota changes for addition of a maximum of four (4) non academic qualified members within the quota for any nation – max 12 - was noted.
- c) An extensive discussion was held relative to the death of a downhill competitor “Werner Elmer” in an event in Verbier, FRA in December of last year relative to the causes. The accident was similar in nature to the Schonhaar incident however in this case the competitor ran into a group of sideslippers. It was noted by the ITA representative that only one (1) downhill event was on the calendar for the up coming year and that there is a lack of training at all levels for this event. So discussion was held relative to dropping Downhill and concentration on Super-G

however the FISU representative stressed that in the FISU 2005 Universade program in Innsbruck, AUT and several CIT event Downhill events were included. The lack of any FIS response to the family of the racer was also noted and commented upon. Tom Winters noted and mentioned the members present that according to the Alpine ICR of the FIS all downhill events must be scheduled for three (3) day for inspection and training not the mentioned two (2) days as discussed.

Note: The 2005 Universade will include the event of Skier Cross (SC) along with the normal events of DH, SG, GS, SL.

- d) Relationship with CIT races and Special Situation Racers Committee again was address with the need for greater cooperation and sharing of event sites to lessen expenses especially within the speed sector – test event year 03/04. The fact that CIT events had higher penalty points compared to FISU events was noted as well as the fact that the FISU calendar was basically full.
- e) Next years calendar was tentatively discussed with many open elements – sites not dates to be filled in.
- f) As in the past the USSA need to get it revised calendar in to the FIS as soon as possible.
- g) USA Proposal “Special Seed Program” was reported upon by Tom Winters on behalf of Peter Dodge. The reported upon program was approved again for this next season. It should be noted that this program was present and sold under the concept of it be utilized for a “carnival series”. At this point in time a question still remains as to whether or not the special seed concept would be approved for USSA FISU events in general.

VI. Next Meeting

Possible meeting in conjunction with upcoming FISU meetings or if not then at next years Congress meetings.

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 15, 2003 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Charlie Burnham

Attendance:

Members

Charlie Burnham (Chair)	Phil GilanFarr (Far West)	Robert Calderwood (USSA TD WG)
Ingrid Simonson (Vice-Chair)	Grant Lindemer (Central)	Paul VanSlyke (Eastern)
Stephen Schowengerdt (IMD)	Mark Megerth (Northern)	Tom Winters (FIS TD WG)
Esther DelliQuadri (RMD)	Thelma Hoessler (AO Ed WG)	
Bill Gaylord (Ex-Officio)	Jeff Weinman (Staff)	

Guests:

Stanley Goldschmidt	Don Page	Gary Wright	Molly Laramie
Nancy Weidel	Bruce Crane	Ellen Hoffman	Bill Gunesch
Roger Perricone	Allen Church	Gail Barber	Bill Hicks
Paul Mahre	Jordan Ginsberg	Karen Korfanta	Dave Tengdin

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Burnham
2. Roll call and determination of voting members
Burnham reviewed the members with a vote
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion 1: To approve the agenda
M/S/C Schowengerdt/Simonson/Without objection
4. Review and approval of minutes from 16 May 2002
Motion 2: To approve the minutes as presented
M/S/C Hoessler/Page/Without objection
5. Working Group reports
 - A. Education T. Hoessler
Hoessler reviewed the three action items from her meeting. See the report of that meeting.
Motion 3: To accept the report
M/S/C Hoessler/Page/Without objection
 - B. USSA TD B. Calderwood
Calderwood reviewed the two action items from his meeting. See the report of that meeting.
Motion 4: To accept the report
M/S/C Calderwood/DelliQuadri/Without objection
 - C. FIS TD T. Winters
Winters reviewed the discussion from his meeting, there were no action items. See the report of that meeting.

6. Other reports (if indicated)

- A. Staff W. Evans / J. Weinman
Weinman had no further report than what had been given in earlier meetings.
- B. Courses Working Group T. Sutton / B. Calderwo
Calderwood reviewed some of the topics that would come up in the Courses meeting
- C. Timing Working Group A. Church
Church reviewed some of the topics that would come up in the Timing meeting.
- D. Classification Working Group A. Church
Church reviewed some of the topics that would come up in the Classification meeting.

7. Task Force reports

- A. Uniforms for officials W. Evans / S. Goldschmidt
Goldschmidt reported on the uniform program for season 2003. This program will continue to go forward with the hope of getting more officials involved.
- B. Sanctions D. Page
Page reviewed some of the sanctions that he knew of, including the penalization of start position, on hill clean-up duties, and written and verbal apologies.

8. Old business

- A. A-O Certification Guidelines review I. Simonson
There was discussion regarding the category in which start and finish referee should be placed as well as changes to the current CO guidelines. No changes were made to the current structure.
Motion 5: To add the requirement to the Competition Official category, M/S/F Gillenfarr/Gaylord/6 for 7 against
- B. A-O certification review of TDs and level 4's C. Burnham
Burnham reviewed those individuals who are certified as TDs but have no other certifications. The regions/divisions/states are working to clear up these cases. Burnham noted that one of the communities had discussed granting blanket upgrades to officials who had obtained a certain level and giving them a ranking in every other category based upon that one ranking. This was viewed as bad policy from the group and it was noted that as long as everyone was following the certification guidelines, which are competency based, this would not happen.
- C. USSA Congress planning: AO WG divisional reporting session response
There was favorable discussion regarding the reformed meeting schedule including having all reporting done in the first meeting and not repeated at subsequent meetings, as used at this Congress. This new schedule will be followed in the future, with minor modifications.

9. New business

- A. Consistency among divisions in certification upgrading at level 3
There was discussion regarding upgrading at level 3. The consensus was that as long as all local entities are using the certification guidelines this should be consistent.
- B. Identification and depiction of an officials and organizers "pipeline"
Wright reviewed the draft pipeline produced by Crane. This draft was seen as a good starting point, noting that if accepted upon completion it would be a guideline. The pipeline will need to be integrated with the certification guidelines.
- C. Mechanisms to attract and retain new officials
There was some discussion regarding attracting and retaining officials. Burnham will act as a conduit to put together a list of ideas from the local entities.
- D. Other matters C. Burnham
There were no other matters.

- E. Executive Session: level 4 candidate review Divisional representatives
The Working Group recessed to a closed Executive session.

The following individuals were put forth for advancement to level 4 in the specified categories:

East – Paul van Slyke

4003406 Doug Sluiter CC4, CO4, CR4, DM4, RA4, RF4, TC4
4706503 Paul van Slyke CC4, CO4, CR4, DM4, RA4, RF4, TC4
4698536 Randy Abplanalp CC4, CO4, CR4, RA4, RF4
1047968 Don Cushing CC4, CR4, RA4, RF4, TC4
84137 Don Page CC4, CR4, RA4, RF4, TC4
4690863 Kim Bownes RF4
4634135 Don Artico CO4
4819579 Jeff Jenkins CO4, RF4
2333052 Royce Van Evera CO4, RF4

RMD – Esther DelliQuadri

2947257 George Brooks RF4
4420220 Steve Rice RF4
3003159 John Whitsel RF4
4444337 Nancy Edgington RA4
3003464 Nancy Wiedel DM4
5253463 Mondo Dennett CO4
4676342 P. J. Jenick CO4
5572003 Bernard Goldman CO4

IMD – Steve Schowengerdt

5298823 Gary Jones TC4
5502158 John P. Hammond TC4
4580130 Karen Korfanta CC4, CO4, CR4, DM4, RA4, RF4, TC4
4732046 Justin Watsabaugh CC4
4407953 Tim LaMarche CO4, CR4, RF4
4571535 Sheryl Schowengerdt DM4
5582283 Vince Romney TC4

Northern – Mark Megerth

4488367 Carol Greer TC4
4810610 Linda Svensrud RA4

Far West – Phil GilanFarr

4133302 Lee Schmidt RF4

All nominations were accepted without objection.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. without objection

USSA Western Region ACC Meeting Minutes
Yarrow Hotel, Park City UT
Thursday May 15th, 2003

Committee Members Present: Beat Hupfer, Kent Towleron, Dave Galusha, Sparky Andersone, Dave Van Ruiten, Chuck Latimer, Nigel Loring, Cole Greer, JC Knaub, Ruben Macaya, Bill Gunesch, Aaron Atkins

USSA Staff Present: Lester Keller, Caryn Jones

Guests: Kyle Hopkins, Marjore Knaub, Todd Brickson, Molly Laramie, Karen Korfanta, Bill Hudson, Kevin Kelleher, Paul Mahre, Carrie Stiegler, Tom Olsen, Rick Frongillo, Carma Burnett, Jim Schulz, Mike Hammer, Gail Barber, Steve Bounous

I. Call to Order- Beat Hupfer, Chairman 7:07 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda- Towleron/Latimer C/U (Carried/Unanimous)

III. Approval of January 7, 2003 Minutes- Van Ruiten/Loring C/U

IV. Reports

Chairman's Report- Hupfer- Strong season for Western Region athletes. Deferred to Keller for details. Reviewed Western Region positions on USSA National Committees, no changes.

Treasurer's Report Distributed- Keller- Regional funds are healthy and stable. Planning on similar funding of project grants for 03/04. Budget to be approved at September meeting.

Director's Report- Keller- Detailed report available in USSA Congress book. Great season for Western Region athletes. Praise to coaching staffs at Nor-Am and National events, strong work ethic and cooperation. Loss of two staff positions due to USSA cuts. Positive job performance by both Kai and Whitiker. For next season Divisions should declare intents of Regional Automatics for WR FIS series events 7 days out as opposed to current 72 hours out.

Intent to compete system is not working well. Requests intents directly from programs monthly for following month's events. "No shows", without viable profound cause will be denied access to similar event quotas for the remainder of the season plus one USSA scoring list period. Protected series such as Nor Ams and US Nationals are not effected by this rule.

List of WR Prep Period Projects and proposed 03/04 calendar distributed. Efforts being made to acquire a device for measuring boot sole thickness for use within region.

V. Action Items:

- A. Approval of Treasurer's Report- Loring/Towlerton C/U
- B. Change Divisional quota entry deadline and automatics confirmation deadline to 7 days out from current 72 hours out. Towlerton/Van Ruiten C/U
- C. Western Region selection for National JII Championships will utilize the 8 column selection board method based on results from January WE FIS Elite Tech Series and January WR FIS Devo Speed Series and USSA points.
Loring/Van Ruiten C/U
- D. Add a Regional Director's quota to the WR JI/II Olympics, which can include non juniors. Quota size and management to be determined by the Regional Director. Galusha/Macaya C/U
- E. Approval of proposed WR Calendar with the possible addition of a FIS U event in January. Latimer/Towlerton C/U
- F. All JIII athletes selected on the original list for the NDS January Camp (New York Project) and all JIII athletes selected for Topilino will have access to the WR JIII Olympics through a Regional Directors Quota. These athletes will be seeded between the first and second seed. Latimer/Loring C/U

VI. New Business:

- A. Divisions interested in hosting a Club Coach Clinic should respond to Regional Director by June 15th.
- B. Coach of the Year nominations will now be proposed at the WR ACC January meeting.
- C. Bids for 03/04 events will be reviewed by WR ACC Executive Committee and decisions on citing made by the end of May.

VII. Next Meeting- September, TBA

VIII. Meeting Adjourned Loring/Towlerton C/U

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Classification Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2003
8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
2. Review and adoption of agenda
**Motion 1: To accept the agenda with the addition of items under 7. Other business.
Without objection**
3. Review and adoption of minutes
**Motion 2: To accept the minutes.
Without objection**
4. Staff Report – Competition Services
 - A. Alpine Athlete Points System (APS)
O'Donnell referred to her report as printed in the materials
 - B. Divisional interactions
There were no divisional issues
5. FIS representatives reports
Crane reviewed his FIS report
6. Action item referral/disposition
 - A. Adjust USSA points list to interface with FIS
The proposed dates for publication of the USSA points list as listed in the printed meeting materials was reviewed. Action was tabled until Other Business.
 - B. Flip 30 for USSA scored events
There was no issues with the implementation of the Flip 30 for USSA scored events during the 2003 season.
 - C. Emergency FIS provisional numbers
O'Donnell reviewed the process for requesting FIS provisional numbers. There were approximately 225 requests in season 2003. For season 2004 there will be a change in the fee; in the past provisional requests were provided at no cost, beginning in season 2004 there will be a \$25 processing fee. The impetus for this change is that the administrative burden to process a provisional request is the same as for a full FIS license. If a member were to upgrade from provisional to full license in the same season, the \$25 fee would be credited to the FIS license fee.

- D. Emergency USSA points confirmations
Staff reviewed the process for requesting USSA points confirmations. There were approximately 50 requests for alpine points confirmation during the 2003 season; there is a \$100 fee for this service. The majority of requests during the season were by athletes who had originally joined purchased a student membership and wanted to upgrade to competitor and have points available immediately.
- E. J4 and younger youth membership – archiving of points
Staff reviewed this proposal. Last season, when the policy change was made that J4 and younger athletes could only join USSA as Youth members, and no longer be eligible for points, there were a number of athletes who had already earned points as Competitor with the expectation that those would be available to them. Upon review of staff, it was determined that as those younger athletes became eligible for points as first year J3's they should get those previously earned points back with the addition of any and all appropriate adders.
Motion 3: To allow athletes who become first year J3's, and who had validly earned points under the old policy, would have those points reactivated with the addition of any and all appropriate adders.
M/S/C Crane/Hupfer/Unanimous
- F. Foreign athlete access to USSA races
Weinman reviewed this information item. Due to risk management issues, no athlete will be able to participate in non-FIS USSA races unless that athlete is a member of USSA.
- G. Summer racing, non-scored races
There have been no specific requests for summer racing.
- H. Disposition of sub-standard races
O'Donnell reviewed the list of sub-standard races as listed in her report in the printed materials. There were 13 races that did not meet minimum standards and were assessed the penalty when scored to the Athlete Points System.
- I. Penalty point manipulation
There were no reports of penalty point manipulation.
- J. Publication of USSA points rules, "Commentary"
O'Donnell and Church will continue to refine the commentary with the goal of being ready for publication this coming fall.
- K. USSA timing rules clarification (also to Timing Working Group) – corrections
Church noted that he will be reviewing and refining the Timing rules as printed in the Competition Regulations to ensure accuracy.

7. Other business

- A. Far West Single Penalty Request
Far West Division put forth a request to allow a single penalty for all of their athletes in DH due to the cancellation of all of their scheduled DH races because of weather factors. See the attached request for complete details. The current policy in the Competition Guide, under single penalty requests states that single penalties will not be accepted due to calendar issues.
Motion 4: To accept the Far West single penalty proposal.
M/S/F Goldschmidt/Hupfer/Failed
- B. USCSA RMISA modified team-seeding proposal
USCSA RMISA put forth a request to have an alternate team-seeding proposal accepted as an approved alternate seeding system. See the attached request for complete

details.

Motion 5: To allow the Chair to review and approve the proposal, as is the general procedure for alternate seeding systems, if he deems it acceptable.

M/S/C Crane/Hupfer/Unanimous

C. Multi-Category Events

As an information item Weinman reviewed the position of staff in regards to events where more than one category of athlete is involved. At events where there is more than one category of athletes competing, there should be schedule agreements filed for each of those categories (i.e. Scored, Non-Scored, Masters). This had been the procedure in many parts of the country in previous years. Alternately, if non-scored athletes compete in a Scored race, head tax must be paid on those athletes and they must appear in the results of that Scored race.

D. NJ State proposal to increase the frequency of the USSA points list

NJ State submitted a proposal to increase the frequency of the USSA points list to be valid on a weekly basis. See the attached proposal for further information. The proposal recommended to be forwarded to the Development and Education Subcommittee for review to see if this was desired from a development and athlete management standpoint.

Motion 6: To accept the NJ points list proposal.

M/S/F Goldschmidt/Hupfer/Failed

E. The proposed USSA points list schedule was revisited from 6.A.

Motion 7: To accept the proposed points list schedule as presented in the printed materials with the amendment of changing the valid date from Wednesdays to one day later, or Thursday and to allow staff to adjust the schedule if FIS were to change their current schedule as is expected.

M/S/C Crane/Hupfer/Unanimous

8. Adjournment

Motion 8: To adjourn.

Without objection

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Calendar Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2003
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Draft Minutes

Meeting Chair: Walt Evans

Attendance:

Members:

Lester Keller
George Brooks
Bob Dart

Jeff Burrows
Kirk Dwyer
Tim Maguire

Chuck Lattimer absent

Guests:

Rob Worrell
Dave Hjerleid
Doug Williams
Rick Frongillo

Peter Dodge
Brewster McVicker
Ethan Beck
Mark Sullivan

Paul Wojick
Jeff Pier
Kevin Kelleher
Ed Gassman

1. Call to order
2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Review and approval of minutes
MSC Maguire/Dwyer Approve minutes of May 16, 2002
4. Review of Working Group

A. Responsibility & Authority

Review of restructure: Walt Evans

- Shift of Calendar Working Group authority and responsibility to be more of a staff function in the future. The staff will report to the Calendar Working Group in the spring in order to communicate planning and solicit input for calendar design.
- The Regional Directors will be empowered to act as Calendar Commissioners for their Regions in order to coordinate calendar design and plan.
- The calendar continues to be driven top down. The calendar of World Cup, Europa Cup, Nor Am Cup and National Championship events will dictate calendars at the Regional level.
- The notion of “educate don’t legislate” has not been effective, with Regional Directors driving the calendar process we hope to deliver better planning to accommodate racer management, economy and site utilization.

Change in Chairmanship:

- As the focus of the alpine program has evolved under the Alpine Director, the Domestic staff has been reassigned to focus their efforts on specific areas of the alpine plan.

- The four areas of the alpine program that need professional attention include:
 - Content, Lester Keller is assigned to this area.
 - Racer Management, Tim Maguire is assigned to this area.
 - Development/Education, Jeff Burrows assigned.
 - Clear Path (calendar), Walt Evans will assume the lead.

Review of previous activity and philosophy: Lester Keller

The previous “charge” of the Calendar Working Group that will continue to be the focus:

- Calendars must be athletically based.
- Calendars flow downhill.
- Strive to complete major calendar of USA events 2 years in advance.
- Block the races in series of 4-6 starts in order to seek economy of travel.

5. Calendar effects / information

A. There were two pieces in the meeting materials for review:

- Draft 2 of the NorAm Cup Calendar
- May 12, 2003 Edition of the calendar planning worksheet
 - This planning worksheet includes all of the dates of the North American Major Events, mens and womens Europa Cup schedules, National Jr. Championship schedules and the closing and valid dates of the in season FIS points lists for season 03-04.
- New information from recent FIS meetings:
 - World Cup: Nov. 22-23, 2003 M GS/SL added at Park City
 - World Junior Championships:
Feb 8-15, 2004 SLO
Feb 20-27, 2005 ITA
2006 WJR bids awarded to Quebec

B. Review of all major USA and CAN events:

- 1) Nor-Am Cup calendar and critical areas of concern:
 - a) Womens SG/SG dates prior to finals in Canada
 - b) Mens technical events, dates and siting in November
 - c) Mens and Womens February speed events site.

C. FIS points list dates

- 1) Increased frequency of FIS lists will accommodate quicker reward for athletes who are performing.

5. Regional Calendars

- A. East: Tim reported on the Regional FIS plan for East, East will be adding 4 tech starts for each gender that will be categorized as OPEN and will not score to the Eastern Cup Series. These events will be calendared in conflict with the Carnival FISU events.
- B. Rocky/Central: Jeff has reduced the number of starts by eliminating the R/C FIS series. The Mid-Am and Rocky Mountain Trophy Series schedules will remain in the traditional time frames.
- C. West: Lester has also reduced the number of starts in the Western Region FIS Series. Difficulty getting the FIS DH/Sg plan developed due to NorAm Cup priorities with potential sites.

6. FIS-U

- A. EISA: Peter Dodge, All of the Eastern Carnivals will be scheduled as FISU events. The EISA will continue to use the test seeding system for their carnivals that is similar to the Continental Cup

seeding system. This system is very positive in that it rewards outstanding performance immediately by enhancing the racers start position in the next race.

- B. RMISA: George Brooks, the committee is meeting on May 17, therefore the calendar is not complete at this time. It is likely that some of their races will be FISU while others are USSA. George will be proposing to the RMISA the use of FISU rule 4.2.3 which provides opportunity for athletes to be inserted after the first group of 15. These special seed racers would be identified by RMISA performance.
 - C. NCAA Nationals will be scheduled in Sugar Bowl, CA March 10-13, 2004.
 - D. The USCSA Nationals will be scheduled at Sugarloaf, ME March 3-6, 2003.
 - E. Discussion about the unfortunate calendar conflict of the NorAm Cup finals and the NCAA Championships that will preclude many college athletes from attending the finals.
 - F. Suggestion by Mark Sullivan regarding developing a calendar formula for USCSA, NCAA, USSA and the NorAm Committee in order to avoid future championship and finals conflicts. Kirk Dwyer and Walt will review the possibility of establishing such a formula.
 - G. Walt pointed out policy for future regarding foreign athletes:
 - 1) **All participants (competitors, officials and coaches) who participate in non-FIS USSA sanctioned events must be members of USSA in the appropriate category.**
 - 2) **IT is no longer possible for USSA to waive Competitor membership for elite foreign athletes attending a USA university or college.**
7. Junior Olympics / Junior National review
- A. **Discussion regarding design of Jr. Olympics. The J3 and J4 program will remain unchanged. A new National J2s will be scheduled in early March 2004. The Regions will engineer the championship event for J1-2 and Senior racers within each region.**
 - B. Discussion about the new FIS Entry League category races. These races require less vertical drop and may enhance the ability of Regions to produce FIS speed events, as more venues will be eligible for these races. These events must be on homologated trails.
8. Other business
- A. The Committee confirmed the proposal to renew the expanded quota for USA racers attending Eastern Canada FIS races. The request will be taken to the FIS Classification committee in the fall.
9. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Collegiate Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2003
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Tom Olson

1. Call to order
2. Review and adoption of agenda
 - Agenda and Packet attached
3. Review group membership
4. Review group purpose
5. Round table discussion of issues
 - Jesse Hunt – college can be a part of the pipeline, they need to meet criteria just like everyone else.
 - Calendar: cross over at Nor Ams to see pace of college athletes. U.S. Nationals has good exposure.
 - Definitely want to work together to help promote athletes to USST.
 - Use like other sports as a training group to let athletes mature then move to USST.
 - Need to dispel the myth that once an athlete goes to college their career is over.
 - Western Region tries to push kids into college that can use that time and training to try to make the next step.
 - Colleges need to set up program that has a good balance of training and school.
 - Need to make sure that athletes are developing throughout college – freshmen can't be fastest group. Need to define goals of a college program – USST vs. collegiate racers.
 - Define how college as a whole helps USSA and skiing, not just the few elite athletes that are going to make USST – retention of J1s and Srs, point pace, Alumni for future \$ and/or racers. USSA needs to help keep a good taste in their mouth when they retire.
 - Two Goals: Elite athlete track and participation track, both need to be taken care of.
 - With NCAA and USCSA there are already 2 tracks naturally defined.
 - All college coaches want to make their athletes better, whether that is to USST or NCAA Champion.
 - NDS has put a camp together along with the Eastern colleges in June at Copper Mtn and in August in Chile.
 - Finances are a huge barrier to doing summer camps. Parents are either done paying for stuff or they are paying for college and don't have any money left for camps.

- There are restrictions to what coaches can do during the season and in the off-season with athletes.
- Need to find a balance on quota spots between the college athlete that is on an elite track and the one that is just riding by on his points.
- Knowledge of what is out there in college options is low among club coaches
 - Add a section on this to National Coaches Academy (with NCAA \$\$ rules)
- PNSA has a college section on their website – maybe there should be a link to the collegiate sites.
- As long as the opportunity exists to the general public they will believe and continue and be satisfied.
- Best venues are the ones that have good participation by the colleges.
 - Exposure, penalties, vision of good skiing.
- We need to recognize where USSA and colleges can cooperate and where we are different
- Scheduling is a critical factor in making sure everyone has the opportunities. If there is conflict in the schedule then the door isn't open.
- Colleges like their autonomy but want USSA to help. Need to identify where we can come together, how USSA can help colleges, and what we can do for each other.
- Direction:
 - More cooperative calendaring
 - Come back from EISA, RMISA, and USCSA with proposals of what each wants and what the goals are
 - Identify what athletes needs
 - Identify more off-season camps
 - Work on college quotas to regional FIS
 - Keep the message going that "if you are fast you will make the USST"
 - List colleges on program lists (usually listed as "clubs, academies, etc")
- Jesse – If you want to sell to an athlete when that they can bump to an elite level you need to set up realistic programs for the athletes to make that step.
- Western Region – we need the colleges to attend the Western Region FIS races.

6. Other business

- NCAA rule changes
 - Logo Issues - GS suit (or equivalent race suit) will be considered a "hard gear" and therefore removed from logo restricted wear. Justification: only few companies (Spyder, Schneider, Louie Gagnon,) makes this very special and expensive gear. The gear has to be a FIS approved for insurance purposes. Smallest custom order is 200 pieces on average. Most of the companies has logo imprinted in the fabrics (spider web) and even taping-over the name of the company would not resolve the problem.
 - Injury Replacements for NCAA Championships - Injury substitute deadline will be Monday, March 8 at 5:00 pm for Alpine and Tuesday, March 9 at 5:00 pm for Nordic at 2004 NCAA Championship in Nevada. Justification: Extended period for injury/illness substitute is more consistent with other sports NCAA Championship tournament rules. Gives all qualified better option to utilize a full strength of the team.
 - Running races back to back (i.e. run women, women, men, men instead of women, men, women, men) - All events at Nevada Championship will be executed to the completion; gender will rotate in the order of the events. Justification: Back to back

- Alpine races seem to be a favorite format for athletes. Gender rotation should promote equity.
 - 2005 in Stowe, VT. University of Colorado would submit a bid for 2006 Championships in Steamboat Springs.
- USCSA rule changes
 - Championships in first week of March at Sugarloaf, ME
 - Albertson is bidding for 2005
 - Added Cross Country Sprint to Champs
 - Rotating format with Snowboard – 2004 is Slope Style and Half Pipe
- USSA Comp Guide
- Calendars – get to regional directors and Jeff Weinman in a timely fashion so they can be published in the Comp Guide
- USSA/FIS/FISU
 - College quotas to regional FIS
 - USSA dues increasing for certain groups
 - Peter Dodge stepping down as USSA Rep to FIS University Sub-Committee for University racing
 - Richard Rokos is willing to take over with the full support of the College Committee
- WWUG report from Richard Rokos
- U.S. Collegiate Ski Coaches Assoc
 - George Brooks – retired chairman
 - Because of lack of interest, it has died out, needs to come back
 - Provides a united front from the college coaches in the country to USSA, USOC, USCSA, and NCAA
 - Wanted to go through USSCA, but cumbersome to do that
 - Send back to USCSA, EISA, and RMISA to start again and nominate people
- Direction: Find resources, cooperative work between leagues
- Committee Persons
 - Chairman: Tom Olson
 - Vice Chair: Mark Sullivan
 - USOC/WWUG Rep:
 - USSA BOD:
 - NCAA Rules Committee Rep: Kevin Sweeney
 - USCSA Rules Committee Rep: Ron Bonneau
 - Parent Rep: Darryl Landstrom
 - EISA Rep: Peter Dodge
 - RMISA Rep: Richard Rokos
 - NCAA Nordic Rep:
 - Club Coach:
 - At Large: George Thomas
- Proposal being put together for the USCSA male and female SL and GS Champions (4) have a quota spot for U.S. Nationals Tech events
- Top American male and female finishers overall at USCSA and NCAA Championships get a quota spot in U.S. Nationals that is above the present collegiate quota.
 - Dodge/ Rokos – Pass Unanimous

7. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Quotas / Selection Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2003
10:00 a.m. – noon

Draft Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

1. Call to order
2. Roll call members
 - A. Members: Bob Dart Walt Evans Kirk Dwyer Tim Maguire Beat Hupfer Dave Galusha Jon Nolting Jim Tschaburn
 - B. Guest: Jeff Burrows Brewster McVickers Ed Gassman Kevin Kelleher JC Knaub Jim Schultz Horst Weber Ruben Nacaya Dave Tengdin Rick Frongillo Doug Williams Bill Hudson Darlene Nolting
3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes from May 2002 and September 2002
 - A. MSC/ Galusha/Dwyer
5. Review reports
 - A. Fall Executive Committee
 - B. Staff W. Evans / J. Weinman
 - C. Winter activities (quota management)

Reports were give by Jeff and Walt

2 US were over 25-start rule (26/27), in Jeff report in booklet reviewed the number of FIS start information.
6. Quota proposal
 - A. Review Competition Guide
 - 1) Nor Ams
 - 2) Canadian events – FIS and NC
 - 3) Out of division FIS

Reviewed and approved changes see attached information.
 - B. National J2 quotas
 - 1) Quota were approved J2 National Championships

USST Automatic

20 men / 15 women per Region

10men / 7 women NDS picked last (may or may not be used)

Any World Junior Athlete would be under USST

exact wording to be developed by staff.

7. Review Criteria
 - A. World Junior Championship Criteria
 - 1) Dates need to be set based on selection event calendar and new FIS list dates, no change to actual selection criteria
 - B. USST
 - 1) Was a review item only
8. International licensing
 - A. Winter 02/03
 - B. Summer 2003
9. Collegiate quota
 - A. Report - J. Weinman
 - B. Procedures
 - C. FIS-U Quota Non-Collegiate athletes
10. Review FIS Congress issues W. Evans / B. Dart, others
See attached sheet (main item being the 25 start rule was not approved by FIS council)
11. New business
 - A. USCSA: requested winners from USCSA Championship have invite to US Nationals.
(see programs committee report on action Item)
12. Summer assignments
13. Next meeting
May 2004
14. Adjournment
12:15

Changes to Competition Guide

Deletions are struck out and additions are in bold.

Chapter 2 of the 2003 Guide

Under “USA Athletes Competing in Another Country” on page 19 the following changes will be made:

Minimum Standards for Eligibility

YOB	Points
1987 1988	150 USSA points in any event contested.
1986 1987 and older	120 FIS points in any event contested.
1986-1983	125 FIS points in any event contested.
1982 & older	100 FIS points in any event contested.

Chapter 3 of the 2003 Guide

Under “Common Selection Systems” on page 33 the following text will be inserted between “Common Selection Systems” and “National Team Selection Method”:

Selection boards will not be reranked to reflect purged athletes due to scratches, illness, injury etc.

Chapter 4 of the 2003 Guide

Under “Nor Am Cup” on page 43 the following text will be added at the end of the “Eligibility” paragraph

Athletes must have 120.00 or fewer FIS points in any discipline in order to apply for selection to the quota; development nominations are exempt from this limitation.

Under “Nor Am Cup” on page 44 the following changes will be made under “Finals”

1. USST A & B Teams
- 2. NAC 400 point holders in current season**
- ~~2.~~ **3.** 10 men and 10 women will be selected based on an NTSM of current Nor Am standings as of Feb. 15, 2003 in the discipline(s) to be contested.
- ~~3.~~ **4.** NTSM of FIS points in the discipline(s) to be contested.
- ~~4.~~ **5.** Four quota slots in each of men and women will be reserved for development selections. Development quota nominations will be considered.

Under “Nor Am Cup” on page 44 the following changes will be made under “Procedures for all Nor Ams”:

2. Quota Entry Deadlines: For U.S. races, regional and collegiate entries and reserve lists should be submitted ~~17~~ **32** days in advance. For Canadian events, nominations should be submitted 32 days in advance. Unfilled USST and/or Canadian quota slots will revert to the NTSM list. The host region may fill any remaining unused quota spots. Not every quota spot will necessarily be filled.

Under “FIS Alpine World Junior Championships” beginning on page 46, the criteria will be changed by staff to reflect changes in the FIS points list schedule and Nor Am calendar.

Under “Regional FIS Series” on page 54 the following change will be made to the second paragraph:

Racers wishing to enter these major events out of their own division must have better (fewer) than: ~~160.00 (DH), 100.00 (SL), 120.00 (GS), 130.00 (SG)~~ **120.00** USSA seeding points in any discipline ~~of the series~~ to be entered (except Alaska men and women and Northern women). Host divisions may relax the above quotas or points level requirements.

Under “USSA Junior Olympic Program” on page 55 a section for “J2 National Championships” add the following:

The J2 National Championships was approved as a new event in the Alpine pipeline, beginning season 2004. Athletes will be selected to the J2 National Championships by membership on the USST or by their home Regions. This event will help focus development efforts on the top 15 and 16 years olds in an effort to ensure sustained performance at the World Junior Championships. Quotas for this event will be filled as follows:

- 1. USST Automatic**
- 2. World Junior Championship Team Automatic**
- 3. 20 Men and 15 Women per Region**
- 4. 10 Men and 7 Women reserved for Development and picked after 1 and 2.**

Under “Major Canadian Events” on page 56 change text as follows:

In order to enter FIS events in Canada, USSA competitors must have **120.00 FIS points in any discipline** ~~100.00 points or better on the valid USSA points list in any discipline to be contested~~ and they must be registered to appear in the FIS points lists; or they must be participating in a nationally or regionally-approved development activity. Requests for development consideration must be submitted a minimum of 20 days in advance. Competition Director approval is mandatory. Guidelines and forms will be provided on request to the regional offices.

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(Note, this particular change came up through the Collegiate Working Group and was approved by the Programs Subcommittee and the Alpine Sports Committee, but is listed here for reference.)

Under “Collegiate Competition” in the section “College Quota” on page 104 add a new paragraph between the current second and third paragraph that reads:

The top combined U.S. male and female athletes, as determined by accumulated race points in SL + GS, from both the USCSA and NCAA National Championships, will be automatics to the technical events at the U.S. National Alpine Championships. These athletes will take the first positions on the college quota; the college quota is not expanded from previous rules.

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Timing Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2003
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
 - Meeting was called to Order by Allen Church.
 - Committee Structure was reviewed. Members present were Allen Church, Jordan Ginsberg, Sally ??, Ellen ??, Stanley Goldschmidt, Anna McIntyre will be retiring. This is an experts committee.
2. Review and adoption of agenda
 - Agenda was reviewed and approved.
3. Review and approval of minutes
 - Minutes in back of book.
4. Reports
 - A. Chairman
 - Gets all TTRF for all of the FIS races, and a few USSA races. May get duplicates from USA FIS TD Commissionaire. Have been eyeballing forms and looked for missing data. Not just entering data. The FIS has rated forms on a 5-point scale. 1 is a failure that cannot be fixed to a 5 that is a perfect form.
 - In the future, we would like to check for compliance against what we should have for forms. How many are we missing?
 - At Beaver Creek, exercised the option to go into a World Cup race to connect a timing device and record all of the times in parallel with timing company. Was done on a DH Training run, a DH, and a SG. This was also done at World Champions. The ten members of the timing group are encouraged to travel to races and mentor and educate.
 - B. USSA Staff
 - Pull and distribute forms.
 - Discussed possibility to note race packets with missing forms.
 - Discussed distribution methods for forms.
 - C. FIS representatives
5. Action item disposition

A. Requests for temporary exceptions

- Not everyone clear with why they need an exception.
- No exception needed for a non-scored race.
- No exceptions provided in 02-03 season. Some forms came in with "waived"

B. USSA Timing Technical Report Form compliance

- Would like to measure more in the future, but could lead to similar procedure for FIS. Must insure the quality of the product.
- More problems in the world than we really want to see.
- Compliance and errors were discussed.
- Analysis of FIS forms and their procedure was reviewed. Races may show up on the website, but are not verified until Pricsa approved the form.

Motion: Adopt the FIS process to evaluate USSA Forms. This will be for evaluation process only, so that the number of races in each category can be calculated. Races with a score of 1 or 2 will be evaluated and organizers will be contacted for educational processes.

m/s/c Ginsberg/Ellen/Unanimous

- The new draft FIS TTRF (V 6.0) was reviewed. The hope is to do an electronic form that can be submitted electronically in the future.
- The differences between the USSA And FIS forms were reviewed.

C. Reduce USSA timing rules – one system only

- This applies to non-scored races, and was enacted for the 02-03 season.

D. Review and update of USSA Timing Requirements (rules section 2.2)

- Approved change in section last year, went into the wrong paragraph so the language was slightly wrong. This impacted the rules for exceptions. Allen has made the corrections for the competition guide for 03-04.
- Rules were reviewed and clarified for intent as needed.
- How wireless timing fits into these rules was discussed.

6. Homologation of equipment, publication

- Is published on the USSA and FIS website as well as in the USSA Alpine Competition Manual. The most current form is on the FIS Website.

7. Other business

- None

8. Adjournment

m/s/c Ellen/Ginsberg/Unanimous

FIS Timing Working Group Meeting Strasbourg, France 2003-04-30

Summary of Race Timing Problems '02-03

1,985 Valid Events

1,454 Reports Received

535 Missing Reports (27%)

595 Exhibited Problems (41%) – See [Problem Severity Scale](#) below.

Two reports for TD meeting:

- List with problem and Nation
- List of missing reports

The TD Commissioners of each nation will receive a copy of the Timing Problems (with a Severity Scale number assigned) so that they can take corrective action for the next season with the ROC involved. TDs assigned to races that had reported problems will also be advised of what to look for and possibly correct immediately.

The TWG concluded that since Francesco would continue to review all Timing Report data and since this report is recommended to become an essential document with the TD Report before the race is accepted as valid. Any timing problems noted in the future would be assigned a [Timing Problem Severity Classification](#) that would allow a report to the Alpine Classifications Committee to be made at the end of the competition year. The five-level scale we recommend is shown here.

Severity Scale for Timing Problems:

1 = Race Not Valid, Problem Cannot be Fixed

2 = Race Not Valid, Problems may be Correctable

3 = Race Valid, Important Problems Require Correction and Education

4 = Race Valid, All Problems Corrected Appropriately

5 = Race Valid, No Timing Problems Observed

Severity Scale Description:

- 1 Non- Homologated Timer
No Printers or Tapes
No Data Recorded
Wireless without data
- 2 No TRF
Missing Form Data or Signatures
Only 1 system
TOD not in at least 1/1000ths
- 3 Hand Timing Missing
A=B times
EET docs missing
Sync bad or missing
B times in 1/100ths
B Partial Data only
- 4 Some Times from B
All times from B
Calibration A/B obviously bad
- 5 All Times from A, B Functional, Hand Timing Complete

**Federation Internationale de Ski - Timing Technical Report Form**

To be included with official results package - One Form required for each Codex

SEASON 2003-2004

Form Version 6.0 / June 2003

Alpine

CODEX

0123Event Name: **DU FISU**Nation: **USA**Location: **WINTER PARK COLORADO**Date (dd/mm/yy): **26 / 01 / 03****DH SG GS SL
MEN LADIES**

	Brand	Model	Serial Number	Homologation #
Sys A Timer: (at finish)	Tag Heuer	CP-705	6997	TAG.001.99
Sys B Timer: (at finish)	Tag Heuer	CP-705	7003	TAG.001.99
Start Timer: A	ALGE	Timy	21-35	ALG.001.02
Start Timer: B	ALGE	Timy	21-34	ALG.001.02
Start Gate:	ALGE	STSC2	---	Listed
Finish Cells A:	Tag Heuer	HL 2-31	01-523	Listed
Finish Cells B:	Tag Heuer	HL 2-31	01-517	Listed

Connections to Start	System A	System B	Voice Comm.
Cable or other	Snowmobile	Snowmobile	Radio

POWER ON Time (warm-up):	F	7:20	<u>At least 30 minutes before Synchronization.</u>				
	S	7:35					
		1st Run			2nd Run		
		System A (TOD)	System B (TOD)	HT Net	System A (TOD)	System B (TOD)	HT Net
Synchronization Time		10:00			13:30		
Start at Sync + 1 min.	S	10:00:51.2251	10:00:51.2270		13:31:00.1150	13:31:00.1165	
	F	10:00:51.226	10:00:51.226		13:31:00.116	13:31:00.117	
Start TOD First Competitor *		10:53:32.115	10:53:32.120		14:08:59.052	14:08:59.050	
Finish TOD First		10:54:33.0295	10:54:33.0266	1:01.10	14:10:04.4730	14:10:04.4704	1:05.54
Start TOD Last Competitor *		11:55:42.483	11:55:42.479		15:00:43.467	15:00:43.466	
Finish TOD Last		11:56:51.5906	11:56:51.5688	1:09.27	15:01:53.6602	15:01:53.6559	1:10.44
* First and Last to Finish with complete data.		Result (A)		HT	Result (A)		HT
Best run-time		58.47		58.53	1:04.77		1:04.69

Were all Results from system A? **Yes / No**

List Bib numbers:

Comments:

We certify that the timing and calculations of this event adhered to the rules.

YES / NO

Chief of Timing - Name (Print)	Telephone, Email	Signature	Date dd/mm/yy
Paul Renfro	655-4437 prenr@wp.net	/ SIGNATURE	01/02/03
Technical Delegate - Name, NAT (Print)	Telephone, Email	Signature	FIS TD # Date dd/mm/yy
E. DeliQuadri, USA	970-987-4311 edqh34@AOL.com	/ SIGNATURE	786 01/02/03

United States Ski and Snowboard Association - Timing Technical Report Form

To be included with official results package - One Form required for each Race Code

Form Version 4.0 / June 2003

RACE CODE

U0303

SEASON 2003-2004



Event Name: POWERBAR BULA

Location: LOVELAND SKI AREA

Date (mm dd yy): 12 / 08 / 02

State: CO

(DH, SG, GS or SL)

SL

(MEN or WOMEN)

WOMEN

	Brand	Model	Serial Number	Homologation #
System A Timer:	ALGE	S-4	990935	ALG.005.97
System B Timer:	ALGE	S-4	40395	ALG.005.97
Start Gate:	ALGE	STSC2	---	Listed
Finish Cell A:	ALGE	RLS1C	01-523	Listed
Finish Cell B:	ALGE	RLS1C	01-517	Listed

Connections to Start	System A	System B	Voice Comm.
Cable or other	Cable	Cable	Radio

POWER ON Time (warm-up):

	8:10	At least 30 minutes before Synchronization.					
	1st Run			2nd Run - if applicable			
	System A (TOD)	System B (TOD)	HT Net	System A (TOD)	System B (TOD)	HT Net	
Synchronization Time	8:39			12:39			
Start at Sync + 1 min.	8:40:00.075	8:40:00.073		12:40:02.923	12:40:02.912		
Start TOD First Competitor *	9:01:37.904	9:01:37.903		12:59:01.875	12:59:01.862		
Finish TOD First	9:02:27.743	9:02:27.678	49.52	12:59:48.798	12:59:48.788	46.65	
Start TOD Last Competitor *	10:54:26.606	10:54:26.603		13:42:21.820	13:42:21.804		
Finish TOD Last	10:55:20.631	10:55:20.648	54.02	13:43:17.577	13:43:17.558	55.64	
* First and Last to Finish with complete data.		Result (A)	HT		Result (A)	HT	
Best run-time		44.08	44.25		43.37	43.22	

Were all Results from system A? (YES or NO) NO

List Bib numbers: 41 1st run

Comments: 41 EET from system B

We certify that the timing and calculations of this event adhered to the rules. (YES or NO)

YES

Chief of Timing - Name (Print)	Telephone, Email	Signature	USSA Member #	Date mm/dd/yy
M. JOHNSEN	303-233-1470 Johnse@hotmail.com	/ SIGNATURE	R5463721	12/08/02
Technical Delegate - Name, (Print)	Telephone, Email	Signature	USSA Member #	Date mm/dd/yy
N. WINSTON	970-648-4311 Nwins@AOL.Com	/ SIGNATURE	C4958673	12/08/02

2.2.1.2 Timing Equipment

For all national championship races (including regional junior championships), electronic timing systems approved by USSA must be used. A list of these approved devices will be published. Races using timing devices other than those on the approved list will not be considered for scoring to the USSA points list.

For other competitions that are scored to the USSA points list there shall be a primary timekeeping system which generates a permanent printed record of time-of-day at the start and at the finish. The primary timekeeping device shall be shown to meet the requirements of a homologated timing device. Further, there shall be a secondary electronic timing system, preferably reporting time-of-day, and manual timekeeping.

A timing technical report form must be completed for each scored competition and submitted with the results to USSA.

For other competitions, which are not scored to any points lists, there shall be a primary timekeeping system that is electronically based, preferably measuring time-of-day, and manual timekeeping.

If wireless timekeeping is used it may be applied only to the secondary system. Specifications and procedures for timing are more fully described in a separate Timing Booklet.

Exceptions may be authorized on a petition basis through the USSA office to the chairman of the Timing Working Group.

2.2.1.2.1 Electric Timing

Two synchronized electronically isolated systems operating in Time-of-Day must be used. One system will be designated System A (Main System), the other System B (Back-Up System) prior to the beginning of the race.

All time of day times must be immediately and automatically sequentially recorded on printed strips to at least the 1/1000th (0.001) precision. Both systems must allow for the calculation of net times by the mathematical comparison of each racer's start time to finish time. The final result is then expressed to 1/100th (0.01) precision by truncating the calculated net time on course.

All times used for the final result must come from System A. If there is a failure of System A, a calculated net time from System B must be used following the same procedure set out in 2.2.1.3.2. It is not permitted to substitute Time-of-Day times from System B for use with System A for the purpose of net time calculations.

For all events, System A must be connected to its respective start gate contact. System B must be separately connected to another electronically isolated start gate contact.

In the same fashion, System A must be connected to the System A photocell and System B must be connected to the System B photocell.

Synchronization of the timing systems must occur within 60 minutes of the Start of each run and must be maintained throughout each run. Timers may not be re-synchronized during any run. Synchronization must be performed from the start wand through the system wiring to both timers at the finish.

All timing equipment and technical installations must be demonstrably functional to the requirements of the rules when disconnected from external devices, e.g. scoring and results computers.

Refer to the FIS Timing Booklet, Edition 2 for further guidance.

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USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Programs Subcommittee

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center

Park City, UT

Friday, May 16, 2003

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

1. Call to order
2. Roll call members
 - Members: Bob Dart Walt Evans Bill Skinner Tom Olson
 - Guest: Beat Hupfer Dave Tengdin
3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes
 - MSC/ Skinner / Evans
5. Reports from Subcommittee and review action Items
 - A. Calendar
 - 1) Report attached with 2 action items listed
 - B. Quota
 - 1) Report attached with action items listed
 - C. Collegiate
 - 1) Report attached, one action item Request for additional collegiate quota for Top American male and female finishers overall at USCSA and NCAA Championships get a designated spot at US Nationals.
Programs Subcommittee approved, The top American winners male/female be listed at top of Selection criteria with in the current quota numbers on technical events only.
 - D. Master
 - 1) Report attached No action items
 - E. Youth Task Force (Rules)
6. Discussion other items from committees
 - A. Discussed equipment issues and how to align with FIS, see Development Committee report
 - B. With the change in Chairman of Calendar Committee the addition of an at Large member was approved and Beat Hupfer will fill the seat.
 - C. Re-elect Current Chairman to another term
7. Summer assignments
8. Next meeting
 - May 2004
9. Adjournment
 - 3:45pm

**USSA National Alpine Masters Working Group
Annual Meeting
USSA Offices – Park City, UT
March 18 & 21, 2003**

Attending:

Keith Thompson, Chairman – PNSA
Willi Schmidt – PNSA
Don Smith – Far West
Steve Lindemer – Central
Pete Donaghy – Eastern
Bill Skinner - USSA

Steve Slivinski - Intermountain
Bob Sarchett – Site Selection
Deb Lewis – Guest
Nancy Ausekbi - Guest
Sarah Getzelman - USSA

Absent: Alaska, Rocky, Northern

Called to order by Keith Thompson at 3:30 pm

1. Opening Comments

- M/S/C Schmidt/Lindemer/Unanimous – To accept minutes from 2002 meeting.
- Additions to agenda – Nationals running order and TD issues in the East.

2. Staff and Chairpersons Reports

- Discussion on concerns of USSA Membership cost. What are the benefits from USSA. Concern by the committee that the cost of membership inhibits more people from joining USSA. The committee also recognized the benefits of USSA insurance when hosting an event.
- Sheryl Fine – USSA Membership Director arrived to give explanations on membership and temporary memberships cost. The masters group is the only group that has a temporary membership available. The forms have to be filled out correctly and sent into USSA within a week of the event in order for USSA to keep offering the temporary memberships. If this is not adhered to the temporary memberships could be discontinued. This has to be done in order to comply with USSA's insurance. Keith Thompson obligates each division to comply with Sheryl's request and take responsibility for managing the temporary licenses in their division. Other points Sheryl brought up:
 - Temporary & USSA membership forms are available on the USSA website.
 - Bill Skinner said USSA will try and include Temporary and Regular USSA membership applications in all Master race packets starting in the 2003-04 season.
 - Masters membership fees have not had an increase for a number of years. Due to the 200% increase in USSA's insurance cost the Masters can expect a membership rate increase for the 03-04 season. Potentially could be a \$20 increase. All other memberships in USSA have already had increases in fees.
 - Sheryl will email updated monthly membership rosters.

3. Nationals 2004

- The 2004 Nationals are proposed to take place in Aspen, Colorado, March 21 – 27, 2004.
- Keith Thompson - Motion to accept 2004 Nationals at Aspen, M/S/C - Don Smith/ Willi Schmidt/Unanimous.

- Bill Skinner reiterated what a great job Aspen did in hosting the Rocky speed series this past February.

4. Western Regionals

- Bill Skinner announced that Big Sky is interested in hosting Western Regionals Feb 6-8, 2004. Big Sky would provide SG/GS/SL. Also interested in hosting Nationals in the future.

5. Eastern Regionals

- Great job at Sugarbush this past March. They would like to host them again. Pete Donaghy has a meeting April 3, to confirm Eastern Regionals. Will also request a 2 run combined time for the Super G in 2004.

6. FIS Rules and Issues

- USSA not interested in hosting International FIS events until policy is drawn up to avoid schedule conflicts for rescheduled races. Bob Dart will represent the U.S. Masters at the June FIS Meetings.
- Ski Length FIS Issue – Bill Skinner has sent fax to Harald at the FIS Office stating that USSA will not enforce FIS ski rules at USSA Masters races for the 2004 season.
- Next year if Canada does not host the FIS Internationals, USSA will not host either.
- Bill Skinner reminded Division heads to check on the USSA website to make sure your races were sanctioned.

7. Handbook and Newsletters

- Bill Skinner reported that out of the 14,000 newsletters sent out to all potential master racers (nastar participants, coaches, College grads ect) we picked up at least 75 new people for full membership. Upon approval of the committee, Bill feels the money could be better spent to include a mid winter newsletter for all masters, bringing the total of newsletters up to three per year.

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm. Will reconvene Friday (March 21) at 4:30 PM.

9. New Business (Friday meeting)

- Time line review (see packet). Spring Newsletter deadline to be pushed back to the original date of April 15, 2003.
- Discussion continued on seeding of the older gentlemen at Nationals. The problem is currently the older men are on the hill from 8 am until almost 4 pm during the GS day and is a safety concern. Effort will be made to run the C & D groups on separate days, and if necessary the A & B groups the same day. Bob Sarchett and other members should submit any suggestions they have to Bill Skinner.
- Willi Schmidt will be resigning as PSNA Division Chair. Bill thanked him for all his hard work.

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

11. Notes submitted by: Sarah Getzelman – 3/28/03

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Rocky/Central Region ACC

Hearst
The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 16, 2003
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Roger Perricone

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of RCACC members - Chair Roger Perricone, Olin Armstrong, RMD, Dave Waller, Central, Brewster McVicker, Central, Bill Slattery, Central, Jim Tschabrun, Central, Darryl Landstrom, Central, Bob Dart, RMD, Tony Nunnikhoven, (for John Leffler) RMD, Jon Nolting, RMD; Absent Jeff Bruggeman and John Leffler
 - A. GUESTS: Cindy Carlson, R/C USSA Staff, Darlene Nolting R/C USSA Staff, Jeff Burrows R/C USSA Staff, Ed Gassman, George Thomas, Nancy Wiedel, Gary Wright, Allen Church, George Brooks, Tom Olsen, Rob Worrell, Crawford Pierce, Grant Lindemer, Aldo Radamus, Dave Hjerleid, Esther DelliQuadri
3. Call to order
4. Review and approval of agenda **Perricone/Armstrong M/S/C**
5. Review and approval of 2002 minutes **Slattery/Tshabrun M/S/C**
6. Staff reports
 - A. Darlene Nolting
 - B. Cindy Carlson
 - C. Jeff Burrows
 - 1) Please review reports that are published in the book.
 - 2) Our Region has not been performing at the level that it has in the past. As each division gets stronger the region gets strong. We need to work together to make this happen
 - 3) Entry Level FIS can be an extremely helpful opportunity and that we need to take advantage of this.
 - 4) The proposal to the FIS council for first year FIS 25 start rule is still in effect.
 - 5) The equipment rule is a discussion item at the National bases that will continue to be discussed and decisions made.
 - a) Olin Armstrong brought up an issue that has been happening at divisional and regional level and that is athletes showing up to Super G and Downhill events on equipment that is inappropriate for the discipline being contested. Juries will be responsible for monitoring this.

- 6) We are going through the process of hiring a regional coach, we would like to hire before the June camp.
 - 7) Point standards have been set at the quota meetings for NorAm events and higher-level FIS events.
 - 8) International licensing requests need to be submitted as early as possible, these go to Jeff Weinman
 - 9) The calendar for the most part has been set, early season FIS are still in flux to move in line with the World Cup and Nor Ams that have been added and moved.
 - 10) Rocky will offer an expanded quota to Central at the December RMTS.
7. RMD report – Perricone
- A. Roger would like to thank Winter Park, Steamboat and Team Summit for the great JO events that were held for the Region
 - B. We have been working on our Calendar to make it best and more athletic for our athletes.
 - C. Membership is up across the board – youth through coaches and officials.
 - D. We need to continue to recruit officials from the coaches and parents.
 - E. We are moving forward with our conditioning program by bring in an expert to help travel between the clubs.
 - F. We have revised the mission statement of the Rocky Mountain Division to help set our goals to achieve in the direction we want to head.
8. Central report – Bruggeman
- A. Increase in membership of 1.5%
 - B. Central lost Brad Marcouiller as Youth Development Coordinator because of budget cuts.
 - C. MidAms ran well
 - D. R/C FIS – Siting is a problem
 - E. JO's went well thanks to the sites that held those events
 - F. Lutsen Spring Series – Low technical points, Issues about alcohol with the athletes and around the athletes. The Women's GS results at the Lutsen Spring Series were deemed compliant with FIS by Bruce Crane, Chair Rules and Tech Committee.
 - G. Development projects were a little scares in Central last year. The speed camp at Mt. Hood and the December Steamboat project were good.
 - H. Proposal to modify the CACC Board to happen over the summer.
 - I. Olin's proposal that the sequence of JO's be J4, J3 and then the J1/J2 regional was passed unanimously
 - J. CACC Fall Meeting September 26, 27 in Blaine, MN.
9. New business
- A. The Region needs two reps for the Development and Education committee. The committee will work on this over the summer and bring the names to the executive committee for a meeting in the fall.

- B. Bob Calderwood wanted everyone to know that the USSA officials will be producing a boot height measuring device to be used in the next season to educate athletes, coaches and parents.
- C. 02-03 R/C FIS date/site review – Burrows
- 1) The R/C FIS has been successful in the past, it is good to have head to head competition between the divisions
 - 2) The early season event had too many starts in a series with 2 SL's and 4 GS's.
 - 3) RMTS schedule shows 2 SG's and 2 GS's in the middle of December because of the lack of SG site
 - 4) The March R/C FIS while has been a great event attendance has been low. We would like to change this event to the R/C Regional Championships to be held at the same time as the US Nationals.
- D. Discussion topics
- 1) J3/4 JO venue declaration deadline
 - a) Sites have been doing a great job with the Junior Olympics.
 - b) Jeff would like to create a staggered bidding process that would create some freedom for some clubs to pursue some National events and not have a three-year bid from here on. Maybe create a one-year and two-year bid event.
 - c) It might be hard for some sites to only host an event for one year if they have to come up front costs.
 - d) We would need be careful with the siting so that an athlete doesn't end up at the same site for their whole Junior Olympics career
 - e) J3 and J4 bids on a two-year, R/C Championship on a one-year.
Landstrom/McVicker M/S/failed
 - f) Allow staff to decide which of the three events will be a one-year event.
Dart/Tschabrun M/S/C
 - g) Aspen can submit a proposal to this committee within a week and we will have a conference call on Monday June 2nd to finalize sites.
 - 2) National J2 qualification and quota criteria
 - a) Quota proposal – Rocky/Central shall have a quota of 20 men and 15 women. Of these quotas, 10 men and 7 women shall be reserved for a regional selection and the remaining 10 men and 8 women will be split evenly between the Rocky Mountain and Central Divisions. Regional selection (occurs before divisional selections): This quota will be filled by using the sum of the best two FIS point discipline rankings purged to include only non-automatic Rocky/Central J2 athletes using the most recent FIS points list. Ties will be broken using the best single discipline rank. If there is still a tie the third best discipline rank will be used, then the fourth. **Nolling/Slattery M/S/** Amended: this proposal would be only for 03-04 season **Slattery/Dart M/S/C**
 - b) Quota proposal – The regional selection would be based on head to head competition at the January Mid Am Marquette SL's, RMTS Speed Block January 25-30, and the RMTS GS's Feb 13-14. This 10 Men Quota and 7 women Regional Quota would be filled by ITS of the non-automatic J2 athletes best results in each of the 4 disciplines. All racers purged other than Rocky/Central non-automatic J2's. – This head to head proposal has merit and is something we would like to

move towards this in the 04-05 year and would like to research through the next year and come back with a proposal that works with both calendars.

3) R/C FIS events

- a) Quality
- b) 02-03 calendar

4) Regional championships

- a) Discussion about out Regional Championship being called the Junior Olympics vs. the Regional Championships. If it is called the Junior Olympics then seniors can't participate? What do we want the event to be? Motion to call the event he Rocky/Central Regional Championships. **Dart/Armstrong M/S/C**
- b) Has the National J2's name been set, can it be called the Junior Olympics?
- c) Seniors – Motion to admit seniors in this event **Slattery/Tschabrun M/S/C** How many seniors will be allowed in this event?
- d) Quotas – Motion Junior quota of 45 men/ 24 women per division Senior quota of 20 men and 15 women regional quota based off of FIS points, total field size would be 110 men and 63 women **Nolting/Landstrom M/S/** amended – 35 junior men per division with the understanding that any unfilled spots will go 10 junior per division and 20 Seniors in the region **Dart/Nolting M/S/C**

E. Action items

Amend operating procedures to change format of fall R/C ACC meeting, to say have one meeting in May at the USSA Congress and then to have an executive committee meet as necessary. **Perricone/Slattery M/S/C**

10. Old business

11. Adjournment **Tschabrun/Armstrong M/S/C**

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Executive Committee

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, Utah

Saturday, May 17, 2003
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

MEMBERS:

Bill Slattery - Chair	<u>Present</u>
Bob Dart - Vice-Chair/Program Chair	<u>Present</u>
Bruce Crane - Rules and Technical Chair	<u>Present</u>
Kirk Dwyer - Development Chair	<u>Present</u>
Walt Evans - Competition Director	<u>Present</u>
Jesse Hunt - Alpine Director	<u>Present</u>
Darryl Landstrom - Regional Chair	<u>Present</u>
Chris Puckett - Athlete Representative	<u>Excused</u>
Tom Winters - Ex-officio *	<u>Present</u>
Jeff Weinman - Secretary *	<u>Present</u>

* Non-Voting

GUESTS:

Olin Armstrong	Beat Hupfer	Leland Sosman
Jeff Burrows	Tim Maguire	Dave Tengdin
Chuck Ferries	Alex Natt	David Van Ruiten

1. Call to order
Slattery called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Review and approval of agenda
**Motion 1: To approve the agenda as presented
Without objection**
3. Review and approval of minutes
Not available at this time
4. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes distribution
A packet will be available at the ASC and then distribution will follow electronically.
5. Summary review (action items, initiatives and issues)
 - A. Awards Committee report Bill Slattery
Slattery noted that the one point of concern out of the meeting was to have better input from a broader audience. There will be a push to have the sport awards be presented at a separate time from the Congress and only present major awards here.
 - B. Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee Bruce Crane
Crane reviewed the major items that came out of the Subcommittee.

- C. Alpine Development Subcommittee Kirk Dwyer
Dwyer reviewed the major items that came out of the Subcommittee. Recommendation to have one preview meeting that would include all staff reporting to help eliminate redundancy.
- D. Alpine Program Subcommittee Bob Dart
Dart reviewed the major items that came out of the Subcommittee.
- E. Regional Subcommittee Darryl Landstrom
Landstrom reviewed the major items that came out of the Subcommittee.
- F. Nominating Committee Bob Dart
The Nominating Committee report will be reviewed in closed session.
- G. Academic/Scholastic Task Force Darryl Landstrom
Landstrom noted that this Task Force would be disbanded and the work folded into the Regional Subcommittee in the future.
- H. FIS Tom Winters
Winters reviewed the major items that came out of the Working Group.
- I. Athletes Chris Puckett
Puckett was not available.

6. Review ASC agenda

Motion 2: To move 5.B. Nominating Committee to be the last item under 5. Without objection

To work to make the order consistent for Subcommittee Reporting between each Executive Meeting and the Subcommittee meeting.

The meeting was moved to a closed session of the Executive Committee.

7. Old business

- A. Alpine operations manual
Natt stayed to review the operations manual. The manual will be presented to the USSA BOD as presented in the materials. Further changes will be submitted for approval to the next USSA BOD after this session and will be reviewed at the 2004 Congress.
- B. Nominating Committee Bob Dart
Dart reviewed the report of the Nominating Committee that will be presented to the ASC.

8. New business

There was no new business discussed.

9. Adjournment

Motion 3: To adjourn Without objection

USSA Congress 2003

USSA Alpine Sport Committee

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, Utah

Saturday, May 17, 2003
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

1. Call to order Bill Slattery
Slattery called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. Review and approval of agenda
Motion 1: To approve the agenda with the one change of moving the Nominating Committee report to the end of 5.
Without Objection
3. Review and approval of minutes
Motion 2: To approve the minutes of the 2002 Congress.
M/S/C Landstrom/Crane/Unanimous
4. Staff Reports
 - A. USSA/USST Management report Alan Ashley
Ashley thanked everyone for coming and participating to help improve the sport of alpine ski racing. Ashley also thanked the staff for their work. USSA has had a great athletic year across the pipeline. Success is a reflection of the entire organization as well as involvement of all those present. USST athletes are performing as role models for our young athletes. Structure of the athletic programs includes have the best possible programs for our elite athletes so that our athletes have the resources to succeed. The National Development system is making progress headed by Jesse Hunt and collaborating to develop resources for developing athletes. Sport Science is providing the guidance for success both to elite teams and to development. Coaches Education is being built out with the addition of Finn Gundersen and David McCann under the leadership of Andy Walsh. Fundraising through marketing is a challenge due to the economy. We continue to have strong private donor support. There will be a member fee increase to support programs. Information on fee increases is provided in the materials. Intention to move fee increases ahead 6 months.
 - B. Alpine Director Jesse Hunt
Hunt delivered his report to the Development/Education Subcommittee; that report is in the materials. Hunt gave a special thanks to the USST coaches and staffs. Hunt also thanked the volunteers and club coaches for the work that they do. Working to integrate all programs (clubs, divisions, regions) to achieve the goal of being best in the world. A lot of exciting things are happening in Coaches Education. At the elite level continue to work towards winning at every level and continuing the past levels of funding and support.

- C. Competition Director Walt Evans
Evans welcomed those in attendance and applauded the work that has been done. Evans reviewed his Directors report and provided in the meeting materials. Evans thanked Hunt for his involvement in the domestic programs. Evans thanked his staff for their work especially for their work meeting the budget challenges that USSA has been faced with this season. On behalf of all the athletes, and himself, Evans thanked the officials community for their work. Without the officials their would be no competition programs.

5. Alpine Subcommittee reports

- A. Alpine Executive and Judicial Bill Slattery
There were no action items out of the Executive or Judicial.
- B. Rules and Technical Bruce Crane
Crane reviewed his report as included in the materials.
Motion 3: To accept the report
M/S/C Korfanta/Dwyer/Unanimous

Slattery thanked Crane for his work – the Rules and Technical area is the largest and most complex of the Alpine Subcommittees. Crane thanked all of his various Working Group Chairs for their work.

- C. Regional Darryl Landstrom
Landstrom reviewed his report as included in the materials.
Motion 4: To accept the report
M/S/C Dart/Armstrong/Unanimous
- D. Program Bob Dart
Dart reviewed his report as included in the materials.
Motion 5: To accept the report
M/S/C Landstrom/Evans/Unanimous

Dart thanked the working group members and staff for their work.

- E. Education/Development Kirk Dwyer/Jeff Bryne
Dwyer reviewed his report as included in the materials. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding equipment regulations. This issue will continue to be reviewed or consideration in the fall.
Motion 6: To accept the report but to table the issue regarding equipment regulations to the Fall Executive meeting.
M/S/C Korfanta/Crane/Unanimous

- F. FIS Tom Winters
Winters reviewed his report as included in the materials. Korfanta pointed out that there would be a special FIS book for disabled noting the differences from the ICR. As a special note, the reference to eliminating the 25 start year for first year FIS eligible athletes was not approved by the FIS Council; the 25 start rule stands for season 2003/2004.
Motion 7: To accept the report
M/S/C Crane/Dart/Unanimous

- G. Athletes Chris Puckett
Puckett was not available to report.

- H. Nominating Committee Bob Dart
Dart reviewed his report as included in the materials.
Motion 8: To accept the report
Without objection

6. Old business
There was no old business to review.
7. New business
There was no old business to review.
8. Comments from guests
Ashley asked for input on the meeting schedule as used this year. There was broad agreement that this schedule was preferred.

Dart reviewed some of the items that would be before the Board. Those items include two bylaw changes the first of which is to change the name of the Chair-Elect to Vice-Chair. The second to change that the CEO "or his designee" would sit on the Sport Committees. The other main point will be approval of the Operations Manual as presented in the meeting materials. And finally that member fee increases will be addressed.

9. Closing remarks
Slattery thanked Weinman for working to get the minutes/reports available for the Sport Committee meeting. Slattery also thanked the Sport Committee Members, the Working Group members and the guests for their attendance. The input of these groups is critical to the success of USSA in 2006 and beyond.
10. Next meeting
The Executive Committee will meet September 20, 2003. The next meeting of the Alpine Sport Committee will be in the same general time frame again in Park City.
11. Adjournment
**Motion 9: To adjourn
Without objection**

REPORT FROM ALPINE SPORT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TO

ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE

May 17, 2003

By: Bob Dart, Chair

Recommendations

The following recommendations from the various committees are hereby submitted by the Alpine Sport Committee nominating Committee to the Alpine Sport Committee for conformation.

1. Alpine Program Representative – Bob Dart
2. FIS Representative – Tom Winters
3. At Large Representative – Karen Korfanta
4. Athlete Representatives (4) as proposed and elected in accordance with the AAC guidelines.
 - a) Chris Puckett
 - b) Heidi Voelker-Brenwald
 - c) Elisha Stephens
 - d) Geoff Bucheister
5. Chair – In order to conform the term of the Alpine Sport Committee Chair with the USSA Board of Directors ASC member i.e. even years, the extension of the term of the Chair – Bill Slattery for one (1) year is proposed.

USSA Membership Fees – Key Points

Challenge

- Rising costs of providing quality service
- Sporadic membership fee increases in past few years
- Greater challenge in carrying \$1-million/year subsidy of membership programs
- Dramatic rise in insurance costs

Key Stats

- USSA is providing its highest-quality athletic programs ever
- Insurance now represents nearly half of the average membership fee
- USSA is subsidizing membership programs by more than \$1-million per year
- In the past five years, USSA has subsidized membership programs with \$4.5-million from non-membership sources

USSA Membership

USSA membership offers athletes, officials, coaches and volunteers the opportunity to participate in a well-organized athletic system featuring ski and snowboard competition programs from entry-level programs through the national and Olympic Team.

USSA Competition Programs Offer:

USSA oversees a strong, **well-organized athletic system**. Club, divisional and state programs are a key element in that athletic system. Through this partnership, athletes are provided with well-run athletic competitions, an education and training system for officials and coaches, national and international ranking and selection systems, certification of competition courses, and liability insurance coverage to conduct training and competition.

USSA Athletic System

- Rules management to ensure consistent and fair competitions
- Education program to properly certify judges and officials
- Wide range of competitions from grassroots non-scored events to scored USSA domestic and FIS international competitions
- Ability to measure progress on national USSA and international FIS ranking lists
- Ability for successful athletes to participate in higher-level USSA domestic development programs
- Support and educational services to assist 350+ USSA Competition clubs to deliver high-quality athletic programs
- Education and certification system for USSA coaches
- Access to an advancement pipeline leading to Junior Olympic, USSA development (team and projects) and on to the national and Olympic teams

What Do Your Fees Cover?

Your dues and fees to USSA, its divisional/state/regional partners and clubs help to cover some of the costs of providing a well-organized athletic system, including:

- Management of calendars of over 3,000 sanctioned events
- Management of national and international ranking lists
- Education and certification of 6,000 officials
- Education and certification of 4,000 coaches
- Educational and support programs for club programs
- Domestic development programs
- Liability insurance for USSA club programs
- Liability insurance for USSA event organizers
- Secondary accident insurance for all USSA members
- Annual subscription to Ski Racing Magazine

USSA Membership Fees - Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I join USSA?

Membership in USSA gives you access to a well-organized athletic system, run according to the rules of the sport, and implemented locally by USSA clubs and divisional/state/regional programs.

What do my dues pay for?

USSA membership fees pay for necessary costs of program management, the most substantial of which is liability insurance required for USSA clubs and event organizers to conduct events.

What makes USSA events special?

USSA's over 3,000 sanctioned events are part of a well-organized athletic system, run strictly by the rules of the sport by 6,000 USSA-educated competition officials. USSA's scored events form a national ranking list, which is used for selection to development and national teams.

But I'll never make the Olympic team?

No one – not Bode Miller, Johnny Moseley, Picabo Street – got into the sport to make the Olympic team. USSA programs offer fun, exciting participation, which may very well lead you to the Olympics!

How do I get ranked?

USSA's national ranking system is one of the best of any sport in the world today! Just join as a USSA Competitor member and take part in scored events in your sport. It takes just a couple events to establish your point profile!

How do I know how I rank?

USSA's national ranking list is available through easy web access to www.ussa.org. You can look up your own profile and compare yourself to others.

Why do dues seem so expensive?

USSA is no different from other businesses, which are facing increased costs to conduct business. Insurance is the biggest expense, accounting for nearly half of the average USSA membership fee! To conduct more than 3,000 competitions, USSA must provide liability insurance coverage for 350 clubs and event organizers and 6,000 officials. And you, as a member, are covered with secondary medical insurance!

What can USSA do to help?

The simple fact that USSA has coverage for its programs is a big advantage! Many of USSA's clubs have found that USSA's insurance program is the only one it could even obtain!

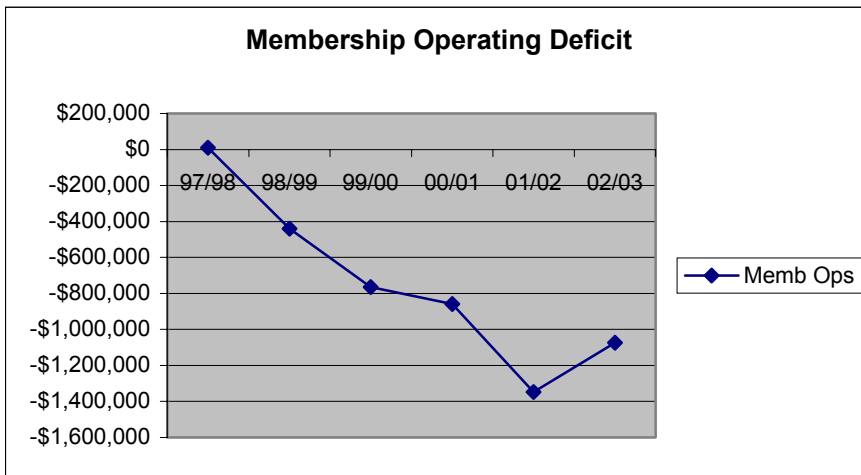
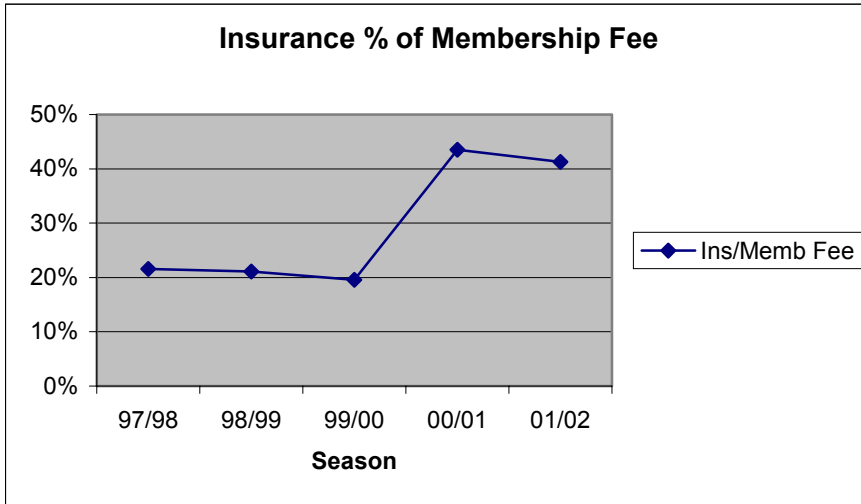
Do dues have to cover everything?

No, in fact, presently a full third of the costs of membership programs are presently subsidized by other non-membership fees! This subsidy has increased by over \$1-million per year in the past five years! During that time, USSA has subsidized membership operations by a total of \$4.5-million!

What can I expect in the future?

USSA has seen great success athletically with the growth of its organized athletic system over the past few years. It will continue to provide the highest quality athletic system possible for the benefit of young athletes. Membership dues and fees will be reviewed annually to ensure USSA can continue to provide the quality of programs its members demand.

USSA Membership Fees - Charts



USSA MEMBERSHIP FEE PROPOSAL		
ALPINE	FY 02/03	FY 03/04
Youth	\$30	\$30
Student	\$50	\$60
Competitor	\$95	\$115
Master	\$70	\$90
Official	\$40	\$40
Coach	\$100	\$100
Cert. Coach	\$130	\$130
Associate	\$25	\$35
ADMINISTRATIVE	FY 02/03	FY 03/04
Club	\$75	\$100
Rush Processing	\$25	\$25
Late Fee	\$25	\$25
NSF Check Fee	\$15	\$25
Temporary Reg	\$15	\$25
Member Card Replacement	\$0	\$10



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ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE
report to the
USSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
18 May 2003

Congress Schedule

The Alpine community appreciates the changes to the Congress schedule in regards to time and number of days, particularly having the Sport Committee Meeting on a Saturday afternoon allowing the majority of the participants to utilize a Saturday stay for travel thus missing less time away from work and family. The Alpine community would like to see this schedule continue in the coming years.

The Alpine Sport Committee approved a number of changes to the Alpine programs during the 2003 Congress. The major changes that effect programs are:

Operating Structure Change

There was a change in the structure of the Alpine Development Subcommittee. The change involved the dissolution of the two Working Groups under the Subcommittee, the Education Working Group and the Athlete Development Working Group, and having all of the work done at the Subcommittee level. The membership and chairman will be determined in the Spring of 2004.

J2 National Championships

The J2 National Championships was approved as a new event in the Alpine pipeline beginning season 2004. Athletes will be selected to the J2 National Championships by membership on the USST or by their home Regions. The addition of this competition is at the request of Jesse Hunt and Alan Ashley to better define the clear path of advancement. This event will help focus development efforts on the top 15 and 16 years olds in an effort to ensure sustained performance at the World Junior Championships.

J4 and younger access to the USSA Alpine Points List

PNSA forwarded a request to review the J4 and younger program change approved last year, which required that athletes 12 years old and younger could only purchase a Youth membership and those athletes were no longer eligible to score USSA points. There was no action taken on this request at this time.

Alpine Operating Procedures

The Alpine Operating Procedures were reviewed at the Executive Committee level and approved in its current form with changes to be submitted to the Board in the Fall.

Competition Equipment Regulations

The Alpine community continues to be concerned regarding FIS standards for equipment, particularly below the Continental Cup level.

