

SNOWBOARDING SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

USSA Congress 2013
Center of Excellence
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bill Slattery - FIS Rep
Pete Davis- USASA Rep (via phone)
Paul Krahulec- Rocky Rep (via phone)
Tricia Byrnes - Athlete Rep
Dylan Omlin – Far West
Ross Powers– Eastern Rep
Coggin Hill – PNSA Rep
Jon Casson - Chairman
Phoebe Mills - IJC Rep
Peter Foley - Coaches Rep (proxy to Abbi Nyberg)
Cath Jett – Rules and Tech

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Welliver - USSA
Tom Winters - FIS Rep
Rick Shimpeno – Woodward
Ross Hindman – ISTC
Nick Alexakos – USSA
Sheryl Barnes – USSA Membership
Kim Raymer – Park City Snowboard Team /Parent
Brandon Hunt - Parent
Lane Clegg - Team Utah
John Jacobs - Reliable Racing
Dave Reynolds - Park City Snowboard Team
Anna McIntyre
Cameron Hunter – Method Snowboard Academy
Justin Schonover – MBSEF
Michael Bell
Steve Morris – SSWSC
Tori Koski – SSWSC
Chris Karol – Fast Snowboarding
Eric Webster – USSA Events Director

1. **Chairman's Welcome: Jon Casson**

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

Chelone Miller recognition – by Jon Casson

2. **Meeting Minutes Approval**

2012 Minutes approved – motioned by Phoebe Mills, seconded by Tricia Byrnes

3. **Committee Member Nominations**

Casson opened the floor for nominations for the Industry Rep position. Jeff Boliba was recommended

4. **Membership Update**

Sheryl Barnes gave a membership update.

5. **Athlete Report - Tricia Byrnes**

Overall this season was a success as usual. Some issues with weather and contests being canceled and postponed but that's starting to be the norm these days. The US riders seem prepared for the upcoming Olympic season; riding, training and healing.

HALFPIPE-Major Concerns-

The main concern facing most halfpipe riders is crowded and complicated Grand Prix schedules due to the addition of Freeskiing to this tour. The practice and contest schedule at each event is overwhelming for the riders and they are feeling slighted and that the inclusion of Freeskiing into their program is taking away from their program.

They'd like to see more of a division between snowboarders and skiers at events if at all possible. Skiers compete one week, Snowboarders the next...instead of swamping days and practice times. The riders just don't feel like there is adequate practice time and the pipes get destroyed especially at the early season contest.

On the topic of skiers, the team riders have a notion that the Freeskiing team has more funding or that their funding is managed better. A little envy from program to program is starting to form and might be something for the coaches to address with the athletes to avoid resentment over wrong assumptions. They'd also like better communication from the coaching or high ups regarding plans and so on.

"The US Team is full steam ahead with our eyes on Sochi We all have been working pretty hard. Mammoth training camp was great but we need more opportunities to hit air bags and access to good pipes. In order to get that we need some more funding I guess. I'm willing to wrestle one of the skiers for a chunk of it." -Scotty Lago

BOARDERCROSS-Major Concerns-

The boardercross team seems to be cruising along with few complaints. Their biggest concern is a steady dislike of the 6 man courses and FIS courses in general. Just a lack from the FIS about understanding the best construction for these courses that is safe and fun so they'd prefer 4 man heats.

Also, since funding is always a big concern for the boardercross athletes there is a request to utilize more people on the team in USSA promotional pieces. The feeling is that Lindsey, Seth and Nate are the only promoted athletes and that every little bit of promotion helps these riders get sponsors and support.

SLOPESTYLE-Major Concerns-

US riders think that the team should be picked from last season's results instead of through the Grand Prix series. In general, slope riders like a more trimmed back contest season and they feel their time would be more valuably spent learning tricks instead of competing in 5 or 6 events against other Americans before the Olympics. They like that the Grand Prix works with the World Snowboard Tour and with the FIS making it easy to accommodate their needs in one event and have no complaints with the event series in general just want a more trimmed back schedule.

US team concerns go back to funding and wondering if they might be able to do more with their allotted funding. They'd like to put the funds for a wax tech towards making more Red Bull-esque training camps.

JUDGING- Slope/Pipe

Pipe riders feel very strongly about eliminating the SLS judging system and are generally fans of Overall Impression. Slope riders seem to benefit more from SLS and think that it is by no means perfect but is the best judging system in place to date. They think the FIS does a good job and isn't as biased as TV events.

WORLD SNOWBOARD TOUR/TTR- Slope/Pipe

There has been a lot of focus in the past few years about creating a World Snowboard Tour, this year X Games became a 6 star event which helped to legitimize and tour champion in pipe and slope. A lot of discussions have been happening with the riders and event organizers to see the best way to make this happen.

6. Regional Rep Reports

Pacific Northwest Regional Report – Coggin Hill

It was a great year on the snowboard side of USSA in the Pacific NW. After last year's congress we were able to hold spring camps at Mt. Bachelor in June for the first time in over 15 years. Thanks to Vail Ski and Snowboard Club and Mt. Bachelor for putting this together as it was a great addition to summer camps at Mt. Hood. Our athletes benefitted from a 22' pipe w/ airbag and an airbag jump right in our backyard. It was also great to see some extremely high caliber athletes during the camp and have the kids training and interacting with them on-hill. The plan is to hold these camps again this year but will be dependent on how the snow holds up.

Our season started out with a bang receiving the majority of our snow in December. The athletes were able to train on pow jumps to get their snow legs back underneath them and work out any early-season jitters. The December competition scene was really mellow with no *Revolution Tour* stop until January. There were pros and cons of this as some athletes benefitted from the extra training at home while others were ready to jump into the mix of things. Overall December was a great month with almost too much snow but we were glad we got it to hold us through the season.

We had many athletes competing at a high level throughout the season, both alumni and current members. It was a great advantage with having 2 of the 3 *Revolution Tours* on the West Coast. There were 6 snowboarders competing from the Bend area in the West Coast Rev Tours and 4 at the Seven Springs stop. A few of the top athletes also participated in the Dew Tour, Grand Prix and Canadian Open. Ben Ferguson, Nathan Jacobson, Gabe Ferguson and Kent Callister all achieved great results throughout the season. It's interesting that these athletes perform so well in pipe with the limited pipe training they have early on in their careers. The one thing that matters most is that we have great individuals, their attitudes are positive and they value the opportunities that are given to them and make the most of them. Dedication and hard work are two aspects that have contributed to the success of our athletes. Another key element is having fun, I know that this is normally overstated in this sport but that this is one of the major keys to success. Kent Callister, who unfortunately chose the Australian team, is a prime example of having this. He rarely is stressed, but is always focusing on the task at hand. Regardless of the situation Kent is stoked to be there and will compete to the best of his abilities.

The Windells academy seems to be growing bigger and I believe will graduate its first 4 year class this spring. Dave Baldwin recently took over as the new snowboard director and is doing a great job. It's really cool to see an academy in the Pacific NW as it provides great opportunities for athletes from all over the world to see what the great NW has to offer.

USASA participation was up from previous years at both the Mt. Hood Series and the Enter the Dragon Series. The Inland NW travelling series seems to be going strong as well with a

great representation at the USASA Nationals. The Pacific Northwest Division was represented at USASA Nationals very well. We had 16 riders from MBSEF, an additional 5 from our series and at least another 20 riders from Hood series and the Inland Northwest series. The majority of the athletes performed at a high level, earning multiple Top Ten awards, a few podiums and a large percentage finishing in the top 50% of their field. There is a good group of 10-13 year olds that will be fun to watch in the coming years to see how they progress and develop.

On the coaching side of things we certified a few new coaches at the USASA level. There was a clinic held in December at Mt. Hood by Danger Dave of Windells' with participation of some Inland NW coaches. I had planned to hold an early-season clinic as well at Mt. Bachelor but decided not to with there already being one at Hood. Instead we held a clinic at Mt. Bachelor for a few of our new coaches in February that was very successful. The coaches' manual has been consistently improving over the years and does a really good job of preparing new coaches for the challenges ahead of them. There is a lot of great information that we will continue to incorporate into our early-season Development coaches training. For next year I'm planning on holding an early-season Level 100 clinic, with the goal of getting participation from around the region.

All in all it was a awesome year in the Pacific NW with great snow, good times and lots of progression. The future of snowboarding looks strong and it will be interesting to see where the next 5 years takes us. We are excited for the upcoming Olympics with one of our alumni competing and the addition of slopestyle to the games. Hopefully 2014 will be just as good.

Intermountain Mountain Regional Report – Andy Gilbert

The 2013 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 upper level events. Sun Valley is continuing to embrace hosting quality events and offering great venues in all disciplines. The Rev Tour in March was very well received. 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. Additionally there seems to be a new pool of committed young coaches working within the region. Growth among the 12 and under groups seems strong.

Events:

- 15 USASA event days
- 21 total events
(30-125 competitors depending on discipline)
- Rev Tour Sun Valley Mar 17-22
- US Snowboarding HP Grand Prix Park City Feb 1-2
- US Grand Prix BX Grand Prix Canyons Feb 27-Mar 2

USSA Membership:

- 73 regional members/47 national members/32 coaches/40 officials/10 member clubs

Athlete accomplishments: (Pros)

- Faye Gulini US National BX Champ, 1st Canyons Grand Prix
- Kaitlyn Farrington 1st Dew Tour Halfpipe, 3rd Park City Grand Prix
- Sage Kotsenburg 2nd Dew Tour Slopestyle, 5th Spindleruv Czech Republic World Cup, Named to World Championship Team

Club recognition:

- Sun Valley Snowboard Team 2013 USSA Snowboard Club of the Year

- Next wave
- Chase Josey named to Junior World Championship Team Halfpipe, 8th Copper Grand Prix, 2nd Rev Tour overall Halfpipe, Named to US Halfpipe Rookie Team
- Ryan Roemer Named to Junior World Championship Team Boardercross, 21 Canyons Grand Prix, USASA Open Class Overall National Champion
- USASA Big Mountain West had a 10% growth in participation from the 2012 season
- 27 total medals at USASA Nationals.

Looking ahead: The region is 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 USASA Big Mountain West was the second largest series in the country. The region held quality events at every level of the sport and seems committed to this for the foreseeable future. The Intermountain Division is not only taking a leading role in USSA and USASA events but the region continues to be one of the strongest in terms of industry-driven events and gatherings. Shop participation across the region in terms of these events is high, which will help keep the region strong for years to come.

Far West Regional Report – Dylan Omlin

For the second straight winter it hardly snowed at all after the Christmas holiday, which made for a season that felt like Groundhog Day. This caused tough conditions to train or compete in regardless of discipline. There were only a handful of good powder days, very few good jumps until March (unless you were at Mammoth), and very little halfpipe access. We did manage to have two SBX courses at Boreal and Squaw, but both were relatively small and didn't stay full length for long. However, it was an improvement over last season's lack of any courses at all. We had such little snowfall this season that not a single resort in the Tahoe basin managed to stay open into May. The only western resort still currently operating is Mammoth.

Good Things: For the 5th consecutive winter, the Revolution Tour journeyed westward. Northstar stepped up again to host the first stop of the tour. Considering the poor conditions, Northstar did an outstanding job of getting an SBX course built and having pipe and slope courses for the athletes to ride. It seemed like everyone had a good time and made the best of a tough situation.

WOODWARD at TAHOE! This was Woodward's first full year of operation, and although they experienced some growing pains it seems to have been successful. Their summer camps (June 15th - end of July) were not filled to capacity, but did have a decent amount of attendees considering it was the first go-round.

With the tough snow conditions in Tahoe this winter, it was a blessing for the teams to incorporate Woodward into their training programs; it made for productive dryland days in very unproductive snow conditions. Woodward appears to be on the right track with the facility, the future direction of the campus, and marketing their summer camps. The rumor is that they may start a Woodward competition team, which would be an asset for the area as it means more athletes competing in USASA and traveling out of the western region.

Mammoth again constructed a terrific park and experienced consistently better conditions than anywhere else in the West, and that success was evident as a number of teams traveled there to train on decent snow throughout the season. They are currently hosting the US Snowboarding pro-camp and will be also be hosting the pipe and slope Gold Camps later this May.

Squaw Valley attempted to host a Nor-Am PGS and although it was cancelled due to lack of participation, it was good to see Squaw get involved in trying to host something besides a ski race. They would love to have the chance at a Nor-Am SBX in the future.

Educational Things: The West chose not to educate anyone this winter as there was scant interest in the Level 100s, mostly due to a lack of new coaches. I believe we will have a decently sized Level 200 clinic next fall since there have been well-attended 100 clinics in the past and most attendees will need to recertify or take the 200 level courses. The small number of teams in the western region combined with the recertification cycles means that we do not need to hold clinics as frequently.

Tough Things: The West needs other regional teams besides ASC, Mammoth, and Squaw to start getting involved in all parts of the process: clinics, race competitions, race venues, event hosting, etc. We need to find a way to get South Lake Tahoe teams engaged, like in Far West Skiing. Northstar has begun to show promise by hosting the Revolution Tour, but their teams (which are massive) have chosen not to compete in USASA or anything above that level. Those of us out west need to get on the same page regarding education, transitioning athletes upwards, helping at local events, and hosting events at our home resorts.

Although the gap between USASA and USSA has been bridged on many levels, especially on the education side, there is still a need in Tahoe for a stronger USASA presence. The athletes on the grassroots level need strong local events to prepare them for working their way up the pipeline. Hopefully the addition of Woodward @ Tahoe will develop a larger pool of young competitive athletes, but as of now their numbers are shrinking at an alarming rate.

Future Things: It needs to snow next winter!

- To continue hosting events in the region: Grand Prix's, HoleShot, and Rev Tours.
- To continue supporting education and bring some legitimacy to the Far West region and the teams that function out of the region.
- Host more clinics, especially Level 200s as a number of the coaches that went through the process in the past few years need this next step.
- Reach out to the South Lake Tahoe groups and get them involved.

Eastern Regional Report – Ross Powers

The East Coast had our best snowfall in the last few years. This was great for the resorts, events and training. Unfortunately the east lost our two major pro events as the Dew Tour decided to have one stop and the US Open moved to Vail. With the USASA having many series in the east there were events to attend for the low to mid level riders. With USSA having a freestyle event, an alpine event and an sbx event it made for a lot of traveling for the mid to higher end riders. But considering each of these USSA events have three stops we were lucky to have one of each of them in the east.

East Coast Events:

Revolution Tour

- Location: Seven Springs PA
- This Rev Tour was also the US Open qualifier. Seven Springs is said to have one of the best parks in the east. I was told and saw on the live broadcast that the venues were good. I heard the park staff also worked very hard to help in any way they could to make the best of the event with the weather that came in.
- It looked like the numbers were good and overall a good event for the east coast.
- Some coaches were not pleased with the Rev Tour being the US Open qualifier as it was hard for their athletes to get in and the level of competition was going to be higher than a normal Rev Tour.

Hole Shot Tour/ Nor-Am Cup

- Location: Killington VT
- Killington decided to switch the location of their SBX track for this event to one of their beginner runs so they could have the snow for a group of beginners that was coming in April. The course was to flat and easy for this level of event. I went up to Killington

twice to try and help them with ideas but with the weather, time and selected trail it was hard to make a good course.

- Around 15 women and 50 men competed in these 2 SBX races.

Race to The Cup/ Nor-Am Cup

- Location: Holiday Valley NY
- I was not at this event this year but was there the year before. Holiday Valley seems very excited to have the racers at their resort and they have a good race hill.
- This year there were around 18 women and 36 men in both the PGS and PSL.

Education

- Nov 14-15 Killington VT Level 100 & 200
- Dec 15-16 Windham NY Level 200
- Dec 18-19 Stowe VT Level 100
- Jan 31- Feb 1 Round Top PA Level 200
- Jan 31- Feb 1 Mountain Creek NJ Level 100
- March 14-15 Waterville NH

The east offered quite a few level 100 & 200 coaches' clinics this year. Thank you to KC, Scott, Neil and all of the other coaches who ran these clinics. Many east coast coaches ask about having a level 300 in the east.

Conclusion: The Eastern Division has a number of great training programs, many USASA series and decent mountains. The east is still producing good snowboarders and many riders from the east are represented around the world. Athletes like Kelly Clark, Chas Guildimond, Seth Wescott, Scotty Logo, Luke Mitrani and Ellery Hollingsworth.

We lost our two big pro events which was the US Open and The Dew Tour. With the loss of these events and the cost to build a 22ft pipe the only one I recall this year on the east was Seven Springs. This has more athletes not riding or competing in halfpipe on the east.

At this time the biggest events on the east coast are the three USSA events. We would love to see them return and hopefully grow for all of us involved.

The information in this report was put together by Ross Powers with feedback from other eastern region coaches.

Rocky Mountain Regional Report – Paul Krahulec

- Poor early season natural snow conditions / resorts able to produce plenty of man made
- Rider visits were slightly up at all Rocky resorts
- Strong participation from the following clubs:
 - o Team Summit – Freestyle & SBX
 - o SSCV – Freestyle & SBX
 - o SSWSC – Freestyle / Alpine / SBX
 - o Stratton Mtn – Freestyle / SBX
 - o G Team – Freestyle / Alpine / SBX
 - o ISTC – Freestyle / SBX
 - o Winter Park – Freestyle
 - o Team Breckenridge – Freestyle
 - o Eldora – Alpine
 - o Method – Freestyle
- A marked increase in regional event participation from far and wide. Alpine, Freestyle, SBX & Rail Jam riders from Korea, Japan, Russia, Norway, Brazil, Great Britain, Switzerland & China supported training opportunities and participated in both USSA hosted NorAMs & USASA Rocky Mtn Series venues. Rocky Mtn Series continues to

attract grass roots riders from many other regions. Best comment by a parent when asked why was “you don’t want to be a big fish in a small pond”

- Keystone, Winter Park, Breckenridge, Vail & Copper all had excellent terrain parks up by mid December.
- Breckenridge, Copper & Vail all had excellent 22’ Halfpipes. Nowhere else in the world can you ride three monster halfpipes in one day (located 30 minutes from each other)
- New Settele SBX gate acquired by CMSS LLC for the region, thanks to a successful national fundraising effort, riders have the same gate that will be used at Sochi to race out of. Additional fundraising and golf tournament this summer will hopefully provide additional funds to purchase the electronics & new alpine drop gates to make the start features in the region truly world class.

Membership

- USSA (approx.)
 - o Competitors – 300+/Coaches – 40/Officials – 60/Clubs – 20
- USASA (verified)
 - o Competitors – 552/Coaches - 67

Events:

- Race to the Cup NorAM @ Copper - November
 - o Solid participation/90 rider domestic & international field/popular early-season race venue
- Dew Tour @ Breckenridge - December
 - o Continues to be well attended / Brecks largest event of the year
- Grand Prix @ Copper – January
 - o Challenging winter conditions/successful televised event (live in Europe)/ Featured both halfpipe & slopestyle
- HoleShot Tour @ Copper – January
 - o Well attended by a domestic & international field
 - o Utilized new Settele gate
- Burton US Open @ Vail - March
 - o New HP for Vail / Riders report its big, long and sweet
 - o Challenging snow conditions made for a difficult slopestyle venue. Men completed SS finals, women did not (semi results were used).
- 18 USASA Rocky Mtn Series regional events beginning in November.
 - o Slopestyle continues to be extremely popular with field sizes upwards to 160 participants requiring a double up judging format.
 - 5 - Slopestyle – Breck x 2 / Winter Park / Vail / Copper
 - 3 – Halfpipe – Copper / Breck / Vail
 - 4 – SBX – Copper
 - 3 – GS & SL – Copper / Howelsen Hill / Eldora
 - 2 – Rail Jams - Copper / Frisco Adventure Park
 - Lil Rascals Rail Jam / Frisco Adventure Park
 - Snowboarders only 9 & under/Celebration format/no contest/ 3 year olds were the crowd favorites/Switch 1 foot tricks by the 9 year olds
- USASA National Championships @ Copper – April
 - o Continues to be the largest snowboard & freeski event on the planet
 - o 6 snowboard events (HP, SS, SBX, GS, SL & RJ) occurring simultaneously over a five-day period
 - o 4 freeski events (HP, SS, SX & RJ) over a three-day period
 - o 10 days of winter action sports for a wide range of participants, ages 5 to 75. Some just beginning in the pipeline & others well outside but still doing what they love to do!

Regional Athlete Accomplishments

- Arielle Gold – 6 Elite Podiums
 - o World Halfpipe Champion
 - o Winter X Aspen HP – Bronze
 - o Winter X Tignes HP – Bronze
 - o PC GrandPrix HP – Silver
 - o European Open HP – Gold
 - o US Open HP – Bronze
- Chris Mahaney
 - o NorAM SBX Champion
- Madeline Wiencke
 - o NorAM Alpine Champion
- Justin Reiter
 - o NorAM Alpine Champion
- Dylan Alito
 - o Winter X Aspen RJ - Silver
- Rocky Mtn Series Riders continue to dominate the USASA National Championship in snowboarding (freeskier, too) for the 8th consecutive season with more medals than any other series
 - o 29 Gold/20 Silver/15 Bronze

Moving forward

- Attempting to secure early season SBX/SX training facility at the Town of Frisco Adventure Park. Completed site visit in late April. If all goes well anticipating an early December start.
- Attempting to secure additional SBX/SX venue. Discussing opportunities with other additional resorts.
- IJC Judges clinics anticipated again in the fall of 2013. Jonas Brewer has been very successful recruiting entry level judges and providing them with opportunities to judge events (both snowboard & ski).
- Golf Tournament & additional fundraising this summer to replace aging “horse gates” used in alpine snowboard racing with “drop gates” & electronics to install on the Settele gate.
- Run 9 & under non-competition events for both snowboard & freeskiers. The Lil Rascals' RJ was a Burton-sponsored event and although it illustrated the value of this type of venue, it did however alienate the skiers. Maybe call it Lil Nippers next season!

Central Regional Report – Jessica Zalusky

No report submitted.

7. Judging Report – Phoebe Mills

The 2012-2013 winter season saw a big shift in snowboard competitions with the Grand Prix events turned into World Cups, only one stop for the winter Dew Tour, and the U.S. Open moving to Vail, CO. By turning the Grand Prix events into World Cup events, we do not have as much say in who is scheduled to judge. On top of that, the requirements of a World Cup only allow one U.S. judge on a panel. This was a big disappointment for our judges since we went from a panel of at least four U.S. judges to only one U.S. judge per Grand Prix.

Since this coming winter is an Olympic qualification year, American judges hope more of the Grand Prix events will return to their former status as Continental Cups so that U.S. judges have the opportunity to judge these events and help in selecting the Olympic team athletes. The Grand Prix events have been a great avenue of experience and growth for our judges so it is tough when we don't have that opportunity available to them. However, I understand there are benefits to

having World Cups in the U.S. so hopefully there is some middle ground that can be achieved in terms of who judges these events.

For the Revolution Tour, Jonas Brewer was the new Head Judge for all three stops and he did very well in that role. It was great to see USSA partner with TTR to make the Seven Springs event a qualifier for the U.S. Open. Hopefully that kind of mutually-beneficial relationship will continue in the future.

Judge Education: The IJC held judge clinics in Boreal, CA and Copper Mountain, CO. A total of 22 judges attended these clinics. FIS held a North American clinic in Calgary, CAN. U.S. judge Connor Manning received the highest test score out of all FIS clinics held last year, which resulted in a spot on the judging panel for the World Cup finals in Spain.

The U.S. is planning to host the North American FIS clinic this fall. The plan is to hold this clinic in conjunction with IJC/TTR so all formats and major events are discussed. USASA will continue to take the lead on regional level clinics.

Feel free to give me a call 802.578.5098 or send an email to phoebemills@yahoo.com if you have questions or want to discuss judging-related issues.

FIS Report: Bill Slattery and Tom Winters: Bill gave a brief description of the proposal being submitted to the FIS from the US and other nations. The big topic at the meetings will be the World Cup quota number.

8. **Revolution Tour Report: Nick Alexakos**

In its 9th season, the 2013 U.S. Revolution Tour proved to be a progressive venue for top junior freeskiers and snowboarders to take to the competitive stage in halfpipe, slopestyle, and cross. This season the Tour kicked off returning to Northstar, California where the courses are always top notch and the athletes proved that 1080's and Double Corks are now a standard at the U.S. Revolution Tour! Next the Tour headed east to Seven Springs Resort, PA and the snowboarders had the chance to compete in the inaugural Burton US Open Qualifier event. Then on to Sun Valley Resort, ID for the U.S. Revolution Tour finals and FIS Freeskiing NorAm Cup Finals where the 2013 champions were crowned!

Northstar California, CA| stop #1



- 253 snowboard/ 164 freeski competitors
- Snowboard- TTR 4star event/ FIS sanctioned
- Freeski- AFP bronze event/ USSA sanctioned
- Halfpipe/Slopestyle/Cross

Seven Springs Resort, PA| stop #2



- 112 snowboard/ 85 freeski competitors
- Snowboard- TTR 4star event/ USSA sanctioned / Burton US Open Qualifier
- Freeski- AFP bronze event/ USSA sanctioned
- Halfpipe/Slopestyle

Sun Valley Resort, ID| stop #3- Tour Finals



- 203 snowboard/ 134 freeski competitors
- Snowboard-TTR 4star event/ FIS sanctioned
- Freeski- AFP bronze event/ FIS sanctioned/ FIS NorAm Cup Finals
- Halfpipe/Slopestyle/Cross

2014 U.S. Revolution Tour- Subject to change

- Jan 2014- Seven Springs, PA- SS, HP
- Feb 2014- Tahoe Region- HP, SS
- March 2014- Sun Valley, ID- HP, SS, Cross
- March 2014- Pacific Northwest- HP, SS, Cross

9. Grand Prix Report – Eric Webster

2014 Goals

- Execute System to name Olympic Teams: (Snowboarding Halfpipe and Slopestyle and Freeskiing Halfpipe and Slopestyle)
- Produce high quality venues for 22' Half Pipe, Slopestyle
- Support development of Slopestyle, Halfpipe, SBX and SX events as Olympic Sports
- Deliver opportunities for US athletes to compete in the US
- Enhance spectator engagement at events
- Strengthen integration of Revolution Tour and GP competitions.

2014 Tentative Schedule: December 15-22, 2013 - Copper Mountain, Colorado

- FIS World Cup and 5 Star TTR Snowboarding Halfpipe and Slopestyle
- FIS World Cup and Platinum AFP Freeskiing Halfpipe and Slopestyle

January 6-11, 2014 – Northstar, California

- 5 Star TTR Snowboarding Halfpipe and Slopestyle
- FIS World Cup and Platinum AFP Freeskiing Halfpipe and Slopestyle

January 14-20 – Mammoth Mountain, California

- Two Invitational USSA Snowboarding Halfpipe and Slopestyle

January 13-20 – Park City, Utah

- Two Platinum AFP Freeskiing Halfpipe and Slopestyle

10. Olympic Report: Jeremy Forster

Forster reviewed the Olympic selection process. Including the Grand Prix series and how that will look for the 2013/14 season.

11. Domestic Events Report: Abbi Nyberg

Race to the Cup

Copper, CO November 13-14	PGS – 60M/29W	PSL - 57M/28W
Steamboat Springs, CO December 14-15	PGS - 36M/9W	PSL - 8M/35W
Giants Ridge, MN January 5-6	PGS – 28M/7W	PSL – 28M/7W

Holiday Valley, NY February 27-28

PGS – 36M/18W

PSL – 35M/17W

Summary: Solid turn-out for all races. The Copper races had great turn out with a World Cup field. Giants Ridge was added to the schedule and hosted a great race. U.S. races continue to have consistent fields.

Race to the Cup Tentative 2013/14 Dates: Copper, Co Nov. 13-14; Steamboat Springs, Co Dec.; Holimont, NY January or February; Giants Ride, MN January

Hole Shot Tour – SBX/SX NorAm

- Copper, CO January 22-24 49M/24W x 2
- Killington, VT February 5-6 50M/14W x 2
- Mt Hood Meadows, OR March 23-24 59M/25 W x 2

Summary: Great second season of the Hole Shot. 3 stops with 6 events total. Hole Shot Tour also included Skicross this season. Small increase in the men's fields, slight drop in women's fields. Prize money distributed to top three for both disciplines. Awarded overall Hole Shot Tour winner.

Tentative 2013/14 Dates: Copper, CO February; Sugarloaf, ME early March; Mt Hood Meadows, OR March 20-23

12. **USASA Report: Pete Davis**

25th Anniversary

- Celebrating first quarter century of the organization.
- Endorsement from and recognition of VIP alumni.
- Fundraising Campaign(s) ongoing throughout year.
- Phase one website-based “25-for-25” campaign complete, May 31st.
- Second phase to commence with membership drive in September.

USASA Event Software

- Successfully launched in 2012-13 season.
- Worked extremely well with all Series Directors, nationwide.
- Online registration took off with some series, facilitating athlete entry to events.
- Successful at both regional and National Championship events.
- Licensing opportunities being considered.

Education / Training Re-structuring

- Update format for all clinics and scheduling for Judges, Technical Supervisors and coaches
- Establish new paid position within the organization to be held accountable as Director of Education and Competition.

USASA Membership

- Total Membership = 5,550
- Snowboard Total = 3,742 (3,120 Full, 169 One Day, 453 Free Trial)
- Ski Total = 1,808 (1,302 Full, 107 One Day, 388 Free Trial)
- Gender = 4,473 Male / 1,077 Female (76% male / 24% Female)
- Age Range = 4 to 78

- Coaches = 564 (Snowboard = 463 / Skier = 101)
- Background Checks = 422
- Judges = 113 Current

Regional Events

- Regional Series = 30
- Events presented = SL, GS, Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Cross (skier and boarder) Rail Jams and Lil' Rascal Rail Jams
- Total # of events = 591 (31 Clinics, 560 Competition / training days)
- National Championships Events presented = SL, GS, (Snowboard Only) Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Cross (skier and boarder) Night Rail Jams
- Participation Total = 1,688; Snowboard 1,173; Ski 515; Age Range 4 to 78 (Snowboard); 5 to 53 (Skier)
- Dates of Future USASA National Championships, hosted at Copper Mountain: March 29-April 8, 2014; March 28-April 7, 2015; March 26-April 5, 2016; April 1-April 11, 2017

Trends

- Slopestyle is strongest, most popular event.
- Boarder and Skier cross numbers are growing.
- Rail Jams are popular, but large number of one day trial members.
- Halfpipe numbers continue to shrink.
- Alpine has small participation with distinct, regional exceptions.
- Lots of enthusiasm for presenting banked slalom events next year.
 - * High School SBX Championships (presented at the USASA National Championships and High School midweek SBX events are an area of great interest moving forward for the organization.

Regional Championships (GOLDEN TICKET SERIES) for 2013-14 season:

- Four events (East, Midwest, Rockies, Far West) where riders may compete to qualify for USASA National Championships through Slopestyle or Rail Jam events.
- Sunburst, Wisconsin January 18-19th Confirmed
- Boreal, California Jan. 31- Feb. 1st Confirmed
- East Date and Venue Pending
- Rockies Date and Venue Pending

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- Junior Development Camps
- Halfpipe/Slopestyle – Successful Project Gold and Junior Gold camps held in May camp in Mammoth with a private pipe, jumps, and airbag setup. 80 athletes.
- SBX – great camp held at Timberline with the National team, Timberline built a full course for the athletes to train with private lift. Largest SBX camp to date.
- Alpine – COE training/conditioning camp held in October.
- COE Air Awareness Camp – Successful Air Awareness camps at the COE with both Project Gold and Junior Gold athletes.
- May 2013 HP/SS Project Gold and Junior Gold camps scheduled in Mammoth, SBX Project Gold camp scheduled in June 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 held in Tahoe and Copper and FIS TD Update held in Las Vegas – better integration with ski officials.
- Coaches' Education: US Snowboard Coaches' Education Committee continued to progress. USASA held several Level 100 and 200 clinics in 2012/2013. Level 300 clinic held in Park City.
- Junior World Championships: Junior Worlds was held in Erzurum Turkey. Due to the political situation in Turkey, we sent a very small team. No podiums, but the athletes stayed positive through the tough conditions.

14. Old Business: Competition Guide review

Nyberg asked for any changes to the competition guide be sent to her by June 30.

15. New Business

- Snowboardcross sport development discussion – need for more access to courses and training time on courses around events. Athletes would like fewer events and more training time. They would also like to see higher-level courses to prepare for the World Cup.
- Growth of the sport discussion. Continue to improve facilities, more halfpipes and sbx courses. Look at incorporating high school teams into events and grow athlete involvement. Add banked slalom events.
- Project Gold feedback, the camps seem to be competing with regional programs. Affects ability to hire coaches year round.

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