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USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee

3rd Floor Conference Room – USSA
Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 10, 2006
3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Members:

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

Guests:

Beat Hupfer, Terry DelliQuadri, Lester Keller, Finn Gundersen, Tim Maguire

1. Call to order
Dart called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. He thanked those in attendance and thanked the staff for their work on the books. The goal of this meeting is to review known issues that will be coming up during the meetings.
2. Review of committee membership
Dart reviewed the committee membership and attendance.
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. Orientation and overview of meeting schedule
 - A. Review alpine materials and handouts
The materials in the book were reviewed.
 - B. Appointment of recording secretaries, strategy and procedures for minutes
As the minutes are prepared they should be returned to Weinman.
6. Staff updates
 - A. Teams
Hunt referred to his report as presented in the book. The teams are working with staff and athletes to educate them in the USSA core values: Team, Loyalty, Integrity, Respect, Accountability and Perseverance. Athletes will need to accept the values of the company and the responsibilities that go along with those values when they accept a nomination to the ski team.

The D-Team has been 'revamped' to include a head coach for each discipline in addition to the coach and technician that were in place last season.

B. Domestic

Evans referred to the domestic reports as presented in the book. Evans thanked his staff for the work that they do. He reviewed some of the changes to staff: Kraig Sourbeer has left as Eastern Regional Coach, that position has not been refilled; Shawn Goodwin has left as Eastern Regional Development Manager, that position has not be refilled; Crawford Pierce has left as Rocky/Central Regional Coach, that position has been filled by Rob Worrell. Finally he reviewed the critical success as listed on the last page of his report.

Weinman pointed out an error in his report in the international race start section.

7. Action item and critical issue review

A. Executive Committee

1) Executive report

The executive report as presented in the materials was reviewed. Getting alpine award nominations from the community continues to be a challenge.

**Motion 1: That the Alpine Sport Committee ask the Awards Working group to consider upgrading the Tom Reynolds lifetime coaches award to the Silver level.
Evans/Crane/without objection**

The Alpine Executive should include two athletes. Evans will ask Chris Puckett to take that second position along with Horton.

Terms – Rules and Technical Chair, Development Chair, Regional Chair and two at large.

Other items from the executive report were reviewed.

2) ASC operating procedures

Reviewed above.

3) Review terms and appointments

Reviewed above.

4) Awards

Reviewed above.

5) Alpine Judicial Committee

There was one appeal during the season. Winters did an investigation and found no basis for the appeal so it was denied.

B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Crane reviewed some of the other issues that are expected to come up in the meetings. He made special note to thank the Rules and Technical volunteers and staff for their work throughout the season.

C. Programs Subcommittee

Landstrom was not in attendance. Evans reviewed some of the major issues for the Subcommittee.

D. Development & Education Subcommittee

Galusha reviewed some of the items on the agenda.

E. Regional Subcommittee

Weber noted that the items have already been covered.

F. FIS

Winters noted that there are some issues and covered those briefly.

G. Athletes

Horton was not in attendance.

8. Old business

- A. Vertical drop review
Covered previously.
 - B. Equipment standards
Nothing to report at this item.
9. New business
All items under new business were discussed above.
- A. Gender equity
 - B. Temporary membership waiver
 - C. Team captains meetings at all levels
 - D. ICR / ACR integration
10. Recess
The meeting was recessed at 6:30 p.m.

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Ivers/Hearst – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Wednesday, May 10, 2006
7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Minutes

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, first session

Orientation: Reports, Issues Identification, Tasking

Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane

1. Call to order; attendance/proxies; additional at-large; rules of order; reporting procedures
One vacant At-large position due to resignation since previous meeting. All others present, both sessions. All WG vice chairs present with one excused. Many guests, both sessions.
2. Review and adoption of the program and agenda
3. Review and approval of the record (summary) of the previous meeting
Record of the previous meeting, May 11/13, 2005 was accepted (available at USSA web site).
4. Reports (summaries and additions to written reports)
 - A. Chairman
 - B. Competition services staff
Reported that a "Venue Management" task force will be identified to be comprised of experts who have broad experience in regard to event management and course preparation.
 - C. Senior FIS representative
Pointed out that the FIS Congress follows the USSA Congress and that there are proposals to the FIS Congress, which may impact USSA.
 - D. Rules and Technical working group chairs
Alpine Officials Education: Noted issues in regard to on-site membership. Staff will review the process for on-site membership with report by August 1.
Alpine Classification: Reported that the actions taken at the May 2005 meeting in regard to USSA technical standards and minimum race penalties have been successfully implemented.
5. Issues identification and orientation
 - A. Status of action items from May 2005 meeting
Progress noted with collection and posting of not-scored race results including officials' activity records.
Initiative for further development has been approved for funding and implementation this season.
 - B. Routing of rules inquiries and interpretations
 - C. USSA planning process and allocation of resources
 - D. Subcommittee membership and succession

1. To request the addition of a fourth At-large member to the subcommittee (note: 7-1 vote, greater than 2/3s; change of structure was approved by Alpine Sport Committee Executive)

6. Recess for working group and task force meetings

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Mountainview
Thursday, May 11, 2006
8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Charlie Burnham

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by the chair.
2. Review meeting plan and organization
The chair explained that this 45-minute morning meeting continues the recent practice to reduce repetition at these meetings by having this time devoted to divisional reports.
3. Roll call and determination of voting members

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| Chair: Charlie Burnham | PNSA: Roger Root |
| Vice chair: Ingrid Simonson | Alaska: Carl Swanson |
| Eastern: Paul Van Slyke | AO Education WG: Thelma Hoessler |
| Central: Gretchen Ransom | USSA TD WG: Bob Calderwood |
| RMD: Esther DelliQuadri | FIS TD WG: Tom Winters |
| IMD: Mike Hammer | Leland Sosman, <i>Honorary</i> , not present |
| Northern: No representative present | Fraser West, <i>Honorary</i> , not present |
| Far West: Phil GilanFarr | Jeff Weinman, Staff |
4. Review and approval of minutes from 12 May 2005
**Motion 1: To approve the minutes as presented
M/S/C Calderwood/Root/Unanimous**
5. Divisional reports: As per voting member

Paul Van Slyke, Eastern: (1) There were issues related to lack of snow, and rain, particularly affecting FIS-U events; (2) education and safety continue to be important activities.

Gretchen Ransom, Central: There is concern about longevity of officials, particularly in timing.

Esther DelliQuadri, Rocky: There were frequent problems with timing; more mentoring is needed in this regard.

Mike Hammer, IMD: (1) Retention is a focus; (2) more upgrading needs to be accomplished; (3) recruitment of officials, especially gate judges, is a problem for mid-week events.

Northern: No report.

Phil GilanFarr, Far West: The officials roster has been "cleaned up."

Roger Root, PNSA: (1) There were clinics in all three geographic zones; (2) a major Referee update was held; (3) a lot of work on upgrades; (4) 75 rolls of B-net is available for use at different areas; (5) a timing system has been donated, and is available for loan to areas.

Carl Swanson, Alaska: (1) There were 3 Referee clinics, and 2 other officials clinics; (2) there is a need for JA upgrades; (3) T&C clinics will be organized.

6. The chair reported that this year the number of TD's with no other certification is down to one (from IMD).
7. The chair made two requests: (1) All level 4 nominations be made in writing, to include USSA numbers; and (2) that other items for the afternoon agenda be reported to the chair as soon as possible.
8. Happy Birthday to Don Page on his 80th birthday! His contributions to USSA and skiing were enthusiastically applauded.
9. Recess
The meeting was recessed until 4 p.m., at 8:30 a.m. without objection.

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Judicial Committee

Judge – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 11, 2006
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery

1. Call to order
Slattery convened the meeting at 8:10.
2. Review of committee membership
Members in attendance: Bill Slattery, Bob Dart, Walt Evans, Tom Winters, Dave Galusha
Guests in attendance: Alex Natt, Strachan, (Brian & Jeff?)
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 grievance routing and procedures
6. Review interim activity
Evans reported that staff counsel Natt is reviewing team agreements and hopes that we will revise the regional team agreements, especially as concerns start rights.
Natt reviewed grievance procedure and Nelson Carlson matter. Winters submitted a written report at the direction of the USSA Judicial Committee that ruled against Carlson. 8 months later attorney has asked about status of hearing. Natt reported he is seeking to resolve matter without a hearing.
Natt reported that there were no other disciplinary matters.
7. Old business
Issue of protected competition was raised and discussed.
Evans asked Natt to work with staff on disciplinary matters coming out of camps where there is an agreement. Natt reported that these agreements themselves allow team leaders to exercise more authority in disciplinary matters than usual, if properly drafted.
8. New business
Discussion of gender equity in quotas. This matter will be addressed in the quota group.
Galusha asked about code of conduct changes. Natt reported that it is redrafted and incorporates core values and that new remedy of loss of USSA membership is added.
Winters raised issue of concussive injuries. Will be discussed in subsequent meeting.
9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 9:20

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

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

Thursday, May 11, 2006
09:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Minutes

Working Group Members Present:

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| Thelma Hoessler | Chairperson | Tami Strong | Intermountain |
| Carl Swanson | Alaska | Roger Root | PNSA |
| Grant Lindemer | Central | Esther DelliQuadri | Rocky Mountain |
| Stan Goldschmidt | East | Charlie Burnham | Ex-Officio |
| Chuck Hughes | East | Bob Calderwood | Ex-Officio |
| Don Page | East | Tom Winters | Ex-Officio |
| Phil GilanFarr | Far West | Gary Wright | At-Large |

1. Call To Order and Introductions
 - Called to order at 9:00 AM.
 - Voting members identified.
 - J. C. Knaub, Northern, not present.

2. Approval of Minutes of 12 May 2005.

MOTION 1: To accept Minutes of meeting of 12 May 2005 with following correction: change status for Gary Wright from Ex-Officio to At-Large.

M/S/C Wright/Calderwood/Unanimous

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2: To accept Agenda as amended.

M/S/C Page/Lindemer/Unanimous

4. Reports
 - A. Chair's Report
 - Report e-mailed to working group members.
 - Outstanding contribution and support of Sarah Duffany, National Rankings Coordinator, noted.
 - B. Divisional Reports
 - Request made that all regions/divisions/states be reminded that specialty area examinations are not intended for use as practice exams.
 - No additional requests received.
 - No problems with teaching materials reported.
 - C. USSA Staff Report
 - Jeff Weinman, Assistant National Competition Director: Corrections to report discussed.
5. Old Business
 - Alpine Officials' Resources

- A. Alpine Officials' Manual
 - Yearly update will be prepared and posted on the USSA website.
 - Suggestions for improvements to content gratefully acknowledged.
- B. Update and Distribution of Clinic/Seminar Materials in CD Format
 - Publication in CD format rather than hard copy discussed; savings of \$832.25 realized.
 - Publication of clinic/seminar materials will continue in CD format only.
 - Only designated regional/divisional/state AO clinic/seminar chairs will receive CDs.
- C. Power Point Presentations
 - 1. Current Presentations
 - a. Competition Official
 - Proposal regarding inclusion in Power Point presentation of photographs illustrating gate faults presented by Grant Lindemer, Central.
 - Consensus is that inclusion of these photographs, when used in conjunction with Gate Judge Video, will enhance Competition Official education.
 - Teaching material CD will include Gate Judge Video.
 - b. Referee
 - Presentation, as adapted from Steve Schowengerdt's original version, well received.
 - Rule changes will require updating of presentation.
 - c. USSA/FIS TTR
 - Allen Church, with the assistance of Jenna Ginsberg, will provide updates as required.
 - 2. New Presentations
 - a. EET
 - b. Race Points
 - c. USSA/FIS Penalty Calculations
 - Task force was unable to complete these presentations for the 2005-2006 season.
 - Request made that interested individuals prepare presentations on USSA-approved template and submit to Chair no later than July 15.
- D. Certification Matrix
 - Prerequisites for advancement to Technical Delegate discussed.

MOTION 3: To accept proposal from Grant Lindemer, Central, to add CR2 and JA1 to list of prerequisites for Level 1 Technical Delegate Candidacy.

M/S/C DelliQuadri/Root/Unanimous

- Examination Time Limit Adjustments
 - Previously approved examination time limits discussed.
 - No adjustments are required.
- USSA Competition Regulations
 - Discussion on this issue deferred to Alpine Officials Committee meeting.
- Masters' Alpine Officials' Educational Needs
 - Clinic/Seminars schedules will be posted on USSA website.
 - Masters officials are welcome at USSA-approved regional/divisional/state Alpine Officials' clinics/seminars.
 - Teaching material CD's will not be furnished for Masters' Officials group.
- Coaches' Educational Needs
 - Shortcomings of USSA Coaches' alpine official education discussed.
 - Erin Bordley, USSA Education Department staff member discussed existing and future plans regarding coaches' education.

- AOEWG will continue to provide Referee educational opportunities for USSA coaches.
- Schedule of clinics/seminars as provided by respective regions/divisions/states will be posted in coaches' section of USSA website.
- Working Group members reminded that Referee and Assistant Referee should be the most qualified person available; appointment of a Team Captain is not mandatory.
- Randy Rogers will prepare and present a report at the 2007 Congress regarding number of appointed Referees and Assistant Referees who are actually certified Referees.

6. New Business

➤ Clinic/Seminar Guidelines

A. Instructor Requirements

- There is no mandate currently in place requiring a specific certification level for instructors.
- Assignment of instructors should be based on their knowledge of subject material and their practical experience.

B. Time Requirement

- There is no mandate currently in place regarding amount of time required to teach specific specialty areas.
- Level of attendees' knowledge and the amount of information that needs to be taught should dictate time requirement.

C. Materials

- There is no mandate currently in place regarding what portion of materials should be presented at specialty area clinics/seminars.
- Content should be based on attendees' education and experience levels.

D. Web-based Clinics/Seminars

- Study Guides and related teaching materials posted on the USSA website are not authorized substitutes for physical attendance at a USSA-approved clinic/seminar.
- Problems created by on-line testing discussed; no on-line testing planned.

➤ Continued Distribution of Alpine Officials' CD

- Cost of distributing CD discussed.
- Consensus is that CD is a useful tool, especially when internet connection is not available.
- USSA will continue to provide CD to all USSA-member Alpine Officials.
- Jeff Weinman's timely mailing of this resource applauded.

➤ Changes to Working Group

No changes announced.

7. Discussion

- No items presented for group discussion.
- Recessed to reconvene in Executive Session.
Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of Rules and Tech Sub-Committee discussed.

8. Adjournment

MOTION 4: To adjourn at 11:30 AM.

M/S/C Wright/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

Mountainview Room
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Park City, UT

Thursday, May 11, 2006
09:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Action Items

MOTION 3: To accept proposal from Grant Lindemer, Central, to add CR2 and JA1 to list of prerequisites for Level 1 Technical Delegate Candidacy.

M/S/C DelliQuadri/Root/Unanimous

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Western Region ACC

Ivers – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 11, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Chairman: Beat Hupfer

Attendance:

Members: Beat Hupfer, Kent Towleron, Dave Galusha, Dawn Oehlerich, Jeff Pickering, Jenn Stielow, Craig Krueger, Nick Maiocco, Sue Johnson, Aaron Atkins (for Nick Cohee), Sparky Anderson, Nigel Loring, Bill Gunesch, Ken Corrock, Ruben Macaya, Curt Hammond

Staff: Lester Keller, Western Region Director; Finn Gundersen, Director Alpine Education

Guests: Gail Barber, Craig Bowden, Ingrid Simonson, Karen Korfanta, Todd Brickson, Eric Harlow, Carma Burnett Carew, Deb Mackenzie, Steve Bounous, Troy Price

1. Welcome and introduction of members

Alaska

Sparky Anderson
Darcy Davis
Alt: Andy Gannon
Bill Hudson

Far West

Nick Maicco
Tim Cohee
Aaron Atkins
Carma B. Carew

Intermountain

Ken Corrock
Ruben Macaya
Bill Hicks

Northern

Jenn Stielow
Craig Krueger
Alt. Jeff Pickering
Alt. Fritz Wood

PNSA

Sue Johnson
Nigel Loring
Curt Hammond
TBA

NCAA Rep

TBA

Athlete Reps

TBA

2. Review and approval of agenda

**MOTION: To approve the proposed May 11, 2006 meeting agenda.
M/S/C Loring/Towleron/Unanimous**

3. Review and approval of minutes of 9 January 2006

MOTION: To accept the minutes of the January 9, 2006 WR ACC meeting minutes with the inclusion of the following (which was approved at the Jan. 9, 2006 meeting, but omitted from the minutes):

Field Size Limitations 06-07: If a race in this series is oversubscribed, the Western Region athletes will be pulled from the race beginning with those with the highest points in order of a) Athletes on quota expansions beyond normal quotas, b) subjective selections, i.e. the Regional Director's quota when used as a development tool, c) Divisional selections, and finally d/ Regional Automatics. No Western Region athlete will be pulled from a second race in an event until all Western athletes have been pulled from one race in the event.

M/S/C Towleron/Corrock/Unanimous

4. Directors report – Lester Keller

Comments concerning and calling attention to the annual report contained in the convention book.

Western Region will operate our traditional preparation projects with some modifications. RTG & Flight school for the New J2s camp(s) will move to June to avoid the school conflict. With the great snow conditions in North America the utilization of domestic sites (i.e. Mammoth & Mt. Hood) will

make these projects much more cost effective for the athletes. Additionally, The RTG camp in August will also be in America. A second New J2 camp maybe conducted in September. Regional Team Candidate camps will operate as usual in August, October, and November. All athletes invited to NDS camps are encouraged to attend.

Due to a large number of our core junior regional team athletes nominated to the National Team the development effort of West is in the process of reloading. Our preparation period focus and group demographics will evolve. We are looking to expand our technical focus, particularly for slalom.

5. Development committee report – Kent Towleron

Western Region coaches Randy Pelkey and Jeff Kai not able to attend these meetings, as they are currently staffing prep projects. Randy did express that he is pleased with the access to upper level events that our athletes have had. Jeff expressed his concern of keeping the cost of races and projects down for athletes.

Discussion on RTG projects being viable and appropriate for the region, the consensus of the WR ACC was they are. It was brought up there are some concerns about NDS policies and they will be addressed at the Alpine Development & Education Subcommittee meeting.

6. Calendar working group review – Bill Gunesch

A series of coaches' forums were held this season at events, with the final one held prior to this meeting. A number of proposals and recommendations have come from these forums:

A. Western Region J3 Junior Olympics & J4 Festival site rotation.

MOTION: To rotate the assignment among the divisions of the Western Region J3 Junior Olympics & J4 Festival; keeping the Alaska subsidy. The rotation proposed is: 2007 Far West, 2008 Northern, 2009 Intermountain, 2010 PNSA.
M/S/C Gunesch/Loring/Unanimous

It was noted that Alaska has the option to put forth a bid to host the J3 JO's in the future.

B. Western Region Junior Championships

Recommendations:

- Return to a 4-event Championship and continue with the second level event Western FIS Finals
- Identify sites available for both events
- Run the Championship and Finals concurrently
- Consider opening up Championship Speed events to seniors

These recommendations spurred discussion, which led to the following proposal:

MOTION: To add a pace quota (senior, US Ski Team) to the speed events at the WR Junior Championships, to be managed by the WR Director. Seniors would not be eligible for the podium.
M/S/C Loring/Macaya/Unanimous

C. ENL Races

Divisions may continue to propose ENL FIS races designed to allow access for younger FIS athletes. Existing procedures remain in effect. These events may be used as internal divisional qualifiers. ENL events will not be used as regional qualifiers.

D. Review of 2006-2007 Western Region Calendar

1) Elite FIS Series

MOTION: To approve the WR Elite Series Calendar as proposed:
January 9 -12 Tech Series @ Park City/Snowbird
January 22 – 28 Speed Series @ Alaska
February 21-25 Tech Series @ Jackson/Snow King
M/S/C Gunesch/Macaya/Unanimous

- The Western Region Junior Championships (4 event) has been sited at Jackson/Snow King for late March.
- Bids are still being accepted for the Western Region FIS Finals.

- The committee approved the two RMISA FISU college carnivals blocks within the Western Region Calendar proposed for January 6-7 and 13-14 at Big Sky (MSU) and Park City (Utah), respectively.
- 2) Western Region FIS Series
- MOTION: To approve the January 2 – 5, WR FIS Series split sites at Mammoth/Men and Big Sky/Women.**
M/S/C Towleron/Galusha/Unanimous
- MOTION: To approve the March 6 -9, WR FIS Series split sites at Squaw (GS) and Sugar Bowl or Northstar (SL).**
M/S/Defeated Hupfer/Maiocco/Defeated (3 For/9 Opposed)
- MOTION: To approve the March 6-9, WR FIS Series at Schweitzer, ID.**
M/S/C Loring/Macaya/Passed (9 For/3 Opposed)
- 3) ENL Races
- MOTION: To approve the request from the Far West Division to run two ENL Race blocks in January and February.**
M/S/C Gunesch/Hupfer/Unanimous
- 4) Western J3 Olympics & J4 Festival
- With the reinstatement of the divisional rotation, the J3 Junior Olympics has been sited at Mammoth on March 22-25, 2006. It was noted that a lodging/meals package may be made available but is not mandatory for the athletes.
- 5) Topolino Shootout
- The Topolino Shootout will be conducted per existing procedure. Site is Park City, dates are December 27, 28 and 29, with one practice day & two days of time trials. The top 6 M/W will be invited to the NDS camp in Lake Placid in January, with the top male and female making the Topolino Team.
7. Alpine officials issues – Curt Hammond
- There have been a number of items brought up for clarification and address:
- Clarification of course sets and measurements
 - Team Captains' Meetings not being scheduled at the FIS level
 - Course Security and protection
 - Lack of forerunners at Speed Events
- Concern that at upper level races (NorAm) the pro staff is securing the Referee position which leaves no coach representation on the jury (tech events).
8. New business – Lester Keller
- A. Rules and procedures review and approval
- Foreign Athlete Selection Procedure – Lester reviewed the current policy and noted it is on the WR website:
Foreign athletes, who do not compete full-time as part of a Western Region program, must qualify for FIS events through the normal procedures set up by FIS, their national association and USSA. The number of foreign athletes in the event may be expanded to accommodate these athletes provided the national quotas and field-size limitations are not exceeded.
Foreign athletes, who compete full-time as part of a Western Region program must qualify for these events through the procedures of their host division, or not participate in any USSA events. These foreign athletes will count against their host division's quota for the event.
 - Re-Calculate Regional Quota Method – The Regional Quota distribution will be re-calculated for the 06-07 season using established Western Region procedures.
 - J2 National Medalists – J2 National medalists, in discipline (top 3 not including Combined), will be included as Regional Automatics for the next season.
 - Intents to Compete – System in place will continue for the 06-07 season. Lester looks to have his seasonal assistant handle the intents.
 - Access to Topolino Shootout – System in place will continue for the 06-07 season.

- Evaluation of Quota Gender Distribution – The equality of the current quota gender distribution has been brought into question. Lester requested that a Task Force be established to examine and gather population & performance statistics for J3, J2, J1 (4 events) athletes going back three years. It was decided that the Task Force be made up of the ACC Chairs from each Division, with Ken Corrock, Chair. The Task Force will report back to the WR ACC at the September '06 meeting with possible implementation of any changes for the 06-07 season. The Task Force will also gather population figures for the J4/J5 athletes going back one year and use for any correction purposes.

B. Level 100 and 200 coaches' clinic schedule

Lester posed the following questions to the divisions:

- Are coaches able to easily gain access to level 100 coaches' clinics
- Are coaches aware of the excellent USSA Alpine Coaches Education tools
- Are divisions and clubs taking advantage of the ability to host a level 100 coaching clinic?

Finn Gundersen reported that the scheduling of invitation only level 300 high level clinics are about a year out.

C. Divisional meeting schedules

Lester asked all divisions to submit their upcoming Spring 2006 and Fall 2006 meeting schedules, to be posted on the Western Region website.

- PNSA – May 19-21, 2006 Annual Convention / Lincoln City, Oregon
September 23, 2006 ACC/NCC Meeting / Yakima, Washington
May 18-20, 2007 Annual Convention / TBA
- Far West – April 23, 2006
June 2006 – Summer Review
October 2006
- Northern – June 2-3, 2006 ACC/BOD/General Session
October 7-8, 2006 ACC/BOD/General Session
January 2007 ACC/BOD/General Session
March 2007 ACC/BOD/General Session
- IMD – May 20-21, 2006 ACC/BOD / Jackpot, Nevada
September 2006
- Alaska – TBA

D. Questionnaires

Lester distributed three questionnaires, requesting that all Western Region Programs complete and return: 1) Wage & Salary Survey; 2) Program Management Survey; 3) Identification of issues/concerns that affect your program, division, region. These will be utilized to establish a baseline for future strategic planning by and for the region.

9. Executive committee reports

A. Treasurer's report – Dawn Oehlerich

Reports on account balances and net worth were distributed, the region operated within the budget. As approved by the region, a little over \$21,000 from the Great Western Ski Education account was used to purchase much needed equipment for the region. Dawn suggested that the dollars in the savings account be moved to a short-term money market to earn more interest; the committee gave Dawn approval to move the money to better investment options at her discretion. There will be a meeting of the Great Western Ski Education Foundation in July, a topic at the meeting will be to establish memorial scholarships for athletes.

**MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report.
M/S/C Towleron/Stielow/Unanimous**

B. Outgoing chairman's report – Beat Hupfer

- Review of Western Region representatives on USSA Sub-committees and working groups.
- Beat expressed his believe that the past three years have been very successful for the Western Region. Everyone (coaches, athletes, staff) seemed to work well together. Thanks to

everyone for all of their hard work and efforts, hopefully it continues on. Thanks to Western Region Divisional Chairs. Thanks to Lester Keller and his staff for keeping things running smoothly and leadership of the region.

- Vice-Chairman Kent Towleron will assume the Western Region Chair position. Jen Stielow has been nominated for the vice-chairman position.

**MOTION: To approve Jen Stielow as the Western Region Vice-Chair.
M/S/C Hupfer/Loring/Unanimous**

10. Next meeting
Fall 2006 conference call. Date: September, TBA/
11. Adjournment
Motion: To adjourn
M/S/C Loring/Macaya/Unanimous

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Technical Delegate Working Group

Mountainview – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 11, 2006
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Robert Calderwood

1. Call to order

Calderwood called the meeting to order at 12:42 p.m.

2. Review of committee membership

Chairman: Robert Calderwood (Central)

Vice Chairman: Randy Rogers (PNSA)

Esther DelliQuadri (RMD)

Phil GalanFarr (Far West)

Carl Swanson (Alaska)

Evert Uldrich (IMD)

Paul VanSlyke (Eastern)

Thelma Hoessler (AO Education)

Charlie Burnam (Ex Officio, AOWG)

Ingrid Simonson (Ex Officio, past chair)

Additions or changes in membership:

Motion: To nominat Don Page as “Honorary Member” of the USSA TD WG.

M: Calderwood S: VanSylke P: Unanimous

3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda

M: Hoessler S: Uldrich VOTE: Unanimous RESULT: Passed

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the prior meeting

M: Galanfar S: Rogers VOTE: Unanimous RESULT: Passed

5. Reports

Chair: The chain of communications to USSA functioned well for the TD's.

Alaska Division: Decertified 5 TD's with more to come; due to inactivity. Some of the TD's are in need of Timing and Calculations. Uneventful race season.

Central Division: No issues; TD updates held in three regions.

Eastern Region: Getting new leadership, TD's; good response and comments on clinics.

Far West Division: 3 new TD candidates.

Intermountain Division: Had the usual officials clinics; no TD specific updates. Have more TD's than races available.

PNSA Division: Held a TD update; small group of TD's but no problems scheduling.

Rocky Mountain Division: Updating TD roster, removing those who have not updated in 2 years.

AO Education relating to TD's: have been using forms with intentional mistakes and having TD identify them. Suggested that this is a good method to give the TD an appreciation of what mistakes a computer can make.

6. Old business

- A. Status of use of USSA TD candidate nomination form and the USSA TD candidate performance evaluation form.

The general consensus is that this is a valuable tool. A group feels the paperwork is excessive. It was stressed that a paper trail of the training of a TD is what we are striving for.

- B. USSA TD report: Reporting of vertical drop

This past year the TD report form was changed to include the measured vertical drop. The Chair reviewed 755 USSA TD reports and reported that 60% were completed correctly. Examples of incomplete or incorrect forms were presented. The need for TD's to attend an update at least every two years was stressed.

7. New business

- A. Filing of Accident Reports after the fact.

Accident reports should be filed at the time of the event; coaches are to be encouraged to communicate any injuries to the jury. Filing after the fact is a liability issue.

- B. Daily Team Captains' meetings.

It has been reported that some events have one Team Captains' meeting prior to a multiple day event.

621.8 The draw (first group and groups without FIS points) must be held in a team captains' meeting.

It was felt that we need clarification of what constitutes a Team Captains' Meeting; Karen Korfanta is researching this.

- C. TD's relationship with the ROC – "minimum standards must be met"

The TD must take a leadership role at an event; they must see that there is a general enforcement of all rules. For all events, a daily team captains' or "informational" meeting must be held.

- D. Discussion of ACR numbering system: should it mimic the ICR? Progress.

Referred to Alpine Officials Committee.

- E. Discussion of event levels a TD must officiate at to be eligible for advancement.

The question of whether Master's races should be used for certification advancement was discussed. The consensus was that below Level 3 (these must be at ability class events by rule) Master's events can be used at the discretion of the Region.

- F. Night Lighting

A discussion of night racing was held. The differences between the FIS rule of 80 lux light level and the USSA rule of 2.5 lux were demonstrated.

The question of whether USSA should conform to the FIS rule was referred to the Courses Committee.

- G. Organizers attending the FIS update.

It was recommended that for higher level USSA events, the organizer should attempt to send a representative to a FIS update. The amount of information given at this event is invaluable to an organizer.

8. Executive session

TD ADVANCEMENT:

Eastern:

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| Newhard, Thomas | Level 3 TD |
| McClallen, Greg | Level 4 TD |
| Newman, Ted | Level 4 TD |
| Gouwens, Dirk | Level 4 TD |

Rocky Mountain:

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| Jett, Cath | Level 4 TD |
| Wiedel, Nancy | Level 4 TD |

Alaska:

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| Wahto, Doug | Level 4 TD |
| Swanson, Carl | Level 4 TD |
| Stewart, Martin | Level 3 TD |

Northern:

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| Megerth, Mark | Level 3 TD pending verification of examination |
| Knaub, J.C. | Level 3 TD pending verification of examination |

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Education and Development Subcommittee

Summit C – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 11, 2006
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Dave Galusha

Attendance

Members

Dave Galusha: Chair

Finn Gundersen: USSA Staff

Mark Heinrich-Wallace: Athlete Rep.

Kent Towleron: Western

Kirk Dwyer: Eastern

Jeff Byrne: Ex Officio

Chris Puckett: Rocky/Central

Andre Horton: Athlete Rep.

Guests

Steve Utter

Laura Sullivan

Terry DelliQuadri

Mark Sullivan

Brian Seim

Mike Hammer

George Thomas

Dave Waller

Sparky Anderson

Connie Webster

Ellen Gallbraith

Lisa Gouwens

Aaron Athens

Craig Krueger

Sarah Getzelman

Troy Price

Jenn Stielow

Ken Corrock

Jeff Pickering

Curt Gleaves

Aldo Radamus

Nigel Loring

Lester Keller

Nick Maiocco

Michael Bowman

Ed Gassman

Brewster McVicker

Horst Weber

Koch Nani

Dave McCann

Karen Ghent

Walt Evans

Tom Barnes

Andy Walshe

Jeff Bruggeman

Jeffrey Sadis

Kristian Saile

Erin Bordley

Todd Brickson

Eric Harlow

Craig Bouden

Ben Roberts

Tim Maguire

1. Call to Order

Galusha called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. He welcomed the members and guests.

2. Review and adoption of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection. Questions regarding staff reports as asked to follow at the end of each presentation.

3. Review of minutes

Minutes circulated at the end of last year. Copies are available for members who did not receive a copy.

Motion: To approve the minutes

M/S/C Puckett, Gundersen, unanimous

4. Review of membership

Dave Galusha – Chair – D Galusha to remain chair.

Peter Dodge – College rep

Finn Gundersen-Staff

Ron Lawrence-R/C-Not in attendance

Wendy Neal – E-Not in attendance
Chris Puckett-R/C
Kent Towleron-W
Doug Williams – E-Not in attendance
Mark Heinrich-Wallace – Athlete representative
Andre Horton – Athlete representative
Eastern representatives for this meeting: Kurt Dwyer and Steve Utter.

5. Review of Committee's role within USSA structure
 - a. Alpine Executive committee – subcommittee to Alpine Sport Committee – athlete development, athlete education, and Coaches' Education.
 - b. Review of Structure – A Task force was developed for 04-05 to look at critical issues. Found difficult to maintain. Year 06-07 committee will remain in contact periodically throughout year. If critical issues arise will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. If necessary a task force could be put together to address issues.
 - c. D. Galusha -- Thank you to those who worked on task forces 04-05.
6. Chairman's report
See above.
7. USSA staff reports
 - a. Alpine Director – Hunt
 - i. Welcome from J.H. Thank you to all in attendance
 - ii. National Team Update:
 1. Goal of best in the world based on Olympic success, fell short of goal. Tremendous achievements from younger athletes, did not reach potential with whole team. Need to evaluate why. Goal to instill a set of core values in whole team.
 2. Staff changes: **Men**: J. McBride and P. Bosinger have retired from the team. C. Brigham to replace J. McBride. M. Branch to replace P. Bosinger. R. Paten moved up to 3rd WC speed spot. **Women**: T. Wagner moved on. C Knight to take over for T. Wagner. S. Bartlett will fill in as support.
 3. Current Goals: Goal still to be best in the world. Want to allocate resources so that athletes win at every level.
 - iii. Development Team:
 1. Goal review: achieved two of four goals. Preparing athletes for National Team and Nor Am titles and WC quota spots secured $\frac{3}{4}$. Did not achieve 4 WJR Medals or Marc Hodler Cup (placed 3rd)
 2. Resource Allocation: Correlation between amount of resources and what it takes to succeed at that level. Goal is to remain constant with funding. Goal is to keep the D Team funded consistently.
 3. Program Structure
Gender Head Coach W = K. Sourbeer, M = T Sell
Gender Assist Coach
Gender Service
Admin Assistance through NDS = M Clark
Report to Alpine Director
Athletes are "pay to play" \$14,000 (rest of expenses paid by USSA)
 4. CSF for D Team program
Resources to achieve WJC medals and Hodler cup. Athlete management (Athlete pool – injury prevention / rehab). Experienced staff – continuity of staff at dev. level.

iv. Questions / Comments

1. Definition of Core values? What are they? – **J. Hunt:** 6 values Team –Loyalty, Integrity, Respect, Accountability and Perseverance. All Values are company wide not just at athlete level.
2. Size of Team for D Team? Are you happy with size? Is it financial or group dynamics? **J. Hunt:** Happy with size at 6-8. Resources not a factor right now. Athlete to coach ratio appropriate for goals of team. Junior/young athletes are buying into the beginning levels of competition = good for team.
3. What would you do with extra money if you are currently at 60%? **J. Hunt:** At 60% of what funding was previously. Estimate of numbers. Like to keep funding, etc. consistent to see if achieve same results as in previously funded years.
4. Athlete's paying \$14,000 what does USSA pay? **J. Hunt:** USSA covering all other travel, coaches. USSA is paying more than what athlete is paying.
5. Win at every level, struggle with kids wanting to move on when they qualify. How important is it for D team to win at Nor Am level before going to Europa cup. Does it mean titles or races? **J. Hunt:** Two concepts, delivering resources at a level so that every athlete has the ability to win, may not be same athlete every time. From athlete management standpoint want all athletes to win, put them at a level where they can succeed. Would like to see them win at every level during development. Gearing program so that athletes are competing at the right levels to develop successfully. Not a requirement to win at every level.
6. Have you looked at financial aid for people who cannot afford to "pay to play"? **J. Hunt:** Do not currently have scholarship program. Has been discussion. Don't want to send message of if you can't afford you can't join. Encouraging athletes who struggle to pay to seek local support.
7. Once someone has been identified who cannot pay and go another track do you keep track of them? **J. Hunt:** If athlete at any point making criteria going to pick them up. Key is making criteria. Criteria designed so that we support 25 athletes. Criteria written so that athletes can be selected objectively. Have to be difficult enough so that athletes who make team are the size that USSA can handle.
8. D Team question on women. Women mature younger. Have you addressed that? **J. Hunt:** Criteria written so that the age of female athletes is taken into account.

b. USST Sport Science – A. Walshe

- i. Welcome from A. Walshe.
- ii. Staffing – Per and two physiologists are heading up Alpine program. Heavily involved with teams during the year. Focus heavily on WC. Ramping up Coaches Ed for EC coaches.
- iii. Training Center – Still down behind Home Depot. New facility still 2-3 year build. At current location for another few years. Welcome to come view testing, just contact before arrival. Invitation to visit at any point during USSA Congress.
- iv. Nordic Programs – new demand for Nordic support. Ramped up for next four years, staff moving to cover.
- v. Change in Values – trying to re-establish core values and work ethic for new staff and athletes. New work culture. Will ramp alpine testing up again in next four years.
- vi. New Technology – investigating key new technologies. Final stages of evaluating one company. Ability to look at velocity on the hill. Use information as basis for educational materials for the next levels. Applied to USOC to help pay for technology.
- vii. Overall Program – continue to operate as past several years as far as testing.

viii. Questions

1. Seems like every few years testing changed in the regions. Did this come from your office? **A. Walshe:** No. Put out pilot program. Evaluated. Re-did. Came out with new Physical Assessment CD. Will be out in next two weeks. Eventually protocols will be put on Coaches Resource Center for coaches to use.
2. Will you add a fitness component to the D team? **A. Walshe and J. Hunt:** Yes. Going to San Diego for fitness assessment. Right now won't be a criteria of making team.
3. Will we have access to other data other than ours? **A. Walshe:** Eventually have on web interface so that coaches can compare to other results around the country. Also publish norms for all elite athletes not just skiers.

c. Coaches Education – F. Gundersen

- i. Welcome from F Gundersen. Introduction of other staff – E. Bordley and D. McCann.
- ii. Report in binder for full report.
 1. CSFs – Organization & Structure, Content development, delivery & service.
 2. Elite Performance model guides program.
 3. Goals
 - a. Enhanced on-line coaches resource center, online store, improved marketing and sales features and database.
 - b. Develop Alpine Ski Fundamentals 2 CD.
 - c. Develop Physical Assessment CD
 - d. Marketing Strategy to reach outside our core markets.
 - e. Train 220 Level 100 Coaches, 130 Level 200 Coaches. Reached 100 but not 200. Program clinics introduced. Plan on doing more clinics this year.
 4. Significant Achievements.
 - a. Successful Sports Parenting CD – partnership with USA Swimming to develop CD.
 - b. Presentations – USOC, NCACE, AAHPERD, PSIA, CA state legislators for AHA.
 5. Goals for 06-07
 - a. Refinement of processes for content, resource develop and management
 - b. Expanded marketing and partnerships
 - c. Development of CDs/DVDs for other sports
 - d. Continued development of CDs in partnerships with other NGBs, USOC, educational institutions.
 6. Activities
 - a. Enhanced services for USSA Coaches Resource Center. Forums posted July 1 – Alpine General, Alpine Fundamentals, Job Postings. Will remove people who do not follow rules. Will pull it down if topics not followed properly.
 - b. Expand and focus on partnership relationships to market resources.
 - c. Instructor Professional Development.
 - d. Deliver Clinics Level 100 = 19; Level 200 = 14
 - e. CD Development – moving to other sports. Snowboard, X-country, Leadership Series, Physiology Level 200 CD, Level 300 Advanced Alpine Technical.

- iii. Questions
 - 1. How do you have affordable Sport Science delivery to the regions? **F. Gundersen and A. Walshe:** Planning stages of elite seminar. Working on how to get information out to junior athletes.
- iv. Parenting CD – review of Successful Sports Parenting CD.
 - 1. How do you get the parents to attend? **F. Gundersen:** Goal is to get into hands of every parent at every club. We'll work with clubs on price.
 - 2. What is approximate cost? **F. Gundersen:** 20 or more \$20 per CD. For larger orders contact D. McCann.
- v. Physical Assessment – Review of USSA Physical Assessment CD.
- d. NDS – Evans
 - i. Welcome by W. Evans. Thank you to D. Galusha for working with NDS at Summit.
 - ii. Congratulations to clubs, parents and athletes who made D Team.
 - iii. D Team – Assist NDS in future. Need to have sustainable D Team funding.
 - iv. Report – see page 44 of manual.
 - 1. Review of purpose.
 - 2. Review of Goals – see page 44 for details of goals.
 - a. Nor Am Study on page 81 – looks at penalties and quality of events providing.
 - b. Topolino – see page 86-88 for performance report and observations.
 - c. Whistler Cup – see page 88 for review of performance.
 - 3. Goals for 06-07
 - a. Calendar – will be handled in meeting on Friday AM
 - b. Activities for year 06-07. See page 89-91. List of projects, participation criteria, project leaders, etc. See page 92 for selection criteria. Page 93-94 two-year snapshot of coaches who have helped run projects over that time period.
 - c. CSFs: See page 46 in manual for detailed outline of critical success factors and challenges to those CSFs.
 - v. Questions
 - 1. D Team – Whistler Cup and D Team Athletes and J3s. **W. Evans:** NDS June camp moving to Tactics instead of Fundamentals. Fundamentals will be handled at the regional level. No more J3s in national system.
- e. Regional Reports – East/Rocky Central/West
 - i. East – Tim Maguire

Season challenges. Struggled with lack of precipitation. See page 50 for full details. Staffing changes: Lost K. Sourbeer moved to Women's D Team; S. Goodwin moved on. Looking for 2 staff members. Resumes being accepted.
 - ii. Rocky Central

Thank you to W Evans for assistance over this year. Goal to stop getting beaten by East and West. Report: see page 56 for more details. Goal – change focus to younger athletes. Working with J3s not just Nor Am Cup level athletes. Development Focus – change to focus on different things in Rocky and Central. New Staff -- Rob Worrel to be regional coach. Will be pushed to have better results through development system. Want more athletes to make D Team Criteria. Questions: Is there some correlation between clinic attendance of coaches

and athletes? **F. Gundersen and T. DelliQuadri:** Rocky most educated coaches by group. Another issue is kids racing in too many races.

iii. West – L. Keller

Welcome. No changes in staff. Success of program in West is due to consistency and buy-in. Report – See page 61 for full report. Defined J3 participation. J2 (first years) will do jump progression from Fundamentals every year. Also doing slalom fundamentals. Tiered system buy in from divisions within the western region. Very good model for the rest of the country for development.

8. Discussion items

a. Clear Path issues

i. World Junior Championships

1. Discussion of selection criteria – upper juniors lacking access to Nor Ams to qualify for WJC. **J. Hunt:** Expectation is that top juniors will compete at Nor Ams and succeed so that they will qualify for WJCs. Don't want to lower standards. EC & WC both criteria for making WJCs. There is limited access there. **W. Evans:** more a problem for men than women. Scheduled some Nor Ams over World Cup at Beaver Creek. Upped start numbers of Americans in some races. Re-evaluate in a year.
2. **M. Heinrich-Wallace:** Not just an issue of juniors having access to Nor Ams. Is it a quota problem? Might be a quota problem.

ii. Junior 2 National Championships

1. Fits into clear path where there was a void. Main challenges have been access to qualifiers. Western region addressing problem by having 2nd tier FIS races.
2. Are the quotas too small? Should extended quotas be introduced? **W. Evans:** Discuss quotas for J2s in NDS meeting. Quotas are distributed across regions. For NDS quotas more fluid so that athletes performing well get to attend. Not opposed to expansion of quotas.
3. **L. Keller:** do people want a few more spots or a lot? Would not recommend a mass quota extension. Do not want quality of event to drop off.
4. Question about expanding the J2s for a three-year window specifically for the men. **W. Evans:** wise to mirror image FIS and Alpine Canada. Preference to leave two-year window. Give it big event feel.

iii. Other

1. **W. Evans:** comment on J2s: See page 82. ENL DH not appropriate environment, need to use FIS DH criteria.
2. Question about J1 athletes not attending races/championships. **W. Evans:** need to look at J1 retention. Target of J1 level athletes not at development level.
3. Question about J1 regional championships. Do other regions have problems with retention? Seeing more teams going to Europe. How do we get people to attend when first year J1s? Only a small group attend Nationals. Perhaps combine regions so have large enough fields.

b. NDS Projects

i. Staffing

1. Challenge of getting coaches to participate in projects. Topping out top programs. June NDS '06 recruited some national team coaches, instructors, and team alums. Facing problem of coaches being paid to do other camps. Add more credentials to coaches' education status for participation.

- ii. Pre-project staff orientation/communication
 - 1. Are we doing enough to have coaches informed before they work with the athletes? Can there be more time and effort put into matching up coaches and athletes at projects? **W. Evans:** Challenge for competition projects mid season. Need to do better. Need to look into how to get coaches working with athletes at projects to know athletes better.
 - 2. **M. Heinrich-Wallace:** maybe need to prepare athletes better for working with other coaches. Better partnership between home coach, athlete and NDS.
- c. Coaches' Education
 - i. If not proactive coach, what is Coaches' Education doing for me? **F. Gundersen** Think CRC (coaches resource center web site) is a step in the right direction but still a time gap. Could we get reports from projects such as Topolino emailed and put on website. Want something generated to them instead of having coaches have to find it.
 - ii. Do people use sites or do we need mail? Something on how to get to website over email and then a reminder. **A. Walshe:** limited in company on how many emails we can send out. Will try to send quarterly blasts to update what's going on CRC. Ultimately CRC will have password. Right now public access.
 - iii. Is limit on blast emails resource related? **A. Walshe:** not really. If we could we'd email once per month. Total website being overhauled. When finished each program will control own content.
 - iv. Forum Comment: Could staff put topics out there to get ball rolling? Could use CRC Forum to help drive where we go. Committee could interact with membership through Forum. Goal will be to update forum topics every month. Will help to address critical issues.
 - v. Can we mix in reports from Topolino to forum? **A. Walshe:** need to trial it. Eventually guest posters to put up topics and video, etc.
 - vi. Could we get outside moderators? Yes. But have to figure out how to staff. Very labor intensive.
- 9. Old business
 - a. **C. Puckett** – follow up to speed progression task force
 - i. Come up with issues speed related that were countrywide.
 - ii. Ideas
 - 1. Difficulty of clubs finding speed venues: possibility of using competition venue.
 - 2. Sectioning – Trial program at Vail. This year weather issues, timing, need to prioritize speed starts. Sectioning can be useful for kids. Intention good, should be on front end.
 - 3. Scheduling difficult. Vertical difficult for most venues also time of year.
 - 4. **T. DelliQuadri:** looking at Western projects schedule to help Rocky/Central. Want to piggyback or copy project structure to help R/C
- 10. New business
 - a. Education

There will be a presneation on Saturday prior to the sport committee meeting on concussion and sport.
 - b. Other issues during the year please bring to chairman's attention.
- 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine FIS Technical Delegate Working Group

Mountainview - The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 11, 2006
2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Tom Winters

1. Call to Order – Welcome by the Chairman

2. Review of Working Group Members

Members:

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| Tom Winters | Chairman | Present |
| Paul VanSlyke | Vice Chairman | Present |
| Bob Calderwood | Member | Present |
| Bob Dart | Member | Present |
| Bill Hicks | Member | Present |
| Chuck Hughes | Member | Present |
| Randy Rogers | Member | Present |
| Charlie Burnham | Ex-Officio | Present |
| Bill Gaylord | Ex-Officio | Present |
| Bill Slattery | Honorary | Present |
| Lee Sosman | Honorary | Absent |
| Jeff Weinman | USSA Staff | Present |

3. Review & Approval of Agenda

4. Reports - The Chairman asked the various FIS Committee Members to highlight issues of interest which will be discussion points at the FIS Congress

FIS Congress Reports – Portugal Expectations and Issues to be Undertaken

Ted Sutton – Courses - Slalom changes, It is ok to use FIS homologated women's SG for use as men ENL SG course.

Karen Korfonta – Rules and Control - SG & SL – proposals include SG minimum vertical drop to be adjusted downwards to 400m and two run DH to a minimum vertical drop of 400m. Proposal to require helmets for all FIS events. Question as to requirement for actual physical Team Captains Meetings and the need thereof,

Allen Church – Timing and Calculation Problems, This past year USA had 286 forms submitted - 23 had A times missing, CAN 183 forms were submitted with 18 missing A Times while it is interesting to note that Italy had the most forms world wide and missed NO A times. The material increase in ties at World Cup events was an issue for concern.

Bob Dart – NorAm / European Cup - Streamline NAC & EC Rules, \$80-90 per diem rates adjustments as well as the 400 point rules.

Other items discussed relative to reports and ongoing items

- A. Other Issues – Equipment – No issues
 - B. FIS Competition and TD Reports – 100% delivery, Expense Reports 70% - needs improvement.
 - C. Homologation Issues – Discussed Canadian problems during course of 2005-06 season. Possibility of Tech Homologations for USSA events in future.
5. Regional/International reviews – Assignments/Venues
- A. Central – No Issues, Integration of outside TD's worked well
 - B. East – Tough Season with Snow – FIS UNI events had issues completing calendar. Minor issue with one organizer with regard to expenses.
 - C. Intermountain – TD's backing out at last minute causing hardship for organizers and TD Coordinator.
 - D. Rocky Mountain – Thanks to the Rocky TD's, some challenges and problems getting TD's to certain areas. All good events. The DAR events will be a challenge for the future as to assignment and procedures – Issue is on current FIS TD Sub-Committee Congress agenda.
 - E. Western Report – Lots and lots of snow – coaches work great with organizer to help many events to be conducted.
 - F. International Report – Greg Johnson was the TD at the World Cup event in Kitzbuhel, Austria. Tom recommended once again that TD's who want to be considered in the future for foreign events should undertake the study of some German to qualify for nomination to European events.
 - G. Educational Programs – Mandatory Annual FIS TD Updates - Seattle October 27-29, 2006 and Ottawa November 3-5, 2006.
6. Old & New Business
- A. USSA Office – No issues to be reported on.
 - B. Update programs – Observations – no comments
 - C. Review of operating procedures – DAR, etc. Challenging events and need for qualifications for FIS TD assignments and procedures.
 - D. Use of internet/FIS Site/Split Second – No report, Items to be coordinated and addressed by USSA Alpine Officials Working Group
 - E. FIS – suggestions and observations/action items/New TD Memento – Brief discussion regarding International entries and procedures.
7. Closed Session Executive Session
- A. Discussion of present - three Technical Delegate candidates and their position within the educational and testing process.
 - B. Report by the Chairman on the completion of all educational and testing requirements by TD Candidates – Dan Chayes from (East) and Brad Ghent from (Rocky). The Chairman will be submitting final examination reports and recommendation to the FIS at the FIS Congress meetings.
 - C. Approval of new Technical Delegate candidate - Grant Lindemer (Central)
8. Next Meeting: Park City, UT, May 16 – 20, 2007

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Mountainview
Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Charlie Burnham

Working Group Members present:

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| Charlie Burnham (Chair) | Esther DelliQuadri (RMD) |
| Ingrid Simonson (Vice-Chair) | Mike Hammer (IMD) |
| Thelma Hoessler (AO Ed WG) | Craig Krueger (Northern) |
| Bob Calderwood (USSA TD WG) | Phil GilanFarr (Far West) |
| Tom Winters (USSA FIS TD WG) | Roger Root (PNSA) |
| Paul Van Slyke (Eastern) | Carl Swanson (Alaska) |
| Gretchen Ransom (Central) | Jeff Weinman (Staff) |

In addition, 17 guests were present.

1. Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. by Burnham
2. Roll call and determination of voting members
Burnham reviewed the members with a vote.
3. Review and approval of agenda:
Motion 1: To approve the agenda, as presented.
M/S/C Calderwood/DelliQuadri/Unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes from 12 May 2005
Motion 2: To approve the minutes as presented
M/S/C Gaylord/GilanFarr/Unanimous
5. Working Group reports
 - A. Education T. Hoessler
Hoessler reviewed the AO Education WG meeting, and its action item, which proposed to add certifications as CR2 and JA1 as a third track to becoming a certified TD. See the report of that meeting.
 - B. USSA TD B. Calderwood
Calderwood reviewed the USSA TD WG meeting. There were no action items. See the report of that meeting.
 - C. FIS TD T. Winters
There were no action items. See the report of that meeting.
6. Other reports

- A. Staff J. Weinman
Jeff had nothing to add to his previous report and his printed material.
- B. Courses Working Group T. Sutton
The meeting will be later today.
- C. Timing Working Group A. Church
Officials need to be reminded to carefully prepare timing reports.
- D. Classification Working Group A. Church
See this Working Group's agenda.

7. Old business

- A. USSA First Report of Accident form: It was repeated that this is an insurance-driven form. Officials are asked simply to fill in what they know, whenever there is any chance that a secondary insurance claim might be filed.
- B. Equipment regulations and enforcement: There was one equipment protest in Pennsylvania; the protocol for handling protests was followed closely, and it worked well.
- C. Jury Adviser & Referee certifications: It will take time to adjust the certifications between RF and JA, particularly for volunteers, who primarily fill start and finish referee positions.
- D. AO certification updates of TDs, RFs, and JAs: Updating of certifications continues to proceed. Attention needs to be paid to the requirement of every-other-year updates for these officials.

8. New business

A. Protocol for on-site USSA memberships:

Two staff members from the USSA Membership Department (Lois & Sheryl) joined the meeting, to provide information about USSA's treatment of on-site USSA memberships. The number of on-site memberships processed last year was in the neighborhood of 2000-3000 total. The preferred procedure for organizers is to:

- FAX on-site memberships immediately to USSA, using credit cards for payment; then call on the following Monday to confirm that USSA received the FAX;
- For on-site memberships where payment is by check, mail direct to USSA Membership, ATTN: Lois, using priority mail, and clearly specify that this is an on-site membership application.

The USSA staff noted that during the time between the submission of the on-site membership at a race venue and its recording by the USSA Membership Department, the racer's status regarding membership (liability, insurance, etc.) is a "gray area."

Laura Sullivan (USCSA Executive Director) pleaded for the ability to do on-line memberships (for college students), and it was felt by the group that such capability for all members should be a priority item for USSA. The staff said it would be at least 18 months until this could be realized, which the group felt was unfortunate. It is felt that a higher priority on USSA's part would be appropriate.

Hoessler noted that it was the prerogative of each ROC to decide whether or not it would accept on-site memberships.

B. Tracking alpine officials work history and service records:

Jeff Weinman reported that progress is being made to record data from non-scored races, and that this past season data from 31% of these races were recorded.

C. Integration of ACR and ICR rules:

A task force set up by Thelma Hoessler did an excellent job of identifying differences between the ACR and the ICR. The question now before the group is, what to do next? After discussion, it was decided to move forward with the following process:

- Motion 3:** To amend the ACR to more closely follow the ICR by:
- Fixing problem rules between the two (additions/removals);
 - Renumbering the ACR so that the rule number corresponds to the ICR rule;
 - Determining a method to identify those ACR rules that do not have a corresponding ICR rule.

M/S/C DelliQuadri/Hoessler/Unanimous

Gary Wright volunteered to help Jeff Weinman carry out item (c) of the motion.

- D. Preparation for DH events:
The task force on venue preparation to be initiated by USSA will help in this area.
- E. Election of working group officers:
Esther DelliQuadri nominated Ingrid Simonson as chairperson of the Alpine Officials Working Group.

Motion 4: To elect Ingrid Simonson as chairperson of the Alpine Officials Working Group, to serve a two-year term ending in 2008.

The vote in favor was (nearly) unanimous (1 dissenting vote).

Paul Van Slyke nominated Gretchen Ransom as vice-chairman of the Alpine Officials Working Group.

Motion 5: To elect Gretchen Ransom as vice-chairperson of the Alpine Officials Working Group, to serve a two-year term ending in 2008.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Esther DelliQuadri expressed, on behalf of the Working Group, thanks to Charlie Burnham for a job well done as Chair for the past four years.

Jeff Weinman suggested, for future consideration, that the Working Group evaluate whether or not the WG's rules should be amended to permit officers who are not FIS TD's.

9. Executive Session: level 4 candidate review Divisional representatives

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

Alaska – Carl Swanson

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| 4784419 Swanson, Carl CO4, JA4 | 5683198 Wahto, Doug CO4, JA4 |
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East – Paul Van Slyke

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| 4810420 Besant, Martin TC4 | 1513837 McClallen, Greg CO4 |
| 5119334 Browne, Mike CC4, CO4, CR4 | 4637302 Quesnel, Ron CC4 |
| 4911251 Harlow, Paul JA4 | 4939450 Schuler, Jake CO4 |
| 5295332 Iverson, Dave CO4, DM4, RA4, TC4 | 497 Sosman, Leland 4 in all categories |

Far West – Phil GilanFarr

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| 4358115 Dufty, Noel CC4, CR4 | 4803425 Lella, Bruce CC4, CO4 |
| 3149382 Hoffman, Ellen CC4, DM4 | 4133302 Schmidt, Lee CR4 |
| 4621074 Hupfer, Beat DM4 | 4739611 Shahhovskoi, Kitty DM4, RA4 |
| 4629861 Jones, Greg CC4, CR4, CO4 | |

IMD – Mike Hammer

4758462 Price, Troy RF4

RMD – Esther DelliQuadri

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| 4888798 DeSilva-Caveny RF4 | 4720637 Perricone, Roger TC4 |
| 3021862 Gooch, Bill CO4 | 4420220 Rice, Steve RF4 |
| 4813986 Herbst, Teresa TC4 | 5576863 Schmitt, William JA4 |
| 5834882 Lyon, Harvey TC4 | 5188826 Westcott, Jeffrey TC4 |
| 1313329 Mangold, Frank RF4 | 4972873 Williams, Steve CO4, RF4 |

5442157 Maciejko, Mike CC4

Northern – Craig Krueger
4095790 Maxwell, Joe RF4

PNSA – Roger Root
5868518 Crick, Robert CC4, RF4

3160868 Simonson, Ingrid JA4

M/S/C: Gaylord/DelliQuadri/Unanimous

10. Adjourn

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

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

Mountainview – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 11, 2006
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Action Items

Meeting Chair: Charlie Burnham

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- c. Determining a method to identify those ACR rules that do not have a corresponding ICR rule.

DelliQuadri/Hoessler/unanimous

Motion 2: To elect Ingrid Simonson as chair of the working group

DelliQuadri/Simonson/carried 12 for 1 against

Motion 3: To elect Gretchen Ransom as vice-chair of the working group

VanSlyke/Hoessler/unanimous

Executive Session

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USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Regional Subcommittee

Ivers – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 11, 2006
4:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Horst Weber

Attendance:

Members: Chairman Horst Weber, Curt Hammond and Beat Hupfer. Bill Slattery - represented Central

Guests: Bob Dart, John Jacobs, Harry Stoneham

1. Call to order

Weber called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

2. Review and adoption of agenda

3. Review of minutes

4. Open discussion

A. Committee member content

There are currently six on this committee including the chair. Horst is outgoing chair. Beat Hupfer will be chairman for the next two years.

Bob Dart mentioned that this subcommittee may not be active every year but should remain intact as an effective communication tool to go to the various ACCs. This group is another vehicle to discuss various pertinent issues that come up periodically. The members recommend that this meeting be held at the beginning of the Congress.

B. Sanction fees for non-scored events

Motion was made to eliminate the entry-level race Sanction Fee of \$100/series. A \$40 fee for each non-scored race is recommended.

C. Non-scored results posted on USSA site

For next season clubs need to submit non-scored race results in the proper format to be posted on the USSA site. Weber/Hupfer Passed unan

D. Venue management event committee

Bob Dart brought up this newly organized committee. With no requirement for USSA SL and GS homologation – USSA will be offering guidelines to help the many sites out. This will be discussed at the Course Committee. Estimate of timeline to set this up will be a few years into the future. This committee has been formed but not named. Officials in each of the regions will assist with implementation. This will be an evolution process to make this work properly.

This committee supports this initiative and is interested in participating in its implementation.

E. Memberships

Day of event membership

It is not official with USSA until it is accepted by USSA membership department. Racer can participate on that day if the forms are properly filled out and signed.

One day membership

Masters use this to join for a short period. Discussion ensued regarding to implementing this for junior racing in all disciplines.

USSA is emphasizing the clubs to encourage their racers to join early in the season.

There is hope that there will be online membership in the near future. This might facilitate potential growth and will be easier. Discussion continued regarding the benefits of online registration. It would be helpful to investigate how other sports deal with online registration.

Recommendation - USSA needs to pursue online registration and the possibility of pro-rated fees. This subcommittee suggests that USSA add a one day registration.

F. Concern about losing 18 year olds

Athletes are mentally spent and now out of high school. The participatory racer is leaving. In addition there is loss at the Jr 3 level. USSA loses the athletes for many reasons. Recommendation is that USSA create an exit survey.

There continues to be growth of younger athletes. The broader the base the better chance USSA has to find elite athletes.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Courses Working Group

Judge – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 11, 2006
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Ted Sutton

1. Call to order – Welcome by the Chairman
2. Review of Working Group membership

Inspectors / Advisors FIS & USSA

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| Ted Suttons | Chairman | Present |
| Bob Calderwood | Vice Chairman | Present |
| Bear Bryant | Member | Absent |
| Jeff Byrne | Member | Present |
| Bob Carter | Member | Absent |
| Allen Church | Member | Present |
| Bruce Crane | Member | Present |
| Don Cushing | Member | Present |
| Bob Dart | Member | Present |
| Stanley Goldschmidt | Member | Present |
| Tom Johnston | Member | Present |
| Paul Mahre | Member | Absent / Excused |
| Larry Smith | Member | Absent |
| Fred Turton | Member | Absent |
| Evert Uldrich | Member | Present |
| Tom Winters | Member | Present |

The chair noted that numerous guests were present.

3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes
5. General Discussion Items and Comments by the Chairman – Ted Sutton (TS) and Participants
 - a) Chairman – Reviewed the concept and methodology of course homologation.
 - b) Chairman – Noted need for equipment inventory as well as increase of onsite “B” net inventories for utilization as and when required by the event jury.
 - c) Chairman – Giant Slalom events have increasingly become speed events which will warrant further consideration by this group.
 - d) Chairman & Participants – Discussion of “B” net installation and system construction of the various types of products was undertaken with commentary lead by Tom Johnston.

- e) Chairman – Highlighted continuing need for Jury inspection of all installation elements – affirmative top down inspections.
 - f) Participants – Question as to effectiveness of asking for full installations at one day events. B. Crane, notwithstanding efforts needed one day events require proper protection elements which might be helped by calendaring. T. Johnston, multi day events might motivate organizers to conduct events.
 - g) Chairman – Commented upon and reported his favorable impression for utilization of an experts working group as proposed by Walt Evans - USSA.
 - h) Participants – Possible future homologation of USSA SL and GS courses was discussed. Noted by B. Crane that nothing presently precludes such an undertaking.
 - i) Chairman – Noted need for new protection plans including fencing with all rehomologation reports.
 - j) T. Johnston mentioned his rule of thumb for possible “B” nets requirements for GS courses were the length of the trail X 3. It was mentioned that homologation reports should make mention of a suggested amount of nets which might be required.
 - k) Participants – T. Johnston, Review of system construction, utilization of slip skirt with “B” nets as well as pole spacing, willie bags, tower tubs and air fencing was undertaken.
 - l) Participants – T. Johnston, Review of snow preparation methods i.e. wind rows etc. There is a great need for “how to” information by event sites.
 - m) Chairman – Review of homologation issues and requirements for night event lighting was discussed – example letter from Holiday Valley regarding compliance with NSAA guidelines.
 - n) Chairman – Noted need for greater cooperation with members of the coaching community and the benefits to be gained by both groups.
 - o) Chairman – Asked Gary Wright to act as the liaison to the Alpine Education Working Group so as to further the educational safety protocol component and “B” net utilization elements of this very important educational program.
6. Homologation inventory and assignments
USSA/FIS re-inspections and new inspections – Bruce Crane
 7. Next Meeting - Park City, UT, May 16-20, 2007
 8. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Rocky/Central Region ASC

Kearns – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Thursday, May 11, 2006
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Jeff Bruggeman

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Introduction of RC ASC members
Jeff Bruggeman - Chair, Jon Nolting - Vice Chair, Bill Slattery, CEN, Brewster McVicker, CEN, Dave Waller, CEN, Darryl Landstrom, CEN, not present, Chris Puckett, RMD, Roger Perricone, Pat Callahan, RMD, Bob Dart, RMD, Kristian Saile, USSA/RC staff, Terry DelliQuadri, USSA/RC staff, Darlene Nolting, USSA/RC Staff, George Thomas, RMD, Brian Seim, RMD, Tom Barnes, CEN, Mike Bowman, RMD, Ed Gassman, Curt Gleaves, Aldo Radamus, RMD, Gary Wright, RMD, Esther DelliQuadri, RMD, Gretchen Ransom, CEN
3. Review and approval of agenda
Nolting/Perricone M/S/C
4. Review and approval of minutes
Nolting/Callahan M/S/C
5. Staff reports
 - A. Terry DelliQuadri
 - 1) We are doing some analysis as to why Rocky/Central is not performing well at big events and also trying to keep athletes in the region.
 - 2) Rob Worrell has been hired as the Rocky/Central Regional Coach
 - A. I will ask Rob to communicate better with coaches both before projects and after projects.
 - B. Treat Rocky and Central separately and design projects and development plans that best suit each division's needs.
 - C. Set goals for each of the projects and strive to meet those goals.
 - 3) Rocky has put together a strategic planning working group to help figure out the needs of the division and help meet those needs.
 - B. Darlene Nolting
Proposal - Junior Champions Camp to adjust the selection method to match the change in the regional quota to that event. **Slattery/J. Nolting M/S/C**
 - C. Kristian Saile
 - 1) Conditioning Camps in the fall were not well attended. Central will include a physical education segment to the Medals Assessments that are held in each region.
 - 2) Central Division Tech Camp was well received. We will incorporate a coaches' education session in conjunction with this camp.
 - 3) Mt Ripley speed camp was cancelled due to lack of numbers. A couple of the regions scheduled events on top of the camp.
 - 4) Mid Am Series - We did a cooperative effort with the Lake Superior division that was hosted in Loch Lomond - Canada. Central has had a philosophy change of moving from four Mid

Ams to three Mid Ams and try and site these events towards hill quality, even if it has to be an ENL race

- 5) Lutsen Spring Series - The Shelley Glover foundation has taken on hosting this event. Numbers are down at both the FIS and USSA races. Central participation has dropped.

6. Divisional reports

A. Rocky Mountain – Jon Nolting

- 1) The state of the division is of some concern. A strategic planning task force consisting of staff and key coaches was created at the spring ACC meeting to work on short and long term planning for the division to improve athletic performance.
- 2) Rocky has added a FIS Junior only race to the calendar to try and reach a border group of juniors that don't usually get to race in the RMTS.
- 3) Rocky is splitting the December FIS series into two weekends. We are keeping the night slaloms on the calendar. GS the first weekend, with night slaloms the next weekend followed by Super G.
- 4) Excited to have Rob on board as the Regional Coach

B. Central – Jeff Bruggeman

- 1) Youth membership numbers are up, but the Master's numbers are down.
- 2) We have a good relationship with the USSA staff. We are happy with Terry on board. We are excited to get Rob Worrell as the Regional Coach.
- 3) Calendaring - We have fewer venues to select from. We have to work around ski areas calendars. It is getting tougher and tougher to site races.
- 4) Doing some housekeeping in getting our By-laws and operating procedures into order.
- 5) Lutsen Spring Series - Central is working through some financial issues with the Series.
- 6) Eric Sailer has been inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame.

7. New business

- A. Out of Region quota - To bring the women's selections procedures to match the men's selection.
Slattery/J. Nolting M/S/C

- B. To recommend the USSA Alpine Sport Committee to either eliminate or reduce to the one event membership fee.
Amend motion to route this proposal to USSA staff (Walt's office) for evaluation and review.
McVicker/Slattery M/S/C

- C. Out of Region Quota - that we preserve opportunity for juniors
Out-of-region quota for FIS events that don't otherwise have a specific selection criteria (NorAms, National Championships, etc) have 50% of the quota reserved for juniors. **Motion:** The first 50% of the selection ranking list will be chosen using the respective ranking list or ITS list and the second 50% will be reserved for development. **Perricone/Puckett M/S/C**

- D. Rocky/Central Regional Championships - To run the RCRC as a RMTS with an expanded quota for Central at RCRC levels, moving the dates up to 3/15 - 3/18, no banquet and adding awards for Overall, J1 and J2's. **Slattery/McVicker M/S/C**

E. Junior Olympics Sites

- 1) J4 JO's will be at Winter Park.
- 2) Aspen and Ski and Snowboard Club have submitted bids for J3 JO's.
J3 JO's will be at Vail.

F. Rotate the chair position

- 1) Election of Jon Nolting to chair the R/C ASC **McVicker/Slattery M/S/C**
- 2) Dave Waller from Central will be named as vice-chair.

8. Old business

9. Adjournment
Slattery/McVicker M/S/C

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Calendar Working Group

Mountainview – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Friday, May 12, 2006
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Walt Evans

1. Call to order
2. Review and approval of agenda
3. Review and approval of minutes
4. FIS Calendar effects / information

Power point presentation by Walt Evans:

- Calendar Working Group (philosophy, guidelines, evaluation, planning, review).
- Philosophy (athletically based design, periodization, quality of competition).
- Racer management components (periodization, peak events, focal series, training periods, secondary series, competition blocks, rest and recovery blocks, physical training).
- Quality of competition (ROC enthusiasm and sophistication, venue quality, appropriate level of competition).
- Guidelines (integrated top down approach, block scheduling, marker events with clear path rewards, promote classics!).
- Junior Olympics 2006 Clear Path (Jr. 1 titles at NC, Jr. 2 Olympics, Jr. 3 Olympics, Jr. 4 Festivals). Evans noted that these series are very important to marketing department. He presented three-year performance evaluation of J2 Nationals penalties, #s, etc.
- Nor Am Cup (12 tech starts/10 speed starts, penalties of 60 WR, speed event focus, 4/6/6/6 06-07, prepare athletes, continuity). Evans presented a six year performance evaluation of Nor Am penalties.
- Alpine Competition Pipeline. Evans presented pipeline of alpine competitions to review categories and minimum penalties, both FIS and USSA.
- Critical Success Factors (early schedule planning i.e. NC, NAC, J2's, DH site resources, protection requirements, snow surface requirements, future planning: WJR, NAC, finals).

5. Discussion

Evans went over the calendars for World Cup, Nor Ams, etc.

Evans introduced the idea of a proposed Venue Preparation Experts Group. Group to be headed up by Tom Johnston. Discussion of this topic.

Bob Dart gave a Nor Am Cup committee review and outlined committee make-up.

Kent Towler asked about Nor Am DH sites and the chance that Big Mountain might once again be used as a Western Region FIS site (Nor Ams somewhere else). Sarah Getzelman responded that DH sites for Nor Ams are always a challenge. Walt mentioned other possible sites.

Tim Maguire, EAST spoke about the number of FIS racers in the East (850) and the need to race cross border in Quebec. Second tier FIS series has been successful, started with 4 starts/gender and went up to 6. In the future that may go up to 8. Carnivals are successful and other topics.

Terry DelliQuadri, R/C spoke about the Mid Am Series having fewer starts in the upcoming year to open up schedules for training and racing out of division for GS, etc. opportunities. This will make things easier for everyone. Age Class Championships were successful with lots of competitors and lots of runs. Big G a component of that event and will continue to be, unique to Central. RMTS had great opportunities with some penalties as low as 43rd in the world. Christmas series was exceptional due to prize money organized by Chris Puckett in Steamboat. Thanks to US ski team members putting in the effort to race when at home, especially Jake Zamansky, Julia Littman, Drew Roberts. RMD will have NJR race on calendar this year and will offer one age class Kombi event, in line with what was seen at Topolino games and Whistler Cup.

Lester Keller, WEST spoke about having calendar conflicts on purpose between different series (idea taken from the East) and how successful this is. Western region has 3 levels of FIS starts, Elite Series with 4 starts, Development Series and FIS racing for athletes not making it into Championship events. ENL races are at the discretion of the divisions. Alaska is part of the United States and the Western Region DH events will be held there this winter.

The committee reviewed EISA and RMISA FIS events.

Evans thanked everyone for their time and good work.

6. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Classification Working Group

Summit C – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Friday, May 12, 2006
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
Church called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
Members present: Allen Church, Gail Barber, Bruce Crane, Beat Hupfer, Jeff Weinman. Members excused: Cath Jett, Paul Mahre.
Guests: Nancy Wiedel, Ingrid Simonson, Thelma Hoessler, Dirk Gowans, Dave Waller, Bill Gaylord, Mike Hammer, Tom Barnes
2. Review and approval of agenda
Motion 1: To approve the agenda with the following additions: 6E Golden Rose, 7A Renewal of exceptional seeding methods and 7B Election of officers.
Barber/Hupfer/without objection
3. Review and approval of minutes
Motion 2: To approve the minutes as in the record.
Barber/Hupfer/without objection

Church noted that the operating procedures for the Classification Working Group state that there are two meetings per year, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Motion 3: To amend the procedures to state that normally there is only one meeting per year and that is in the spring.
Weinman/Barber/without objection

4. USSA staff report
Weinman reviewed the reports in the book related to Classification including the list of races which were given exceptions to minimum penalty rules, those with more than one tech start in one day, those where the calculated penalty was adjusted, and those where the vertical drop was reported as zero meters in the electronic file. He also expressed his belief that the change made last year to have a minimum penalty of 25 points for any USSA race was a good decision and that it worked well. Crane stated that the number (25 points) should continue to be examined to determine if that is the correct level and if it shouldn't be different by gender and by discipline.
5. FIS representatives reports
Crane noted he had resigned his position on the FIS classification working group and that Weinman had been nominated by USSA to replace him. Weinman stated that the main issue that he knows will be considered during the FIS meetings is a proposal by Austria to change the way that FIS deals with athlete inscriptions. USSA will oppose the change as they have consequence on the way that we handle memberships and registrations.
6. Action item referral/disposition
 - A. Minimum technical standards of scored races
Reviewed under the staff report.

- B. Substandard races reports
There were no reports of races not meeting USSA rules. However, there was an email that brought into question the potential effect a race with a small field could have on the points system. Church will be studying this matter and bring his findings to the next meeting.
- C. Penalty levels and adders (reflecting athlete ranking lists?)
Reviewed under the staff report.
- D. Publication of USSA points rules, "Commentary"
Weinman noted that he had not worked on the commentary this year. These rules should continue to be reviewed and refined as necessary.

- E. Golden Rose
Motion 4: To continue to score the Golden Rose to the list in the same general time period (mid-December) as in the past.
Weinman/Crane/without objection

7. Other business

- A. Renewal of exceptional seeding methods
Motion 5: To empower the Commissioner (Church) to review and approve or reject any new alternate seeding systems and report those decisions back to the working group.
Crane/Hupfer/without objection
- B. Election of officers
Motion 6: To elect Allen Church to continue as chair of the working group.
Crane/Barber/without objection

Motion 7: To elect Cath Jett to continue as vice-chair of the working group.
Weinman/Hupfer/without objection

8. Adjournment

- Motion 8: To adjourn
Weinman/Hupfer/without objection

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Collegiate Working Group

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center
Park City, UT

Friday May 12, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 12:00: p.m.

Minutes

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USSA Alpine Quotas and Selection Working Group

Mountainview – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Friday, May 12, 2006
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

1. Call to order
2. Attendance:

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| Bob Dart | Kirk Dwyer | Roger Perricone |
| Jenn Stielow | Tim Maquire | Kristian Saile |
| Lester Keller | Jeff Bruggeman | Ed Gassman |
| Jon Nolting | Troy Price | Nick Maiocco |
| Terry Delliquadri | Ruben Macaya | Jeffrey Sadis |
| Walt Evans | Mark Wallace | Kent Towleron |
| Dave Galusha | Darlene Nolting | |
| Beat Hupfer | Mike Bowman | |
3. Review committee membership

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| Beat Hupfer, Chairman | Jenn Stielow, West |
| Jon Nolting, R/C | Peter Dodge, College (absent) |
| Jeff Bruggeman, R/C | Walt Evans, National Competition Director |
| Doug Williams, East (Vice Chair) (absent) | Lester Keller, Western Region Director |
| Kirk Dwyer, East | Tim Maguire, Eastern Region Director |
| Dave Galusha, West | Terry Delliquadri, R/C Region Director |
4. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved without objection.
5. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were approved without objection.
6. Reports
 - A. Fall executive committee
There was no meeting.
 - B. Staff
Evans reviewed international licensing activity from summer 2005 and winter 2005-06.
 - C. Winter activities (quota management)
Evans and Regional Directors reviewed procedures for NorAm Quota management. Issues exist with athletes moving on to NorAm lists within the last week. Slots should revert to host region after a certain date.
7. Quota proposals
 - A. Review Competition Guide
Page number references are to the page the item appeared on in the 2005/2006 Alpine Competition Guide. All of the motions under NorAms were approved by one vote.

- 1) NorAm, opening paragraph
Motion: Under eligibility to add the text, “For entry into the November NorAm technical events athletes must have 80.00 or fewer FIS points in any discipline in order to apply for selection to the quota.”
- 2) NorAm: Pg 38, regarding USA events:
Motion: To amend item 9 to read, “Any remaining spots will revert to the host region within the final 8 days prior to the event.”
- 3) NorAm Canadian Events page 38
Motion: to add, “5. Any remaining spots will revert to development within the final 8 days prior to the event.”
- 4) NorAm Finals page 39
Motion: to add, “7. Any remaining spots will revert to development within the final 8 days prior to the event.”
MSC Dwyer/Galusha
- 5) US Alpine Championships page 39 and 40
 - a) **Motion: Change footnote #2 regarding Development quota to read, “Up to 12 to accommodate development nominations. Development quota should not be used to add events for specialist.” This change is to accommodate the automatic status of J2 gold medals taking slots.**
MSC
 - b) Include in the descriptive text that the accredited coaching and staff delegation from each Region will be limited to ten individuals (not including Regional Directors). This is current policy but needs to be defined.
- 6) FIS-U Page 41
 - a) Eastern FIS-University – include text as approved in spring 2005; “FIS-U events calendared in the USA must include at least 10 men and 10 women who are non-collegiate athletes”.
- 7) Regional FIS Series Pg 43 and 44.
 - a) **Motion: To change the visiting regions quota to 10 men and 10 women**
MSC Keller/Dwyer
 - b) **Motion: To change the development quota to 5 men and 5 women**
MSC Keller/Nolting
- 8) Junior 2 Olympics pg 43
 - a) **Motion: To change the quotas item 4 to read, “20 men and 15 women reserved for development, development considerations should include inclusion of first year Jr. 2 athletes as appropriate.”**
MSC Keller/Nolting
 - b) **Motion: To add the text, “The accredited coaching and staff delegation from each Region will not exceed 15”.**
MSC Evans/Bruggeman

B. Review criteria

- 1) 2007 WJR criteria draft
Galusha recommended deletion of the item 7.b.2.d regarding National FIS Series (this criteria is confusing as it no longer exists as a series).
- 2) Review World University Games selections 2007
The 5/10/2006 draft by Peter Dodge (see attached) was approved in principle with staff directed to review dates against FIS list publication dates.

- 3) 2007 World Championship Selection Criteria
There were no comments from the committee.
- 4) 2007-2008 US Ski Team Nomination Criteria
 - a) Galusha recommended including age restrictions within the text of the respective team (B team and C team criteria) rather than under criteria rules. This would accommodate consolidated information for coaches' information.
 - b) Heinrich-Wallace recommends continue to evaluate strategies to control team size through objective criteria. Encourage athletes, regardless of age, to qualify for the team. Possibly limit C team enrollment to no more that 2 years. Consider establishing a quota for each team level, then a ranking list to populate that team. Keep the door open for collegiate and post graduate athletes, even though the door may be difficult.
 - c) Dwyer thinks it might be useful to do another study to quantify the logic of the criteria. Similar to the study done regarding age; world rank table in the late 90s.
8. International licensing
 - A. **Motion: To amend page 19 of the Comp Guide, under Assumptions: 2 to read "USST A, B and C team athletes are protected, they can race wherever and wherever they want."**
MSC Keller/Dwyer
 - B. Hupfer asked staff to review and update the procedures for International Licensing with review by Quota Executive (Hupfer, Evans, Galusha, Dwyer, Nolting) by mid-July for inclusion to the 2006-07 Competition Guide.
9. Review FIS Congress issues
 - A. Dart briefed the committee on some of the critical FIS issues.
 - B. Hupfer requested a report by staff and key volunteers following the FIS Congress. Evans explained that an Alpine Update would be targeted for early July to key volunteers, professionals and staff.
10. New business
11. Summer assignments:
 - A. Review international licensing procedures.
 - B. Review U.S. Nationals quotas for gender balance adjustments.
12. Next meeting
The next meeting of the Quotas working group with be during the 2007 USSA Congress.
13. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned.

Draft from Peter Dodge 5/10/2006

DRAFT 2007 World University Games Selection Procedure

- A. Minimum eligibility requirements for an athlete to be considered for nomination to the Team:
1. Completed application forms must be sent to: Competition Program Director, Attn: World University Games Selection, USSA, Box 100, Park City, UT, 84060, by Dec 1, 2006.
 2. Athletes must commit at this time to the events they will be able to compete in if selected.
 3. Athletes must be citizens of the United States of America.
 4. Athletes must be eligible according to the rules of FIS, FISU, USOC and USSA.
 5. Athletes must meet the following FISU regulations:
 - a. Be officially registered students enrolled on a full time basis at a university or a similar establishment whose status as a university is recognized by the appropriate academic authority of their country.
 - b. OR be a former student of the establishments mentioned in the previous article who have received their degree or diploma in 2005.
 - c. Aged between 17 and 28 on Jan. 1, 2006.
 6. Other requirements
 - a. Be current Alpine Competitor members of USSA.
 - b. Be ranked in the top 100 of USA skiers on the November FIS list in at least one discipline to be contested.

B. Athlete Selection Summary

The USSA in cooperation with the alpine collegiate programs will field a team of USA athletes to the WWUG. This team will be identified based on FIS rankings in SL and GS, and DH and SG. Emphasis will be given to the technical disciplines as those are the disciplines contested in USA collegiate competition. The selection of 4 event skiers will also be encouraged.

The team size will be 6- 8 men and 6 – 8 women. Only (6) men and (6) women can take part in the same discipline.

C. Selection Procedures

1. 4 men and 4 women with the highest ranking will be selected by National Team Selection Method (NTSM) based on FIS SL and GS rankings, from skiers with at least one top 500 world rank. The ranking list created will include alternates for selection by this method. The 2006/2007 season's 2nd November list will be used to make the (NTSM) selections.
2. 2 men and 2 women with the highest ranking, not previously selected in SL and GS, will be selected by National Team Selection Method (NTSM) based on FIS DH and SG rankings, from skiers with at least one top 500 world rank. The ranking list created will include alternates for selection by this method. The 2006/2007 season's 2nd November list will be used to make the (NTSM) selections.
3. The above selected athletes will be entered in the two events, SL and GS or DH and SG that they were selected for. Selected skiers must then announce their interest and intent to compete in the other two events. The selection committee will determine which additional

events these skiers will be entered in. Skiers for any unused entries will be selected from the NTSM alternate lists starting with the SL/GS list. All skiers must have at least 2 starts. Maximum team size per gender is 8.

4. Selections of athletes using criteria 1 and 2 above will be announced Dec 7, 2006. Selected athletes must confirm their intention to participate in writing to USSA by Dec 15, or the next ranked athlete on the NTSM rankings will replace them.
5. Discretionary selections made according to 3 above will be made and announced by Dec. 22, 2004. Selected athletes must confirm their intention to participate by Dec. 29, 2006 or the next ranked athlete will replace them.
6. All team selections will be final and replacements or additions will not be made after submission of the official USA team entry on Jan 5, 2007.

D. Winter World University Games Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for the FISU Winter World University Games shall be composed as follows:

Richard Rokos, USSA Representative to the FIS Sub Committee for University Racers
Walt Evans, USSA Alpine Competition Program Director
Peter Dodge, EISA
TBA, RMISA
George Thomas, USCSA
TBA, non-participating active collegiate athlete
Jesse Hunt, USSA Alpine Director.

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Timing Working Group

Ivers – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Friday, May 12, 2006
12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Allen Church

1. Call to order; attendance, rules of order, reporting procedures
Members
2. Allen Church – Chair
John Jacobs
Ellen Hoffman
Guests
Sally Shaffer
Bill Gaylord
Brian Seim
Tom Barnes
Gretchen
Ransom
Nancy Wiedel
Dave Waller
Roger Root
Andy Hawk
Don Cameron
Connie Webster
Stanley Goldschmidt
Jenna Ginsberg
Curt Gleaves
Deb Chapman
Don Page
Tami Strong
Ernie Page
Kate Avrin
Sarah Duffany
Mike Hammer
Carl Swanson
Dirk Gowens
Jeff Weinman
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. Reports
 - A. Chair
Church reviewed some of the data from the FIS regarding the FIS Timing Technical Report Form and the problems with USA and other nation forms.
 - B. USSA staff
Weinman noted that he would work with other staff to be sure that the USSA Timing Forms are distributed in a more timely manner next season.
 - C. FIS representatives
No report
6. Action item disposition
 - A. Requests for temporary exceptions
There were no requests for this season
 - B. USSA Timing Technical Report Form quality
The examiners reviewed some of the issues that they saw during the review of the forms during the season. For next season forms will be distributed as: Hoffman (FW, IMD, Northern), Gleaves (PNSA, AK), Shaffer (Rocky), Ransom (Central), Ginsberg and others (East).
 - C. Review and update of USSA/FIS timing rules
There was considerable discussion of the USSA timing rules and how they should change. Church and Weinman will work together, under the framework "Scored, Regional & National

Championship events will follow FIS Timing Rules for USSA scored and non-scored races as described in the FIS Timing Manual with the exception that system B timers, start gates and finish photo cells need not be homologated. Races wishing to use timing devices or methods that do not meet these requirements may be authorized on a petition basis with the chair of the working group." After finishing a review of the rules, those changes will be sent to the members of the group for a review and vote.

7. Homologation of equipment, publication
Remove the list of homologated timing equipment from the Comp Guide and direct people to the FIS website.
8. Other business
 - A. Hand Timing
There was discussion of what constitutes an acceptable handtimer (clock).
 - B. Election of Officers
**Motion: To add Sally Shaffer, Gretchen Ransom, Tami Strong and Dirk Gowens as members of the working group.
Hoffman/Goldschmidt/without objection**

**Motion: To elect Allen Church to continue as chair of the working group.
Gleaves/Hoffman/without objection**

**Motion: To elect Jenna Ginsberg to continue as vice-chair of the working group.
Goldschmidt/Hoffman/without objection**
9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned without objection.

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Programs Subcommittee

Mountainview – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Friday, May 12, 2006
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

1. Call to order: convened at 4:30 due to late arrival of Darryl Landstrom, meeting moved to Ivers Room
2. Introduction of committee members and guests
 - A. Darryl Landstrom, Chairman
 - B. Walt Evans, Calendar
 - C. Quota, Beat Hupfer
 - D. Collegiate, Mark Sullivan
 - E. Masters, Bill Skinner substituting for Ned Dolan
 - F. Guests: Roger Perricone, Pat Callahan, Mike Bowman, Ed Gassman, Jeff Bruggeman, Terry Delliquadri, Ruben Macaya, Bob Dart, Grant Lindemer
3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes – circulated and reviewed by Chairman Landstrom with no comment.
 - A. Minutes Spring 2005 stand approved.
5. Reports from Working Groups, including action items
 - A. Calendar: W. Evans
 - 1) Calendar working group is a staff function driven by Walt along with Regional Directors and staff in concert with the USSA Events Dept.
 - 2) Information items:
 - a) Draft 9 of the Calendar Worksheet included in Congress materials pg 95
 - b) Draft 2 of the NAC Calendar included in Congress materials pg 97
 - c) Experts group regarding venue preparation was discussed. Tom Johnston discussed the proposed purpose of the experts group i.e. R and D, education and communication. Next step is for staff to review potential budget impact.
 - d) Concern regarding use and development of DH venues.
 - e) Jr. 2 Olympics site for 2007 will be determined by May 15, 2006
 - f) NC site decision is hoped for by May 23, 2006
 - g) FIS calendars have been posted to the FIS website. Unfortunately, staff's information was that the first drafts (April 20) would not be published. This could create some internal issues.

B. Quotas

- 1) Reviewed Working Group membership
- 2) NAC eligibility – 80.00 FIS pts required for intent to compete nominations for November NorAm tech events.
- 3) NAC – 8 days prior to the event the available slots will revert to the host region for domestic events.
- 4) NAC – 8 days prior to the event the available slots will revert to the development for CAN and FINAL events
- 5) National Championships – Development quota expanded from 10 to 12 to accommodate gold medal entry access from Jr. 2 Olympics.
 - a) Regional delegations will be limited to no more than 10, excluding USSA and NDS staff.
- 6) FISU – EISA FISU – must include at least 10 men and 10 women who are non-collegiate entries.
- 7) Regional FIS: regarding visiting regions quotas adjusted from 10/8 to 10/10 – development quota adjusted from 5/4 to 5/5.
- 8) Jr. 2 Olympic development quota adjusted to 20/15, was 12/9. Consideration should be given to first year Jr 2s as appropriate.
 - a) Regional staff will be restricted to no more than 15.
- 9) Criteria review
 - a) WJR: delete item 7.b.2.d regarding National FIS series.
 - b) WWUG draft 5/10/2006 by Peter Dodge approved with staff to review dates.
 - c) USST criteria
 - i) Recommend integrating age restrictions into text of team criteria rather than in notes.
- 10) International Licensing
 - a) Include C team in protected category along with A and B teams
 - b) Staff to review all procedures with consent by Quotas Executive prior to comp guide publication if possible.
- 11) FIS reporting
 - a) FIS reps and staff asked to circulate alpine update following FIS and USSA Congress.
- 12) Action items:
 - a) Review USNC gender balance in quotas
 - b) Executive committee to review international licensing procedures.

C. Collegiate

- 1) Update committee membership.
- 2) Review and discussion regarding USST criteria.
- 3) Approved WWUG including 2/2 athletes to be selected based on DH and SG NTSM ranking.
- 4) USSA onsite membership is very important to the collegiate committee.
- 5) The collegiate committee urges USSA to move forward quickly to establish on line membership capabilities.
- 6) Express appreciation to Jesse and the athletes for their attendance at the meeting.

D. Master

- 1) Meeting held during Nationals
 - 2) Calendar for Masters National Championships is ratified with Big Sky, MT as the host for 2 years (2007 and 2008).
 - 3) USA will not host FIS IMC in 2007.
 - a) In support of the Canadian recommendation the Masters committee agrees with a change in the FIS Masters leadership.
6. Discuss other items from committee
 7. Summer assignments
 8. Next meeting
 9. Adjournment

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Summit C – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Friday, May 12, 2006
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee meeting, second session

Issues: Discussion and Action Items

Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane

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

Reports and Action Items from R&T working groups

Officials

1. **To recommend that the USSA Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) be amended to more closely follow the International Competition Regulations (ICR) by:**
 - a. **Fixing problem rules between the two (additions/removals);**
 - b. **Renumbering the ACR so that the rule number(s) correspond to the ICR;**
 - c. **Determining a method to identify ACR rules that do not have a corresponding ICR rule**
2. **Nomination of USSA officials, other than Technical Delegates, to Level 3, 4, 5**
3. **Election of Working Group chair and vice chair:**

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Chair | Ingrid Simonson |
| Vice chair | Gretchen Ransom |

Officials Education

Discussion of needs and available resources for education to support alpine masters and coaches serving as referees.

1. **To add CR2 and JA1 as prerequisites for Level I Technical Delegate candidacy**

USSA Technical Delegates

Discussion of the need for traditional Team Captains' Meetings. Conclusion deferred for Working Group review following FIS Congress.

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

USA FIS Technical Delegates

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Courses

Chairman pointed out that the homologation inspection report outlines a basic plan for protection systems and that the Competition Jury may request additional installations.

Working group expressed enthusiasm with regards to the Venue Management task force.

Classification

1. To amend the Alpine Classification Working Group procedures to state that normally there is only one meeting per year and that is in the spring.
2. To continue to score the Golden Rose to the list in the same general time period (mid-December) as in the past.
3. To empower the Commissioner (Church) to review and approve or reject *any requests for approval* of new alternate seeding systems and report those decisions back to the working group.
4. Election of Working Group chair and vice chair:
Chair Allen Church
Vice chair Catherine Jett

Timing

1. Election of Working Group chair and vice chair:
Chair Allen Church
Vice chair Jenna Ginsberg

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

Items from Competition Services staff

'Old business' and 'On-going'

1. To recommend to the Alpine Sport Committee the adoption of a protocol for video control pursuant to ACR # 3.2.6.3; as follows:
 - assignment of personnel, possibly to include coaches, to 3-5 locations on course
 - with the responsibility to video record the top 30-45 of each run
 - and to be available to the Competition Jury with this video record until expiration of the protest period(s)
 - for the purpose of providing visual evidence at the request of the Jury.

New Items

Planning items

Staff is developing a multi-sport initiative further to utilize on-line resources for membership and other data collection.

Other business

Routing of post-meeting action items

As before

Subcommittee, working group and task force composition and responsibilities

1. Election of working group chairs: as reported by each working group
2. Election of At-large members:
Bill Gaylord
Karen Korfanta
Gary Wright
Curt Hammond
3. Election of Alpine Rules & Technical Chair and Vice chair
Chair Paul Van Slyke
Vice chair Gary Wright

Next meeting

USSA Congress, May 16-20, 2007

Adjournment

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee

3rd Floor Conference Room – USSA
Park City, UT

Saturday, May 13, 2006
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

Members

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

Guests

Alan Ashley, Terry DelliQuadri, Karen Korfanta, Tim Maguire, Paul VanSlyke

1. Call to order
Dart called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. and thanked everyone for their work during the week.
2. Review and approval of agenda
To accept the agenda as presented with the addition of Fall Executive meeting under new business.
Without objection.
3. Review and approval of minutes
There were no minutes to approve.
4. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes distribution
Draft minutes/reports will be distributed during the sport committee meeting.
5. Summary review (action items, initiatives and issues)
 - A. Executive committee
 - 1) Executive report
There was no report given.
 - 2) ASC operating procedures – Dart
There were no changes to the procedures.

- 3) Review terms and appointments – Slattery
Slattery reviewed the terms and appointments within alpine. The Alpine Board Rep and the at-large members of the sport committee will be covered during the nominating committee report. Subcommittees will present changes to those subcommittees or their working groups during their reports.
 - 4) Awards – Dart/Slattery
Slattery and Dart reviewed some of the discussion from the awards committee meeting. There continues to be concern regarding the timeliness of award nominations. There will be a new athlete award at the silver level to allow for more athlete recognition.
 - 5) Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery
Slattery reviewed an action that involved an athlete investigation
- B. Athletes – Horton
- 1) There should be a plan from the company for athletes when they retire that helps to honor and recognize team athletes for their membership and achievements during their team tenure.
 - 2) The process for athlete ‘retirement’ is a disservice to the commitment the athletes have made to the team. There should be a plan to help athletes retire respectfully and with honor.
- C. FIS – Winters
There will be a report in the package.
- D. Regional Subcommittee – Weber
Weber reviewed the major topics from the meeting. There was considerable discussion regarding on-site membership and how that can affect a long-term membership strategy for the company.
- Staff will review the current process for organizers to accept USSA on-site memberships and produce and distribute a report clarifying the policy and responsibilities.
- Dart thanked Weber for his service as the Chair of the Regional Subcommittee.
- E. Development and Education Subcommittee – Galusha
Galusha reviewed some of the items from the working groups. He will continue as chair of the group for another term.
- F. Programs Subcommittee – Landstrom
Landstrom reviewed some of the items from the subcommittee.
- G. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Crane
Crane reviewed the major items from the working groups. There was considerable discussion regarding video control at events.
6. Review ASC agenda
The agenda was reviewed. 5.A.4) Academic scholastic task force will be struck.
 7. Old business
There was no other old business to review.
 8. New business
 - A. Fall Executive meeting
The fall meeting will take place on or about September 16, 2006.
 9. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

USSA Congress 2006

USSA Alpine Sport Committee Meeting

Summit C – The Yarrow
Park City, UT

Saturday, May 13, 2006
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bob Dart

1. Call to order - Bob Dart
Dart called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He thanked all in attendance for their work during the week.
2. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved with the removal of 5.A.4) Education task force, without objection.
3. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without objection.
4. Staff Reports
 - A. USSA/USST Management report - Alan Ashley
Ashley thanked those in attendance for their work, he also thanked his staff for all of their work throughout the season and at these meetings. Ashley made note of the planning process and the draft of 2007/08 that will be completed in July. This is the first time that we will begin to look beyond Vancouver and need to be looking at long-term goals. Ashley spoke to the values of USSA and noted that while performance is important, it is also important how we lead future athletes, coaches and officials. He challenged everyone to take a leadership role and bring those values into all aspects and levels of racing.
 - B. Alpine Director - Jesse Hunt
Jesse thanked everyone for their attendance and their work. He particularly thanked the athlete representatives for participation in the meetings. He thanked Walt for his work. Report is in the book. In the run-up to the Olympics a lot of resources were aimed at success at that level. For the coming season the D-Team and a focus on development would return. The push to drive the values of USSA would not only help to improve the image of the team, but also, he believed would improve performance for the team by focusing the athletes. The education of team members on the values had begun and would continue. Educating not only of the athletes, but the staffs as well. Hunt talked about some of the staff changes that had occurred post-Olympics.
 - C. Competition Director - Walt Evans
Evans thanked his staff for their work. He thanked the athlete reps for coming to the meetings and giving input during the week. He thanked Dart and the committee for their work.
5. Alpine Subcommittee reports
 - A. Executive Committee
 - 1) Executive report - Bob Dart
Dart thanked the committee and all the volunteers in the field. There had been 23 meetings and 55 hours of work, aside from what had been done in the hallways. Dart briefly reviewed the minutes packets.
 - 2) Awards - Bill Slattery
 - 3) Alpine Judicial Committee - Bill Slattery

- B. Rules and Technical Subcommittee - Bruce Crane
 Crane began by thanking the volunteers from the Rules and Technical area. He noted that while these meetings had encompassed 55 hours, the work the volunteers did out side these meetings was quite considerable as well.
 Crane reviewed the record of his meetings as well as the working groups under the subcommittee.
Motion 1: To accept the Rules and Technical Subcommittee report as presented and the action items therein.
Crane/Slattery/without objection
 Dart thanked Crane for his report and for all of his work in his years of service as chair. Crane also thanked Dart and staff for their support of him and the rules and technical subcommittee.
 - C. Programs Subcommittee - Darryl Landstrom
 Landstrom thanked Dart and staff for their willingness to work with him in his changed schedule due to a conflict.
 Landstrom reviewed the reports of the subcommittee and the working groups under the subcommittee.
Motion 2: To accept the Programs Subcommittee report as presented and the action items therein.
Landstrom/Slattery/without objection
 - D. Development and Education Subcommittee - Dave Galusha
 Galusha thanked Erin Bordley for her work producing minutes for the meeting. He reviewed the report of the subcommittee as presented in the materials. He also thanked the athletes for participating in the meeting.
Motion 3: To accept the Development and Education Subcommittee report as presented and the action items therein.
Galusha/Slattery/without objection
 - E. Regional Subcommittee - Horst Weber
 Weber reviewed the report of the subcommittee as presented in the materials. Perricone reviewed some of the items from the Rocky/Central Region report. Towleron reviewed some of the items from the Western Region report.
Motion 4: To accept the Regional Subcommittee report as presented, including the Rocky/Central and Western reports, and the action items therein.
Weber/Evans/without objection
 - F. FIS - Tom Winters
 Winters reviewed the FIS report as presented in the materials.
Motion 5: To accept the FIS report as presented.
Winters/Crane/without objection
 - G. Athletes - Andre Horton
 Horton thanked the athlete reps for taking part in the meeting. He thanked Dart and staff for their leadership. During the athlete meeting: Transition initiative: A mutli-discipline approach to help the company transition athletes from the teams. Puckett noted that the new values of the company should be applied to athletes when they leave, be that through an exit interview or the like so that everyone was clear on the reasons an athlete left.
 Hammond stated that he had sat in on part of the meeting. The athletes are professional, they care, they want to be involved and they are the reason that we do what we do.
Motion 6: The alpine sports committee strongly supports in principle the transition initiative as outlined by Horton and the Athletes' Council.
Korfanta/Hammond/without objection
- 6. Old business
 There was no old business to review.
 - 7. New business
 - A. Nominating committee report and appointments - Bill Slattery
Motion 7: The nominating committee recommends that Dart retain his position as the

alpine representative to the Board.

Slattery/Crane/without objection

Motion 8: The nominating committee recommends that Korfanta retain her position as an at-large representative to the Alpine Sports Committee.

Slattery/Crane/without objection

B. On Line Registration

Motion 9: The Alpine Sport Committee strongly recommends that USSA develop an on-line membership sign-up and registration system and that staff report back to the Sport Committee at the Fall executive meeting.

Slattery/Korfanta/without objection

8. Comments from guests

Lisa Gowens commended the athletes for their work.

9. Closing remarks

Dart again thanked everyone for their work.

10. Next meeting

The next meeting of the Alpine Sport Committee will take place during the USSA Congress 2007 in May of 2007.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Crane/Slattery/without objection