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**USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee**

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room – USSA  
Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 11, 2005  
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

MEMBERS:

Bob Dart - Chair/Program Chair	<u>present</u>
Bruce Crane - Rules and Technical Chair	<u>present</u>
Walt Evans - National Alpine Competition Director	<u>present</u>
Dave Galusha - Development & Education Chair	<u>present</u>
Andre Horton - Athlete Representative	<u>present</u>
Jesse Hunt - Alpine Director	<u>present</u>
Bill Slattery - Immediate Past Chair	<u>present</u>
Horst Weber - Regional Chair	<u>absent</u>
Tom Winters - Ex-officio *	<u>present</u>
Jeff Weinman - Secretary *	<u>present</u>

\* non-voting

GUESTS:

Dave Tengdin	Jeff Burrows
Tim Maguire	Lester Keller

1. Call to order  
Dart called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m. He thanked the members for their attendance.
2. Review of committee membership  
Dart called the roll. It was noted that another athlete member needs to be added to the Executive Committee.
3. Review and approval of agenda  
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes  
The minutes were deferred to the next meeting.
5. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule  
The schedule was reviewed.
  - A. Materials and handouts  
Walt reviewed the materials as handed out. He apologized that staff did not get materials out ahead of the meetings by posting to the website as had been done the past few years.

- B. Appointment of recording secretaries, strategy and procedures for minutes  
Weinman reviewed the plans.

## 6. Staff Updates

### A. Teams

Hunt referred to the press release as presented in the materials listing the U.S. Ski Team members for 2005-06. He also referred to the D-Team structure as presented in the materials. Finally Hunt outlined the staff changes that had taken place within the teams.

Galusha asked if the new D-Team had any residence requirements. Hunt answered no, however it would be encouraged. Athletes would be fully managed by team.

Evans referred to the staff reports as presented in the materials. Evans stated that the one staff change in Competition Services and Domestic Alpine was Jeff Burrows leaving the position of Rocky/Central Region Director. Evans thanked Burrows for the work that he had done and wished him well in his new position.

Dart thanked the staff for communication during the season keeping him informed of issues. Dart was happy to see Burrows staying in coaching and staying to make an impact in Rocky Mountain.

## 7. Action item and critical issue review

### A. Executive Committee

There was no interim activity since the fall meeting.

#### 1) Executive Report

Evans reviewed the Executive Report as presented in the materials. The subject of awards and nominations was given particular attention pointing out the continued need to get nominations from the constituency.

**Motion 1: That the USSA Level 1 Competition Official education becomes part of the USSA Coaches Level 100 education curriculum. Crane/Evans the motion was withdrawn.**

**Motion 2: The Executive Committee believes that alpine officials education should be made an integral part of the alpine coaches certification program. Galusha/Hunt without objection.**

#### 2) ASC operating procedures

The current operating procedures were reviewed, any changes should be brought forward at the next executive meeting on Saturday.

#### 3) Review terms and appointments

Programs, Regional and At-Large are up this year.

#### 4) Awards

Reviewed earlier.

#### 5) Alpine Judicial Committee

There was no interim activity by this committee. Any judicial actions were dealt with by staff and accepted by athletes and parents.

### B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Crane reviewed some of the issues from the season and previewed his meetings. Considerable time was spent on potential changes to the minimum technical standards and the minimum penalties at USSA races. The integrity of the USSA points list must be maintained. To do that standards must be upheld and must be consistent.

### C. Programs Subcommittee

Dart reviewed the items that were expected to come up during the Programs meetings.

### D. Development and Education Subcommittee

Galusha reviewed the items that were expected to come up during the Programs meetings.

- E. Regional Subcommittee  
No report was given.
  - F. FIS  
Winters reviewed some of the items that came out of the FIS meetings.
  - G. Athletes  
Horton had no report. He thanked Evans and staff for the introductory meeting prior to executive to help him understand the structure and process.
- 8. Old business
    - A. Vertical drop review  
Reviewed earlier.
  - 9. New business  
There was no new business.
  - 10. Recess  
The meeting was recessed until Saturday.

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## USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Mountainview – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 11, 2005  
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, first session

Orientation: Reports, Issues Identification, Tasking

1. Call to Order; Attendance/proxies; Rules of Order; Reporting Procedures  
W Gaylord, at-large, excused; all others present, both sessions. All WG vice chairs present.  
Many guests including new and returning interested persons.
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  
Noted implementation, good progress, and/or successful completion of action items 2004.
  - B. Competition Services staff  
Discussion of need to include AO Education as integral part of new Coaches Ed protocols.
  - C. Senior FIS representative  
Please note reports in binder; all reported FIS actions were subject to FIS Council approval.
  - D. Rules and Technical working group chairs  
Noted generally successful season with usual challenges such as weather  
Issues and tasks over the season and for the Congress meetings were discussed (see 8.).
5. Issues Identification and Orientation
  - A. Staff, key volunteer and membership communications  
Need to take full advantage of the possibilities of the USSA website; website needs to be attractive and user-friendly for officials, other volunteers and participants  
Discussion of ways to best utilize staff and key volunteers in 'technical' communications
  - B. Minimum technical standards for scored races  
(See 8.A. following)
  - C. USSA planning process and allocation of resources  
Discussion of need to engage in USSA planning process including statement of objective, identification of need/opportunity, necessary resources, timeline, markers for evaluation, etc.
6. Recess for working group and task force meetings

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## USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

Ivers/Hearst – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Charlie Burnham

1. Call to order

2. Review committee membership

Chair: Charlie Burnham  
Vice chair: Ingrid Simonson  
AO Education WG: Thelma Hoessler  
USSA TD WG: Bob Calderwood  
FIS TD WG: Tom Winters  
Eastern: Paul VanSlyke  
Central: Grant Lindemer  
RMD: Esther DelliQuadri  
IMD: Gordon Cash  
Northern: TBD  
Far West: Phil GilanFarr  
PNSA: Sue Johnson  
Alaska: Carl Swanson  
Bill Gaylord (*Ex officio*)  
Leland Sosman (*Honorary*)  
Fraser West (*Honorary*)

4. Review and approval of minutes from 20 May 2004

**Motion 1: To approve the minutes as presented  
M/S/C Calderwood/Van Slyke/Unanimous**

5. Divisional reports: As per voting member

Paul Van Slyke, Eastern: (1) East proposes that USSA should track non-scored races in order to track officials' work history; (2) some forms should be simplified; (3) "Start-Stop" protocol needs to be further developed, and lower level officials need to be educated in this regard; and (4) sanctioned races should only be held where courses meet vertical drop requirements, and where adequate protection is available.

Gretchen Ransom, Central: Had positive comments about the season.

Esther DelliQuadri, Rocky: (1) The JA certification category has been well received; (2) a coaches clinic had been requested – one took place with only 8 people attending; and (3) RMSRO had good clinic attendance.

IMD: No report.

J. C. Knaub, Northern: (1) Older TD's are helping to train younger TD's; (2) things are going great.

Phil GilanFarr, Far West: (1) A number of TD's have retired; (2) of 22 active TD's, 15 are coaches, and 1 is a masters racer; (3) there is a lack of referees for Junior (age class) races; (4) the new TD evaluation form is working well; and (5) there is a fear by some officials that taking a firm stand or issuing sanctions could lead to legal problems.

Sue Johnson, PNSA: There was a serious lack of snow, so there was no shortage of TDs; (2) zone clinics have yielded more participants, but there is a need to get more of them to join USSA; (3) there is a need for referee clinics for coaches; and (4) the division owns B netting which is shared among organizers.

Carl Swanson, Alaska: (1) AO clinics had good attendance; (2) there are 64 licensed officials in Alaska, after some "house cleaning"; (3) the JA certification category is working well; and (4) there are some race abnormalities at higher level races.

6. The chair reported that this year the number of TD's with no other certification is down to 4 (2 from Eastern; 1 from IMD, 1 from Far West).
7. The chair made two requests: (1) All level 4 nominations be made in writing, to include USSA numbers; and (2) that other items for the afternoon agenda be reported to the chair as soon as possible.
8. Recess  
The meeting was recessed until 4 p.m., at 8:50 a.m. without objection.

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**USSA Alpine Judicial Committee**

Judge – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

1. Call to order

2. Review of committee membership

The committee was reviewed.

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

4. Review and approval of minutes

5. Review grievance routing and procedures

6. Review interim activity

There was no interim activity.

7. Old business

There was no old business to review

8. New business

All regions, division and states are requested to forward team agreements and other related documents to USSA staff for review by legal counsel for compliance with Amateur Sports Act, USOC Bylaws, USSA Bylaws and sanction/due process provisions.

9. Adjournment



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## USSA Alpine Officials Education Working Group

Ivers/Hearst – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### Minutes

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#### Working Group Members Present:

Thelma Hoessler	Chairperson	Tami Strong	Intermountain
Carl Swanson	Alaska	Roger Root	Pacific Northwest Ski Association
Grant Lindemer	Central	Charlie Burnham	Ex-Officio
Stan Goldschmidt	East	Bob Calderwood	Ex-Officio
Chuck Hughes	East	Tom Winters	Ex-Officio
Phil GilanFarr	Far West	Gary Wright	Ex-Officio

#### 1. Call To Order and Introductions

- Called to order at 09:00 AM.
- Voting members identified.
- Don Page, East; J.C. Knaub, Northern; Jean Wilson, Rocky Mountain; not present.

**MOTION 1:** To recognize Leland Sosman, East, and Esther DelliQuadri, Rocky Mountain as voting members of the working group at this meeting.

M/S/C Lindemer/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

#### 2. Approval of Minutes of 20 May 2004

**MOTION 2:** To accept Minutes of meeting of 20 May 2004 as submitted.

M/S/C Wright/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION 3:** To accept Agenda with amendments as deemed necessary by Chair.

M/S/C Sosman/Lindemer/Unanimous

#### 4. Reports

##### A. Chair's Report

- Report e-mailed to working group members.
- Assistance and support of Sarah Duffany, National Rankings Coordinator, noted.
- Problems encountered during 2004-2005 discussed.

##### B. Divisional Reports

- Competition Official and Referee Power Point presentations discussed. Final presentations, in USSA-approved format, will be included on Teaching Material compact disks.
- Divisions are empowered to "grandfather" Competition Official (CO) and Jury Advisor (JA) certification for officials with current certification in other specialty areas.
- Request for posting of Alpine Officials' Directory on USSA website discussed. Privacy issues restrict posting of requested information.
- Task force composed of Allen Church, Cath O'Donnell, Robert Lipton, Gary Wright, Grant Lindemer and Dirk Gouwens will develop Power Point presentations for use in Timing and Calculations Seminars/Clinics.
- Gate Judges' education discussed; possibility of providing Gate Judge Video in different formatting will be considered.

- Video control requirements discussed; additional discussion and recommendation deferred to Alpine Officials' Committee.
- Implementation of "Start Stop" command and proper radio protocol discussed; yearly update will attempt to address these concerns.
- No additional requests or problems reported.

C. USSA Staff Report

- Jeff Weinman, Assistant National Competition Director: Assistance of Sarah Duffany, National Rankings Coordinator, and Margo Yatkeman, National Rankings Assistant, discussed and commended.
- Sarah Duffany, National Rankings Coordinator: 2004-2005 season discussed; productive learning season.

5. Old Business

A. Alpine Officials' Resources

- Alpine Officials' Manual – Continue distribution on Alpine Officials' CD and posting on USSA website.
- Timeline for update of Clinic/Seminar Materials discussed; decisions made at later meetings will affect availability date.
- USSA will continue to post Clinic/Seminar Study Guides on the USSA website with the disclaimer that reading, printing or downloading Study Guides is not an acceptable substitute for attendance at a USSA-approved Alpine Officials' Clinic/Seminar.
- Power Point presentations released by the National Office must be on a USSA-approved template. Presentations prepared by individual instructors based on USSA-provided Study Guides for use in a USSA-approved Seminar/Clinic do not need to follow this template.
- USSA will no longer provide hard copy of teaching materials; they will be available only in compact disk format. Examinations and keys will continue to be in PDF format with pages inserted to indicate placement of excel documents. Security of Examinations and keys remains the responsibility of those designated to receive the teaching materials.
- Timely distribution of 2005-2006 Alpine Officials' compact disk discussed; staff will address this issue.

B. USSA Race Course Maintenance Video – there are no plans for production of an updated version; item will no longer appear on Agenda.

C. Examination Time Limit Adjustments

- Technical Delegate Level 3 Examination revision will respect the 3-hour time limit.
- No additional adjustments required.

D. Update and necessity of USSA Competition Regulations (ACR) discussed. With minimal exceptions, the Alpine Competition Regulations mirror the FIS ICR; further discussion deferred to Alpine Officials' Committee.

E. Education of Coaches as Alpine Officials regarding inclusion of Update/Referee Clinic discussion led by Finn Gunderson and Ingrid Simonson, liaison between Alpine Officials' Education Working Group and Coaches' Alpine Education, resulted in the following consensus of opinion:

- Team Captains (Coaches) are responsible for serving on Competition Juries; they must be educated in order to fulfill this responsibility.
- Coaches' Alpine Education requires Level 1 Referee Certification in order to advance to Level 200 State Coach.

**MOTION 4:** To forward recommendation from this Working Group that Coaches' Alpine Education encourage USSA Referee certification level be commensurate with Coaches' Certification Level (i.e. Level 100 Club Coach = Level 1 Referee).

M/S/C GilanFarr/Wright/Unanimous

F. Educational needs of Masters' Alpine Officials

- Divisional AO Chairs will provide seminar/clinic schedules to USSA Masters' Committee and welcome their attendance.

6. New Business

- A. Clinic/Seminar Guidelines - Alpine Officials' education materials are based on alpine competition rules. Inclusion of rules and procedures from other sports is not encouraged.

- B. Necessity for examination expirations discussed.

**MOTION 5:** To establish June 1 of each year as expiration date for Alpine Officials' specialty area examinations.

M/S/C Wright/DelliQuadri/Unanimous

- C. Changes to Working Group – Esther DelliQuadri will permanently represent Rocky Mountain; J.C. Knaub will permanently represent Northern.

- D. Election of Chair

**MOTION 6:** That nominations close and Thelma Hoessler be unanimously elected to serve as Chair of the USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group for another 2-year term.

M/A/S/C Wright/DelliQuadri/Lindemer/Unanimous

- E. Election/Appointment of Vice Chair

**MOTION 7:** That Chair is allowed to appoint Gary Wright to serve in capacity of Alpine Officials' Education Working Group Vice Chair

M/S/C DelliQuadri/Burnham/Unanimous

7. Discussion

- Web Resources
  - A. USSA website continues to meet members' requests and needs.
  - B. Access to MySQL and FIS website data is required for proofing data for FIS events.

8. Adjournment

**MOTION 8:** To adjourn at 11:30 AM.

M/S/C Lindemer/Wright/Unanimous

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**USSA Alpine Officials Education Working Group**

Ivers/Hearst – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Action Items

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M/S/C GilanFarr/Wright/Unanimous

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M/S/C Wright/DelliQuadri/Unanimous

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M/A/S/C Wright/DelliQuadri/Lindemer/Unanimous

**MOTION:** That Chair is allowed to appoint Gary Wright to serve in capacity of Alpine Officials' Education Working Group Vice Chair

M/S/C DelliQuadri/Burnham/Unanimous

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USSA Alpine Western Region ACC

Mountainview – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

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Chairman: Beat Hupfer

1. Meeting Called to Order: Beat Hupfer / Western ACC Chairperson  
Members Present: Beat Hupfer, Kent Towleron, Dave Galusha, Sue Johnson, Nigel Loring, Bill Gunesch, Chuck Latimer, Sparky Anderson, JC Knaub, Jen Stielow, Bill Hicks, Ken Corrock, Curt Hammond
2. Review of Committee Membership:  
Beat Hupfer, Chair; Kent Towleron, Vice Chair; Dave Galusha, Secretary; Dawn Oehlerich, Treasurer  
Sue Johnson, PNSA; Nigel Loring, PNSA; Bill Gunesch, Past Chair; Nick Maicco FW; Tim Cohee, FW; Sparky Anderson, Alaska; Darcy Davis Alaska; J.C. Knaub, ND; Jen Stielow, ND; Bill Hicks, IMD; Ken Corrock, IMD; Curt Hammond, FIS Officials; Aaron Atkins, College
3. **MOTION: To accept the minutes and agenda presented for the May 12, 2005 meeting. M/S/C Towleron/Johnson/Unanimous**
4. Executive Committee Report
  - A. Chairman's Report – Beat Hupfer  

USSA Committee Appointments:  
Alpine Education & Development Subcommittee – Dave Galusha (Chair), Kent Towleron  
Regional Subcommittee – Curt Hammond & Beat Hupfer  
Quotas Subcommittee – Beat Hupfer, Dave Galusha

USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee  
Dave Galusha reported the following topics were discussed:

    - Some means to discourage skewed race results on the USSA level.
    - For the 05/06 season FIS Slalom course settings, maximum distance from turning pole to turning pole 13 meters.
    - For the 05/06 season FIS and COC level Slalom gates to be measured by “number of direction changes”.
    - Team racing proposal
    - The governance of USSA and how the divisions, committees and subcommittees fit together.
  - B. Treasurer's Report: Lester Keller for Dawn Oehlerich  
The Western Region is financially sound; there are still some outstanding invoices to collect and a few payments that have not been reflected on the income side. The Western Region continues to practice the policy of not spending more than has been brought in the previous year. Lester passed along that Dawn will be retiring from her position as Treasurer of the Western Region, but will remain on until a replacement has been named. Both Lester and Beat extended their thanks to Dawn for her years of service to the Western Region.
  - C. Director's Report: Lester Keller  
Season In Review Given the difficulties of the year, the performance of the athletes and the quality of the races was outstanding. The Western Region won the Regions Cup at the US

Nationals by over 1,000pts. The Western Region won the J2 Regions Cup by a large margin at the J2 Nationals. The level of skiing at the Elite level is impressive; the quality of skiing has increased greatly over the past five years and is being reflected on a National level. The low point of the season was the cancellation of the NorAms at Big Mountain, however the region was able to put a European project together to somewhat compensate.

#### Outstanding Issues

- Revised Intent to Compete format: The revised system of a standard template, electronically submitted to Lester is working well.
- Revised Directors' Quota: This quota is currently not being used for what it was intended, as an avenue to compete for exceptional circumstances; not quota expansion.

**MOTION: Divisions will submit nominations for the "Regional Directors' Quota" not to exceed 30 nominations per gender per season, and not to exceed five nominations per gender per series. Nominations are to be submitted to the Regional Director 14 days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captains Meeting.**

**M/S/C Latimer/Hicks/Unanimous**

- Implementation of Project Cost and Billing Procedure: Currently the Western Region is posting Project Information and Cost on the Western Region Website and e-mail blasting clubs of the athletes involved in projects. It was suggested that the notification of the clubs take place prior to the posting on the Western Region Website. Beginning with the next Western Region project in Mammoth, payment must be made prior to athletes being given their room key.
- Western Region Website Posting: NDS Coordinator Maikella Parker is assisting the Western Region with posting information on the Western Region Website.

Staffing Lester reported that he is scrambling at times without Caryn in the office; however the Regional Coaches (Randy and Jeff) are undertaking more of the project management. Lester foresees no change in the current Regional staff of Lester as Regional Director, Randy Pelky as Regional Team Coach (funded by NDS and Western Region) and Jeff Kai as the Regional Training Group Coach (funded by USSA).

Projects Lester reviewed the Western Region and NDS 05-06 preparation schedule which begins with camps in Mammoth in May, Chile projects in August, and fall projects in Austria, Mammoth and Colorado.

5. Development Committee: Kent Towleron  
Lester, Randy and Jeff are doing a good job of scheduling and implementing projects and race trips. Kent expressed his concern for lack of a meaningful Championship series for J1 athletes outside of the US Nationals; concerned that we may be losing J1 athletes because of this. This concern sparked a lengthy discussion concerning access to the J2 Nationals, the US Nationals, the watering down of the Western Junior Championships and lack of participation in divisional qualifying races. The discussion resulted in the following motion that will be presented before the Alpine Education & Development Committee.

**MOTION: That the J2 age group include ages 15, 16 & 17 and the J1 age group include ages 18 & 19 in the USSA structure.**

**M/S/C Hammond/Macaya/Unanimous**

6. Old Business  
Calendar Committee: Will meet prior to national calendar meeting.

#### Western Region Elite FIS Series Schedule and Sites

The Regional Elite FIS schedule was reviewed with the following confirmed:

- Tech Series #1 Jan 7-10 Park City/Snowbird
- Tech Series #2 Feb 3-6 Jackson Hole
- Doug Smith Feb 8-16 Big Mountain (Nor Am)
- Elite DH Series –Alaska not able to host due to scheduling conflict; looking for replacement site

### Western FIS Races

- Divisional FIS and ENL: to be scheduled and confirmed with Lester
- Junior Championships: there were a number of bids put forth for these events. Each site was given an opportunity to review their bids with the committee. A vote was then conducted with the following results:
  - Western Junior Tech Championships March 23-27 Schwietzer, ID
  - Western FIS Series Finals March 16-19 Jackson Hole, WY
  - Western J3 JO's March 20-23 Mount Hood Meadows, OR

In discussion on the J3 National Camp, the committee took a straw poll which supported a November scheduling of the camp.

Topolino Shoot-Out There was a majority consensus among committee members that the Topolino Shoot-out include social and educational components. It was agreed that especially with the Shoot-out scheduled during Christmas week that group housing would not be feasible. Park City volunteered to host the Shoot-out.

It was confirmed that the Directors' Quota to the Shoot-Out could include first year J3s.

The following motion was made concerning selection to the Topolino Shoot-Out:

**MOTION: That selection for the Western Region Topolino Shoot-Out be made up of 3 Boys and 3 Girls from each of the Divisions.**

**M/NS/D Latimer/no second**

Awards Procedure Lester pointed out that currently nominations for USSA awards (Coach of the Year, Club of the Year) are due by February. The number of names nominated in the past has been very disappointing, considering the large number of deserving recipients that are out there. It was suggested that a Western Region nomination committee be established to circulate a list of nominees; the committee will be made up of the two divisional representatives of the Western Region ACC. Lester will work on the logistics of this committee.

7. Alpine Officials – Kurt Hammond  
Described slalom changes and change of flip 30 being the norm and flip 15 the exception.
8. New Business
  - Coaches Level 100 & 200 Clinics – Lester asked Divisions to submit proposed dates and locations for Coaches clinics by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - J3 Divisions Cup – Nigel Loring suggested the establishment of a J3 Divisions Cup, Nigel will follow up at the next meeting with a proposed scoring system.
9. Next Meeting – September 2005, the Monday or Tuesday following the fall Sport Committee Meeting.

**MOTION: To Adjourn**

**M/S/C Loring/Knaub/Unanimous**

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## USSA Alpine Technical Delegate Working Group

Ivers/Hearst – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Bob Calderwood

1. Call to order
2. Review of committee membership

Chairman: Robert Calderwood (Central)	Present
Vice Chairman: Randy Rogers (PNSA)	Excused
Esther DelliQuadri (RMD)	Present
Phil GalanFarr (Far West)	Present
Carl Swanson (Alaska)	Present
Evert Uldrich (IMD)	Present
Paul VanSlyke (Eastern)	Present
Charlie Burnam (Ex Officio, AOWG)	Present
Ingrid Simonson (Ex Officio, past chair)	Present
Thelma Hoessler (AO Ed chair)	Present (new member)
3. Review and approval of agenda  
Accepted without objection
4. Review and approval of minutes  
Accepted without objection
5. Reports
  - A. Chair  
Point manipulation at Davos event was discussed.  
Referee certification for coaches, especially Level 100, was recommended by the Chair. This is a risk management issue. TD's were encouraged to appoint certified referees.
  - B. Alaska Division - Non eventful year
  - C. Central Division - Non eventful except for one event (FIS) problems resolved after investigation by the Chair. Two new TD's.
  - D. Eastern Region - Good season with thanks to the volunteers.
  - E. Far West Division - Felt the TD candidate form was valuable as it aided in mentoring of candidates.
  - F. Intermountain Division - Drought season; have 61 TD's and insufficient events for all.
  - G. PNSA Division - Drought caused a cancellation of a majority of races.
  - H. Rocky Mountain Division - 2 new TD's; 2 retiring TD's.
6. Status of use of USSA TD candidate nomination form and the USSA TD candidate performance evaluation form  
The regions that used the forms for evaluation felt that it was an excellent tool; will continue to monitor.
7. USSA TD expense report  
The chairman reminded the TD's to submit an expense report to the race organizers. Whether the TD



accepts the remuneration or not it is up the TD. It is important that the organizers are aware that they are responsible for the expense of the TD.

7. USSA TD report  
The TD report will ask for the measured vertical drop. It was stressed that the TD's be educated in the use of GPS, altimeters and topographical maps.
8. Old business  
None
9. New business
  - A. USSA speed TD certification  
After discussion tabled pending discussion with legal counsel. Gary Wright will investigate.
  - B. Discussion of ACR numbering system  
should it mimic the ICR? Referred to alpine officials working group.
  - C. TD's without TC and RF certifications  
Each region should review TD's certification and determine whether to grant TC or RF certification by experience or recommend clinic attendance.
  - D. Timing of arrival of TD at an event. Organizing committees must be made aware that the rules are clear on when a TD must arrive prior to an event and are therefore, responsible for reimbursement.
10. Election of Chair and appointment of Vice Chair  
Robert Calderwood was re-elected as chairman; Randy Rogers was appointed as vice-chair.
11. Executive session  
The following individuals were elevated to the next level:

Central:

To Level 4  
Scott Nintzel  
Grant Lindemer  
John Groesbeck

To Level 3  
James David Jensen

Rocky:

To Level 3  
George Brooks  
Brad Ghent

To Level 5  
Jack Benedick

Eastern:

To Level 3  
Peter Hommel  
Robert Lipton  
Francis Fox  
Dirk Gouwens  
Virgil Abbott  
William Andrews  
Dave Gyger  
Peter Holland  
Rick Hydren  
Jack Iacopino  
John Nelson

Robert Underhill  
Bob Nevins

To Level 4  
Lewis Dean  
Greg McClallen  
Michael Browne  
William Everett  
Paul Harlow  
Ted Newman  
John Stahler

To Level 5  
Winnie Backlund

Downgrade from Level 3  
to Level 2  
Jere Brophy  
Peter Mackey

Downgrade from Level 5  
to Level 4  
William Hala

12. Adjournment

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## USSA Alpine Education & Development Subcommittee

Mountainview – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Dave Galusha

In Attendance:

Dave Galusha – Chair  
Ron Lawrence  
Kent Towleron  
Jeff Byrne

Peter Dodge  
Andre Horton  
Mark Heinrich Wallace  
Doug Williams

Chris Puckett  
Finn Gundersen

#### Executive Meeting

Executive Meeting to discuss the Role, Purpose and Goals of the committee

- Previously the format of the committee was for USSA staff to present ideas and plans to the committee. Committee is evolving to encourage more interaction and discussion of issues and plans and utilization of group's expertise with the goal of becoming more transparent.
- Coaches Education is focused on content dissemination to all levels of skiing all the way down to the small clubs. Coaches Education staff welcomes feedback from coaches on content of information presented so far.
- Coaches Education to send instructors to regional meetings, need to be good presenters who are well trained in the material. Presenters do not need to be USSA staff, as staffing is limited.
- Favorable response to CD's, coaches would like to assist with reviewing materials before release.
- High performance conference proposed to be held in Park City for three days of intense training. Representatives to be nominated by their region. Critical factor for success is that representatives must transfer knowledge to their regions. This is previously where the system has broken down. As such, representatives would be asked to commit to being responsible for disseminating the information. Timing of conference would be around Congress to save on travel costs. 12 months lead-time would be required, possibility for May 2006.
- Purpose of Subcommittee presented and agreed to still be applicable (discussed Committee Purpose see handbook page 78)
- Coaches Certification: one page information sheet to be mailed to all USSA coaches to clarify what is required to complete certification.
- The future of the committee should see a regionally based operation, represented by 2-3 members per region with communication back and forth between regional forums and the national meetings. A three-step phase in would be required. This cycle, NDS and Education staff to go to regional forums next year would focus on high quality communications with NDS staff and the third phase would see regional representatives.

1. Agenda Reviewed and Approved

2. Review of Committee Membership

- **Motion 1:** To accept new committee members: athlete representatives Mark Heinrich Wallace and Andre Horton. Byrne/Williams. Approved: Yes

3. Chairman's Report

Explanation of Executive Meeting

- Review Purpose of Committee (discussed page 78 of handbook).
  - Met with key USSA Sports Science, Coaches Education and NDS staff.
4. USSA Regional Development Reports
    - A. USST Alpine Director – Hunt
      - Thanks for attending, good attendance and thanks to coaches and volunteer community for their hard work throughout the season.
      - Presentation of Alpine Domestic Coach of the Year Award to Peter Dodge.
    - B. R/C – Burrows
      - Discussed Rocky/Central Region Report on page 60 of handbook
      - Thanks to staff, Crawford, Darlene and Kristian for their dedication
      - Code of Conduct was reviewed and reinforced and feel it has a positive effect on athletes
      - Working to utilize more efficiently intent to compete to be sure quotas are met
    - C. West – Keller
      - Discussed Western Region Report on page 69 of handbook
      - Successful year, congratulations to athletes, coaches and programs
    - D. East – Maguire
      - Discussed Eastern Region Report on page 50 of handbook
      - Doug Williams chairs the Eastern Region Development Committee and has fostered a great working relationship
      - Regional volunteers thanked
      - Expressed appreciation of the work of the Development committee, very positive environment
  5. Other USSA staff Reports
    - A. USST – Walshe
      - Feedback on CDs has been good, thanks for all comments.
      - This year has been a year of consolidation; staff will transition now to focus on elite athlete performance as we head into an Olympic year.
      - Focus for next year will be to upgrade communication.
    - B. NDS – Evans
      - Discussed Domestic Alpine and National Development System Annual Report on page 39 of handbook
      - Congratulations to Dave Galusha, Chair on his good work and leadership of the committee
    - C. Coaches Education – Gundersen
      - Discussed Coaches Education Report on page 45 of the handbook.
      - Integration of Coaches Education, National Development System and the USST has worked well.
      - 1 CD was available this time last year, now there are 6. Andy Walshe's global view has added consistency to the CD content and presentation.
      - The goal of the first year was developing structure and content, now the goal is delivery and effective communication of materials.
      - NDS June Camp at Mammoth Mountain will once again serve to educate instructors. Education will utilize CDs for athlete education.
      - Junior Development forums were held during the season at championships, feedback is requested.
      - PSIA: successful meetings at PSIA's National Academy. Clinic leaders were Finn Gundersen and USST coaches Sasha Rearick and Adam Chadbourne. Participants had a wide range of skiing abilities and were enthusiastic to utilize progressions.
  6. Task Force Presentations
 

It is essential that committee members accepting a position on a taskforce make a commitment to the workload of the taskforce, involving networking with constituents and preparing the reports and presenting to the committee.

The role of the committee is to formulate good plans to make proposals to USSA staff. Determine issues worthy of further investigation and send to Dave Galusha or raise at National meeting.

- A. Speed Progressions – Puckett
    - Discussed Speed Progression Presentation by Chris Puckett, SSWSC see report
    - Issue: dwindling numbers in speed events.
    - Progressions
      - o Ron Lawrence of Team Norway runs flight school camp open to all athletes in the region, assisting relations with the mountain by promoting the mountain region wide. Training of DH and SG on short sections 8-11 gates and jumps. Terrain is maintained by club and machine grooming is not required at a saving to the mountain and as such is classified as a black run.
      - o Lester Keller: Development of skill in speed events was hampered by poor weather and limited sites. Western Region utilizes fundamentals CD progressions “Wave Tracks” and “Pole Jumpers” during 5-6 day Flight School projects. Gliding skills need to be raised nationally and maintain commitment to broad base of skills. Western Region trains a lot of Super G and travels to southern hemisphere for summer.
  - Comments from committee members:
    - Issue at grass roots level is expense of equipment. Special equipment is required for DH race. One club offers athlete families to return quality equipment to the club after it is no longer being used to receive a tax deduction.
    - Time from school is another issue, tech events require less time away from school.
    - One solution may be to consolidate championships for R/C and West. Tech events could remain as separate competitions and R/C and West could pool resources and hold speed events together.
  - B. Coaches Education – Galusha
    - Discussed Coaches Education Task Force Report. See report for evaluation of CDs/DVDs, evaluation of existing clinics, recommendations for ways to improve Coaches Education, communication with members.
    - Parent information could be enhanced, great materials are available from various countries and sports.
  - C. PG/Collegiate Athlete Programs – Dodge
    - Discussed presentation (see: Post High School Athlete Programs PowerPoint Presentation)
    - College athletes have made the USST.
    - Collegiate group is looking to develop Senior Development Team for high-level athletes looking for clear path to team. Proposal to be submitted to Walt Evans and Dave Galusha. Response from Hunt is that the ‘C’ Team is the Senior Development Team. College athletes have been successful in meeting the team criteria and making the USST. Walt pointed out that NDS projects that involve senior athletes are Elite May, NDS June (which will also have a parallel collegiate program), NDS Regional Glacier project and NDS FIS January Project. Walt will look to implement additional opportunities for this group.
    - College representatives would like to have a liaison to assist in interpretation of NCAA rules as they are complex and vary between divisions and frequently change.
  - D. Qualifying Procedures – Williams
    - Tabled, to be presented at ASC meeting.
7. Future Direction of Committee
- Look to extend meeting time for committee at Congress
  - Distribute reports prior to meeting
  - Research is required to substantiate proposals, provide information to the committee prior to the meeting.
8. Old Business
- Discussed Old Business document
  - J3 Eastern European Trip
    - o **Motion 2:** To allow the Eastern Region to run a trip to Europe for J3s at the same time as the Whistler Cup. Williams/Dodge. Rejected: No. 2 For/ 5 Against

9. New Business
  - Discussed document titled Old Business
  - Rule Changes
    - o **Motion 3:** To adopt FIS Rules for Slalom 801.2.3 Slalom Course Setting, the maximum distance from turning pole to turning pole will not be more than 13 meters (was 15 meters). Lawrence/Williams. Approved: Yes, unanimous
  - Manipulated USSA events: Committee to recommend to ASC committee a minimum penalty at all USSA races of 20 points for all disciplines.
  - Future Task Force Issues
    - o First year J2 Issues, proposal to extend J2 age group to three years and decrease J1 age group to two years. If approved, implementation planned for 06-07 season. To be presented by Western Region to ASC.

10. Adjournment

Alpine Education /Development Subcommittee Thursday May 12, 2005  
Park City, UT

Speed Progression Presentation by Chris Puckett SSWSC

(full document)

Put together with help from Dave Hjerleid AVSC, Kent Rychel CBA, Ron Lawrence TNY, Lester Keller Western Region, and Aldo Radamus SCV

Introduction

The problem of dwindling numbers in speed events in most USSA regions has many facets. The purpose of this report is to identify many of the problems, and to make some suggestions as a starting point for further discussion. The hope is that we can fix some of these problems by working on the things under our control. It is a complex problem with many different players such as the athletes, the host resorts, the host clubs, and the financial reality that speed projects present. The presentation first identifies some of the challenges we face in planning a great speed progression. Second, we explored some steps we can take to alleviate or mitigate these challenges. Every club, resort, division, and region faces its own set of unique issues. Not every issue will have the same importance to each club or resort.

Challenges

- 1. Skills lacking in the average club speed participant (gliding,air)**
- 2. Clear speed development progression plan lacking for clubs**
- 3. Site development**
- 4. Calendar conflicts (for participation ex. FIS U)**
- 5. Field size and selections that detract from participation**
- 6. Pace in races for top juniors**
- 7. Expense (labor, equipment, protection)**
- 8. School**
- 9. Protection**

Progressions

In reality, most junior skiers are not attending speed progression camps in the spring and summer. The US Team and the NDS projects do a good job of planning and executing speed elements camps for the upper level athlete. The concern is for the club and entry - level speed progression. Some clubs may be able to convince a small number of kids to attend a speed camp in the spring when snow conditions are suitable, but with the premise that the average club skier is busy in the summer, realistic speed progressions need to be established for the winter season.

The progression should start as early in the season as possible with the speed elements from the Level 100 Disk. The calendar, snow conditions, and resort cooperation will dictate your time investment and the quality of training a club is able to produce for their athletes. Once the basic progression has been completed, the progression should continue into full speed Super-G with as many elements of downhill as possible. Include air when

possible, but if that is not possible inside the training venue, find a jump that the athletes can practice going over with high repetitions.

The progressions need to be fundamentally based and broken into elements

- Full speed DH training not available to most clubs/resorts
- Every club has different resources and obstacles (terrain, resort relationships)  
Examples: Team Norway's Ron Lawrence, SSWSC and Howelsen Hill, Lester Keller and West

### Races as Projects

Aldo Radamus began the discussion for Regional FIS Speed events as development projects. The practice of sectioning parts of a DH is rarely used in today's racing. We need to think in terms of teaching and developing our young racers into competent, confident downhill racers. After the first seed at our regional FIS project in Beaver Creek in 04-05, too many crashes occurred off of amen jump. Most kids had not seen a jump of that magnitude to that point in the season. Sectioning the jump, the steep turns, and the flats for gliding would give all the coaches the opportunity to use the event with all the protection as a venue for development.

1. Sectioning would give way to training runs, and then the races.
2. Sectioning for more teaching, development of skills, repetition
3. Condense Training into one day by athlete's leaving start during sectioning day
4. Schedule **Two full length training runs** for next day
5. Schedule **Two Races the following day with tight intervals**

We foresee less crashing because of more development and repetition over critical terrain prior to the racing. This type of schedule could accomplish the following:

- Aid Development for young speed skiers
- Less school missed
- Less expense
- Maximize utility of the venue
- Increase participation because of the perceived increase in overall value in combination with reduced risk due to better athlete preparation to race the venue

### Calendar

There are many issues with the Calendar and most have to do with the host resort's ability to allow for a venue. We must be sensitive to the important dates for the resort (MLK, President's, Spring Break) to try to minimize perceived impact to their bottom line. Next the events need to be spaced out to be part of a clear progression so that our developing athletes have the opportunity to gain experience, as the races get tougher.

*Rocky Example: December elements, Smartwool speed series, FIS series, Nor-Ams, and Nationals. \* Rocky is worst speed region so this is simply an example.*

- Avoid conflict with other close by regional speed events
- Make it work with host resorts
- Keep with defined progression
- Calendar so that a speed warrior will be prepared for every level

\*For Nor-am racers this progression does not work, and they need to take advantage of NDS opportunities early in the fall season to prepare for Lake Louise Nor-Ams.

### Protection

The expense of proper protection is becoming a larger hindrance in the consideration to host a speed event. Each resort has some B net, but not usually enough to put on a FIS DH, unless it is a world cup site such as Beaver Creek. It can become difficult to attain B net with conflicting events happening all over the country at the same time. USSA has a stock, but proper lead-time must be given to acquire the net. Each region should have a stock of its own to lend to potential sites.

### Site Development

We have very few willing sites at each level of our speed progression, esp. with regard to their place on the calendar and appropriate terrain available for the order in the progression. With regard to the viability of a speed event, we may need to explore possible help from USSA. It may be seen as a worthwhile investment into speed for USSA to waive head tax for speed events to aid the host club's desire to host a speed event. If the clubs can make a speed event financially viable, the chances improve that the local resort will follow suit. Several things need to happen to do a better job of developing sites:

- Identify potential host sites appropriate in each region for each level in the progression from training elements, to racing international quality venues
- Work with sites to have current homologations
- Identify the needs of the respective hosts for protection, and make available nets from a National or Regional stockpile
- Work the Calendar so the interruption to the public is mitigated for the host resort and so it makes sense in the competitive progression
- Work with USSA on the possibility to waive head tax on speed events to create an incentive for host resorts and clubs to improve financial viability (example: Rocky FIS 30 women participants and top 5 points comped?)



Example: In Rocky the progression works well with easy terrain at Keystone for the USSA series to more difficult at FIS at Beaver Creek. However, we need to develop more sites such as Crested Butte that has World Class Terrain for premier events (NA, Nationals)

### Pace in Races

This is a huge problem for our best regional speed racers who are the pace at regional FIS speed series, and who subsequently seek other venues to increase their chance of scoring (Europe). We need to establish if the regional FIS goals are to produce low penalties in speed events, or to develop skills. It is preferable if we accomplished both goals. The reality of the state of speed development is that at the entry level, our racers have weak skills, so the goal ought to be to improve skills. A downhill racer with great skills will eventually find results as they win at every level. The goal should be to have our kid's speed elements refined to the point that they are safe and confident flying through the air by the age of eighteen. At that point, they will be ready to take advantage of opportunities when they are presented at the Nor-Am level and beyond.

Some easy solutions to helping with penalties is:

1. Know who is available in your region that has recently retired with good speed points and maintain contact information (ex. Jake Fiala, Lauren Van Ness)
2. Each Regional office pays the FIS dues automatically for these athletes
3. The host club works to find lodging for these athletes during an event to create an attractive package for the athlete to take time from school or work to participate
4. Properly thank these individuals for their continuing support of racing (per diem for food)

### Field Size and Selections

In the Rocky Regional FIS event in Beaver Creek January 05, twenty women with FIS points participated, with thirty total. Sixty men competed. That makes a total of ninety participants on a well protected, well staffed, well manicured course. This is a symptom of the problems we have in our speed progression. We are **lacking participation**. There was very little, if any participation from Central Division. More blatant was the lack of participation from the clubs in Rocky. The venue in Big Sky had a similar experience.

This is an issue with perceived value by the athletes. Many athletes perceive that their time is better spent in school if too many speed events happen in succession.

The point by Aldo Radamus is that we need to enhance their skills, thereby increasing the value of a speed series for the athletes. A racer feels more value and enjoyment from an event if it lowers world ranking, increases skills, and provides excitement and fun by doing it in an environment of confidence built through sectioning and training.

We need to *open up selections* to include any willing and capable FIS members that want to race. With sectioning, and a greater emphasis on teaching and development during training days, the safety will increase to the point that we can greatly relax current selection criteria for regional FIS events.

Recommendations for increasing field size and participation:

- Promote the safety enhancements to clubs and other regions
- Calendar events to avoid conflicts with other events
- Increase value (more repetition over terrain, increased skill)
- Condense schedule to save on **Expenses** and mitigate **loss of School**
- Maximize usage of hill (sectioning, and training until 4pm)

### Conclusion

We have a perception problem in our racing community. The perception that DH/SG events are dangerous, expensive, and time consuming, and overall less valuable, are factually based in many respects. As coaches, we know the value of speed events and training, and we know that most of our athletes enjoy going fast. Our job is to come up with steps for changing this perception to increase participation. We will have trouble reversing this trend if we do not work with the host resorts to make speed a workable situation for the resort, and a profitable venture for the host clubs. Our ultimate goal is to drive participation.

**Strong Fundamentals = Safe and Confident Racers =  
Fun = Higher Participation = Success**

May 2005

To: USSA Alpine Development and Education Subcommittee  
From: Dave Galusha  
Re: Coaches Education Task Force Report

In the spring of 2004, the Committee established four Task Forces to explore areas of concern. Chairs and members were appointed to each Task Force. As chair of the Coaches Education Task Force, it should be noted that most of this report is based on my findings through discussions with USSA staff and coaches in the field. If there is any Regional bias to this report, it would be due to the fact that most is based on input from Western coaches, one parent of a Western USST female athlete, and one Western USST male athlete.

At the 2004 Congress, there was much talk of not enough coming out of the Coaches Education Department and little communication to USSA member Coaches. Since that meeting, several coaches' education tools have been developed and the second tier of clinics has been delivered. The four areas that I identified for our Task Force to report on were:

1. An evaluation of the CDs/DVDs.
2. An evaluation of the existing clinics.
3. Other recommendations for ways to improve Coaches Education.
4. Communication with members.

#### Findings:

1. Everyone who has viewed the CDs is very impressed with formats and with the extent of material covered. In each of the CDs, the material is presented in a consistent manner and related video clips, forms, interviews, etc. add utility and dimension to each topic. I found few coaches that have used these resources enough to evaluate their utility for coaches, athletes and parents use.

Pros- Topics covered. Consistent Look. In Depth Coverage of each Topic. Visuals. Tools (forms, logs, programs) for coach/athlete hands on use.

Cons- Ability to update. Cookbook syndrome. Cost. No info getting to members who do not buy CDs and these numbers are large.

2. Level 100 clinics have received consistently good reviews. Entry level and less experienced coaches are getting the message that the basics really are important and are a focus at every level. More content seems to be covered better in the indoor session. Cutting the on snow to one day and the indoor to the other might better cover the content and the message than two on snow. This would also give the flexibility for adjusting to weather. The manual and the CD are very appropriate for this level and provide the consistency of content from clinic to clinic.

Pros- Basics covered clearly and stressed appropriately. Materials back up presentations well.

Cons- Balance of on snow and indoor time. Range of participants' knowledge and skiing ability. Inclusion of non coach participants. Process of evaluating participants based on a 1.5 day clinic.

Level 200 clinics had fewer opinions included for report. Again the content seemed appropriate and was well backed up through materials. Very ambitious curriculum for time span of clinic. Touched on course setting but more should be included. Again, indoor sessions seemed to get stronger reviews.

Pros- Content. Materials. Strong staffs.

Cons- Not enough time. Little impact on personal course setting skills. Range of participants' experience.

### 3. Other areas for coaches' education-

Become a resource for existing materials and educational opportunities outside of USSA offerings. Include communications skills, business skills, learning and teaching styles, child development, motivation, and other related areas to becoming the best coach one can be. A wealth of programs, clinics, courses exist and USSA coaches' education should help members find them.

Course setting remains one of the biggest challenges in our sport. Poor sets attribute to safety issues, skewing of results, lack of fun, and are detrimental to the process of development. Must be a priority for USSA coaches' education department.

Establishing a strong program of providing coaches with camp and race opportunities for personal growth. The concept of coaches' education side by side with athlete development opportunities is strongly supported. More work in getting the right coaches involved to deliver quality training for athletes and a balance of up and coming strong coaches working with established mentors.

### 4. Communication-

Posting information on the web site is seen as one way communication. Some direct communication with coach members should transpire. Something tangible for dues should exist even if it is as little as a monthly e-mailed newsletter. A feeling that coaches pay dues to support the development of materials that are available for anyone to purchase continues to be a prevalent perception.

The attempts to hold meaningful forums for coaches at major events were hit and miss on communication. At the JII Nationals few coaches attended as few claimed to be aware that it was happening.

All of the CDs and supporting materials were developed and produced by staff. This sends the strong message that a from the top, staff driven program is in effect. The question of pre production review for input by key coaches has been raised.

# USSA Alpine/Education Subcommittee

## Task Force Report Post High School Athlete Programs

Peter Dodge

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- ### Current Status of Programs for Older Athletes
- Positives
  - Good co-operation with USST and NDS
    - Athletes are being invited to USST and NDS projects
      - Paul McDonald, Jenny Lathrop, etc
      - June NDS Camps
      - Competition opportunities
      - Training opportunities
  - PG Development Team athletes are advancing
  - NDS and Regional Programs are providing good programs and advancing athletes
  - College FIS-Uni series are strong
  - College programs and FIS Uni racing are a unique asset and advantage for the USA
  - College athletes are advancing
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- ### Current Status of Programs for Older Athletes
- Negatives
  - Many older athletes are searching for a program that will enable them to advance to the USST
  - Continuing at a high level is expensive
  - Funding is limited
  - Pro-active support of collegiate development programs is lacking.
  - The negative "perception" of college programs is still a problem
  - Collegiate eligibility requirements are unclear
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- ### Where are new USST members coming from?
- 2006 USST, A, B, C, D
  - 30 Men
    - 7 New Members
      - 3 From College Programs, 1 from Club
      - 3 Juniors named to D Team from Club/Academies
      - 3 Promoted from D Team to C Team
  - 23 Women
    - 5 New Members
      - 2 From College Programs
      - 1 From Club/Academy
      - 3 Juniors named to D Team from Clubs/Academies
      - 0 Promotions from D Team to A, B, C Teams
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#### The 2006 U.S. Alpine SM Team

Men		Women	
Age	Team	Age	Team
30	30	23	23
<b>A Team</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>A Team</b>	<b>9</b>
Shyon Friedman	24	Kristen Clark	26
Ted Luger	20	Lindsay Kidlow	20
Steve Miller	27	Caroline Lake	26
Daron Rahives	31	Lobby Ludlow	23
Tom Rothrock	26	Julia Mancuso	21
Erik Schroyer	32	Brynn McCarty	22
Dana Spencer	27	Joana Mendes	26
Marco Sullivan	25	Sarah Schlegel	26
		Resi Shegler	19
<b>B Team</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>B Team</b>	<b>4</b>
Jimmy Cochran	23	Stacey Cook	20
Justin J. Johnson	27	Jessica Kelley	22
Chip Knight	30	Kaylin Richardson	20
T.J. Lanning	20	Lauren Ross	23
Scott Macartney	27		
Jesse Marshall	24	<b>C Team</b>	<b>6</b>
Paul McDonald	30	Carlin Cappon	20
		Katie Hitchcock	20
<b>C Team</b>	<b>11</b>	Keely Kelleher	20
Chris Beckman	18	Shelley Lathrop	22
Rogan Brown	22	Chetrea Marshall	18
Erik Fingar	20	Julia Litman	19
Karen Francis	22		
Ken Giddell	20	<b>Development Team</b>	<b>4</b>
Steve Nyman	23	Baka Oton	15
New Member Drew Roberts	20	Megan McJames	17
Jeremy Tranter	21	Shelley Oton	17
Andrew Wadrecht	19	Wayne McDonald	15
Evan Weiss	21		
Jake Zamansky	23		
<b>Development Team</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>New Team Member</b>	
Mike Crady	18	Shelley Oton	17
Timothy Kelley	15		
Todd Thoburn	15		
Stefan Hughes	15		

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- ### Post High School Programs
- Current Options:
    - USST Development Team
      - 18, 19 yrs old, World Junior Team
    - Academy/Club PG programs
      - 18, 19, + yrs old
    - Collegiate Programs
      - 18 - 21 - 25 yrs old
    - Private Coaching Programs
    - NDS and Regional projects
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## Junior Athletes, Development Team

- Current D Team functions as a World Junior Champs prep team for 17, 18, 19 year olds
- This age group has excellent home based programs through their clubs, academies and regions
- Athletes are in school and living at home or at an academy
- High School PG programs are prevalent and work well for 1 year post HS graduation
- Colleges provide excellent programs for skiers who are still Junior age (typically Freshman and/or Sophomore years, age 17, 18, 19)

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## Senior Athletes

- Graduated from HS and Academy PG programs
- No longer fit with club/academy programs
- Need higher level experience
- Enrolled in college or taking classes
- Not living at home, on their own
- Financial support limited
- Need to make decisions, college, jobs, careers, make money.

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## Change the perception about College Programs for athlete development

- "(athlete) has made it clear to his coaches that school is a very important part of his life and at the same time he has high aspirations for ski racing. He is dedicated to make them both work and would like the team's help and support." USST parent
- "(these athletes) were lucky to have (ski team coach) as their coach as (he/she) understood their need to attend college. I am pretty sure that (he/she) fought many battles with the team." USST parent
- "It is our hope that the USST eventually figures out that the kids should be allowed to go to college while still following their dream of making the team." USST parent

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- (college) has really provided two very distinct paths for top ski racers. (one athlete) has taken one and (other athletes) took the other. In retrospect it is clear to me that they all could have attended college on time as 18 year olds and raced at the college level until they were scoring well enough to head to the European FIS level. At that time they could follow the part time route and go on the team full time. Most of them would have been able to race at the college level for several years if not all 4." USST parent

- "So far I haven't received too much resistance from my coaches about my attendance at college, but the opportunity to get my education is so important to me that I want to be sure to preserve my freedom to continue doing it" USST athlete

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- First, the USST claims that a major goal of theirs is to retain athletes (in theory, to attempt to field an older, more experienced team which could thus be more competitive with European teams who tend to retain athletes well into their 30's.) Economically, American skiers are simply in a different boat than our European counterparts. It isn't reasonable to expect to make a decent living immediately after a USST career without having some sort of education under one's belt, while Europeans generally don't need a college education in order to secure a decent job. Many American athletes walk away from skiing sooner than they otherwise would simply because of the economical and social pressure to secure their long-term future. If the USST is truly committed to retaining athletes, they will make more significant efforts in helping us to pursue an education WHILE skiing. The USST Foundation is helpful in providing scholarships and computers to athletes, but the support should transcend the entire organization so that coaches and all of the administration support those of us who are trying to get an education while representing the Team. If they really want to keep athletes around, they will understand our dual-commitments and be flexible in helping us achieve both our athletic AND academic goals.

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- "Second, who's to say that attending college actually has a negative impact on USST performance anyway? If it were closely evaluated, I think they would find that attending college actually LENDS to better international performance than it detracts from it... There are numerous examples which most everyone is aware of, especially this. I can only speak from experience when I say that my time at college has enhanced my ski racing career. The short amount of time away from the ski racing lifestyle is a refreshing diversion. I feel more fulfilled after I've exercised my brain a little bit, and more grounded after I've been "normal" for a mere ten weeks. These things simply help me to approach my high-intensity ski training in June with renewed motivation. It wasn't until I started coming to college that I jumped to the B team, and last year to the A team. Taking the time to get an education really has no negative correlation with ski racing; the U.S. Ski Team should recognize that by now." USST athlete

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## Recognize Collegiate Ski Programs.

- Recognize and support the value of US collegiate ski PROGRAMS in the National Development System.
- Recognize that going this route may take an athlete temporarily off the "fast track" but will ultimately provide him/her with the athletic base and maturity to succeed later. Get the word out to athletes, coaches, industry, parents, press that this is a good option for continued development.

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## ■ Conclusion

- Junior athletes have good resources and a clear path for advancement.
- Senior athletes do not have a clear path for advancement or the resources to get there.

## ■ Recommendation

- Make the D Team a home based, project orientated team with the objective of preparing the best possible US team for World Junior competition
- Create a new Senior Development Team to provide a clear path and the resources for post junior athletes to advance

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## Senior Development Team

### ■ Recommendation

- Create a new Senior Development Team
  - Senior age, 21 and older
    - No previous USST A, B, C members
  - Full time program
  - Funded USST Staff
  - Athlete costs, self funded
  - 4 - 5 Men/Women
  - 2 year commitment by athlete and USST to advance

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## Senior Development Team

- Age 21 allows athletes to make a commitment to collegiate or regional team programs knowing that there is a next step available
- Collegiate and regional programs have proven that they can prepare athletes to a level just below the C Team
- To actually make the jump, a full time program is required
- The 2-4 years spent off the "fast track" are positive development years in terms of athletic and personal development
- Creates a window to allow for choices and time to develop and mature.

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## Senior Development Team

### ■ Criteria, just below C Team

- Example
  - 1 top 150, 2 top 200 WR
    - Kennison 27 132, Nickerson 24 154, 169, C Marshal 23 125, Cole 23 142,
  - 1 top 200, 2 top 300
    - Christianson, 21, 160, Chodounsky, 21 194, Veenis, 21 232, 202, Rixon 23, 218, 289, Mann, 21 155, 256
  - Nor-Ams
  - US Nationals

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## Re-focus Our Resources to Provide a Clear Path for Senior Athletes

- Through USST, NDS and Regional programs provide projects and programs to support current collegiate and senior athlete programs.
  - "Out of season training opportunities
  - Non-collegiate competition trips, Nor-Ams, US Nationals, Europe
  - Training up" opportunities
  - Continue to support World University Games project
  - Include coaches in education programs and projects

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## Clarify Collegiate Eligibility Issues and Procedures

- Establish a liaison between USSA and NCAA to resolve collegiate eligibility questions
- Set up a clear college eligibility program for USST athletes

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## Summary

- Change Current Development Team
  - Change to project base program with World Junior focus
- Establish New Senior Development Team
  - Establish a USST level team to bridge the gap between collegiate and domestic programs and the USST
    - USST staffed, Athlete funded
    - 2 year commitment
    - Allows 2 year transition, development period at age 20, 21

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## Summary

- Establish a NDS/Regional level Senior core training group
  - Establish a clearer path through existing and new projects for senior athletes
  - Re-focus current resources to better support these athletes
- Establish a USSA/NCAA athlete eligibility liaison
  - Allow athletes to make informed choices about maintaining collegiate eligibility

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## USSA Alpine FIS Technical Delegate Working Group

Ivers/Hearst  
Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center - Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Tom Winters

Please refer in USSA Congress 2005 book to pages 130 – 132 for various commentary items from the recent FIS Meetings held in Amsterdam, NED

#### **Highlighted Points:**

1. **Equipment:** Effective for the competition season 06-07 slalom ski measurements will utilize the actual effective ski length – some would define this as the actual running length - without regard to artificial tip and tail extensions. Manufacturers will be marking the equipment to reflect this measurement as is being undertaken with regard to turn radius issues.
2. **Slalom:** Gates – gates will now reflect direction changes not just gate count. With regard to Olympic Winter Games and World Cup events the minimum direction changes in slalom will be as follows:  
Women's events 45 direction changes / Men's events 55 direction changes.

Lower level events than OWG and WC events will be subject to the minimum number of direction changes for women's and men's events as set forth above, however, a – three direction change factor is available for such level events.

Measurement – the distance between the turning pole of each direction change “gate” shall be a minimum of 13 Meters vertical drop. There is still some discussion of how this measurement is done and clarification of this issue will be forthcoming.

3. **Reverse 30 Rule:** Present rule is that the normal reversed seed group is 15 competitors with the exception, as enacted by the race event jury, being to expand this seed group of 30. New Rule: normal reversed seed group will be 30 competitors with the exception becoming, at the discretion of the jury, to drop the seed group to 15 competitors. This new rule is just a reversing of the old rule.
4. **Entry Level “FIS” Events ( ENL ):** Any present course which is subject to exceptions will, at the expiration of its exception date, become subject to and designated as an ENL event.
5. **Manipulation Issue:** At an event in Europe two (2) low ranking World Cup/Europa Cup athletes were shown as entered in the event – neither party was present at the event. This is not the first time such an infraction has been discovered, however, in this instance the athletes in question were listed on the finish results as DNF “did not finish” not DNS “did not start”. It seems that each athlete was shown with a start time – which means that multiple parties were probably involved in the deception. The FIS Council has undertaken a complete investigation of the matter.
6. **Maximum Starts:** Please note that competitors are limited to 25 starts, excluding starts in DH and SG events. Any starts in excess of this limitation will not be scored and may subject the competitor and coach to further sanctions.
7. **Foreign Participation:** This past season Bob Dart was the Men's Technical Delegate at the World Ski Championships in Bormio, Italy and Horst Weber was the Technical Delegate for various events held in Davos, Switzerland.
8. **FIS Youth Committee:** The FIS has established a Youth and Children's Issues Committee, which will have one representative from each competition discipline. The Chairman of this committee is USA FIS representative, Harald Schönhaar.

9. North American World Cup Events: There is extreme pressure on North American event organizers to undertake moving our events to earlier dates. This is considered very risky due to nature and weather considerations.
10. FIS Super Kombi Events: Projected to be three events this coming season and to be held in conjunction with World Cup events. These events will include a one run GS and a one run SG. The SG at these events will be scored for FIS points.
11. Medical Item: The FIS Medical Committee has recently published a new medical guideline book, any interested parties are requested to refer to this publication and the forms contained therein on the FIS website with special attention to the section on "Concussions".
12. FIS Inscription: Please note that the FIS Inscription date for the July 1 first list is due on or before June 1. Need early registration.
13. FIS UNI Events: The special FISU Carnival Seeding System continues to be a FIS approved – North American seeding system. However, ongoing monitoring of this situation will be undertaken with a possible proposal to the FIS UNI Committee to affirm this system as an approved ongoing system.
14. Educational Update: Normal FIS required updates will be held in Calgary, CAN the last weekend in October and in Lake Placid, NY the first weekend in November.

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## USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

Ivars/Hearst – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
4:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

### Minutes

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Chair: Charlie Burnham

Working Group Members present:

Charlie Burnham (Chair)	Mike Hammer (for Gordon Cash) (IMD)
Ingrid Simonson (Vice-Chair)	J. C. Knaub (Northern)
Thelma Hoessler (AO Ed WG)	Phil GilanFarr (Far West)
Bob Calderwood (USSA TD WG)	Roger Root (PNSA)
Tom Winters (USSA FIS TD WG)	Carl Swanson (Alaska)
Paul Van Slyke (Eastern)	Leland Sosman ( <i>Honorary</i> )
Gretchen Ransom (Central)	Fraser West ( <i>Honorary</i> )
Esther DelliQuadri (RMD)	Jeff Weinman (Staff)

1. Call to order  
The meeting was called to order at 4:30 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: Several items were added to New Business.  
**Motion 1:** To approve the revised agenda  
**M/S/C Calderwood/DelliQuadri/Unanimous**
4. Review and approval of minutes from 20 May 2004  
**Motion 2:** To approve the minutes as presented  
**M/S/C Calderwood/Simonson/Unanimous**
5. Working Group reports
  - A. Education T. Hoessler  
Hoessler reviewed the AO Education WG meeting, and its action items. See the report of that meeting.
  - B. USSA TD B. Calderwood  
Calderwood reviewed the USSA TD WG meeting. See the report of that meeting.
  - C. FIS TD T. Winters  
Winters reemphasized the changes for this year in FIS SL setting requirements. See the report of that meeting.
6. Other reports
  - A. Courses Working Group T. Sutton  
The courses exception list needs to be distributed. TD's are advised to use multiple tools to determine vertical drop accurately. There is a need for updated course homologations to be listed on the web site.
  - B. Timing Working Group A. Church  
Officials need to be reminded to follow carefully the rules of timing.
  - C. Classification Working Group A. Church

See this Working Group's agenda.

7. Old business

- A. USSA First Report of Accident form: This is an insurance-driven form. Officials are asked simply to fill in what they know, whenever there is any chance that a secondary insurance claim might be filed.
- B. Equipment regulations and enforcement: There was one equipment protest in Pennsylvania; the protocol for handling protests was followed closely, and it worked well.  
  
There will be no changes in equipment regulations or in the protocol for enforcing them for the upcoming season.  
  
There was a brief discussion of enforcement issues. Remember: ICR and USSA rules provide that competitors are responsible for the appropriateness of their own equipment.
- C. Jury Adviser & Referee certifications: There seem to be no problems implementing these certifications in the divisions.
- D. Other aspects of certifications guidelines: Divisions need to clean up their rosters and get people in compliance with the new guidelines.

8. New business

- A. Alpine Competition Rules in the USSA Competition Guide:  
**Motion 3:** To eliminate the Alpine Competition Rules (ACR) from the USSA Alpine Competition Guide and to replace that section with the FIS rules (ICR) and then include the USSA exceptions to those rules.  
**M/S/C DelliQuadri/Simonson/Unanimous**
- B. Video control of slalom events:  
**Motion 4:** To recommend that a protocol be developed for video control of slalom events.  
**Van Slyke/Sosman/Unanimous**
- C. Helmet clarification:  
Gary Wright suggested that helmet rules be modified to make them discipline specific.  
**Motion 5:** To amend current helmet rules to specify that helmets must be discipline appropriate.  
**Moved by DelliQuadri/no second/motion failed**
- D. Awards:  
The chair urged all divisions to become more actively involved in nominations for officials' awards.
- E. Paid position at USSA to track non-scored races for officials' tracking:  
**Motion 6:** To recommend that USSA have a paid position for officials, and to have USSA process information on officials for both scored and non-scored races.  
**Van Slyke/DelliQuadri/Unanimous**
- F. Use of on-line officials' history viewer:  
**Motion 7:** To allow the use of the on-line officials' history viewer to track officials' work history.  
**Van Slyke/DelliQuadri/Unanimous**
- G. The chair announced that election of officers of the working group would take place at the 2006 Congress, and that he would not stand for re-election at that time.
- H. Executive Session: level 4 candidate review Divisional representatives  
**Motion 8:** To approve the following individuals put forth for advancement to level 4 in the specified categories by Divisional Representatives:  
**Hoessler/Ransom/Unanimous**

**Eastern** – Paul Van Slyke

4581278	Scott Moriarty RF4	2837722	Paul Klimsa RF4
4961231	William Everett RF4	4796355	Steve Mergenthaler RF4
4994349	Ted Newman RF4	620336	Dennis Murray RF4
3404647	Daniel Marshall RF4	5312475	Robert Okoniewski RF4
4690863	Kim Bownes RF4	5571468	Peter Stwertka DM4, TC4
4911251	Paul Harlow RF4	4256178	Douglas Williams CC4, CO4, CR4, RF4
4663423	Jill Firstbrook RF4	4629937	Lewis Dean TC4
4133435	Ted Sutton RF4	1513837	Greg McClallen TC4

**RMD** – Esther DelliQuadri

5555859	Lon Allen JA4	4781498	Eldon Martin JA4 from RF3
4799359	RiAnne Davis TC4	4903829	Sam Mathews JA4 from RF3
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**Far West** – Phil GilanFarr

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5440060	Sharon Cook RA4, DM4

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. without objection.

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## USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

Ivars/Hearst – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
4:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

### Action Items

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Chair: Charlie Burnham

1. **Motion:** To eliminate the ACR from the USSA Competition Guide, and to replace that section with the FIS rules (ICR) and then include the USSA exceptions to those rules.  
**DelliQuadri/Simonson/Unanimous**
2. **Motion:** To recommend that a protocol be developed for video control of slalom events.  
**Van Slyke/Sosman/Unanimous**
3. **Motion:** To recommend that USSA have a paid position for officials, and to have USSA process information on officials for both scored and non-scored races.  
**Van Slyke/DelliQuadri/Unanimous**
4. **Motion:** To allow the use of the on-line officials' history viewer to track officials' work history.  
**Van Slyke/DelliQuadri/Unanimous**
5. **Executive Session: Motion:** To approve the following individuals put forth for advancement to level 4 in the specified categories by Divisional Representatives

#### **Hoessler/Ransom/Unanimous**

##### **East – Paul Van Slyke**

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**USSA Alpine Courses Working Group**

Judge – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Ted Sutton

The meeting was called to order by Ted Sutton at 6 p.m.

**Technical Advisor's Report – Tom Johnston:**

We discussed the necessity for more B-Net protection at all GS events. The speeds continue to increase, and there was a strong recommendation to all TD's and organizers to increase their B Net protection at all GS Events.

The rest of the discussion concerned other plans to increase protection that inspectors could make during homologations.

**Assignment of Homologation Inspectors for USSA and FIS**

There are some 70 or more inspections to be completed by the Course Committee this summer.

All inspections should be sent to Ted Sutton at PO Box 730, Lincoln, NH 03251 before September 1, 2005, so he can review them and make available for FIS meetings on October 1.

It was recommended to Walt Evans that Paul Mahre's name be submitted to the FIS Council for approval as an FIS Inspector.

It was also recommended that the list of homologation courses be updated (made current) on the Web site.

When TD's come across any recommendations for FIS or USSA course improvements during their winter assignments, the supplemental report should be sent to Ted Sutton at the above referenced address, and not to the FIS or USSA office.

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## USSA Alpine Rocky/Central Region ACC

Alpine – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 12, 2005  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Jeff Bruggeman

1. Welcome everyone members and guests

2. RCACC Members:

Jeff Bruggeman – Chair  
Bill Slattery – CEN  
Dave Waller – CEN  
Brewster McVicker – CEN  
Pat Callahan – RMD

Jon Nolting – Vice Chair  
Darryl Landstrom – CEN  
Robert Dart – RMD  
Roger Perricone - RMD

Guests:

Darlene Nolting – USSA staff  
Karen Ghent – RMD  
Kristian Saile – USSA staff  
Crawford Pierce – USSA staff  
Dave Tengdin – CEN  
Gretchen Ransom – CEN  
Aldo Radamus – RMD  
Dave Hjerleid – RMD

George Brooks – RMD  
Brian Seim – CEN  
Jeff Burrows – USSA staff  
Esther DelliQuadri – RMD  
Curt Gleaves – CEN  
George Thomas – RMD  
Ed Gassman – RMD  
Ron Lawrence - CEN

3. Review and approval of agenda **Nolting/Perricone M/S/C**

4. Review and approval of 2004 minutes **Nolting/Perricone M/S/C**

5. Staff reports

A. Darlene Nolting

- 1) RC J4 Fundamentals camp is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend and will also include 91 YOYB. The camp will be at Parsenn Bowl at Winter Park.
- 2) RC Topolino Time Trials is a great project we do. Athletes are working hard and are super competitive. Coaches need to help out more at the project.
- 3) RC out of region selections went well this year. I don't think there were any issues.
- 4) J3 and J4 Junior Olympics were held at Vail and Winter Park, respectively, and both organizers did a fantastic job hosting these events.
- 5) Rocky/Central Championships were held at Aspen, that addition of seniors was positive.
- 6) Rocky Mountain Trophy Series – the premier FIS series in Colorado. We had good numbers and good events. The Spring Series was tough as it conflicted with the Lutsen Spring Series. We need to avoid conflict in the future.

B. Kristian Saile

- 1) Thanks to the staff in the region and for the Central board for helping out in showing Kristian leadership.
- 2) Central office was moved to Marquette, Michigan at the Olympic Training Center. This has been great to utilize.
- 3) Jill Rogers was brought on as an administrative assistant and she did a great job.



- 4) Central had two camps, a tech camp and a speed camp. Speed camp was moved to Mt Ripley, it was a good move. The tech camp was a new camp added to the schedule. It was at Marquette. 55 athletes attended the tech camp.
  - 5) Mid Ams – 4 Mid Ams this year. Race was moved to Highlands to avoid having an ENL.
  - 6) Additional B-Net provided by USSA was very helpful to the division.
  - 7) Three coaches education clinics in Central.
  - 8) Implement new projects for the Team Central athletes this upcoming year.
  - 9) Brian Seim runs the website for the Central division. Brian has put a coaches forum on the website that has been great.
- C. Jeff Burrows
- 1) Thanks to everyone here as I move on to my new job. I plan on staying involved.
  - 2) New FIS rules – gate counts for slalom will be direction changes and not by gate counts. The max distance will be 13 meters. It is important that these course-setting rules are followed. Jesse Hunt has challenged us to make sure we follow these rules.
  - 3) Selections – Regional selections went very well this year.
  - 4) Calendar – first Nor Am calendar is set and the divisional calendar follows.
  - 5) Whistler – RC athletes are competitive at this level. We had considerable number of athletes in the top ten at this event.
  - 6) Rocky/Central has the highest number of educated coaches in the Nation. Everyone should make sure they check out the new Educational CD's. There are great.
  - 7) Equipment – USSA aligned themselves with FIS. There is a system of enforcement and that is through the protest process.
  - 8) A final tribute to Ashley Stamp.
  - 9) Course setting – at the Topolino Games, there was a closed gate and none of the athletes attending knew what it was.
6. Divisional Reports
- A. Rocky Mountain – J. Nolting
- 1) There is frustration with where Rocky/Central stands in the Regions Cup at both the J2 and the US Nationals.
  - 2) Rocky will have a June development meeting to work on a plan to help accomplish moving back up in the standings. We need to work together as clubs and as a region to make this happen.
  - 3) We moved some things around on the calendar; we spent a lot of time on the speed block. The division feels that it is a priority to keep this block on the calendar and keep it in region and division. Spring Series was another item that was discussed at length. The penalties were higher than they have been in the past.
  - 4) Intent to compete – A \$50 refundable fee per athlete will be required to accompany an intent to compete.
  - 5) YSL will have a Slalom added to the series. In the past they have only had GS races.
- B. Central – Bruggeman
- 1) We had a good transition from Cindy Carlson to Kristian Saile.
  - 2) Calendaring is pretty much set and we will still make a few minor changes.
  - 3) Membership is down in Central.
  - 4) Working with Crawford went well this year.
  - 5) Pace is still a challenge at the Mid Am Series.
  - 6) There is a new committee within the ACC – a Coaches Committee – primary function is to assist in building a development program for the division.
  - 7) Lutsen Spring Series is scheduled April 1-9, 2006. Team Gilboa has decided not to run this series, but asks that Central take over the running of this series. The quality and the integrity of this series have improved over the past few years.
  - 8) We have asked to submit reports on three of the venues of the Mid Am Series to ask for exceptions to be granted for the upcoming season. This needs to go to the Classification Committee before it goes to the Sport Committee.
7. New Business
- A. Present Jeff Burrows with a thank you award for all of his hard work and dedication to the region.

- B. A motion was passed at the Western Region ACC to change the classification of the J1 and J2 age numbers. Move J2's to 15, 16 and 17 year old and then J1's to 18, 19. The West feels like they are losing athletes as they move from J2's to J1's.
- C. Whistler Cup Qualification for J3's:
  - 1) The first place age eligible US athletes in SG, GS and SL at the Rocky/Central J3 Junior Olympics will be on the team.
  - 2) If there is a repeat winner in one or more disciplines, the overall winner (not including the DH) will be named to the team.
  - 3) If the quota has still not been filled, the racer(s) with the lowest single race point result in the disciplines in which there is duplication will be named. (It is possible that all athletes could be selected from the same discipline.)
  - 4) **In the case of a cancelled event in the selection process (SG, GS, and/or SL) the selection would go to the overall winner (not including DH). If the quota still has not been filled, the selection would go to method "c" above. Nolting/Slattery M/S/C**
- D. Whistler Cup Qualification for J4's:
  - 1) Any 'special' J3 (an athlete who is a J4 by year of birth but opts to race as a J3), competing as a J3 in the Junior Olympics who meets the J3 criteria above will be named to the team to compete as a children I (J4) athlete in Whistler.
  - 2) The remainder of the quota will be filled by ranking the athletes using the sum of their best two of four place point results (1 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc) from each run of the technical events only. Ties will be broken using the best result(s) from the technical events. If a tie still exists after all four technical race results are used, the athlete's super G result will be used as the final tiebreaker.
  - 3) 'Special' J4's (an athlete who is a J5 by year of birth) are not eligible for selection.
  - 4) **In the case of one of the technical (GS, SL) events is cancelled the selection would use the remaining three technical events for the selection. If both runs of event in the selection process are cancelled, the SG results will be used. Slattery/Nolting M/S/C**
- E. Topolino Time Trials – To change the number of additional spots per division from 2 to 4. The selection process for the additional spots is to be determined by the divisions. **Slattery/Callahan M/S/C**
- F. Move the RC Champs to March 16-19, 2006, ability to use Aspen Highlands SL venue for man-made snow. **Slattery/Callahan M/S/C**
- G. Making J2 National JO athletes automatics for this event so it is not harder for the other athletes to qualify if the J2 JO athletes choose to race. **Slattery/J.Nolting M/S/C**
- H. Coaching Credentials for Rocky/Central Championship events –
  - 1) For the Rocky/Central Regional Championships and J3 and J4 Junior Olympics, the race organizer shall provide complimentary event credentials to include lift and course access to one coach per five athletes in a USSA member club. The coach must be a current USSA coach member in good standing to be eligible. Clubs must be recognized by the respective divisional office. It is highly recommended that these credentialed coaches also receive the athlete meal and banquet package at no cost. The race organizer shall make lift, course and meals credentials available to additional USSA member coaches at a discounted price as needed. **J.Nolting/McVickers M/S/C**
- I. Junior Olympics
  - 1) Rocky/Central Team Jackets – how does the committee feel about having one regional jacket. Darlene and Kristian will get together and work out feasibility.
  - 2) Regional Support for Rocky/Central championships – To give the site that hosts the RC Championships some site support. This is tabled for further discussion.
- 8. Old Business
  - A. 07/08 – Central would like to host the RC J4 JO's. They will be turning in a bid at next spring's RC ACC.
- 9. Adjournment – **Nolting/Callahan M/S/C**

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## USSA Alpine Calendar Working Group

Kearns – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Friday, May 13, 2005  
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Walt Evans

Evans reviewed the attached presentation that covered the items on the agenda.

1. Call to order
2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Review and approval of minutes
4. FIS Calendar effects / information
  - A. World Cup dates
  - B. World Junior Championship dates
  - C. Topolino and Whistler dates
  - D. FIS points list dates
5. NorAm/Super Series
  - A. Schedule
  - B. Committee minutes
6. Regional calendars
  - A. East
  - B. Rocky/Central
  - C. West
7. FIS-U
8. National FIS
9. Junior Olympics / Junior National review
10. Other business
11. Adjournment

**U.S. BEST-IN-THE-WORLD** *The Time Is Now!*

Calendar Working Group

- Philosophy
- Guidelines
- Review

**U.S. BEST-IN-THE-WORLD** *The Time Is Now!*

Philosophy

- Athletically based design
- Periodization
- Quality of competition
- Appropriate competition

**U.S. BEST-IN-THE-WORLD** *The Time Is Now!*

Periodization components

- Peak Events
- Focal Series
- Training periods
- Secondary series
- Racer Management
- Competition blocks
- Rest and recovery blocks
- Physical training

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Quality of Competition

- ROC enthusiasm and sophistication
- Venue quality
- Appropriate fields

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Guidelines

- Integrated top down approach
- Block scheduling
- Marker events with clear path rewards
- Promote classics!

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Junior Olympics 2005

- Jr. 1 titles at NC
- Jr. 2 Olympics
- Jr. 3 Olympics
- Jr. 4 Festivals



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## Jr. 2 Evaluation

Comments: (3) excellent (2) satisfactory (1) needs improvement

	Lake Placid	Superloaf	Lake Placid	Superloaf	Lake Placid	Superloaf	Lake Placid	Superloaf
Field Quality	DH	DH	SL	SL	GS	GS	SG	SG
FIS Penalty Women	42.71	43.74	37.98	46.73	69.43	63.96	81.64	101.06
FIS Penalty Men	57.32	51.08	69.93	50.83	73.22	66.11	89.97	80.27
# USA Women	52	59	53	61	43	58	38	51
# USA Men	71	73	71	73	66	72	56	68
# of W win %	12	30	29	38	29	34	30	37
# of M win %	21	27	54	33	44	42	52	54
# of Nations Women	2	3	2	3	1	3	1	3
# of Nations Men	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2
# of finishes W	35	39	39	33	33	33	33	37
# of finishes M	39	39	55	46	46	53	53	53

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## Nor Am Cup

- 12 tech starts/ 10 speed starts
- Penalties of 60 WR
- Speed event focus
- 4/6/6/6 05-06
- Prepare athletes
- Continuity



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## 5 year penalty analysis

**NORAM CUP - PENALTY ANALYSIS**

	Downhill	Slalom	Giant Slalom	Super G
<b>Women</b>				
Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
2000-2001	30.20	88	14.17	39
2001-2002	47.01	137	20.07	79
2002-2003	36.09	130	18.11	91
2003-2004	25.71	92	12.35	50
2004-2005	20.84	62	10.95	33
<b>Men</b>				
Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
2000-2001	10.99	31	4.67	4
2001-2002	24.87	91	10.75	53
2002-2003	25.68	87	15.68	90
2003-2004	20.87	71	8.64	38
2004-2005	12.04	48	7.28	31

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## Calendar Inventory 2004-05

- Total races: 2895
- Listed: 1500
- Scored: 1043
- FIS: 296
- Other races: 1556

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## Critical Success Factors

- Early schedule planning ie. NC, NAC, J2's
- DH site resources
- Protection requirements
- Snow surface requirements
- Future planning: WJR, NAC finals

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## USSA Alpine Classification Working Group

Summit C – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Friday, May 13, 2005  
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures  
The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Church. It was noted that Sally Shaffer was no longer a member of the Working Group and Gail Barber was appointed as member.
2. Review and adoption of agenda  
The agenda was approved as presented with the addition of 'D. Golden Rose' under 6, without objection.
3. Review and adoption of minutes  
The minutes were approved as presented without objection.
4. Staff Report – Competition Services  
No report or comments.
5. FIS representatives reports  
Crane change with most possible effect is a change in the FIS licensing year beginning the 2006/07 season. Athletes need to register prior to July 1, 2006 list. Late fees will be imposed after September 1st. Quotas will be set with this first list. This could have athlete ramifications. This will push USSA membership season ahead by two months. Instead of June 30<sup>th</sup>, April 30<sup>th</sup>.  
FIS adamant about being notified about TD assignment changes for any reason.  
1<sup>st</sup> Year Juniors will lose results above 25 starts.  
**Motion 1: To empower the Commissioner and Staff to delete the USSA result of 1<sup>st</sup> year Junior FIS starts which are over the FIS limit of 25 technical starts as a matter of course. This would no longer need yearly approval of this committee. Crane/Hupfer motion passes unanimously.**  
Church pointed out that there is a small change to the timing technical report. North America performs quite well compared to the rest of the world in compliance with these requirements.
6. Action item referral/disposition
  - A. Minimum technical standards of scored races  
**Motion 2: To apply the minimum penalty requirements and technical standards as proposed by Crane, dated 13 May 2005 (attached). Crane/Mahre carried opposed by Mahre.**
  - B. Penalty levels and adders (reflecting athlete ranking lists?)  
Addressed above.
  - C. Publication of USSA points rules "Commentary"  
Church and Weinman are closing to a final version that will be finalized over the summer.
  - D. Golden Rose  
**Motion 3: That the Golden Rose be scored in the competition year that it is calendared and not to the 2<sup>nd</sup> points list of the following season. Hupfer/Mahre without objection.**
7. Other business
  - A. Violation of USSA rule 122.1.1 for Slush Cup at Holiday Valley and Holimont in April 2005  
**Motion 4: That the result from the 2<sup>nd</sup> scored competition of each of the two days at each location for each gender be nullified and removed from the points list and a letter of**

**reprimand be sent to the top athletes involved and that the TD's involved be sanctioned for knowingly violating the rule. Barber/Mahre – 2 for (Barber, Mahre) 5 against (Hupfer, O'Donnell, Crane, Church, Weinman) motion fails.**

A task force consisting of Mahre, Stanley Goldschmidt and Karen Korfanta will review the wording of the rule for refinement and present it to Rules and Tech Committee.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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## USSA Alpine Collegiate Working Group

Mountainview – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Friday, May 13, 2005  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Mark Sullivan

#### Attendees

Committee:

Chairman – Tom Olsen (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

EISA Rep. – Peter Dodge

RMISA Rep. Richard Rokos (absent)

NCAA Nordic Rep. – TBN

Club Coach – TBN

At Large – George Thomas

Guests:

Paul Wojick

Aaron Atkins

Roger Perricone

George Brooks

Lester Keller

Walt Evans

Jon Nolting

1) Meeting Called to order at 11:30

2) WWUG Report – George Brooks

Richard Rokos submitted a written report for George to present. Richard was pleased with the event. The USOC requirements were burdensome. Richard felt the US should continue to participate in this event.

Discussion ensued related to the addition of a speed component. At the planning stage, this was to be a technical only event. The mid-season change was difficult for Richard to reasonably handle. Value exists related to including a speed element. Better coordination and a stronger commitment from the nominated athletes will work to solve these issues. Current team size worked well. Increasing the team size was viewed as detrimental.

Walt Evans requested Peter Dodge develop a criteria for identifying 1 athlete based on a speed formula. Peter will bring a proposal back for next year's meeting. Additionally, Walt requested the team leader for the 2007 event be identified at the Collegiate Working Group's meeting next year.

#### Old Business

3) USCSA Proposal to Change Selection Method to the US Nationals



The following text is proposed to replace the first paragraph on page 51 in Chapter 5 of the 2004-2005 Alpine Competition Guide.

“The first two positions in the college quota to the U.S. National Championships will be selected in the following manner. The top combined U. S. male and female athletes, as determined by accumulated race points in SL and GS from the NCAA National Championships and by accumulated World Cup Points (with foreign athletes removed) in SL & GS from the USCSA National Championships, will be automatic to the technical events. Ties at the USCSA National Championships will be broken in accordance with the USCSA’s Competition Rules. These athletes do not expand the college quota.”

The USCSA will determine the method for breaking ties at their upcoming Board of Directors meeting and forward to USSA for inclusion in the above proposed text in place of the reference to the USCSA rule book.

### **New Business**

- 4) The EISA has proposed to limit the quota for USSA athletes to Eastern FIS-U events to 5 per gender. USSA will respond with a letter to EISA indicating a minimum of 10 to 15 is appropriate.
- 5) The Eastern FIS-U seeding method was discussed. It was determined RMISA could adopt this method if desired since it has already been approved.
- 6) Coordination of the scheduling of the NCAA National Championships and the USCSA National Championships was discussed. The changes required will involve discussions with other parties at the NCAA. Peter Dodge will forward contact information to Paul Wojick of the USCSA to facilitate this discussion. Coordination of these events will minimize the possibility for scheduling conflicts with other elite level spring events.
- 7) Peter Dodge represented the finding of the Alpine Education and Development Subcommittee Task Force on PG/Collegiate Athlete Programs. This committee will prepare a recommendation for next year regarding possible changes to quotas with supporting statistics based on Peter’s work.
- 8) Election new Chairman  
Mark Sullivan was elected as Chairman, Darryl Landstrom was elected as Vice Chairman.
- 9) Adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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## USSA Alpine Quotas and Selection Working Group

Mountainview - The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Friday, May 13, 2005  
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

1. Call to Order - Bob Dart, Chair

2. Review committee membership

Members:

Bob Dart - Chair

Jon Nolting - R/C

Dave Galusha - West

Beat Hupter - Vice Chair

Brian Seim - R/C

Walt Evans - USSA Staff

Jeff Bruggeman - R/C

Doug Williams - EAST

Peter Dodge - College

Tim Maguire - East

Jeff Burrows - R/C

Lester Keller - West

Guests:

Roger Perricone - RMD

Brewster McVicker - CEN

Sarah Floyd - RMD

Aldo Radamus - RMD

Kristian Saile - USSA Staff

Nick Maiocco - West

Ruben Macaya - West

Darlene Nolting - USSA Staff

Rick Frougillo - West

Karen Ghent - RMD

George Brooks - College

Crawford Pierce - USSA Staff

Francesca Hammer - West

3. Review and approval of agenda

4. Review and approval of minutes **Bruggeman/Seim M/S/C**

5. Reports

a. Fall Executive Committee

b. Staff - W. Evans/J. Weinman

c. Winter Activities (Quota Management)

i. The Regional Directors manage this quota and Jeff Weinman does an excellent job ranking the Nor Am athletes.

6. Quota Proposal

a. Review Competition Guide - Changes were made directly on to the hard copy by W. Evans.

b. Review J2 Quotas

c. Review Olympic Winter Games Criteria - has been approved by the USSA board in December

7. International Licensing - Thanks to Maikella for her hard work in organizing this for the country. Mike Loydl does a great job communicating with USSA and other coaches. Thanks to the coaches who went to Europe for their communication and willingness to move around to other sites that were available.

- a. Summer 2004
- b. Winter 2004/2005
- 8. Collegiate Quota
  - a. Report - J. Weinman
  - b. Procedures
  - c. FIS U quota non-collegiate athletes  
Letter will be sent to EISA on their request to reduce number.
  - d. Review World University Games selections 2005  
Peter Dodge to review and submit changes spring 2006 for 2007
  - e. Review USCSA selection on advancement to nationals.  
See program sub committee report for wording.
- 9. Review FIS Congress issues - W. Evans/B. Dart, others
  - a. Change in licensing in 06/07 will move to May 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Staff will need to have plan in place.
- 10. New Business
  - a. Committee Chair - Bob is stepping down as chair of this committee. He recommends that Beat be his successor, with the approval of the committee. Bob would like to thank everyone for their hard work in making this committee a success. Everyone thanks Bob for his hard work and efforts. The committee approves Beat as Chairman. Doug Williams was selected as the Vice-Chair.
- 11. Summer assignments
- 12. Next meeting - next spring at the congress.
- 13. Adjournment  
Evans/Galusha M/S/C

# NOR AM CUP

## Quotas

	All except	Finals
USA events	50*	40
CAN events	30*	40

When either the USA or CAN does not fill its national quota, the other nation may use those unfilled spots.

Note: \* At men's events that include a DH, an additional quota of 20 starts is available for the host nation. Unused spots may be used by the other nation. [40 USA and 40 CAN men at the January tech starts season 05—06.](#)

## Selection

### Procedures for all Nor Ams

**7. Development Quota:** Athletes may be invited by USAA staff to be entered on the Development Quota. Nominations for use of this quota must be made via the regional competition directors to the national competition director. Objective rankings, advancement history, other discretionary evaluation and athlete management factors will all be considered. [The development quota is intended to be used primarily for junior racers.](#)

The development quota is not intended to compensate for inflexible or inadequate regional procedures.

### USA Events

	Men	Women
1. USST and U.S. Development Teams	<del>28</del> 30	<del>20</del> 22
2. Athletes with 400 or more Nor Am points from prior or current season		
3. Collegiate (by collegiate ranking)	4	4
4. Eastern (by regional procedures)	4	4
5. Western (by regional procedures)	4	4
6. R/C (by regional procedures)	4	4
7. Development as applicable ( <del>Jrs only</del> )	54	5

~~8.~~ 8. ——— Any remaining spots revert to the NTSM ranking list.

~~9.~~ [exception for Hunter Mtn. Mens tech events where USA quota is 40 \(USST 25, regions and colleges 3 each\)](#)

### CAN Events

1. USST up to 20 athletes
2. Athletes with 400 or more Nor Am points in the current or immediate past season as defined by FIS CoC Rules.
2. First six athletes from the NTSM list.
3. ~~The next~~ four [Junior development](#) athletes ~~on the NTSM list not yet selected.~~
4. Any remaining spots revert to the NTSM ranking list.

### Finals

1. USST A & B Teams
2. Athletes with 400 or more Nor Am points in the current ~~or immediate past season~~
3. Ten athletes will be selected based on an NTSM of current Nor Am standings in the discipline(s) to be contested utilizing all Nor Am events contested prior to the finals.
4. All remaining spots, except four, selected based on the NTSM of FIS points ranking.
5. ~~The next~~ four [development Junior](#) athletes ~~on the NTSM list not yet selected will be picked.~~
6. Any spots that become available will revert to the NTSM of FIS points ranking.
7. ~~Special Quota agreement: FIS CoC rules NAC.2.3.3.1 DH quotas for USA and CAN – 20 men and 20 Women will be invited from each of the visiting nations i.e. CAN and USA to attend the NAC Cup DH that is being produced in conjunction with the National Championships. These positions will be included within the North American approved quotas:~~
  - 7.1. ~~Nor Am Cup DH standings 8 men and 8 women~~
  - 7.2. ~~Nor Am Cup Overall standings 8 men and 8 women~~
  - 7.3. ~~Balance of quota to be filled based on FIS points in DH~~

# CHEVROLET U.S. ALPINE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Chevrolet U.S. Alpine Championships have long been a premier event on the calendar of alpine ski racing events. The entire U.S. Ski Team participates, and the events can attract top-level racers from Canada and Europe as well as the best regional and collegiate skiers.

~~The 2004 championships were conducted at Alyeska Resort, AK; the 2005 championships will take place at Mammoth Mountain, CA, Mar. 29 – Apr. 5.~~

An exciting feature begun at the 1990 championships is the ‘Regions’ Cup’, awarded to the regional team amassing the greatest total number of ‘World Cup’ points in all of the national championship races and combined events. Beginning at the 2005 Championships, the Regions Cup will be renamed the Tom Garner Cup in memory of Tom Garner, former Rocky/Central Director and long time supporter of alpine ski racing. Only USA skiers participate on regional teams. USST members score points for their home region. USA collegiate athletes score points for the region in which the school exists.

In addition to individual titles in all disciplines, a combined champion will be identified using the sum of times from DH and SL. ~~Top junior athletes are also recognized as Chevrolet Jr. 1 Olympic medalists. National Jr. Champions will be recognized for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in all 4 disciplines and combined.~~

## USA Quotas (in order)

	Men		Women	
	DH/SG	SL/GS	DH/SG	SL/GS
USST	All	All	All	All
Collegiate <sup>1&amp;3</sup>	6	13	5	10
Western <sup>1</sup>	13	13	10	10
Rocky/Central <sup>1</sup>	13	13	10	10
Eastern <sup>1</sup>	13	13	10	10
Development <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X	X

<sup>1</sup> Maximum total team size, all disciplines: 18 men, 15 women

<sup>2</sup> Up to ten to accommodate development nominations. Development quota should not be used to add events for specialists.

<sup>3</sup> The top combined U.S. male and female athletes, as determined by accumulated race points in SL + GS, from ~~both the USCSA and the~~ NCAA National Championships, will be automatic to the technical events at the U.S. National Alpine Championships. These athletes will take the first positions on the college quota; the college quota is not expanded from previous rules. Get language from USCSA regarding the procedure to identify their athletes (world cup points, purge foreign athletes. These athletes are NOT subject to the top 100 NR as in College rules.

INSERT and INTEGRATE collegiate language

# FIS-UNIVERSITY RACES

## Quotas and Entries

### 4. Other FIS-U eligible athletes

Note: Field size will be regulated by the organizing committee and competition jury in cooperation with USSA for organizational reasons. This could result in a reduction of quotas available to USA athletes. The Collegiate Working Group will work with organizers to develop a mechanism for determining appropriate field sizes, and any proposed limitations are to be included in the race announcements. Please contact USSA regional offices for further information.

# CANADIAN EVENTS

Alpine Canada Alpin (ACA) and its provincial components organize a program of competitions annually including national championships and regional FIS competitions. USSA does not encourage travel to Canadian events as a matter of common practice. ~~Further, regional ACCs may establish policy that restricts participation in Canadian events that are in conflict with regional events.~~

Details of major Canadian events may be found in the FIS International Race Calendar at [www.fisski.com](http://www.fisski.com). The regional alpine offices may receive race announcements for Canadian events directly.

Access of U.S. athletes to events of interest is via the regional offices and the national competition services office, for competitions of national scope. Special international licenses are not required for U.S. racers competing in Canada, but current FIS registration is mandatory. All entries are made by USSA.

Access to Canadian FIS race projects will be managed for USSA athlete development; selection of interested athletes will be both objective and subjective.

Additional guidelines and requirements apply to entry into these events. Complete details and instructions are available from your regional/divisional offices. As a general rule, the U.S. may claim a quota of up to 15 men and ~~10~~15 women in Canadian competitions, FIS and national, subject to the approval of the Canadian officials involved. By agreement with ACA, certain FIS events in each country may be subject to specific, more rigorous, objective qualifications even if this results in quota slots not

being fully utilized. Development selections by USSA national and regional directors may be possible per the agreement with ACA. In general, athletes who have not qualified for a series in their own country will not be eligible to participate in the equivalent series across the border; if these events have been identified for higher objective qualification standards. (Examples: USA and Canadian Spring Series).

Should more USA racers wish to enter a Canadian FIS competition than can be accommodated, then racers shall be ranked as follows:

1. U.S. Ski Teams,
2. By NTSM of FIS point rankings in the contested disciplines
3. 20% of the available slots may be reserved for development selections.

In order to enter FIS events in Canada, USSA competitors must be registered to appear on the FIS points lists and have 120.00 FIS points or better in any discipline; or they must be participating in a nationally or regionally-approved development activity. Requests for development consideration must be submitted a minimum of ~~20~~32 days in advance. Competition Director approval is mandatory. Guidelines and forms will be provided on request to the regional offices.

For races in eastern Canada, the USSA Eastern office will coordinate and confirm entries. For races in western Canada, the USSA Western office will handle entries. No entries are to be made except via these offices or the U.S. Alpine Office. No entries are to be made directly to Canada or to the race organizers.

Racers entered in Canadian FIS competitions must be properly represented at all Team Captains' meetings, or otherwise accounted for according to the FIS ICR, or they will be withdrawn from the entry list. Racers entered in Canadian FIS competitions who fail to withdraw in a timely manner, and/or who fail to start in races to which they have been entered, are subject to sanction/discipline including prohibition from entry into future Canadian FIS events.

~~Canadian National Championships: The 20 men and 20 women entered in the Nor Am Cup DH will be automatic for the Canadian National Championship DH and SG if they wish to compete. A second ranking list will be developed for SL and GS.~~

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## USSA Timing Working Group

Summit C – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Friday, May 13, 2005  
12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

### Minutes

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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: Ellen Hoffman, Stanley Goldschmidt, Ellen Hoffman, John Jett, John Jacobs. Absent: Jordan Ginsberg, Bruce Crane.  
It was noted that Sally Shaffer was no longer a member of the Working Group.  
Added to Working Group; Curt Gleaves.
  2. Review and adoption of agenda. Approved as presented.
  3. Review and approval of Minutes of May 21, 2004. Approved as presented.
  4. Reports:
    - A. Chair attended FIS Timing Working Group meeting in Amsterdam, May 5.  
Summary report submitted to USSA circulated and discussed. U.S. performance exhibited in FIS timing report forms is much improved but still needs attention in some areas.
    - B. Two timing related exception requests for past season received and granted:  
EXC.001.05 Bristol Mountain. – wireless system for scored race.  
EXC.002.05 Northern Division – single homologated system for 3 race scored events.
  5. Action item disposition:
    - A. Requests for temporary exceptions can still be used effectively in season 2005-2006, Chair will do post race follow-up and take action as necessary.
    - B. USSA Timing Technical Report Form compliance is improving. Not all forms for past season have been received by reviewers. FIS review format will be distributed to team for future data-review summary.
    - C. Reduce USSA timing rules – one system only  
This item is redundant. No action required. See ACR 2.2.1.2.
    - D. Review and update of USSA Timing Requirements (rules section 2.2). Discussed need to clarify and update, but in light of USSA possibly adopting FIS ICR with inclusion of USSA exceptions the working group will defer this action.
- Motion: M/S/C Upon USSA acceptance of adopting FIS ICR with exceptions, the Timing Working Group should examine and clarify the USSA timing exceptions to be included and begin process of reconsidering continuation of these exceptions. Hoffman/Jett motion passes unanimously.**
6. Homologation of Equipment, publication  
The FIS website is the only accurate list. No list should be copied in the ACR.

7. Other business.
  - A. Kirsten Andreae answered questions and discussed questions about SplitSecond RealTime program; persons who have used it expressed positive experience. It is free, available online, but can be downloaded and it is not necessary to be online to use.
  - B. Question of use of auto-return start gates – Yes, USSA has an exception, OK to use.
8. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



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## USSA Alpine Programs Subcommittee

Kearns – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Friday, May 13, 2005  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

1. Call to order
2. Review of committee members
3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes
5. Reports from Working Groups, including action items

A. Calendar  
No Action Items

B. Quota  
Attached Competition Guide changes

C. Collegiate

The following text is proposed to replace the first paragraph on page 51 in Chapter 5 of the 2004-2005 Alpine Competition Guide.

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D. Master  
Minutes attached.

Ned Dolan and Bill Skinner at the request of that Masters Working Group requested that the rules for minimum gate counts in course setting be reviewed and relaxed for Masters events. The committee along with staff feels course setting at all levels needs to be consistent and comply with the current published rules.

6. Discussion other items from committee
  - A. Committee chair  
Dart, the current chair, is stepping down. After some discussion  
**MOTION:** To nominate Darryl Landstrom as the new Chair.  
**MSC Slattery/Evans/Unanimous**

A new At Large Member will be added next spring.

7. Summer assignments
8. Next meeting
9. Adjournment

**Minutes for Meeting  
of  
USSA Masters Working Group  
March 29, 2005  
Big Sky, Montana**

**Attending**

Ned Dolan      Chair  
Gene Timmons Secretary  
Carolyn Phillips PNSA  
Knut Olberg\*      PNSA  
Rees Palermo      FW  
Don Smith \*      FW  
Steve Slivinski \*IM  
Bob Sarchett      Site selection committee  
Gary Randall \*      AK  
Steve Lindemer \*      CN  
Kevin Ward \*      RM  
Keith Thompson      Past Chairman  
Pete Donaghy \* EA/NE  
Anne Nordhoy \* FIS Representative  
Bill Skinner      USSA Masters Manager

The annual meeting of the USSA Masters Working Group was held on Tuesday March 29, 2005 in the Huntley Lodge in Big Sky, Montana. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ned Dolan at 3:00 p.m. An attendance sheet was distributed. A list of attendees is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Chairman Dolan opened the meeting by welcoming the divisional representatives and attendees. A meeting package was given to each divisional representative and a copy is attached to these minutes.

1. A motion for approval of the March 2004 Masters Working Group Minutes passed unanimously.
2. Far West added an agenda item on 2<sup>nd</sup> run running order.

Chairman Dolan thanked the attendees for coming to Big Sky and for their support of Masters during the past season. He also told the group that Bill Skinner is the face of Masters racing and puts in untold amounts of hours to make Masters racing work for all of us. Thank you, Bill.

Bill Skinner's report:

Our membership has been stable; we estimate that 40% of our members don't race, but only support the group. We are still looking for a major sponsor such as Chevy Trucks.

All divisions did a good job in getting their temporary membership forms filled out correctly.

The 2006 National Championships will be held at Sunday River, Maine. A proposed schedule was reviewed. The Eastern Regional Championships will be held at Sugarbush again. Park City had submitted the only bid for the Western Regionals, but Jackson Hole was sending a representative to this meeting to discuss a bid. We will wait until after those discussions before making a decision.

**3. Division Reports:**

PNSA Knute Olberg reported that they had a great schedule but no snow. They were limited to three weekends of racing. PNSA will start a scholarship program for junior racers similar to the one at Far West.

FW Don Smith reported an excellent snow year with good race turnout. Races averaged 80 per day. The

temporary membership reporting went well.

IM Steve Slivinski reported a good snow year. Snow Basin has been a great new venue for IM. Sun Valley organizers are busy getting ready for the IMC.

NO Dave Shappe reported increased attendance with fewer races. They enjoy holding joint races with IM and plan to continue those races. Also emphasized the need to present economic and marketing advantages of holding Masters races to our ski areas.

AK Gary Randall reported a good snow season and an increase in numbers, especially younger members. They hope to continue to increase numbers next season.

CN Steve Lindemer reported a dismal snow year. They were on man made snow all season. Poor conditions may have hurt the membership numbers. They are running a Monday night slalom series.

RM Kevin Ward reported good snow and good race turnouts. The joint RM/IM speed events will continue. They have a junior program with the funds going to the RMD fund. RM suggests that the entry form for Nationals include shirt size, banquet ticket requests and all race entry information. They also suggest a late fee of \$25 after 15 February and cancellation fee of ½ the entry fee if cancellation is less than 7 days before the event.

EA NE Pete Donaghy reported running 21 of 22 scheduled races with race attendance down slightly. Membership remained pretty steady. Their race fee of \$40 includes lift tickets. They got some good publicity from radio coverage on NPR and VT public radio.

4. Bill distributed a copy of the timeline for 2006 publications and events. (Attached)

5. New business:

Don Smith moved and Pete Donaghy seconded, "Move that we establish Class 14 to include age 90 and above. This will cause Class 13 to become ages 85-89." Passed Unanimously.

A motion by Don Smith was seconded by Steve Slivinski "Move that at Masters National and Regional Championships the second run be in order of finish reversed for GS and SL. i.e. in the order of slowest to fastest time."

Discussion in favor of the motion centered on providing a more exciting race for average to lower competitors. Those against cited safety issues, course conditions and that it was inappropriate for Championships. One suggestion was to reverse the top 5 finishers.

The motion failed.

Considerable discussions on the IMC to be held in Sun Valley next week were held and included the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Gene Timmons. The many problems presented by those in attendance included the lack of participation at these races by USSA Masters that did not comply with the FIS ski length requirements. The insistence of the FIS Masters Chairman that the organizers comply with "Rules" for organizers that were not in existence at the time Sun Valley agreed to hold the races. The restrictions on sponsors' visibility as compared to the exposure given the sponsor at the USSA Masters National Championships.

Two prominent U.S. ski areas will not host future FIS Masters events. Vail will not because the FIS Masters scheduled an event on top of an event already scheduled in Vail and caused a lack of participation. Sun Valley will not due to the FIS Masters chairman's micro managing prior to the event.

It was the feeling of the group that we not schedule any further FIS Masters Races in the U.S. until some rule changes are made that will affect ski lengths, sponsor representation, schedule coordination and in general recognize that the U.S. is not part of Europe.

IM brought up the subject of race rules that require a number of gates for GS that cause difficulties for course setters in Sun Valley and Park City among others. Ned and Bill agreed to discuss the issue with the appropriate committee to see if changes could be made.

A proposal from RM by Jim Roberts was presented by Kevin Ward along with a presentation in favor of the proposal by Julie Boulette and copies were given to all representatives. This proposal would change class running order at our National Championships. No action was taken on this proposal at this time.

As a seeding meeting was starting in the same room as this meeting and at the present time the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm on a motion by Don Smith and seconded by Pete Donaghy.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gene Timmons, acting Secretary

Attest:

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Ned Dolan, Chairman

Post meeting note: The discussions with Jackson Hole on holding the Western Regional Championships proved fruitless as they couldn't meet our date requirements. Therefore the Western Regional Championships will be held in Park City.

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## USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Summit C – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Friday, May 13, 2005  
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, second session

Issues: Discussion and Action Items

1. Recap of Wednesday evening Rules & Technical subcommittee session; incomplete items  
Approved record and report of previous meeting
2. Reports and Action Items from R&T working groups

A. Classification

Please see, printed report, included

Action items:

1. **To recommend that the Commissioner be empowered to delete the USSA result of 1<sup>st</sup> year FIS junior starts which are over the FIS limit of 25 technical starts as a matter of course (This would no longer need annual approval of this committee).**
2. **To recommend approval of the minimum penalty requirements and technical standards as proposed, dated May 13, 2005. See attached proposal.**
3. **To recommend that the Golden Rose be scored in the competition year in which it is calendared rather than to the 2<sup>nd</sup> points list of the following season.**
4. **To recommend that the USSA ACR be amended by the replacement of 1.2.2.1.1 with the following: “Competitors are not permitted to enter in more than one competition calendared by more than one race organizing committee on the same date.”**

B. Officials

1) Education

Please see, printed report, included

Action items:

1. **To forward recommendation that Coaches’ Alpine Education encourage USSA Referee certification level be commensurate with Coaches’ Certification Level (i.e. Level 100 Club Coach = Level 1 Referee)**
2. **To establish June 1 of each year as expiration date for Alpine Officials’ specialty area examinations**

2) USSA TDs

Please see, printed report, included

Action items:

1. **Nomination of USSA Technical Delegates to Level 3, 4, 5**

Discussion of several points regarding TD responsibility and authority, without specific action

3) USA FIS TDs

No action items; three candidates in process in new system; see FIS report

- 4) Officials (main committee)  
Please see, printed report, included

Action items:

1. **To recommend that the USSA ACR be eliminated from the USSA Competition Guide, and that this section be replaced by the FIS rules (ICR) and then include the USSA exceptions to those rules (i.e. to adopt the ICR, plus USSA exceptions to the ICR, as the USSA ACR).**
2. **To recommend that a protocol be developed for video control of USSA events.**
3. **To recommend that USSA have a paid position for officials and that USSA process information on officials for both scored and non-scored races.**
4. **To allow the use of the on-line officials' history viewer to track officials' work history.**
5. **Nomination of USSA officials, other than Technical Delegates, to Level 3, 4, 5.**

C. Timing

Action items:

1. **To begin a process to examine and clarify the USSA timing rules**

D. Courses

No action items; discussion of safety installations; discussion of the development/mentoring of course inspectors; discussion of important role of inspectors as educators (TDs, organizers)

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

A. Items from Competition Services staff

All items covered

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

**To recommend that the USSA ACR be amended so that 2.3.1.11, and the related sections which follow, parallel the FIS ICR in regard 2<sup>nd</sup> run start order; that is, "flip-30" with the possibility of "flip-15" by Jury decision made/announced at least one hour before 1<sup>st</sup> run start time (to apply to all USSA age classes).**

Note: USSA approved exceptions for alternative start order procedures would remain in effect. Approval/continuation is applied for each four-years; such requests for 2006-2010 are to be submitted for review prior to the May 2006 USSA Congress.

C. New Items

D. Planning items

4. Other business
5. Routing of post-meeting action items
6. Subcommittee, working group and task force composition and responsibilities
7. Next meeting
8. Adjournment

## Recommended changes to USSA minimum penalties and race procedures

**M/S/C: To recommend approval of the minimum penalty requirements and technical standards for all USSA scored, non-FIS competitions, as proposed:**

1. Minimum penalty all USSA races  
**New, proposed:**  
Roughly based on 50th-ranked, men's GS and SL  
Men and Women all disciplines 25.00
2. USSA minimum vertical drop requirements:  
As is, no change (SL trial of 04-05 approved):  
DH 400m SL 100m GS 250m SG 300m
3. Minimum penalty if minimum vertical drop not met:  
As is, no change (Commissioner to review and adjust, if needed, following USSA zeroing):  
Roughly based on 150th-ranked, men's GS and SL  
Men and Women all disciplines 50.00
4. Minimum time requirement applied only if minimum vertical drop not met.  
As is, no change:  
DH 60.00 sec, max of two runs  
SL 50.00 sec, total of two runs  
GS 50.00 sec, total of two runs  
SG 40.00 sec, one run only
5. Additional penalties if minimum time requirement not met:  
As is, no change:  
DH 26.00 SL 12.00 GS 17.00 SG 21.00
6. Calendaring of scored races in one day:  
**New, proposed:**
  - Maximum of two scored races per day DH or SG and one scored race per day GS and SL, per gender, based on individual competitor/same field may be calendared.
  - Please see also amended USSA ACR 1.2.2.1.1 below.
  - In cases where two scored races with the same field are conducted in one day and in one place, then the official program showing start times, inspection times, course reset/redress, and start intervals for both races must be included with the results packet submitted to USSA By signature on the TD report, the TD is confirming that the rules were followed in the execution of this program.

### **Control and reporting:**

#### **Transmitted results**

Vertical drop as verified by the TD, must be included in the transmitted data (RA software and USSA software to be modified as needed; possibly by treating missing vertical drop as an error which must be corrected before transmission)

#### **TD Report**

TD report must include verification of vertical drop. If the TD does not verify vertical drop, then scoring is held pending verification.

Methods:

- Field verification of homologation report
- Instruments: GPS, altimeter
- Field verification by contour map



**Homologation:**

Organizers are encouraged to homologate all trails used for USSA scored GS and SL races (currently required for USSA DH and SG and for all FIS).

Note: Requiring homologation of GS and SL courses as a condition for calendaring is under discussion.

**Exceptions/variances/waiver:**

Exceptions and/or variances for specific races/competitions may be approved by the Alpine Sport Committee, respectively, the ASC chair.

Exceptions may be requested in reference to any of the points noted.

Exceptions must be applied for at the time of calendaring, by written request of the Regional ASC chair to the USSA ASC chair.

Exceptions requests must state the athletic program intent or objective.

In cases of force majeure, requests may be made after calendaring; routing would be to the USSA national office, then to the ASC chair.

ASC chair shall consult technical subcommittees as appropriate, for example, Classification in regard to a waiver of minimums/adders.

Amended USSA Alpine Competition Regulations, item 1.2.2.1.1:

**M/S/C: To recommend that the ACR be amended by the replacement of 1.2.2.1.1 with the following: "Competitors are not permitted to enter in more than one competition calendared by more than one race organizing committee on the same date."**

Intent: On any one day, competitors may not enter competitions organized by more than a single race organizing committee.

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## USSA Alpine Regional Subcommittee

Mountainview – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Friday, May 13, 2005  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Agenda

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Meeting Chair: Horst Weber

In Attendance: Horst Weber, Beat Hupfer, Bill Slattery, Leland Sosman, Daryl Landstrom, Bob Dart, Brian Seim, Pat Callahan, Jim Bragg, John Jacobs, Dirk Gouwans

1. Call to order
2. Review and adoption of Agenda
3. Review of 2004 Minutes – approved
4. Membership Population Review  
What are the costs for a year? How does this compare to other sports? Membership fees: people don't understand what they are getting for their money? "I am paying to work." Importance of educating the parent (insurance, safety equipment, ski equipment, travel, entry fees, membership fees)
5. USSA fee structure review
6. Calendar Review has been discussed in other meetings
7. Competition Review  
How many races do we have? How many is too many? What does a J1 do? Between 35 and 50 starts.
  - Rocky J3s can do age class and Smart Wool and have about 50 starts eligible.
  - Central J3s do about 15 plus JOs.
  - East J3s can do about 15 and can't start earning points until after JOs.
  - West varies by division.
8. Reports
  - A. Eastern
    - NH only strong high school racing
    - 50% of membership is from the east
    - All programs are running well
  - B. Rocky/Central
    - Successful season in Rocky
    - Concerned about getting butts kicked at National and J2 Nationals
    - Rocky population up Central down slightly possibly due to HS programs
    - Freestyle skiing seems to be growing and challenging us, more exciting and fun to watch-integrate fun i.e. pipe, freestyle, jumps & parks into alpine training?
  - C. West

- Rough issue with snow conditions and cancellations
- Difficulty with running downhill races
- Calendar for next year looking pretty good
- Numbers up for J4 and J5 and down a bit for J1
- Development programs are strong and involvement is high

9. New Business

- This should be a good committee for nominees to other committees.
- Idea to change the J2s to a 3 year age group.
- USSA Team Event Gary Black's letter.
- Idea to add an additional race series J1 and J2 National event for those that didn't qualify for the J2 Nationals or US Nationals for a team event between the regions.
- Should this subcommittee become dormant? YES—needs to be at the beginning of the congress to be effective.
- Advertising through Adult leagues and NASTAR. . . create a membership non-race oriented with a token item like a signed Bode picture. Discussion led to most athletes racing NASTAR are involved in USSA masters and junior programs.

10. Old Business

- Find out if there are issues to be discussed. Probably time this meeting at the front of the congress. The other committees have done the work by the time this meeting is held.
- Discussion of issues that affect all of the regions. Explore common areas for input to the executive committee. Issues can be tasked out to the technical and experience committees. Membership Dues.
- Central's challenge with short hills; this problem keeps coming back - give them continuing exemptions.
- Committee Membership: 2 members from each region
- Two issues from last fall
  - National refund policy
  - Verification of age policy—don't feel a policy is practical. The occurrences that have happened in the past have been dealt with individually and consequences have been heavy.
- Rick and Pat McCowan letter addressed at alpine executive committee and decided to make no rule changes.

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

**ACTION ITEM: Hold this meeting at the beginning of the congress.**

12. Adjournment

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## Rocky Mountain Ski Race Officials Board

Judge – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Friday, May 13, 2005  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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Board Members Present: Esther Delli Quadri, Allen Church, John Jett, Roger Perricone, Gary Wright.

Guests Present: Nancy Wiedel, George Thomas, Cath O'Donnell, Grant Lindemer, Dave Tendgin.

Motion: Accept USSA Certifications for new RMSRO members moving from other divisions for level 2 and under and confirm levels of certification for those new members with levels of 3 and above\*.

M/S/C Wright/Church\*

#### Membership:

- Have only received 25 activity records to date. Will collect them over the summer and have the database updated in the fall. USSA data will reflect current advancements, but will continue to be a year behind for those processed this summer/fall.
- There are still a few members whose level of certification needs correction. Charlie is working with Jeff Weinman on the corrections.
- Recommendations seem to be working, more people need to send in activity records and recommendations for advancement.

#### Meetings

- Board Meeting Friday night in Calgary October 28th
- Membership Meeting and Elections will be at the Fall Clinic on November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Board Members whose terms are up: Esther DelliQuadri, Allen Church, P.J. Jenick

#### RMSRO Pins

- The RMSRO Pins have arrived and look good. They will be distributed to everyone attending a clinic in the fall. Additional pins will be for sale for \$5.00.

#### Website – Looking for ideas and information for the website

- Will post the names of the members that have received advancement at the spring USSA meetings.
- Add a note that RMSRO members must still be USSA members to work events.
- Allen is adding a link to Central web site.
- John Jett will write a spring newsletter/article.

#### Clinic Schedule & Fees

- Charge \$5.00 for CO & Update and \$15.00 for all day clinics.
- Have workshops Saturday afternoon instead of a mock race (Radio Protocol, Computer & Timing interfacing, Gate keeping & forms). No Cost.
- Add a CO/RF clinic on Fri & Sat nights for Coaches (CO credit for 1 night, RF for both nights).
- Saturday 11/5: CO & Update in AM. DM & CR all day
- Sunday 11/6: RF, RA, TC-1, TC-3 all day
- Saturday 11/12: TD, & Level 3 update, all day
- Will try to have teachers available for clubs that wish to schedule their own clinics for parents or coaches. Please contact Esther if you would like to have a clinic at your club.

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## USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room – USSA  
Park City, UT

Saturday, May 14, 2005  
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

### Minutes

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Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

#### Meeting Attendance

Bob Dart - Chair/Program Chair	Present
Bruce Crane - Rules and Technical Chair	Present
Walt Evans - National Alpine Competition Director	Present
Dave Galusha - Development & Education Chair	Present
Andre Horton - Athlete Representative	Present
Jesse Hunt - Alpine Director	Present
Chris Puckett - Athlete Representative	Present
Bill Slattery - Immediate Past Chair	Present
Horst Weber - Regional Chair	Present
Tom Winters - Ex-officio *	Present
Jeff Weinman - Secretary *	Present

\* non-voting

#### Guests

Darryl Landstrom, Jeff Burrows, Dave Tengdin, Lester Keller, Tim Maguire

1. Call to order  
Dart called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
2. Review and approval of agenda  
The agenda was approved with the addition of nomination report under 'Review terms and appointments' for this meeting and the addition of 'H. Nominating Committee Report' under 5 for the full sport committee meeting. Without objection.
3. Review and approval of minutes from Sept. 18 2004  
**Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the September 2004 executive meeting. Evans/Slattery without objection.**
4. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes distribution  
Covered in previous meeting.
5. Summary review (action items, initiatives and issues)
  - A. Executive committee
    - 1) Executive report  
There was no report.
    - 2) ASC operating procedures - Dart  
There are no changes. There are some house cleaning items that need to be completed to bring all of the text in line with changes from last year including the addition of the immediate past president to the executive committee and the alpine sport committee.

- 3) Review terms and appointments - Slattery  
Slattery reported that Dart stepped down as Program chair; Darryl Landstrom is the new chair. Beat Hupfer was elected to the chair of the Quotas working group. Horton is working with Puckett to fill out the athlete positions to the Sport Committee. Karen Korfanta to continue as At-Large position to the Sport Committee.
  - 4) Awards - Dart/Slattery  
Dart reported that the Awards group met on Thursday. He stressed the importance of getting nominations from the local groups (clubs, divisions/states and regions) to the executive committee.
  - 5) Alpine Judicial Committee - Slattery  
Slattery reported that there has been no action. During the meeting there was discussion regarding the requirement that many regions, divisions/states require athletes to sign team agreements. It is important that those agreements are reviewed for consistency and to be sure they are in compliance with the Amateur Sports Act, USOC and USSA Bylaws. Process works well at upper level but want to get the local level too. There needs to be due process for both athlete rights and for athlete privileges. What authority does a team captain have at an event when an athlete breaks a rule in a team agreement? Alex Natt, USSA legal counsel, will work with staff and with the local governing bodies to develop guidelines and to ensure team agreements are in compliance with the Amateur Sports Act, USOC Bylaws and USSA Bylaws.
- B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee - Crane  
Crane deferred to the end of the reports in the agenda. Prerogative of the chair to report bottom up.
  - G. Athletes - Horton  
Athletes will be meeting for lunch later today and will report at the Sport Committee meeting.
  - F. FIS - Winters  
Referred to the items in the meeting materials.
  - E. Regional Subcommittee - Weber  
Weber reported that there was discussion to move the meeting to the front end of the congress to allow routing of issues back out to other appropriate groups. There was a general consensus that USSA is not doing a good job of letting people know what their fees are being used for.
  - D. Development and Education Subcommittee - Galusha  
Galusha reported that the group added Andre Horton and Mark Heinrick-Wallace as athlete representatives and began their meeting with an executive session to expose staff to some of the items prior to the full meeting. Galusha reviewed the action items from the meeting. Hunt commended Galusha for his leadership within this subcommittee. Stressed the importance that when there is strong support for changes which have a philosophical impact that they are clearly thought out for all the potential implications.
  - C. Programs Subcommittee - Dart  
Dart reviewed the items from the various Working Groups. Dart stepped down as chair of Quotas; Beat Hupfer will be the new chair and Doug Williams the vice-chair. Tom Olson stepped down as chair of Collegiate; Mark Sullivan will be the new chair and Darryl Landstrom the vice-chair. Dart stepped down as chair of the Programs subcommittee; Darryl Landstrom will be the new chair.
  - B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee - Crane  
Crane reviewed the items from the various Working Groups.
6. Review ASC agenda  
Completed above.
  7. Old business

There was no other old business to review.

8. New business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

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## USSA Alpine Sport Committee Meeting

Tent – The Yarrow  
Park City, UT

Saturday, May 14, 2005  
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Minutes

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#### MEMBERS:

Bob Dart –Chair / Program Chair	Present
Alan Ashley – Vice-President of Athletics	Present
Amy Beresford – Athlete Rep	Present
Bruce Crane – Rules and Technical Chair	Present
Kirk Dwyer – Eastern Region Rep	Absent
Walt Evans – Competition Director	Present
Dave Galusha – Development & Education Chair	Present
Curt Hammond – Western Region Rep	Present
Mark Heinrich-Wallace – Athlete Rep	Present
Andre Horton – Athlete Rep	Present
Jesse Hunt – Alpine Director	Present
Beat Hupfer – Western Region Rep	Present
Karen Korfanta – At-Large	Present
Darryl Landstrom – Rocky/Central Region Rep	Present
Roger Perricone – Rocky/Central Region Rep	Present
Chris Puckett – Athlete Rep	Present
Bill Slattery – Immediate Past Chair	Present
Leland Sosman – Parliamentarian *	Present
Horst Weber – Eastern Region Rep	Present
Tom Winters – FIS Rep	Present
Jeff Weinman – Secretary *	Present

\* Non Voting

#### GUESTS:

John Jacobs	Kristian Saile	Pat Callahan
Peter Dodge	Brian Seim	George Thomas
Doug Williams	Rick Frongillo	Bill Brooks
Paul VanSlyke	Allen Church	Ken Corrock
Dirk Gouwens	Tom West	Darlene Nolting
Dave Tengdin	Mike Hammer	Paul Mahre
Jeff Bruggeman	Stanley Goldschmidt	Rick Devos
Brewster McVicker	Finn Gundersen	Sarah Floyd
Reben Macaya	Molly J. Laramie	Kirsten Andreae
Lester Keller	Gail Barber	



1. Call to order - Bob Dart  
Dart called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. Dart asked for a moment of silence in memory of Shelly Glover and Ashley Stamp who passed away during the past season.
2. Review and approval of agenda  
The athletes' council (including the athlete representative and Alan Ashley) was still meeting so the agenda will need to jump around a bit during the course of this meeting.  
The agenda was approved without objection.

Evans introduced the athlete members of the Sport Committee. Andre Horton is the new Alpine representative to the Board and will sit on the Sport Committee and Executive Committee. Chris Puckett has been the athlete representative to the Board and will continue on the Sport Committee. Amy Beresford and Mark Heinrich-Wallace are the two new athlete representatives to the Sport Committee.

3. Review and approval of minutes  
**Motion 1:** To approve the minutes of Spring 2004.  
Slattery/Hupfer without objection
4. Staff Reports
  - A. USSA/USST Management report - Alan Ashley
  - B. Alpine Director - Jesse Hunt  
Hunt began by thanking Phil McNichol and Patrick Riml, his two head coaches for their roles in the success of the teams. Hunt also thanked Evans for the work he did in the domestic program. Hunt referred to the report that was contained in the materials. This report covered the programs of the teams. He highlighted the performance versus goals, some of the staff changes, and the athlete list as outlined in the report.
  - C. Competition Director - Walt Evans  
Dart began by thanking Evans and his staff particularly Evans for his support of Dart in his new roll as chair of the Sport Committee.  
Evans thanked Dart and expressed his outlook for the sport moving forward. Evans also thanked Slattery for his past work as chair and for his continuing commitment to lead and mentor. Evans thanked the committee members and chairs for their work during the week and the season. He thanked Hunt for his leadership. He introduced and thanked his staff and pointed out that staff reports were available in the materials. In particular Evans thanked Burrows for his work as Burrows leaves USSA for a coaching positing in Winter Park, CO after four years as director of Rocky/Central Region.
5. Alpine Subcommittee reports
  - A. Executive Committee  
Dart thanked the Executive Committee for coming in early to review items for these meetings, and for meeting in September.
    - 1) Executive report  
Dart thanked Evans and his staff for preparing the executive report highlighting the known issues. The report was included in the materials.
    - 2) ASC operating procedures  
There were no changes. Working to update memberships.
    - 3) Awards
    - 4) Alpine Judicial Committee  
Slattery reviewed the report of the meeting as attached in the materials. There were no action items. The main focus was that regions/divisions/states needed to have their team agreements and policies reviewed for compliance with the Amateur Sport Act, and the USOC and USSA Bylaws. This has been tasked out to the Regional Subcommittee for follow-up. Alex Natt, USSA Counsel, will prepare a checklist for the local entities to review and help insure they are inline.
  - B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Crane reviewed the items from the Classification Working group; those items were deferred until some documentation was made available to the attendees.

Crane reviewed the items from the Alpine Officials Education Working Group. Sosman pointed out that the ASC only needed to vote on items of action. The report was accepted without objection.

Crane reviewed the items from the USSA TD Working Group. The report was accepted without objection.

Crane reviewed the items from the FIS TD Working Group. The report was accepted without objection.

Crane reviewed the items from the Alpine Officials Subcommittee. The first item, regarding a conversion from the USSA ACR (rulebook) to the FIS ICR along with exceptions being printed in the competition guide, had quite a lot of discussion from the committee. In general, the committee agreed with the proposal, however the decision was to defer this to staff to review and come back with a recommendation. If it is an easy transition, it will go forward for 2005-06. Crane recommended that a list of exceptions be compiled so that when the change is made it would be an easier process.

**Motion:** To defer this action item to staff for completion as soon as reasonably possible.  
Crane/Slattery/without objection

**Motion:** To recommend that USSA have a paid position for officials and that USSA process information on officials for both scored and non-scored races.

Evans said that the ability of USSA to post non-scored race data, including athlete and officials' information, to the USSA database has been a goal and initiative for Competition Services for two years. At this time, funding has not been allocated to allow this to happen. This, he stated, was the number one funding request for the Competition Services department. There was considerable discussion on this item. The consensus was that getting that non-scored information into the USSA database was an appropriate goal, however, without knowing the cost it was not appropriate to vote for the motion.

Crane/Slattery/defeated unanimously

**Motion:** That the chair appoint a taskforce (Crane/Korfanta/VanSlyke) to work with staff to develop an appropriate initiative that would allow for the posting of non-scored race data (athlete results and officials work history) for presentation in the July planning cycle.

Crane/Weber/without objection

The remainder of the Officials report was accepted without objection.

Crane reviewed the items from the Timing Working Group. The report was accepted without objection.

Crane reviewed the items from the Courses Working Group. The report was accepted without objection.

**Motion:** To recommend that the USSA ACR be amended so that 2.3.1.11, and the related sections which follow, parallel the FIS ICR in regard 2<sup>nd</sup> run start order; that is, "flip-30" with the possibility of "flip-15" by Jury decision made/announced at least one hour before 1<sup>st</sup> run start time (to apply to all USSA age classes).

Crane/Evans/without objection

At this time, the Committee returned to the discussion of changes in the minimum penalty for USSA scored races as copies were distributed with the full text. Weinman reported that, at the 25 point minimum, for races that did meet the minimum vertical drop requirements in season 2005, there were five women's SL races, six women's GS races, 15 men's SL races, 11 men's GS races, and no speed races for either gender that would have had their penalty raised from being calculated to this minimum.

**Motion:** To accept the proposal regarding changes to the minimum penalty for USSA scored races.

Crane/Galusha/without objection

Discussion regarding the Golden Rose was deferred until Horton was available.

C. Programs Subcommittee

Dart reviewed his report as presented in the materials, including the change in chair as he stepped down and Darryl Landstrom assumed chairmanship of the subcommittee and Hupfer assumed the chairmanship of the Quotas Working Group.

**Motion:** To accept the report as presented.

Slattery/Korfanta/without objection

D. Development and Education Subcommittee

Galusha thanked all the members for their work, specifically Puckett for his speed presentation and Dwyer for his PG presentation. Galusha noted that two athletes, Horton and Heinrich-Wallace, were added to the subcommittee. Galusha reviewed his report as presented in the materials.

**Motion:** To accept the report as presented.

Galusha/Slattery/without objection

At this point, the meeting took a 10-minute recess.

After the recess, Dart welcomed Chuck Ferries, the chair of the USSA Board, to the meeting. The discussion returned to the Rules and Technical area. As clarification for the change in the USSA minimum penalty, this would only affect non-FIS USSA scored races.

The issue of the Golden Rose was revisited, as Horton was now available. Crane outlined some of the history regarding this event as he recalled it. Currently, the Golden Rose, which is run in OR at the end of May and/or beginning of June, is not scored until the second list of the following season. The rule currently states that scored events can only occur within a specific time period, and the Golden Rose falls outside of that time period. At the time of the decision to allow scoring to the second list of the following year, there were a number of other competitions that were run outside of the specified scoring period. As a condition of allowing this event to continue to be scored, it was decided that it would need to be scored to that later list. There was considerable discussion among the Committee on this subject.

**Motion:** To allow the Golden Rose be scored in the competition year in which it was calendared rather than to the 2<sup>nd</sup> points list of the following season.

Crane/Korfanta/defeated (Hupfer abstained)

**Motion:** That the development subcommittee undertake a study on the impact of scored competitions in the months of May/June/July/August in the context of a change of the membership year.

Crane/withdrew for lack of a second

Galusha recommended that PNSA look at the potential changes to the competition year and come back with a new recommendation next year.

Evans noted that USSA could look into running a special list if PNSA found it necessary for their purposes.

E. Regional Subcommittee

Weber reviewed his report as presented in the materials.

**Motion:** To accept the report as presented.

Weber/Hupfer/without objection

F. FIS

Winters thanked VanSlyke for his work as vice-chair. He reviewed the major decisions from the recent FIS meetings in Amsterdam referencing both of the reports in the materials.

G. Athletes

Horton thanked Evans for the pre-Congress orientation. It had been an educational week for all the athlete reps getting involved in the meetings. The athletes were excited about the process and working to get other athletes involved in the working group and subcommittee level.

Dart thanked Horton and the other athletes again for their attendance.

H. Review terms and appointments

Slattery reported the nominee for the at-large position was Korfanta.

Motion: to fill the at-large position again with Korfanta  
Crane/Evans without objection

6. Old business  
There was no other old business to review.
7. New business  
Weber reflected the strong support of the Eastern ACC that USSA host either a national event or the Congress in the eastern U.S. He reaffirmed the Eastern ACC's desire to have non-scored race transmittals processed to track officials' work, and he expressed the support of the current U.S. Ski Team model.  
**Motion:** To recommend that the Congress schedule continue to keep the Sport Committee meeting on Saturday with the Board meeting on Sunday.  
Slattery/Winters/without objection
8. Comments from guests  
There were no comments.
9. Closing remarks  
Dart again thanked everyone for their attendance at these meetings and for their time and energy throughout the season in support of alpine ski racing.
10. Next meeting  
The Alpine Executive Committee was scheduled for Saturday, 17 September 2005 in Park City. 2006 USSA Congress dates would be 10-14 May 2006.
11. Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

## USSA Fall Alpine Meeting 2004

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### Alpine Executive Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
USSA  
Park City, Utah

Saturday, September 18, 2004  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Attendance

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#### MEMBERS:

Bob Dart - Chair/Program Chair	<u>Present</u>
Bruce Crane - Rules and Technical Chair	<u>Present</u>
Walt Evans - National Alpine Competition Director	<u>Present</u>
Jesse Hunt - Alpine Director	<u>Present</u>
Dave Galusha - Development & Education Chair	<u>Present</u>
Chris Puckett - Athlete Representative	<u>Present</u>
Bill Slattery - Immediate Past Chair	<u>Present</u>
Horst Weber - Regional Chair	<u>Present</u>
Tom Winters - Ex-officio *	<u>Present</u>
Jeff Weinman - Secretary *	<u>Present</u>

\* non-voting

#### GUESTS:

Ned Dolan - Masters	Kristian Saile - USSA
Finn Gundersen - USSA	Shaun Goodwin - USSA
Jeff Burrows - USSA	Tim Maguire - USSA
Lester Keller - USSA	Molly Laramie - Park City Mtn Resort
Erin Bordley - USSA	Karen Korfanta - ASC Member
Maikella Parker - USSA	Sarah Duffany - USSA
Crawford Pierce - USSA	

1. Welcome and call to order  
The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Bob Dart. He welcomed all in attendance and thanked them for their work.
2. Roll Call  
A roll call of the members was completed.
3. Agenda review and approval  
The following were added to the agenda under the Program Subcommittee report: Prize money, Alpine Masters age proposal, Eastern Region international youth competition. The following was added to the agenda under the Regional Subcommittee report: PNSA Head Tax proposal. The agenda was approved with the above changes without objection
4. Reports
  - A. Alpine Executive - Bob Dart  
Dart reported that there had been no interim Executive activity.
    - 1) Judicial - Bill Slattery  
Slattery reported that there had been no interim Judicial activity.
  - B. USSA Board - Bob Dart  
Dart reviewed the items that were brought to the BOD by Alpine from the 2004 Congress meetings. Those items were approved.
  - C. Alpine 5 year plan - Alan Ashley / Jesse Hunt  
Ashley reported that USSA is doing well as a company. The economy is improving and USSA is getting more interest from corporate sponsors. Foundation is doing well both with individual donations and with the Gold Pass program. Relations between USSA and the USOC are strong. NDS had a great summer camp. Very important for strong integration between clubs, regions and national programs. There is a lot of excitement about coach's education and the information that will be available for the coaches this fall. Five year planning helps to give us a vision. It has been hard the past few years as we plan and then have to go back to scrub budgets. There are specific plans to achieve Olympic performance.

Dues increases: Current fees and proposed changes:

	03-04		04-05	
	Actual	Staff	Staff	Alternate
Youth	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 45	\$ 60
Student	\$ 70	\$ 80	\$ 80	\$ 70
Competitor	\$ 125	\$ 140	\$ 140	\$ 125

There was considerable discussion regarding the proposed dues increases.

**Motion 1: To recommend that the alternate fee proposal be adopted for 04-05 in place of the staff proposal. Slattery/Weber without objection.**

Ashley thanked the staff and volunteers for coming and supporting the sport governing process.

Hunt welcomed those in attendance and thanked them for their work. One of the big goals for alpine is to drive the continuity and consistency of programs. We have been challenged with that due to tight funding. Because of that funding, the team structure has been reorganized from a three tier from a two tier. In the future, the goal is to get back to a three tier for long term success based upon increased funding. Changed direction with service, factory service is coming back to the team which has helped financially. Hunt reviewed the summer training plans for both the men's and women's teams. He noted that Kristina Koznick has gone back to an independent status; but there will be strong corporation between team staff and Kristina's group.

Horst Weber asked if we would reach the best in the world goal. Hunt answered 'yes'. Weber asked if we don't reach it then what about corporate sponsor backlash. Ashley responded that the company does not believe there will be and backlash. The goal is being looked at as a challenge. As long as there is a goal and the planning is done well there will not be a problem. If we go in with a poor plan and poor leadership then that will reflect back. A strong plan it focuses the company and focuses the funding.

#### D. Interim activity

##### Education Finn Gundersen

The major summer projects were the NDS June camp and the production of training CDs with integration between education, sports science, NDS and teams. Gundersen thanked other staff members for their work on these projects. PSIA had 4 clinicians come to the NDS camp and those individuals can give level 1 clinics for USSA. CDs will be valuable not only for our sports but also sports outside of USSA. A lot of work to do to finish the CDs. Dave Glausha asked how to we respond to the question that coaches pay dues to have the opportunity to purchase CDs. Gundersen said communication has been lacking and that is realized. The expectation is that between now and next fall meeting there will be a lot of information coming out.

##### Walt Evans

Evans welcomed Dart as the new chair and thanked Slattery for his work over the years. He also thanked Ashley and Hunt for their cooperation, leadership and accessibility. We have a strong staff that is maturing and getting better all the time. Weinman was moved into an assistant director position and now oversees rankings and masters. Caryn Jones moved to Montana to be the director of the Big Sky Ski Education Foundation and was replace by Maikella Parker. The job was changed some to focus on NDS communication. Interim activity – summer racing was very high. NDS camp was outstanding with 40 coaches and 68 athletes. The staffs did a fantastic job. First draft of the 05-6 plan has been developed and will be enhanced in the spring.

Galusha asked if it is possible to have separate funding for development. Ashley answered no. USSA focuses all funds to drive the goals of the entire organization, not just parts of it.

##### Jeff Weinman

Jeff introduced Sarah Duffany as the new Rankings Coordinator and reviewed the competition guides.

Eastern Region - Tim Maguire

Explained the move of the eastern office from Rutland, VT to Keene, NH and outlined staff changes including Peter Stokloza leaving and being replaced by Kraig Sourbeer as the regional coach and Sean Goodwin replacing Beth Raymond as development manager.

Western Region - Lester Keller

Talked about integrating regional projects with NDS projects. Explained how regional staffs are being used to teach education clinics. Key factor is timely communication through the website.

Rocky/Central Region - Jeff Burrows

Mentioned that Kristian Salie had been hired as the Central manager.

At this time, Ned Dolan, the Alpine Masters Chair was introduced and inserted into the agenda. Alpine Masters proposed a change in the age limit for Masters athletes from 21 to 18. There was considerable discussion regarding the pros and cons of this change. The general consensus was that there needs to be firm differentiation between Junior athletes (up to 19 years old) and Masters. The committee was not in favor of lowering the age however

**Motion 2: To use the current temporary membership structure to allow athletes who have no other type of USSA membership and who are at least 18 years old, to compete in masters events. Hunt/Puckett without objection**

USSA Staff was directed to review the Alpine Masters Competition Guide for all references to ages and entry procedures and to make them consistent with this change.

E. Rules and Technical - Bruce Crane

Crane reviewed the outstanding items from the Spring Congress and asked for updates from staff. Crane made special notice of the outstanding work of Thelma Hoessler to produce the education materials for USA alpine sport. A nominating committee is being formed to select individuals who would be willing to assume the duties of the Rules and Technical Chair. One of the issues outstanding with FIS are those courses that had been granted an 'exceptional' homologation even though they do not meet minimum FIS course standards. With the introduction of the ENL category, those 'exceptional' courses will be allowed to continue, but only until that time which they normally expire. At that point, those courses will either have to comply with the minimum standards or they will have to run races in the ENL category.

i. Equipment Rules

The materials include a current copy of the USSA equipment regulations that capture all current information including FIS updates. Evans related to the committee that staff has received quite a number of correspondence from members objecting to the rules as passed by the sport committee.

**Motion 3: To accept the equipment regulations as presented including adjusting to match the most current FIS change, to remove the draft wording and to distribute the regulations as soon as possible. Evans/Slattery without objection.**



Crane pointed out that people are missing the point in that these equipment regulations are intended to force athletes to skid turns and to go slower. The intention of the course setting rules and the ski regulations is to not allow the equipment to perform at its maximum potential. Evans stated that when these regulations are posted there will be some background which explains that these regulations have been developed over a number of years.

The meeting took a lunch recess at 12:30 pm

The meeting was reconvened at 1:30 pm

ii. Minimum penalty rules and procedures

The issue of 'points manipulation' and the integrity of the USSA points list comes up on a regular basis. There is regularly a revisit of the USSA points esp. when someone feels that someone else has gained an unfair advantage. Crane lead a discussion of the USSA points list. There needs to be a common understanding of what the points list accomplishes and that can be transferred across geographic regions.

**Motion 4: Reduce the SL vertical drop from 120m to 100m with 32 gate minimum as a one year test for the 2004-05 season. Crane/Evans without objection.**

**Motion 5: The GS vertical drop requirement may be waived on an individual consideration with request by Regional ACC to Chair of the ASC. (Specifically to allow for Monday GS after Saturday Sunday SL/SL Mid Am.) Crane/Galusha without objection.**

**Motion 6: To allow only one USSA Scored GS or SL to be calendared at a site per day. Crane/Puckett the motion was withdrawn.**

The committee reiterated that the rules for inspection and course setting must be followed.

**Motion 7: To amend the USSA TD report to require the TD to state what vertical drop the race was run on and to state how that vertical drop was determined. Crane/Galusha without objection.**

Rules and Technical will review the 50 point minimum in the spring to see if it should be adjusted by discipline and by gender. At what point within the national point system should a course that does not meet minimums vertical drop standards be able to influence the top of the ranking system. Need to have consistent standards across the nation for USSA racing. Need to have development committee involved in the discussion. Potential for a task force that includes members of both Rules and Technical and of Education and Development to look at impacts of course standards and the points lists.

iii. Ford Slush Cup results and scoring

Allen Church reviewed these results. There was nothing obviously illegal in these races; the results will stand as submitted. There was considerable discussion regarding these results.

F. Program - Bob Dart

Dart reviewed the FIS points list dates and the current race calendars.

i. Prize money

**Motion 8: To allow on a one-year basis, as presented on page 35 of the materials, Steamboat Springs and Lutsen to pay prize money. The sites should submit a report on their events to the spring ASC Congress. Slattery/Evans without objection.**

**Motion 9: To encourage organizers who pay appearance money to also pay prize money. Galusha/Puckett without objection**

ii. World University Games Criteria

**Motion 10: To accept the University Games Criteria as presented in the materials. Evans/Puckett carried, opposed by Crane objection based upon lack of speed athlete access.**

iii. Eastern proposal for children's' international race access

The Eastern region has requested the opportunity to allow the first group of J3 athletes who do not qualify for Whistler to go to a different international children's race. Dart reminded everyone that currently USSA only endorses the two international children's competitions (Topolino and Whistler). Hunt – staff is creating a clear path for advancement and has identified Whistler as the key event. Hunt's felling is that adding another event raises the questions do we need more children's international racing and if we have more do we jeopardize the clear path, both of which are big philosophical questions. Galusha recommended that this goes back to the Development Subcommittee for a national review in the Spring.

**Motion 11: To defer the Eastern proposal to the Spring Development and Education meeting for a broader national review. Slattery/Puckett opposed by Weber**

G. Development and Education - Dave Galusha

There are three active task forces with a fourth which had a change in leadership and is behind. There is good representation from all the regions as well as a USST athlete and a parent of a USST athlete. Each task force is only as effective as the membership to guarantee a global perspective. The work has started and the goal is to get something of substance delivered for the spring. Request that a report be given by staff to Galusha from each regional development meeting to improve that global perspective.

H. Regional - Horst Weber

Weber reported that the regional subcommittee has not met since the spring and that he has not been in contact with all of the members.

i. PNSA headtax proposal - p.58 in book

Dart requests that staff take care of this. Crane noted that headtax does not only provide funding for the points list but that it funds all programs.

I. FIS - Tom Winters

Update schedule is Halloween weekend in Montreal and the next weekend in Salt Lake City at the Sheraton Nov. 5-7. All events will either be at the hotel or within a trax ride. Updates will include another session on timing report issues. The Alpine TD committee minutes and report were distributed included. Bob Dart is men's TD for World Ski Championships. There is a new system for TD candidates that will begin this year.

There is a new ICR for this year; it is available on the FIS website.

In alpine classification there are new F factors and revised rules regarding injury protection. Exceptions for vertical drop for exceptional courses will need to be 'watched' until that time which those exceptions normally expire. Entry League does allow three run technical races and multiple run speed races for ENL.

The major decisions of the Miami FIS Congress were reviewed as presented in the materials.

J. Athletes - Chris Puckett

Chris has spoken with many on the women's team. There were no positive or negative issues reported back. Chris was surprised by the lack of response given that there were a number of responses in the past.

5. Old business

There was no other old business to review.

6. New business

A. Dues and fee review 2005-2006

Reviewed during Ashley's report

B. Spring Congress meeting plan

A preliminary Congress schedule was distributed in the materials for review.

C. Alpine Awards

Slattery is the chair of the awards committee. Please see in the books the list of alpine awards and the nomination procedure. Need to be sure to get this information out to the constituency so that nominations can be made in a timely manner. Coaches and club awards will be presented at the National Championships.

7. Comments from guests

There were no comments.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m. with the thanks of the Chair.