



Cross Country Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

May 9-10, 2012
The Park City Marriot Hotel
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Cross Country Officials' Subcommittee, Wednesday, May 9, 2012 1:00pm – 7:00pm

Chair: Matt Pauli

Location: Park City Marriott

USSA Cross Country Officials Sub-committee Agenda

1. Review of past congress minutes.
 - a. See what was adopted and implemented.
2. Members and Regional Representation
 - a. Working Group Designations
3. Homologation
 - a. Working Group Report: Chair
 - b. Regional Coordinators
 - c. Old and New Business
4. Officials
 - a. TD development and education. Working Group Report: Chair
 - b. TD Designations
 - c. TD Activities
 - d. TD Active and Inactive lists
 - e. TD Evaluations
 - f. Seminars
 - g. OC officials development
 - h. Jury work and decisions from the 2011-12 season (Limit to National events and really interesting regional events)
 - i. Old and New Business
5. Event management
 - a. Timing and Results, Working Group Report: Chair
 - b. FIS/USSA relationship
 - c. Super Tour
 - d. Old and New Business
6. Rules and Technical
 - a. Working Group Report: Chair
 - b. Cross Country Rule Hierarchy (ICR vs. USSA vs. NCAA vs. local)
 - c. Old and New Business
7. TD Assignments, National Events
 - a. Best and brightest
 - b. 3 year rotation? Reward?
8. Good of the order
 - a. USSA/CCC cooperation

- b. TD's
- c. Continental Cups (NorAm and Super Tour)

Present included: Pauli (Chair, ALASKA coordinator*), Rodrigues (Eastern coordinator*), Wilson (Central coordinator*), Serrano (FIS TD), Myers (FIS TD), Casey (Western coordinator*), Bob Gross (FIS TD, US Rep to FIS officials), Doug Ouren (FIS TD), Ernie Page, (Self-described "Timer Guy", US timing asset), Joey Caterinichio (USSA Nordic Program Manager as time allowed).

Guest: Rick Kapala (Sun Valley), Yuriy Gusev (CXC)
 *FIS TD(s)

- 4. Review of past congress minutes.
 - a. See what was adopted and implemented.

Reviewed past officials meetings. Discussed those measures adopted that may have contradicted other rules, were misapplied, or not fully researched to serve the desired purpose. Specifically discussed was the 2009 adoption of the athlete requirement to be licensed (active) and on the current USSA and/or FIS points list(s) in order to be scored versus just being active. This adoption was contradicted later in the comp guide, perhaps by oversight. Additional discussion included the unwillingness of FIS to provide listing of active and inactive athletes upon request by timers to assist OC's in having to do individual look-ups. Comp guide is scheduled to be revised this summer.

- 5. Members and Regional Representation
 - a. Working Group Designations

Confirmed membership in working groups and regional officials' coordinators. Created new Rocky Mountain coordinator to ensure representation for the growing and enthusiastic officials group in the region. Named Doug Ouren as coordinator.

Region	Coordinator
East	Jim Rodrigues
Central	Scott Wilson
Rocky Mountain/HP	Doug Ouren
Intermountain/PNW	Carlie Casey
Far West	Sally Jones
Alaska	Matt Pauli

Table 1: Regional Coordinators, National Event TD Assignments

Region	Coordinator
East	Allan Serrano
Midwest	Scott Wilson
West	Bob Gross (Chair thru May 2013)
Alaska	Matt Pauli

Table 2: Homologation Working Group

Education	Rules & Technical	Timing*
Matt Laue (Chair)	Bob Gross (Chair)	John Estle
Hugh Cooke	Eileen Carey	Ernie Page
Carlie Casey	Joey Caterinichio	Scott Wilson
Doug Ouren	Jim Rodrigues	Doug Ouren
	Matt Pauli	Joey Caterinichio

*Chair not established

- 6. Homologation
 - d. Working Group Report: Chair

Designated Bob Gross as homologation coordinator. Bob accepted the position for one year.

e. Regional Coordinators

Named Scott Wilson as Midwest homologation coordinator.

f. Old and New Business

Reviewed venue homologation status. Bob indicated that a homologation seminar may be in the works for this fall as a two year refresher for current homologation inspectors (HI).

Gross indicated that course specifications for Continental Cup (COC) and other FIS events (events other than OWG, WSC, WC, and JWSC) may be liberalized by up to 20% (MC and TC less restrictive) to allow for competitive courses to be homologated. Changes to be discussed and adopted at the 2012 FIS Congress. Bob indicated that TC was still the most viable indicator taken into consideration when homologating a course. COC course homologation to be specifically adopted for courses over 1800 m. In the past this had not been codified.

Gross indicated that the FIS homologation manual is in draft. Specific changes include the education of HI's and interface with venues on changes (specs, courses, protocol).

Pauli brought up the inclusion of trail ditches as part of the trail width when homologating. Experience and observation over the last several years that in low snow conditions, the ditches were not useable.

Ouren brought up the topic of standardization of homologation measurement techniques. Specific comments on GPS accuracy.

9. Officials

- a. TD development and education. Working Group Report: Chair
- b. TD Designations

Reviewed and discussed proposed US TD designations template. Discussions focused on consistency with FIS policy as well as a simpler and more descriptive roles and duties. Minor editorial changes. MM made by Gross and 2ndd by Wilson to accept new protocol. Adopted.

c. TD Activities

Discussions entertained on unique activities from the past season. Discussion on the care and maintenance of the USSA sanctions list. Discussed the FIS list and its availability. A USSA sanctions list to be maintained. No determination on who or how it will be maintained during this time of (USSA) transition.

d. TD Active and Inactive lists

Discussion on culling the list to identify those who do participate and contribute. Ouren stated that if a TD was not a USSA officials member for the previous two season, that person should be placed in inactive status. This was agreed to as an informal principal but not as a formal policy. Further communication with TD's that have not participated/attended seminars or responded to communications to be initiated.

e. TD Evaluations

Apparently there is a form on the USSA website for OC's? to evaluate TD's. Other comments from other members of the ski community indicated that this or some method of TD evaluation be initiated. USSA officials chair will begin process of making this a formal requirement. No specific protocol was adopted.

f. Seminars

Focus this year was on regional seminars.

Frustration was expressed that chair of Education Working Group was not involving the other members of the working group and delivering on commitments. Officials chair to maintain contact with education chair.

Hugh Cooke has indicated that he still wants to be involved in TD education, particularly on the delivery of educational materials and programs via newer technologies (Webinars).

g. OC officials development

No specific policies adopted. Statement that the training of competition officials would enhance the overall quality of an event. Additional statements that the increased attention to education in the rocky mountain region has had a positive effect of the quality of events.

h. Jury work and decisions from the 2011-12 season (Limit to National events and really interesting regional events)

Allan Serrano discussed the DQ at US Nationals following the conclusion of the classic sprint event.

Jim Rodrigues discussed the 50k/30k/junior national event(s) following the ST Finals, particularly the challenge of holding the competition on a 1.5 k course and in some cases simultaneously. Kudos to the CC for a pulling it all together.

i. Old and New Business

Discussion on the continuing policy of allowing NCAA coaches to TD college-level events. Several reasons were given including conflicts of interest, the ability to act in an impartial manner, the ability to have effective jury meetings. An additional comment stated that it belittled the efforts of TD required at other events. Changes to the practice were not made. An NCAA Coach/TD was not present at this meeting. Officials chair to contact NCAA Coach/TD Cranmer.

10. Event management

a. Timing and Results, Working Group Report: Chair
No specific report.

b. FIS/USSA relationship
Ernie Page stated the frustration of not being able to obtain and updated FIS active athlete list (not just current points list) when the request is made to FIS. This will be followed-up on.

c. Super Tour
No specific report.

d. Old and New Business

Discussed 2009 revision to US rules requiring athletes to be both active and on the current points list (FIS and/or USSA) in order to be scored on a subsequent event. Original intent of 2009 adoption was to aid in the OC's ability to identify athletes that should be scored and ensure result accuracy. Wilson provided a timing protocol that was utilized for the ST Finals. Document needs to be reworked. Discussion noted the policy was never adopted in the comp guide. The policy was later identified in another part of the comp guide. At worst, the 2009 policy contradicts FIS policy as well as US policy identified in other section of the USSA comp guide.

Several inherent problems were identified:

1. An athlete can be active but not on the current points list(s).
2. An athlete can be inactive and on the current points list(s).

In any event, the policy has to be consistent. Athletes must understand their requirements and OC's must be flexible (race secretariat). Additional outreach to FIS is needed to ensure the proper documentation is obtained for timing personnel. More information on how to proceed is warranted. This is an area that is under specific review by a regulatory review committee created under the coaches subcommittee (Serrano-chair, Pauli-member).

11. Rules and Technical

- a. Working Group Report: Chair

Adoption of US TD Designation policy

Bob discussed the upcoming FIS congress and the ICR rework for 2012. The ICR's are to be reorganized with the addition of charts and figures. Bob provided a hint that duties and requirements that were specifically referenced in the current ICR's may be shifted to race juries. Stay tuned as final adoption will be made at the FIS congress.

No specific rule changes to be entertained from the US to FIS.

- b. Cross Country Rule Hierarchy (ICR vs. USSA vs. NCAA vs. local)

Pauli provided a quick primer on rule hierarchy. Specific to the conversation included why is a rule change needed? Who does it affect? Does it contradict a current rule? Specific example included the 2009 adoption of the an active athlete not being on a current points list. Well intentioned but had undesirable implementation and effects.

- c. Old and New Business - already discussed.

Suspended with the normal order of business and introduced Rick Kapala, coach, program director-Sun Valley. Rick had the following comments:

Problem at an IMD event which was the final JN qualifier and affected the final team qualification.

- By and large, great officials.
- TD's should work to ensure consideration is given to the level of the event and interfacing with athletes, specifically when implementing rules and sanctions.
- The OC was not adequately prepared including inadequate communications, poor public address system, not enough "chiefs" to address event needs, infrastructure took control and "drove" event (timing system program issue).

Torin Koos disqualification and events leading up to it.

Sprint courses that adequately prepared US athletes.

West Yellowstone sprint event where start protocol changed over the course of the heats and were not adequately explained to the athletes (start gun failed, back-up(s) failed). Rick indicated the adoption of a "protocol."

All of Rick's comments supported the need for TD consistency as well as a TD evaluation method.

Discussion adjourned for the evening at approximately 2030. TD assignment group (Regional coordinators) agreed to meet on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 0800 to discuss TD upgrades (per the adopted US Designation protocol) and National event assignment.

12. TD Assignments, National Events - Best and brightest

Pauli brought up the discussion which did not receive a lot of traction. However, remarks made by various attendees during the discussion when adopting the US TD Designation policy noted that several TD's completed the FIS TD development protocol and consideration given to accomplishment.

Gross indicated that Loppet (Popular) assignments had been made. Gross also stated that he will continue to work to ensure qualified US FIS TD's are considered for higher level FIS events. As in past discussions regarding this, the issue is political.

National Assignments:

US Nationals:	Eileen Carey
Junior Nationals:	Jim Rodrigues
ST Finals:	Allan Serrano
NCAA Championships:	Matt Laue

TD Assistants (TDA) and race juries to be appointed according to the appropriate event protocol(s).

Additional discussion was held regarding the TD designation of John Hatcher. Hatcher inquired why he had been left off the FIS TD list, even though he felt he had satisfied the TD seminar requirement at Canmore in 2009. Casey indicated he would follow-up with Hatcher to clarify the issue. Personal issues in the 2004-2009 time frame caused Hatcher's FIS TD designation to lapse. This resulted in him being dropped from the FIS TD list. No one on the present regional coordinator group could recall initiating this and it must have been initiated by FIS.

Challenges:

He was not "grandfathered" in 2007 since he apparently was not on the current FIS TD list at that time.

Age limitation for appointment as specified in the FIS TD development guideline.

TD Upgrades:

Eileen Carey: To Level 3 (FIS)

Pending*:

Bob and Karen Cook: To Level 2 (National)

John Farra: To Level 2 (National)

Justin Easter: To Level 2 (National)

*Written evaluations still required

Cross Country Coaches' Subcommittee, Thursday, May 10, 2012, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Chair: Joey Caterinichio Park City Marriott

1. Review of Agenda
2. Review of 2011 Minutes
3. Confirmation of 2012 Coaches Subcommittee membership.

Creating a new and formality:

All regions will be present with membership:

4 positions per region.

1 Sr. Coach

1 Jr. Coach

1 College coach

1 At large

Alaska:

East:

Mountain:

Central:

Pacific:

Regional Coordinator will send in names bi-annually prior to congress. These names will have a vote at Congress but all our welcome. All names will serve a 2 year term.

Coaches Chair will be elected from this subcommittee and will also serve a 2 year term.

Current outgoing chair: Joey Caterinichio

Current incoming chair: Janice Sibilia

Communications Chair: Will still maintain a broader e-mail list along with subcommittee list.

This chair will service as co-chair to the subcommittee:

Current Vice-chair: Rick Kapala.

4. Assignment of Regional Reps and Regional Coordinators
 - o Duties needed for National communication and outreach
 - o See above.
5. U.S. Ski Team '12 review and '13 plan (Grover)
6. Reports from
 1. JI Scando Cup (Coach of Scando Cup)
 2. Report from U23/Junior World Championships (Fish)
 3. Report from OPA Cup (Fish)
7. Major Championship organizers Review (U.S. Champs, JN's, USSA SuperTour Finals)
 - Rumford / Soldier Hollow / Craftsbury
8. Review relevant Officials rules changes etc (Officials Chair Matt Pauli)
 - o See officials meeting notes.
9. Review of proposed National Calendar (see schedule A draft)
 - Coordination efforts with Canada (Dec & Mar)

- See schedule.
- USSA Super Tour
- U.S. Championships
- USSA SuperTour Finals & U.S. Champs 30K
- Scando COC, & OPA Cup
- Long-term calendar outlook (All)

Calendar Review Committee formed; will advise on the annual calendar with a 2-3 year outlook.

National Calendar Committee:

Rick Kapala: Chair

Erik Flora

Will Sweetser

Janice Sabillia

Yuriv Gustav

Scott Wilson

Ben Grahessi

Josh Smullin

Joey Caterinichio

10. 2012 NRL's around the Nation (reminder)

- Please register online by August 1.
- Please send to Joey by June 15.

11. Open forum discussion on future Calendar of USSA events.

Calendar Committee formed to discuss future calendars

12. Review 2012-2013 Criteria: pdfs handouts

- World Cup
- J1 Scando
- JWC
- U23

Revisions attached.

13. Junior Working Group Report and rule change proposals. (Ali Deines)

1. Report from Ali Dienes
2. New suggested format for JN's 2013 (Fairbanks) Junior Meeting SH proposal Review and approve.
 - Monday: Interval Start Skate
 - Tuesday: Relay Classic & Midweek Awards
 - Wednesday: Off
 - Thursday: Skate Sprint
 - Friday: Off
 - Saturday: Mass Start Classic & Awards
 - Discussion: Motion approved for 1 year trial at Junior Meeting.

3. Change Comp guide for USSA club award do not need 1 female and 1 male present for overall award winner. Never got changed in comp. guide but voted on.
4. Other: Junior Rule or suggested changes.
5. Junior National Championships
 - Review of 2012 JN event SoHo
 - Review of 2013 JN event Fairbanks
 - Review of 2014 Trapps East
 - Bids due January 1, 2012-13 for 2015
 - Bend??
 - Open for other Pacific.
 - Bids Due January 1, 2013 for 2016
 - General JO program discussion
 - Review: formats JO's by sub-committee (can we leave this to organizers year to year like US Nats or strict format i.e. comp guide?)
 - review of pts, JO awards, pipeline relevance, etc
 - Points for awards. Kept by Organizers. Not timer unless Timer agrees.
 - Review Awards and point keeping.
 - Do we need to re do points
 - Roger Westin, Club Trophy, Alaska Cup
 - RW: Should we limit to just true HS sanctioned programs?
 - College Athlete review or Club Trophy

JO Dance Committee formed for review. See sport committee notes.

JO Rules Committee for Awards formed.

Comp Guide changes submitted to sport committee.

In addition to a Junior Committee, it was noted that there is large efficient junior presence to modify rules and oversee JO's. Coaches wanted the same for the Senior Level. Rules in the comp guide directly related to seniors need review with some suggestions being made for change. Senior Level Rules Committee formed to work on US National Event rules and Comp Guide for Senior Racers:

Al Serrano: Chair
 Erik Flora
 Colin Sun Valley
 Will Sweetser
 Dan
 Sverre Caldwell
 Matt Pauli

14. NRL List Points Update (If running out of time, will move 14 to Friday)

NRL – Points system adjustment, enhancements.

Review: NRL

- Review system default and issues of current NRL list and procedure for US.
- Jeff Weinman and Justin Freeman input.
- Calculating Penalties. 10th 100th vs.
 - Timing contractors all different.
 - Rounding Vs. Truncating (Fis Truncates)
 - Consistent with FIS?
- Adder (review) Jeff
- Minimum and Maximums review. See sheet
 - 15 min US Nats, NCAA Champs, Burke, Super Tour
max 50 and 75 max
 - 50/65 Regional/College Min and Max
 - No Cap on JN's? (in book no)
 - WJ Championships 35 (max)
 - U23 25 (max)

Motion made to change the 50/65 Regional Cap to 35.00

Motion: August... will second. Motion passes 5-3

Motion sent to Sport committee

- Euro races scored as USSA
- Form NRL committee assignment.
- JN Sprint overall points used.
- 3 vs. 5 races (data from Jeff)
 - If go to 5. Penalty Graduated

NRL Task Force Committee formed to continue to watch NRL rules and suggest year to year management.

August Teague: Chair
 Gus Keading
 Ernie Page
 Joey C.
 Jeff Weinman
 John Estle
 Zach Caldwell

15. Adjourn

Cross Country Coaches' Subcommittee, Friday, May 11, 2011, 9:00am – 4:30pm

Chair: Joey Caterinichio Park City Marriott

16. NCCSEF/NNF report and plan for 2013 season. (Knoop)

17. Election of New CC Sport Committee Chair
Janice Sabilla Elected

18. Membership (Sheryl Barnes)

Members need primary insurance or cannot be USSA members. This may affect young coaches and or skiers who are non-insured.

19. Carry over from day 1 if needed.

20. Education Update (Fish)

- Level 100 update
 - Coaches certification to coach JN's
 - Timeline to implement and percent

- Level 200 update

Fast Trax implemented must be a member.

Coaches' Education Committee formed to work on coaches' level 100 implementation and where to go from here.

Bryan Fish: Chair
August Teague
Ja Dorris
Pete Leonard
Yuriv Gusiv
Janice Sabillia
Mike Elliott
Rick Kapala

21. USSA Coaches Information (Fish/Caterinichio)

- Review: USSA Coaches license required for coaches credentials/bibs and trail access at JN's & US Champs.
- Review: Encourage athletes to renew USSA and FIS licenses by June 15 annually.
- Up to the ownership of the athletes to make sure their license is current. Will not be scored if numbers are not active and given to organizers. No up to the race organizers.
- Review: Name issues – must have consistent names (between USSA, FIS and race entries) will improve accuracy of results and points lists.
- Review Coaches permanent Bib criteria and concept.
 - No bib system moving forward at this time.. Use of colored bibs at JN's, Arm bands US nats, Super Tour smaller field.

22. Preliminary information for U23, JWC, JI Scando Cup, OPA

1. World Championships: Val di Fiemme, ITA Feb. 20 to Mar. 3, 2013
2. World Juniors/U23 Champs: Liberec, CZE Jan. 20-27, 2013

3. Scando Cup

23. Development Programs

1. REG Camp design and schedules 2012 (Fish)
2. NEG Info. (Fish)
3. NTG info.
4. USSA J2 Elite Camp update (Fish)

24. Club development Program (Walt Evans)

Talked about the role out of USSA Club Development Program Certification

25. Program outreach:

Nordic Rocks: Yuriv

Winter Trails program,: Reese Brown

<http://www.snowlink.com/wintertrailshomepage.aspx> .

26. New Business:

1. General Discussion:

a. Increase in Head Tax Discussion:

Coaches wanted for the record: Entire Cross Country body not happy about head tax increase. 100% increase for Cross Country was not ok. Nothing increases by 100% and each sport should have been looked at separately vs. a vote for a \$4.00 increase across board. We are the people supporting USSA. Without the membership and body there would be no USSA.

Body feels it will disrupt the sport, decrease participation and hurt x-c relation with USSA. Just in the moment that NRL were increase and participation were buying into the system... NRL is the only tool that x-c gets for the money. Race registration and insurance does not apply to x-c due to the difference in participation to the sport at each event and the broadness of the sport participating...Head Tax: No justification or communication or explanation for the \$4.00 increase until now.

b. Need for more sub groups in the competition committee:

Allow the sub groups to meet and report back to the bigger body. Review structure of these meetings and sub groups. Review the organization...and put together more professional outline to engage more individuals to USSA, meetings and work put forward.

c. Fundraising needs to be changed within USSA.

Allow each sport to have a subcommittee allowing each sport to raise their own funds and be reflective within the organization. Change the financial structure.

Action items sent to Sport Committee.

Cross Country Sport Committee, Saturday, May 12, 2012, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Chair: Jon Engen Park City Marriott

1. Roll Call
2. Chairman's Introduction & comments
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes, '11
5. Reports and Proposals from Officials' Subcommittee (Officials Chair)
6. Reports and Proposals from Coaches' Subcommittee (Coaches Chair)
7. Confirmation of Cross Country Sport Committee membership, 2012

Name	Term expiration	May of:
• Chair: Jon Engen, Ketchum, ID	2012	
• Joey Caterinichio (Programs)	by employment	
• Bryan Fish, Park City, UT (Development)	by employment	
• Rick Kapala, Ketchum, ID (IMD)	2012	absent
• Matt Pauli (Officials)	2013	
• Mike Elliott, Durango, CO (Mountain)	2013	
• Joey Caterinichio, Anchorage, AK (Coaches) (Alaska)	2012	
• Yuriy Gusev, Madison, WI (Central)	2013	
• Janice Sibilila, Hopewell Jnct, NY (East)	2013	
• Ben Grasseschi, Truckee, CA (Pacific)	2013	
• David Knoop, Park City, UT (At-large)	2013	
• August Teague, Reno, NV (At-large)	2013	
• Wendy Wagner, SLC, Utah (Athlete)	2013	absent
• Andrew Johnson, Burlington, VT (Athlete)	2012	
• James Southam, Anchorage, AK (Athlete)	2012	absent

8. Next Meeting – May, 2013
9. Adjournment of Committee

Sport Committee Minutes

1. 2011 Minutes approved.
2. Confirm Committee: List
 - Jon Engen Chair re elected for 2 years.
 - Peter Leonard added for Alaska
 - Add another position. A permanent Industry Rep to Committee
 - Wendy Wagner Term coming up. Looking for replacement.
 - All other positions confirmed.
 - Absent people noted.

So Moved, Seconded Motion approved unanimously.

3. Super Tour Calendar approved

So moved, seconded. Approve unanimously.

4. Jon Engen Reported on Olympic selection.

5. Sport Committee assignments:

a) Officials

Verify membership to have to be a TD.
Scott Wilson Homologation coordinator
Revised TD designation Policy. More in Line with FIS policy.

b) Coaches Committee:

Joey leavening chair position
Janice Sabillia elected.

2. Composition of the committee: Confusion for voting. Regional representation and 1 member reflection.
Plan. Noted in minutes.

Moved, seconded, approved unanimously.

3. Comp Guide Changes:

Tracking rule will be reviewed to added to the comp guide for clarification like the Junior Rules. Not too many but we deferred it to a Senior rules working group.

Committee will come up with a recommendation if something needs to be clarified in the comp guide.

Also suggested from the coaching body.. TD's please use common sense. Especially if it is a senior event and junior event without compromising true rules but interpretation of rules.

Moved: Second: motion passes.

4. Criteria for WC reviewed

Criteria on 2013 WJC Reviewed and changed:

Criteria to remain the same except;

Criteria is for the year of 2013 only.

Criteria will be reevaluated in May 2013 at the spring congress and changes may be made for the 2014 selection year.

Objective Selections will be based on results received from November-December, 2012.

Up to two athletes may be selected per gender based solely on FIS points with a point's race of 50 points (both men and women) or under.

August moved Fish Second..... Motion passes.

5. Criteria for U23 reviewed

Criteria on 2013 U23 Reviewed and changes:

Criteria to remain the same except;

Criteria for the year of 2013 only.

Criteria will be reevaluated in May 2013 at the spring congress and changes may be made for the 2014 selection year.

Objective Selections for the 2013 Team Selection will be based on results received from January 9, 2012 (the day US Nationals is over) through-December 31, 2012.

Up to two athletes may be selected per gender based solely on 2 FIS points with a point's race of 30 points or under.(Excluding closed Collegiate college Races)

FIS tie breaking.....

(All rest of criteria remain same)

Moved, Second. Motion passes. One opposed... for record: Bryan Fish felt the selection criteria is a good proposal but that 3 races would have been better than 2. Only reason opposing is the number of races... and view point....3 versus 2...decision passes.

6. Scando Cup: Title being changes:

Only thing changed is Lowest USSA pints during the selection period.

Moved, Second, Motion passes unanimously.

7. Action:

NRL Committee formed to continue to address NRL point equalization between FIS and USSA.

Coaches Sub Committee voted to change.

Adder (committee review)

Minimum for Regional races has moved from 50/65 to 35.

Truncation only.

Do what FIS does for 10th's and 100ths.

Moved, seconded, Motion passes unanimously.

8. Juniors:

1. N's 2013 - Fairbanks

1 year trial Schedule: Monday - Interval Start Freestyle

Tuesday - 3 x 3km Classic Relay & Midweek Awards

Thursday - Freestyle Sprint

Saturday - Mass Start 5/10/15km Classic & Awards Banquet

Pushed dates back by one week - so - March 11 - 16, 2013

Motion, Second, Motion unanimously.

2. Eliminate "one guy and one gal" rule - pg 55 - 90.2.3

Motion, Second, Motion unanimously.

3. 2012 JN's Soldier Hollow

These guys did a great job with challenging snow conditions throughout the season. Thanks!

4. 2014 JN's Trapps

The OC was shadowing at the 2012 JN's at Soldier Hollow.

5. 2015 JN's Pacific Bid

- PNSA is working on a bid. It is not complete yet. The bid must be completed by May 30, 2012.
- If the bid is not submitted before June 1, 2012, the bid process is open to the Pacific Region. The bid must be submitted by July 31, 2012.
- If an adequate bid from the Pacific Region is not submitted by August 1, 2012, the Mountain Region has the opportunity to submit a bid.
- The Mountain Region bid must be submitted by **when?**

Motion, Second, Motion unanimously.

6. 2016 JN's Midwest Bid

A bid from the Midwest Region is due by January 1, 2013.

7. JN Dance

1. Event has become unmanageable, we need to make some changes or we need to cancel it. Ideas: Alternative activities, Lights, Supervision.
2. Subcommittee to define the guidelines for the event: Matt J, Ja D, Pete L, Yuriy G, Joe H, Janice S, Mark (FW), Margaret M, Becca W, Mike Y, John, Ali D

8. JN Event Award Point Scoring Methods

1. We have 3 Awards and 3 scoring methods at JN's for the end of week trophies. This is putting unreasonable demands on our OCs. We need to simplify.
2. AK Cup - a system that has been in effect since 1986, not reasonable to change this method. And it is working well. It allows for a small team to win if they are strong enough.
3. Roger Weston - a good system well, but we may have slipped away from the original intentions. **We are going to contact Roger and determine what the intentions of the award were.** We would like to retain the ability to discuss/determine what scoring method is used for this award.
4. JNCTA - yet another system. Shortest length of time for award. Perhaps the method that we should change.
5. **Scoring method going to a subcommittee.** Members: Joey C (USSA), Josh S (RMD), Mark (FW), Ernie P (Timing), Severe C (NE), Andrew G (College), Ali D (IMD)
6. Does the Junior Chair need to process the registrations for JN's (to eliminate mistakes?) and do the points calculating for these awards?

9. Guest Skiers in Results & Awards

1. Guest skiers do NOT need to be removed from the results lists.
2. Pg. 42 - 67.5 If Guest skiers finish in the top 10, they should be recognized at the JN Awards presentations with their respective age groups.

Motion, Second, Motion unanimously.

10. Youth Olympic Games

1. Selection = top USSA ranked J1 Male & Female
2. These athletes should be pre-quals for their Division. Pg 43. 70.1. ... "Members of the Youth Olympic Games Cross Country Team are automatically qualified to enter the Junior Nationals as a part of the team from their home division, but are not counted against their Division's or District's quota specified in rule 074."

Pre-quals....

Motion, Second, Motion unanimously.

11. JN Scoring & Seeding Methods

1. Pg 49 - 50. Clarify that we are using the Overall NRL points for all JN seeding.
2. Pg. 15. Delete the line: "(except for ... will be used)." We will use discipline points for JN race scoring.

Motion, Second, Motion unanimously.

9. Coaches Education and Bibs:

For coaches 2013 no bib selection due to lack of funds. Will not implement for 2013.

Level 100 to coach at a USSA event.

Created a committee and step wise approach to have coaches' education implemented in the USSA process to be a coach for USSA events. This committee will design a plan and come back to the sport committee by July 1. Implementation is proposed for this year.

Bryan (chair), August, Ja, Pete, Yuriv, Janice, Rick, Mike, Joey

10. Head Tax Increase.

Jon Engen explained head tax vote and action. Discussion "for the record" that coaches wanted their statement reflected. See CC notes above. This discussed.