

ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS & MOTIONS

USSA Congress 2013
Park City Marriott
1895 Sidewinder Drive, Park City, UT

Saturday, May 18 2013, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Chair: Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN (ASC Chair and Program Chair)	Present
Luke Bodensteiner, Heber, UT (USSA Vice President Athletics)	Excused
Bob Dart, Winter Park, CO (Immediate Past Chair and Alpine Rep. to the USSA BOD)	Present
Michelle Demschar, Park City, UT (USSA Alpine Domestic Program Manager)	Present
Gina Gassman, Loveland, CO (Athlete Representative)	Present
Chuck Hughes, Killington, VT (Eastern Region Representative)	Present
Todd Kelly, Truckee, CA (Western Region Representative)	Excused
Chip Knight, Hanover, NH (Athlete Representative)	Present
Karen Korfanta, Heber City, UT (At large)	Present
Craig Krueger, Helena, MT (Western Region Representative)	Present
Scott Macartney, Kirkland, WA (Athlete and Alpine athlete Rep. to the USSA BOD)	Excused
Mike Morin, Stratton Mtn, VT (Development / Education Chair)	Present
Joe Paul, Bloomington, MN (Rocky / Central Region Representative)	Present
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO (Rocky / Central Region Representative)	Present
Patrick Riml, Park City, UT (USSA Alpine Director)	Present
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL (At large)	Present
Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY (Rules and Technical Chair)	Present
Connie Webster, Cazenovia, NY (Eastern Region Representative)	Excused
Jeff Weinman, Park City, UT (Secretary - non-voting)	Present
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS Representative)	Excused

Guests: Charles Christianson, Lester Keller, Beat Hupfer, Tom Kelly, Kipp Nelson, Hank McKee, Lori Ford, Brewster McVicker, Bruce Crane, John Jacobs, Molly J. Laramie, Gail Barber, Peter Dodge, Lynn D. Bleil, Dave Waller, Ron Kipp, Bear Bryant

1. Welcome and call to order

Landstrom called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. He thanked everyone for their work during the week.

He noted that this meeting will review and approve action items from the week.

2. Review and approval of agenda

Motion 1: To approve the agenda as presented. M/S/C Slattery/ Knight/ without objection

3. Review and approval of minutes

Motion 2: To approve the minutes from Congress 2012. M/S/C Slattery/ Riml/ without objection

4. McKinsey & Company – recommendations Dart

Dart explained that a task force would be established to implement the governance recommendations of the McKinsey report.

Motion 3: Accept the findings and endorse the recommendations of the McKinsey report, and launch a task force to develop a plan to implement the governance recommendations - including:

- **Affiliation agreements between the USSA NGB, Regional ASC/ACCs/ Divisions/States and Clubs**
- **Standardization in bylaws, subcommittee structures, and missions of the regional and division / state governing bodies in line with best practice**
- **More standardization and centralization in collection of Division/State membership dues and head taxes.**

The task force will be sponsored by the ASC, chaired by Darryl Landstrom and Bob Dart, and comprise 14 representatives from across the 3 regions (5 from East, 4 from West, 4 from R/C, 1 independent) and staff. Recommendations will be presented to the ASC and USSA Board in October 2013. M/S/C Dart/ Slattery/ without objection

Landstrom thanked Lynn Dorsey Bleil and her team for all of their work on the project and for being available during these meetings.

5. Reports (action items, initiative and issues)

5.1. Executive Committee

5.1.1. Executive report – Landstrom

Landstrom brought the following items from Executive for approval.

Motion 4: To approve the following changes to the Ski Up form M/S/C Riml/ Slattery/ without objection

Alpine Competition Exceptional Athlete “Ski Up” Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnity Agreement

“Ski Up” Definition: On October 30, 1998, the USSA Alpine Sport Executive Committee stated that circumstances may exist for certain exceptional athletes in alpine ski competition to be authorized to compete in an age group competition with a class of competitors which are older than the age group designated by USSA. For example a U12 competitor (age 11 years or younger) who is technically and/or physically more advanced than other competitors in his or her age group may request to compete as a U14, or compete on courses set for U14s, (that is, with competitors who are 12 and 13 years of age). The intention of the authorization is to accommodate the very top athletes nationally. ***This release authorizes the athlete to compete in the next older age group, but only in the disciplines in which they are normally eligible and only in the specific competitions authorized by the appropriate Regional staff member (September 2001 ASC executive).*** A competitor who advances to an age category with older competitors will be referred to in this Agreement as “Skiing Up.” The opportunity to Ski Up is not automatic, however, and competitors may do so only after they have

received authorization through the procedure set forth below and have met additional local requirements that may be discipline-specific.

Motion 5: To approve the following changes to the geographic affiliation rule M/S/C Korfanta/ Hughes/ without objection

A racer shall affiliate as an athlete of race in the region / division / state in which he / she resides, or in which he / she is attending school and / or is training during the majority of the northern hemisphere competition season on a long term basis. ~~The choice (designation) should be based on where the racer spends the greatest part of his / her ski season.~~ The designation must be made at the start of the season, and must be abided by the racer for the entire season. Any conflicts must be resolved before participation; contact the regional office.

Requests for in-season changes of affiliation must be made in writing to the national alpine manager ~~competition director~~. Such in-season changes may result in loss or default of regional/divisional/state qualifying status.

Exception, U.S. Ski Team members, and members of the USSA Academy and National Training Groups will retain their home affiliations.

5.1.2. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery reported that there were no action items to review. The Committee will be reviewing the process for appeals and produce a white paper for use.

5.2. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

Van Slyke thanked the Subcommittee and Working Group members for their work not only during these meetings but throughout the year. He reviewed the action items from the various Working Group meetings and from the Subcommittee meeting with input from Weinman on the Classification and Timing Working Group meetings.

Alpine Official Education Working Group

Van Slyke thanked Thelma Hoessler for all of her work throughout the season.

Motion 6: To nominate Laura Sullivan as an at large member of the working group GilanFarr/ Lindemer

Motion 7: To nominate Matt Howard as an at large member of the working group Hughes/ Browne (Laura Sullivan was elected)

Motion 8: To allow someone with Chief of Race certification to serve as a Start Referee or Finish Referee at USSA competitions. M/S/C Delli Quadri/ GilanFarr/ Unanimous

Motion 9: To approve officials presented for advancement to Level 4 as listed. M/S/C Wright/ Delli Quadri/ Unanimous

<u>East</u>			
4643946	Welch	Peter	CC4, CR4, RF4
5280995	Widger	Travis	RF4
5503925	Travis	Tyler	RF4

5524129	Schweitzer	Chuck	CC4, CO4
4819579	Jenkins	Jeffrey	CC4, CR4
5412556	Burgart	Stephen	CC4, CO4
4838231	Burnley	Richard	CO4

Rocky Mountain

5267752	Rupert	Ronald	CC4
6223150	Harris	Steve	CO4
5759303	Mickey	James	JA4
5870837	Ptach	Tom	JA4
4679882	Sawyer	Richard	JA4
5175344	Manseau	Euginnia	RA4
4679882	Sawyer	Richard	RF4

Intermountain

3283264	Brickson	Todd	RF4
4748158	Call	Bridger	CR4
4707840	Chaffee	Kevin	CO4
4542197	Corrock	Ken	CR4
5830260	Howard	Michael	TC4
5267984	Laramie	Molly	JA4
4858478	Macaya	Ruben	CR4
4758462	Price	Troy	CC4
3143260	Savaria	Pat	CR4
4743852	Stone	Rebecca	CO4

Far West

5066873	Ginsberg	Michael	CO4, RF4
6019277	Schram	Lucretia	CO4, DM4, TC4
6278511	Touchett	Megan	CO4, DM4, TC4

Motion 10: To elect Gary Wright as Vice Chair and Thelma Hoessler as Chair of the USSA Alpine Officials' Education Working Group. M/S/C Hughes/Ransom/ Unanimous

Classification Working Group

Motion 11: To increase the penalty of U0404 by 11.25 points. M/S/F Waller/Hoessler/ failed

Motion 12: To increase the penalty of U0405 by 8.00 points. M/ Waller/ failed for lack of a second

Motion 13: To align the USSA points list dates so that they close and become valid the same days as the FIS points list rather than one week later. M/S/C Weinman/ Waller/ without objection

Weinman noted that after the meeting, Allen Church, Dave Waller and Bill Gaylord met further to discussion the implications of manipulation. After looking at

some data, it was determined that a possible solution would be to develop a two level summer adder. The adder is intended to normalize the FIS and USSA points. Currently it is focused on the top 75 athletes on the USSA and FIS points list. There is considerable divergence between the USSA and FIS points for athletes as their points get higher. The proposal is to implement a two level adder; one for the first 75 athletes and a second higher adder for the rest of the population. The intention is that having this larger adder will help to minimize the effects of any penalty manipulation. The amount of those adders would be determined by the Chair in consultation with Waller and Weinman. It would be implemented if feasible within programming constraints.

USSA TD Working Group

Motion 14: Increase per diem to \$75.00 per day for all USSA sanctioned events and for all regional championship series to mirror the FIS per diem level, and to stay continuous with that amount in the future. M/S/F Hughes/ Hoessler/ failed

Motion 15: Tony Nunnikhoven as vice chair M/S/C Hoessler/ Ransom/ passed

Motion 16: Randy Rogers as chair M/S/C Hoessler/ Nunnikhoven/ passed

Motion 17: To posthumously nominate DJ Tengdin as an emeritus TD. M/S/C Calderwood/ Hoessler/ unanimous

Motion 18: To accept the following individuals for TD advancement. M/S/C Nunnikhoven/ Hughes/ unanimous

Farwest: Mike Ginsberg Level 4 TD and Deb Chapman Level 5 Emeritus

Intermountain: Charles Borrenpohl Level 4 TD

Rocky: Ellen Galbraith, Ken Gay and Karen Ghent Level TD3 and Jeffrey Westcott Level 4 TD

East: Cort Jones, Robert Maniacotti, Seann McKee, J William Filing and Richard Burnley Level 3 TD and James Davenport as Level 5 Emeritus.

Van Slyke thanked Chuck Hughes for his term as Vice Chair.

Courses Working Group

Van Slyke thanked Bruce Crane for his work. He noted that there was considerable discussion around night lighting and homologation requirements and procedures for lighted courses.

Motion 19: To modify the current application form submitted to request homologations, to add a specific item(s) in regard to the applicant's interest in USSA sanctioned night racing. M/S/C Jacobs/ Uldrich/ Unanimous

Motion 20: To adopt an additional or supplementary form, to be used by the place specifically to request approval for such night racing. M/S/C Uldrich/ Ghent/ Unanimous

Motion 21: To allow waiver of additional fees for a night inspection in conjunction with an initial homologation inspection was defeated by majority vote. M/S/failed

Motion 22: To table further discussion and consideration of other proposed actions on the subject of lighting and appropriate inspection. M/S/C Sutton/ Jacobs/ Unanimous

Timing Working Group

A study group was formed (John Jett chair, Tami Strong, Dan Chayes and Ellen Hoffman) to develop a survey of our alpine organizers to determine what equipment is being used. From the survey the group will review materials, develop an educational paper on appropriate timing and the reasons behind it, and if appropriate, propose changes for next spring.

FIS TD Working Group

There are two TD candidates, Mike Browne and Carl Guenzel, who will be forwarded to USSA for approval prior to being submitted to FIS.

There are two TD aspirants, Karen Ghent and Ellen Galbraith, who are working on their requirements.

The current scheduled dates and locations for the FIS TD update are Oct. 25-27 in Denver, CO and Nov. 1-3 in Montreal, QC.

Rules and Technical Subcommittee

Motion 23: To nominate Bill Gaylord and Doug Hall as the two at large representatives to the Subcommittee. M/S/C Hoessler/ Wright/ without objection

Motion 24: To remove the exception in rule 614.2.3 Interdiction to continue after a competitor stops, from non-scored races. And to add rule "U614.2.4, in non-scored races, athletes who are disqualified in their first run for coming to a stop should be allowed to take their second run at the end of the field." M/S/C Van Slyke/ Gaylord/ without objection

Motion 25: To accept the Rules and Technical Subcommittee report including the action items therein as well as the review of a two level USSA summer points adder to be implemented if found to be an appropriate change to the current single adder. M/S/C Slattery/ Hughes/ without objection

5.3. Program Subcommittee – Landstrom

Landstrom reviewed the action items from the various Working Group meetings and from the Subcommittee meeting.

Collegiate Working Group

Motion 26: Peter Dodge as Vice Chair. M/S/C Knight/ Rozsypal/ without objection

Motion 27: Charles Christianson as an athlete representative. M/S/C Gassman/ Dodge/ without objection.

Motion 28: To support the Student membership option with USSA and a lower cost collegiate head tax program as had previously existed. M/S/C Christiansen/ Gassman/ without objection

Motion 29: To amend the collegiate access to the U.S. Alpine Championships as follows M/S/C Bonneau/ Dodge/ passed

From page 37 of the 2013 Competition Guide

~~The top combined U.S. male and female athletes from the NCAA and USCSA National Championships may will be selected to the technical events at the U.S. National Alpine Championships. NCAA athletes are selected by accumulated race points in SL plus GS. Ties will be broken by taking the best individual finish place in either SL or GS. The USCSA athletes are selected by purging foreign athletes from results then assigning new World Cup Points (100 to 1) for each event. The athlete with the greatest number of accumulated points will be selected. In the case of a tie, the skier with the lowest USSA points result in either the SL or GS, foreign athletes removed prior to penalty calculations, will be selected. If an athlete declines their position, the selection will revert to the NTSM of collegiate intents. These athletes will take the first positions on the college quota; the college quota is not expanded from previous rules. These athletes are not subject to the top 100 national ranking nor the 28-day intent provision as outlined in the college section of this guide.~~

From pages 58 and 59 of the 2013 Competition Guide

~~The top combined U.S. male and female athletes from both the USCSA and the NCAA National Championships may will be automatic to the technical events at the U.S. National Alpine Championships. The selection procedure for these athletes is outlined in chapter 3 in the section U.S. Alpine Championships.~~

Motion 30: To support Collegiate training opportunities for development with USSA NGB for all collegiate athletes to be considered. To be developed with USSA Regional Development program. These need to be broad projects for multiple teams. The details to be worked out with Luke Bodensteiner/Lester Keller/Peter Dodge and other college coaches. M/S/C Leonard/ Bonneau/ passed

Masters Working Group

The Masters Working Group met during their National Championships. They will continue to explore growth opportunities within their community.

Quotas and Selections Working Group

Motion 31: To add a Regional Director's quota of 10 for events below COC/NC/FISU. M/S/C Keller/ Gunesh/ passed

Motion 32: To support the collegiate proposal adjusting access to U.S. Championships. M/S/C McVicker/ Dodge/ passed

Action Item: Language needs to be added to the Competition Guide for quotas and selections to the U16 Nationals.

Action Item: Language needs to be added to the Competition Guide to allow athletes who have "Skied Up" to be able to qualify for Junior Championships outside their year of birth.

Motion 33: To allow first year FIS athletes to start only in northern hemisphere FIS races. M/S/C Keller/ Dwyer/ passed

Programs Subcommittee

Motion 34: To elect Beat Hupfer as chair of the Subcommittee. M/S/C Landstrom/ Perricone/ without objection

Motion 35: To accept the Programs Subcommittee report including the action items therein. M/S/C Van Slyke/ Slattery/ without objection

5.4. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin reviewed the action items from the Subcommittee meeting.

Equipment

The current status of equipment will stand leading into the 2013-14 season. FIS regulations are in place and must be followed for FIS racing. USSA regulations are unchanged for the 2013-14 season. As the SRS proposals are voted on in June at the FIS meetings, we will look at our standards and work over the summer to come in line with FIS and industry recommendations.

Weinman stated that he will remove the draft label from the equipment chart posted to the USSA website.

Course Setting

Motion 36: To change the U12 SG course setting rules to 8 to 12% of vertical drop, from a current rule of 12%, with up to 14% depending on the venue. This mirrors the U14 course setting specifications. M/S/C Morin/ Callahan/ carried

Motion 37: To amend the notation on the course setting specifications for U16 and under, scored and non-scored competitions to read: Crossover between age categories for SL, GS, SG, Kombi and SkillsQuest events is encouraged. In races where multiple age classes are competing, course setting guidelines will be based on the guidelines for one class older than the youngest class (for example, if a race has U10, U12 and U14 racers, it should use U12 guidelines). M/S/C Morin/ Callahan/ carried

Note: There is a current FIS proposal to change U16 SL course setting to 9 m maximum distance, +/- 2 m.

Motion 38: Western Region proposal for changes to course setting matrix. M/S/F Morin/ Hunt/ failed

Recommendation of this committee for an increased awareness in coaches' education on course setting regulations and reasons why there is a progression for distances in course setting.

Slalom Poles

Morin thanked Ron Kipp for the work that he did on his slalom pole study. Weinman noted that the study was posted to the Congress document repository.

Motion 39: For U14, U12 and U10 races; gates must have a uniform height from 54" to 60" off the snow with a 27mm diameter. In addition, age-appropriate gates may be used at these levels. M/S/A Morin/ Callahan/ amended to motion 40.

Motion 40: For U14, U12 and U10 races; poles must be uniform in height from 54" to 60" off the snow with a 25-27 mm diameter. In addition, stubby poles may be used. The recommended pole size is 60" in height off the surface of the snow and 27 mm in diameter. M/S/C Nolting/ Callahan/ carried

Motion 41: U16 men and women must use full-length 180 cm (FIS type B) poles, with women restricted to 27 mm diameter poles and men using 27-31 mm diameter poles. M/S/C Morin/ Dwyer/ carried

Motion 42: Rule modification: 803.2 – For USSA Scored events to change pole diameter to 27 mm (FIS type B) for women and 27-31 mm (FIS type A and B) for men, from the current rule of 25-28.5 mm for everyone. M/S/C Morin/ Callahan/ carried

Athlete Management

Motion 43: To take the current recommendations for athlete start numbers and make them rules for U10, U12, U14 and U16 age groups. These numbers are for scored and non-scored SL and GS starts and include championship events. Maximum start numbers for each age group are as follows: U10 – 10 starts, U12 –

12 starts, U14 – 16 starts, U16 – 20 starts. Tabled for research and discussion. M/S/T Morin/ Dwyer/ tabled

Motion 44: To limit access to a FIS license until said USSA ranking is achieved. Tabled for further evaluation but need to increase awareness on racing at the appropriate level. Decision for 2015 must be made prior to January 2014. M/S/T tabled

* Recommendation to add an education component to the Athlete Training System on when it is appropriate for athletes to move from USSA racing to FIS racing.

Motion 45: For first year U18 athletes to begin their FIS racing season when the Northern Hemisphere racing season commences. This will restrict first year U18 athletes from racing in the Southern Hemisphere prior to the Northern Hemisphere season - approximately Nov. 15 of each season. M/S/C Morin/ Landwehr/ carried

Motion 46: To support the creation of a proposal at the June FIS meetings to limit start numbers for second year U18 athletes. M/S/C Morin/ Dwyer/ carried

Subcommittee Makeup

Motion 47: To add the USSA Alpine Director to the Development and Education Subcommittee. M/S/C Morin/ Dwyer/ carried

Motion 48: The Alpine Education and Development Subcommittee is in support of a future restructure of this committee to separate Alpine Education and Alpine Development into separate subcommittees. M/S/C Morin/ Dwyer/ carried

Morin noted that the next two motions were in anticipation of the change in subcommittee structure and would not be implemented until such change was completed.

Motion 49: The USSA Sport Education Director will move from the Alpine Education and Development Subcommittee to the Education Subcommittee. M/S/C Dwyer/ Morin/ carried

Motion 50: To add the USSA Regional Alpine Director to the Development and Education Subcommittee. This is in anticipation of the USSA Sport Education Director moving off the committee when the committee structure changes. M/S/C Morin/ Gassman/ carried

Motion 51: Add Charles Christianson as an athlete member of the subcommittee. M/S/C Gassman/ Morin/ carried

Motion 52: To reelect Mike Morin as Chair as a one year interim election to keep on the regular schedule for this subcommittee. M/S/C Gassman/ Landwehr/ carried

Motion 53: To accept the Development and Education Subcommittee report including the action items therein. M/S/C Slattery/ Hughes/ without objection

5.5. Regional representatives – Kruger

Kruger reported that the Western Region had decided to fund a youth coordinator. He stated that the two meeting structure of the West during these meetings works well.

Paul noted that Rocky/Central had discussed funding a youth coordinator, but no action had been taken.

Hughes reported that the Eastern Region, through Lester Keller and Michelle Demschar, is looking to hire a new manager and youth coordinator.

Morin gave his congratulations to Riml and Keller for their work within the regions. He stated that he thinks it is a very positive step that the other regions are hiring or considering hiring a youth coordinator.

5.6. FIS – Winters

Winters was not available and Van Slyke had nothing more to add.

5.7. Athletes – Macartney/ Knight

Gassman noted that Scott Macartney would be replaced by Charles Christianson who would be officially seated at the USSA Board meeting the following day. The athletes continue to work with Jon Nolting to allow Team athletes access to education opportunities. The athletes are working to fill representation on the various working groups and subcommittees and propose the following athletes as representatives:

- Alpine Sport Committee and Executive Committee – Charles Christianson to replace Scott Macartney
- Judicial Subcommittee – Charles Christianson to replace Scott Macartney
- Development and Education Subcommittee – Charles Christianson
- Alpine Program Subcommittee – Chip Knight
- Collegiate Working Group – Charles Christianson
- Quotas and Selections Working Group – Chip Knight and Charles Christianson

Motion 54: To approve the athletes report including the athlete representatives to the various bodies. M/S/C Van Slyke/ Hughes/ without objection

Christianson thanked Dexter Paine, Luke Bodensteiner and Patrick Riml for being open to discussion with him as he has assumed his new role.

Weinman asked that these athlete names and positions, along with any other changes to Subcommittee and Working Group memberships be emailed to him.

Riml thanked everyone for their time and commitment to our athletes and programs. He noted that the amount of work done during the meetings and throughout the season is phenomenal.

6. Old business

There was no other old business to review.

7. New business

7.1. Nominating Committee nominations – Slattery

Slattery reported that the Nominating Committee is the Executive Committee. The nominations are:

- Programs Subcommittee Chair (odd year elections) – Beat Hupfer
- Development Subcommittee Chair (even year elections, this is a one year interim nomination for the missed election from last year) – Mike Morin
- At-Large (every year elections) – Bill Slattery and Karen Korfanta

Motion 55: To approve the slate of nominations presented. M/S/C Hughes/ Riml/ without objection

8. Comments from guests

Keller asked if the athletes were working to create a pool of athletes that could assist at local governance levels and assist in meeting the 20% athlete representation requirements.

Slattery noted that that requirement is limited to the Sport Committee and above. It is good to have athlete representation at lower levels but it is not mandatory.

9. Closing remarks

Landstrom thanked the staff for their work during the meetings especially Weinman for his assistance in planning. He thanked the volunteers and applauded everyone for their work.

Landstrom noted that he thought the Regional Forum meeting was a good opportunity and he expects to continue that going forward.

Landstrom reported that he expects there will be a webinar this summer to report on the progress of the task force and its activities.

Bruce Crane noted that he expects to continue with the venue excellence meeting as well.

10. Time and place of next meeting

Landstrom reported that Congress 2014 will be in this same general timeframe in Park City.

11. Adjournment

Motion 56: To adjourn. M/S/C Slattery/ Riml/ without objection

Editorial Note: With the exception of motions 1-5, 25, 35, and 53-56, motions and seconds refer to the individuals who made the motions and seconds at the original subcommittee or working group meetings.