

SNOWBOARD SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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May 13, 2005

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

Michael Mallon- Chair
Ben Boyd- Rocky Rep
Michael Bell- Intermountain Rep
Lisa Kosglow- Athlete Rep
Peter Foley- Coach Rep
Phoebe Mills- IJC
Tom Collins- USASA
Marty Carrigan- Industry Rep
Bill Slattery- FIS Rep

OTHER ATTENDEES

Becky Woolley- USSA
John Jett- Telluride
Jon Casson- Steamboat
Abbi Nyberg- USSA
Rick Shimpeno- Stratton
Eric Webster- USSA
Jeremy Forster- USSA
Jeff Byrne- Lake Placid
Nancy Wiedel- Rocky
Tom Winters
Tom Kelly- USSA
Lisa Antonucci- USSA
Chuck Latimer- Far West
Gary Wright- RMD
Edwin Nematico- MD

1. Chairman's Welcome: Michael Mallon

Mallon called the meeting to order, went through introductions and determined that a quorum was achieved with those who were present.

2. Meeting Minutes Approval: Michael Mallon

Approved by acclamation.

3. New Elections: Michael Mallon

Lisa Kosglow nominated Tricia Byrnes as the new freestyle athlete rep. Approved by acclamation.

4. Concussion Overview: Tom Winters

Winters presented the latest FIS guidelines on concussions for the general information and knowledge of the committee. Further information available upon request.

5. Snowboard Department Overview: Jeremy Forster

Forster presented the Addendum A plan. Addendum A is available by contacting Becky Woolley.

6. Regional Report/ Rocky: Ben Boyd

Boyd reported on the current state of affairs in the Rocky region, highlighting athlete development, the Rocky Mountain Snowboard Tour, Coaches Accreditation, key Colorado athletes, 05/06 goals and some overall concerns representative of the region.

Concerning athlete development, the Rocky coaches ran a development camp at Mammoth Mountain November 17-23, 2004. Attending athletes were from Team Summit, SSCV, SSWSC and AVSC. The camp was highly productive, with athletes having the ability to train with other Colorado athletes and other Colorado coaches. Coaches attending were Jim Smith (Team Summit), Miah Wheeler (AVSC), Nathan Park, Ben Boyd and Jake Jaffa (SSCV).

The Rocky Mountain Snowboard Tour ran four events this year: HP at Beaver Creek (hosted by SSCV); HP and slopestyle at Aspen (hosted by AVSC); and slopestyle at Winter Park (hosted by WPST). Two alpine events at Howells Hill (hosted by SSWSC) were cancelled due to snow quality. Events were well attended, and the level of riding was high. RMST plans next year to host five to six events again. Would like to see Crested Butte involved next year.

The Rocky region ran coaches accreditation clinics in Vail and in Mammoth, certifying seven coaches.

Colorado athletes to keep an eye on:

Matt Ladley (SSWSC): HP, Davis Johnson (SSWSC): HP, Jordan Karlinski (AVSC): HP/SBX, Teddy Karlinski (AVSC): HP/SBX, Dylan Bidez (Team Summit): HP/ SBX, Jake Black (Team Summit): HP, Kevan Beall (Eldora): PGS, Sabrina Ste Marie (SSCV): HP/SBX, Lindsey Telling (SSCV): HP/SBX, Broc Waring (SSCV): HP, Kim Krahulec (SSCV): SBX.

Rocky region goals for next season are to keep developing the Colorado athlete, strengthen RMST to aid in this development, further strengthen the relationship with USASA, early season Colorado Snowboard camp, and develop the relationship with RMD.

Some philosophical development questions from the Rocky region concern spending time at competitions versus developing skills, and finding some common group and cooperation between USASA and USSA to help with scheduling and providing a clearer path for development.

7. Regional Report/Intermountain: Michael Bell

Bell reported that the only USSA event in the Intermountain region was the Evolution Tour at Jackson. The focus in the Intermountain region has been building the USASA series.

8. Team Report: Peter Foley

Foley covered the 2005-2006 named team and the schedule for the team for the upcoming prep and comp seasons (available by contacting Becky Woolley). Foley highlighted that the SBX camp in Mammoth will be open to all athletes with more than 50 points and it will be used as a qualifying camp to select athletes to compete at the World Cup events in Chile this September.

9. Athlete Report: Lisa Kosglow

Kosglow provided feedback and an overview of the year from both the freestyle and alpine athletes, and stated that there were great reports from the athletes' perspective about the domestic events this year on both the Race to the Cup Tour and the Evolution Tour. A lot of positive association continues to grow with the U.S. Snowboarding brand, which has been a challenge from the USSA perspective to figure out how to market the brand and make it accepted.

Some of the athlete issues concern the Home Depot job program through the USOC – how it works, who to go to, how people got in, which people stay in, etc. There is a lot of confusion about how the process works and the athletes would like some more clarity about this program.

On the HP side there were some judging concerns about some inconsistencies that happened last season, and looking to next year with the GP being the Olympic qualifier how these are going to be handled and addressed.

From the alpine side the only other concern was the GP not having any alpine events. The qualification for the Olympics is awesome, but not including alpine at the GP is detrimental to the future of the sport and by excluding alpine at the GP, there is no opportunity for coverage of alpine riders in the U.S. We hope that it will return to the GP after the Olympic season.

Mallon asked Woolley to clarify the Home Depot program for the record.

Woolley explained that the Home Depot job, or OJOP, has undergone several changes in the past year depending on how many spots are available and how many athletes are participating in the program. At present, there are 206 OJOP spots available and the criteria calls for a top 30 international ranking. In the past, when athletes would apply for the program, Woolley would submit whichever ranking was most favorable, whether it was the World Cup ranking or FIS point ranking.

Part of the change in the OJOP criteria this year is that the USOC decided it would only accept World Cup rankings instead of FIS point rankings. Under this new system, the USOC has been trying to go through all the athletes involved with the program to see if they still meet criteria and weeding out ineligible athletes in order to try and work in some new athletes.

Forster also explained that the judging situation for next year is under review, including developing a strategy for educating riders and coaches about the judging process prior to the competition season.

10. IJC Report: Phoebe Mills

Mills provided a quick recap of the season, and stated that the IJC is still excited to be working with USSA. The IJC has been working on re-organizing itself, especially in regards to the Grand Prixs. Scheduling in the past has been divided amongst several people and they are working to consolidate this process. Next season they would like to have a consistent panel at all the Grand Prixs to provide some judge recognition and increase the quality and consistency of judging, and that will also solve some of the scheduling issues. The other big priority of the IJC is education – they need more judges. In order to accomplish this, the IJC wants to rework its clinic structure; instead of one huge expensive pro clinic, it wants to focus more on regional and national level clinics that would occur throughout the fall. Mills concluded by thanking the USSA again for its support.

11. Membership Report: Sheryl Barnes

Barnes congratulated the sport committee on membership numbers bouncing back from a rough season two years ago. National competitors were up over 20% and regional competitors were up over 6%.

The department is working on on-line staff directory projected to come out by mid-June. Renewals will be triggered within a few weeks of these meetings.

Barnes mentioned a rumor about an alpine FIS ruling that would move their competition season to start June instead of July 1, which would cause membership to move its member year from May 1 to April 30. If it happens in alpine skiing, it would affect all sports as it does not make sense to have staggered membership renewals. A change in the dates of the membership year would also help bring the Member Services Department in alignment with the fiscal year. This change would maybe happen next season, and if it happens, communication to relay this change would be extensive.

The department is working on on-line registration, which is still a goal. At the moment the company is spending money in other areas, but on-line registration is still a major priority for Member Services. They are just working on making sure it would not lose money to invest in it.

Barnes introduced Lois Benevento (formerly McQueen) and Kris Beal, and reminded the staff that her last name had changed as well from Fine to Barnes.

12. Industry Report: Marty Carrigan

Carrigan distributed a packet with information about the current state of the industry with recent reports about industry as a whole and by category. The industry closes its year in March, and because March was so successful overall, the industry was flat. This is impressive with the lack of snow in so many areas and snow coming late in most areas.

He stated that the reports are broken out by specialty stores and chain stores. Snowboard specialty stores took a bit of hit this year, partly due to the snow situation in the PNW this season, which is typically a very strong snowboard market.

Carrigan provided a breakdown of the top 10 brands and pointed out the demanding share that Burton has across all categories of snowboarding: boots, bindings, boards and outerwear. He stated that the biggest factor affecting the industry is the consolidation at the supplier level – Quiksilver buying DC and recently Rossignol, Burton buying Forum, Salomon having just been purchased, and K2 purchasing Volkl and Marker. There is also consolidation at the retail level, so the industry is changing drastically and the jury is out about whether these changes will provide positive or negative impacts.

A copy of the industry report is available through Becky Woolley.

Carrigan then moved into a discussion about how the industry feels towards grassroots and elite level riding. He looked back at the industry during the 1998 Olympics when the industry was very against snowboarding in the Olympics and very vocal about it. In Salt Lake, the community started to embrace competition, but they were still vocal against it, stating that it wasn't cool, but still showed up for the event. Now the industry is embracing competition and very proud to be a part of it. To summarize, the Olympics is a key indicator for the direction of competition and an opportunity for U.S. Snowboarding to use it as a hockey stick for programs like the Evolution Tour and possibly a junior

nationals or junior worlds in the U.S. and build a foundation leading towards the next Olympics. The Olympics is a tool to increase participation not only in competition, but also in the sport as a whole, which is a crucial factor for the industry. The industry needs more people coming in to the sport as snowboarding numbers have been flat the last few years.

Carrigan said it is important to promote and progress the coolness factor of competition, which is being accomplished through things like the Evolution Tour with slopestyle events, rail events, and big air events in conjunction with HP, SBX and alpine events. To address the industry and grassroots programs, the big issue is to work with suppliers to eliminate all sponsorship of kids under 13 years old. There is too much attention and resources put on kids that age who have not begun to earn it yet, and these resources could be better put to work elsewhere and benefit everyone. Work with suppliers to maximize exposure and return on investment at the grassroots and regional levels to make them understand how it can benefit the supplier. Promote development cycle for kids to graduate from one level to the next. The Evolution Tour is a good start; let's build on it and make it better. GP's last year were almost like the Olympics themselves, which is great, but these events are discouraged for younger riders. These riders jump from grassroots to the big leagues, like if you were a ski racer in the Rocky Mountain trophy series and suddenly were given a start at the World Cup, skipping all the steps moving up through NorAms and the Europa Cup. There is a lot of talent in the Grand Prix group that finishes from 30th to 100th, but they feel like they don't stand a chance, so they skip out on competition and go ride the park. We want kids to embrace competition and when the riders themselves embrace competition, then the whole industry will embrace it. When riders go the opposite direction, so does the industry.

He stated that he strongly believed on building with what you've started with the Evolution Tour and filling that gap between kids growing up and the professional level, and providing that middle ground. Kids are not getting the progression and the experience and these are crucial to keeping them in the sport.

Ben Boyd interjected that even with the Evolution Tour there are some growing pains as the level of competition is different from the Central region to the Western region.

Mallon agreed, but pointed out that this will come around and the level should even out as the tour grows and gains reputability.

Forster asked Carrigan how influential having TV as a component of an event was to the industry. Carrigan said that it could only help in getting the sport out to the public and building awareness for the Olympics.

Woolley asked Carrigan to address the industry's attitude towards SBX. Carrigan reflected that interest used to be huge and then mellowed out, but after watching the video in the morning address, you were reminded how exciting it was to watch. The jury is still out right now among the industry, he said, and media coverage of SBX during the Olympics is really going to dictate which direction it goes moving forward. Carrigan's impression is that SBX will receive a lot of coverage and that exposure will result in more momentum.

Jon Casson thanked Carrigan for supporting eliminating sponsorship for kids under the age of 13, and asked if there was a way to form a task force between clubs, team managers, etc. to push this issue. Carrigan said yes, but it was hard when every company had its own agenda. He stated it should start with listing sponsors at competition, and that for young kids, sponsors other than Mom and Dad should not even be listed.

13. Events Report: Eric Webster

Webster stated that the Events Department at USSA is responsible for the Grand Prix and the World Cup at Lake Placid. This season the Events Department hosted three full field HP contests, one SBX race, and its first ever full field slopestyle at Mt. Bachelor. Slopestyle was well received and the Events Department is looking forward to organizing more slopestyles in the future. The WC at Lake Placid went well and was the first WC HP in the U.S. since 2001.

Goals for 05-06 are to raise the level of the GP in all areas while focusing on providing elite level competition and a venue for Olympic qualification. More specifically, enhance the events with better rider services, promotions, hospitality and entertainment without losing that elite level of competition. Another goal throughout the whole organization is to increase the fan base—a couple of events that really helped that last season included a night exhibition at Breckenridge that attracted 4,000-5,000 spectators, and the night HP at Mountain Creek had about 7,500 spectators. Another overall goal of the Events Department is to develop new and extended relationships within the industry, building out our sponsor villages and developing industry awareness of the GP. Long-term goals and challenges are to start to be progressive with the formats and the events.

Webster distributed a GP schedule for next season and stated they would be returning to Breckenridge, Bachelor and Mountain Creek. The first two events at Breckenridge and Bachelor will be NAC events. Breckenridge will have two HP events; Bachelor will have a HP, SBX and slopestyle. These two stops of the GP will qualify riders for the final GP HP events at Mountain Creek. Other initiatives for next year include the creation of a list that will guarantee spots for the top riders if they register by the deadline. This list is based on results from last year at the GP and the top three from each of the Evolution Tour events, potentially the top five at USASA Nationals and probably five wild card slots. That will leave 50-60 open spots at each event, first come first serve.

The number of international athletes at attendance at the Grand Prix next year was addressed and Forster brought up the new FIS rule that allows for increased finals field sizes of up to 20 men.

14. FIS Report: Jeremy Forster

A packet was distributed with all the rule change proposals. The packet is available through Becky Woolley.

Forster recapped the FIS meetings in Amsterdam. The major concern at the meetings this year was working on a better flowing schedule with a Scandinavian block, a European block and a North American block. The FIS is still working on it, but it is coming along. The other major scheduling discussion concerned calendaring HP events around the other major international events. Unfortunately it is not a priority for the FIS and it has the attitude that events outside the WC should contact the FIS first.

The Europeans proposed raising the WC HP entry points from 10 points and it was not approved, but could come around for 06-07. The U.S. proposal for increased field size for finals at COC level events was approved. Slopestyle was approved as a FIS discipline, which is an exciting opportunity. First it has to become a part of the FIS points list and then must be incorporated at the Junior World Championship level. The last proposal the U.S. had was to reduce the number of foreign judges required at the NAC level, and it was approved to reduce the requirement from four judges to two. Other decisions that were made included requiring helmets for all FIS disciplines next season.

Kosglow asked if there were any discussions about the future of big air. Forster said the FIS supports big air as a great sponsor fulfillment because they can do it in a city with lots of exposure and it makes a great TV show.

15. USASA Report: Tom Collins

Collins congratulated USSA on the Evolution Tour, but also pointed out that USASA is willing to work together, but in order to do so USASA needs to be kept in the loop so that it can be moving athletes in that direction.

The USASA had over 5,000 members this year, and membership fees were kept down to a reasonable level. USASA picked up a couple of sponsors this year with Campbell's soup and Entenmann's baked goods. USASA hosted over 500 events at over 200 resorts nationwide. Nationals took place at Copper with 1,363 competitors, and they are locked in for 2006 at Northstar-Tahoe March 27-31, 2006 with April 1 as a weather day. They are in the process of negotiating for 2007 for a return to Northstar, Copper, Aspen, Loon or Alaska. The trainers division continues to increase, and they have opened up their insurance program to include the trainers division so that teams could be included. The issue with the insurance is that teams going to non-USASA events are not covered. USASA also created a national ranking system for USASA events; it still has some flaws as the system was stolen from BMX, and the problem with so many events and with athletes in the east doing more events than elsewhere skews the system a bit. The system is cumulative based not only on the number of people in your event in your age group, but also where you place. It is based on a 500 point scale, so if you compete and win your age class, you earn 500 points, plus 10 points for each kid you beat. The points have nothing to do with getting to Nationals, just a chance for kids to see where they rank.

Collins talked about how last year there were discussions of working together, and stated that USASA is happy to work together, but it shouldn't be the USASA chasing the USSA, it should be USSA coming to USASA. They would love to work together, but the best time to figure it out is now and in the summer, not in November. The organizations need to have a little respect for each other; part of that is people talking about the ASA, which is not the full name. Please use the full initials- USASA.

Boyd asked if it was possible to combine the four Colorado series into one super series. Several discussions ensued about ways to improve their series and scheduling conflicts. It was determined that these issues needed to be addressed directly with USASA instead of at the spring meetings.

Collins concluded that the key is for USSA to pursue its ideas by coming to USASA with its ideas, as USASA does not need USSA for it to continue to exist, and that USASA is not going anywhere. He re-emphasized that the time to do it is in May, June and July, not November.

Mallon planned a time to regroup after the meeting to discuss common ground and ways to move forward.

16. Program Report: Becky Woolley

Woolley reported that membership numbers were up and thanked the group for their support. Fees for 05/06: National Competitor - \$100, Regional Competitor - \$50, Coach - \$100, Official - \$50, Snowboard FIS - \$75, Snowboard Provisional FIS - \$10.

Woolley recapped the 04/05 NorAm Series, which included the three Race to the Cup stops in Steamboat, Loon and Squaw. Numbers were down two to five participants at

each stop due to Canada's scheduling and the WC schedule. The top rider at each event earned a start right at Lake Placid and top juniors qualified for Junior Worlds. Following is a breakdown of U.S. vs. Canada events: Canada had eight alpine, four HP and three SBX events; U.S. had nine alpine, two HP and one SBX event. NAC Titles were awarded to: Parallel- Tyler Jewel and Lisa Kosglow; HP- Ross Powers and Kelly Clark; SBX- Candace Drouin (CAN) and Tom Velisek (CAN). In 05/06 USSA will continue working with Canada for fair scheduling and quality events.

The Evolution Tour had three stops (Killington, Boyne/Nubs, Jackson), three disciplines (HP, SBX, SS) plus a rail jam at Killington and Michigan. There is a summer event at Windells scheduled for June 22-23. Age limits at each event were 13 and older at Michigan and Killington, 15 and up for ALL SBX due to FIS sanctioning and to assure quality courses. To ensure participation in the tour and create some excitement around the events, the Evolution Tour was a World Juniors Qualifier and also included at each stop a Palmer Posse Sponsorship (top unsponsored rider at each stop, rotated among disciplines), Level Gloves prize money (rotated disciplines at each stop), Smith Product, Snowboard Magazine Ad, Windells stop, Chevrolet bibs and panels.

National Championship titles were awarded at the Bachelor Grand Prix for SBX, Mountain Creek for HP (series of GP events) and NorAm Finals in Sun Peaks for Alpine (PGS and SL, Senior and Junior title). The same process is planned for next year, with Alpine Finals in the U.S. this time.

World Juniors Championships 2005 were the best FIS event yet, especially considering the last minute site change to Zermatt, Switzerland at the end of April. Of the U.S. delegation of 21, only seven were veterans (5 M/ 5 W HP, 4 W/3M PGS, 3 M/4W SBX). Guest coaches were: Rick Shimpeno (Stratton), Andy Gilbert (Sun Valley), HansJoerg Berger (Steamboat Springs). Results included two HP silver medals (5 girls top 12- 3 of 5 made finals both Men and Women), two top-8 Men's SBX, and three top-16 Men's PGS. In summary, there were no injuries, an awesome team and the new selection criteria worked.

Junior development camps in 2004 were provided for alpine, HP and SBX. Alpine camp was rescheduled at the last minute due to snow at Copper, and was held at Hood with Jeff Archibald and Jan Wengelin as the coaching staff. SBX camp was held at Hood in conjunction with a WC qualifying camp. Hood built a private course for the group, which was an awesome opportunity to work with SBX specific facilities. Peter Foley worked with WC crew while juniors worked with Rick Shimpeno, Nathan Park and Ben Boyd. The HP camp was based out of Windells, with coaching staff Bud Keene, Mike Jankowski, Andy Gilbert and Jim Smith.

Camps for 2005 include an alpine camp scheduled for Copper from June 10-16, which will overlap three days with the World Cup camp. Jan Wengelin and Steve Persons will be coaching staff. SBX camp is TBD (maybe June 11-17 at Mammoth), as is HP camp (maybe June 13-22 at Windells).

The national judges' clinic was held in Park City in conjunction with a FIS judges' clinic. Regional clinics were scheduled to be held as needed, none requested, as judges/officials programs still need to be evaluated on a regional level. There will be a planning pre-season educational clinic for judges, coaches and riders at Mammoth in November.

Coaches' education was offered as needed or requested. Only Vail and Mammoth scheduled clinics. Washington is interested, but snow conditions did not allow for it. Lake Placid wants to start a snowboard summer training education program (water ramps, tramps, etc.). The current clinic process is: club requests clinic; they determine

participation numbers; Becky Woolley sends master materials for clinic and assists with finding clinician; club is responsible for cost of the clinician, producing materials, etc.; clinician sends USSA participant evaluations; participants send in their completed exams and ASEP certification (done on-line). This eliminates the need for a required number of pre-registered participants.

The competition guide will be updated in the next few months for the 05/06 season. Any corrections/additions/clarifications to the guide need to be submitted by July 15. Website input is welcome at any time.

17. Halfpipe Restart Rule: Becky Woolley

Woolley addressed some confusion at events this year over the ability for a rider to restart if they fall before they take their first hit in a HP competition. It is not clarified in the competition guide. The committee discussed it and agreed that it should be clarified in the rules that a restart will not be allowed unless at the discretion of the TD because of unnatural circumstances.

18. Awards Nomination Process: Becky Woolley

Woolley discussed the lack of number of nominations received each year for the USSA awards. Committee discussed and will work next year on soliciting nominations from each of the major club programs and from athletes, as well as at Grand Prix and Evolution Tour registrations.

19. Evolution Tour Age Limits: Becky Woolley

Woolley recapped that on the 04/05 two out of three stops of the Evolution Tour did not allow riders under 13 to compete, while at the third stop the competition was open, but only six youth riders competed. It was decided to keep the age limits at 13 and up for freestyle events, and 15 and up for SBX events. Discussion also included a suggestion for an age cap at 19 years; it was decided to keep it open to allow for maximum FIS points in the building years of the series. Also, older athletes provide a good experience for younger kids and keeping the pipeline open leaves somewhere for the older riders to compete as well. It was concluded that this topic could be revisited throughout the year.

20. New Business: SBX Courses in the U.S.: Ben Boyd

Boyd discussed the number of injuries at SBX events in the U.S. this year and the need for courses to be fair and flowing; courses should be free riding with speed. He supports the course at the X-Games this season, but not the Grand Prix and Lake Placid World Cup course- the burlier the better is not O.K.

Foley addressed that riders get hurt everywhere, including a large number of team athletes at the X-Games. Courses should not be super kicky and flat and he believes some builders are living in the past, but that it is tricky to build a course that is not too easy either.

Webster went over the process of the building of a Grand Prix course: the builder comes in early and gets to work, then the organizing committee arrives and works with the builder to compromise. Grand Prix course builders are coming around to see the advantage of building more to the style of the World Cup and will be building that way in 2006, specifically Pat Melandowski of Planet.

21. New Business: Olympic Overview: Peter Foley

Foley reviewed where the U.S. stands in preparation for the Olympics. Most top athletes are Olympic eligible with a top 25 World Cup result heading into the 05/06 season. Travis Rice, Chad Otterstrom and Pat Moore are missing from this group. Foley stated if there is someone else major missing that they should get in touch and we would figure out how to get them in. Foley then reviewed the Olympic criteria with group (available at www.ussa.org).

22. New Business: World Juniors Selection Criteria: Becky Woolley

Woolley addressed the problem of the schedule for Junior World Championships next year (last week of January). The timing of the event does not allow for the selection criteria to be applied, as it was this past season.

Committee discussion included the possibility of using the Hood event, but the group felt it was too far in advance of the JWC, as well as there not being enough notice to give riders a fair chance to get there to compete. It was decided to use the Hood event as a discretionary event for JWC selection. The committee also discussed the possibility of hosting an Evolution Tour event in November at Mammoth to be used as part of selection; Woolley will research and report back. Otherwise, basic criteria will likely include: two Breckenridge GP HP events, Bachelor HP event; two Bachelor SBX events; Copper alpine races; and December East Coast RTTC. Final criteria will be posted when finalized.

23. New Business: FIS Alpine Race Events: Chuck Latimer

Latimer from Far West provided some background on the California high school league and the desire to build out a middle ground for alpine racing. The high school teams have strong partners and support. Steamboat also expressed interest in hosting low-level FIS races. Woolley said she would provide the group with more information on hosting and sanctioning events.

24. New Business: Scoring Issues: Becky Woolley

Split Second will be updated for some snowboard specific scoring problems this summer. Anyone with input on needed changes should contact Woolley immediately so that the list of needs can be prioritized.

Woolley brought up the issue of athletes under the age of 13 on the points list. It was determined that ideally athletes under 13 should not be scored unless they are part of the step up program. Mallon asked for more information on the number of athletes under 13 on the points list to be sent to him at a later date.

25. Adjournment: Mike Mallon

26. USASA-USSA Meeting Recap

Common ground between the two organizations that could be improved upon was identified as scheduling and education. It was decided that USASA would list USSA's schedule as well as encourage its series directors to schedule around major events within their area. Websites from both organizations will provide a link to the schedule or post the schedule from the other organization. USASA also offered to provide a bid to

the open class at Nationals to all winners of the Evolution Tour. USSA will add the USASA top-5 Open class winners to the Grand Prix exempt list.

On the education front, the two organizations will look into sharing clinics and recognizing each other's certifications. Woolley will send Collins the USSA club coaches' manual and materials.

USASA is also interested in USSA's club insurance policy, so Woolley will send Collins all information available.