



Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined Coaches' Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

May 10-11, 2012
The Park City Marriot Hotel
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Chairman, Todd Wilson, called the meeting to order @ 5:35 PM

1. Roll Call

Alan Alborn- IMD, Martin Bayer,-RMD, Casey Colby-EAS, all Present; Scott Smith-CEN, Absent; Dan Bevington filling in for Mike Jokela – ALK

2. Chairman's opening comments

Chairman gave opening comments and welcomed those in attendance. Chairman then introduced the new Nordic Manager for USSA, Joey Caterinichio.

3. The floor was then given to Jon Nolting for a quick update on USSA's new "Fast Track" coaches' education program.

4. Additions to the agenda

Chairman asked for additions to the agenda. None were given.

5. Report from Chair of the Officials' Subcommittee meeting

Matt Laue gave a quick report on the Officials Sub-Committee meeting earlier in the day covering the following:

- Importance of coaches and athletes being aware of the rules for competition.
- Comments from Officials Sub-Committee on possible age class change.
- Thoughts on ski length rule changing from 143 to 140% of height.
- North American Championships and its future.
- FIS rule and control changes for 2013 season.
- Update on Data Package for events

6. FIS Cup plan development and selection criteria

Chairman asked for a volunteer group to update all special jumping criteria. Casey Colby and Clint Jones agreed and would report back Friday with updates.

7. Review JWC and COC criteria and selection events/methods.

Members of the committee updated JWC and COC NC criteria.

8. National Ranking List – Progress/Challenges

Casey Colby gave an update on the NRL for special jumping that USA Ski Jumping has put together and tested this past season. Some work still needs to be done but progress has been made.

9. Review and discuss JN rules and additions

After discussion it was recommended that a proposal be written to change the jump ski length from 143% to 140% of athletes height, for J2's and under, to match FIS youth rules. Proposal made by Casey Colby/Todd Wilson 2nd/Passed.

After discussion it was recommended that changes be made to the ski jumping team event at the Jr. Nationals. A proposal was made by Alan Alborn to change the current team event rules so that all four skiers would count in the overall score and that the teams can be made up of mixed gender and mixed classes. Proposal was 2nd by Martin Bayer/Passed.

10. Changing Age Classes for J2's and J1's to match FIS Youth

After discussion and debate it was recommended by the committee that a proposal be written to change our current USSA J/NC age classifications in the J2 and J1 age classes so that they would match FIS youth age groups. The proposal is to change a J2 from 14 and 15 YO's to 14, 15 and 16 YO's and to change J1's from 16-19 to 17, 18 and 19. Proposal made by Alan Alborn/2nd by Casey Colby/Passed.

11. Review JN Championship event schedule proposal, Minneapolis, MN March 2013

Matt Laue gave a power point presentation for the JN's to be held in Minneapolis, MN, February, 25 – March 3, 2013. Transportation, lodging, facilities and schedule were all presented and received well by the committee.

12. Review JN's for 2014, Alaska (addition to agenda)

Dan Bevington presented the committee with a letter of intent to host the 2014 JN's in Anchorage. The committee gave permission to move forward with the event and congratulated Dan for the new excitement and growth in the Anchorage Program. Dan is being presented with the 2012 USSA J/NC Domestic Coach of the Year for his dedication and work with the Anchorage J/NC program.

13. Review NAJC's event schedule, issues, rules, as qualifier for JWC

The NAJC's were discussed at length earlier in the day at the Official's Sub-Committee meeting with our voting committee members in attendance and participating in the discussion. The general feeling was that NAJC's were not being well attended and that they did not work as a JWC tryout because most athletes now qualify by world ranking list and thus do not need to attend the tryouts. There is also no support from USSA for this National Championship event, unlike JN's or US Championships, which has made it difficult on the host sites. With the J1 class back in the JN's schedule, there is still a National Championship for J1's, which NAJC's used to provide. The feeling is that the JWC tryouts can be added to an already existing event. The Officials Sub-Committee will make a proposal to our Sport Committee tomorrow to eliminate most of the rules that govern this event. The proposal will also include changing the name to "North American Championships". The NAC's will be decided at the USSA Spring Meetings each year and added to an already existing event. This year Eau Claire, WI will host the NAC's as part of the Mid-West Tour.

14. Review US Championships

- a. Alan Alborn gave an update on plans to host the 2013 US Championships in July 2012 at Utah Olympic Park as part of the week long Springer Tournee event. A draft schedule was reviewed which includes a full week of competitions for all ages and opportunities for coaches', athletes' and officials' education.
- b. Next, Mr. Wilson asked for proposals to host the 2014 US Championships during the summer of 2013. No proposals were submitted, however, Steamboat has an interest in hosting the event in July 2013 as part of their Independence Day event or to host it just before or just after the Springer Tournee, so teams would only have to travel out west once. Steamboat's HS75 was built new in 2006 to meet FIS standards, but they will now have to extend the safety boards on both the in-run and landing hill to meet both USSA and FIS standards. Steamboat is concerned that resources to upgrade the safety walls for the Championships will take away from efforts to get new FIS certificates for their HS100 and HS127 jumps. Steamboat also needs more information on requirements for video marking and a possible new Dartfish system to be provided by USSA.

15. National Calendar review

The committee next reviewed the proposed national calendar for the 2012/2013 season. Greg Poirier has been working with each division to come up with a draft schedule. Minor changes were made and Greg will update and send out to each division as well as Joey Caterinichio at USSA.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM

Friday, May 11, 2012

Chairman, Todd Wilson, called the meeting to order @ 8:40 AM

1. Roll Call

Alan Alborn- IMD, Martin Bayer,-RMD, Casey Colby-EAS, all Present; Scott Smith-CEN, Absent; Dan Bevington filling in for Mike Jokela – ALK

2. Opening Comments

Mr. Wilson gave opening comments and an overview of the agenda.

3. USST NC Program Report

Dave Jarrett, USST NC Head Coach, gave a report on last season and plans for next season. The highlight last season was Bryan Fletcher's win at Holmenkollen. Last year's team will remain intact and three additional athletes, Adam Loomis, Erik Lynch and Michael Ward are being nominated to the team for the 2013 season.

4. WSJUSA Program Report

Alan Alborn, WSJUSA Head Coach, and Jenny Holden gave a report on their team's past season. The US Women's Team, who is supported primarily by its own non-profit organization, won the overall World Cup Globe and Sarah Hendrickson won the overall individual World Cup Globe in the first official women's world cup season. Alan Jenny also reported on plans for the women's team moving forward.

5. National Nordic Fund

Dave Knoop and Kerry Lynch gave the committee a brief report on the NNF, how it got started and how its mission is raising funds to support our nation's top Nordic athletes.

6. SJUSA Program Report

Casey Colby, Clint Jones and Alan Johnson gave a report on the SJUSA program last season and plans for the future. SJUSA continues to build energy and momentum as its own separate non-profit organization not funded by USSA or the USST.

7. USCSA Report

Dan Werner gave an update on the USCSA and ski jumping. Three events and a national championship will again be offered on the schedule this season.

8. Awards

The committee recognized our sports USSA Annual Award Winners:
International Coaches of the Year: Alan Alborn and Palo Bernardi - WSJUSA
Domestic Coach of the Year: Dan Bevington – Alaska
J/NC Club of the Year: Fox River Grove, IL.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 PM