



USSA CONGRESS 2007 ALPINE MEETING MINUTES

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USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee

3rd Floor Conference Room – USSA
Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 16, 2007
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Minutes – Members and Invited Guests Only

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Members:

Bob Dart - 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>
Beat Hupfer - Regional Chair	<u>Present</u>
Darryl Landstrom - Program Chair	<u>Excused</u>
Bill Slattery - Immediate Past Chair	<u>Present</u>
Paul VanSlyke - Rules and Technical Chair	<u>Present</u>
Tom Winters - Ex-officio *	<u>Present</u>
Jeff Weinman - Secretary *	<u>Present</u>

* *non-voting*

Guests:

Bill Marolt, Dick Coe, Lester Keller, Faye Malnar, Terry DelliQuadri, Sheryl Barnes, Gary Wright, Tim Maguire, Finn Gundersen

1. Call to order
Dart called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.
2. Review of committee membership
Dart reviewed the committee membership. One question outstanding on the roll is the Regional Chair.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection including the additions under new business.
4. Review and approval of minutes
Slattery/Hupfer without objection

At this point in the meeting Sheryl Barnes from USSA membership gave a report. Renewals for Alpine FIS have been sent and are being returned. Online USSA member lookup for season 2007-08 will not be available until July 1. There will be no hard copy member forms printed this year. Online registration – approval was given to begin development. At this point, there will be only be online renewal, not registration. After renewal is complete then registration will begin. Background screening – there were multiple tries to contact people from email, mail, phone calls. The screening company did 10,000 emails, 2,000 hard copy mail and 800 phone calls to get people to prompt them to complete the process. The current plan is to do the screening every three seasons (for renewals). USSA did between 5700 and 5800 screenings. There are 600+ members who have been removed from the membership database who never completed their background checks. Those 600+ will get a renewal. The average turn around for a screening was approximately one week. Foreign screening can take as long as a month or more. There were 24 individuals denied membership.

Membership planning – multi-sport youth category. A multi-sport membership is being reviewed. The plan is to keep the pricing structure as it currently exists. Multi-sport would be for 12 and younger at \$65. This would be for 2008-09 season.

Dart introduced Bill Marolt and Dick Coe. Marolt welcomed everyone and thanked them for being here. The theme for these meetings is 'Team Behind the Team'. Excited about the direction of the organization, but we have more on our plate than ever before with elite teams and the Center of Excellence.

5. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule

A. Review alpine materials and handouts
Evans reviewed the materials.

B. Appointment of recording secretaries, strategy and procedures for minutes
Minutes should be returned to Weinman as soon as possible after the individual meetings for preparation of the final meeting packet.

6. Staff updates

A. Teams

Hunt reviewed his report as presented in the materials. He will present his report at the Development meeting. Horton asked if the criteria was being modified for budget and/or team size. Hunt answered both. There was a review of the criteria with reference as to what it takes to be the best. The challenge is to tighten the criteria in a way to force athletes to develop and capture athletes who are improving. The yield of the new criteria is expected to shrink the team size by five men and women.

B. Domestic

Evans noted that he and the regional directors will report at the development meeting. Written reports are in the prepared materials.

7. Action item and critical issue review

A. Executive Committee

1) Executive report

Evans reviewed the executive report as presented in the materials. Evans thanked Slattery for his work as the chair of the national awards committee. There was some discussion on each of the items and the action items were tasked out to the various subcommittees and working groups.

2) ASC operating procedures

Slattery made some notes in regard to the operating procedures for the ASC. He noted that the various subcommittees and working groups do not have the option for retaining the immediate past chair as a member of the particular group.

Motion 1: To amend all operating procedures so that all Committees, Subcommittees and Working groups incorporate into their structure a position of immediate past chair which will be a voting position.

Slattery/Horton/without objection

3) Review terms and appointments

Slattery reviewed the terms and appointments. Alpine Program Representative and the At-Large Representatives.

4) Awards

Reviewed in the Executive report.

5) Alpine Judicial Committee

Slattery reported that there were no meetings of the Judicial Committee since the last meeting.

B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee

VanSlyke thanked Dart, Evans and Weinman for working with him in his first year as the chair. Most of the items have already been covered. Others include the adoption of the 640 rules regarding the presentation of physical evidence for acceptance of a protest. Another is the fee for appeal. The Judicial Committee should recommend a fee and process/procedure for appeals of Jury decisions.

C. Programs Subcommittee

Evans reviewed the Programs meetings and noted that there is a new Chair for the Masters Working Group, Keith McCauley. There will be no Calendar meeting; that information will be reviewed in the Development & Education meeting.

- D. Development & Education Subcommittee
There was one teleconference meeting in the interim that was poorly attended. There are no action items expected.
 - E. Regional Subcommittee
Hupfer noted that mostly there are information items. The Ski Up Form will be added to the agenda, as will some other topics.
 - F. FIS
Winters noted that there are a number of items that have the potential to come from the FIS. He reviewed some of the items that were sent in the packet from FIS.
 - G. Athletes
Horton gave a brief report. Puckett and Beresford along with Horton are attending, Heinrich-Wallace sends his apologies. Horton mentioned that he was concerned about not being contacted regarding conference calls as part of the Athletes Council.
8. Old business
- A. Vertical drop review
Weinman gave a review of the items that were in the materials related to vertical drop and minimum penalties.
 - B. Equipment standards
Covered earlier.
 - C. ICR / ACR integration
Completed and published in the competition guide.
9. New business
- A. Membership planning
Staff is working on a new multi-sport membership that would allow an athlete to compete in any of the USSA sports. There is a review of the fee structure and tracking of this potential membership category. This will be proposed for the 2008-09 season.
 - B. Venue planning
Covered previously in executive report. There will be continued discussion prior to and during the Courses Working Group meeting to develop and refine recommendations for courses and timelines for implementation.
 - C. Appeals process
Covered previously in the Rules and Technical report.
10. Recess
The meeting was recessed at 6:38 p.m. until Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

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USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Lodges – Evergreen
Deer Valley, UT

Wednesday, May 16, 2007
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, first session

Orientation: Reports, Issues Identification, Tasking

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

Members:

Paul Van Slyke – Chair

Gary Wright – Vice Chair

Jeff Weinman – USSA Staff

Tom Winters – FIS TD Working Group Chair

Thelma Hoessler – Alpine Officials Education Working Group Chair

Allen Church – Classification and Timing Working Group Chair

Ingrid Simonson – Alpine Officials Working Group Chair

Karen Korfanta – At-large

Robert Calderwood – USSA TD Working Group Chair

Guests:

Walt Evans, Molly J. Laramie, Gretchen Ransom, Roger Perricone, Bear Bryant, Fraser West, Gina Gassman, Lisa Gouwens, Connie Webster, Dirk Gouwens, Bill Slattery, Tom Barnes, Jill Firstbrook, Jenna Ginsberg, Stan Goldschmidt, Don Page, Bruce Crane, Robert Dart, Alice Anderson.

1. Call to order; attendance/proxies – All present except Ted Sutton, Curt Hammond and Bill Gaylord; no proxies.
2. Review and adoption of the program and agenda – Agenda approved.
3. Review and approval of 2006 Meeting Minutes – Minutes of previous meeting approved.
4. Reports (summaries and additions to written reports)
 - A. Chairman - Discussed Alpine Sport Committee Executive items:
 - 1) Referee Certification, Equipment Matrix, Adoption of 640 Rules, Venue Management Plan & Online Member registration. Reviewed the objectives of the Rules & Tech Subcommittee and Working Groups.

The purpose of the Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee (R & T SC) is to complement the athletic and participant programs of USSA alpine through support of a sport environment and competitions which are legal, fair, orderly and attractive.

Objectives

The principal objectives of the Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee are:

- to promote, facilitate and coordinate 'technical' functions in USSA alpine, including athlete ranking, control of competitions, course approvals, and officials development*
- Athlete ranking: results, points and lists; control of competitions: sanctioning (certification of results for scoring) and technical delegates; course approvals: homologation and registration; officials education, certification, and materials

- to recruit, retain and develop a pool of alpine officials and other rules and technical volunteers sufficient to achieve this objective over the long term
 - to assist its component working groups in the accomplishment of their objectives
 - to initiate proposals to the Alpine Sport Committee in regard to competition rules and technical matters
- B. Competition services staff – Reviewed written report highlights.
- C. Senior FIS representative – Reviewed rule change proposals for FIS spring 2007 meetings.
- D. Rules and Technical working group chairs
- 1) AO Education – Discussed new comp guide numbering.
 - 2) Classifications – Discussed point adders calculation.
 - 3) Timing – Few exceptions this season.
 - 4) AO Working Group - They will review divisional reports and act on information from other working groups.
 - 5) USSA TD's – Will discuss problems with TD Reports.
 - 6) Courses - no report
5. Issues identification and orientation
- A. Status of action items from May 2006 meeting
- 1) ACR/ICR integration – All is going well.
 - 2) Bob Dart Discussed preliminary approval for multi-discipline youth membership.
- B. USSA planning process and allocation of resources
- 1) Jeff Weinman discussed USSA planning process and budgeting procedures.
6. Recess for working group and task force meetings

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USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

Lodges - Evergreen
Deer Valley, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2007
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Ingrid Simonson

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by Ingrid Simonson.

Ingrid stated that the AOWG morning meeting was mainly for divisional reps to give information on the previous winter and issues they encountered. The afternoon meeting was slated to deal with business items and action items assigned during other meetings held throughout the day.

Roll call was conducted.

Members Present:

Ingrid Simonson – Chair, PNSA
Chuck Hughes - East
Gretchen Ransom – Vice Chair, Central
John Jett – RMD
Phil GilanFarr – Far West
Charlie Burnham – Ex Officio
Fraser West – Honorary
Thelma Hoessler – AOEWG
Mike Hammer – IMD
Roger Root – PNSA
Scott Young – Alaska
Bob Calderwood – USSA TD WG

Guests:

Don Page, Stanley Goldschmidt, Dirk Gouwens, Lisa Gouwens, Jill Firstbrook, Tom Barnes, Derek Crick, Gary Wright, Brian Seim, Alice Anderson, Connie Webster, Bear Bryant, Andrew Mat, Cath Jett, Jenna Ginsberg, Nancy Wiedel, Ellen Hoffman, Jeff Weinman, Gail Barber, Julie Woodworth, Tami Strong, Finn Gundersen

Motion 1: was moved and seconded – Charlie Burnham and Phil GilanFarr – and passed without objection to allow John Jett and Scott Young to have a vote as representatives for their respective regions.

Motion 2: moved and seconded - Roger Root and Phil GilanFarr – and passed without objection to allow Charlie Burnham to have a vote.

Motion 3: moved and seconded – Thelma Hoessler and Charlie Burnham– and passed without objection to approve last year's minutes.

Divisional reports

Chuck Hughes, East – They held two early-season updates and numerous updates throughout the season to educate officials. It was a tough season with the changing snow conditions, but overall a good year. Several officials advanced to higher levels.

Gretchen Ransom, Central – It was a good year for officials. Held three clinics prior to the beginning of the season, all with very good turnout. Not as many snow challenges as other regions. Grant Lindemer resigned due to business constraints.

John Jett, RMD – They held early November education clinics. They also had an early season clinic dealing with software and other timing issues. 8-10 people participated. Good results. They had a mock race with multiple timers and several scenarios. It allowed people to make mistakes in a safe atmosphere to help avoid it in the field. RMD also did roving clinics throughout the winter. They have two or three new TDs on track. Had early season Nor-Ams and a World Cup, both with good results. It was a great season in Rocky. Charlie Burnham added that the ACC requiring referees to be certified in order to set or be on the jury helped to bring some older coaches out of the woodwork. Roger Perricone added that the timing clinics were extremely successful and well received by the attendants.

Several other regions – in particular the east – also expressed that they hold timing clinics to help disseminate new information and timing knowledge. The clinics are held both in the classroom and on the hill, and included things like mock races.

Thelma reminded us that what works for one division doesn't work for another, and that there aren't any real 'holes' in the educational system. The materials are out there, and each division should tailor the curriculum to their needs. Some problems are endemic to certain areas and/or divisions. Thelma reminded the group that it's important to take the educational materials one step further and integrate them into the individual regions and clubs as needed.

Ingrid tasked the Timing Working Group to develop a method for passing along useful clinic information concerning timing, software, and other pertinent information to the regions.

Phil GilanFarr, Far West – The Far West had several races moved due to the weather or lack thereof. The officials' roster was purged last year of the people that aren't current and the region saw a new surge of new people coming up through the ranks of education and officialdom. Phil stated they continue to work hard to require their coursesetters and referees serving on jury to be certified.

Jeff Weinman, USSA Staff– Jeff clarified the proposal discussed during Wednesday's executive meeting, in that the wording in the rules will be that referees serving on the jury and coursesetters 'should' be certified next year (2007-08) and 'must' be the year after (2008-09.) There are still details to be worked out with foreign coaches setting in the U.S., etc. Options include, but aren't limited to, allowing an exemption or not allowing the coach to set or serve on the jury. Discussion followed on our own coaches and the desire to have them be certified. Gary Wright spoke of the differentiation between levels of coaching and referee certification, and the need to have Finn Gundersen's support.

Mike Hammer, IMD – Snow conditions presented problems in their region also. He spoke of a desire to be more proactive on the possibilities and realities of moving and rescheduling not only races but TDs. IMD has a struggle to get more officials, but is also advancing more this year than others, so they're working out of the 'black hole.' Depending on the venue, it's hard for them to get gate judges and other volunteers. IMD is holding biannual clinics to help with education. They also experienced issues with ski length and radius rule adherence at speed events and J3's.

The new equipment matrix should help with the equipment issues, according to Jeff Weinman. It will allow people to see what's coming down the pipe in the different levels of racing in the current and coming years.

Roger Root, PNSA – One of the few regions that had great snow this winter. They also experienced a busy race schedule. They run zone clinics normally, and this past year they also held a division wide clinic. Nancy Wiedel traveled to the region to lead an RA class and data management class at the clinic. The main clinic was not sufficient, so other smaller clinics were also held throughout the season. The FIS update was also held in Seattle last year with a good attendance from the PNSA region. The division is struggling a bit to get enough TDs to comfortably cover the races.

End of divisional reports.

Jeff Weinman – Re-welcomed the group. USSA went from processing approximately 30 percent of non-scored races in season 2006 to over 60 percent in season 2007. Alice Anderson is the new rankings person and did a great job. Jeff's reports are found in the seminar notebook. None of the Masters races were processed due to the software formatting – men and women are in the same race file and thus have multiple placings for first, second, third, etc. Jeff is working with Geoff Elder to remedy the situation.

Ingrid informed the group that the afternoon meeting will include information on insurance and accidents with a representative from USSA.

Ingrid asked the group to check the afternoon agenda and add anything of interest to the group.

Motion 4: moved and seconded by Charlie Burnham and Mike Hammer, and passed without objection, to recess until the afternoon session.

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USSA Alpine Judicial Committee

Lodges – Aspen BR
Deer Valley, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2007
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

1. Call to order
Slattery welcomed the committee.
2. Review of committee membership

Bill Slattery	Chairman	Present
Bob Dart	Member	Present
Dave Galusha	Member	Present
Chris Puckett	Member	Absent
Tom Winters	Member	Present
Walt Evans	USSA Staff Rep.	Present
Alex Natt	USSA Counsel	Absent
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved.
5. Review grievance routing and procedures
After discussion, No change was deemed necessary at this time.
6. Review interim activity
Carlson Matter: Subsequent to the presentation of the “fact finding presentation” as undertaken by Tom Winters on behalf of the Committee and as presented to Mr. Carlson a request for a full hearing of the Committee was requested by Mr. Carson. Upon completion of the full hearing it was the determination of the Committee to support the findings of the “fact finding presentation” wherein Mr. Carlson was deemed to have no basis for the action undertaken and requested.
7. Old business
There was no old business to review.
8. New business
A review of the Appeal process was undertaken with due regard to elements as set forth in the Alpine Competition Guide specifically as referenced in sections such as 644.4, and 647.1.3.1. It was noted by the Committee that all “appeals” of Jury decision should be submitted together with a \$100 refundable fee - dependent upon determination - directed to the Regional Competition Director for empanelling of a review committee.
9. Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 9:15.

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USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

The Lodges – Evergreen
Deer Valley, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2007
09:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Minutes

Working Group Members Present:

Thelma Hoessler	Chairperson	Richard Conroy	Intermountain
Scott Young	Alaska	Rick Duncan	Northern
Gretchen Ransom	Central	Ingrid Simonson	AO WG
Stan Goldschmidt	East	Bob Calderwood	USSA TD WG
Dirk Gouwens	East	Tom Winters	FIS TD WG
Jill Firstbrook	East	Allen Church	Timing WG
Phil GilanFarr	Far West	Gary Wright	At-Large
		Don Page	At-Large

1. Call To Order and Introductions

- Called to order at 09:00 AM.
- Voting members identified.
- Roger Root – PNSA and Esther DelliQuadri - Rocky Mountain not present

MOTION 1: To recognize Ingrid Simonson – PNSA and John Jett – Rocky Mountain as temporary representatives in lieu of Division absentees at this meeting.

To recognize Scott Young – Alaska, Gretchen Ransom – Central, Dirk Gouwens – East, Jill Firstbrook – East, Richard Conroy – Intermountain and Rick Duncan - Northern as replacement members on this Working Group.

To increase the membership of this working group by the addition of the Chair of the Timing Working Group, currently Allen Church, and Don Page who will serve in an at-large position.

M/S/C Wright/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2: To accept Agenda as amended.

M/S/C Page/Wright/Unanimous

3. Approval of Minutes of 11 May 2006.

MOTION 3: To accept Minutes of meeting of 11 May 2006.

M/S/C Wright/Page/Unanimous

4. Reports

Chair's Report

- Report e-mailed to working group members.
- Outstanding support furnished by USSA staff members noted.
- Education material recipient list and e-mail lists updated.
- Problems encountered during 2006-07 discussed.

Division Reports

- Officials' education update requirements discussed.

- Divisions are continuing to notify and remove from active rosters, those officials whose certification status is in jeopardy due to lack of attendance at required updates.
- Divisions are focusing on recruiting, educating and maintaining officials.
- No problems reported regarding provided education materials.
- No additional requests received or problems reported.

USSA Staff Report

- Sheryl Barnes, Member Services Director
 - Membership process and fee schedule discussed.
 - Membership renewal notices will be mailed as required.
 - Applications for new members will be available only on the USSA website.
 - On-line membership will be available only for renewing members.
 - Feasibility of multi-sport youth membership is being addressed.
 - On-site memberships must be accompanied by a \$25 rush fee.
 - Background screening process discussed; currently required every 3 years.
- Jeff Weinman, Assistant National Competition Director: Report is in the Congress notebook. Assistance of Alice Anderson, National Rankings Coordinator, and Margo Yatkeman, National Rankings Assistant, discussed and commended.

5. Old Business

- Alpine Officials' Resources
 - Alpine Officials' Manual
Yearly update will be posted on the USSA website and included on CD's provided to individuals designated to receive USSA AO education materials.
 - Timeline for Updating and Distributing Education Materials
In an attempt to include available updates, mailing will not take place until Oct. 1.
 - Power Point Presentations
 - Current Presentations
 - Competition Official: Information regarding background screening will be added.
 - Referee: Will be updated as required by Precisions
 - TTR: Will be updated as required following FIS Meetings
 - Power Point presentations for EET, Race Points and USSA/FIS Penalty Calculation are being prepared. Following review and acceptance, they will be included on the education material compact disks.
 - Alpine Officials' Certification Guidelines: Proposals for changes are deferred to the Alpine Officials' Committee chaired by Ingrid Simonson.
 - Examination Time Limits: No changes to existing time limits requested.
 - USSA Competition Regulations discussed. Jeff Weinman's preparation of final document noted and procedure for updating as required by publication of 2008 ICR discussed. Jeff Weinman's authority to address ACR housekeeping issues noted.
 - Masters' Alpine Officials' Educational Needs
 - Clinic/Seminars schedules will be posted on USSA website.
 - Masters officials are welcome at USSA-approved Alpine Officials' Seminars/Clinics.
 - Coaches' Education
 - AOEWG will continue to provide Referee education for USSA coaches.
 - Beginning 2007-2008, Coaches serving as Referee, Assistant Referee or Course Setter should be certified Referees.
 - Beginning 2008-2009, Coaches serving as Referee, Assistant Referee or Course Setter must be certified Referees.
 - Working Group members reminded that the Referee and the Assistant Referee are the competitors' representatives on the Jury but should be the most qualified person available; appointment of a Team Captain is not mandatory.
 - Randy Rogers presented a report regarding number of appointed Referees and Assistant Referees who are actually certified Referees.
 - Appointment of an Assistant Referee at USSA non-FIS technical events discussed. An Assistant Referee may be appointed for technical events for training purposes only. They have neither voice nor vote in Jury meetings, they are not members of the Organizing Committee and their names do not appear on the official documentation. This procedure, as previously published, will be added to ACR as U601.2.3.

- A discussion led by Finn Gundersen, USSA Education, and Ingrid Simonson, Alpine Officials' Working Group, led to consensus that learning the basics of coaching ski racing is a primary initiative for entry-level coaches.

6. New Business

- Clinic/Seminar Guidelines
 - A. Instructor Requirements: Assignment of instructors should be based on knowledge of subject material and practical experience; seminars/clinic organizers are encouraged to use the most qualified instructors available. There is no mandate currently in place requiring specific certification levels for instructors; no qualification matrix exists.
 - B. Materials: The use of specialty-area Study Guides and computers during testing is discouraged. Specialty area examinations must not be used as practice exams.
 - C. Web-based Seminars/Clinics: These are currently not authorized or recognized.
 - D. Disposition of Examinations: In order to insure the integrity of the examinations, all copies are to be retained by instructors; examinations must not be returned to examinees.
- Continued Distribution of Alpine Officials' CD: USSA will continue to mail this tool to current Alpine Officials.
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - A. Election of Chair

MOTION 4: To nominate Thelma Hoessler as Chair of the USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group for another 2-year term.
M/S/C Calderwood/Wright/Unanimous

MOTION 5: To close nominations and unanimously elect Thelma Hoessler to serve as Chair of the USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group for another 2-year term.
M/S/C Page/Church/Unanimous

B. Election of Vice-Chair

MOTION 6: To nominate Gary Wright as Vice-Chair of the USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group for another 2-year term.
M/S/C Ransom/GilanFarr/Unanimous

MOTION 7: To close nominations and unanimously elect Gary Wright to serve as Vice-Chair of the USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group for another 2-year term.
M/S/C Page/Calderwood/Unanimous

7. Discussion

- "Legal Entry". Possible problems that could result from acceptance of verbal entries discussed; documentation is required.
- "Official Time". Provisions of 611.3.1 discussed. Rule states time is taken when a competitor crosses the finish line; a competitor who misses a gate and crosses the finish line does not have the option of hiking and completing passage of the missed gate.
- "Downhill Event". Being race ready for a Downhill event re-emphasized: this includes timing equipment, timing personnel, Start Referee, Finish Referee, Gate Judges, Forerunners and yellow zones.
- Future of Working Group: Proposal for education material preparation discussed. Assign specialty areas to volunteers and task them with preparation of the applicable AOM Chapter, Seminar/Clinic Study Guide, Examination and Key for acceptance by the Working Group. The Chair should retain the responsibility for preparing the yearly Update, compiling all education materials and mailing them to designated recipients.

8. Adjournment

MOTION 8: To adjourn at 11:45 AM.
M/S/C Conroy/Wright/Unanimous

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Western Region ACC

Deer Valley - 2002
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Chairman: Kent Towleron

Attendance: Kent Towleron (Chair), Beat Hupfer (Past Chair), Bill Gunesch (PN), Sparky Anderson (AK), Gina Gassman (Athlete), Tim Cohee (FW), Aaron Atkins (FW), Troy Price (IM), Rueben Macaya (IM), Roger Bay (NO), Craig Krueger (NO), Dave Galusha (Secretary), Andre Horton (Athlete), Chuck Holcomb, (PN), Karen Korfonta (Ex-officio)
Excused: Jeff Pickering (Vice Chair), Craig Hammond (Treasurer), Curt Hammond (Officials)
Guests: Ken Corrack, Tom Olson, Pat Revallier, Carma Burnett Carew, Bill Hicks
Staff: Lester Keller- WR Director, Excused: Randy Pelkey, Jenn Stielow

Call to Order- Kent Towleron- 9:15

Committee Membership - Chairman Towleron appointed Andre Horton and Gina Gassman to the committee as athlete representatives per operating procedures. He also asked Tom Olson of RMISA to poll the RMISA coaches within Western Region to recommend a collegiate representative to be seated on the committee.

M/S/P - Macaya/Hupfer- without objection- Review and approval of the minutes.

Chairman's Report - Kent Towleron

Kent reports that season went well. The addition of Jen Stielow was a positive factor. It is important to get Jen into her area of expertise rather than generating lists. Randy and Lester both did a great job and the Region is sound financially as well as athletically.

Treasurers Report - Given by Lester Keller in Craig Hammond's absence- The net worth of the Western Region is \$109,965.25 including \$18,700.62 that is held in the Great Western Ski Foundation. The banking summary for the last 12-months reflects a positive \$658.92.

Director's Report - Lester Keller

Lester's report begins with a Statement of Purpose and then goes on to recap the season in review, competitions, training projects, 2007 training plans, staff and finishes with thanking the volunteers in the Region. The highlights include the success of the Region. Athletes ascending "the USSA Athletic Pipeline" via Western programs had success at all levels. The West won the Regions Cup by the largest margin in history at the U.S. National Alpine Championships. The WR has identified six characteristics for sustained success at this level: Cooperation, Consistency, Excellence, Honesty, Leadership and Dedication. It was reported that competitions this season were mostly good. There were weather issues and a few lost races but all in all it was great. A big thanks goes to all of the venues for their efforts. While everything was mostly positive, Lester and the WR are gearing up to take the athletes to the next level in the coming season. There will be a renewed emphasis on conditioning and fitness levels. For the younger athletes there will be a renewed focus on fundamental technique and the volume of racing to training to free-skiing. The Region believes that between these two components, the bar can be raised at all levels. For a full report see pg. 111 in the 2007 USSA Congress book.

NDS Report - Walt Evans

Congratulations to Western Region on an evolved structure within the Region. The athlete's results from the West confirm that there is strong leadership. Next season a pilot program will start where Lester Keller will do club visits and clinics. In order for that program to be successful, it is critical that an assistant is hired for Lester. NDS projects are on the website as well as the minutes. Go to www.ussa.org/legal

M/S/P - Towler/Price/without objection - Quota distribution for Western Region FIS Series

Part 1. When a Western Region FIS Series Race is used as a qualifying competition for any Championship event the Region will regulate and modify how the quota may be filled by the divisions.

- A. Those automatics eligible in the age range for the championship event may attend the series.
- B. Additional automatics may only attend if they are included in a five-per-gender Regional Directors quota as "pace" skiers. No other Western Region Automatics [to the elite FIS series] may attend.
- C. Fifty percent of any divisional quota must be reserved and offered to the age group that is qualifying to the championship event. [Example, series as a qualifier to the National J2 Championship would have divisional quotas that were at least 50% J2 racers.]
- D. Quota expansions may or may not be restricted by age category.
- E. The remaining Regional directors quota, following the "pace" skiers is not restricted.

Part 2. For Western Region Development Series Races that are not qualifiers to championship events are open to entry by regional automatics to the Western Region Elite FIS series who are either a) first year FIS eligible or b) members of a five per gender "pace" quota from the regional director. No other automatics may attend these events.

There are no other restriction on divisional quota selection procedures provided these methods comply with the FIS, USSA, and Western policies and procedure, including the Stevens Amateur Sports Act.

M/S/P - Hupfer/ Macaya - without objection - Modification to the Intent-to-Compete Procedure

This proposal would not replace any current policy but would be added provisions to existing procedures:

1. Intents may continue to be filed for multiple series on any given date or dates. However, series must be prioritized. Athletes qualifying for a particular prioritized series, as identified on the various selection deadlines ranked as their first choice will be removed from all other lists.
2. Intents may be filed for full series racing only. Western quotas may not be used for partial entry to a series of FIS races. The regional director may allow 1) a first year FIS eligible racer exceptions to this provision in order to comply with FIS entry limitations or 2) an athlete qualified to a conflicting USST or NDS invitation to an international competition trip or a western quota team to a continental cup event. 3) 4 event series will be considered in such a way as to account for athletes not participating in one or more ends of the event spectrum by the director.

M/S/P - Hupfer/ Krueger - without objection - Calendar addition proposal.

Part 1, "WR Open". In years where the opening qualification series of either Western Elite FIS and/or Western FIS ("development series") races occur after January 1 the regional calendar may include additional FIS series for men and women to be held between December 1 and the Christmas holidays.

Part 2, "Classification Race". The regional ACC shall add a beginning FIS ranking profile opportunity by scheduling an FIS Junior race for J2 athletes in the first half of the season, preferably in the month of December prior to the Christmas Holidays. This race will not conflict with the race proposed in part 1. This race will be calendared as a JUN FIS category race. Western Quotas will be restricted to the J2 age category with the exception of 5-6 (up to 10) J1 pace skiers selected for the regional director's quota. Pace skiers will have entry and lift fees paid by the region.

Given recent calendaring trends these series should not conflict with either the RMD, Canadian, or Eastern Cup races or all three.

M/S/P - Hupfer/Galusha - with objection - Access to FIS Races conflicting with Western Region Elite FIS Series

No Western Region USSA member, other than named members of the US Ski A, B, C, or Development teams, who has achieved automatic status, may attend a FIS competition that conflicts with a scheduled Western Elite Series race and use a Western Region quota slot to the NorAm Cup, the US National Alpine Championships, or the J2 National Championships unless attending such a race as part of a USST invitational competition trip or as a Member of an NDS group named to a competition project.

The region will not enter USSA Western members in conflicting races.

Those Western Region members who attend conflicting FIS races on other quotas, such as the collegiate quota, will lose eligibility for future Western quotas for the remainder of the season and the following season.

The time period defining a conflict will be the dates of the actual races and one-day prior and one day following the Western race series in question.

The regional director in consultation with the ACC Vice chair may make exceptions in his/her capacity as the quota oversight committee member.

M/S/P - Hupfer/Macaya - without objection - Course Setting Standards

Verbiage listed below will be added to the current verbiage in the Western Region Handbook regarding course setting. "The Western Region will select eligible course setters for all WR FIS and WR Championship level competitions. The divisions will send WR a list of proven course setters acceptable to set at FIS and Championship level competitions that will be used to generate the Regional list. If there are not enough proven course setters available a mentor will be assigned to assist the course setter. Divisions that nominate unproven setters must supply a mentor that is a proven course setter, or remove the unproven setter.

Beat Hupfer reviewed all sub-committee appointments from Western Region. The only change was removing Jen Stielow off the Quotas Committee and adding Troy Price.

Calendar Review

M/S/P - Holcomb/Price - without objection - ENL Entry Fees

Entry fees for the Western Region FIS ENL races shall not exceed divisional entry fee levels of the division and the discipline the races are held in. The head tax structure remains the same as in a USSA event in the respective division.

M/S/P - Macaya/Anderson - with objection - Open bidding for J3 Olympics

The 2008 bidding process for the J3 Olympics will be open to all divisions. Bids must be in to Western Region by June 3rd.

Discussion regarding the Western Region Awards procedure. Western Region needs to do a better job at nominating our well deserving coaches and volunteers for awards.

M/S/P - Holcomb/Gunesch - without objection - Meeting Adjourned at 12:08

Next meeting: September 17, 2007

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Technical Delegate Working Group

Lodges – Evergreen
Deer Valley, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2007
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Robert Calderwood

The meeting was called to order by Bob Calderwood.

The committee members were reviewed.

Members:

Bob Calderwood, Chairman
Charlie Burnham, sitting in for Esther DelliQuadri, RMD
Chuck Hughes, East
Ingrid Simonson, Ex Officio, AO Chair
Thelma Hoessler, Ex Officio, AE Chair
Randy Rogers, PNSA, Vice Chair
Phil GilanFarr, Far West
Scott Young, Alaska (for resigning Carl Swanson)
Evert Uldrich, IMD
Don Page, Honorary

Guests:

Gretchen Ransom, Allen Church, Gary Wright, Roger Perricone, Jill Firstbrook, Dirk Gouwens, Stanley Goldschmidt, Jeff Weinman, John Jacobs, Ron Bonneau, Ellen Hoffman, Nancy Wiedel, Richard Conroy, Mike Hammer, Molly J. Laramie, Bill Slattery, Fraser West, Paul Van Slyke, Bob Dart, Tom Winters, Laura Sullivan

Motion 1 Moved and seconded, by Evert Uldrich and Phil GilanFarr, to approve the agenda. Passed without objection.

Motion 2 Moved and seconded by Don Page and Evert Uldrich to approve the last year's minutes. Motion passed with no objection.

Divisional Reports-

Chair – Reported that it was an interesting year. More to follow under the year's summary and business items.

Scott Young, Alaska, - As a region they had a good year. They had enough TDs for the division.

Chuck Hughes, East – The East also had a pretty good year. Several veteran TDs were on hand at the various clinics and made a great contribution.

Phil GilanFarr, Far West – As a region, they were successful at bringing new TDs on. They have recruited and certified five new ones in the last two years. A couple of athletes who have evolved into coaches are also interested in becoming TDs. The drought appears to be over.

Evert Uldrich, IMD – The Intermountain Division had a pretty good year. They encountered a few snow problems, mostly due to a lack thereof. They have plenty of TDs. Most (all) are getting older, and the region is looking for younger help. While they had successful updates, the region usually doesn't have the ability to have a TD class separate from a Ref class – they're also saddled by distances and low numbers of races.

Randy Rogers, PNSA – cited Roger Root as good at recruiting and developing new TDs.

Charlie Burnham, RMD – The region has several new level I TDs. They also have some TDs in waiting – people going through the grooming process prior to candidacy.

New Business

Homologation Files

Thelma Hoessler, Ex Officio AE Chair – Reminded the group that homologation vertical drops still need to be verified. A TD can't just accept the numbers on the certificate. Old results and outdated material should not be used for obtaining elevations. Remember to ask for the whole homologation packet – not just the certificate. The packet contains minimum protection requirements, etc. and other guidelines which need to be followed.

Bob reviewed the TD reports from the season. Some TDs don't fill out the reports completely and some use outdated forms. In many cases, vertical drops were inconsistent with tolerances with the applicable events. The vertical drop issue seems to be the most difficult to correctly measure and record.

Bob asked for input on revisions for the TD report to condense the information on vertical drop measurements. As a result, the language of the report will be altered to minimize the confusion concerning whether the event meets or doesn't meet the requirements.

Bob also reminded the group of the need to examine the homologation reports and files at each event. Certificates and files can be reconstructed and reissued if a race site cannot find their file. There is a policy in place through USSA to request a copy.

There was a suggestion from the floor to make the files more accessible on the web. The reality of scanning all the files and making them available will be a huge undertaking, but may be an option in time.

The rules for homologation for downhill were reviewed. Bob reminded the group that a TD cannot lengthen a speed course – they can only shorten it.

Per Diem for USSA TD's

Bob discussed a per diem for USSA TD's. The current amount for FIS TD's is \$70.00 per day. Thelma cited the need for equality and respect for the officials that devote their time and give up their other jobs and obligations to attend races for little or no reimbursement.

Most of the zones in the Eastern region provide some sort of per diem for TD's already. Bob reminded the group that they should fill out their expense form and turn it in to the ROC. Whether the TD accepts the reimbursement or not, it's a tool to educate the event organizers as to the real financial costs there.

Motion 3 Don Page, Randy Rogers– moved and seconded to allow a \$25 per diem for TD's at USSA events.

Motion 4 Don Page, Phil GilanFarr– moved and seconded an amendment to allow \$50 per diem per day for TDs on USSA scored events. The motion passed with two objections.

Discussion followed highlighting the financial abilities of areas to reimburse, based on numbers of competitors in events and other economic factors.

Downhill Concepts

Thelma reiterated the need for training runs on downhills to be run like the race. It's an event, not just a single day race. Forerunners, gate judges, timers, yellow zones, etc should be the same each day/run prior to the official race. The course and all the components of the race should be "race-ready" by the first day of training and remain that way throughout the running of the training and the race.

USSA Membership for Officials/Forerunners

Thelma reminded the group that we are obligated to use actual USSA members for fulfilling applicable roles in races, whether it be forerunning, start/finish referee, or somewhere else requiring a USSA certified individual. Some areas are still utilizing non-members for various reasons, i.e. officials with pending rather than active status, non-certified people, etc., but putting in names of USSA officials on the official paperwork. Don't do it.

Electronic Seed Boards

Use of electronic seed boards is permissible in Team Captains' Meetings, but only if the ENTIRE field is visible on the board at the same time. For some events, the concept works. For other venues with shifting racers/positions during the TCM, the electronic display doesn't work as well. Thelma also reminded the group that even in cases where the electronic display is used, the printing may be so small that it's difficult to read the board.

Course Setting by Inexperienced Coaches

Phil GilanFarr led a discussion concerning the need to have courses set by experienced coaches. Experienced coaches are better able to worry about things like gate placement, course placement when there's going to be multiple courses on one trail and course requirements rather than worrying about gate measurement with various tools. Coaches should have more education when it comes to hill conditions and snow depth and should listen to the advice of officials regarding terrain, steep/fast sections of the course, etc. Recommendations include using experienced coaches to set or having experienced coaches work with and mentor inexperienced coaches. It was also recommended, again, that the TD travel down the hill with the course setter on the initial set to minimize problems.

Ingrid spoke of a proposal currently before the Western board regarding the notification of potential course setters to the ROC before the event. Available and qualified course setters would be communicated when a team sends in an entry form. This would allow the ROC more time to pick through the available setters and assign them accordingly.

Snowboard TD's on USSA Alpine TD Working Group

Randy Rogers brought forth discussion regarding snowboard TD's in the Alpine TD Working Group. The snowboard TD's currently do not have a working group committee of their own. It was felt that the difference between the two disciplines is great enough that the snowboard TD would not be a voting member of the Alpine group, but may be allowed to sit in as a liaison. Randy is meeting in the future with the snowboard TD's and will discuss the matter with them.

Randy also expressed the recommendation to only assign only one TD if an event warranted it, as in all events being held on a common trail, single gender races each day, etc. Randy also reminded the group that TD's work with the jury, they're not the king of it. It's a group effort.

One other topic of discussion involved recording numbers of racers on the Report of the Referee that correctly correspond to the applicable racers with infractions. It was recommended to double check names and numbers against the start list before posting the list. Randy also commented that in cases where gate judges are in short supply and a jury member fills a role as a gate judge, his/her ability to be an effective jury member is compromised.

Bob asked the group to fill out TD reports regarding issues that might be of interest or help to the next TD down the line. Potential problems with timing, terrain, weather, etc. could be avoided or at least foreseen with better documentation.

Observations of the Past Year

Bob showed several slides that he obtained throughout the year, both at races he attended and pictures passed along. He cautioned the group to remind the racers and other people involved in a race to not wear their ski pants/bibs with the suspenders undone and hanging down. A racer at an event was riding the lift with his/her straps undone and consequently got hung up on a lift chair while trying to disembark. The racer ended up riding the bullwheel and having to be rescued by a snowcat supported ladder. It's a racer security issue and should be avoided.

Bob also showed a slide on improper finish installation with pvc and wood structure surrounding the finish photocells and reflectors. He reminded the group to inspect all aspects of the race arena and to watch for obstacles, particularly the additional ones created by people involved with the race.

A discussion was also held concerning racers missing the last gate of a course and crossing the finish line. The case study came from an appeal earlier in the year. The ruling was that once the racer crossed the finish line, they had completed the course and received a time. The racer was not allowed to hike, make the missed gate, and then complete the course again.

Elections

Motion 5 Thelma Hoessler, Phil GilanFarr moved and seconded to retain Bob Calderwood as Chair of the USSA Alpine TD Working Group. The motion passed with no objections.

Motion 6 Chuck Hughes, Thelma Hoessler moved and seconded to retain Randy Rogers as Vice Chair of the working group. The motion passed with no objections.

Executive Session

The general group was dismissed and the executive group met on advancement for TD's.

Recommendations:

Level 3	RMD	Tony Nunnikhoven	USSA # 5014196
Level 3	East	Jonathan Corchnoy	USSA # E5315742
Level 3	East	Richard Sawyer	USSA # E4679882
Level 3	East	Peter Stwertka	USSA # E5571468
Level 3	East	Tao Smith	USSA # E4580361
Level 4	East	Jack Gravenmier	USSA # E4549911
Level 4	East	Cindy Brown	USSA # E4764627

Motion 7 Charlie Burnham, Phil GilanFarr moved and seconded to approve the recommendations of the divisional representatives for TD advancement. The motion passed with no objections.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ransom
Recording Secretary for Bob Calderwood

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Education and Development Subcommittee

Deer Valley – 2002
Deer Valley, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2007
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Dave Galusha

Members:

Dave Galusha	
Doug Williams	East
Jeff Byrne	East
Wendy Neal	East
Jon Nolting	R/C
Gina Gassmann	Athlete Rep IND
Amy Beresford	Athlete Rep
Kent Towleron	East
Finn Gundersen	USSA Education
Andy Walshe	USSA Athletics
Jesse Hunt	USSA Alpine
Walt Evans	USSA NDS
Andre' Horton	Athlete
Lester Keller	USSA Western
Craig Krueger	Northern
Rick Duncan	Northern

Guests:

Chuck Holcombs	PSNA
Troy Price	IMD
Brian Seim	R/C
Kirk Dwyer	East
Julie Woodworth	East
Connie Webster	East
Ruben Macaya	IMD
Sparky Anderson	AK
Pat Revallier	IMD
Mark Sullivan	East
Tim Ross	IMD
Lisa Gouwens	East
Tom Barnes	Cen
Aaron Atkins	FW
Bill Hudson	FW
Todd Brickson	IMD
Tim Maguire	
Terry DelliQuadri	
Brewster McVicker	

1. Call to order @ 2PM and introductions
2. Review and adoption of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection
3. Review of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection
4. Review membership
Going over Chair members their changes and took attendance
5. Review of Committee's role within USSA structure
Committee's roles are working, going to try a conference call during the year that doesn't conflict with the racing schedule.
Dave Galusha's term up next year, but interested in continuing in the future.
6. Chair's report
Disappointed that more members could not participate in conference call. Asked members to forward any issues to chair between meetings.
7. USSA staff reports

A. Athletic Department – Walshe

Andy – 12 months of changes since Alan Ashley left USSA. Programming changes have been made and Sports Directors have been asked to step up in their programs and identify key steps in their programs.

1- Introduction of the High performance model for USSA

2- Educate everyone (the staff) on what that means

POWERPOINT PRESENTATION – Theme: the team behind the team

Sports Model

Elite Program - Elite sports Evaluation, National Staff, National team, Elite services, World-class facilities, Athlete performance Management systems & Communication

Sports Development - Global Sports Evaluation, Club Development, Domestic coaches, Officials / Volunteers, Venue development, domestic Athletes, talented athletes program, fans, parents (this area needs a lot more attention!)

Leadership & Governance - FIS, USOC, IOC, USSA Congress

USSA

Commented that this performance model is still many years away, but this is the plan as we move forward. The model is being built to put this in the USSA Budget - estimated 50-60 million budget and this model will be used to show the ending result for sponsors/fundraisers.

Sports are becoming expensive...trend in sports... athletes doing fewer sports and specializing. This is being used in other countries and to stay competitive we have to match their programs.

*Comment ...funding leads to inconsistency in the regions.

*Answer- plan, show and prioritize. The Regions need to do an analysis for where they are lacking and their strengths.

The Center of Excellence building will be finished in Spring 2009. Still short of funds, plans are submitted to the city. Large component of the new building will be the educational aspects. It will have the latest and greatest educational tools in training, nutrition all to be accessible online view the kitchen, weight room, conference room, etc. available to share information with the entire country.

To sustain our organization and as sport custodians we should give back to our stakeholders.

B. Alpine Director – Hunt (written report on pages 65-75 on the meeting materials)

Long range planning is changing from a nuts and bolts operation to a strategic plan. We have a framework and we have a vision. Key things... take a good inventory of where Alpine is relative to Walshe's model.

Addendum A plan:

There are places to improve at the Elite level, i.e. Europa cup, World Jr. Champs. High expectations. Challenges- increase in costs D team level. Alpine needs to focus resources. Theme – Win at every level. Grew A, B & C teams w/ moving of resources (need to shrink these teams) Goal –go from 20-25 moving to 15-20 (A, B & C) athletes and the goal is to have them fully funded, but more is needed. Based on international comparisons. Athlete management will not be changed. D team challenge is to broaden their skill base. Concept is to keep the teams small and focus on the ones that have proven themselves and need funding. D team can't be supported. Only B team and above is changing. Some athletes are doing too many disciplines and need to be refocused. One problem is that athletes are good in a few disciplines, but they aren't advancing. It is going to hurt us more to not narrow down the field. Give the athletes an opportunity to step up.

C. Coaches Education – Gundersen

Elite performance model for coaches will be distributed to country in the next six months. The education department has received some criticism about not having more 300 level education & clinics. The education department has spent a lot of time producing content, CD & DVD's, moving into other sports such as snowboarding & cross country. Snowboarding DVD won Telly Award. The Center of Excellence will do away w/ the need for CD and DVD's with all the new education technology. Parenting CD has not sold well. The 2006/07 Winning runs DVD out in June and

continues to add more Americans. Coaches email blasts are there to update all the coaches on new educational opportunities. The Forum on the Coaches Resource center also to be used as a resourceful tool for the coaches. One of the current critical issues is that coaches are inadequately trained to referee, aren't maintaining their certification and are consequently being dropped from list.

Current certified coaches: 3100 coaches down 4%, most likely due to the new screening process, but 1200-1400 coaches still have no education. Elite Conference for coaches to be held the end of June. Finn is working closely with alpine to expand the role with PSIA.

Last year 450 coaches attended education clinics in the 100 & 200 level. Program clinics where you have senior staff & rookie coaches together in one room are very beneficial to the programs.

New Slalom DVD by November that focuses on technique, tactics & error correction beginning at the J3 level. New DVD will form the basis of a new Level 300 clinic. A lot of coaching and use of athletes and will follow DVD content. Other DVD projects: Core Strength & Physiology.

For 07-08 we will project for 50 clinics and start introducing the 300 level clinics. The Content manager was turned down, but production will still continue.

Question was asked about the level of use of the online courses. Answer: they are slowly building annually.

Towlerton brought up issues about coaches not knowing how to set courses. Galusha mentioned that, in the West, a list will be provided to the regional director, of the coaches that are authorized to set.

Question about uncertified coaches and what will push them to getting certified? USSA does not require member coaches to be certified, doing so would take a roll out period of at least three years.

D. NDS – Evans pg 77-82

Membership coaches and officials have seen a drop off. 12 titles available in the NorAms and the U.S. took 8 of them. J2 Olympics penalties need to be lowered.

Topolino... U.S. men's team strongest in the world.

Critical success factors

Membership Services Strategies, Staff Development, Partnerships, NDS credibility, Cost of sports, Quality of Alpine venue development, Strategic planning

National Development System – Clear Path 2007-2008 - Pg 139

Goals

Member population, Calendar, NDS performance and advancement

Western Division... getting out to the region

Need funding for three alumni athletes nationwide to bring them in to support NDS projects.

Conclude

Focus on values – internally and externally, engage in strategic long term planning, Calendar, Venue development, Communication, Regional directors are evaluating their regions, Concussion management/evaluation in young athletes

E. Regional Reports - East/Rocky Central/West

Tim (East) no snow this winter and athletes going out of region to race. Big budget impact due to lost events. 07-08 calendar almost finished.

Terry (R/C) staff is the same: Darleen & Rob Worrell as regional coaches and currently working with Central and Rocky on their needs. Christian Sallie has moved to the development team. Central office close to hiring someone, by the June NDS camp. Success at the junior level and won J2 regions cup. Last yr national junior race was very well received. Adding 2 races central FIS championships. Calendar is mostly set for 07-08.

Lester (West) on page 111-117 New three area beta test in the west of a club development system for youth. 1 - Motor skill development, 2 - fundamentals, & 3 - conditioning. Divisions need to assess physical fitness. Trying not to drop off at the J1 or J2 level. As a region there are no J4 projects. Trying the raise the bulk of the population.

8. Discussion items

A. Clear path issues

1) World Junior Championships – pg (127) & (131)

Changes have been made - 2 off ZK and 4 in each discipline all the rest is the same.

Page: 129 - One discipline at the B team level. Minor changes D team will give an option to select a J1 both men and women.

2) Junior Championships

J1 being talked about at a staff level...Walt - juniors are having a tough time accessing NorAms. Some adjustments were made. Possibility of a J1 Champs that would be identified as a world Jr. not on the 07-08 plan, but being evaluated for 08-09.

3) USST 2009-09 Nomination Criteria

B. Coaches education

C. Calendaring – Evans pg 141

Trying to approve next week. NorAm is main concern. Men at Keystone women at Winter Park. Free up top athletes to participate in the Keystone events. Panorama firmed up. Jan- budget reason Europa cup and we can leave athletes in Europe without having to bring them home and send them back again.

Alpine Industry & Manufacture Issues pg. 153

New 07-08 rules world and continental cup. Imposed in USSA races 2009-10.

Take a while to see the new skis, but boots will be out sooner. May have to adjust if new FIS guidelines emerge.

Motion 1: M/S/C Williams/Towlerton/with objection- That USSA adopt the equipment standards and timeline as presented from the 30 March Manufacturers Work Session. (page 153 of Congress book)

Golden Rose- minimum penalties lessen impact on rankings

Motion 2: M/S/C Byrne/Williams/without objection- That the Golden Rose be scored to its chronologically appropriate list and remain the only scheduled summer USSA scored competition.

9. Old business

10. New business

KOMBI -. Darleen- The athletes loved it in Rocky/Central. Blending of 2 or 3 disciplines. Mixed reaction from both coaches and parents. The problem with the event is the lack of clear definition. KOMBI helps the athlete's ski so much better and develop so much. Needs to be viewed as an educational component, trying to bring back variety and challenge, seen as fun and developmental component. Teaches skill development. Great thing for J5's to be involved. Some coaches' apprehension, not used to setting these courses. It all depends on your terrain on how you set these courses.

Discussion on problems with course setting and strong referees that will pay attention to this issue. Being addressed at all three regional level.

Motion 3: M/S/C without objection - That the committee endorses the requirement of a referee's license to serve as a Referee or a course setter for USSA scored events.

11. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Calendar Report

Walt Evans, Competition Director
Friday, May 18, 2007

- Staff presented the calendar plan to the Education and Development Committee for information and feedback.
- Sarah Getzelmen, NorAm Cup Coordinator was honored for her many years of service to the NorAm Cup.
- Open issues include:
 - ✓ Site for J2 Olympics
 - ✓ Finalizing NorAm Calendar Sites
 - ✓ Nurture speed venues

Ladies

Date	Site	Country	DH	SL	GS	SG	SC
Nov. 28-Dec. 1	Winter Park, CO	USA		28-29	30-1		
Dec. 6-11	Lake Louise/Pan	CAN	6-7			10-11	11
Jan. 3-6	MSA	CAN		5-6	3-4		
Jan. 9-11	Sugarloaf, ME	USA	9-10			11	10
Mar. 6-9	Collingwood(proposal)	CAN	8-9	6-7			
Mar. 12-16	Whiteface, NY	USA		16 (nte)	14	12-13	12
Totals 26			4	7	7	5	3

Men

Date	Site	Country	DH	SL	GS	SG	SC
Nov. 17-20	Keystone, CO (tent)	USA		19-20	17-18		
Dec. 6-13	Lake Louise/Pan	CAN	6-7			9-10	9
Jan. 3-6	Sunday River, ME	USA		5-6	3-4		
Jan. 9-10	Sugarloaf, ME	USA	9-10				9
Mar. 12-16	Whiteface, NY	USA		16 (nte)	15	12-13	13
Totals 21			4	5	5	4	3

World Cup Finals: Mar. 12-16, 2008, Bormio, ITA
 World Junior Championships: Feb 23-Mar 2, 2008 Formigal, Spain
 USA Nationals: Mar. 18-25, 2008, Sugarloaf, ME
 CAN Nationals Speed: Feb. 6-12 , 2008, Whistler, BC, CAN
 CAN Nationals Tech: Mar. 19-23, 2008, Mt. Ste. Anne, QUE, CAN
 USA J2 Championships: Mar. 6-12, 2008, TBA, Rocky Mtn. USA
 CAN J1 Championship: Mar. 12-16, 2008, Le Massif, QUE, CAN
 NCAA Championships; Mar 5-8, 2008, Bozeman, MT, USA

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine FIS Technical Delegate Working Group

Lodges - Evergreen
Deer Valley, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2007
2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Tom Winters

1. Call to order

2. Review of committee membership

Tom Winters	Chairman	Present
Paul Van Slyke	Vice Chairman	Present
Bob Calderwood	Member	Present
Bob Dart	Member	Present
Bill Hicks	Member	Present
Chuck Hughes	Member	Present
Randy Rogers	Member	Present
Ingrid Simonson	Ex-Officio	Present
Bill Slattery	Honorary	Present
Jeff Weinman	USSA Staff	Present

Guests:

Gretchen Ransom, Fraser West, Don Page, Bear Bryant, Charlie Burnham, Roger Perricone, Gail Barber, Scott Young, Bill Gunesh, Dirk Gouwens, Stanley Goldschmidt, Jenn Ginsberg, Dave Waller, Ellen Hoffman, Nancy Wiedel, John Jacobs, Allen Church, Molly Laramie, Tami Stong, Phil GilanFarr

3. Review and approval of agenda

The agenda was approved.

4. Reports

A. Chair

1) FIS report and review of activities – FIS Members Present

The Chair asked the various FIS Committee Members to highlight issues of interest which will be discussion points at the upcoming FIS Meetings in Protoroz, SLO.

Karen Korfonta, Rules and Control - Undertook a review of the ongoing rule proposals (17 pages) to be addressed at the upcoming FIS meeting. It was noted that the entire ICR is under review and is being modified and redrafted for inclusion as a new ICR to be printed for the season 2008/09.

Allen Church, Timing and Calculation - No items at this time pending a report from the FIS meetings.

Ted Sutton, Courses - Referenced and reviewed ongoing homologation issues and projected ongoing activities.

Bob Dart, NorAm & European Cup - Reviewed FIS proposals re: super combined rules, NAC proposal regarding probation of training on competition venues two (2) days prior to scheduled competitions.

Bob Calderwood, DAR Events - Review ongoing challenges with regard to FIS objective and rules.

Jeff Weinman, Classification - Discussed the USSA proposal for the FIS meetings i.e. frequency

of FIS Point List and reduction of minimum point level for ENL events from 50 point to 30 or 40 points.

John Jacobs, Equipment Supplier & Reliable Racing Supply - Reviewed ongoing homologation issues with regard to poles and panels. It was noted that attention should be paid to the method of utilization of panels and poles especially with regard to high wind application i.e. lowering of panels vs. bow tie. Reference was made to the proposal to be made to the FIS for permission for utilization of a specific 25mm /short pole for children's events.

Thelma Hoessler, FIS Race Administration - Broad discussion of results issues and need for TD's to take responsibility for complete review of "result packages" and utilization of proper data transmission format when sending results electronically to the FIS.

Tom Winters, Technical Delegate Issues

- a) Equipment - No issues this past season but everyone will need to be properly informed as to the outcome of the equipment proposal being made to the FIS.
- b) FIS Reports: TD Reports - 100% delivery, Expense Reports 70% - needs improvement.
- c) Will continue with our program for foreign event assignments.

B. Regional / International reviews – assignments / venue comments

- 1) Central Division - No Issues, need force majeure TD at Lutsen, MN events.
- 2) Eastern Region - Tough Season with snow - Report on TD candidates and new TD. Sunday River was thanked for it efforts in making the calendar work.
- 3) Intermountain Division - No issues, however, referenced need for more TD's to facilitate event coverage in the future.
- 4) Rocky Mountain Division - Everything was acceptable due to the good cooperation and work of the regions TD's.
- 5) Western Region - Same as Intermountain, however, Randy Rogers suggests that inspection time be expanded by ROC's and Juries at lower level events.
- 6) International (WC / COC / JUN / CHI) Reports - Paul VanSlyke was the TD at the World Cup event Schladming, Austria this past season. Tom Winters once again encouraged TD's who want to be considered in the future for foreign events to undertake the study of some German or French to qualify for nomination to European events.

6. Educational programs – location and dates

Mandatory Annual FIS TD Updates - Vancouver, CAN, October 26-28, 2007 and Lake Placid, NY. November 2-4, 2007. All interested parties, ROC members, national officials, race administrators as well as World Cup, NorAm and National Championship organizers are invited and encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

7. Old and new business

- A. Report from USSA office
No issues to be reported on
- B. Update programs – suggestions and observations
No comments
- C. Review of operating procedures – where can we improve
No comments
- D. Use of internet / FIS Site / Split Second – comments and observations
No issues. Comment was made how quickly Split Second Timing resolved problems.

8. Closed meeting session

- A. Technical Delegate candidates / aspirants – statue
Discussion of present - two (2) Technical Delegate candidates and their position within the educational and testing process.
- B. Report by the Chair on the completion of all educational and testing requirements by TD Candidate Laura Sullivan (East). The Chair will be submitting final examination reports and recommendations to the FIS at the FIS meetings.

C. Approval of new Technical Delegate candidate Dirk Gouwens (East). Need for further DH speed event exposure to round out his background was suggested.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be during the 2008 USSA Congress in Park City, May 9-13, 2008.

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

Lodges – Evergreen
Deer Valley, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2007
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Ingrid Simonson

The meeting of the Alpine Officials WG was reconvened at 4:15 p.m., Thursday, May 17, 2007.

Members Present:

Ingrid Simonson, Chair, PNSA
Gretchen Ransom, Vice Chair, Central
Thelma Hoessler, AO Education WG
Chuck Hughes, East
John Jett, RMD
Roger Root, PNSA
Tom Winter, FIS TD Working Group
Mike Hammer, IMD
Phil GilanFarr, Far West
Roger Root, PNSA
Scott Young, Alaska
Fraser West, Honorary
Charlie Burnham, Ex-Officio
Paul Van Slyke
No Northern representative was present.

Guests:

Dirk Gouwens, Don Page, Alice Anderson, Andrew Mat, Jenna Ginsberg, Cath Jett, Ellen Hoffman, Nancy Wiedel, Bill Hicks, Evert Uldrich, Molly J. Laramie, Sally Shaffer, Allen Church, Tom Winters, Bear Bryant

Agenda changed to strike 7C and 7E, USSA membership and background checks, respectively. These items were covered during the AOEWG meeting earlier in the day.

Motion 1 To approve the minutes from the May 11, 2006 afternoon session of the AOEWG.
GilanFarr/Burnham/Passed with no objection

Working Group Reports

Ted Sutton stressed the need to further educate TDs and others as to how to extract the proper information from the homologation report. This topic was also covered in an earlier meeting that Ted was unaware of.

Thelma Hoessler reported that the Alpine Officials Education WG added two positions to the group. The two new positions include the Chair of Timing WG, and Don Page as an at large member. Elections were held for the Chair and Vice Chair positions in the AOEWG. Thelma Hoessler was reelected as Chair and Gary Wright was reelected as the Vice Chair.

Motion 2 To accept Thelma's report. GilanFarr/Hughes/Passed with no objection

Ingrid reported for Bob Calderwood on the USSA Alpine TD Working Group. The group approved a \$50.00 per diem per day for USSA TD's on scored events. The group also held elections for Chair and Vice Chair. Bob Calderwood and Randy Rogers were reelected to positions as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. The group also approved a list of USSA TD's for level 3 and 4 advancement. The officials approved for advancement were:

Level 3	RMD	Tony Nunnikhoven	USSA # R5014196
Level 3	East	Jonathan Corchnoy	USSA # E5315742
Level 3	East	Richard Sawyer	USSA # E4679882
Level 3	East	Peter Stwertka	USSA # E5571468
Level 3	East	Tao Smith	USSA # E4580361
Level 4	East	Jack Gravenmier	USSA # E4549911
Level 4	East	Cindy Brown	USSA # E4764627

Motion 3 To accept Ingrid's report for Bob Calderwood's working group. Hughes/GilanFarr/Passed with no objection

Tom Winters reported for the USSA Alpine FIS TD Working Group. He announced that Dirk Gouwens was approved by the working group as a prospective FIS TD candidate.

Motion 4 To accept the USSA Alpine FIS TD WG report. Winters/Burnham/Passed with no objection

No new news from Jeff Weinman.

Ted Sutton announced that the Alpine Courses Working Group would be meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday for their session. He encouraged people interested in courses and homologations to attend. He said his group would also be discussing USSA SL and GS homologations.

Allen Church had nothing new to add from the Timing Working Group as they were not meeting until Friday afternoon.

Allen also had nothing to present at the meeting from his Race Classification WG. They will also meet on Friday.

Scott Young was allowed to comment on the Alaska division as he wasn't present during that period of the morning meeting of the AOWG. He commented that they had a good season.

Chuck Hughes had additional comments to add after the morning session. The eastern division had a challenging year with weather conditions. Their season basically started in mid January due to a lack of snow. They also experienced several changes in the division which involved Chuck Hughes, Dirk Gouwens, and Jill Firstbrook, who all moved up in their leadership roles. Chuck feels that they have good leadership in alpine officials in the eastern division which gives them the ability to impart information to newer, less experienced members. Chuck encouraged 'historians' of alpine officials to attend clinics and help educate less experienced people. He also thanked Paul Van Slyke for his leadership and guidance over the years. He thanked Bear Bryant for putting on early season races at Sunday River when weather didn't permit them to be held in other places within the region. Chuck also commented that a couple of sites in Vermont have chosen to no longer host GS events due to the increasing expense and manpower involved in fencing and other aspects of on-hill security.

Old Business

Jeff Weinman is handling administrative issues that are occurring with the continuing integration of the ICR and ACR. Ingrid and Jeff will work together to include text in the ACR to address the reinstatement of officials in the JA and RF position if they become out of date by missing updates.

Motion 5 To adopt similar text concerning JA and RF reinstatement concurrent with the existing TD text, in that they need to retake the tests, attend appropriate updates, etc. Hughes/Hammer/Passed with no objections.

Jeff reported that approximately 63 percent of non scored races were processed this past season to track officials. Organizers from the remaining races either didn't submit material that contained the proper format, had missing information, or didn't send in results within the proper period of time.

Dirk Gouwens commented that some sites encountered difficulty sending in results due to zipped files being blocked by spam filters. Charlie Burnham added that some ISP's will automatically zip files that are sent as attachments.

No update on venue management from Jeff Weinman on downhills.

Ingrid asked the group to comment on issues concerning compliance with the rule requiring officials to be updated on a biannual basis in order to maintain certification.

Central – purging inactive members

East – also purging

Far West - also purging

PNSA – purging lists

RMD – studying the situation and keeping track of officials, checking to see what other regions are doing

Alaska – not sure

IMD – still in tracking process, working off a deficit in the officials department. They are still studying the situation.

Charlie Burnham urged consistency and equity in the nation as far as decertification goes – it doesn't work for just one region to do it. Fraser West asked if there were contingencies for people called away on active duty for the military. No one knew of any.

Group members from the different divisions stated that they notify individuals in jeopardy as able.

Jeff Weinman discussed adding a column of data and the certification viewer to include the date of an individual's last clinic attended. Members of the group agreed that the information would be valuable for tracking officials. Jeff will work with his programmer to include the data of the attended clinics date on his spreadsheet. He also reiterated the need for the divisions to keep the control on purging officials, rather than relying on the national office as they may not have the most current information.

Charlie Burnham commented that many current USSA TD's don't have required RF certification.

At this point, JA's aren't being purged from the system and still remain a quandary. They are mainly parents and people involved for the short term, yet are also the stock of officials that we all need to encourage to continue on through the system.

Offering more clinics also will help make education more available.

The rule will remain in place mandating biennial (one every two years) updates in order for USSA officials to stay current and certified.

There were comments regarding the need for experienced course setters. The lack of a national coaches academy, which offers course setting as a component, is a hindrance. It is felt that we're not in a position to teach course setting to the coaches, but we can educate them and encourage them as officials.

Different approaches in updates, such as including realistic examples of a day in the life of a referee, may help keep the coaches interested and educated. The directive for certification as a referee needs to come from the Coaches Education on a national level. The feeling is that until the coaches are forced by USSA to become certified referees, certified course setters, etc. there won't be any change.

Charlie Burnham was acknowledged for his service and commitment to the committee.

Roger Root was presented with a new pair of skis from the Northwest Collegiate Alliance.

The main group was dismissed for the executive session.

Executive Session

Level 4 candidates from each division were announced for review. All the candidates listed are currently Level 3 in the applicable categories.

From the IMD:

Level 4 TC, RA	Francesca Hammer	USSA # 5558432
Level 4 TC, RF	Kenny Corrock	USSA # 4542197
Level 4 CR	Mark Wedeking	USSA # 4704201
Level 4 TD, RA	Meri Stratton	USSA # 4266243
Level 4 CO, JA	Mike Hammer	USSA # 5424197
Level 4 CO, JA	Richard Conroy	USSA # 5574959
Level 4 DM	Ruth Nielsen	USSA # 4871992
Level 4 TC, RA	Sue Bybee	USSA # 5558416
Level 4 CO	Troy Price	USSA # 4758462

Motion 6 To approve IMD list of applicants for advancement. Burnham/Simonson/Passed with no objections.

Central and PNSA – no recommendations

From the RMD:

Level 4 CC, CR	Jeff Westcott	USSA # 5188826
Level 4 DM, RA	Maren Berge	USSA # 5068853
Level 4 DM, RA	Eileen Martin	USSA # 4781480
Level 4 JA	Gary Wright	USSA # 4935417

Motion 7 To approve RMD list of applicants. Hammer/Hughes/Passed with no objections.

From the East:

Level 4 CO	Dirk Gouwens	USSA # 5814678
Level 4 TC, RA, DM, CR, CO, CC	Jack Gravenmier	USSA # 4957528
Level 4 RF, CO	Martin Gray	USSA # 4957528
Level 4 RF	Ron Bonnevie	USSA # 2869113
Level 4 CC, CO, CR	Peter Cornish	USSA # 989160

Motion 8 To approve the list of applicants from the East. Burnham/Hammer/Passed with no objections.

Motion 9 To adjourn. Hughes/Hammer/Passed with no objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Ransom
AOWG Vice Chair

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Regional Subcommittee

Lodges - Spruce
Deer Valley, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2007
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

Members: Chairman Beat Hupfer, Horst Weber (East)
Guests: Tom Olsen (Whitman College)

1. Call to order
Hupfer called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.
2. Review and adoption of agenda
3. Review of minutes
4. Open discussion
 - A. Weekend membership for youth and students
There seems to be the need to look into providing a weekend membership for youth and students, to accommodate competitors for season ending races that are USSA sanctioned, such as High school finals, USCSA Finals and YSL finals. The levels of pricing and offering should be similar to what the Masters are offering, two events per season and cost per weekend not to exceed \$ 25.00
 - B. Ski Up Forms
Ski Up forms are used across the country, however there are different levels of application in different divisions. The original intent was to provide a vehicle for the exceptional athlete to be able to race p with an older age group at their level of competition and vertical drop. In some areas the Ski Up form is used for J4 to race in J3 races towards the end of the season and to give them blanket access to that event. If the ski up moves athletes from non-scored to scored events, there is an additional issue with membership requirements. It has been many years since we had an exceptional athlete that was declared a "special J2" for example. One has to question whether Ski Up forms are still needed, there are a liability to USSA and looking at vertical drop levels for J4's, J3's and older athletes, there is enough range of vertical drop in each class to be able to set within the other class without compromising quality of race venues and scoring.
The J4 maximum vertical drop fit well into the J3 range and would allow scoring of the event and the J3 maximum fits well into the next level of racing. Courses ought to be set to vertical drop levels so the lower age group does not have to race over their maximum vertical drop established by the FIS and we would still have quality events and great competition without giving anything away. This would eliminate the need for Ski Up forms. In any case it would certainly be beneficial to get feedback from every division on how Ski Up forms are being used, to be able to evaluate what the Ski Up forms are used for and if there is any need to continue with it in the future.
 - C. Insurance for Camps (How do Divisions and States fit into the USSA structure)
All levels of the U.S. Ski Team, NDS project and Regional projects have no problems getting insurance from USSA for a race camp. Divisions seem to have run into a snag, which brings up the question of how Divisions and States fit into the USSA structure. One might think that they are also part of USSA as all of their members have to have a USSA membership. It seems strange to

think that Divisions might have to join USSA as a member club, are they not already part of the whole picture. What do the By-Laws say?
Maybe it would be helpful to explain the details of how it all fits together.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Courses Working Group

Lodges – Spruce
Deer Valley, UT

Thursday, May 17, 2007
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Ted Sutton

1. Call to order
Sutton called the meeting to order.
2. Review of Working Group membership
The membership was reviewed.
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection.
5. Review meeting plan and organization
6. Report of the Technical Advisor – Tom Johnston
Johnston gave a report on some of the safety installations he witnessed during the season.
7. Report from inspectors USSA/FIS
Some of the inspectors have reports on the inspections they had completed during the previous season.
8. Rules and course discussion (B-Nets)
9. Homologation inventory and assignments
USSA/FIS re-inspections and new inspections – Bruce Crane
10. Old business
The Alpine Courses Working Group has an objective to homologate all courses used for USSA alpine events, DH, SG, GS and SL.
Reaching this objective will involve identifying and further developing additional inspectors and may require other recourses such as technical advisors and reporting tools for officials, organizers and inspectors.
For the 2007-08 season, the working group will homologate courses for USSA GS and SL competitions for J3 championships and higher in addition to its customary work on reformulations of FIS courses, all events, and USSA DH and SG courses, as well as new homologations, FIS and USSA, all events, as requested.
11. New business
There was no other new business.
12. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned.

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Classification Working Group

Lodges - Evergreen
Deer Valley, UT

Friday, May 18, 2007
8:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures

A. Members

Allen Church, Chair
Cath Jett, Vice-Chair
Jeff Weinman, Staff, FIS Member
Gail Barber, Intermountain
Beat Hupfer, Far West
Stan Goldschmidt, East
Craig Gruber, Northern
Andrew Matt, PNSA
Dave Waller, Central

Guests:

Don Page, Alice Anderson, Brian Seim, Gretchen Ransom, Tom Barnes, Andrew mat, Roger Root, Craig Krueger, Paul Van Slyke, Jenny Murano, Lester Keller

B. Rules of order and reporting procedures reviewed

2. Review and approval of agenda

Approved Hupfer/Barber

3. Review and approval of minutes

Approved Hupfer/Barber

4. USSA staff report

Software issue when member list went over 10,000 members was quickly fixed by Geoff Elder.

USSA race Auto-scoring is in development and testing. Should be online in the fall.

Race files must be sent one at a time, similar to FIS procedure. Confirmation or error messages will be returned to the sender so that RA's will know immediately if there is a problem. Problem files will end up in a "non-processed" file for staff to verify that the result has been submitted correctly. This will be for scored as well as non-scored races.

5. FIS representatives report FIS list schedule, ENL Minimum, Excess Starts (more than 25)

FIS proposals: Points lists have been produced around the World Cup schedule. The U.S. is proposing additional lists to benefit the majority of athletes around the world. No consistency to production dates, valid dates or length of list. If this is adopted, USSA will mirror the schedule with a one week delay in close/valid dates. Sunday close/Thursday valid.

Second proposal is to reduce ENL points minimum value from 50.00 to 30.00. Jeff feels that this probably won't go through. There may be a compromise to about 40.00. The French federation is also proposing to change single penalty. The proposal is not entirely clear and Jeff has asked for clarification.

World-wide there were 39 athletes over the maximum 25 starts with only one U.S. athlete – Wallace from Mammoth. There are about three athletes who are blatantly ignoring the rule (+10 and +12) and Jeff is going to request that there be a sanctioning procedure if and when this occurs. Also wants clarification whether Super-K is going to count toward the 25 starts.

6. Action item referral/disposition

A. Minimum technical standards of scored races

B. Substandard races reports

Weinman reviewed both of these items. The number of substandard races has decreased significantly since the committee began reviewing.

Review of double entry races. Loveland Derby process of using a small group to race in each of two same-day races with otherwise different competitors was conducted under approved exception. Sugar Slalom used a similar process but without exception request.

Motion 1: It is the recommendation of the Working Group that this process is in violation of the prohibition of racers being entered in more than one race on the same day, and that such future exceptions not be approved.

MSC Barber/Hupfer

Motion 2: That a letter be sent to the TD and OC regarding the Sugar Slaloms for violation of rules for double entry. Future violations may include non-scoring of the event.

MSC Weinman/Barber

Church reviewed Montana State Invitational for substandard timing which was approved. This is a second such exception in the past three years for Bridger Ski Foundation.

C. Penalty levels and adders; reflecting athlete ranking lists

Church reviewed the procedure for calculating annual USSA Seeding List zeroing. A chart of results obtained by utilizing data sets of 50, 75 and 100 racers for each sex and event to calculate average differences and 1, 2 or 3 standard deviations was described. This chart from last season will be distributed to working group members as well as a chart to be prepared from the calculations in June 2007.

7. Other business

A. Golden Rose - Scored to list in effect when it was run last year as requested by the Sport Committee. Working group concurs.

8. Adjournment at 10:00 a.m.

M/S/C Hupfer/Goldschmidt

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Collegiate Working Group

Deer Valley Lodge, Park City, UT

Friday, May 18, 2007
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees

Committee:

Chairman – Mark Sullivan
Vice Chairman – Daryl Landstrom
USSA BOD – Bob Dart
NCAA Rules Committee Rep. – TBA (Kevin Sweeney-absent)
USCSA Rules Committee Rep. – Ron Bonneau
Parent Rep. – Roger Perricone
EISA Rep. – Peter Dodge (absent)
RMISA Rep. – George Brooks proxy for Richard Rokos
NCAA Nordic Rep. – TBN
Club Coach – TBN
At Large – George Thomas

Guests:

Walt Evans	Amy Beresford	Julie Woodworth
Terry Delliquadri	Laura Sullivan	Wendy Neal
Brewster McVicker	Bear Bryant	Jill Firstbrook
Tim McGuire	Gina Grassman	August Teague
Tom Olson	Finn Gunderson	Fredric Landstedt
Chuck Hughes	Robert Dari	Jeff Weinman
Dirk Gouwens	Terry DelliQuadri	
John Jacobs	Connie Webster	

1. Meeting Called to order at 10:03 a.m.
2. Accept George Brooks Proxy for Richards Rokos: M. Sullivan
M. Sullivan asked the committee to accept George Brooks proxy for Richard Rokos.
Motion 1: To accept George Brooks proxy for Richard Rokos
M/S/C – Perricone/Thomas, approved by acclamation
3. Recognition Award to George Brooks: W. Evans
Walt Evans presented the retiring George Brooks with recognition award.
4. Approval of 2006 Minutes: M. Sullivan
Sullivan asked for a motion to approve the 2006 Collegiate Working Group 2006 meeting.
Motion 2: To approve the 2006 Meeting Minutes
M/S/C - B. Dart/R. Perricone , approved by acclamation
5. Major Event Scheduling: M. Sullivan
USCSA and NCAA continue to explore the possibility of scheduling their Nationals using the same formula. The effort is to ease calendaring conflicts with regard to US Nationals,

Canadian nationals and the Nor-Am Finals. The discussion is ongoing and remains an open item.

6. WWUG Report: George Brooks

George Brooks gave a report indicating the games were a success with athletes achieving podium spots. The next WWUG are scheduled for January 19th through 30th, 2009 in China. It will again be four events. DH, SG, GS, and SL.

W. Evans added the event was successful for the athletes. Richard Rokos was the team leader, Erica McConnell, Tom Orenstien were supporting coaches. The USOC would like to see a team leader to oversee the on site elements of the project. Early identification of the team leader is imperative so they can work with Walt on this project early on.

George indicated an interest exists on the Nordic side to participate in the event again. M. Sullivan added an interest has also been expressed by snowboarding to attend this event.

Bob Dart indicated that Nordic and snowboarding should develop criteria to present to their sport committees which will then be forwarded to management and staff for approval. The committee would like to endorse Nordic and snowboarding's efforts to attend this event in the future.

R. Pericone questioned the selection criteria and how athletes could be selected who have never attended a university class before the event. Background on the criteria and how it is developed was offered by Sullivan and Evans. In short, the criteria are not developed by this working group. Additionally, any changes have to be approved by the USOC. G. Brooks added the athlete to be eligible has to be currently inscribed or have to have been at an institution for the last exam period.

7. USSA Licensing – Benefits and Liabilities: M. Sullivan

Sullivan indicated the recent changes in membership policies, existing costs and new USCSA liability insurance policy are cause for the USCSA to revisit the benefits and liabilities associated with their involvement with USSA. A good dialog was initiated earlier in the Programs Subcommittee, the outcome of which will be a proposal to be drafted by USCSA for consideration by staff in the next week.

8. U.S. National Championships Selection Criteria: Weinmann

Weinman asked for a motion to revise the US National Championships Selection Criteria. The criteria currently states athletes must be top 100 on the USSA points list, then FIS points are used for selection. Weinman would like to see a single list used, the FIS list. Additionally, Weinman would like to see clarification added to indicate that an athlete meets criteria in either tech event they qualify for both tech events and similarly, if they qualify in either speed event they qualify for both speed events.

Motion 3: To revise the U.S. National Championship Selection Criteria to state “athletes must be in the top 100 U.S. athletes on the FIS points list.” And to add, “An athlete can qualify for both tech events by meeting criteria in either event. The same applies to speed events”
M/S/C – Thomas/Landstrom, approved by acclamation

9. College Quota: M. Sullivan

Sullivan requested the wording used to describe eligible athletes in the college Quota section be reconsidered to allow recognition of the first team athletes involved with USCSA.

Motion 4: To replace the word “varsity” in the college quota definition with “officially recognized ski team in the NCAA or USCSA.”
M/S/C – Bonneau/Thomas, approved by acclamation

10. Board Composition: Pericone

Perricone requested the working group add athlete representation to the group.

Motion 5: Add two athlete representatives to the Working Group.
M/S/C – Bonneau/Brooks, approved by acclamation

11. Western NCAA Schedule: Brooks

1 -4, 5, 2008 - Steamboat CU host

1-11, 12, 2008 - Park City – Utah

2-1, 2, 2008 Crest Debut – Western State

2-8,9, 2008 Tahoes New Mexico Hosting

12. Adjourn: Sullivan

Motion 6: To Adjourn (1:59pm)
M/S/C –Bonneau/Landstrom, approved by acclamation

5/18/07

To: Walt Evans

From: Paul Wojick, USCSA

Re: USSA U Membership Proposal

As you know, the USCSA has reached an important crossroad in its long-standing relationship with USSA. I, and several other members of our Board, would like to ensure that we retain what I consider to be a valuable relationship of mutual support. To this end, I would like to propose the creation of a new U membership category.

Benefit to U license holder:

- a) Sanctioned participation, as a non-scored racer, in any USCSA event, including the USCSA National Championship.

Benefit to USCSA

- a) Liability insurance for organization as an additionally named party on USSA policy (no secondary medical insurance coverage).

Commitment of USCSA:

- a) Administration of memberships.
- b) Payment of a lump-sum fee, based on membership average over a five year time period, for liability insurance coverage under the USSA policy, before the season begins.

Requirement of USSA:

- a) Recognition of the new license.
- b) Provision of insurance coverage under its existing policy.

Benefit to USSA:

- a) Significant increase in membership base.

I am sending this proposal to Mark Sullivan via email so that you may discuss it tomorrow morning. You are more than welcome to call me with questions as you work on this. We both believe that this is in the best interest of both USCSA and USSA. I hope that you will agree.

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USSA Alpine Quotas and Selection Working Group

Deer Valley – 2002
Deer Valley, UT

Friday, May 18, 2007
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

1. Call to order
2. Review committee membership
 - A. Present: Beat Hupfer (Chair), Dave Galusha, Troy Price, Doug Williams, Kirk Dwyer, Jon Nolting, Tim Maguire, Lester Keller, Walt Evans, Robert Dart
 - B. Absent: Peter Dodge, Terry DelliQuadri
 - C. Guests: Andre Horton, Amy Beresford, Gina Gassman, Sparky Anderson, Scott Young, Darlene Nolting, Darryl Landstom, Craig Kruger, Horst Weber, Pat Purcell, Connie Webster, Julie Woodworth, Tom Barnes
3. Review and approval of agenda
 - A. Add to new business, WJC Criteria review 2008 & 2008-2009 USST criteria review
 - B. **M/S/C** Nolting/Galusha approve agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes
 - A. **M/S/C** Galusha/Williams approve minutes
5. Reports
 - A. Fall executive committee
 - 1) Minutes posted. Action item was to approve World University procedure tabled from May
 - B. Staff
 - 1) Evans:
 - a) Staff to explore on-line application for quota management
 - b) NorAm development quotas reserved for juniors and used in 2006-07
 - 2) Maguire:
 - a) Communication continues to be key
 - b) Should NorAm list names be earlier than 32 days?
 - 3) Keller:
 - a) There are massive issues in quota management at all levels and the Quotas working group should look strategically at issues of quotas
 - i) College athletes qualification for multiple quotas
 - ii) Athletes appearing on multiple quota list for competitions on the same dates
 - iii) Time issues and deadlines in quota management
 - 4) Darlene Nolting:
 - a) Agreement that quota management system is very challenging to manage
 - C. Winter activities (quota management)
6. Quota proposals

- A. Review Competition Guide
 - 1) Staff will adjust quotas for NorAm to reflect USST team size. The allocation between USST and Development must balance.
 - 2) NorAm development allocation will be adjusted to read “up to 20% of the USA quota may be used for development”. This text will apply to USA Events, CAN Events and Finals.
 - 3) Note: Correct numbering under CAN Events on Comp Guide page 38.
- B. Review J2 quotas
 - 1) Discussion to remain as published, no action items
- 7. International licensing
 - A. Summer 2006
 - 1) Numbers published in Congress Book
 - B. Winter 2006/2007
 - 1) Commend Kate Avrin on superior work done
 - 2) Numbers published in Congress Book
- 8. Collegiate quota
 - A. Report
 - 1) No report, no discussion
 - B. Procedures
 - C. FIS-U quota non-collegiate athletes
 - 1) **M/S/C** Evans, Keller “Up to 20% of USA quota may be used for development, to be managed by the host regional director. This text will insert as item 3.c. on page 41.
 - D. Review World University Games 2007
 - 1) See College Committee report
- 9. Review FIS Congress issues
 - A. Discussion and information concerning point list proposal of USA
 - B. Discussion and information concerning ENL minimum penalty proposal by USA
- 10. New business
- 11. Summer assignments
 - A. None
- 12. Next meeting
 - A. At 2008 Congress
 - B. Straw poll favors Yarrow Hotel for future Congress.
- 13. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Programs Subcommittee

Deer Valley - 2002
Deer Valley, UT

Friday, May 18, 2007
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of committee members
Members: Walt Evans, Calendar Chairman
Mark Sullivan, Collegiate WG Chairman
Beat Hupfer, Quota's - Absent
Keith McCauley, Master's Chairman
Terry DelluQuadriu, USSA Staff R/C
Tim McGuire, USSA Staff, East

Guests: Lois Benevento, Robert Dart, Laura Sullivan, Tom Olson, Ron Bonneau, George Brooks,
Ted Sutton, Brewster McVicker
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion 1: To approve the agenda with the change of C. Collegiate under report to be A.
M/S/C Evans/Sullivan/without objection
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion 2: To approve the minutes
M/S/C McCauley/Evans/without objection
5. Reports from Working Groups, including action items
 - A. Collegiate
 - 1) USCSA is concerned about membership application - renewal process and costs, particularly late fees.
 - 2) Lois Benevento, USSA Membership Staff acknowledged process issue and advised that many past due fees were waived this season. Will continue to assist processing with late entry's submitted via FAX.
 - 3) Mark Sullivan to prepare proposal for staff review and submit by June 1.
 - B. Calendar
 - 1) Venue development funding proposal pending
 - 2) DH venues continue to be a challenge – objective is to maintain inventory.
 - 3) Calendaring difficult due to new Canadian Organization, venue challenges and FIS requirements
 - C. Quota
 - 1) USNC gender balance is meeting goals – 42% FIS W 06/07
 - 2) International Licensing Rules have been updated
 - D. Masters

- 1) Welcomed Keith McCauley as new chair and expressed appreciation to Ted Nolan for his past chair and support
 - 2) Request that USSA continue ski length exemption for season 2007-08
 - 3) Request to improve "Electronic Communication Support" applicable to Master's page
 - 4) Request that USSA evaluate options to create membership link between Collegiate and Masters membership
6. New Business
Landstrom was nominated and reelected as chair.
7. Summer assignments
- 1) Staff to review Collegiate Membership Proposal
 - 2) Collegiate/Master's working group to be formed to review Options for membership link – Sullivan/McCauley
8. Next meeting
Congress 2008
9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Programs Subcommittee

Deer Valley - 2002
Deer Valley, UT

Friday, May 18, 2007
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Report

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

The Alpine Programs Sub-Committee met at 8:30AM May 18. The following represent the individual committee reports and action plans as applicable:

1. Calendar
 - a) Report is attached without action items (see Education & Development minutes).
 - b) It is to be noted that DH venue and B netting inventories continue to be a challenge
2. Collegiate
 - a) Membership application and renewal 1st draft proposal to be submitted to staff for review by 6/15
 - b) WWUG discussion re: qualification criteria without action required. However, it was agreed that staff should work with FIS to establish consistency among nations.
 - c) USC quota/selection criteria motions passed:

Motion 3: To revise the U.S. National Championship Selection Criteria to state “athletes must be in the top 100 U.S. athletes on the FIS points list.” And to add, “An athlete can qualify for both tech events by meeting criteria in either event. The same applies to speed events.”
M/S/C –Thomas/Landstrom, approved by acclamation

Motion 4: To replace the word “varsity” in the college quota definition with “officially recognized ski team in the NCAA or USCSA.”
M/S/C –Bonneau/Thomas, approved by acclamation
 - d) Working Group composition action item to add athlete representatives:

Motion 5: Add two athlete representatives to the Working Group.
M/S/C –Bonneau/Brooks, approved by acclamation
 - e) George Brooks recognized by USSA for 37 years of involvement in USSA/NCAA programs
3. Masters - no action items.
 - a) Keith McCauley is new Chair – appreciation to Ted Nolan for support as past Chair.
 - b) USSA requested to continue ski length exemption in 2008-09.
 - c) Request to improve electronic communication support on Master's page of USSA website.
 - d) Walt challenged Master's to work on expanding membership of women in competition program.
 - e) Committee to organize WG with Collegiate to examine how to link Memberships.
4. Quotas: no major issues. Primary review and housekeeping of Comp Guide.

Quota and selection language to include the following:

 - a) Staff will adjust quotas for NorAm to reflect USST team size. The allocation between USST and Development must balance.

- b) NorAm development allocation will be adjusted to read “up to 20% of the USA quota may be used for development”. This text will apply to USA Events, CAN Events and Finals.
- c) One action item applicable to NorAm
- d) **Motion:** M/S/C Evans/Keller “Up to 20% of USA quota may be used for development, to be managed by the host regional director. This text will insert as item 3.c. on page 41.

Landstrom was nominated and re-elected as Chair for second term.

The meeting adjourned at 10AM.

Submitted by Darryl Landstrom

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Timing Working Group

Lodges – Evergreen
Deer Valley, UT

Friday, May 18, 2007
12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
Church called the meeting to order and reviewed the membership.

Attendance

Members:

Allan Church – Chair
Jenna Ginsberg – Vice-Chair
Ellen Hoffman
Gretchen Ransom
Stanley Goldschmidt
John Jacobs
Tami Strong
Andrew Mat for Curt Gleaves

Guests:

John Jett
Brian Seim
Rick Duncan
Don Page
Ernie Page
Alice Anderson
Nancy Wiedel
Mike Hammer

2. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved. Hoffman/Goldschmidt/without exception.
3. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved. Hoffman/Strong/without exception.
4. Reports
 - A. Chair
Church apologized for not giving the timing form reviews a better outline for reporting. During the season he reviewed FIS forms and worked as Chief of Timing at USA World Cups, National Championships and NorAm Cup events.
 - B. USSA staff
Weinman apologized for the forms not being sent to the reviewers in a more timely manner and will continue to work with staff to be sure they are sent.
 - C. FIS representatives
Church noted that the FIS Timing meeting is next week. There are no issues that he knows of that will be coming forward.
5. Action item disposition
 - A. Requests for temporary exceptions
There was one request during the season for the Bridger Ski Foundation.

**Motion: To require that, for any races given an exception to the timing rules, all timing data (system A and B tapes and hand time forms) be returned with the timing form in the official result packet to USSA.
Hoffman/Ginsberg/without objection**

B. USSA Timing Technical Report Form quality

There was discussion from the reviewers regarding some of the problems/issues/concerns that they noticed during the season. The feeling was that in general the forms are getting better.

In the future, when possible, the reviewers will make contact with the Chief of Timing and the TDs to further the education of those involved.

The Teaching Update will be modified to note that the Chief of Timing should not necessarily be the person who runs the timing equipment. This will be modified from that they must not be the same to should not be the same.

C. Review and update of USSA/FIS timing rules

There were no changes discussed.

6. Homologation of equipment, publication

There was discussion regarding some of the pieces of equipment used in timing systems and the homologation, or non-homologation of some of those pieces. Church will take the question regarding the non-homologated pieces to the FIS Timing Committee.

7. Other business

A. Definition "Chief of Timing and Calculation"

Covered previously.

B. EET (Replacement Time) – calculation?

EET is particular to the USA. Other nations and the FIS Form refer to a replacement time.

There was a question regarding the use of particular systems for calculating EETs. The conclusion was that any system can be used as long as it is verifiable.

C. Timing Software

The output (.xml result file) is the only part of the software that is approved.

D. Start Clock

There was discussion regarding the use of Start Clocks/Beeps. The current rules will remain as written.

8. Adjournment

To adjourn

Ransom/Hoffman/without objection

Summary of 2006 Adder Calculations

Ladies DH, Best 50				Men DH, Best 50			
2.67	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	4.97	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
2.97	St Dev	5.94	8.91	3.83	St Dev	7.66	11.48
5.64	Sum	8.60	11.57	8.80	Sum	12.63	16.45
Ladies DH, Best 75				Men DH, Best 75			
2.93	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	4.90	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
3.48	St Dev	6.97	10.45	4.07	St Dev	8.15	12.22
6.42	Sum	9.90	13.39	8.98	Sum	13.05	17.12
Ladies DH, Best 100				Men DH, Best 100			
4.01	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	5.39	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
3.08	St Dev	6.15	9.23	6.16	St Dev	12.32	18.48
7.09	Sum	10.16	13.24	11.55	Sum	17.71	23.87

Ladies SL, Best 50				Men SL, Best 50			
2.31	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	2.42	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
1.98	St Dev	3.97	5.95	1.99	St Dev	3.98	5.97
4.29	Sum	6.27	8.26	4.41	Sum	6.40	8.39
Ladies SL, Best 75				Men SL, Best 75			
3.50	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	3.06	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
2.75	St Dev	5.50	8.25	2.11	St Dev	4.23	6.34
6.25	Sum	9.00	11.75	5.18	Sum	7.29	9.41
Ladies SL, Best 100				Men SL, Best 100			
4.19	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	3.45	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
3.38	St Dev	6.75	10.13	2.39	St Dev	4.78	7.17
7.57	Sum	10.94	14.32	5.84	Sum	8.23	10.62

Ladies GS, Best 50				Men GS, Best 50			
2.75	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	2.64	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
2.32	St Dev	4.63	6.95	1.93	St Dev	3.86	5.80
5.07	Sum	7.38	9.70	4.57	Sum	6.50	8.43
Ladies GS, Best 75				Men GS, Best 75			
3.47	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	3.12	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
2.82	St Dev	5.64	8.46	2.19	St Dev	4.38	6.57
6.29	Sum	9.11	11.93	5.31	Sum	7.50	9.69
Ladies GS, Best 100				Men GS, Best 100			
4.01	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	3.72	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
3.08	St Dev	6.15	9.23	2.46	St Dev	4.92	7.38
7.09	Sum	10.16	13.24	6.18	Sum	8.64	11.10

Ladies SG, Best 50				Men SG, Best 50			
2.16	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	2.62	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
3.72	St Dev	7.44	11.15	3.62	St Dev	7.23	10.85
5.88	Sum	9.60	13.32	6.24	Sum	9.85	13.47
Ladies SG, Best 75				Men SG, Best 75			
3.39	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	3.70	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
4.68	St Dev	9.36	14.05	4.59	St Dev	9.18	13.77
8.07	Sum	12.76	17.44	8.29	Sum	12.88	17.47
Ladies SG, Best 100				Men SG, Best 100			
4.29	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3	4.48	Average	SD x 2	SD x 3
5.71	St Dev	11.41	17.12	5.36	St Dev	10.71	16.07
10.00	Sum	15.70	21.41	9.84	Sum	15.20	20.56

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Rocky/Central Region ASC

Deer Valley – 2002
Deer Valley, UT

Friday, May 18, 2007
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Jon Nolting

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Introduction of RC ASC members

Members: Jon Nolting - Chair, Dave Waller - Vice Chair, Bill Slattery, CEN, Brewster McVicker, CEN, Darryl Landstrom, CEN, Roger Perricone, RMD, Bob Dart, RMD, Pat Callahan, RMD

Staff: Darlene Nolting, Terry DelliQuadri, Walt Evans

Guests: George Thomas, RMD, Amy Beresford, RMD, Gina Gassman, Western, Tom Barnes, CEN, PJ Jenick, RMD, Rick DeVos, RMD

3. Review and approval of agenda
Perricone/Callahan M/S/C
4. Review and approval of minutes
Waller/McVicker M/S/C
5. Staff Reports

A. Terry DelliQuadri

- 1) Brewster McVicker has just signed papers to become the new Central Manager. He starts June 1st. June 2nd he is headed to the JUNE NDS camp. Brewster will be working out of his house and we will close the office in Marquette. Excited to work with and have Brewster on board.
- 2) Rob is running a RMD camp on the weekends in May right now.
- 3) Darlene will be running a RMD camp at Mt Hood in conjunction with the NDS camp.
- 4) Both RMD and Central will have projects in South America this summer.
- 5) Calendars are looking good at this point. RMD has added a Junior FIS series to their calendar. Central will be bringing a team out to the Colorado Junior Ski Championships.
- 6) It is important to get our membership at these meetings. We are under represented at the Congress.

B. Rob Worrell

C. Darlene Nolting

- 1) New partnership with Spyder for JO jackets that brings a recognized name brand in and will make it possible to efficiently take care of sizing issues.
- 2) Accounting on Regional projects, J2 Nationals and U.S. Nationals worked out much better than in the past.

D. Kristian Saile

- 1) Kristian has a report in the book and will be moving on to the Women's D Team.

E. Walt Evans

- 1) Congratulate R/C on winning the J2 regions cup this year.
- 2) Expressed gratitude to staff for the work they do. Darlene is solid and my right hand, Terry is providing good leadership to the two divisions. Rob has stepped up and is providing the needs of the divisions.
- 3) My appreciation to the Central leadership for their counsel and support.

6. Divisional ACC reports

A. Central - Dave Waller

- 1) Great change in the Coaches representation at the Central ACC. There were over 30 coaches at the Coaches meeting the night before the Central ACC.
- 2) I would like to compliment Rob on the excellent presentation that he gave at the Central Coaches meeting.
- 3) The Central coaches will be getting together over the summer and will sit down and put together a good development plan for the division.
- 4) Central changed the way they are funding Development. They put some of their money towards some camps in the early season and they were all well attended and great successes.
- 5) The Lutsen Spring Series was handed over to the Central board and the Board changed it to the Central Championships. There was prize money and it was a great event. We almost broke even.
- 6) Michael Ankeny won the slalom at the J2 Nationals and was the top junior at U.S. Nationals in SL.
- 7) Tom Barnes and Buck Hill did a great job on the Central Championships.

B. Rocky Mountain - Jon Nolting

- 1) RMD put together a strategic task force that worked through this past year and put together a presentation at the RMD ACC this spring.
- 2) RMD put together a Vision and Mission Statement, and closely followed the USSA core values.
- 3) Conditioning was the first thing we really tackled. A pass/fail assessment was developed that used elements from the USSA assessment and added some weightlifting components. Athletes now have to pass this test to receive the All-Star pass. This change unquestionably drove RMD athletes to improve their ski-specific fitness levels. The performance grid was built out so that it gets harder the older you get.
- 4) Development - projects should provide a better environment and better peer group and cost less than the clubs can provide. Selections for projects will use the teams that are named more. Expectation that coaches on staff for divisional/regional competition projects have participated in a prep project to provide continuity and familiarity with the athletes. Change the name of the elite team and focus it on developing athletes for World Junior and USST D Team athletes.
- 5) Calendar concepts - Renaming the Rocky Mountain Trophy Series to the Colorado Ski Cup. Adding a FIS Junior series on the calendar. Changing of the name is a part of marketing plan to increase visibility and exposure and drive sponsorship money through title sponsorship.
- 6) Qualifications and rules - simplification and consistency
- 7) Age Class - Interaction with YSL and Smartwool (USSA scored)
- 8) Sport initiatives - Multiple races in one day and one-day races. Trying to get more hits (starts) in a day and trying to increase the fun factor.

7. New Business

- A. Selections -
 - 1) **Motion:** Nor Am Selections - to reserve 50% of the Rocky/Central quota to be reserved for juniors. **Slattery/Callahan M/S/abled - to refer back to staff for more research.**
 - B. New National events
 - C. Discussion - is it a reasonable goal to schedule an event in Central that Rocky athletes would attend? Need to provide a reason for the athletes to travel. Evaluate better environment than what is in Rocky, better competitive peer group, and cost consideration. Some discussion of a regional selection event for J2 Nationals (and J1 if such an event comes on line) and that the compromise would be that Rocky travels to Central for SL's, but that protected divisional quotas would be removed from the selection method.
 - D. Committee Memberships - Development subcommittee - Chris Puckett, Ron Lawrence - Quota and Selection - Jeff Bruggeman, Jim Tschabrun (was athlete rep and will need to be replaced). Regional Sub committee - Roger Perricone and Darryl Landstrom.
 - E. Discussion for next meeting - many committees are adding a position for the past chair to sit on the committee without taking a spot from one of the divisions, this committee may want to review this concept. Jon was tasked to get with Bob to find and circulate the bylaws and operating procedures for this committee.
 - F. Walt is looking for a new title sponsor for the Junior Olympic series.
 - G. J3 JO siting was reviewed. The conference call vote last fall was for last season's event only. Vail was awarded the event through 2008, and will be the host next year for this event. Walt is working with a Rocky club to site the J2 JO's, potentially as a two-year bid. R/C should be considerate of this when taking bids at the 2008 meeting for J3 and J4 Junior Olympics.
 - H. Jon was tasked to review the best time with the least conflicts for this meeting for next year.
 - I. Neil Atkinson received a Certificate of Recognition from USSA for his hard work with the Lutsen Spring Series.
- 8. Old Business
 - 9. Adjournment
McVicker/Waller M/S/C

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Lodges – Evergreen
Deer Valley, UT

Friday, May 18, 2007
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, second session

Issues: Discussion and Action Items

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

Vice Chair: Gary Wright

1. Review of Wednesday Evening Meeting – Chair asked if there was a need for review, with none requested.
2. Reports and Action Items from R&T working groups
 - A. Officials
 - 1) Education – Accepted as presented
 - a) **To increase the membership of this working group by the addition of the Chair of the Timing Working Group, currently Allen Church, and Don Page who will serve in an at-large position.**
 - b) **Election of Chair & Vice Chair**
Thelma Hoessler, Chairman
Gary Wright, Vice Chairman
 - 2) USSA TD's – Accepted as presented
 - a) **Motion 4 – an amendment to allow \$50 per diem per day for TD's on USSA scored events.**
 - b) **Motion 5 - Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
 - i) **Bob Calderwood, Chairman**
 - ii) **Randy Rogers, Vice Chair**
 - c) **Motion 7 - to approve the recommendations of the divisional representatives for TD advancement.**
Recommendations:

Level 3	RMD	Tony Nunnikhoven	USSA # 5014196
Level 3	East	Jonathan Corchnoy	USSA # E5315742
Level 3	East	Richard Sawyer	USSA # E4679882
Level 3	East	Peter Stwertka	USSA # E5571468
Level 3	East	Tao Smith	USSA # E4580361
Level 4	East	Jack Gravenmier	USSA # E4549911
Level 4	East	Cindy Brown	USSA # E4764627
- 3) USA FIS TD's – Accepted as presented

- a) No Action Items
- 4) Alpine Officials Working Group – Accepted as presented
 - a) **Motion (5) to adopt similar text concerning JA and RF reinstatement concurrent with the existing TD text, in that they need to retake the tests, attend appropriate updates, etc.**

b) Motions to approve the recommendations of the divisional representatives for Alpine Officials advancement.

Level 4 CC, CR	Jeff Westcott	USSA # 5188826
Level 4 DM, RA	Marne Berge	USSA # 5068853
Level 4 DM, RA	Eileen Martin	USSA # 4781480
Level 4 JA	Gary Wright	USSA # 4935417
Level 4 CO	Dirk Gouwens	USSA # 5814678
Level 4 RF, CO	Martin Gray	USSA # 4957528
Level 4 RF	Ron Bonnevie	USSA # 2869113
Level 4 CC, CO, CR	Peter Cornish	USSA # 989160
Level 4 TC, RA, DM, CR, CO, CC	Jack Gravenmier	USSA # 4957528

B. Courses – Accepted as presented

1) No Action Items, however the following recommendation was presented:

The Alpine Courses Working Group has as an objective to homologate all courses used for USSA alpine events, DH, SG, GS, SL.

Reaching this objective will involve identifying and further developing additional inspectors and may require other resources such as technical advisors and reporting tools for officials, organizers and inspectors.

For the 2007-08 season, the working group will homologate courses for USSA GS and SL competitions for J3 championships and higher in addition to its customary work on rehomologations of FIS courses, all events, and USSA DH and SG courses, as well as new homologations, FIS and USSA, all events, as requested.

C. Classification – Accepted as presented

- 1) **Motion: It is the recommendation of the Working Group that this process (the double entry of a select group of athletes within one event) is in violation of the prohibition of racers being entered in more than one race on the same day, and that such future exceptions not be approved.**
- 2) **Motion: That a letter be sent to the TD and OC regarding the Sugar Slaloms for violation of rules for double entry. Future violations may include non-scoring of the event.**

D. Timing – Accepted as presented

- 1) **Motion: To require that, for any races given an exception to the timing rules, all timing data (system A and B tapes and hand time forms) be returned with the timing form in the official result packet to USSA.**

3. Projects, issues and consideration of action Items

- A. Items from Competition Services staff - None at this time.
- B. 'Old business' and 'On-going' - Chair asked if there is any business that needs to be considered under Old and On-going.
- C. **New Items – Rules & Technical Subcommittee supports the Alpine Sport Committee initiatives as follows;**
 - 1) **To support the efforts of the Venue Management Initiative.**
 - 2) **Development of an equipment Matrix to outline the upcoming changes in specifications.**

- 3) **To mandate certified referees as jury members and course setters.**
 - 4) **To amend the operating procedures of the Sport Committee, Subcommittees and Working Groups to automatically include the Immediate Past Chair as a voting member of the respective committee.**
- D. The adoption of the FIS Articles 640.2 & 640.3. And as follows: 640.1 A Jury may only accept a protest if it is based upon physical evidence or “eye witness testimony”.**
- E. Planning items - None
4. Other business
- A. Election of At-Large Members – Accepted Nomination of all current at-large members for reelection with no other nominations. The following at-large members were elected;**
- Gary Wright**
- Karen Korfanta**
- Curt Hammond**
- Bill Gaylord**
5. Routing of post-meeting action items - None
6. Next meeting – Next Congress May 2008
7. Adjournment

ALPINE RULES AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

A subcommittee of the Alpine Sport Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee (R & T SC) is to complement the athletic and participant programs of USSA alpine through support of a sport environment and competitions which are legal, fair, orderly and attractive.

Objectives

The principal objectives of the Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee are:

- to promote, facilitate and coordinate 'technical' functions in USSA alpine, including athlete ranking, control of competitions, course approvals, and officials development*
- * Athlete ranking: results, points and lists; control of competitions: sanctioning (certification of results for scoring) and technical delegates; course approvals: homologation and registration; officials education, certification, and materials
- to recruit, retain and develop a pool of alpine officials and other rules and technical volunteers sufficient to achieve this objective over the long term
- to assist its component working groups in the accomplishment of their objectives
- to initiate proposals to the Alpine Sport Committee in regard to competition rules and technical matters

Reporting and Coordination

The Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee reports through its chairperson to the Alpine Sport Committee. The R & T SC works closely with the USSA staff to plan for and to provide information, programs and materials in support of the objectives of the subcommittee and of the ASC. The R & T SC coordinates its activities with those of the other ASC subcommittees and of the USSA representatives to the FIS.

Rules and Policies

A. Membership: The R & T SC is composed of the chairperson of each of:

Alpine Classification Working Group
Alpine Courses Working Group
Alpine Officials Working Group
Alpine Officials Education Working Group
USSA Technical Delegates Working Group
USA FIS Technical Delegates Working Group
Alpine Timing Working Group

and of:

An alpine competition staff member designated by the Alpine Competition Director
Up to three/four At-large members at the discretion of the subcommittee

Each of the chairpersons is named by the members of the respective working group. The processes for selection shall be described in a procedures document. These may be specific to each working group and shall reference respective regional/divisional entities.

- B. Chairperson: The chairperson of the R & T SC is selected by the members of the subcommittee for two year terms for a maximum of four consecutive terms. The chairperson shall be active and/or have background in an R & T area. The chairperson is a member of the ASC.
- C. Vice-chairperson: The Vice-chairperson of the R & T SC is selected by the members of the subcommittee for two year terms. The Vice-chairperson shall be active and/or have background in an R & T area. The Vice-chairperson substitutes for the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson.
- D. FIS representatives and Guests: All FIS representatives are recognized as ex officio members (voice, but not vote).

Unless specifically 'closed' for 'executive session', all meetings shall be open and guests will have opportunity to speak as time and agenda permit.

- E. Voting and Quorum: A majority of the subcommittee members, counting the chairperson and proxies, shall constitute a quorum for normal business, and a simple majority of those present and voting shall decide.

In the case of a failure of quorum to consider normal business, the members present may consider decisions as advisory opinions, which must be carried forward as such.

Two-thirds of the subcommittee members, counting the chairperson and proxies, are needed for a quorum to consider amending the statement of purpose or rules and policies, or to request removal of any member, and a two-thirds majority of those present and voting is necessary to decide to amend or to so request.

The chairperson may vote only in the case of a tie vote in the subcommittee or to achieve or deny a two-thirds majority vote.

- F. Substitutes and Proxy Voting: Substitutes and proxy voting are allowed provided that the substitute is named in advance by the regular member, is a member of the respective working group/subcommittee and preferably the vice-chairperson thereof, and is entitled to one vote.

- G. Meeting Schedule and Agenda: The R & T SC normally meets once a year, in the spring. The time of the next meeting shall be determined at each meeting as possible.

The chairperson may cancel a normal meeting on request of two-thirds of the members and with the approval of the chairperson of the ASC.

Two-thirds of the members may call for an additional or special meeting a minimum of forty days in advance of the proposed meeting date.

The chairperson, in conjunction with USSA staff, shall draft and distribute the agenda in advance of any meetings. Any member may request additions subject to subcommittee acceptance.

R&TPURP.RTF; 09/25/97>05/08/02; bac; as amended

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee

3rd Floor Conference Room – USSA
Park City, UT

Saturday, May 19, 2007
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Members:

Bob Dart - 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>
Beat Hupfer - Regional Chair	<u>Present</u>
Darryl Landstrom - Program Chair	<u>Excused</u>
Chris Puckett - Athlete Representative	<u>Excused</u>
Bill Slattery - Immediate Past Chair	<u>Present</u>
Paul VanSlyke - Rules and Technical Chair	<u>Present</u>
Tom Winters - Ex-officio *	<u>Present</u>
Jeff Weinman - Secretary *	<u>Present</u>

* *non-voting*

Guests:

Lester Keller, Terry DelliQuadri, Gary Wright, Tim Maguire

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 7:35.
2. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
3. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes from the Wednesday meeting will be approved at the next Executive meeting along with the minutes from this meeting.
4. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes distribution
Most of the minutes are in and will work to compile the complete packet for the afternoon meeting.
5. Summary review (action items, initiatives and issues)
 - A. Executive committee
 - 1) Executive report
Dart thanked everyone for their work and noted that there was some difficulty with the split meeting venue being able to go between meetings.
 - 2) ASC operating procedures – Dart
The only change to the operating procedures would be the addition of immediate past chair that came up at the last Executive meeting. To amend the procedures to show that the FIS representative would be appointed on odd years.
 - 3) Review terms and appointments – Slattery
Darrel Landstrom is the Program Chair; he was reelected for a two year term. Bob Dart is the Alpine Sport Committee Chair; the recommendation is for him to be reelected. Karen

Korfanta is an at-large member to the ASC; the recommendation is for her to be reelected. Tom Winters is the FIS representative; the recommendation is for him to be reelected.

- 4) Awards - Dart/Slattery
There was no additional report.
- 5) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery
Slattery reported that the one action item was a clarification of the process for Jury Appeals. The Regional Directors were asked to submit their current appeal processes to be reviewed at the Fall Executive meeting along with the new process white paper that is being developed.
- B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – VanSlyke
VanSlyke thanked Weinman for his work within the Rules and Tech meetings. He reviewed the report that will be presented to the Sport Committee. There was discussion regarding the proposal from the USSA TD WG to have a \$50 per race day payment in addition to expenses for TDs at USSA Scored races. There was also discussion on the proposal from the Courses WG to begin the process of homologating USSA technical courses. There was discussion regarding the Classification WG recommendation to remove the option for double entry as an option for exceptions to the rules as applied to situations like the Loveland Derby and Sugar SL for the group of elite athletes who were started in two races in one day.
- C. Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom
Landstrom reviewed the report that will be presented to the Sport Committee. There was discussion regarding membership and the cost particularly for an athlete who is just starting coaching but still racing. Those members purchase a Competitor, FIS and Coaches memberships for \$300. There was discussion regarding some of the items that came out of the Quotas WG.
- D. Development and Education Subcommittee – Galusha
Galusha reviewed the report that will be presented to the Sport Committee, there are no action items.
- E. Regional Subcommittee – Hupfer
Hupfer reviewed the report that will be presented to the Sport Committee.
- F. FIS – Winters
Winters was excused. There was no report.
- G. Athletes – Horton
Horton reported that the athletes have not yet met. The athlete meeting is tomorrow but it does overlap part of the ASC meeting. He recommended that the athletes meet on Friday so there is a better opportunity to report.

**Motion 1: Individuals serving as referees and course setters at USA Scored events must be current USSA coach or official members and be currently certified as Referees in season 2007-08 and will be required to be certified Referees in season 2008-09 and beyond.
Evans/Slattery/without objection**

**Motion 2: To adopt the language as proposed by the Rules & Technical Subcommittee to adopt the FIS Articles 640.2 & 640.3. And as follows: 640.1 A Jury may only accept a protest if it is based upon physical evidence or “eyewitness testimony”.
Van Slyke/Hupfer/without objection**

**Motion 3: For the 2007-08 season, the working group will homologate courses for USSA GS and SL competitions for J3 championships and higher in addition to its customary work on reformulations of FIS courses, all events, and USSA DH and SG courses, as well as new homologations, FIS and USSA, all events, as requested.
Van Slyke/Evans/without objections**

6. Review ASC agenda
The agenda was reviewed.
7. Old business
The helmet rule is being reviewed by Legal and will be finalized and reviewed by Executive. Other issues that arise out of the upcoming FIS meetings will be reviewed by Executive as well.

Dart asked the members to review the schedule for comments to Suzette and reminded everyone about the evaluation form that is in the book.

8. New business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33.

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Sport Committee Meeting

Lodges – Evergreen
Deer Valley, UT

Saturday, May 19, 2007
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Members:

Bob Dart –Chair	<u>Present</u>
Amy Beresford – Athlete Rep	<u>Present</u>
Jeff Bruggeman – Rocky/Central Region Rep	<u>Absent</u>
Kirk Dwyer – Eastern Region Rep	<u>Absent</u>
Walt Evans – Competition Director	<u>Present</u>
Dave Galusha – Development & Education Chair	<u>Present</u>
Curt Hammond – Western Region Rep	<u>Absent</u>
Mark Heinrick-Wallace – Athlete Rep	<u>Present</u>
Andre Horton – Athlete Rep	<u>Present</u>
Jesse Hunt – Alpine Director	<u>Present</u>
Beat Hupfer – Western Region Rep	<u>Abset</u>
Karen Korfanta – At-Large	<u>Present</u>
Darryl Landstrom – Program Chair	<u>Present</u>
Roger Perricone – Rocky/Central Region Rep	<u>Present</u>
Chris Puckett – Athlete Rep	<u>Absent</u>
Bill Slattery – Immediate Past Chair	<u>Present</u>
Leland Sosman – Parliamentarian *	<u>Excused</u>
Paul VanSlyke – Rules and Technical Chair	<u>Present</u>
Horst Weber – Eastern Region Rep	<u>Present</u>
Tom Winters – FIS Rep	<u>Excused</u>
Jeff Weinman – Secretary *	<u>Present</u>

* *non-voting*

Guests:

Connie Webster, Dirk Gouwens, Keith McCauley, Fraser West, Brewster McVicker, Molly J. Laramie, Francesca Hammer, Bruce Crane, Allen Church, Gary Wright, Mike Hammer, Brian Seim, Tom Barnes, Dave Waller, Brewster McVicker, Andy Daly, Jon Nolting, Dexter Paine, George Thomas

1. Call to order - Bob Dart
Dart called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. He thanked the Executive Committee, the Committee and Working Group Chairs and all the volunteers in attendance. In particular Dart welcomed Dexter Paine and Andy Daly from the USSA Board of Directors.
2. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved with the addition of 7.B. Operational Procedures and the deletion of 5.A.4) Scholastic Task Force without objection.
3. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection.
4. Staff Reports

- A. USSA/USST Management report
There was no report.
 - B. Alpine Director - Jesse Hunt
Hunt noted that he had presented his report during the Development meeting.
 - C. Competition Director - Walt Evans
5. Alpine Subcommittee reports
- A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Executive report
Motion 1: To accept the Executive report as presented in the materials including the action items.
Slattery/Van Slyke/without objection
 - 2) Awards
Dart congratulated all the winners and expressed his feeling that the awards dinner was very good.
 - 3) Alpine judicial committee
Slattery reviewed items from the meetings as presented in the materials.

Motion 2: To approve the Judicial report including the action items.
Slattery/Evans/without objection
 - B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee
Van Slyke reviewed items from the meetings as presented in the materials.

Motion 3: To approve the Rules and Technical report and the action items therein except the two items that will be considered below.
Van Slyke/Slattery/without objection

Motion 4: To table the recommendation of the Classification Working Group which eliminates special seeding for events like the Loveland Derby as an exception to the double entry rule and ask the Working Group to revisit the issue next spring.
Hunt/Evans/without objection

Motion 5: To amend the motion from the USSA TD Working Group to allow a \$50 per diem per day for USSA TDs at USSA Scored events and for USSA Course Inspectors beginning with season 2008-09.
Van Slyke/Slattery/motion failed

Motion 6: To amend the motion from the USSA TD Working Group to allow a \$50 per diem per day for USSA TDs at USSA Scored events and for USSA Course Inspectors beginning with season 2007-08.
Van Slyke/Weber/without objection
 - C. Programs Subcommittee
Landstrom reviewed items from the meetings as presented in the materials.

Motion 7: To accept the report of the Programs Subcommittee and the action items therein.
Landstrom/Slattery/without objection
 - D. Development and Education Subcommittee
Galusha thanked Jenny Murano from the Education staff for preparing the meetings. He thanked Andy Walsh, Hunt, Evans, Maguire, DelliQuadri and Keller for their reports. The reports were clear and well thought and the effort of the staff is appreciated. Galusha reviewed items from the meetings as presented in the materials. There was good discussion throughout the meeting on a number of topics including course setting

Motion 8: To accept the report of the Development and Education Subcommittee and the

action items therein subject to amending the language regarding D-Team support.

Galusha/Slattery/without objection

E. Regional Subcommittee

Evans reviewed items from the meetings as presented in the materials for Hupfer who was excused. Evans noted that the Committee continues to support the idea that USSA should develop an online system not only for member renewal but also for new members.

Motion 9. To accept the report of the Regional Subcommittee and the action items therein. Evans/Slattery/without objection

F. FIS

Evans reviewed items from the meeting as presented in the materials for Winters who was excused.

Motion 10: To accept the FIS report. Evans/Slattery/without objection

G. Athletes

The athlete representatives were in the Athlete Council meeting and so were not available to report.

6. Old business

There was no other old business.

7. New business

A. Operations Manual

Motion 11: To amend the Alpine Sport Committee Operating Procedures to direct for each Committee, Subcommittee and Working Group to add the voting position of Immediate Past Chair. Slattery/Korfanta/without objection

Motion 12: To amend the Alpine Sport Committee Operating Procedures to state that the FIS Representative be elected on odd number years. Slattery/Van Slyke/without objection

B. Nominating committee report and appointments

Motion 13: To reelect Karen Korfanta as the At-Large representative. Perricone /Landstrom/without objection

Motion 14: To reelect Tom Winters as the FIS representative. Perricone/Landstrom/without objection

Motion 15: To reelect Bob Dart as the Chair of the Alpine Sport Committee. Perricone /Landstrom/without objection

8. Comments from guests

There were no comments.

9. Closing remarks

Dart asked that everyone complete and return the meeting evaluation included in the meeting materials.

10. Next meeting

Evans proposed that the Fall Executive meeting be conducted as a teleconference sometime in September. Weinman pointed out that there will need to be an earlier meeting as well to review issues from the FIS meetings.

11. Adjournment

Motion 16: To adjourn. Slattery/Hupfer/without objection

**Minutes of the Eastern Alpine Competition Committee Spring Meeting
April 28, 2007**

Kirk Dwyer called the meeting to order at 8:33 am. He commented that it was nice to see so many people in attendance both at today's meeting and at the meetings held Friday 4/27.

Administrative Announcements – None

Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve Reiss/Woodworth/unanimous

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Motion to approve Williams/Davenport/unanimous

REPORTS

Eastern Alpine Competition Director – Tim Maguire (see written report)

Tim thanked Janet for doing a great job keeping the winter organized what with the rescheduling that needed to be done this winter. He also thanked Bart, Alex, Mike and Erin for their work this winter. Tim announced that Erin will not be returning – he wished her good luck in the future.

He acknowledged concern from the main office about results from the Eastern athletes at national events. Tim reminded the audience that a one-year snap shot may not be a true assessment of the work being done in the east. He emphasized the need to assess where the region is headed, what we do well and what improvements need to be made. Tim did stress the need to emphasize to the main office the importance of having adequate staff funding in order to provide stability and consistency in staffing. Kirk agreed that staff funding concerns would be presented at the national meetings.

Eastern Regional Coach – Bart Bradford (see written report)

Bart thanked everyone for their help this season. He enjoyed working with the coaches and staff and looks forward to next season.

Eastern Development and Competition Manager – Alex Krebs (see written report)

Alex thanked the staff, programs and coaches for a great season. She felt the K2 Nationals and Topolino were great opportunities for the athletes and the region. She stressed the importance of continued participation in K2 Nationals even though they are scheduled for Western Canada next season. She also encouraged coaches and programs to talk up the website as a great tool for information.

Alpine Officials – Chuck Hughes

Chuck reported the officials had a very positive meeting in Lake Placid and wanted to thank the alpine officials in the region and the alpine officials chairs for all their hard work this season. Chuck reviewed the following news from that meeting:

- Balance of \$5000.00 which is used for officials education. The money comes from head tax at clinics and a gentle reminder to state chairs to please submit head tax for any clinics held this past season
- Chuck Hughes will be Chair and Jill Firstbrook will be Vice Chair next year
- Important for officials and all coaches to attend updates every year as there are rule changes often
- Recording of AO participation for non-scored events has been invaluable for advancement of officials and to gain an understanding of who is really working races
- Recommendations for advancements were made
- Idea to simplify advancement forms
- Guidelines for reinstatement of Refs and JAs – use same language as TD but include JA
- Start/Stop procedure powerpoint was presented
- Awards – Burkett Dodge Award: Jack Gravenmire – SARA
Eastern Alpine Official Award: Larry Smith – NY
- Ref Education was discussed including getting senior refs involved, understanding of how to inspect course and look for safety, venue safety management, clarification of wording of helmet/face guard rule
- Screening process is not going away

- Kombi events – currently no guidelines – request at national level for some guidelines
- Upcoming equipment changes
- Future requirement to set or be on jury will be an update every year or Ref 3 exam

Children's Racing – Gerd Reiss

Gerd reported good discussion at children's meeting 4/27 resulting in the following proposals:

#1. The method for choosing Topolino, J3 NDS camp and J3 Elite camp participants will be by using the results from the previous year's JOs; rank the 1st year J3s by OWC points (after 2nd year J3s are pulled from results). All three disciplines will be used for these rankings. Ties will be broken internally.

Williams/Davenport/unanimous

#2. Increase quota numbers to Whistler Shootout – VT change from 6 to 8, NH change from 6 to 8, NY change from 6 to 7, ME change from 4 to 5. Davenport/Webster/unanimous

#3. Format for Future Stars: Continue to have a 3 day event (preferably on Sat, Sun and Monday) with a speed elements training day, a day to train sections in the morning and SG race in the afternoon and a Kombi race one day. Reduce the field size to 150 athletes. Webster/Neal/13 in favor, 1 opposed

Discussion: Needs to have flexibility in order of events, a sub-committee will work on the curriculum for the event, quotas committee will determine the state quotas

High School Racing – (see written report)

College Racing –

Congratulations to Dartmouth on winning the NCAA championships!

Eastern Region Development – Doug Williams (see written report)

Congratulations to Dartmouth and bringing the NCAA championships back to the East.

Committee stressed the need for cooperation among programs and the need to work together as a region at events, the need to be proactive in planning training and the importance of having all programs participate and work together. Speed was a concern as well. The committee feels the need to develop a template for speed that will be followed by each age group and the need to bring speed to the younger age groups.

Discussion – Discussion of the need for a plan for the older kids – a need for more structure, more leadership and more clearly defined responsibilities or delegation of responsibilities for participants and coaches at national projects or national events. The concept of a feedback form for project evaluation was discussed.

Endowment Working Group and EASEF – Mike Davenport (see written report)

There will be a few modifications to the amounts as the report does not include some recent transactions.

State Reports – See written reports

Committee Membership – Connie Webster

22 committee members, 19 members present for today's meeting

The following members have agreed to stay on for another 2 year term: Kirk Dwyer, Chip Cochrane and Steve Utter.

There were two nominations from the floor for two open at large positions (2 yr term):

Thomas Erhard (Webster/Williams/unanimous)

Ted Dunn(Hayes/Williams/unanimous)

Kirk welcomed Ted and Thomas to the Eastern ACC

Reminder that terms for Wendy Neal, Dave Gregory and Mike Davenport will be ending next year so please contact Connie Webster next spring to express your intent for committee membership.

New Business – None

Old Business –

Meeting dates: Development Forum - Friday September 21, 2007 in the afternoon
Holiday Inn, Rutland, VT

Any committee meetings need to happen before that meeting

Spring Meeting – April 25 and 26, 2008 Holiday Inn, Rutland, VT

Motion to adjourn (Chayes/Webster/unanimous)

Meeting adjourned 11:10 am

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Brousseau

EACC Meeting Attendance Sheet April 27, 2007

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Linda Brousseau
Horst Weber
Laura Sullivan

David Kohl
John Norton
Thomas Erhard
Neal McNealus
Joe Quirk
Jeff Jenkins
Fred Turton
Kathy Okoniewski
Jo Ann Fuller
Bev Oliver
Stefan Antal
Bart Bradford
Lori Ford
Peter Cornish
Alex Krebs
Dave Gregory

Chuck Hughes
Ted Dunn
Dan Chayes
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