

SNOWBOARDING SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

USSA CONGRESS 2010 - PARK CITY, UT

The Yarrow Resort Hotel & Conference Center, Park City, UT
May 14, 2010

Committee Members

Andy Gilbert - Intermountain Rep (via teleconference)
Bill Slattery - FIS Rep
Jon Casson- USASA Rep (sitting in for Jason Toutolmin)
Tricia Byrnes - Athlete Rep
Lisa Kosglow - Athlete Rep
Dylan Omlin – Far West
Chris Clark – Eastern Rep
Mike Mallon - Chairman
Phoebe Mills - IJC Rep
Peter Foley – Coaches Rep

Others in Attendance

Jon Casson - SSWSC
Jeremy Forster - US Snowboarding Director
Tom Winters - FIS Rep
John Jett – CJ Timing
Cath Jett – CJ Timing
Jim Smith – ISTC
Nathan Park – ISTC
Ross Hindman – ISTC
Bud Keene – USSA
Nick Alexakos – USSA
Eric Webster – USSA
Dave Boldwin – Independent Coach
Rick Bower – USSA
Phil Fell – Independent Coach
Matt Gustafson – Windells Academy
Stu Rea – Team Utah
Sheryl Barnes – USSA Membership
Mike Jankowski – USSA
Lindsay Lloyd – Athlete
Nate Emerson – Independent Coach
Fraser West –
Mike Slaughter – Mount Mansfield Coach

1. Chairman's Welcome: Michael Mallon

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

2009 Minutes approved - motioned by Chris Clark, seconded by Kosglow.

2. Division Representative Nominations

Rocky Mountain Representative - Bud Keene – nominated Paul Krahulec

Unanimous vote for Paul as the Rocky Mountain Representative.

Eastern Representative – Stu Rea nominated Chris Davies.
Unanimous vote for Chris Davis as the Eastern Representative

Pacific Northwest Representative – Mike Mallon nominated Matt Gustafson
Unanimous vote for Matt Gustafson as the Pacific Northwest Representative

Central Representative – Tom Casey nominated Jessica Zalusky
Unanimous vote for Jessica Zalusky as the Central Representative

Mallon said he is stepping down as committee chairman. Mallon thanked everyone for their work on the committee. He enjoyed his time on the committee and plans to stay very active in the community.

Mallon opened the floor for nominations for Chairman – Ben Boyd nominated Phil Fell.
Lisa Kosglow nominated Jon Casson.

Platform for each nominee was given.

Jon Casson – voted in as Chairman of Committee by of vote of 6 to 2.

3. Jeremy Forster: Department Overview

Forster welcomes everyone; thanks Mike for his service to the board.

Forster gave a recap of the Olympics and the excitement for the team success. Forster noted changes in the coming season. Bud Keene will be leaving. Spencer Tamblyn will be taking over as the Rookie Team Coach.

Forster mentioned the strategic planning that went on over the past 18 months to develop a sustainable business model for the USSA. After the review, the strategic group prioritized the sports. The conclusion is that USSA would no longer support an elite Alpine Program. We will continue to evaluate the program as we go forward each year. We will be able to provide support to the athletes who meet the team criteria. We will still support the development level and services to athletes.

Forster also discussed integration of Freeride disciplines. The *Revolution Tour* will include skiing. Abbi Nyberg will develop out the Hole Shot tour that will include Skicross. The Copper Grand Prix will also include a Ski Halfpipe event.

Fell asked for more training days in SBX/SX at the races. Casson echoed his statement that more training was important. Omlin said the more events on the course the better. Fell asked if we can back up the NorAm with World Cups.

Nyberg responded that we will work to provide more training opportunities. We will also do our best to schedule events back to back to create more time on each course. Unfortunately, Telluride is not willing to run a NorAm event in conjunction with the World Cup event.

Boyd asked about the future of Slopestyle in the Olympics. Forster stated that the industry and TV are all very supportive and at the upcoming FIS meeting we will be proposing that Slopestyle be added to World Championships; this is the first step in the road to the Olympics. Once approved for World Championships, we can then submit the request to the IOC for inclusion in the Olympics.

Gilbert asked about the overlap of Freeride events at the *Revolution Tour*. Alexakos stated that we would do our best to run a schedule that makes the most sense for all involved.

Fell asked how the decision about Alpine is made, who will manage the World Cup selections, World Championship criteria. Forster stated that we will continue to manage those pieces.

Emerson asked how we can still include the coaches' discretion piece of the criteria. Forster responded that right now, it is hard to include coaches' discretion in the criteria.

Kosglow asked if we can form a task force for Alpine. Forster responded that was a good idea and could work well. Mallon said that we would form a task force to work with all of the entities and be a voice for the athletes; the task force will include riders from the community.

4. Intermountain Rep: Andy Gilbert (teleconference)

Gilbert gave his region report. The 2010 season low snow totals for the majority of the region yet skier/rider counts remained good. Park City is still the major player in the region continuing to offer great terrain parks and support of high-level events.

Under new GM, Tim Silva, Sun Valley saw great changes in support of quality terrain parks and factors to be a new player for events and exposure.

Jackson Hole and Snowbird continue to offer the "big mountain" experience and cater to that clientele.

The region continues to be producing great up and coming talent and the addition of the Park City Academy saw some great out of region riders moving into the area to attend school. Team Utah began operating this season with a focus on attracting younger riders to the sport.

The Center for Excellence opened last year and has been an asset to the region. Coaches' education gained good traction with a number of clinics being held in the region. In addition there seems to be a new pool of committed young coaches working within the region.

Events:

- 14 USASA event days (30-100 competitors depending on discipline)
- Dew Tour Snowbasin Jan 15-17
- 2 US Snowboarding Grand Prix Park City Jan 20-23 / Olympic Team named
- Northface Big Mountain Masters Jan 22-25

USSA Membership:

- 95 regional members
- 66 national members
- 36 coaches
- 41 officials

- 18 member clubs

Coaches' Education:

- 2 level 100 clinics with 15 attendees from 6 clubs
- 1 level 200 April 25-26
- 2 coaches participated in the level 300 clinic at Copper, Co.
- Coaches Symposium Park City May 15-16

Athlete accomplishments:

Pros

- Graham Watanabe US National BX Champ, top American World Cup BX (3rd overall), Named to 2010 Olympic BX Team
- Kaitlyn Farrington 3rd in the final Grand Prix HP, Overall Dew Cup Champion HP, 2nd US Open Hp, 1st European X Games HP
- Sage Kotsenburg 2nd Mt. Snow Dew Tour SS, Dew Cup Overall Champion SS, European X-Games 2nd SS
- Lindsay Lloyd National Champion PGS/SI, named to US Snowboarding B-Team

Next wave

- Cody Weselis 3rd Mt Hood Rev Tour HP, named to US Junior World Team
- Rainey Pogue 1st Copper Rev Tour HP, 2nd Mt. Hood Rev Tour HP, 2nd USASA Nationals Open Class HP, Rev Tour Overall HP Champion, Named US Junior World Team
- Faye Gulini 1st Boreal Rev Tour BX, Named to US Junior World Team, 2010 US Olympic Team
- JJ Tomlinson named US Snowboarding B-Team

Challenges

Some of the concerns from last season in relation to size of the region and communication seem to be improving. By and large the regional clubs and teams seem to be working together to improve their relations and communication and the grassroots USASA events held this year were organized, well attended and the venues were good. All of this is an improvement over the last few seasons. Jackson, Sun Valley and Park City seem to be taking the lead and this and efforts to include some of the smaller areas and their riders i.e. Brighton, Bogus Basin, etc. are ongoing.

Looking ahead

The region is still producing great riders and bringing young riders into the sport, excitement for snowboarding is still high. The pool of talented committed clubs, coaches, volunteers etc. is adding to this. The ski areas in the region are still actively looking to host events as away to gain exposure and revenue and this bodes well for the future.

5. Pacific Northwest Report: Hans Hibbard

Hans was absent for the meeting and did not send a report.

6. Central Division: Tom Casey

Casey was absent for the reports section, see the following report prepared by Casey.

We had a fairly quite year in the Midwest, still hoping to bring a Rev Tour stop back to MN or some other Central location, just so everyone knows you are always welcome here, and I would love to be personally involved with the set up for any Central Division event.

We had some riders do pretty well this year; it seems that as they progress to the top we lose a lot of riders to the Rocky Division and West Division. I had this conversation this year with a couple of people; the same seems to go for coaches. The sad part is my own daughter finished #1 in the SS points list, and 18th in the HP points, and I can't even claim her as a Central Division rider anymore! So we will continue to humbly and proudly, consider ourselves a training ground for younger riders and coaches.

We also have strong representation on all pro teams, and support teams and we have three or four kids on project gold, and or heading to New Zealand, for Jr. Worlds.

On the business side of things:

I am sad about the cuts on the alpine side and have heard from several parents about it. After a closer look it does look like a positive move, and one that unfortunately is necessary in this economy. I support the changes, basically from the stand point of a team player, I truly hope it works out for the best, and helps the younger riders/development type programs. Time will tell.

On the coach's side, I will continue to support the new coaches' testing that John Casson and Ben Boyd and others have worked so hard to put together. I am available at anytime, for anything, for you folks. I hope we can find a way to centralize the coaches' training for USSA, USASA, and ultimately the AASI group. They have made unbelievable strides in a very short period of time. Please keep up the great work!

I also would like to go out as one of the group that laid the ground work to bridge the gap between the USSA and the USASA, and using the USASA as a feeder program. I am old enough to think there are some of the founding members of the USASA cringing at the idea of putting these two entities together that close, however it just seems to make sense, and has worked very well as they come closer and closer together.

The only thing that scares me is FIS getting their hands too far in on the snowboard side. I completely understand the need for them at this point and appreciate MOST of the things they have come up with and done. However wouldn't it be great to have our own international sanctioning and governing bodies? I hope to see the day! Maybe Casson could take that up in his spare time! Or Mike do you really want to make a difference? There's a challenge for you! If anyone decides to tackle that I am in to help any way I can. But seriously it is easier to make a statement like that while I am on my way out. I do not want to belittle the positives that have come to our sport from the FIS people. But an old school guy can dream that boarders can control the boarders.

Lastly please keep up as many Jr Jams as possible at the GPS. They are a great experience for the kids.

As far as riders go from our division this year, we had some great showings from riders such as Brennan Swanson, Tyler Anderson, and Paul Brichta, and are excited about their futures with the USSA on the Freestyle side of things. We have a couple of young

sleepers by the name of Easton Gillman that we also have high hopes for in the future, and Brady Lemm also finished well in the points and in the rev tours. We are also proud that Danny Davis is claiming the old Central Division.

On the Alpine side we seem to have lost Madeline Weincke to Rocky Division, but we have a new up and comer in Meghan Graham who is 17 and finished in the top 10. We also had a great showing from Hunter Murphy on the men's side, both are very young, and we may have already lost Hunter to SSWSC. I could not think of a better organization to lose him to. Look for these two in the next couple of years if you're on the Alpine side.

I was not able to make any of the Rev Tour stops or Grand Prix's this year, but feedback from the riders and the parents was all positive, and I was told we had a great year. The Television on the GPs was outstanding, and go211 did very well when they were involved also. GO211 is in my mind a very promising outlet in the future.

This brings me to my closing of probably the last Central division report I will write. I would like to make two points:

(1) As I said I have gotten out of touch this year and believe that there are people more in touch, who could do the job better. As many of you know I have nominated Jessica Zelusky for the position. I do not think she needs any introduction for any of you, and I am very confident that she will bring a new level of professionalism, and working knowledge to the position that time will not allow me to do at this point. I hope you all are comfortable with Jessica and vote her into the position.

(2) I want to thank all of you for your hospitality, mentoring, friendship, input, and great memories over the years. I do not want to start mentioning names because I would have to just go around the table and name all of you. However there are three people I specifically have to mention, and thank. Mallon you run a great ship, it has been a pleasure working with you and learning from you, if you decide to move on this year, whoever takes the position has a huge set of shoes to fill.

Abbi and Nick, what can I say? Thank you for everything you two have done for me and all our Central Division kids, and especially my family and kids. The road would have been a whole lot rockier without you. I really want to say that we consider you family, but I would extend that just about every one of you around the table today...You know who you are.

Over the past nine years that I have been a part of the USSA (or my kids have) five have been on the board. I have met what I would consider some of the very best people that I have ever met working on any athletic board or coaching any sport. Being from the Central Division means I am from hockey country. I have problems describing to people, the caliber of people involved in this sport, and what it does for the kids involved. I do mean from a business and operations standpoint, but more importantly I mean people with more heart and more to give than I have ever seen in my 25 plus years of working with different sport boards or coaching or running events.

You guys are the best of the best and it has been an honor to serve with you. The only bright spot I see to having to give up this position is that I know I will still see all of you through the seasons to come.

Thomas M Casey

7. Far West: Dylan Omlin

Omlin said it was a great year in the Far West with very good snow conditions. ISTC moved its SBX and Racing programs to Tahoe which made for a much higher level of competition at the local USASA events and some training sessions. It also led to Sugar Bowl Ski Resort starting to put some time and energy back into snowboarding as a whole and especially SBX training and event hosting.

Mammoth decided to get back into the event hosting game after a hiatus of a number of seasons with the second stop of the Grand Prix. With California sunshine and Mammoth's park in great shape both the pipe and slope events went very well.

Boreal and Auburn Ski Club hosted another stop on the Rev Tour again this season. This year was better than last as the Rev Tour wasn't piggybacked on the Grand Prix which made for a much smoother event. Not to mention that mother nature cooperated.

Auburn Ski Club hosted a level 100/200 clinic in November that was well attended.

Having more teams in the region besides ASC, Squaw and now ISTC to get involved in all parts of the process from education, transitioning athletes up the pipeline, helping at local events, to even hosting at their home resorts.

Bridging the gap from USASA to USSA on all levels, both organizations are obtaining athletes from the same pool and need to make sure that they can transition between the two without too many hassles.

Making sure we don't leave the Freestyle Skiers behind. There are number of teams and some really talented athletes out west and they are constantly trying to find places to compete and train.

In the future we would like to continue to host more events in the region. Also Auburn Ski Club now has a legitimate SBX gate, and Boreal and Sugar Bowl are willing to build cross courses and keep them maintained as we look to get into hosting more SBX/SX training events in the west.

To continue supporting the education that is taking place to try and bring a bit of legitimacy to the Far West region and the teams that train out here.

8. Eastern Report: Mike Mallon

The *Revolution Tour* kicked off at Mt. Snow during the second week of January. Great venue for events and the location and experience provided shows promise for bigger events down the road. The Mt. Snow staff was on point and kids left stoked.

Attendance was good but some riders were already starting to feel a little jammed coming off the Mammoth GP. In the future it would be cool if we can make the Rev events stand alone a little more in the schedule. The feedback from the coaches is that it would be better to allow for another training day and have the venues closed to training.

Southern VT series kills it. USASA events in the east were well attended and provided over 160 contests at ten different regions. The elimination of the central VT series made for deeper fields and provided a higher level of competitions in both the northern and southern Vermont series. The roots are strong in the east and the USASA is providing solid contests for kids to show their stuff.

Dew Tour and Free Flow finals were at Mt Snow in February. The Dew slope was out of hand and the pros stepped right to it and were throwing down very progressive runs. The Pipe was cut with an 18 but it rode well and provided action to around one thousand fans. Night final went off, full on disco show. The field was a little diminished but the level of riding was not. Cool event and these guys make the riders feel like rockstars, the riders like that. The Free flow tour finals piggybacked the Dew Finals. The slope remained unchanged and was a little too much for the majority of the field. They ended up only using half of the course because there was no time to rebuild. It was still too much for most of the kids there. Pipe was good and the kids crushed it. There were a few other free flow events around the east leading up to it, if they get organized it could be cool, right now it's not (organized.)

Mike M. and Chris D. hosted a level 100 and 200 clinic at SMS in December right before Christmas. They had around 20 participants and split the clinic. Terrain was available and the clinic went smoothly. Chris hosted a similar clinic in the spring with moderate attendance.

Kosglow asked if anyone has talked to the FreeFlow Tour directly about their scheduling. Forster said that USSA has been in contact with them. Davies asked if the Freeflow was a competitor. Alexakos said yes we see it as a direct competitor. Mallon said it is and we need to look at the opportunities as training rather than competition.

9. Rocky Report: Paul Krahulec

2009 / 2010 Events

- Nov. 12 & 13, 2009 Race 2 the Cup - Alpine - NorAM – Copper
- Dec. 9 - 12, 2009 Grand Prix – HP - NorAM – Copper
- Dec. 15 – 20, 2009 World Cup – SL, GS & SBX - Telluride
- Jan. 9 & 10, 2010 Race 2 the Cup - Alpine - NorAM – Steamboat
- Jan. 18 & 19, 2010 Snowboardcross - NorAM – Copper
- Feb. 7- 10, 2010 USSA *Revolution Tour* – Copper – 2 Star TTR
- Dec.13 - Mar 13 2010 USASA Rocky Mountain Series – Copper, Winter Park and Steamboat
- Mar. 26 & 27 2010 Race 2 the Cup – Alpine – NorAm - Steamboat
- Apr.3 – 10, 2009 20th Annual USASA Nationals – Copper – 3 Star TTR

Region Highlights

Copper Mountain opened a 22' halfpipe early in the season as scheduled, which ran very well from day one until it was rebuilt into an 18' pipe in January 2010. Many teams from across the country and around the globe utilized this facility; however this was not without challenges. The resort entered into an exclusive private training agreement with the USSA for its athletes only. The agreement was somewhat vague. The rest of the athletes attempting to train in the pipe were initially relegated to the public sessions, creating a very curious mix. The resort relented and created a second private training session to accommodate all riders from other countries. Early season alpine training at Copper Mountain was well attended by riders and teams from many nations.

Telluride hosted an early season, and the only domestic stop on, the World Cup. Alpine disciplines and snowboard cross were officially contested along with a Team SBX race. The event was well attended and contested by all nations. The 09/10 GrandPrix made its first stop at Copper Mountain. Weather this season was thankfully not an issue, although it was without a doubt one of the coldest contests that I have ever worked. The Paul Mitchell Expression session was well attended and offered a better venue than the previous year for its competitors. The NorAM SBX utilized its newly constructed start platform and offered riders a challenging set of features out of the start. The new

separation features were well received and the rest of the course followed a similar line as in previous years.

The Copper *Revolution Tour* remains popular. Men's & Women's freestyle sold out very quickly again, however as with other stops on the tour, there seemed to be a very high number of DNS entries. Men's slopestyle two-day format allowed more competitors access to the contest and an unhurried finals in perfect conditions. Increased prize purses were well received by the riders as were the food and refreshments provided by Chipotle. Riders were very thankful for this. Copper hosted the 2010 USASA National Championships. Record attendance in all venues except for alpine. Weather was perfect and riding was top notch.

Clinics

IJC Judging Clinic certified new regional judges at Copper Mountain in November. Jonas Brewer was the instructor. Jon Casson organized two-day Coaches Clinics at Copper Mountain which were very well attended both in November 2009 & March 2010.

Challenges

Infrastructure issues at resorts still seem to be an issue. We had a very poor Race to the Cup Alpine experience for the NorAm riders at Copper Mountain. In the end, after numerous and lengthy delays, the GS race ended up as a two run combined time race, much to the dismay of the field. Although riders were rebated a small amount of their entry fee as compensation for the debacle, this situation and experience cannot continue.

Foreign rider quota spots in the *Revolution Tour* are a concern. We are well supported by the Aussies & Kiwis and there seems to be an unclear path for the riders. In the end, riders that were in the country and present were accommodated albeit via an extended and apparently somewhat "trying path". A clearer path to participate in the event needs to be explored given the waning interest of some of the domestic ridership.

The NorAm Skiercross, scheduled for 2010 was cancelled due to a lack of participants. Given that the discipline is now contested at the Olympics, NorAm level interest is hard to come by. Quite a few clubs that I spoke to were not even offering SX as part of their program. Last year I commented that domestic rider support was lacking and unfortunately it was even worse this season.

Grass roots freestyle skiing in the USASA however is growing at a very fast pace although it seems to have little or no apparent support within the USSA in the region. The nontraditional venues (jibbing, jumping & skiercross) do not seem to fit within the existing club structures. There is however big interest on the hill and our local attendance in this regard is high. A pipeline event needs to be established for these skiers similar to the *Revolution Tour* for snowboarders offering a clear path for advancement.

Other than the aforementioned issues, the season went fairly smoothly with another great season of outstanding riding. The region is attracting top riders globally providing a high level of competition for our kids.

10. Team Report: Peter Foley, Mike Jankowski, Rick Bower, Bud Keene

Peter Foley said it was a good year overall. Stoked on how it all went. Olympic year, the highs and lows are very dramatic. Tough to manage the emotions. Highlights – SBX 8 podiums on the World Cup on the Men's side. Olympic selection six guys on the podium for four spots. Olympics Seth won gold again and two out four in the final was amazing. Heart breaking not to get more medals. Really tough for Lindsey, but part of the game.

Nine of the top 30, 4 of the top 10. Depth is very strong. Summer we are looking at camp at Hood in June. Running a private lift with a full course, awesome. Arch and Foley are going to coach Junior Worlds. Need replacement coaches to go to Argentina with the B Team. SBX residency program here in Park City and great training, September – October. Reviewed team nominations.

Mike Jankowski said it was a great year with a roller coaster of a season. Challenging year with serious injuries. Good Training opportunities in Hood and New Zealand in the summer. Copper Grand Prix was great with good training. January Camp in Park City. Mammoth Grand Prix and then Park City named the team. XGames and private training camp for the Olympic Team. Really working on the technical side of the riding and was a great lead up to the Olympics.

This year we are going to go to the Baker Banked slalom as a team. Running the gates will be great for the team. We are planning to fill the Calgary Slopestyle with the great pipe and slope riders. Great team and great development group. Looking forward to having Spencer on the program.

Bud Keene said the Rookie Team was amazing. Four of the guys are doing doubles. Graduated Kaitlyn to the pro team this season. Older team this year and hoping to move them up to the pro team this season. Zack Black and Kaitlyn had podiums on the Grand Prix. Shaun worked extremely hard in the gym and showed Bud this is what we need to happen for all athletes. Rookies in Park City now doing testing. They are doing dry land and acro camp right now. Fitness, fitness, fitness. Keene is so excited to have Spencer Tamblyn on board to replace him. He has a lot of confidence for Spencer moving into this position.

Foley gave the Alpine report. Vic and Tyler had great results. Really hoping for more at the Olympics. Very tough day and very challenging conditions. Very sad to not be working with Jan any longer.

11. Athlete Report: Lisa Kosglow/Tricia Byrnes

Kosglow gave the update on the Athletes' Council. They were trying to capture athlete feedback. Team athletes were given a survey and provided feedback to the organization. The Athletes' Council is made up of one athlete from each of USSA's disciplines as well as the USOC athlete rep. Luke Bodnesteiner often attends our meetings. The Athletes' Council meets by phone about once a month as well as at the spring meetings.

Over the past year the AC has worked on creating a more favorable exchange rate for athletes to be paid international payments. We have also formalized a survey mechanism for athletes to provide feedback to administration and staff every two years. Yearly, athletes will have a feedback mechanism to on-hill staff and coaches. The AC has also advocated for athlete contracts to be between the athlete and sponsor and to remove USSA as a facilitator of contract obligations.

Snowboard Athlete Concerns: All teams are concerned with the slim budgets with which they are working. The PGS team seems to be the hardest hit of all the snowboard disciplines. Lisa has worked closely with the PGS riders, Dexter Paine and other USSA staff to help create options for the athletes affected.

As far as the halfpipe crew is concerned, they seem exhausted and overwhelmed from the season but are generally content. Their main concern is keeping the 22ft pipes a part of the contest scene in the years between the Olympics. They felt the Grand Prixes were run very well this season, with good pipes, and schedules. They are a fan of the new 5

system format, with one qualifier before the Holiday Season and four after, although there is some discussion as to whether there should be four or five qualifiers.

The Mammoth Grand Prix was the only event that was a little questionable and athletes wished that the pipe had been prepared better prior to the event so that every day of practice is the best it can be.

As far as judging was concerned, they felt there were some inconsistencies throughout the entire Grand Prix season and wished that the judging was consistent event to event especially as this was an Olympic season and ideally that the judges would judge more in alignment with the Olympic judges in an Olympic season.

Team issues seemed to have been ironed out this year but there is some concern going into next season having a smaller men's team, and of course it wouldn't be a team report if they didn't ask for more budget!

SBX crew had limited feedback on the season besides a request for more travel funds.

12. Membership Report: Sheryl Barnes

Barnes updated the group on the membership department staff changes. Online registrations were encouraged. Background screening recertification was implemented. Comp guides were only sent to coaches and officials. Membership cards were going to digital, print out cards.

13. Events Report

Olympic report – Foley discussed what worked well at the Olympics - arrival to departure things worked really well. Transportation was tough. Mike echoed Foley's comments.

Grand Prix/World Cup report: Eric Webster. Created quality venues to name the Olympic team. Feel overall that they accomplished their goals. Aligned with key resort partners. Great staff that has been around for a long time. Consistent judges' panel. Luck with weather, overall great weather, which always helped. Great to have the team named at Park City with a huge crowd. Webster then discussed the goals of the Grand Prix.

2011 Grand Prix Goals

- Produce high quality venues for 22' Half Pipe, Slopestyle and SBX Events
- Deliver opportunities for US athletes to compete in the US
- Enhance spectator engagement at events
- Strengthen integration of *Revolution Tour* and Grand Prix competitions
- Maintain System to name Olympic Halfpipe Team in 2014
- Support development of Slopestyle as an Olympic Sport

2011 Tentative Schedule

December 9-13, 2010 - Copper Mountain

Wednesday 12/8 - HP Practice

Thursday 12/9- HP Practice

Friday 12/10- HP Qualifiers

Saturday 12/11 - HP Finals & Paul Mitchell Progression Session

February 10-13, 2011 – TBD

Thursday 2/10 – SBX Practice

Friday 2/11 – SBX Practice

Saturday 2/12 – SBX Time Trials

Sunday 2/13 – SBX Finals

March 2-6, 2011 – Mammoth Mountain

Tuesday 3/2 –SS Practice

Wednesday 3/3- HP and SS Practice

Thursday 3/4 - SS Qualifiers and HP Practice

Friday 3/5 - HP Finals

Saturday 3/6 - SS Finals

Telluride has become a great resort partner, and we will go back to Telluride for the World Cup next season. New event for next year: FIS World Cup Big Air in downtown Denver during the SIA show.

Casson asked about webcasting the Grand Prix? Webster commented that they are working with several partners and hope to have it lined up for next season.

Smith asked about the Junior Jams at Grand Prix. Webster responded that we can't commit until we have the sponsor to pay for it. Plan is to do two again next season.

14. Judges' Report: Phoebe Mills

Phoebe highlighted the IJC National clinic in Park City taught by Sandy McDonald and that they are still working on getting more judges to World Cups. Working with reps to make sure we are covered in the regions with judges' education.

Grand Prix judging was consistent, trying to add more judges into the mix and getting them involved. Rev Tour continues to try to get quality head judges and judges. Working on Slopestyle. Young judges coming up and giving them the event experience. Phoebe will continue to work on the scheduling

Hindman asked how to get more judges on World Cups. Nyberg responded that we are working hard to get more US judges assigned to World Cups, but it is a tough process.

Boyd asked how we can regulate Slopestyle judging to make sure we have quality judging; discussion ensued re the slopestyle events' construction to aid the judging.

Fell asked how we can change the slopestyle format to match the halfpipe format. Discussion also ensued regarding the straight-air rule in halfpipe, the Judging scoring system, and technology for electronic scoring systems.

Domestic Event Report

Race to the Cup

Copper, CO November 12-13	GS – 67M/47W	PGS - 66M/48W
Steamboat Springs, CO Dec 11-12	PGS - 57M/47W	PGS - 39M/26W
Mt Bachelor, OR February 4-5	PGS - 32M/26 W	GS – 32M/26W

Summary: Large turn-out for all races. The Copper and Steamboat races had great turn out with a World Cup field. U.S. races continue to have large participation numbers, and high points value. Prize money this year was divided among top three for disciplines, \$400/\$225/\$125. We worked cooperatively with Canada to develop a cohesive schedule.

NorAm Finals

Steamboat Springs, CO March 25-27 PGS – 25M/18W PSL 22M/18W

Summary: Great event on the big mountain. Lindsay Lloyd took home the National Champion title for both PGS and PSL. Tyler Jewell took the PGS title and Chris Klug took the PSL title.

Hole Shot Tour - SBX NorAm

Copper, CO January 19-20	46M/17W x 2
Mt Hood Meadows, OR March	45M/21W x 2

Summary: Copper hosted two well-received SBX events. Similar course to years past. Mt Hood Meadows hosted two SBX events immediately following a *Revolution Tour* event. Fun course and good turnout for all 3 events.

Revolution Tour

Total of 1017 competitors	
Mount Snow, VT January 14-15	HP 47M/20W SS 79M/20W
Copper, CO February 8-11	SBX 50M/23W HP 74M/29W SS 101M/33W
Boreal, CA March 5-7	SBX 49M/17W HP 63/31W SS 81M/28W
Mt Hood Meadows, OR March 16-18	SBX 50M/17W HP 49M/23W SS 62M/18W

Summary: Once again the *Revolution Tour* was a huge success. Registration for the events sold out within minutes of opening. The *Revolution Tour* events were qualifiers for Junior World Championships, Grand Prix 10/11, USASA Nationals, and the US Open. All of the resorts built great venues. We will continue to strive to use host resorts with high quality venues.

Tour support included prize product from Burton, series T-Shirts from Bonfire, product from Dakine, Smith, Kicker and Under Armour. *Snowboarder* magazine provided four full page ads in their winter issues supporting the series.

Under Armour stepped up and provided trick of the day prize money and new series bibs.

US Open awarded pre-qualified spots to the top two overall winners; USASA awarded Open class spots to overall tour, and the top 25 Men and 20 Women earned spots in the 10-11 Grand Prix.

15. FIS Report

Slattery reviewed the proposals put forward to the FIS. SBX clothing specification in the ICR, more tailored look. Discussion at the FIS rules working group. Clothing for PGS,

get away from plumbing the suit; use standard snowboard clothing for Alpine Snowboarding.

Calendar is posted online: Telluride calendar SBX, PGS, and Team SBX. Freestyle World Cup on the calendar in March.

Hindman asked about the Youth Olympics and adding SBX. Forster described the event and how it fits into our pipeline and that we were pushing to add SBX to the event. Mallon added it is a cool idea and should be a good event. Quota system is frustrating and hoping to change it at the FIS meetings.

Tim O'Brien mentioned that the IOC may not have our best interests in mind. Fell asked about the rule for SBX clothing and why we need it. Foley responded with the history of the reason why we are requesting the new rule.

McNeil asked about the FIS standard for Slopestyle. Calgary WC had a poor layout and needed some better course. Discussion ensued about the Slopestyle

16. USASA Report: Jon Casson

Jon Casson gave the USASA report. He discussed the Nationals and the alumni Monster Mash. PacSun team selected after Nationals. Freeride growing in USASA.

Jeff Moran asked about adding judges' education to USASA for freeskiing. Discussion ensued and Nyberg commented that working with the IJC we should be able to put together a solid judges' training program.

17. Program Report: Abbi Nyberg

Junior Development Camps

- Halfpipe – Successful Project Gold and Junior Gold camps held in May; camp in Mammoth with a 22" pipe. Spencer Tamblyn, Ashley Berger, Dave Baldwin, Scott Harris, Ben Boyd and Matt Guftason as guest coaches.
- SBX – great camp held at Timberline with the National team; Timberline built a full course for the athletes to train. Nathan Park and Ross Hindman guest coaches.
- Alpine – Great camp with a new batch of young riders. Training camp held at Hood in July. Phil Fell and Sean Smarz guest coaches.
- COE Air Awareness Camp – Successful Air Awareness camps at the COE with both Project Gold and Junior Gold athletes. Bud Keene, Rick Bower, Dave Baldwin and Ashley Berger guest coaches.
- May 2010 Project Gold HP and Junior Gold camp scheduled in Mammoth, SBX Project Gold camp scheduled in June at Hood and Alpine camp scheduled for July at Hood.

Officials' Education

- USSA and IJC worked closely to prioritize the goals for judges' education – US judge on the Olympic judging panel in 2014.
- A National IJC clinic was held in Park City, as well as three regional judges' clinics.
- Continue to update USSA competition guide and sync up with FIS rulebook.

Coaches' Education

- US Snowboard Coaches' Education Committee formed. USASA held several Level 100 and 200 clinics in 2009/2010. Together USSA/USASA are hosting Level 300 clinics.

Junior World Championships

- Junior Worlds will take place in New Zealand in August, 2010

18. Old Business: Competition Guide Review

Cath Jett noted she worked to update the USSA comp guide this past summer. Jett asked for input from the committee on rule changes and to align the FIS rulebook with the USSA comp guide. Potentially work with USASA to match rule books.

19. Revolution Tour Update

Nick Alexakos updated the committee on the changes at the *Revolution Tour*, including the addition of skiing events. Moran asked how we can streamline the process for registration. Waitlist that gets sent out with a request to confirm their spot, confirm spot and add back into the open pool.

Alexakos also mentioned the *Revolution Tour* would have open registration. He will look at schedule options to make sure it works for all involved.

Gary Wright – advised to make sure we have plenty of training available to the athletes. Park recommended that Skicross kids compete on same courses, no changes for skiers.

Mallon asked if there is an issue to run a USSA race and a FIS event at the same time. Wright replied no, it would be fine to run at the same time.

Moran asked if the judges will remain the same. Alexakos responded that we hope to have fully trained ski judges for the ski events. Smith also mentioned closed courses for training was really important.

Chris Clark asked for the ability to have 22' pipes. Alexakos responded that they would do their best to go to 22' pipes.

20. Coaches' Education Update

Casson gave the coaches' education update. Stats from last year: 28 coaches' clinics. Coach clinic held in each region. Able to do a catch all at Nationals for any coaches not certified during the season. Project from this last year is to build out the level 300 clinic. Baldwin commented that it was a problem to have the first part of the level 300 clinic during Nationals. Casson said it might not be the right place for the level 300. Boyd asked about the ability to have level 300 during the Mammoth or another project gold camp. Hold the on-snow portion during the gold camp at Hood – SBX course.

Casson said the next step to start building out the level 400 and adding in the freeskiing portion. Casson is going to work on the coaching schedule and get it more organized. Nyberg thanked the committee for working really hard to make this all happen.

21. Long-term Athlete Development

Nyberg asked the group to review the proposed National Training System. Nyberg will email the group the plan for feedback and form working groups for the build out of the program.

22. "The Hole Shot" NorAm SBX/SX Tour

Nyberg discussed the new Hole Shot Tour. The Tour will now include Skicross. The hope is to back the events up with either the Grand Prix or *Revolution Tour* events and add more training. Also include time trials and race day, with 2 training days.

Park commented that two events back to back are fine, but three is too much. Fell asked if there would be an Overall Hole Shot Tour winner. Nyberg said they would consider it. Park asked if there would be a spot at the World Cup from the Hole Shot. Nyberg responded not at this point, but would work towards that as a possibility.

Matt Gustafson asked what the USSA is doing for the younger age groups. Nyberg responded that USASA is doing a great job with the grassroots age groups and we planned to continue the pipeline in that fashion.

23. New Business

Alpine Task Force: Jon Casson asked the group to start to focus their thoughts and form a task force for the sport of Alpine Snowboarding. Examine Alpine and get it back to a healthy sport. Interest is there at the USASA level. How do we get USASA participants into the development pipeline? Casson suggested that the group work on its own separate intently.

Hindman reminded everyone that running gates and learning to carve the basis for all snowboarding. Boyd stated that we needed to take another look at growing the base and to be creative and look outside the box.

Kosglow asked for the benchmarks for cutting PGS. Jeremy didn't have all of them, so Lisa asked for them to be distributed to the community so everyone understands why PGS was cut. Emerson asked who will determine the team. USSA will write the criteria. Foster confirmed that we will write World Cup and World Championship criteria. Kosglow stated that USSA will provide leadership to name or support the highest level of athletes.

Nate Emerson asked what is the selection criteria and is it possible to add coaches' discretion into that criterion. We would like to set criteria for the elite-level athlete to achieve funding. Forster said that the task force is a great way to go about selecting the criteria for future events. Emerson added that we needed US women competing on the World Cup. Forster agreed.

24. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Tricia Byrnes, Mike Jankowski second.

A. Nyberg, 6/10