



MEETING REPORTS

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

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USSA Alpine Executive Committee

USSA
Park City, Utah

Wednesday, May 19, 2004
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

1. Call to order
Slattery called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. Review and approval of agenda
The meeting agenda was approved without objection.
3. Review and approval of minutes
The approval of the minutes from the 17 September 2003 ASC Executive meeting was deferred to the Saturday meeting of this group.
4. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule
The meeting schedule was reviewed as presented.
 - A. Review alpine materials and handouts
The meeting materials were reviewed.
 - B. Appointment of recording secretaries, strategy and procedures for minutes
The procedure for minutes was reviewed.
5. Staff update
 - A. Teams
Jesse Hunt reviewed his report.
 - B. Domestic
Walt Evans reviewed his and other staff reports.
6. Action item and critical issue review
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Executive report
The executive report was reviewed. This report is prepared by staff to outline issues that they see coming during the meetings. One particular note of concern is the lack of input on nominations for USSA awards. It was suggested that when the list of awards is distributed, a list of previous winners is included. It was also suggested that a month (+-) prior to the nomination deadline, an email is sent out to the USSA newsletter email list publicizing the awards process.
 - 2) ASC operating procedures
The current draft of the ASC operating procedures, as approved by the USSA BOD, is in the materials.
 - 3) Review terms and appointments
A discussion was held regarding whether or not term limits would apply to the subcommittee. The general consensus was that they would not. Other items:
 - the term of the chair of the Rules and Technical subcommittee is up

- the USSA Board representative is bound to term limits by the USSA Bylaws,
- the at-large representatives are one year terms as stated in the Operations Manual,
- the term of the current chair of the ASC will expire at the end of the ASC as stated in the Operations Manual.

- 4) Awards
Awards were noted above.
 - 5) Alpine Judicial Committee
The alpine judicial committee met on one issue during the season. The issue involved athlete selection for a qualifying event to an international children's competition. In this instance the judicial committee ruled in favor of the athlete challenging the selection procedures. It was noted that it is very important that staff fully review all regional/divisional/state rules.
 - 6) Academic-scholastic Task Force
There was no report.
- B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee
Bruce Crane reviewed some of the issues he knew of that would be coming up during his meetings.
 - C. Programs Subcommittee
Bob Dart reviewed some of the issues he knew of that would be coming up during his meetings.
 - D. Development & Education Subcommittee
Finn Gundersen reviewed some of the issues he knew of that would be coming up during his meeting. One of the main issues will be building out the subcommittee and tasking issues for study/review.
 - E. Regional Subcommittee
Darrel Landstrom was not present to make a report.
 - F. FIS
Tom Winters did not have any issues beyond those already mentioned.
 - G. Athletes
Chris Puckett was not present to make a report.
7. Old business
There was no old business.
 8. New business
There was no new business.
 9. Recess
The meeting was recessed until Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

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USSA Alpine Rules & Technical Subcommittee

RECORD OF MAY 2004 MEETING (REPORT TO THE ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE)

1. Call to Order; Attendance/proxies; Rules of Order; Reporting Procedures
Present, Excused, Proxies, Guests
2. Review and adoption of the Program and Agenda
3. Review and Approval of the Record (Summary) of the Previous Meeting
4. Reports (Summaries and additions to written reports)
 - A. Chairman
 - B. Competition Services staff
 - C. FIS representatives
 - D. Rules and Technical working group chairs
5. Issues Identification and Orientation
6. Recess for working group and task force meetings
7. Recap of Wednesday evening Rules & Technical subcommittee session; incomplete/interim items
8. Reports and Action Items from R&T working groups
 - A. Alpine Classification

To recommend that the USSA Alpine Competition Regulations (Competition Guide, page 26 and page 121, for example; Alpine Points Rules) be amended to add that a minimum penalty of 50.00 USSA points be applied to USSA scored races which fail to meet the minimum vertical drop requirements as published: DH 400m, SG 300, GS 250m, SL 120m

To recommend that the USSA Alpine Competition Regulations (Competition Guide, page 26 and page 121, for example, Alpine Points Rules) be amended to add a 'minimum time standard' of 40 seconds for one run for scored USSA SG and that an appropriate adder be applied in the event that neither the vertical drop requirement nor this minimum time standard are met (this adder value to be determined by the chairman, as Commissioner, following the 2004 FIS Congress and subsequently published)

To request that the Alpine Classification working group chairman, under his authority as Commissioner, review the complete results and report package from USSA competitions U0329-U0332, possibly also U0533-U0536

To delete from the USSA Athlete Ranking System (seed lists) the results of all first-year FIS-eligible athletes which were in excess of the twenty-five starts per athlete allowed according to the FIS rules in the 2003-2004 season (as if these athletes had not started; this action parallels the minimum action to be taken by FIS)

To authorize the chairman, as Commissioner, to review any changes to the FIS points formulas which are made at the 2004 FIS Congress and to work with staff to make equivalent changes to the USSA formulas as deemed appropriate

B. Alpine Officials

1) Alpine Officials

To accept the Alpine Officials Certification matrix as recommended by the Alpine Officials Education working group, with minor changes

To accept the recommendation of the USSA Technical Delegates working group regarding use of the USSA TD Nomination form and USSA TD Evaluation form

To disband the "Alpine Officials Certification Task Force" with thanks and acknowledgement for a thoughtful and thorough job and particular recognition for the chair, Ingrid Simonson

To recommend approval of certifications of Level 3 and Level 4 officials, excepting TDs (list available) and to recommend approval of certifications of Level 3 and Level 4 TDs, as proposed by the USSA TD working group

2) Alpine Officials Education

To add Gary Wright as a voting member and vice-chair of the working group

To distribute teaching materials for 2004-2005 in both CD and hard copy, to be readdressed at the 2005 meeting; further to post the Teaching Guide materials as Study Guides on the USSA website for download and general use including review prior to clinic attendance

To recommend approval of the AO Certification matrix, as amended to include: a) addition of Jury Advisor (JA) specialty category for development of Start/Finish Referee b) requirement of clinic attendance at least every two years for Referee and JA, c) divisional AO committees to assign officials to JA category, as appropriate

3) Alpine USSA Technical Delegates

To recommend certification of Level 3 and Level 4 TDs (list available)

To recommend use of the USSA TD Nomination form and USSA TD Evaluation form as presented, subject to review following this season

4) Alpine USA FIS Technical Delegates

C. Timing

To recommend that the use of "wireless timekeeping" be allowed for not-scored USSA sanctioned alpine races, except regional and divisional championships

To add John Jacobs and John Jett to the working group as At-large members

D. Courses (met Friday evening, after the R&T subcommittee)

To recommend that the maximum vertical drop for USSA scored DH be reduced from 1100 meters to 700 meters (page 122, Alpine Competition Guide; 3.1.1.1, Alpine Comp Regs) {maximum vertical drop of 450 meter for DH in which J3s participate remains in effect}

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

A. Items from Competition Services staff

To recommend that USSA Alpine Competition Regulation 4.4.6.4 be amended to add "SG" in the first sentence, so as to read "to encompass at least one SG training run prior to the first competition". (Other parts to remain unchanged)

B. 'Old business' and 'On-going'

C. New Items

D. Planning items

To recommend approval of the proposal of the Task Force for Interface with Coaches' Education (Ingrid Simonson, chair) that the curriculum for Coaches' Education include a requirement that coaches attend a Referee clinic or update a minimum of every two years and that coaches receive continuing education credit for such attendance.

To request that the chair establish a task force of the Rules and Technical Subcommittee to address the recruitment and retention of volunteers, for report at the 2005 USSA Congress.

10. Other business

In executive session, the subcommittee considered a disciplinary case. A request for action has been forwarded appropriately.

11. Routing of post-meeting action items

12. Subcommittee, working group and task force composition and responsibilities

Working Groups:

Classification: Allen Church, chair; Catherine O'Donnell, vice-chair
Officials: Charlie Burnham, chair; Ingrid Simonson, vice-chair
Timing: Allen Church, chair; Jordan Ginsberg, vice-chair

Task force and ad-hoc assignments:

Review of USSA Competition Regulations for Conformity to FIS ICR:
Karen Korfanta, Leland Sosman, Gary Wright
Interface with Alpine Education: Ingrid Simonson
Volunteers Development: Karen Korfanta, tbd

Rules and Technical: Bruce Crane, chair; Allen Church, vice-chair

At-large: Bill Gaylord, Karen Korfanta, Gary Wright

(Note: chair and vice-chair were directed by the sub-committee to name a nominating committee to report prior to the 2005 USSA Congress with recommendations for successors to the chair and vice-chair positions.)

13. Next meeting

USSA Congress 2005, May 11-15, 2005, Park City, UT

14. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Summit C
Thursday, May 20, 2004
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Charlie Burnham

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by the chair.
2. Review meeting plan and organization
The chair explained that this 45-minute morning meeting continues the practice begun last year to reduce repetition at these meetings by having this time devoted to divisional reports.
3. Roll call and determination of voting members
Vice chair: Ingrid Simonson
Eastern: Don Page representing Paul van Slyke.
Central: Grant Lindemer
RMD: Esther DelliQuadri
IMD: Steve Schowengerdt
Northern: No representative
Far West: Phil GilanFarr
PNSA: Sue Johnson
Alaska: Carl Swanson
AO Education WG: Thelma Hoessler
USSA TD WG: Gretchen Ransom, representing Bob Calderwood
4. Review and approval of minutes from 15 May 2003
Motion 1: To approve the minutes as presented
M/S/C Page/Lindemer/Unanimous
5. Divisional reports: As per voting member
 - Don Page, Eastern: TD's who do not attend updates every two years are being demoted.
 - Grant Lindemer, Central: AO clinics running well; TD's being reminded about update attendance.
 - Esther DelliQuadri, Rocky: RMSRO membership is up to ~700, because USSA is now collecting \$5 dues; clinics going well.
 - Steve Schowengerdt, IMD: There were several clinics, attended by ~120 persons. Nine TD's demoted last year, and 3 returned.
 - Northern: No report.
 - Phil GilanFarr, Far West: Held several clinics, one of which was a master's clinic. The officials list is being culled.
 - Sue Johnson, PNSA: Held a main clinic and 3 zone clinics. PNSA needs to recruit new TD's, as they have difficulty getting a TD for all races.
 - Carl Swanson, Alaska: AO clinics are improving, and specialized clinics are being held. An issue is getting TD's updated. It is being recommended that they attend the FIS update.

5. The chair reported that this year the number of TD's with no other certification is down to 7, and that the number is being further reduced by divisional AO chairs.
Of 543 currently certified TD's, 148 (27%) have no TC certification, and 72 (13%) have either level 1 RF certification or no RF certification.
6. Thelma Hoessler congratulated Alaska for a great US Nationals event, and the group responded with enthusiastic applause. Well done!
7. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m. without objection.

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USSA Alpine Judicial Committee

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Thursday, May 20, 2004
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Attendance:

Bill Slattery, Chairman

Bob Dart

Tom Winters

Walt Evans: Staff Liason

Kirk Dwyer: Absent

Chris Puckett: Absent

Guests:

Brian Siem

Jeff Bruggeman

Alex Natt, USSA Counsel

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Review and approval of minutes
4. Review group membership
5. Review grievance routing and procedures
6. Review interim activity
 - Discussion **regarding the alpine start right appeal** from Rocky Mountain. Two female athletes appealed their invitational rights to participate in the R/C Regional Training Camp and Time Trials for Topolino. The coaches of these girls appealed the decision of the RM Age Class Committee to not invite them to the camp. It was pointed out that the criteria was vague and not followed with enough detail.
 - Judicial Committee was assembled with the coaches and representatives of Rocky Mountain to discuss the appeal. The Committee reviewed the appeal and rendered a unanimous decision to overturn the RM Age Class decision in favor of the 2 girls. The athletes were invited to attend the camp.

Athlete conduct issue:

- Discussion regarding athlete Sam Ruback violation of the code of conduct.

Regarding Protected Competition:

- Need to review definition and description of Protected Competition. Research and review the current guidelines with possible future recommendations. It is essential that all NGB athletes have due process in all of our programs.
 - Committee recommendations action to improve the process:
 1. Provide procedures and routing instructions for start right and grievance appeals.
 2. Provide education for the volunteers and staff who are building criteria.
 3. Appoint a task force with expertise to review, along with staff, criteria at all levels of the pipeline.
7. Old Business
 8. New Business
 9. Adjournment

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USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

Summit Room C
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Park City, UT

Thursday, May 20, 2004
09:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Minutes

Working Group Members Present:

Thelma Hoessler	Chairperson	Randy Rogers	Pacific Northwest Ski Association
Grant Lindemer	Central	Jean Wilson	Rocky Mountain
Stan Goldschmidt	East	Charlie Burnham	Ex-Officio
Don Page	East	Gary Wright	At Large
Phil GilanFarr	Far West		

1. Call To Order and Introductions

- Called to order at 09:00 AM.
- Voting members identified.
- Scott Young, Alaska; Chuck Hughes, East; Tami Strong, Intermountain; Tom Winters, Ex-Officio; Bob Calderwood, Ex-Officio, not present.
- Northern representative has not been named.

MOTION 1: To recognize Carl Swanson, Alaska; Jordan Ginsberg, East; Steve Schowengerdt, Intermountain; JC Knaub, Northern and Gretchen Ransom, Ex-Officio as voting members of the working group at this meeting.

M/S/C Page/Burnham/Unanimous

MOTION 2: To change Gary Wright's status on the AOEWG from that of an At-Large Non-Voting member to that of an At-Large Voting member.

M/S/C Ransom/Rogers/Unanimous

2. Approval of Minutes of 15 May 2003

MOTION 3: To accept Minutes of meeting of 15 May 2003 as submitted.

M/S/C Lindemer/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 4: To accept Agenda with amendments as deemed necessary by Chair.

M/S/C Rogers/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

4. Chair's Report

- No additional comments to report as e-mailed to working group members.

5. Divisional Reports

- Request received from East regarding possibility of changing format of teaching materials to Power Point, establishing minimum requirements and providing teaching packets in compact disk format.
- No additional requests or problems reported.

6. USSA Staff Report

- No additional comments to report delivered on May 19 at Alpine Officials' Meeting.

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

- Depending on availability of new edition of ICR, continue preparation and mailing from Santa Fe, NM.
- Creation of Chief of Course curriculum discussed. Randy Rogers will establish a committee, prepare a Study Guide and forward it to AOEWG Chair in a timely manner.
- Web Site Distribution of teaching materials discussed. The current "Teaching Guides" will be restructured as "Study Guides" and will be posted on the USSA web site. The Study Guides will serve as review/introductory tools for current and prospective USSA Alpine Officials. Downloading of the Study Guides will not be an acceptable substitute for actual seminar/clinic attendance. Reference forms will be available in the packet of official forms.
- Power Point presentations discussed. Areas of teaching materials where Power Point may serve as an additional teaching tool identified. Accepted Power Point presentations will be posted on the USSA web site. Basic structure of teaching materials will not change.
- Hard copy distribution of teaching materials versus distribution by compact disk discussed.

MOTION 5: To provide 2004-2005 teaching materials in both compact disk and hard copy format and readdress distribution method at 2005 Congress.

M/S/C Rogers/Wright/Unanimous

- Graduated Packets – Teaching materials contain basic information; seminar/clinic instructors must decide what is required for their particular session.
- Security of examinations and keys discussed; properly dispose of teaching documents not dated 2004-2005.

C. Race Course Maintenance Video

- Version currently in circulation is no longer valid for use as an Alpine Officials' education tool.

D. Alpine Officials' Certification Guidelines

- Competition Official and Start/Finish Referee as Jury Advisor (JA) with possibility of Technical Delegate track discussed.
- Combining of Race Administration (RA) and Data Management (DM) discussed. Categories will remain separate.

MOTION 6: To accept USSA Alpine Officials Certification Guidelines as presented:

- a. Remove Start/Finish Referee from Competition Official (CO) category and establish a Jury Advisor (JA) category for Start/Finish Referee, which will provide opportunity for volunteer, non-coach, officials to enter the Technical Delegate (TD) track.
- b. Require that Referee (RF) and Jury Advisor (JA) attend an update/clinic every two (2) years in order to maintain applicable certification.
- c. Allow Divisional AO Committees to assign Jury Advisor (JA) certification levels to current Referees (RF) as individually appropriate.

M/S/C Page/Wright/Unanimous

- Forms for the nomination and evaluation of USSA Technical Delegate Candidates are available. They will be available on the USSA web site as well as at Intermountain Division's Alpine 101.
- Ingrid Simonson's tireless efforts recognized. The USSA Alpine Officials Certification Guidelines are a reality due to her dedication.

E. Examination Time Limits discussed.

- Published time limits will remain as published.

F. USSA Competition Regulations.

- USSA staff will complete required rule updates.

G. Education of Coaches as Alpine Officials discussed.

- Finn Gunderson, USSA Director Alpine Education reported on 5-tier coaches' advancement and educational plan.
- Alpine Education staff will address requirements for maintaining certification level.
- Alpine Official Referee education will remain the responsibility of the Alpine Officials' community.

H. Educational Needs of Masters' Alpine Officials discussed.

- Divisional AO Chairs will send seminar/clinic schedules to USSA Masters' Chair Ned Dolan at nedolan@xmission.com.

8. New Business:

- Forward working group changes to Chair following Division AO meetings.
- Gary Wright appointed Vice Chair of AOEWG.

9. Discussion

- Intent of USSA Rule 2.3.10.3 regarding binding release in the immediate area of the finish will be clarified.
- Available USSA and FIS web resources discussed; no problems reported.

10. Adjournment

MOTION 8: To adjourn at 11:30 AM.

M/S/C Rogers/Burnham/Unanimous

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USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

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Thursday, May 20, 2004
09:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Action Items

1. **MOTION:** To change Gary Wright's status on the AOEWG from an At-Large Non-Voting member to that of an At-Large Voting member.
Ransom/Rogers/Unanimous
2. **MOTION:** To provide 2004-2005 teaching materials in both compact disk and hard copy format and readdress distribution method at 2005 Congress.
Rogers/Wright/Unanimous
3. **MOTION:** To accept USSA Alpine Officials Certification Guidelines as presented:
 - a. Remove Start/Finish Referee from Competition Official (CO) category and establish a Jury Advisor (JA) category for Start/Finish Referee, which will provide opportunity for volunteer, non-coach, officials to enter the Technical Delegate (TD) track.
 - b. Require that Referee (RF) and Jury Advisor (JA) attend an update/clinic every two years to maintain applicable certification.
 - c. Allow Divisional AO Committees to assign JA certification levels to current Referees as individually appropriate.**Page/Wright/Unanimous**

USSA Alpine Officials Certification Guidelines

SPECIALTY CATEGORY	PREREQUISITES	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
	GETTING STARTED	ACQUIRE BASIC KNOWLEDGE	REFINE KNOWLEDGE / SPECIALIZATION	MASTER COMPETENCIES	RECOGNIZE SERVICE	HONORABLE RETIREMENT
COMPETITION OFFICIAL-CO	Entry Level	Attend basic clinic	Work 10 days as a competition official	Work additional 10 days in area of specialization	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years in area of specialization	Continue USSA membership
		It is required that those individuals desiring to pursue positions of Start and/or Finish Referee attend a RF Clinic and follow the JA Track	Develop skills needed for position (e.g. gate judge, course prep)	Demonstrate ability to train and lead others in area of specialization	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CO
				Receive favorable recommendation from 2 level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
TECHNICAL DELEGATE-TD	Level 1 TC, Level 2 RF OR Level 1 TC, Level 1 CR and Level 2 JA	Attend level 1 TD clinic (if offered)	Work 10 days as TD at sanctioned competitions	Work 10 additional days as TD at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a TD	Continue USSA membership
		Serve as candidate under senior TD	Demonstrate ability to lead	Demonstrate ability to build consensus	Receive favorable nomination by divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as TD
	Proven leadership ability	Receive favorable written recommendation from supervising TD	Conduct administrative controls e.g. check homologations, TD RF and timing reports, technical course data	Show ability to make sound judgments in expected and unexpected situations	Receive approval of USSA TD WG and AO committee	
	Proven skiing ability	Pass level 1 TD exam	Conduct technical controls e.g. radios, medical services, timing, course setting and protection	Prove ability to handle TD responsibilities in professional, accurate manner		
	Must have 1 nomination and 2 seconds from Level 3 TD's. (Forms available)		Submit accurate and timely race documentation	Pass level 3 exam (80%)		
			Receive favorable written recommendation from 2 higher level TD's	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials or Divisional AO Committee		
				Receive approval of USSA TD WG & AO committees		
A TD must attend an update/clinic every two years in order to maintain TD certification. A USSA TD should work as an assigned TD a minimum of two days						
REFEREE-RF	Attendance at CO Clinic	Attend Level 1 RF clinic	Work 10 days as RF at sanctioned competitions	Work 10 additional days as RF at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a RF	Continue USSA membership
	Recommended Level 1 CR	Pass level 1 RF exam	Handle paperwork timely, accurately	Serve as speed event RF or Asst RF	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as RF
	Proven skiing ability		Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
It is required that Referees attend an update/clinic every two years to maintain Referee certification						

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SPECIALTY CATEGORY	PREREQUISITES	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
	GETTING STARTED	ACQUIRE BASIC KNOWLEDGE	REFINE KNOWLEDGE / SPECIALIZATION	MASTER COMPETENCIES	RECOGNIZE SERVICE	HONORABLE RETIREMENT
JURY ADVISOR-JA (Start/Finish Referee)	Attendance at CO Clinic	Attend Level 1 RF clinic	Work 10 days as JA at sanctioned competitions	Work 10 additional days as JA at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as JA	Continue USSA membership
	Recommended Level 1 CR and Level 1 TC	Pass level 1 RF exam	Handle paperwork timely, accurately	Serve as speed event Jury Advisor	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as JA
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	It is required that JA's attend an update/clinic every two years to maintain JA certification					
CHIEF OF RACE-CR	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend Level 1 CR clinic	Work 10 days as a CR at sanctioned competitions	Work 10 additional days as CR at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as CR	Continue USSA membership
	Good organizational & leadership skills	Pass Level 1 CR test	Learn skills to be productive jury member	Demonstrate ability to make sound decisions in variety of situations	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CR
	Proven skiing ability		Learn skills to be effective leader of race committee	Demonstrate ability to lead others effectively	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	Proven leadership ability		Serve as CR for different levels of competition	Show the ability to delegate responsibilities		
			Attend Level 1 RF clinic and pass Level 1 RF exam	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials			
CHIEF OF COURSE-CC	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend level 1 RF or CR Clinic	Work 10 days as a CC at sanctioned competitions	Work additional 10 days as CC at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a CC	Continue USSA membership
	Proven knowledge of local snow conditions and terrain	Pass level 1 RF or CR exam	Learn different snow prep techniques	Demonstrate ability to work cooperatively with jury	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as CC
	Good organizational & leadership skills		Become knowledgeable of snow prep chemicals	Demonstrate knowledge regarding protection issues	Receive approval of National AO committee	
	Able to meet physical demands of job		Learn to install various protection devices in appropriate locations	Demonstrate effective snow and course prep		
	Proven skiing ability		Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising officials	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		

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	GETTING STARTED	ACQUIRE BASIC KNOWLEDGE	REFINE KNOWLEDGE / SPECIALIZATION	MASTER COMPETENCIES	RECOGNIZE SERVICE	HONORABLE RETIREMENT
TIMING and CALCULATIONS-TC	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend introductory TC clinic	Work 10 days in various TC positions at sanctioned competitions	Work 10 additional days in TC positions at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a TC official	Continue USSA membership
	Aptitude for math/numbers	Pass Level 1 TC exam	Learn and understand electric timing equipment	Demonstrate good management skills under varying conditions	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as TC
	Computer skills to operate timing/scoring programs		Calculate EET's accurately & prepare Timing Technical Report and Report by the Referee forms	Handle all calculations accurately/confidently	Receive approval of National AO committee	
			Demonstrate ability to instruct/run manual timing crew	Serve as Chief of TC under supervision of senior TC		
			Receive favorable recommendation by 2 higher level supervising TC officials	Receive favorable recommendation from the same senior TC to qualify for Exam		
			RECOMMENDED: Skiing ability to access/ descend race course	REQUIRED: Skiing ability to access/ descend race course		
				Pass Level 3 advanced TC exam (75%)		
RACE ADMINISTRATOR-RA	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend Level 1 RA clinic	Work 10 days in race secretariat at sanctioned competitions	Work additional 10 days in race secretariat at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a RA	Continue USSA membership
	Appropriate computer skills	Pass Level 1 RA test	Demonstrate knowledge of race secretariat requirements: entry list, start list, results	Demonstrate ability to handle all race secretariat functions accurately, competently	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	Move from active to inactive status as RA
	Good organizational & leadership skills		Set up for Team Captains Meeting; draw board, attendance, minutes, program, etc.	Show ability to work well with others in variety of circumstances	Receive approval of National AO committee	
			Produce end-of-race packet including accurate calculation of head tax	Demonstrate ability to successfully handle highest Level USSA/FIS races		
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising RA's	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials		
DATA MANAGEMENT-DM	Attendance at CO clinic	Attend RA Clinic	Work 10 days in DM at sanctioned competitions	Work additional 10 days in DM at ability class events	Serve a minimum of 5 outstanding years as a DM	Continue USSA membership
	Appropriate computer skills	Attend DM Clinic, if available, or apprentice with upper level DM/RA as divisionally approved	Produce accurate entry list, start list, results	Demonstrate ability to handle all DM functions accurately, competently	Demonstrate ability to serve as DM consultant	Move from active to inactive status as DM
				Demonstrate ability to successfully handle highest Level USSA/FIS races	Receive favorable recommendation from divisional AO committee	
				Demonstrate ability to solve DM problems		
			Receive favorable recommendation from 2 higher level supervising RA's, DM's or TD's	Receive favorable recommendation from 2 Level 4 officials	Receive approval of National AO committee	
All recommendations must note the date and event upon which the evaluation is based in addition to the official capacity of the individual making the recommendation.						

USSA Congress 2004

USSA TD Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 20, 2004
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Working Group members present:

Gretchen Ransom, Acting Chair (for Bob Calderwood) (Central)
Randy Rogers, Vice Chair (PNSA)
Don Page (Eastern), representing Paul van Slyke
Esther DelliQuadri (RMD)
Evert Uldrich (IMD)
Paul Mahre (Northern)
Phil GilanFarr (Far West)
Carl Swanson (Alaska)
Charlie Burnham (*ex officio*)
Ingrid Simonson (*ex officio*)

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Ransom
2. Review and approval of minutes from 15 May 2003
Motion 1: To approve the minutes as presented
M/S/C Without objection
3. USSA TD Candidate Nomination Form and the USSA Technical Delegate Candidate Performance Evaluation Form: Differences between these forms and the corresponding FIS forms were noted.
Motion 2: To accept the forms as presented, and to review the forms for their usefulness after the 2004-05 season.
M/S/C Without objection
4. **Executive Session: Motion 3:** To approve the following individuals put forth for advancement to level 3, 4, or 5 TD by Divisional Representatives:
Eastern – Don Page:

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4638854	Jere Brophy TD3
4567467	Peter Mackey TD3
4951968	Todd Rebhan TD3
2936037	Christopher Reynolds TD3
4786182	David Gyger TD3
5614292	Richard Hydren TD3
4978045	John Higgis TD3
2722312	Sean Florian TD4
5007562	Ted Dunn TD4
4679643	John Anderson TD5
253674	Robert Kilgore TD5
187336	Niel Randall TD5
4603031	Jim Norton TD5

RMD – Esther DelliQuadri
4488607 Tom Braidech TD5

IMD – Evert Uldrich
4266243 Mari Stratton TD3
5102314 Gordon Cash TD3
594549 Robert Bolduc TD3
4542197 Kenny Corrock TD4
4772968 Carma Burnett Carew TD4

Far West – Phil GilanFarr
4993911 Chuck Harris TD3
4097119 Win Benbow TD5
4708939 Ernst Hager TD5
3158108 Ueli Luthi TD5

PNSA – Randy Rogers
5133715 Don Backstrom TD3

Alaska – Carl Swanson
5230784 Andrew Gannon TD3, pending passing grade in written exam

M/S/C Without objection

5. Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm without objection.

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Action Items

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Unanimous

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Unanimous

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Education/Development Subcommittee

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 20, 2004
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

In Attendance:

Jeff Byrne – Co-Chairman
Doug Williams

Finn Gundersen
Kent Towlerton

Tony Nunnikhoven
Dave Galusha

Not In Attendance:

Kirk Dwyer – Co-Chairman
Ron Lawrence

Peter Dodge
Wendy Neal

Byrne thanked the committee and guests for their attendance, their work and their commitment to skiing.

Condolences to Shelley Glovers family, Burke, USST and friends

History on combination and restructure of committee 1 year ago.

MOTION 1: To adopt agenda. Gundersen/Williams – unanimous

MOTION 2: To adopt minutes. Towlerton/Gundersen – unanimous

Reform Business:

- Act in the interest of education and development for the nation.
- Work in combination with USSA staff
- The actual change in committee structure is in the minutes from the spring '04 meeting
- Realize that recommendations from Task Forces need to be within the financial scope of USSA

Purpose:

“The purpose of the Alpine Development Subcommittee is to work on development and education for coaches, athletes, clubs, and parents. The focus of this group is to work with USSA staff to develop and promote progressive strategies to move alpine sport to the highest levels of athletic excellence by developing and producing ‘athlete centered’ educational training systems.”

Andy Walshe:

Thanks to Walt’s staff for the help and bring questions and comments to him this weekend, if you have any

Education Report: Finn

- Education and NDS staff are a true partnership now and is working very well
- Level 100 completed and use this past season – 280 clinic takers this past season
- Fundamentals CD a success from all sides – please give feedback
- Partnership with PSIA – training 3-4 instructors to deliver Level 100 in coming year.
 - Finn went to PSIA spring meetings and try outs for Demo Team and helped in their selections to Demo Team to help foster the partnership
- Partnership with NASTAR
- Partnership with alpinerace.com

- '04-05 – roll out fundamentals of Tactics
- Strength and conditioning, nutrition, and psychology CDs coming out before next season
- CD of winning runs '02-03 is available now and '03-04 is coming
- Please be patient with education Department on development of new materials – going for quality not quantity and quality takes time.
- Level 200 is ready now and will have clinics set up for next year
- Next levels in coaches education are coming but the Sport Science department is focused on the elite teams gearing up for the '06 Olympics so the goal of having all five levels complete in five years may be unrealistic, but some type of education material will come out every year
- There is some education going on at the NDS June camp for a limited number of coaches
- Continuing education credits are still being worked on but will be a part of the program.
 - EXAMPLE: Officials community is still asking for coaches to learn the rules of our sport, so Referee Update will be required every other year
 - EXAMPLE: First Aide is (and has been) required for certification

MOTION 3: To achieve Level 200 coaching certification a Level 1 Referee certification is required.
Nunnikhoven/Williams – unanimous

- On-line testing is coming along should be up and running by Thanksgiving
 - ASEP is already on line to be taken
 - ASEP Sport First Aide is also on-line

Jesse Hunt: Report in book

- Thank you to Finn and education department for working so hard through out the season and with the NDS staff
- Thank you to Walt for the liaison between National Team and NDS staff
- USST has had another difficult spring financially
 - Went from 3 tier to 2 tier system within the team
 - World Cup/Europa Cup/Nor Am Cup to World Cup/Europa Cup
- NDS has been asked and accepted the task of picking up the athletes that are on the bubble of the team to fill the gap
- USST had great results this season
- The information from the NDS June Camp will be available in the next CD that comes out – November
 - Information from last June '03 is on the Fundamentals of Skiing CD
 - Kent would like to see some of the highlights put in a place (Ski Coaches Magazine – online) that all coaches can get to and see and use before the CD comes out – so the sooner the better

Walt Evans: Report in book

- Thank you to Jeff and Kirk and committee for forming a partnership to help alpine ski racing now and in the future
- Thank you to Jesse for leadership and patience to help keep on task
 - Content
 - Racer Management
 - Development and Education
- Thank you to Comp Services staff – Regional Directors, Regional Coaches, Regional Managers, and NDS Manager
- Thank you to coaches for help, direction, and support
- Discussed pages 46, 47 – staff structure
- Pages 123 – 128 – NDS projects for the '04-05 season
- Page 129 – World Juniors
- Page 130 – 131 – NDS June Camp

Coach Reynolds Lifetime Award

- A lot of awards are being moved to US National Championships and this is one of them that should be because more of their peer group is there
- Lifetime achievement for a coach that is getting ready to retire or has retired
- Need to be better and more timely on names so that it can be done by Nationals
 - Have nominations at Regional Fall meetings
- Erich Sailer from Rocky / Central is the only nomination for this season

MOTION 4: Erich Sailer will be the recipient of the Tom Reynolds Lifetime Award for 2003-2004 season. Galusha/Williams – unanimous

Regional Members:

West – Dave Galusha / Kent Towler: Lester Keller and Randy Pelkey have reports in the book

- Have a great athlete development within the region
- Have great planning
- Interface with education and regional staff is limited at this time
- NDS June Camp was a good experience for the PCST staff person that went
- Have issues with the qualify to qualify system that is set up right now in the west
- Always want more education

East – Doug Williams:

- Eastern ACC has already had their meeting
- Have hired an assistant for Peter Stokloza, Eastern Regional Coach, to help fill the gap between clubs and USST
- Named Eastern Region Team
- Also want more education
- Are not going to field a team to Topolino for next year. Will look into fielding a team later in the season to a different Children's FIS race
 - Will still send kids to the NDS Junior Champions Camp in January in Lake Placid

Rocky / Central: Tony Nunnikhoven: Crawford Pierce's report is in the book

- Thank you to R/C staff
- Had one R/C ACC meeting already and another one June 2
- Lots of discussion about speed progressions, training opportunities, and race opportunities and if we are headed in the right direction
- Concern of smaller clubs dropping off the map
- Same issues as West with the qualify to qualify system that is set up right now in R/C
- Jesse is doing a great job and want to encourage him, Andy, Walt, Finn, etc to continue to do a great job in development and education for coaches and kids. The effort is outstanding, keep going!!!!

Kent: Money to NDS?

- NDS Money = \$70000 of grants to go to projects to help fund coaches, then athletes ground transportation

Pay salaries at prep projects?

- Not yet, but if USSA needs to rethink in the next cycle they will
- Concern is that the best coaches are at the camps helping our best athletes

TASK FORCES – attachment #1

- Qualifying Procedures - Qualify to qualify to qualify at the J3 level
 - Doug Williams – Chair
 - Walt Evans or Jesse Hunt
- Competing in other Children's FIS races besides Topolino
- Speed progressions – Site development
 - Tony Nunnikhoven - Chair
 - Dave Hjerlied

- Jeff Kai
- Dryland / Conditioning
- Educational Content – what is the “more” that coaches are looking for
 - Dave Galusha – Chair
 - Finn Gundersen
- Post-Graduate program – what are the issues, how does it work, what does USSA think, what kind of program, do they need a more comprehensive program, does college fit this bill, build smaller colleges up so they can help development our program
 - Peter Dodge – Chair?
 - Schoen Malliett

Athlete Representative

- Chris Puckett, Elisha Stephens, Jeff Buckheister, and Heidi Volker are on the ASC so they should be approached by the new chairperson about being part of the Alpine Education Development Subcommittee

Chairperson Vote

- Dave Galusha is voted as the new Chairperson by a ballot vote of the subcommittee

MOTION: To enlarge the Alpine Education Development Subcommittee to include the immediate Past Chairperson(s) as a voting member. Nunikoven/Galusha – unanimous

MOTION: To adjourn. Williams/Towlerton - unanimous



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COACHES EDUCATION REPORT - USSA CONGRESS 2004

Goals for 2003-04:

- A thorough review and evaluation of the entire Coaches Education program
- Company integration of Coaches Education with USSA departments: Sport Science, Competition Services, and Elite Team Coaching Staffs
- Create delivery strategy for courses and resources
- Create integrated marketing strategy for courses and resources
- Create new Level 100 Club course and accompanying educational CD-ROM

Activities for 2003-04:

- Developed 5 Level certification structure
 - Phased in over 5-6 years
 - Requirements being finalized based on competencies
 - Continuing education requirements for maintaining certification being finalized
- Developed and delivered 17 Level 100 Club USST Alpine Ski Fundamentals courses to 240 coaches
- Developed and marketed USST Alpine Ski Fundamentals CD-ROM
- Trained 16 Level 100 Club Instructors
- Participated in June 2003 NDS Project – Mt Hood, integration with NDS
- Created new Coaches Education Center website
 - Plans and budget for Database enhancement and Authentication process being developed
- Partnerships renewed or established with:
 - PSIA: training 4 PSIA instructors to deliver USSA Level 100 Club courses for 2004-05, mutual recognition of courses for CE credits
 - NASTAR: trained instructor for delivery of modified Level 100 clinics – promotion of CD-ROM
 - ASEP: using Sport First Aid and Coaching Principles for Level 100 requirement
 - USOC: USSA Coaches Education as role model for other NGBs
 - NFHS: recognition of Level 100 Club ASF clinic fulfilling their Bronze Level educational requirement
 - NBS: developing strategy for delivery of Level 100 clinics to NBS coaches, training 1 NBS instructor
 - Colleges: surveying colleges to determine which on-line educational courses would meet one of our new Levels of education
- American Ski Coach: fall issue printed, current articles being posted on website





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Additional Activities not in Plan for 2003-04:

- Arranged video download of WC races through Alpinerace.com
- Created Level 100 ASF Clinic manual for sale
- Partnership with Braun Media for handling all CD-ROM orders

Plans for 2004-05: (brief summary)

- Develop Alpine Level 200 courses: #201 Fundamentals of Tactics, #202 Training Environment
- Develop Alpine Level 200 CD-ROMs for support of courses
- Train additional instructors to deliver 45-50 Level 100 & 200 clinics
- Develop content for June 04 NDS Project, Mammoth, CA
- Develop coaches certification database and web-site
- Develop Sport Science/Management CD-ROMs:
 - Strength and Conditioning
 - Nutrition
 - Psychology
- Develop CDs covering fundamentals for: Snowboarding, Freestyle, Nordic
- Complete requirements for 5 levels for all sports
- Develop integrated marketing plan to promote USSA educational resources and brand
- Expand and leverage partnerships
- Hire and train replacement for Chris Katzenberger
- Develop on-line testing center through USSA Coaches Education Center



USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine FIS TDs Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT
Thursday, May 20, 2004
2:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chairmen: Tom Winters

Vice Chairman: Paul Vanslyke – Absent represented by Bear Bryant

Members: Bob Dart - Present, Bill Hicks - Present, Jack Nantz – Absent represented by Randy Rogers, Bob Calderwood, Absent represented by Gretchen Ransom

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

FIS Committee Members Present: Karen Korfanta, Allen Church,

Staff Liaison: Walt Evans, Jeff Weinman

1. Call to order, welcome and introductions
2. Roll call members
3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes
5. Chairman's report
 - A. FIS report and review of prior activities – potential informational item to be undertaken at the FIS Congress meeting in Miami, FLA.
 - B. Other issues – open commentary by attendees as to issues and concerns
 - 1) Competition equipment observations – review of testing procedures and authority for thereof.
 - 2) Competition reports / timing homologation / expense reports
Allen Church reported on this year's compliance with timing report requirements and stated that only a minor change will be proposed to the forms for next year
Tom Winters asked that everyone observe the need for expense report copies to be forward to him
6. Regional / International reviews – assignments / venues
 - A. Central division – all event covered with little or no problems
 - B. Eastern region – substantial weather related rescheduling problems this past season
 - C. Intermountain division – numerous rescheduling problems and coverage issues this past season
 - D. Rocky division – all event covered with little or no problems
 - E. Western region – only minor coverage and assignment problems
 - F. International reports – continuing to undertake a trade program with European nations i.e. Walter Trilling, Chairman of FIS Courses Committee, was the guest TD at the Mammoth Mtn. Spring Series.
7. Educational program's – Mandatory FIS Updates 2004 – 2005: Salt Lake City, Montreal, Canada
8. Old and new business
 - A. Report from USSA office
 - B. Update programs – suggestions and observations
 - C. Review of operating procedures
 - D. Use of internet
 - E. FIS – suggestions and observations / action items – Long discussion on Entry League issues
 - F. Proposals: USSA office / USSA committee's
9. Closed meeting session – review of TD aspirants and candidates and requirement for consideration.
 - A. Technical Delegate candidates / aspirants
10. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
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Summit C
Thursday, May 20, 2004 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Charlie Burnham

Working Group Members present:

Charlie Burnham (Chair)	Stephen Schowengerdt (IMD)
Ingrid Simonson (Vice-Chair)	Northern not represented
Don Page for Paul VanSlyke (Eastern)	Phil GilanFarr (Far West)
Grant Lindemer (Central)	Sue Johnson (PNSA)
Esther DelliQuadri (RMD)	Carl Swanson (Alaska)
Thelma Hoessler (AO Ed WG)	Gretchen Ransom for Robert Calderwood (USSA TD WG)
Tom Winters (USSA FIS TD WG)	Jeff Weinman (Staff)
Bill Gaylord (<i>Ex-Officio</i>)	Fraser West (<i>Honorary</i>)

Guests:

Alex Natt (USSA)	Faye Malnar (USSA)
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1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 4:00 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: Discussion of USSA Insurance Form will be moved to the beginning of the agenda, to accommodate the USSA personnel present.
Motion 1: To approve the revised agenda
M/S/C Schowengerdt/Simonson/Without objection
4. Review and approval of minutes from 15 May 2003
Motion 2: To approve the minutes as presented
M/S/C GilanFarr/Schowengerdt/Without objection
5. USSA First Report of Accident: Discussion of the American Specialty form and management of accident information was assisted by Faye Malnar and Alex Natt of USSA. The lack of precision in management of this form and its submittal characterized much of the discussion. It became obvious that there is substantial confusion in the field about (1) when the form should be used, (2) who should fill it out, and how completely, and (3) where does responsibility lie for submittal of the form. Action from the discussion: Charlie Burnham and Gary Wright will work with Faye Malnar and Alex Natt to make the form more "user-friendly", and to develop more specific guidelines for its use and submittal to USSA.
6. Working Group reports
 - A. Education T. Hoessler

Hoessler reviewed the three action items from the AO Education WG meeting. See the report of that meeting.

B. USSA TD G. Ransom
Ransom reviewed the two action items from the USSA TD WG meeting. See the report of that meeting.

C. FIS TD T. Winters
Winters mentioned that two current FIS TD candidates have completed their work, and the third is still in the process.. See the report of that meeting.

7. Other reports

A. Staff J. Weinman
Weinman requested that Divisional Officials Chairpersons get certification upgrades to the USSA office as soon as possible, because membership mailings will be earlier this year than previously.

8. Old business

A. A-O Certification Guidelines review I. Simonson
Motion 3: To accept USSA Alpine Officials Certification Guidelines as approved by the USSA Alpine Officials Education Working Group, with minor wording revisions; and to accept the USSA TD Candidate Nomination Form and the USSA Technical Delegate Candidate Performance Evaluation Form, as approved by the USSA TD Working Group.

M/S/C GilanFarr/ Lindemer/Without objection

Motion 4: To disband the Alpine Officials Certification Guidelines Task Force, with thanks for their hard work over the past four years, and special thanks to Ingrid Simonson for leading this effort.

M/S/C GilanFarr/Schowengerdt/Without objection

B. A-O certification review of TDs and level 4's C. Burnham
There were no matters for discussion.

C. Equipment regulations and enforcement
There was no action on this item, except to suggest that Team Captains be reminded that both the ICR and USSA rules provide that competitors are responsible for the appropriateness of their own equipment. Juries will continue enforcement on a protest basis.

9. New business

A. Abuse of officials by racers:
T. Hoessler gave examples of abusive situations. In sanctioning athletes, due process must be observed at all times. Juries must be encouraged to sanction athletes who are abusive to officials.

B. Mechanisms to attract and retain new officials:
It was pointed out that the new revisions to the Certification Matrix make clear more opportunities for volunteer advancement. Note that the USSA Rules & Technical Subcommittee has set up a task force for volunteer development (K. Korfanta, chair).

C. Other matters:

- Tracking of officials: Some information can come from USSA transmittal sheets. But information on course workers, gate judges, etc., must be obtained from individual work cards.
- Ski area preparedness to run races: GilanFarr expressed concern about areas that have signed sanctioning agreements, but still are not sufficiently prepared to run satisfactory races. It was felt that this concern must be dealt with at the Divisional level.
- Identification and depiction of an officials and organizers "pipeline": The Working Group recommends that the pipeline concept, *i.e.* matching official's levels with race levels, not be

further developed at this time.

D. Election of Working Group officers:

Motion 5: To reelect Charlie Burnham and Ingrid Simonson to two-year terms as Chair and Vice Chair of the Working Group, ending in 2006.

M/S/C West/Page/Without objection

E. Executive Session: level 4 candidate review Divisional representatives

Motion 6: To approve the following individuals put forth for advancement to level 4 in the specified categories by Divisional Representatives:

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Far West – Phil GilanFarr

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PNSA – Sue Johnson

5089628 Curt Gleaves TC4

M/S/C GilanFarr/Johnson/Without objection

Motion 7: To accept Level 3, Level 4, and Level 5 TD advancements recommended by the USSA TD Working Group

M/S/C GilanFarr/Johnson/Without objection

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. without objection

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USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

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GilanFarr/ Lindemer/Unanimous
- Motion:** To disband the Alpine Officials Certification Guidelines Task Force, with thanks for their hard work over the past four years, and special thanks to Ingrid Simonson for leading this effort.
GilanFarr/ Schowengerdt/Unanimous
- Motion:** To elect Charlie Burnham as Chair, and Ingrid Simonson as Vice Chair of the USSA Alpine Officials Working Group, for two-year terms ending in 2006.
West/Ransom/Unanimous
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GilanFarr/Johnson/Unanimous
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GilanFarr/Johnson/Unanimous

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Western Region ACC

USSA
Park City, Utah

Thursday, May 20, 2004
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Beat Hupfer, Dave Galusha, Nick Maiocco, Chuck Latimer, Sparky Anderson, Ruben Macaya, Curt Hammond, Nigel Loring, JC Knaub, Bill Gunesch, Kent Towleron, Dawn Oehlerich, Aaron Atkins

Guests Present: Jim Shultz, Mike Hammer, Carma Burnett Carew, Rick Frongillo, Marjan Cernigoj, Tim Ross, Pete Deisroth, Todd Brickson, Marjorie Knaub, Kate Avrin, Jim Bragg, Karen Korfanta, Molly Laramie, Gail Barber, Brian Seim, Mark Brownlie, Thelma Hoessler, Ken Corrock

USSA Staff Present: Lester Keller, Caryn Jones, Jeff Kai

I. Meeting Called to Order: Beat Hupfer, Chairman 6:10 PM

II. Approval of Minutes: M/S/C Loring/Knaub

III. Approval of 1/7/04 Minutes: M/S/C Galusha/Knaub

IV. Reports

Chairman- Hupfer- Commended Region of great season. Reviewed Western representation on USSA committees and makeup of Western ACC.

Treasurer- Oehlerich- Distributed financial reports. \$153,917 in account balances, all USSA invoices paid, taxes are filed and up to date, annual income exceeded expenses by \$14,809

Report Approved: M/S/C Loring/Hammond

Director- Keller- Thanked all for best year yet and best sub national team in the world. Referred to written report in USSA Congress Manual. Distributed conservative budget for the Regional programs for 04/05. Distributed job descriptions of Regional Staff. Made note of progress with Coaches Education materials from USSCA. Asked for Divisional feedback on interest in level 100 and level 200 clinics fro 04/05. Noted that athletes with outstanding balances to Region will not participate in any Development projects and will have USSA membership held.

Budget Approved: M/S/C Loring/Hammond

Development- Galusha/Keller- Galusha appointed Chair of USSA Development/Education Committee. Galusha reported on task force plans for Dev/Ed in areas of Coaches Ed, J3 Qualifying, Speed Site Development and Post Grad Athlete Issues. Task forces being formed for year long study. Noted that AO group was concerned about lack of rule knowledge by coaches in the field. Keller distributed regional development plan with scheduled projects.

Discussions:

Calendar- Keller distributed proposed Regional calendar for 04/05 and opened discussion on citing and date issues. Discussion on JO structure led to a three level priority for finalizing J1/2 Championships. Keller to pursue 4 event site, if non exist to find separate technical and speed sites, if non exist to find SL/GS/SG site for next season only. Discussion of Divisional FIS racing centered around Far West desire to run several. Latimer outlined need for local, lower cost, FIS racing especially for J2 athletes. Keller proposed ENL FIS races for Divisional consideration. A lengthy discussion on J3 qualifying for Topolino and National Development Camp centered around issue of selection driving overall J3 calendar deemed inappropriate for age group. Calendar was adjusted and citing was finalized for except for Jan.Tech Series, J1/2 Championships and Topolino Shoot Out.

Action Items:

1. Divisions can schedule ENL FIS events, with Western Region ACC approval. Head tax for these events will be \$6 to USSA, \$2 to Western Region and Divisional head tax set at same level as USSA scored events. Organizers entry fee to be set by Division.

M/S/C Latimer/Loring

Divisions are to get requests to Lester by next week.

Quotas for these races was a tabled issue to fall conference call.

2. Cancel Western Region Topolino Shoot Out.

M/S/F Towleron/Gunesch

3. The Western Region Topolino Shoot Out selections will be based on the previous year's J3 JO results. The top 15 male and top 15 female first year J3s will be selected using Old World Cup Points (25-1) scored to all first year J3s in all three events. The top 15 males and 15 females from combined World Cup Points in their best two events will be selected. Three male and three female alternates will be calculated. The Regional Director will have a quota of up to 4 males and 4 females.

M/S/C Gunesch/Loring

4. The Western Region selections for Topolino will be based on Old World Cup Point (25-1) totals for each athletes best two runs of GS and best two runs of SL from the three runs of SL and three runs of GS contested. A well defined tie breaking system will be defined prior to the event.

M/S/C Galusha/Hammond

5. Western Region Director to establish a calendaring committee with Divisional representation.

M/S/C/ Towleron/Atkins

6. The Western Region ACC allows the Regional Director to step in and respond to calculation errors made by divisions in their J3 Olympic selections.

M/S/C Gunesch/Johnson

7. Committee voted to select Mount Hood Meadows for the cite of the 05 Junior 3 Olympics based on an athlete cost quote of \$512 including lodging, three meals a day, entries, lifts, ground transportation, and banquet. The opposing bid was from Snowbird.

Committee selected Mt Hood Meadows over Snowbird by a 7 to 6 vote.

Next meeting Jan. 8, 2005 at Tech Series meeting cite.

A conference call will be made in the fall of 04.

Adjournment: 9:30 PM Loring/Towleron.

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Classification Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday, May 21, 2004
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
Called to order 8:16 AM, Northern member absent, Vice Chair Norton has resigned.
2. Review and adoption of agenda
Agenda as amended adopted without objection
3. Review and adoption of minutes, Meeting May 16, 2003.
Adopted without objection
4. Staff Report – Competition Services
Received from Jeff Weinman. Comment on USSA staffing, necessary reprinting of two points lists; otherwise generally a good year.
Chair reported on the zeroing activities in Summer 2003
5. FIS representative's report
Crane reported of items of interest from 2003 FIS Classification Subcommittee and reviewed the agenda for 2004 FIS Congress.
6. Action item referral/disposition
 - A. J4 and younger youth membership – archiving of points.
Staff will follow same procedure in season 2005 as followed in past season.
 - B. Disposition of sub-standard races
Action Item 1: A 50-point minimum penalty is applied to races that do not meet the minimum vertical. All other rules for "alternate" minimum time and additional penalties will still apply.
M/S/C unanimous
Action Item 2: In Super G, to allow an "alternate" minimum time of 40 seconds along with the development of an appropriate additional penalty for those events not achieving that time.
M/S/C 5 votes for 2 votes against (Mahre & Weinman)
 - C. Penalty point manipulation
Action Item 3: Results from races U0329, U0330, U0331 and U0332 will be removed from the points list until such time as they are reviewed by the Chair and a determination is made whether they should stand, have a penalty attached or be permanently removed from the list.
M/S/C
 - D. Publication of USSA points rules, "Commentary"
Staff to review and adjust the published active season dates to conform to the FIS schedule.
Regarding Golden Rose, any results achieved after April 30 will appear in the racer's' points profile on the second published USSA points list of the following season.

E. Adjustment of 7 racers USSA points, FIS ICR 604.3 violation.
Action Item 4: The USSA results of those 7 racers in violation of FIS ICR 609.3 limitation to 25 starts will have those results over 25 starts deleted from their records.
 M/S/C

F. Golden Rose – scoring information.
 See item D. above

G. USSA and FIS Points List Dates

FIS			USSA		
List	Close	Valid	List	Close	Valid
1	15 Oct 2004	23 Oct 2004	1	10 Nov 2004	15 Nov 2004
2	28 Nov 2004	03 Dec 2004	2	06 Dec 2004	09 Dec 2004
3	29 Dec 2004	05 Jan 2005	3	10 Jan 2005	13 Jan 2005
4	25 Jan 2005	29 Jan 2005	4	31 Jan 2005	03 Feb 2005
5	27 Feb 2005	04 Mar 2005	5	07 Mar 2005	10 Mar 2005
6	27 Mar 2005	01 Apr 2005	6	04 Apr 2005	07 Apr 2005
7	24 Apr 2005	01 May 2005	7	02 May 2005	05 May 2005
8	01 Jun 2005	01 Jul 2005	8	01 Jun 2005	01 Jul 2005

7. Other business – Election of Officers

Action Item 5: To continue with Allen Church as the Chair of this Working Group
 M/S/C

Action Item 6: To elect Cath O'Donnell as Vice-Chair of this Working Group
 M/S/C

8. Adjournment

Without objection at 11:15



To: Allen Church, Chairman Alpine Classification Working Group
 cc. Jeff Weinman, Bruce Crane and Regional Directors

From: Walt Evans, Competition Director
 Jesse Hunt, Alpine Director

Subject: Adjustment of USSA points for 7 racers in violation of FIS ICR 609.3

Date: May 12, 2004

In season 03-04 there are 7 USA athletes born in 1988 who are in violation of the FIS ICR article 609.3 that restricts first year FIS eligible athletes (15 year olds) to no more than 25 FIS starts.

The 7 athletes who have violated this rule will not receive credit for the results earned in the extra races on their FIS points profile. These racers may have additional sanction that would be imposed by the FIS Classification Committee.

This memo will request that the 7 racers involved not receive credit for the USSA result earned out of the FIS races where they were in violation of FIS ICR 609.3. Credit for those races would provide an unfair advantage to the 7 racers regarding their USSA points.

The racers in this situation include:

FIS #	USSA #	Name	Status
530672	5404017	BANKUS, Nicholas	26 FIS starts
530720	5624432	BRITVAR, Paul	26 FIS starts
530874	5434923	GANONG, Travis	32 FIS starts
538437	5381389	SUMMERS, Lauren	26 FIS starts
538444	5741004	ALLBRIGHT, Suzanna	26 FIS starts
538547	5606066	MCGRATH, Lauren	26 FIS starts
538569	5482310	RASER, Annie Banks	28 FIS starts

Thanks for your consideration.

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Subject: Penalty for lack of vertical and time
Date: 4/28/2004 2:34:16 PM Mountain Daylight Time
From: Tim Maguire
To: Allen Church
CC: Walt Evans, Jeff Weinman

Hi Allen,

Hope you had a good winter. I wanted to run something by you. I was wondering what you thought about adding a penalty to USSA races in which the minimum vertical drop is not met. For example, there are penalties for a race that does not meet both vertical drop or time requirements, but not if either one, but not both are met. Say the penalty for not having the minimum vertical has an adder of 10, and same for not having the minimum time, then the penalty for not meeting both would be an adder of 20. I think the integrity of some of our USSA races is compromised because they run on such short and easy hills. It throws the ranking system off, as we all use USSA points for some selections. The Western NY Slush Cup in the spring is a good example of this.

I have no idea how the existing adders were decided on, but I wanted to throw the concept out for your opinion.

Thanks for you time,

Tim

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Calendar Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday, May 21, 2004
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Attendance:

Walt Evans - Chair
Tim Maguire

Jeff Burrows
Lester Keller

Doug Williams
Chuck Latimer

Bob Dart
George Brooks

Guests:

Steve Utter
Robin Dark
Mark Sullivan
Nick Maiocco
Nigel Loring
Jen Stielow

Caryn Jones
Ricki Frongillo
Jim Schulz
Brewster McVicker
Kristian Saile
Mark Brownlie

Chuck Latimer
Roger Perricone
Tony Nunnikhoven
Richard Rokos
Jim Bragg
Finn Gundersen

Horst Weber
Dave Hjerleid
Ruben Macaya

1. Call to order
2. Review and approval of agenda
 - A. The Chairman indicated that he would treat item 4 as an opportunity for the Chairman to report.
 - B. Add to your notes the Topolino – Pinzolo, ITA Feb 18-29, 2005 and Whistler Cup April 1-3, 2005
 - C. Apologize for the small room.
3. Review and approval of minutes
 - A. MSC Brooks/Keller To approve the minutes as submitted
4. FIS Calendar effects / information. Chair Report
 - A. Review Draft 10 of the 03-04 Calendar Planning Workbook. Identification of open issues and timelines discussed for resolving decisions.
5. NorAm/Super Series
 - A. Schedule: Currently working with Draft 6, open issues include DHs at the respective National Championships of CAN and USA
 - B. Committee minutes, included in handout materials and available on request.
6. Regional Calendars
 - A. East: Doug Williams and Steve Utter reviewed the Eastern calendar and innovations.
 - B. Rocky/Central: Jeff Burrows reviewed the RMD and CD as well as the Regional Calendars.
 - C. West: Lester Keller reviewed the planning of the Western Calendar and the possible inclusion of several ENL category FIS races for season 04-05.
7. FIS-U
 - A. George Brooks reviewed the RMISA FIS U calendar.
8. Junior Olympics / Junior National review
 - A. Discussion of pros and cons of a “permanent” site for the J2s.
9. Other business: None
10. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Collegiate Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

Meeting Chair: Mark Sullivan

Attendees

Committee:

Chairman - Tom Olson (absent)
Vice Chairman - Mark Sullivan
USOC/WWUG Rep. – TBN
USSA BOD – Bob Dart
NCAA Rules Committee Rep. – Kevin Sweeney (absent)
USCSA Rules Committee Rep. – Ron Bonneau
Parent Rep. – Darryl Landstrom (absent)
EISA Rep. – Peter Dodge (absent)
RMISA Rep. – Richard Rokos
NCAA Nordic Rep. – TBN
Club Coach – TBN
At Large – George Thomas (absent)

Guests:

Paul Wojic	Lester Keller	Jeff Borrows
George Brooks	Don Page	Brewster McVicke
Walt Evans	Tim Maguire	Jen Stielow
Aaron Atkins	Ester DellaQuadri	Jim Shultz
Jack Hubert	Grant Lindemer	Caren Jones

- 1) Meeting called to Order at 10:10 a.m.
- 2) Review and approval of agenda items
- 3) Review and approval of Spring 2003 Minutes
- 4) Quota to National Championships
 - A) NCAA – Selected individual by summing Race Points
 - B) USCSA – Selected individual based on place points. USCSA plans to review selection criteria for 2005.
- 5) WWUG - Richard Rokos reported on dates of 2005 WWUG. A draft revision to the selection criteria has been developed. Moved that Peter Dodge and Walt Evans continue work refining the selection criteria.

- 6) USSA Fee Increases
 - A) Walt related the relevant USSA fee increases
 - i) Student Membership will increase from \$60 to \$70
 - ii) Non-Scored Race day \$40
 - iii) Collegiate Head Tax will increase from \$100 per race to \$125 in 04/05
 - iv) Collegiate Head Tax will increase from \$125 per race to \$150 in 05/06
- 7) RMISA requested a dialog regarding a reduction in non-collegiate quota spots to the western FIS-U events. Discussion regarding the pros and cons of the 32 quota spots followed. Alternatives to quota spot elimination were discussed. Use of the seeding format presently being used in the EISA FIS-U events was suggested. George Brooks will return to the Alpine Collegiate Committee with a definitive proposal for next season.
- 8) Peter Dodge was nominated to represent the Alpine College Committee to the Alpine Education/Development Committee.
- 9) Adjourn 12:00 p.m.

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Quotas / Selection Working Group

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

Friday, May 21, 2004
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call members
3. Addition to Agenda & Approval
4. Minutes May 2003 approved.
5. Reports
 - A. Fall Executive Committee
 - B. Staff
 - C. Winter Activities
6. Quota Proposals and Criteria Review
 - A. USST Nomination Criteria for 05-06 was reviewed
 - B. WSC Criteria was reviewed
 - C. WJR Criteria was reviewed
 - D. WWUG Criteria is under review and will be finalized by Peter Dodge, Richard Rokos and Walt Evans
 - E. Review of the Alpine Series and Selections Rules
 - 1) NorAm Cup Revisions
 - a) Adjust quotas to reflect current USST numbers
 - b) Add 400 point holders as automatics to NorAm USA Event Selection (this is necessary to be in compliance with FIS CoC Section A rules).
 - c) Insert 400 point holders as automatics to NorAm Canadian Event Selection as above.
 - d) Special provision for NAC DHs in conjunction with USA and CAN NCs: Develop new criteria in cooperation with Alpine Canada and the NorAm Cup committee for proposed Section B rules in the FIS CoC rules, proposal as follows: "20 men and 20 women will be invited from each of the visiting nations ie. CAN and USA to attend the NorAm Cup DH that is being produced in conjunction with the National Championships". These positions will be included within the North American approved quotas.
 - i) Specific selection criteria for athletes to attend the NAC DH at the CAN Nationals is being developed. A formula to identify the athletes based on : 1. NorAm Cup

Standings in DH 2. NorAm Cup Standings in the overall 3. FIS points in DH and development considerations will be developed by staff.

- 2) National Championships
 - a) Regarding Collegiate quota. Add footnote that 1 male and 1 female from each of the NCAA and USCSA will be included in the existing college quota as automatics. These athletes will be identified based on performance at their respective National Collegiate Championships.
- 3) FIS – University Races
 - a) Item 3.b. (30 + 2 non-college athlete selection)
 - b) Utilize FIS points rather than USSA points for the NTSM.
 - c) Clarify the definition of FIS – U eligible.
 - d) Correct text in Eastern FIS University Series item 3.1.4 “After the third ~~second~~”
- 4) Junior Olympic Program
 - a) Junior 2 quotas item 4. 12 ~~40~~ men and 10 ~~7~~ women reserved for Development and picked after 1, 2 and 3.
- 5) Major Canadian Events
 - a) Add footnote to the end of the task: “Selection to Canadian Nationals for season 2005 will be based on a 3 event selection in SG/GS/SL. (a separate speed team will compete in conjunction with NorAm Cup).
- 6) International Childrens Racing
 - a) The Eastern proposal was referred back to staff for review and recommendation. A report at the fall executive meetings is requested.
7. International Licensing
 - A. Winter 03/04
 - 1) See the details of international competition in Jeff Weinman’s report
8. Collegiate Quota
 - A. Report: The new procedure for college athlete management reverting to the Regions has improved competition management.
9. Review FIS Congress issues
 - A. 25 start rule information and strategy
 - B. Equipment control with boot measuring device can only be an education function until we have a designated FIS approved inspector.
10. Summer Assignments
 - A. Staff to review International Childrens request by east
 - B. NorAm members to work with CAN to develop special 20/20 quota split for Nationals
11. Next Meeting Spring: Congress May 11-15, 2005
12. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Timing Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday, May 21, 2004
12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
Meeting called to order at 12:40 by the Chair.
Members present: Jordan Ginsberg, Stanley Goldschmidt, Sally Shaffer, and Ellen Hoffman
USSA Staff: Jeff Weinman
2. Review and adoption of agenda
Approved with addition of Election of Chair and Vice Chair.
3. Review and approval of minutes
Minutes of May 16, 2003 reviewed and approved.
4. Reports
 - A. Chairman
Report on FIS Timing Working Group, review of timing reports, and race timing activities.
 - B. USSA Staff
Discussed distribution of TTR Forms to reviewers.
 - C. FIS representatives
Chair noted that FIS Timing Working Group meeting meets in Miami May 31
5. Action item disposition
 - A. Requests for temporary exceptions
No valid requests. None required for non-scored races.
 - B. USSA Timing Technical Report Form compliance
Ginsberg reported on Eastern Division project, which serves as a model for the group.
Hoffman also reported and agreed that further instruction is needed.
 - C. Reduce USSA timing rules – one system only
This item was decided last year. No change this year.
 - D. Review and update of USSA Timing Requirements (rules section 2.2)
Suggestion made to use a more graphic organization of the requirements in this section.
6. Homologation of equipment, publication
Homologated equipment is listed on FIS, USSA and other web sites. FIS site authoritative.

7. Other business

Discussion of wireless timing requirements. Considerable interest shown in Non-Scored Timing without Wire.

MOTION M/S/C: Non-scored races, other than regional or national championship events, may be timed without wire. Start times or impulses can be transmitted to a timer at the finish operating in Time Of Day mode or printed instantly at the start. Net times should be calculated in a timely manner.

8. New members

MOTION M/S/C: Proposal to accept John Jacobs and John Jett as members of the working group.

9. Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

MOTION M/S/C: To elect Allen Church as Chair and Jordan Ginsberg as Vice Chair.

8. Adjournment

MOTION M/S/C To adjourn. 2:15

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Programs Subcommittee

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday, May 21, 2004
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call members
Members: Bob Dart, Walt Evans, Ned Dolan, Tom Olson (absent)
3. Reports from Subcommittee and Review Action Items
 - A. Calendar
Report attached no Action Items
 - B. Quota
Report attached with Action Items noted
 - C. Collegiate
Report attached no Action Items
 - D. Master
Minutes of March 2004 meeting Attached, Action items discussed see
 - E. Youth Task Force (Rules)
4. Discussion other items from committees
Discussed makeup of group to add one regional rep to the subcommittee
5. Summer Assignments
6. Next Meeting
7. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Programs Subcommittee

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
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Friday, May 16, 2003
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Action Items

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Masters

- A. Lower the age limit for Masters participation and membership to age 18 on or before Dec. 31, 2004. Class 1 in Masters racing changed to 18-29 years of age. The goal is to allow NASTAR recreational non-pipeline type racers an avenue of competition in USSA races.
This Item to be reviewed by Task Force of Jeff W, Bill S, Ned D to add language in Master Competition Guide to allow 18-21 with a valid membership to participate
- B. Ned Dolan has been nominated by the Alpine Masters Working Group to replace Keith Thompson, who has stepped down, as Masters National Chairman.

Program

- Alpine Championships change Combine scoring to system as used by FIS (sum of times)
- Change Name of U.S. National Championship Regions Cup to Tom Garner Cup. Tom Garner was the Rocky/Central Regional Director from May 1997 until his death in February 2001. Prior to that Tom was the Race Director at Breckenridge, CO and had served as Rocky Mountain Alpine Committee Chairman and committee member for over 10 years. The renaming of the Regions Cup to the Tom Garner Cup is to recognize the passion Tom had for athletes and the sport of Alpine skiing.
- Add Regions Cup to J2 national Championships (same as WJSC Mark Holder Cup)
- Add additional Quotas to Regional based on Gold Medal winners from prior year (test 2005)

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
USSA MASTERS NATIONAL WORKING GROUP
HELD MARCH 23, 2004
ASPEN, COLORADO

The annual meeting of the USSA Masters National Working Group was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at the Inn at Aspen, Buttermilk Room, Aspen, Colorado. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. An attendance sheet was distributed. A list of attendees is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Bill Skinner, USSA Masters Coordinator, opened the meeting, welcomed all of the divisional representatives and attendees, distributed meeting packets (a copy of which is attached hereto) and reviewed the contents thereof. Bill announced that in the absence of Keith Thompson, the current chairman of the Masters National Working Group, Ned Dolan had filled in as acting chairman, and that he had agreed to serve as Chairman of the meeting.

1. Approval of March 2003 Masters National Working Group Minutes: Upon motion made (Pete Donoghly/Eastern) and seconded (Steve Slivinski/Intermountain), the Minutes of the March 2003 meeting held in Park City, Utah during the Masters National Championships, were unanimously approved.
2. Additions to Agenda:
 - (a) Bob Tengdin/Central presented a proposal regarding speed events; and
 - (b) Bob Tatge/Rocky Mtn. presented a proposal regarding handling of cancelled downhills in the future.
3. National Chairman: Bill announced that Keith Thompson was stepping down as National Masters Chairman. Steve Slivinski/Intermountain nominated Ned Dolan to serve as the new National Masters Chairman, and Willie Schmidt/PNSA seconded the nomination). There being no other nominations from the floor, upon calling for the vote, Ned Dolan was unanimously elected as the new Chairman.
4. Report of USSA Coordinator:
 - a. USSA Masters membership numbers are holding.
 - b. Controversy regarding application of original 3/1/04 proposed draft FIS and USSA Equipment Regulations for 2004/2005 has been revised so that for USSA masters sanctioned races, masters would be excluded from adhering to minimums/maximms proposed. This revision illustrated USSA sensitivity to the recreational aspect of masters racing in the U.S.A. However, FIS rules for equipment will apply to those events listed as FIS events, i.e., the masters FIS international events. Additional discussion on the subject of FIS masters races and rules would be covered later on the agenda under New Business.
 - c. Although membership fees were raised this past year, masters memberships did not seem to be affected significantly, as with the previous raise several years ago.
5. Temporary Membership Licenses. Bill directed the representatives to the information sheet regarding temporary licenses and their proper completion and problems resulting from incomplete forms prepared by the USSA membership department. He noted that it is very important that the forms be completed in their entirety, and that insurance information must be provided. After due discussion, it was the consensus that all divisions, with the exception of Central, wanted to continue to offer temporary memberships because they were a marketing tool for attracting new members, in that they provided a prospective member the opportunity of partaking in masters' races and hopefully deciding to join as a full member. Bill noted that Far West had the best record for completion of temporary membership forms. Gayle DeMattei, the supervising coordinator for the Far West program, described the process that she follows to ensure that all forms are properly completed and promptly transmitted to USSA with the appropriate fees. All divisions pledged to be more responsible in reviewing the forms and transmitting them to USSA.

Bill stated that by September 1, 2004, each division would need to provide the name of a coordinator who would be responsible for processing temporary memberships and that Sarah Bergstrom would contact the respective coordinators regarding completion of the forms for the coming season. Bill emphasized that in order to continue offering temporary memberships, the applications and monies must be quickly transmitted to USSA so that in the event a "temporary member" should decide to join, the fees paid for the temporary membership can be tracked and applied to a full membership. Bill reminded all divisions that in order to compete in a Regional or National event, competitors must be full members and that temporary memberships would not be offered for those events.

6. Nationals 2005 – Bid from Big Sky, Montana

Bill announced that he had received a 4-event Nationals bid from Big Sky, Montana for March 27-April 2, 2004. A copy of the proposed schedule of events was distributed to the representatives. A discussion was held concerning holding the Nationals that late, but it was noted that it is difficult to try to schedule this series earlier because of spring breaks and earlier times being prime time at many of the major resorts that would be equipped to host our National Championships (i.e. sufficient lodging, banquet facilities, timing equipment, hill space, etc.). It was also noted by several of the representatives that some of the divisional race schedules run through February and early March and it would be difficult to get good attendance if the Nationals were to be moved into February. It was agreed the site committee would continue to try to find areas that would be willing to host the series as early as March 15th. Bill also responded to a question concerning having a later deadline for entries into the divisional chairman, which is currently set at January 31 each year, advising that the entries are finally transmitted to the hosting area on or about February 15, which gives the area only 6 weeks lead time in knowing how many competitors are expected at the event for ordering t-shirts, arranging banquet facilities, lodging, etc., and it is unrealistic to allow less time for the areas.

Nationals – 2006 – discussion of the possibility of the races being held at Sunday River, approximately March 15.

7. Masters FIS Criterium 2005 – Sun Valley, ID, April 5-9, 2005

These races are scheduled to follow the series at Big Sky, allowing for a couple of days of travel and rest between the two series. It was noted that the opportunity to compete in 7 races over a 10-day period was available, and that those traveling from the East or Alaska for instance, would be able to participate in both series without having to spend the money to travel twice to the Intermountain/Northern region. But of course, as is often the case, some racers will choose one or the other series to attend.

8. Western Regional Championships – Mammoth Mountain Feb. 4-5-6, 2005

Mammoth has bid to host the Western Regionals, and may also offer 1 or two downhill races preceding the series, which races would be part of the Molecule Speed series.

9. Eastern Regional Championships – Unconfirmed as yet.

The Easterns have not yet been finalized, but may possibly held at Sugarbush Feb. 21-22-23. This will be confirmed shortly.

10. Divisional Reports

Eastern/New England - Pete Donaghy: Good snow, really cold weather. Had 54 temporary memberships of which five became full members. Encouraging trend in that 3-4 ski areas have asked to run masters races. Overall it was a good year.

Eastern/New York – Pepi Neubauer: Still fighting the competition with the various beer leagues. Lake Placid and West Mountain have shown interest in holding masters events again. Reliable will be sponsoring the West Mountain race. Don Rasmussen will be the new chairman for next year taking over from Mark Sertel.

Northern/Percy Amble: Best races are the ones held jointly with other divisions. Will continue to work with other divisions to hold joint races. Northern will have a new chairman for next season, who is very enthusiastic and will be working on increasing membership with younger members. Lookout

Mountain is a new area for training. Expect membership to increase because of the hosting of the National Championships at Big Sky.

Pacific Northwest/Willie Schmidt & Knut Olberg: Very good snow, membership has increased a bit. New area, Mission Ridge, will be running races. Have had quite a few temporary memberships from beer league participants. Enthusiasm has been growing. Have a very full race schedule causing some conflicts with other division big events, i.e. Skoch Cup at Sun Valley. PNSA finals will be held at Bachelor following Nationals at Aspen. Current Chairman, Paul Shimchick, is doing a good job. Bill Skinner thanked PNSA and specifically Howie Dickerman, for his quick response regarding the equipment issue. Also doing on-line registration using Active.com. Each racer pays the additional fee for convenience of registering online. Has been working well.

Alaska/Gary Randall: Has been a good year. Alaska runs its masters program a bit differently than other divisions. Many races are run as a ski club race. Masters also run with the juniors. Eight scheduled races this past season with good participation.

Central/Jack Thune: Steve Lindemer injured and unable to attend Nationals. Continuing to try to build numbers. Central is spread into three regions and it is difficult to get all of the members from all 3 regions together. Have been attempting to hold a race in a central location as a qualifier for Nationals. Was a very short season this year. There is a "Ski Challenge" which runs for 7 weeks which draws over 1600 competitors. Will be trying to draw new members from this group of racers.

Rocky Mtn./Bob Tatge: Can register for Rocky races on line. Rocky has been sponsoring the fee charged to register on line to encourage racers to use the service. Five or 6 areas have training facilities. Need to work on processing temporary memberships. Will coordinate with Rocky office. The season has been a good year with good participation.

Intermountain/Steve Slivinski: This past season has been one considered as "on the road again" with many areas hosting masters races again, i.e. Deer Valley, Jackson Hole and Snowbasin. Both Jackson Hole and Snowbasin both started masters training programs.

Far West/Don Smith: Season finale is April 9-11. Have attracted a lot of new 20-year-old guys to the program. Gayle DeMattei will continue to be supervising coordinator for races. Additional contacts are Debbie Lewis and Heidi Littenberg.

11. Old Business/Bill Skinner:

- a. Handbook – it was the unanimous consensus that we want to continue producing a hard copy handbook. Bill emphasized the importance of meeting the deadline for submission of information. Deadline is in June 2004.
- b. Spring Newsletter – Report from each division will be due in April. Fall newsletter as usual next year. Will be sending out a mid-year newsletter next year instead of sending the Fall newsletter to the Nastar mailing list.

12. New Business:

- a. FIS Regulations: Bob Bernard stated that we have been attempting to get a change at the FIS level for masters regarding ski lengths. Impossible progress. A general discussion was held concerning the effect of enforcement of the longer lengths at the Sun Valley Criterium races next year. Bob Tengdin will be attending the FIS meeting in Miami this spring and will continue the attempt to have the FIS regulations waived for masters. Will come up with a proposal for, for instance, using the "children" FIS rules for masters. Harald Herbert represents the Masters in FIS. Bob noted that a written proposal must be submitted at the Miami meeting.
- b. Lowering Age Limit for Masters to 18 years old: Far West/Don Smith requested that masters consider lowering the age limit in order to gain more membership as that racers who leave the high school programs have no where to go until they reach 21 years old. It was noted by Don that the Far West scholarship recipients are invited to forerun Far West's races, and are invited to attend the parties following the races, and that there have been no problems supervising the under 21 year old racers regarding alcohol.

It was moved (Don Smith) and seconded (Steve Slivinski) that age for membership as a masters be lowered to age 18, contingent upon the approval of USSA. The motion was unanimously approved.

- c. Downhill Race Cancellation: It was moved (Bob Tatge) and seconded (Jack Thune) that in the event that a scheduled downhill competition is cancelled and not rescheduled, the last training run after the first training run shall be counted and scored as the competition, and that flagged or interfered with competitors shall be permitted provisional reruns. This motion was brought because of the cancellation of the National Downhill because of the unfavorable weather and snow conditions on the day of the race. After a general discussion, the motion was withdrawn. It was the consensus that a revision to the current statement in the handbook would include a statement regarding this type of situation, and that the phrase that such a situation would be upon "jury decision."

As time had run out to complete all of the items on the agenda, it was moved (Pete Donaghy) and seconded that the meeting be recessed to be reconvened on another day during the holding of the National Championships (scheduled for Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.). The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m., to be reconvened on Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Rosie Moschel, Acting Secretary

Attest:

Ned Dolan, Chairman

ROSTER OF ATTENDEES:

USSA Coordinator: Bill Skinner

Acting Chairman: Ned Dolan

Acting Secretary: Rosie Moschel

Divisional Representatives:

Alaska: Gary Randall

Central: Jack Thune

Eastern: Pete Donaghy (New England) and Pepi Neubauer (New York)

Far West: Don Smith

Intermountain: Steve Slivinski

Northern: Percy Amble

Pacific Northwest: Willie Schmidt

Rocky Mountain: Bob Tatge

Site Selection Committee: Pepi Neubauer and Bob Sarchett

Other Attendees:

Ken Williams/Northern

Gayle DeMattei/Far West Race Coordinator Supervisor

Gaet DeMattei/Far West

D.J. Tengdin/Rocky Mtn.

Rauli Karjalainen/Intermountain

Bob Bernard/Far West

Knut Olberg/Pacific Northwest

Wayne Henderson/Alaska

Bob Dreyer/Intermountain

Deb Lewis/Far West

USSA Masters Meeting Aspen, CO 3-24-2004

Attending:

Pete Donaghy	EA
Bob Tatge	RM
Bob Tengdin	CN
Steve Slivinski	IM
Willi Schmidt	PNSA
Percy Amble	NO
Don Smith	FW
Knute Olberg	
Ned Dolan	Chairman

After discussion about the Speed Series Races held in Aspen it was moved by Percy Amble, seconded by Willi Schmidt:

Move to add the National Speed Series to the Chapter on National and Regional Championships. Passed Unanimously.

Moved by Tengdin, seconded by Slivinski:

Move to add to Page 36, 4

b. Speeds in excess of 72 mph are discouraged.

Passed 4-3

Moved by Tengdin, died for lack of second:

Move that we add to page 36, 4

c. set a course that encourages the use of the appropriate ski that corresponds to the race being held.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion Schmidt seconded by Slivinski and passed unanimously.

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Regional Sub Committee

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday, May 21, 2004
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

In attendance: Roger Perricone, RMD (for Olin Armstrong), Beat Hupfer, West

Guests: Walt Evans, Sheryl Fine, Lester Keller, Jeff Burrows, Tim Maguire, Jeff Bruggeman, Grant Lindemar, Brewster McVicker, Patrick Callahan, Bill Slattery, Sue Johnson

1. Call to Order
2. Review and adoption of Agenda
3. Review of 2003 Minutes – approved
4. Regional Membership Population Review 02-03 and 03-04
Sheryl Fine reviewed regional and national membership numbers. Membership for 03-04 has remained static despite the increased fee structure. Membership staff includes Lois McQueen. On-line membership application has proven to work well and will continue forward.
5. USSA Fee Structure current and proposed 04-05
Walt Evans addressed the 04-05 fee adjustments. Sanctioning fees will also increase this year to include ENL FIS. Head Tax increase from \$5.00 to \$6.00 will be in effect for 04-05.
6. Calendar Review
The Calendar Working Group has been eliminated with staff responsible for normal reporting. Regional Competition Directors did an excellent job in preparing calendars and submitting prior to the deadline.
7. Competition Review
 - A. High School – active programs in all regions. Conflicts continue to have some impact on athlete management in terms of scheduling, absences, etc.
 - B. Collegiate – progress reported in working relationship between USSA and Collegiate Programs. There were not any issues addressed to report.
 - C. Masters – there were not any issues addressed to report
 - D. Nastar – nationals continue to represent the largest organized competition in North America. Continues to focus on entry level and family activity. Difficult to quantify transition to USSA.
 - F. Youth – J4 and J5 programs, including JO events continue to represent membership growth opportunities for USSA.
8. Reports
 - A. Junior Olympics – J4 and J5 covered in 7F. J3 events were well attended and venues reported to have provided excellent experience to athletes, coaches and parents. On the other hand, the J1 & 2 Regional Championships did not have the same competitive perception as in previous years under the “Junior Olympic” banner. Venues were excellent and it is the consensus of the attendees that this event will improve over time as USSA Regions adapt to the Championship

venue as it has been intended to become. It should be noted that image, selection and perception are the challenges associated with this event.

- B. US Nationals - there were not any comments or issues to report.
- C. ACC as applicable – Tim Maguire reported that the East would not submit candidates to Topolino going forward. He also commented about their initiative to utilize FIS ENL for development in 04-05. Lester Keller reported that the Western ACC approved FIS ENL's as a development initiative as well. They plan to have 3-4 participation levels from entry to elite in 04-05. Jeff Burrows did not have comments from the RCACC since they had not met prior to this meeting.

10. New Business

- A. ENL venue inventory – specific inventory unavailable as it continues to be developed.
 - 1. ENL event review - advantages/disadvantages – it was agreed that the new venue actually provides improved development opportunities for entry level and mid-tier FIS athletes.
 - 2. Reclassification impact on regions – Central is the primary region that will be impacted the most with reclassification. Venues have been identified that can potentially meet FIS homologation standards with re-contouring and artificial means. Central also approved funding for four existing venues to assist with this initiative.
- B. National Refund Policy/Guideline – currently, each region manages refunds to athletes without consistent criteria or policy. It was agreed that the Regional Committee is to draft a policy/guideline for review at the ASCEX fall meeting.
- C. Proof of Age Verification: it was agreed that that a certified copy of a birth certificate should be required with initial membership applications. This will be presented for approval at the ASCEX fall meeting.

11. Old Business – PNSA submitted a follow-up letter addressing their objections to the elimination of scoring opportunities for J4 athletes. They also object to the head tax applicable to “ski up” J4 athletes. The committee agreed that the scoring issue is an isolated situation and did not support any action at this time. The head tax issue will be reviewed by staff and reported at the ASCEX fall meeting.

12. Summary of action and information items to be carried forward – although there were not any action items, a discussion did address the “definition and purpose of the committee”. It was agreed that the Regional Working Group description is to be revised and submitted for approval to the AXCEX this fall. In addition, it was also agreed that the meeting should be scheduled during the beginning of Congress so that information can be discussed that is pertinent to each of the member's committee participation, whether as a member or guest, throughout Congress.

Darryl Landstrom expressed appreciation to the attendees and extended a welcome to incoming chair Horst Weber from the Eastern Region.

13. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Courses Working Group

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

Friday, May 21, 2004
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Ted Sutton

Present: Ted Sutton, Chairman; Tom Winters; Leland Sosman; Bear Bryant; Stan Goldschmidt; Paul Mahre; Allen Church; Ruben Macaya; Bill Gaylord; Evert Uldrich; Bruce A. Crane; Terry Cook and John Jacobs. Absent (excused:) Bob Calderwood, Tom Johnston, Nelson Bennett, and Bob Dart.

1. Call to Order: Chairman Sutton called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. Review and Approval of Agenda
3. Review and approval of 2003 Minutes
4. Review meeting plan and organization
5. Report of the Technical Advisor: Tom Johnston was not present (excused absence.)
Discussion concerning B Net Systems: B nets placed approximately 3-4 meters in front of A nets help to reduce the impact and will absorb energy before impact with A nets. The first layer of B nets should be loose, with fewer support poles than the next two layers (or whatever number of layers that would be necessary to absorb the energy generated by the classification of the participants - i.e., juniors weighing less than 100 pounds versus ones and twos weighing over 100 pounds and up.)
B net systems have proven to be the most effective method of protection. However, the system will not work properly if not laced together. (All sections have to be laced or knitted together.)
There was some discussion concerning the color of the B nets and contrasting gate panels. Do B nets have to be orange or red, or could they be green or some other color? This question will be reviewed at the FIS meeting in Miami.
6. Report from inspectors USSA/FIS – The Committee reviewed paperwork and inspection procedures.
7. Rules and course discussion (ENL)
Entry Level FIS Race Classification and Exceptions According to the ICR 801.1.1 – This will be reviewed at the Miami Alpine Courses Committee Meeting and at the Classification Committee Meeting. Ted Sutton and Bruce Crane will work toward maintaining the exceptions necessary for the preservation of some Super G courses in the Eastern Division and men's slalom courses in the Central Division.
8. Homologation inventory & assignments USSA/FIS reinspections and new inspections. – Bruce Crane
Assignments: USSA and FIS inspections are due for this summer on about 60 to 70 courses.
9. Old Business
10. New Business

Appointments: The Chairman appointed new members of the Committee: Stanley Goldschmidt, Jeff Byrne, Allen Church, Terry Cook.

USSA advisors were also added to the Committee in an advisory capacity: Bear Bryant and Horst Weber. They will assist in homologation and protection for speed events in an effort to expand our committee.

Bob Calderwood: We all wish Bob the best of luck.

11. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Sutton - Chair

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Rocky/Central Region ACC

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

Friday, May 21, 2004
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Roger Perricone

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of RCACC members - Chair Roger Perricone, Vice Chair Jeff Bruggeman, Tony Nunnikhoven, RMD, Jon Nolting, RMD, Bob Dart, RMD, Pat Callahan, RMD, Bill Slattery, CEN, Brewster McVickers, CEN, Ron Lawrence, CEN, Darryl Landstrom, CEN
 - A. GUESTS: Kristian Saile, R/C USSA Staff, Darlene Nolting R/C USSA Staff, Jeff Burrows, R/C USSA Staff, Brian Seim, CEN, Pat Miller, RMD, Esther DelliQuadri, RMD, Ed Gassman, RMD, Curt Hammond, PNSA, Dave Tengdin, CEN, Gretchen Ransom, CEN, and Ron Lawrence, CEN, Aldo Radamus RMD, Gretchen Ransom CEN
3. Call to order
4. Review and approval of agenda
5. Review and approval of 2003 minutes **M/S/C Slattery/McVickers**
6. Staff reports
 - A. Darlene Nolting
 - 1) Thank Olin Armstrong
 - B. Kristian Saile – There is a report from Cindy Carlson in the notebook.
 - 1) Issues with the FIS trails and ENL FIS sanctioning. Sites are working on making sure they meet criteria.
 - 2) Selection for J2 Nationals was hindered a little bit with the lack of a FIS GS before the selections. First year J2's didn't have an opportunity to get a FIS profile.
 - 3) Development opportunities for Central athletes.
 - 4) J3/J4 Speed weekend
 - 5) Marquette Mountain J3/J4 Championships
 - C. Jeff Burrows
 - 1) Recognize the loss of Shelley Glover to the US Ski Team and the Rocky/Central Region.
 - 2) FIS issues – 25 start rule for 1st year J2's. 25 starts will be tech only and could extend to 2nd year J2's also
 - 3) Equipment regulations – USSA is adopting FIS guidelines.

- 4) Calendar – Top level events are being schedule so the regions can be scheduled around those event. US National Championship has moved to end on April 5th. This conflicts on some of the spring series.
 - 5) Crawford's report is in the Congress book. There are a lot of demands on Crawford's time and energy from National office. Try to streamline some of his projects and time in different parts of the region, to help him be more productive. The regional coaches also have a lot of demand on their time with the NDS and the US Ski Team and US Ski Team projects. Balancing all these demands on Crawford's time is hard and we will strive to help him get the job done.
7. RMD report – Perricone
 - A. Rocky membership is holding steady including officials. USSA collects RMSRO fees for the officials.
 - B. ACC in May in will reconvene in June to continue discussion on several events.
 - C. The J2's and the J2 Olympics were not able to hang on to their leads after the first run.
 - D. The collegiate athletes are not necessarily the pace at or RMTS, our athletes are growing their point profiles.
 8. Central report – Bruggeman
 - A. Athlete selections were hard because some athletes were dropped.
 - B. Gretchen Ransom has replaced Bob Calderwood as the TD rep on the Officials committee
 - C. Our Calendar is mostly set up and sites are working hard to meet FIS criteria to become homologated.
 - D. Financially Central is doing well and practice sound financially sound. Development funds will be used to send some of the athletes to where the points are.
 - E. We need to promote the R/C Regional Championships. Loss of the "Junior Olympic" title has created the perception that this is no a true championship event.
 - F. Lutsen Spring Series was a great success. Neil Atkinson has done a great job promoting that event. It is our premier event.
 - G. Fall ASC is in Chicago on September 25 – 26, 2004.
 9. New business
 - A. Create an automatic classification into the Rocky/Central Regional Championships. Any junior male with USSA points of 50.00 or lower in any discipline and any junior female with USSA points of 60.00 or lower in any discipline will be eligible to compete in the Rocky/Central Regional Championships. Seniors with USSA points lower than 80.00 in any discipline are eligible to compete in the event. Based on the 4th USSA points list. **M/S/C Nolting/Callahan**
 - B. Cutoff for replacing alternates to the Rocky/Central Regional Championships is 48 hours prior to the first Team Captain's meeting. **M/S/ Nunnikhoven/Slattery**
 - 1) **Amend** - 72 hours should be the cutoff to get the Central athletes. **M/S/C**
 - C. To have divisional protected spots of one per division for the women and two per division for the men. The rest of the quota spots will be filled by using and ITS of USSA points of the events being contested. Regional deadline for intent to competes for out of region races will be 25 days before the first Team Captain's meeting. If a division does not use some or all of their protected spots, the spots will revert to the other division on the above deadline date. **M/S/C Lanstrom/McVickers**
 - D. Upon publication of any selection list, all listed athletes must confirm or deny their intent to compete to the USSA divisional office no later than five (5) days from the date of the list

publication. Athletes failing to confirm by the time will be PULLED if there are confirmed athletes further down the list. If an athlete confirms and then does not participate in the race, they will be fined \$25, due to the USSA divisional office, unless one of the following criteria is met:

- 1) Athlete qualifies for a higher level event
- 2) Injury or illness
- 3) Death in family or other serious family matters
 - Lists will be posted on the Rocky and Central websites

M/S/ Nunnikhoven/Lawrence

Second part of proposal as submitted.

M/S/withdrawn Nunnikhoven/Lawrence

Amend: - Upon publication of any selection list posted to the divisional websites (www.rmdussa.com and www.ussacentral.org), all listed qualified and alternate athletes must confirm or deny their intent to compete to their respective USSA divisional office no later than five (5) days from the date of the list publication. Athletes failing to confirm by this time will be PULLED.

M/S/C Nunnikhoven/Lawrence

Committee tasked back to staff research of the best avenue to collect any financial penalty for athletes that confirm then don't race.

- E. **Proposal:** Regarding selection for Topolino Time Trials - The goal of the selection would be two-fold; selecting the athletes for Topolino and creating a development project for the region. ITS results from the JII JO's selecting 15 men and 12 women age eligible athletes. Gold Medalists from JIV JO's age eligible athletes. Then select 2 (Rocky) men and 2 (Rocky) women from ITS of late December Smartwool series if not previously selected by the above method. Allow Central to select 2 men and 2 women. No more than 2 alternates will be considered.

M/S/C Nunnikhoven/Dart

Proposal: The time trial would be a component of a four-day project with two days of training followed by two days of time trials. The top male/female athlete(s) will be identified by adding the fastest time of three GS runs held on the same course and the fastest time of three Slalom runs held on separate courses for men and women

M/S/C Callahan/Nolting

- F. **Motion:** Consider all championships events as two-year bid package. **M/S/C McVickers/Slattery**
- G. Winter Park is bidding on the J4 JO's, J3 JO's and R/C Championships, Steamboat is bidding on J4 JO's, J3 JO's and R/C Championships, Vail is bidding on the J3 JO's, and Aspen is bidding on the R/C Championships.
- H. Awarding of sites will be as follows:
- J4's – Winter Park
 - J3's – Vail
 - R/C Champs - Aspen
- I. It is time to rotate the chair of this committee, Vice-chair, Jeff Bruggeman, nominated to become the new Chair of this committee. Nominate Jon Nolting and the new Vice-Chair of this committee.

M/S/C Perricone/Landstrom

10. Old business

11. Adjournment **M/S/C Slattery/McVickers**

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Executive Committee

USSA 3rd Floor Conference Room
Park City, Utah

Saturday, May 22, 2004
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

Attendance:

Bill Slattery – Chair	present
Bob Dart – Vice-Chair/Program Chair	present
Bruce Crane – Rules and Technical Chair	present
Dave Galusha – Development and Education Chair	present
Walt Evans – National Alpine Competition Director	present
Jesse Hunt – Alpine Director	present
Darryl Landstrom – Regional Chair	present
Chris Puckett – Athlete Representative	absent
Tom Winters – Ex-officio *	present
Jeff Weinman – Secretary *	present

* non-voting

Guests: Lester Keller, Jeff Burrows

1. Call to order
Slattery called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
2. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was reviewed and approved without objection.
3. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes of the last meeting were distributed for review.
4. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes distribution
Meeting minutes must be forwarded to Jeff Weinman to prepare the packet for distribution at the ASC meeting.
5. Summary review (action items, initiatives and issues)
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Executive report
The equipment regulations will be forwarded to the ASC.
 - 2) ASC operating procedures
Proposed changes to the operating manual were outlined, including the addition of immediate past chair as a member of the ASC and ASEC, the reduction of at-large to the ASC from two to one and the elimination of term limits for the subcommittee chairs.
 - 3) Review terms and appointments
Terms and appointments were reviewed. Slattery noted that he would be stepping down as Chair of the ASC per the rules in the operating manual. He thanked everyone for their cooperation during his tenure as chairman. Dart thanked Slattery for his mentoring and leadership and feels it is important to keep Slattery involved because of his experience and

expertise. Crane thanked Slattery for his work as well. Evans thanked Slattery on behalf of the staff and noted that it is quite possible that we would use him even more in the future. Landstrom thanked Slattery as well particularly as he had followed him as chair of Central. Slattery will miss work as chairman, but he stated that he is leaving with a positive feeling. Bob Dart will be the nominee for the chair to the ASC.

Karen Korfanta will be the nominee for the at-large position to the ASC.

Bruce Crane will continue as chair of the Rules and Technical subcommittee.

Dave Galusha will serve as the new chair of the Development and Education subcommittee.

- 4) Awards
No information.
 - 5) Alpine Judicial Committee
The alpine judicial committee met and reviewed the one action from season 2004. There are recommendations listed in the Judicial report.
 - 6) Academic-scholastic Task Force
Darryl Landstrom noted that he is not receiving the input that he had been a year prior. Darryl believes that coaches are working well within the structures of sport and academic requirements. At this time the task force will be disbanded with the option to reform in the future if necessary.
- B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee
Bruce Crane reviewed issues from the Rules and Technical subcommittee and the associated working groups. A written report will be prepared and available for the ASC. A request for disciplinary action was brought forward to the Executive committee for action. After discussion, the request was forwarded on to USSA legal counsel for review and action.
- C. Programs Subcommittee
Bob Dart reviewed issues from the Programs subcommittee and the associated working groups. A written report will be prepared and available for the ASC.
- D. Development & Education Subcommittee
Dave Galusha is the new chair of the subcommittee. Dave reviewed the new structure of the subcommittee including the creation of various task forces to look at specific issues for reporting and recommendation next year.
- E. Regional Subcommittee
Darryl reported briefly on his meeting. He noted his disappointment in the lack of attendance. A written report will be prepared and available for the ASC.
- F. FIS
- G. Athletes
There was no athlete present for a report.
- H. Nominating Committee
Noted above.

Motion 1: To approve the changes to the ASC Operations Manual and the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

M/S/C Crane/Evans/Without objection

6. Review ASC agenda
The ASC agenda was reviewed.
7. Old business
There was no additional old business.
8. New business
There was no additional new business.
9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned.

Fall 2003 USSA Alpine Executive Committee

USSA
Park City, Utah

Saturday, September 17, 2003
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Welcome and call to order Bill Slattery
Slattery called the meeting to order at 10:25 am. He welcomed the members and guests.
2. Roll call Bill Slattery
Slattery called the roll. Darrel Landstrom will join by phone. Chris Puckett and Kirk Dwyer were excused.
3. Agenda review and approval Bill Slattery
The agenda was accepted as presented without amendment or objection.
4. Reports
 - a. Alpine executive Bill Slattery
 - 1) Judicial activity Bill Slattery
No action. Evans noted that USSA policy for athlete participation in projects is pay-to-play to avoid any account receivable problems.
 - b. USSA Board of Directors Bob Dart
The last board meeting took place after the Spring Congress; the Alpine report is included in the materials for this meeting. The next meeting is December 6 when items from this meeting will be brought forward. A determination has been made that all member fee changes will go to the board at the December meeting and will be reviewed by the sports in the fall of each year.
 - c. Alpine 5-year plan Alan Ashley/Jesse Hunt
Alan welcomed and thanked everyone for his or her participation. He thanked the staff for their work and effort, particularly in the face of budget cuts. For the company things are going well in terms of performance. Alan reviewed the challenges and successes the company is having with corporate marketing and private fundraising and their impact on budgets. Programs from all aspects of the athletic programs are positive. Athletes are doing a fantastic job. Going into the winter expecting to improve on last year. The company goals remain the same to be best in the world.
Jesse talked specific to alpine. As Alan mentioned there were cuts in the budgets but the programs did a great job. Jesse has worked hard with the teams and with sport science to identify the issues that need improvement. In cooperation with Sports Science and Education a CD education project has is being produced that will be a good foundation for coach and athlete education and it has brought focus to the content of the programs in regards to fundamentals. Jesse is very proud of that fact that we are having fewer early retirements. Our injured athletes are returning and doing well. Last year at this meeting Chris Puckett brought up an issue with elite athlete insurance and deductibles; that issue has been taken care of for the athletes.
Jesse reviewed USST staff changes.
USSA is working with FIS to acquire a certified boot height measuring devise to help in regulation in North America.

Andy Walshe and Finn Gundersen reviewed the work that is being done in the Education Department including a preview of the new education CD. In particular Finn expressed his thanks to Chris Katzenberger for all of her work.

- d. Interim activity USSA Staff
Walt introduced Andrew Givens who is the new Rankings Manager. Walt thanked Jeff Weinman for working to produce the meeting materials.

At this point Darryl Landstrom joined the meeting by phone.

- e. Regional subcommittee Darryl Landstrom
Darryl reviewed his written report as submitted and included in the materials. There is one proposal that needs attention. PNSA would like the ASC to revisit the decision to not allow athletes younger than J3 to score points. Darryl's recommendation is to continue to study this issue and to wait another year to see if membership data supports the PNSA contention that this change is having a negative impact on retention. Nigel Loring outlined PNSAs concerns with this issue. Jesse Hunt spoke to USSAs position regarding this issue. The decision was made to postpone any action on this issue until after the 2004 season to see what other data is available. Walt stated that staff would be happy to help pull any data that can help to support the decision one-way or the other. The Regional subcommittee will further review this item in the spring. Walt asked that the Regional subcommittee be involved in alpine awards nominations so that the decisions do not need to be made by staff.

At this point Darryl Landstrom left the meeting.

- f. Rules and Technical subcommittee Bruce Crane
Bruce reviewed and asked staff for comment on a number of areas that were left as housekeeping from the spring meetings. The only action item brought forward was the approval of the fall adders. Jeff Weinman pointed out that at last years meeting it was determined that as long as the process for the adders stayed the same they do not need to be approved each year. Bill Slattery thanked Bruce for his work and attention to the technical issues. Walt thanked Steve and Sheryl Schowengert for their work on the Alpine Competition Regulations. He also thanked Thelma Hoessler for her continued work.

- g. Programs subcommittee Bob Dart
Bob asked Walt to review the calendars as contained in the handouts. Regional calendars will be available as soon as possible. Masters has asked to have a waiver on the equipment rules – this will be reviewed later in the meeting. In Quotas there was one issue with the selection for college athletes to U.S. National Championships that came up after the Spring meetings. If this continues to be an issue, Quotas executive committee will deal it with. Bob asked Jeff Weinman to review summer racing – there were about 80 athletes who competed this past summer. All went well except there was one instance where the ladies quota rules were not followed correctly.

- h. Development & Education subcommittee Kirk Dwyer
Kirk was unable to attend when his flight was cancelled due to weather problems.
1) USSA equipment rules
Walt reviewed the equipment rules as presented in the materials as well as a request by the Eastern Development group to change the rules. The intention for these meetings will be to finalize any equipment rule changes for the 2005 season so that athletes and manufactures will have adequate lead-time.

Recommendation 1: To accept the FIS equipment rules with observations at the lowest FIS level to apply to USSA.

Recommendation 2: To wait until after the FIS meetings for action relating to masters.

Recommendation 3: To allow SG skis to be used in USSA DH races.

- i. FIS Tom Winters
Tom updated the committee on the FIS TD updates including dates, locations and content.

- j. Athletes Chris Puckett
 - 1) ASC athlete representation
Chris was not able to attend. The current Athlete representative to the ASC are Chris Puckett (BOD rep), Geoff Buchheister, Elisha Stephens and Heidi Voelker.

5. Old business

- a. Operations manual
Slattery, Dart, Evans and Weinman are to review and make recommendations, including the possible elimination of term limits for subcommittee chairs.

6. New business

- a. Dues and fees review season 04-05
The season 2004-2005 proposed member fees were included in the materials. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding the increase. The general feeling was that increases should be focused on the users. Don't impose additional fees on the sites, clubs, race organizers and resorts as they are already operating as close to margin as possible.
Recommendation 1: Increase Youth member fee instead of Competitor.
Recommendation 2: Increase non-scored sanction fee instead of charging a head tax.
Recommendation 3: Looks for ways to increase Officials service with increase of member fee.
Recommendation 4: Officials portion of coaches membership needs to be accounted for as official's revenue, not coaches education.
- b. Spring Congress meeting plan
The Congress meeting plan was discussed with a first draft of the schedule reviewed.
- c. Alpine awards
Walt asked again that all groups within the ASC umbrella work to bring nominations forward to staff for consideration.

7. Comments from guests

8. Adjournment

REPORT FROM ALPINE SPORT NOMINATING COMMITTEE
TO
ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE
May 22, 2004

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 Rules and Technical Representative – Bruce Crane
2. Development/Education Representative – Dave Galusha
3. At Large Representative – Karen Korfanta
4. Chair/Board Representative – Bob Dart

United States Ski and Snowboard Association

To: Alpine Sport Committee - USSA
From: Alpine Executive Committee – USSA
Date: May 22, 2004
Subject: Proposed amendments to the Alpine Sports Committee Operating Manual of May 11, 2003 as submitted and approved by the USSA Board of Directors.

Subject to the unanimous consent of the Alpine Sport Committee for the waiving of the notice provision as set forth in Article IV, Section III, Item 6 of the aforementioned Alpine Sport Committee Operating Manual, the following motions for amendments thereto are proposed.

1. Article II – Government, Section II, page(s) one (1) and two (2) together with, Alpine Sport Committee Composition, pages seven (7) and eight (8). Any and all reference to term limits, but for those as specified for the “Chairman” and “USSA Board Representative” shall be deleted. All referenced representatives shall, but for the Athlete Representative elected to the USSA Board, be subject to election or reelection every two (2) years by members of the various committees or membership groups.
2. Article II – Government, Section III, page(s) three (3), Alpine Sport Committee Composition, page 9 and Alpine Executive Committee Composition, pages nine (9) and ten (10). Add to the list of members of the “Alpine Sport Committee and “Alpine Executive Committee” (ASEC) the immediate past Chairman of the Alpine Sport Committee and amend at this time the reference to two (2) At Large Representatives to one (1) with the option in the future to increase the aforesaid number.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Action taken: Forward for consideration and approval

FIS and USSA Equipment Regulations for season 2004/2005 (as of 21 May 04)

	CATEGORY	DISCIPLINE	GENDER	MEASURE
Minimum Ski Length: Minimum "developed" length (unwound length) in accordance with ISO Norm including a measurement tolerance of +-1 cm. The ski length must be marked on the ski.	OWG / WSC / WC	DH	Ladies	210 cm
			Men	215 cm
		SG	Ladies	200 cm
			Men	205 cm
		GS	Ladies	180 cm
			Men	185 cm
	SL	Ladies	155 cm	
		Men	165 cm	
	COC / FIS / FIS Masters / USSA J2 and older (1)	DH	Ladies	205 cm (2)
			Men	215 cm (2)
		SG	Ladies	195 cm (3)
			Men	200 cm (3)
GS		Ladies	175 cm (4)	
		Men	180 cm (4)	
SL	Ladies	155 cm		
	Men	165 cm		
FIS Children II & I	All	All	130 cm	
USSA J3 and younger	All	All	NA	
Minimum Ski Profile Width: Minimum width of the running surface at binding without any tolerance.	All but below (1)	All	All	60 mm
	USSA J3 and younger	All	All	NA
Minimum Ski Radius: The ski radius must be marked on the ski. DH radius allows a preparation tolerance of -1 m.	OWG / WSC / WC / COC / FIS / FIS Masters / USSA J2 and older (1)	DH	All	45 m (5)
		SG	All	33 m
	GS	All	21 m	
		All	17 m	
	FIS Children II	GS	All	14 m
	FIS Children I	GS	All	NA
	USSA J3 and younger	All	All	NA
Maximum Stack Height: The maximum height (distance between the bottom of the running surface of the ski and the ski boot sole).	All but below	All	All	55 mm
	FIS Children II & I and USSA J3 and younger	All	All	50 mm
Maximum Ski Boot Height: Distance between the ski boot sole and the base of the heel including all hard and soft parts.	All	All	All	45 mm

Footnotes:

- (1) Excluding USSA Masters
- (2) Pending for USSA J2 and older (excluding USSA Masters)
- (3) For USSA ONLY, SG skis may be used for DH
- (4) For FIS Masters only - valid also for SG
- (5) Pending for COC / FIS / FIS Masters / USSA J2 and older (excluding USSA Masters)

Recommended Control Procedures

Per FIS and USSA rules, it is the athlete's responsibility to ski, train and race on appropriate equipment.

1. If there is a protest against the equipment of a competitor, the TD/jury will confiscate (normally in the finish) the suspect equipment.
2. The jury will make all possible decisions "on site" regarding compliance of equipment.
3. In cases where the measurement can not be made on site, the TD will send the equipment to FIS or USSA, as appropriate, for testing.
4. Equipment protests require a \$100 (USD) protest fee.
5. The losing party of the protest is responsible for all shipping, testing and related fees.

USSA Congress 2004

USSA Alpine Sport Committee

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, Utah

Saturday, May 22, 2004
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

Bill Slattery – Chair	Present
Bob Dart – Vice-Chair / Program Chair	Present
Alan Ashley – Vice-President of Athletics	Excused
Geoff Buchheister – Athlete Rep	Excused
Bruce Crane – Rules and Technical Chair	Present
Dave Galusha – Development Chair	Present
Walt Evans – Competition Director	Present
Curt Hammond – Western Region Rep	Present
Jesse Hunt – Alpine Director	Excused
Beat Hupfer – Western Region Rep	Present
Karen Korfanta – At-Large	Present
Darryl Landstrom – Regional Chair	Present
Jeff Pier – Eastern Region Rep	Excused
Roger Perricone – Rocky/Central Region Rep	Present
Chris Puckett – Athlete Rep	Excused
Leland Sosman – Parliamentarian *	Present
Elisha Stephens – Athlete Rep	Excused
Horst Weber – Eastern Region Rep	Present
Heidi Voelker-Brenwalt – Athlete Rep	Excused
Tom Winters – FIS Rep	Present
Jeff Weinman – Secretary *	Present

* - non-voting

Guests:

Ron Lawrence	Nate Vinton	Gail Barber	Jen Stielow
Brian Seim	Ruben Macaya	Tom Barber	Mark Brownlie
Grant Lindemer	Jim Scholz	Pat Miller	Rick Frongillo
Kristian Saile	Ken Corrock	Molly Laramie	Bill Hudson
Jeff Bruggeman	Mike Hammer	Chuck Ferries	Finn Gundersen
Brewster McVicker	Jim Bragg	Dave Tengdin	Doug Williams
Allen Church	Ron Lawrence	Steve Utter	Tim Ross
Ted Sutton	John Jett	John Jacobs	
Fraser West	Cath O'Donnell	Andy Walshe	
Bear Bryant	Jordan Ginsberg	Ed Gassman	

1. Call to order Bill Slattery
2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Review and approval of minutes

**Motion 1: To approve the ASC meeting minutes from 17 May 2003, the ASC Executive meeting minutes from 17 September 2003, the ASC Executive meeting minutes from 19 May 2004 ASCE meeting minutes and the ASCE meeting minutes from 22 May 2004.
M/S/C Winters/Crane/without objection**

4. Staff Reports
 - A. USSA/USST Management report Alan Ashley
Ashley was not able to be at this meeting. He will give a complete report later at the BOD meeting.
 - B. Alpine Director Jesse Hunt
Hunt was excused for the birth of his son.
 - C. Competition Director Walt Evans
Evans welcomed the members and guests and thanked them for their attendance and work. He also thanked staff for their work preparing materials for the meetings. Walt directed everyone to the staff reports, which were included in the congress books.
5. Alpine Subcommittee reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Executive report

**Motion 2: To approve draft 4 of the equipment regulations for season 2005.
M/S/C Dart/Evans/without objection**

- 2) ASC operating procedures
Will be reviewed later.
- 3) Review terms and appointments
Will be reviewed later.
- 4) Awards
Slattery encouraged everyone to check the website in the future for information on the awards and to make nominees as appropriate. We would like to see more nominees for these awards to recognize the individuals who work in the field for the betterment of our sports.
- 5) Alpine Judicial Committee
There is a report in the packet.

**Motion 3: To accept the report of the Judicial committee.
M/S/C Dart/Hupfer/without objection**

- 6) Academic-scholastic Task Force
Landstrom noted that the task force has diminished in importance as the individual who was most vocal has not contacted him in the past year. Landstrom recommends that the task force be disbanded until that time it is needed again.
- B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee
Crane gave an overview of the meetings of the Rules and Technical subcommittee as well as the related Working Groups; his report is in the materials of the meeting. One change from the presented materials under the timing working group, to change "...except regional and divisional championships." to "...except regional and national championships."

**Motion 4: To accept the report of the Rules and Technical subcommittee.
M/S/C Crane/Korfanta/without objection**

C. Programs Subcommittee

Dart gave an overview of the meetings of the Programs subcommittee as well as the related Working Groups; his report is in the materials of the meeting.

**Motion 5: To accept the report of the Programs subcommittee.
M/S/C Dart/Hupfer/without objection**

D. Development & Education Subcommittee

Galusha began by thanking the outgoing chairs, Kirk Dwyer and Jeff Byrne for their work. He also thanked Caryn Jones for taking and preparing the minutes. He noted that there is very good cooperation from staff.

Galusha gave an overview of the meeting of the Development and Education subcommittee; his report is in the materials of the meeting.

**Motion 6: To accept the report of the Development & Education subcommittee.
M/S/C Galusha/Korfanta/without objection**

E. Regional Subcommittee

Landstrom gave an overview of the meeting of the Regional Subcommittee; his report is in the materials of the meeting. Landstrom asked the chairs of the respective regions to add any information. Those chairs referred to their individual meeting minutes and staff reports.

**Motion 7: To accept the report of the Regional subcommittee.
M/S/C Landstrom/Perricone/without objection**

Motion 8: To accept the Western Region report and the Rocky/Central Region report as presented in the materials.

M/S/C Landstrom/Hupfer/without objection

F. FIS

Winters gave an overview of the meeting of the FIS TD working group.

Motion 9: To accept the FIS report

M/S/C Winters/Crane/without objection

G. Athletes

No report

H. Nominating Committee

Slattery reported that his term as Chair of the ASC ends at the conclusion of this meeting. He thanks the committee, staff and all those involved in alpine skiing for their support. The committee and guests gave Slattery a standing ovation of thanks.

**Motion 10: To accept the proposed amendments to the Alpine Sports Committee
Operating Manual of May 11, 2003 as presented.**

M/S/C Dart/Winters/without objection

Motion 11: To accept the report of the Nominating committee.

M/S/C Perricone/Dart/without objection

The positions of ASC vice-chair and programs chair will be addressed during fall executive.

I. Review Terms and Appointments

6. Old business

There was no old business.

7. New business

There was no new business.

8. Comments from guests
There were no comments.

9. Closing remarks

Slattery noted that the sport has come a long way in the past few years, which in no part is due to the work of the volunteer community. Since the inception of the new USSA bylaws, board structure and staff alignment, the cooperation between staff and volunteer community has been key to the development of the sport.

Slattery commented on his passion for the sport and the enjoyment that he has had over the years working with the volunteers and staff. He takes great pride in the health of the sport and is grateful for the small part that he played in developing the alpine program.

Slattery thanked and congratulated the committee, the staff and the volunteers for their work and urged them to keep up the good work under the new Chair, Bob Dart.

Many of the committee and staff thanked and congratulated Slattery for his passion, mentoring and leadership to alpine sport.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Alpine Sport Executive Meeting will be Saturday, September 18, 2004 in Park City. The next meeting of the Alpine Sport Committee will be in the Spring of 2005 in this same general time frame.

11. Adjournment

Motion 12: To adjourn.

Hupfer/Korfanta/without objection