

SKI JUMPING/NORDIC COMBINED COMMITTEE MINUTES

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May 12-13, 2006

Chair: Chuck Heckert

1. Chairman's Introduction

Chuck Heckert called the Committee to order and gave his opening comments, expressing his desire for friendly and productive meetings, and for the members of the ski community to come together around creative solutions to put the sport of ski jumping into a good direction for the future.

2. Roll Call

The following members were recognized:

Todd Wilson (term limit – spring 2006)

Reed Zuehlke (term limit – spring 2006)

Luke Bodensteiner (term limit – by employment)

Chuck Heckert (term limit – spring 2006)

Dave Jarrett (term limit – by employment)

Ryan Heckman (term limit – spring 2006) **Excused**

Matt Kuusinen (term limit – spring 2006)

Matt Cook (term limit – spring 2006) **Excused**

Art Tokle (term limit – spring 2008) **Excused**

3. Additions to the Agenda

No additional agenda items were received by the USSA office according to the deadline.

4. Approval of Minutes, Spring Congress '05

Mr. Heckert called for the approval of the minutes, which were presented to the members approximately one month before the meeting. Upon a motion made by Reed Zuehlke and seconded by Dave Jarrett, the minutes were **accepted**.

5. Nordic Combined Team Report

Dave Jarrett, coach of the Nordic combined team, gave a thorough review of the past season and shared with the committee an in-depth overview of his team's strategy for the coming season, including an increased emphasis on World Cup B, the addition of new athletes, and increased levels of sports science support.

6. Ski Jumping Program Update

Luke Bodensteiner gave an overview of the status of the ski jumping program, noting that three scenarios had been developed in anticipation of the decision of the FIS Congress regarding the status of women's ski jumping, but that none would be finalized until shortly after the FIS Congress. He explained in detail the most likely scenario, which would add a women's team to

the program, and explained that much of the management of the Continental Cup program would be facilitated in partnership with the National Sports Foundation.

7. Proposals and Report from the Officials Subcommittee

The floor was given to Mr. Reed Zuehlke, chairman of the officials subcommittee, who presented the following proposals:

- Membership of the Ski Jumping Hills Subcommittee will include; Doc Bland (chairman), Karl Evenstad, Blair Tomten, Don West, Stan DuRose (honorary), and John Fetcher (honorary). This proposal was **accepted** by the committee.
- Change to rule 401.2.1 – Add: “The Chief of Competition must attend a USSA seminar once every second year.” This proposal was **accepted** by the committee.
- SuperTour overall prize money will be awarded as follows: Summer season - \$500. Winter season - \$2,500 (men only). All SuperTour competitions will count toward the overall score. This proposal was **accepted** by the committee.
- Equipment control – If no equipment controller is available within the division for a national calendar competition, the Assistant TD is responsible for the equipment control. This proposal was **accepted** by the committee.
- TD assignments:
 - National Championship
 - TD – Dan Warner
 - TDA – Dan Mattoon
 - Junior Olympics
 - TD – Art Tokle
 - TDA – Rich Francis
 - North American Junior Championships
 - TD - Matt Laue
 - Judge – East TBD

8. Proposals and Report from the Coaches Subcommittee

The floor was given to Mr. Todd Wilson, chairman of the coaches subcommittee, who reported on the work done by his subcommittee:

- Selection criteria for the World Junior Championships, World Cup B, and COCJ were presented and worked through with the members of the subcommittee. USSA staff has incorporated their input into the official selection criteria.
- The 2006/2007 season calendar was presented to the subcommittee for their input. Several modifications were made, and are included in the minutes as an attachment.
- A proposal to host the 2007 USSA Junior Olympics in Park City was accepted.
- A policy is recommended to allow entry into Continental Cup competition only according to the published selection criteria. Additionally, FIS Cup competitions not specified in the

published selection criteria are open entry. This proposal was accepted by the Committee.

- A new format for the National Ranking List is being developed by the subcommittee, and will be specified in the Competition Guide.
- The Committee requested that the agreement for hosting the National Championships be limited to a 1-year agreement, with the goal of maintaining the flexibility to place future National Championships in the middle of the winter, if the international calendars allow.
- Information – the clubs will join together to enter a team into Schuler Cup competitions this summer, inviting the top-2 13, 14, 15, and 16 year-old skiers from the 2006 Junior Olympics.

9. Replacement/Re-nomination of Members with Expiring Terms

- Reed Zuehlke was confirmed as chairman of the officials' subcommittee for another term.
- Todd Wilson was confirmed as chairman of the coaches' subcommittee for another term.
- Ryan Heckman was confirmed for another term based on his membership in the AAC.
- Matt Kuusinen was confirmed as athlete representative for another term, until his eligibility expires.

ATTACHMENTS

2007 CALENDAR DRAFT

Date	Location	Jumping	Nordic Combined	Comments
July 4	Lake Placid	K-90		SuperTour
July 21-22	Park City			Women's COCJ
July 25-26	Calgary			Women's COCJ
Aug. 2-6	Park City, UT			SpringerTournee
Aug. 5	Park City, UT			SuperTour
Aug. 16-20	Calgary			SpringerTournee
Sept. 17	Chicago, IL			SuperTour
Oct. 7	Lake Placid, NY	K-90 ST		SuperTour
Dec. 3	Steamboat		Sprint	World Cup B Trials
Dec. 9-10	Steamboat Springs, CO?	K-90	Sprint 7.5km	World Cup B
Dec. 15-16	Soldier Hollow/Park City		Individual Sprint Mass-start	World Cup B
Dec. 20-21	Lake Placid, NY			World Cup B
Dec. 31	Lake Placid, NY	K-120 ST + NC	Sprint 5km	SuperTour/JWC Trials
Jan. 6-8	Calgary, CAN			North American Junior Championship
Jan. 21	Chicago, IL			SuperTour
Jan. 30-Feb. 5	Tarvisio, ITA			Junior World Championships
Jan. 26	Eau Claire, WI	K-90		SuperTour
Feb. 10-11	Westby, WI	K-120 K-120		SuperTour or COCJ
Feb. 18-19	Iron Mountain, MI	K-120 K-120		COCJ Men
Feb. 25	Ishpeming, MI			SuperTour
Mar. 2-5	Park City			Junior Olympics
Mar. 24-25	TBD			National Championships