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Alpine Masters Committee Meeting

MCC Conference Center, Mammoth, CA
Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Lisa Densmore – Red Lodge, MT

I. Welcome, sign-in and call to order 2:00PM

II. Review and approve minutes of the 2017 meeting in Big Sky

1st Short Term Memberships were handled online. Process seemed to go well with forms that were submitted for additional memberships and COMPS.

Helmet Follow-up in Fall 2016 it was determined that FIS helmets were not required.

Seed Rules remained the same.

Western Regional Championships will be skipped for 2018.

Update 501 (c3) in PNSA Report

Fuller motion to approve minutes. Neubauer 2nd. All Approve.

III. Bill Skinner, U.S. Ski & Snowboard Masters Coordinator Report

General approval at U.S. Ski & Snowboard with how Masters is running.

1. Membership numbers

- Up this year likely due to coaches adding Masters license
- Masters Membership may go up to \$100
- Short-Term Membership may go up to \$20
- Final decision on membership costs will be made at Sports Committee meetings.
- Committee would like to see short-term membership numbers consolidated same as full membership information.

2. 2018 Nationals

- Okemo bid (The dates for the Nationals were changed to Feb. 6-10 after meeting)
 - Monday Feb 26th to Mar 3rd
 - SC in place of DH
 - Okemo requested consideration to move the schedule one day earlier to M-F
 - Divisions could also have conflicts the weekend prior to the Nationals
 - Central would have a conflict with another race
 - Intermountain would have Jans Cup Finals Mar 2-4
 - Far West can probably work around it
 - Rocky keeping it overlapping; the weekend gives more options for attending both events and missing less days of work
 - Are two big events so close problematic?
 - Skip Nationals in 2018?
 - Have Regionals instead of Nationals?
 - For World Criterium

- Allow open signups and take first 150
 - Make waiting list after
 - Agreement that maintaining the National Championships is important
 - Max Pass includes Big Sky and Okemo
 - Mar 10-11 open for division finals
 - Request that division leave March 3rd open on their schedules to encourage participation
 - All OK with Okemo bid.
3. 2018 Regionals - Skip for 2018
4. 2018 National DH Championships
- March 10-11 at Ski Cooper?
 - DH before Big Sky would be too much
 - Mid-February in Alaska? Have the venue setup for DH for other events
4. 2018 FIS masters – including Criterium in USA
- Big Sky proposal is leading in interest internationally
 - Calendar meeting is next week in Switzerland and there will be a final vote then.
 - Our 150 person limit could be increased as other countries' numbers are confirmed
 - Phillips 66 will sponsor the event to help supplement extra needs for the larger-sized event
 - There is strong coordination with lodging properties and event department to staff event
 - Plan would be to reset for the SG day scheduled with 2 Groups
5. FIS rule changes for masters - none
6. U.S. Ski & Snowboard rule changes for masters - none
7. U.S. Ski & Snowboard AI Sise Awardees – due April 1.
- Criteria Based on National performance
 - Proposed change to criteria
 - In the past year there has been some discussion to include people based on additional International or National performance
 - Review verbiage for the award criteria in summer conference calls
 - Each division votes for 1st and 2nd choice
8. Late fee deadline for Major events
- Currently 2 weeks before - deadline may be discouraging
 - Late fee is \$10
 - Still need incentive to sign-up early for planning
 - Consider making late fee less money for next year
9. Result Books for Nationals
- Paper copies still necessary; consider printing less copies; ensure a full pdf is made
 - In the future allow people to request a results book through skiracereg or at registration.

- Asking at registration may be preferred.

10. Minimum # of races to be named to Masters Nationals Team

- leave as is--no minimum

11. Mid Atlantic Masters

- Would be added as a Region within the Eastern Division
- As long as they are able to satisfy the U.S. Ski & Snowboard requirements, the Committee agrees to accept their proposal to be added

IV. Agenda Items

1. Calendaring for 2017-18 - deadlines

- a. POSTER - Sept 1st
- b. COMP GUIDE - Sept 1st
- c. Fall Newsletter - Oct 1st

2. Comp Guide

- a. Skinner will send out division sections for editing, track changes and return

3. Recruitment – NASTAR

- a. Sent email Nov 30th to NASTAR with Masters information; will do again next year
- b. Central sent out an email to the local NASTAR group
- c. More divisions to consider surveys for next year
- d. Request that division chairs are added to all other divisions mailing lists

4. Recruitment – College racing

- a. Look at potential to have combined events with USCSA in areas where it makes sense
- b. Highly reduced entry fee offer for younger athletes
- c. Rocky looking at options to share training
 - i. PNSA and Intermountain also exploring opportunities to share training
 - ii. Lauren and Ryan to make email content

5. USSCA (coaches) – Add masters to list of continuing education credit options on U.S. Ski & Snowboard website

- a. Masters not listed there as a continuing education credit? Confirm it is listed

6. Poster status and deadline - will know if it is happening in the next month

7. SL shootout – sponsor search - will be on the 1st summer phone call agenda

V. Division Reports

1. Alaska - Carl

- a. Masters Numbers up - A lot of growth through parents of racers in kids programs; lot of effort for WOM
- b. 3 Regions - but Alyeska is primarily the Masters group
- c. Looking at non-sanctioned Masters events to pull in beer league racers

2. Eastern - See last page attached from NEMs

3. NY - Pepi Neubauer

- a. 16 races
 - b. morning 2 run GS, afternoon 2 run SL format working well
 - c. alternate weekends with SAT and SUN
 - d. About 50 people per race
4. Central - Ryan Fuller
- a. Numbers up
 - b. Focus effort on Newsletter
 - c. Spend more time preparing over the summer
 - d. Use constant contact
 - e. Some cancellations for warm weather
5. Far West - PNSA
- a. Lot of cancellations from snow
 - b. Have some races through club leagues
 - i. those racers see Masters as too expensive
 - ii. those leagues also have handicaps
 - iii. their numbers are also going down
6. Intermountain - Stew Marsh
- a. now a 501(c4)
 - b. membership up a bit
 - c. training programs require U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership
 - d. create Masters team events
7. PNSA
- a. 501(c3)
 - b. storms created challenges
 - c. participation slightly down
 - d. did pick up some new members through short-term memberships
8. Rocky Mountain
- a. Season front loaded due to availability of venues
 - b. Memberships about the same
 - c. Pricing still matters
 - i. compete on pricing with town series
 - ii. looking at providing more volunteers to reduce costs and create opportunities at other smaller venues
 - d. Looking for ways to support training programs
 - i. share space with college programs
 - e. Focused effort last season on sponsorship fundraising for prizes and donations
 - f. Plan to continue Ski Cooper on MLK weekend
 - g. Looking to incorporate team format next year

VII. Other Old Business - none

VII. New Business - Lisa and Bill to discuss dates for first summer meeting. Look at late April, early May.

VIII. Adjourn - Slivinski motion at 5:23PM. 2nd Fuller. All approve.

Alpine Western Region Committee Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Ivers/Hearst
Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Todd Kelly – Olympic Valley, CA

1. Welcome & Introductions- Todd Kelly Thank you to the WR members for attending the April Meeting and to the calendaring committee for their work this morning.
2. Roll Call – Lucy Schram
 - Executive – Todd Kelly, Ryan Shorter, Troy Price, Karen Korfanta, Lucy Schram
 - AK – Scott Zahn
 - FW- Beat Hupfer, Mike Ginsberg
 - IMD – Gordon Perry, Bridger Call
 - NOR- Roger Bay
 - PNSA – Bill Brooks, Dan Henry
 - Officials – Roger Root
 - Collegiate – Sparky Anderson
 - Athletes – Will Brandenburg
 - Staff – Bill Gunesch, Gwynn Watkins, Darryl Whitaker, Sherri Hale, Carma Burnett, Paul Mahre, Lucy Schram
 - Guests – Curt Hammond, Raul Guisado, Jesse Hunt, Eric Brandolini, Matt Brown, Swithin McGrath, Molly Laramie, Tami Strong, Kevin Chaffee, Steve Bounous, Dive Pym, Heather Walker, Jim Reilly, Brian Morgan, Kevin Keane, Mark Wedeking, Todd Brickson, Tyson Henrie, Phil Gilanfarr, Jim Tschabrun
3. Review Agenda / Additions – Todd Kelly (Additions made under New Business)
4. Review and Approval of Minutes – chair
 - Beat Hupfer motion, Troy Price 2nd – minutes approved unanimously
5. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Program Update – Chip Knight
6. Western Region Program Update – WR staff
 - 6.1. Directors report – Bill Gunesch
 - 6.1.1. Reviewed Mission statement
 - 6.1.2. Participation – numbers are growing within the youth ages; U14 on the points list are growing; U16 and older has leveled off; Collegiate opportunities and how to provide info to families Ability class racing in PNSA, would like to see IMD/FW try it
 - 6.1.3. Athletic Performance - measured by events, results reviewed
 - 6.1.4. WEST Team Criteria reviewed – Development Committee will review qualifications
 - 6.1.5. Athlete Development – mission and goal, club importance, model and prep projects reviewed
 - 6.1.6. Calendar – 46 FIS races in the 2016-17 season. Working with ROC on appropriate sets, snow surface
 - 6.1.7. Course Setting Initiative – create a WR ACC working group to develop a region-wide setting philosophy for regional FIS and championship events
 - 6.1.8. Leadership/Communication – flow chart reviewed. Looking for a new Regional Coach (supplement via WR budget), requesting an in season assistant (funded by WR budget), youth coordinator (funded by WR budget). First half of season communications were good, still working to improve on this.

- 6.2. Manager's report –Gwynn Watkins
 - 6.2.1. Thank you to Darryl, Bill, Pick, Divisional Managers Western Region
 - 6.2.2. Communications – Regional Newsletters – template, New U.S. Ski & Snowboard website, forums, project communications, policies and procedures, intents and entries regional and winter international. Thank you to all the race organizers, recognize Alpine Meadows for their outstanding U14 Regional Championship event!
 - 6.2.3. Regional programming – hard conversation time about being on the same page. Communications between the ACC and the coaches in their areas.
- 6.3. Youth Coordinator's report – Darryl Whitaker
 - 6.3.1. Reviewed job description and specific goals – 5 division visits, smaller clubs, coaches education to enhance travel budget, be part of Divisional Youth Projects, involved in conversation in Development department and National Committees, enhance use of Skills Quest assessment tool
- 7. Membership- Sheryl Barnes, Jenni Wright, Matt Lemon
 - 7.1. Member Services Update
 - 7.1.1. Growing Athletic Membership – Club and athlete growth
 - 7.1.2. Enhancing Customer Service – Knowledge Base on the website, OS Ticket, new Online Chat – Tawk.to (tracks the chats data)
 - 7.1.3. What's new for FY18 – limit of 2 short term memberships per season, pricing adjustments of short term reviewed
 - 7.1.4. Membership benefits reviewed
- 8. Coaches Education and Club Development- Jon Casson/Ellen Adams
 - 8.1. Ellen Adams – Club Development Manager
 - Club Excellence – higher attendance this year; Goal to create a Regional Club Excellence Resource in educational development, adding peer review in club assessment; surveys to help obtain nationwide info; alpine club working group, club leadership forum – open rank discussions
 - 8.2. Jon Casson – Director of Sport Education
 - Goal to reach more of the part time coaches
 - Level 100 Revision; Updated training systems; COE TV Migration; Coach Academy – Combined Level 200 and 400 for alpine, snowboard and freeski reviewed education model: LMS tracking- May 2017; Course development/review – August, Course available September
 - Training Systems – Development Phases Domain: now based on data
- 9. Officials updates –Roger Root
 - Review of reporting needs. An official report will be submitted later.
- 10. WR Committee Reports and Proposals
 - 10.1. Executive Committee Report – Todd Kelly
 - Thank you to the Executive Committee for their work this year. Slow year.
 - 10.2. Treasurer Report – Troy Price
 - 10.2.1. Western Region Incorporation – met last week with Tax Accountant and preparing to file taxes. This 2nd filing will help us qualify for 501c3 status
 - 10.2.2. WR Finances – 2017 financials
 - working to pay bills in smaller chunks: quarterly

-improved timeline of accounts receivable and payable

10.2.3. Proposal 2018 budget – Bill Gunesch

Requesting approval of budget in August as areas are continued to be studied.

10.2.4. Proposals Troy and Gwynn

MOTION: Troy Price, 2nd Bill Brooks, Require U.S. Ski & Snowboard online registration for all WR projects (prep and competition). Approved Unanimously

10.3. Site Selection Committee Report –

10.3.1. 2018 Site selections – see attached calendar for dates

Dec Open Tech: Snow King in IMD, Mission Ridge in PNSA

Add one slalom to the December Open Tech block, remaining as a 4 day block with 5 events being held

Elite Tech #1 – Snowbird and Park City January Open SG – Snowbasin Speed Series 2DH/2SG in Schweitzer

Elite Tech #2 – Snow King, 6 day block is one gender for GS days

WR JR Champs – Alpine Meadows, back up at Mammoth

U14 Regional Champs – Jackson Hole

U16 Champs – Alyeska, AK

March Open Tech – Mammoth and Snowbird

Spring Series – Mission Ridge

Spring Speed Series – Mt. Bachelor

MOTION Troy Price, 2nd Dan Henry to approve the 2017-2018

WR FIS Competition Calendar. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

10.4. Development Committee Report – Ryan Shorter

Committee completes items during the summer, not during winter

10.4.1. Current selections and selection issues – none at this time

10.4.2. Selection proposals - none at this time

10.4.3. Quota proposals - none at this time

10.4.4. Regional Team Selection – will work with Gunesch and get that out to the committee. This is the time to make changes.

10.4.5. ACTION ITEM: request from WR staff to create a task force to discuss programming. First call by June 15th.

11. National Committee Reports

11.1. U16 and Older Working Group – Jesse Hunt, Meeting tomorrow at 10am. – No report.

11.2. U14 and Younger Working Group – No report.

11.3. Club Development Working Group – John and Tami, group meets tomorrow for first time.

11.4. Coaches Education Working Group – Scotty McGrew, No report.

11.5. Alpine Regional Subcommittee – Bill Brooks and Todd Kelly, no report.

11.6. Quotas and Selections – Beat Hupfer Chair, no report.

11.7. Regional Subcommittee – Craig Krueger Chair, no report.

12. Projects

12.1. National – nothing reported; Western Region ACC Minutes May 9th 2017 12:00pm-5:00pm Double Tree Hotel, Park City Ivers/Hearst Room

12.2. Regional – nothing reported

13. Other Old Business - chair

14. New Business – chair

14.1. Skills Quest at Championship Environment

MOTION by IMD, 2nd Beat Hupfer

To not hold Skills Quest during Regional Championship events

4 yeah, 6 Nay, MOTION FAILS

14.2. MOTION Far West, 2nd Bill Brooks

To decrease the U16 WR Junior Championships Field size

Aye -1 Opposed – the rest MOTION FAILS

14.3. WR Head Tax for cancelled events–

MOTION Troy Price, 2nd Ryan Shorter

To revise the current head tax refund policy for cancelled races.

Motion tabled to the August meeting.

14.4. NPS- Position paper

MOTION Dan Henry, 2nd Will Brandenburg

While we recognize that U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff technically controls scheduling of races, including NPS races, we, the Western Region ACC, do not support the NPS Series or scheduling of any NPS races. Tabled for further research and continued Regional Discussion. Placed on August agenda.

14.5. Whistler Cup MOTION by Troy Price, 2nd Ryan Shorter to establish a U14 Whistler Cup

To establish a U14 Whistler Cup Team to benchmark the top tier U14's in our region amongst their International Peer Group.

Aye- Nay-0 1 Abstention MOTION PASSES

14.6. MOTION Beat Hupfer, 2nd Mike Ginsberg

All the Far West Division of the Western Region to host up to two starts per discipline: Slalom and Giant Slalom outside the 'competition season" generally defined as November to April.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

14.7. Discussion regarding the Regional Coach brought up by Pete Korfiatis, MMST. Request that during competition season coach focus is on training and development, not traveling to higher level events with the athletes.

15. Meeting Schedule – Todd Kelly

Conference call in August and October

16. Adjournment – 16:48

ASC Executive Committee: Meeting #1

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Kearns
Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom – Wayzata, MN

Members:

Doug Hall – Waterbury Center, VT	Present
Chip Knight – Park City, UT	Present
Craig Krueger – Helena, MT	
Mike Morin – Stratton, VT	Present
Warner Nickerson – Tilton, NH	Present
Jon Nolting – Steamboat Springs, CO	Present
Patrick Riml – Park City, UT	Present
Bill Slattery – Buffalo Grove, IL	
Paul Van Slyke – Lake Placid, NY	Present
Jeff Weinman – Park City, UT (Non-Voting)	Present
Tom Winters – Tucson, AZ (Non-Voting)	Present

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Review of Committee Membership and Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of Agenda
4. Review and Approval of May 13, 2016 Minutes
5. Review Congress Meeting Schedule
 - 5.1. SC/WG Procedures and Assignment of Minutes
 - Subcommittees and working groups have minutes turned into Meghan Arigo
6. Staff Reports - Abbreviated
 - 6.1. Patrick Riml - Alpine Director
 - Team Sizes Changing: LV, MS, Speed and Tech (4 World Cup teams)
 - Maximizing domestic training; Women's Speed will be in Mammoth instead of NZ
 - 6.2. Chip Knight - Alpine Development Director
 - Youth Development trending upwards for skill development
 - D Team: NorAm Level C, D, and NTG athletes 6-8 athletes Kris and JJ Johnson
 - Driving elite level junior performance to make sure on track for success at the junior level
 - Youth level skill development
 - Task Force:
 - o Equipment:
 - Original Question: Can we move forward with FIS Level regulations?
 - Smaller number of FIS age athletes in U.S. Ski & Snowboard, allow for more flexibility for late maturing and less developed athletes
 - U16 FIS regulations used for tech; there will be proposal for U16 FIS regulations across the board.
 - o Domestic Development:

- Open to board base grassroots clubs:
- Bring more people into the conversation
- Focus on inclusion at the end of the season, to keep it fun
- Skill based event/celebration

Questions For Chip: How are we getting the plans out? Can we make a 4 year development plan that lines out multiple years? Provide communication to the coaches to allow for better planning and allow regions and clubs to plan around the national schedule

7. Team Captains Meetings re: Alcohol Consumption
 - 7.1. Alpine Regional Directors - Abbreviated Reports
 - Regional Staff noticed peer pressure to drink at team captains meeting this past season
 - Not appropriate in a meeting
 - Address it in the subcommittee/ working group meetings
8. Regional Reports: Make reports at the Regional Subcommittee Meeting
 - 8.1. Eastern Region - Martin Guyer
 - 8.2. Rocky/Central Region - Darlene Nolting
 - 8.3. Western Region - Bill Gunesch
9. ASC Reports
 - 9.1. Darryl Landstrom
10. BOD
11. Awards – TK
 - 11.1. U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD Award staying within WG/
12. Alpine Judicial Committee
 - No Actions to review
13. Nominating Committee Review of ASC Terms & Elections
 - 13.1. Education Subcommittee - Jon Nolting
 - Education
 - Club Working group: Leadership Structure
 - 13.2. Development Subcommittee - Mike Morin
 - Assign the proposal
 - Committee structure
 - Alpine development At Large / Chair
 - U16 and Older : At Large
 - 13.3. FIS Subcommittee - Paul Van Slyke
 - Courses Working Group: 10 year homologations, not extending (good use of time to inspect)
 - Rules: ACR/ICR looked at
 - TD: 3 applicants for FIS TDs
 - 13.4. Alpine Technical Subcommittee - Doug Hall

- Restructuring of some Working Groups
- 13.5. Regional Subcommittee - Craig Krueger
 - Regional season review. Dealing with governance, Wed 6-8pm
- 13.6. Athletes - Warner Nickerson
 - Change Olympic Selection Criteria
 - UNM: team will be reinstated
 - Funding: MAE: Merit and need based
 - Funding of Team Fees: Patrick Riml
 - 2008-2013 inflation, the sport is expensive
 - Team Fees: Objective
 - FIS Travel Money: Domestic \$500/weekend if you start in the top 45 if you race Europe \$1000/weekend if you start in the top 45
 - *B Team are able to make money back, with fundraisers and travel money
- 14. Old Business
- 15. New Business
 - US Nationals Quotas:
 - Starting Order at National Championships
 - U16 National Quotas
 - Eliminating 7 Nations Automatics
 - U16 National Performance Series Quotas
 - Alternate Seeding: Classification Working Group
 - (Ability Class Extension)
 - Children Course Setting Specifications
 - Seeding and Awards U10 and Under: Classification and U14 and Under WG
 - U19 Equipment Regulations: U16 and Older WG and
 - o U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Equipment Rules – Moved to the floor
 - Motion: Morin
 - Second: Knight
 - o U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Equipment Rules - Amended
 - Motion: Morin
 - Second: Knight
 - Vote Unanimous
 - Include Dual Events in Scored and Un-scored events: Rules Committee
 - o Move to Allow: Dual Panel Slalom: Sugar Slalom Legacy Event
 - Motion: Knight
 - Second: Morin
 - Vote Unanimous

- Maximum Gate Count Proposal: Courses, Rules and Development Subcommittee
 - o Provide ability to homologate less than standard hills for SL
 - o Ability to set over the maximum gates so it skis like a traditional SL
- Foreign Athlete: Quotas and Selections WG, U16 and Older/ U14 and Under
 - o If a foreign athlete qualifies for an event the spot goes to the next

Recess until Friday May 12, 2017

16. Action Item Review and SC/WG assignments
17. Review ASC Agenda
18. Time and Location of Next Meeting - Friday, May 12 7:30-10AM Summit B
19. Adjournment

Alpine Sport Committee: Meeting #1

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C
Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom – Wayzata, MN

Members:

Mike Bowman – Winter Park, CO	Present
Doug Hall – Waterbury Center, VT	Present
Stefan Hughes – Boulder, CO	Present
Beat Hupfer – Mammoth Lakes, CA	Present
Jess Kelley – Park City, UT	Present
Todd Kelly – Olympic Galley, CA	Present
Chip Knight – Park City, UT	Present
Karen Korfanta – Park City, UT	Present
Craig Krueger – Helena, MT	
Dan Marshall -	Present
Michael Morin – Stratton, VT	Present
Warner Nickerson – Tilton, NH	Present
Jon Nolting – Steamboat Springs, CO	Present
Joe Paul – Bloomington, MN	Present
Patrick Riml – Park City, UT	Present
Tiger Shaw – Park City, UT	Present
Bill Slattery – Buffalo Grove, IL	
Tao Smith – Killington, VT	Present
Paul Van Slyke – Lake Placid, NY	Present
Tom Winters – Tucson, AZ (Honorary)	

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Review Committee Membership and Roll Call
3. Review and Approval of Agenda
 - Staff Reports: Membership Fees
 - Reverse Old Business and New Business
 - Motion: Nolting/ Second: Riml
4. Review and Approval of October 14, 2016 Minutes
5. Review Congress Meeting Schedule
 - 5.1. Assignment of Minutes Recording
 - Submit minutes by Thursday 10pm at the latest to Meghan Arigo marigo@ussa.org
6. Staff Reports
 - 6.1. Membership Fees 2017-18:
 - Goal to broaden membership base, making progress
 - Clubs increasing (10%)
 - Adjustments:
 - o Short Team U12 \$15 -> 20
 - o Masters ST \$15 ->20
 - o Full Season \$15 ->20

- U14 \$75 -> 80
 - Masters \$90 -> 100
- *Limit 2 short term membership purchases per athlete per season. (After 2 short terms athletes would have to upgrade)

Can athletes do 2 ST in Alpine and 2 ST in Snowboard?

6.2. Alpine Director - Patrick Riml

- 2017 Prep in Colorado and California (domestic) less Southern Hemisphere training
 - Dealing with injuries was difficult, looking to create further depth to our team
 - Final prep was compromised due to weather
- Structure going into Olympics with a target on medals
 - Making sure the programming is set up to support athletes for medal success
 - New coaches: B. McBride and C. White
 - Working to get athletes healthy and ready to compete
- Team size is the same on the men's and women's side
- Women's Speed will stay and train at Mammoth in July

6.3. Alpine Development Director - Chip Knight

- World Jr. Championships (3 medals)
 - 8 -- Top 10 Finishes
- NorAm Titles (3)
- World Cup Spots by Juniors (6)
- Top 10 Age World ranks
 - 40 (2015-16), 8 tech world rank, 32 speed world rank
 - 33 (2016-17), 16 tech world rank, 17 speed world
- U16 Projected Based System
 - Each region had a European exposure project, Whistler Cup,
 - National Performance Series (2), Squaw WC U16 Training project
 - Prepare athletes to move to FIS
 - International Podium Results (3 medals)
- Focused on Technical Development for D-team athletes
- NTG athletes are included within the D-team
- Calendar working to provide athletes with the appropriate and balanced race calendar
- New Development pyramid allows for coaches and parents to see avenues for improving and the appropriate steps that should be taken
- SkillsQuest Fitness: want to be able to provide an option for data collection
- Strategies going forward
 - Drive elite level performance
 - U19 NPS: Focus on 1st and 2nd year FIS athletes that were missing the opportunity for a second run or weren't scoring at NorAm level. This series helps bridge the gap between U.S. Ski & Snowboard racing and NorAm racing

- U16 NPS: National Performance Series is more of a training and content based project, national and international competition (NorAm- women, FIS-men)
 - Developed highly skilled athletes, athletes need tech skills to make USST
- 6.3.1. Equipment Task Force
- Evaluate U.S. Ski & Snowboard regulations - U.S. Ski & Snowboard racing has become a U16 level of competing
 - Choose skis based on skill level to reduce competitive disparity
 - Allow for more inclusion of athletes, allow for a better connection and eventually capture athletes that were leaving for high school or USCSA racing.
 - Recommendation: Adopt U16 SL and GS equipment rules
- 6.3.2. Sub-Elite Task Force
- Domestic Development
 - Inclusivity and fun at the grassroots level – providing a voice for a grassroots club
 - Recommendation: Look at U12, U14, and U16 to keep athletes in the sport.
 - Explain the pipeline and how the different events tie into each other. Work to educate parents and coaches about pipeline
 - Foster inclusivity, allow/encourage USCSA and High School competition in addition to U.S. Ski & Snowboard
 - Calendar a fun event and develop festival
 - Encourage skills day in a fun way: building our dual racing
 - Team Events: include a team component at regional level
- 6.3.3. Update on Fitness Assessment
- 6.4. Alpine Regional Directors
- 6.4.1. Eastern Region - Martin Guyer
- Eastern region focused on being partners, stakeholders, and collaborators across the region. Developing a common mission, vision, values, and goals that aligned with U.S. Ski & Snowboard's.
 - Ways that anyone can adopt a high performance mentality by fostering positive leadership, club culture, pride, goal development, community, communication.
- 6.4.2. Rocky/Central Region - Darlene Nolting
- Good depth in Rocky Central at the younger levels as well.
 - Skill Development will be a focus of Rocky Central making results more readily available to athletes.
 - Keep participation athletes in the sport and provide for greater opportunity for late developing athletes
 - NPS is elevating performance within region
 - Thank you to clubs and coaches in the region
- 6.4.3. Western Region - Bill Gunesch
- Participation: U14 and younger are growing and U16 and older numbers have leveled off
 - Improve retention in US Ski and Snowboard and in Western Region
 - Looking to implement Dual Racing and Team Racing

- Keep High School aged athletes involved in U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- Increase efforts to educate parents and families know the opportunities for high school ski racers at the college level.
- Training Projects: U14 SL regional project, mid-winter training projects
- SkillsQuest: each division held at least one tournament;
- Focus more on surface qualify and teaching course setting to coaching staff.
- 6.5. Darryl Landstrom
 - 6.5.1. Board of Directors
 - Amazing season with a record number of World Cup Races in the U.S.
 - NASTAR season
 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard Rebranding
 - Know Before You Go / Brass Foundation
 - Global Rescue: Look at South Korea
 - SafeSport
 - Enhance training and injury recovery to achieve medal potential
 - 6.5.2. Executive Committee
- 6.6. Bill Slattery
 - Awards Committee - Tom Kelly Interim Chair
 - 6.6.1. Judicial Committee - Nothing new to review
 - 6.6.2. Nominating Committee - SC terms & elections
 - Rules and WG / Development and WG / At Large (1)
- 6.7. Education Subcommittee - Jon Nolting
 - Alpine Coaches Education WG / Club WG
 - Sport Education Department and staff has changed, this is an important time to be involved in these WGs. No Alpine specific staff member so these WGs are important for guiding the Sport Education Department
- 6.8. Development Subcommittee - Mike Morin
 - Membership: At Large Member – Development Subcommittee
 - Development SC and WGs need to look at mission and vision for each group and make sure the groups are on task.
 - Proposals are on the media site.
 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Equipment Rules Proposal was reviewed in Executive ASC meeting
 - The proposal was moved and was amended to address speed events
 - Amended proposal is on the media site
- 6.9. FIS Subcommittee - Paul Van Slyke
 - Thank you to all of the volunteers
 - Courses working group: 10th Anniversary of the Homologation Regulations
 - ACR and ICR

- FIS TD WG has 3 applicants
- 6.10. Alpine Technical Subcommittee - Doug Hall
 - The entire committee including working groups will be voting in new membership
- 6.11. Regional Subcommittee - Craig Krueger
 - Regional seasonal review
 - Wed, May 10, 2017 at 6pm
- 6.12. Athletes - Warner Nickerson
 - Change to the Olympic Selection Criteria
 - Two Secured spots (WC standings of the current season) and two discretion
 - New Mexico: NCAA Team
 - Funding:
 - o Under the Suits Calendar
 - o B Team Fundraiser
 - o MAE Fund
 - Athlete Travel
 - Endowed Head Coaches
 - Continued Education
- 7. New Business
 - Proposals have been reviewed and assigned to subcommittees
 - Operating Procedures Reviewed
 - o [Operating Procedures](#)
 - US Center for SafeSport
 - o Any suspicion of sexual conduct against an athlete MUST be reported to SafeSport and local authorities
 - o SafeSport.org
 - o U.S. Ski & Snowboard will not be fielding these concerns going forward. U.S. Ski & Snowboard will be fielding concerns about bullying, harassment
- 8. Recess Friday May 12, 2017 at 11am
- 9. Adjournment

Alpine Judicial Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Judge
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery – Buffalo Grove, IL

Roll Call

Bill Slattery, Chairman	Excused
Tom Winters, Vice Chairman	Excused
Alex Natt, U.S. Ski & Snowboard General Counsel	Present
Paul Van Slyke	Present
Warner Nickerson, Athlete Rep	Present
Mike Hammer	Present

1. Welcome and call to order

- It was determined that, in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, a quorum was not met.
- Alex Natt noted that there were no actions pending.
- No report from Eastern pre-meeting

2. Old Business – none

3. New Business – none

4. Adjournment

Alpine Officials' Education Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Thelma Hoessler – Santa Fe, NM

1. Call to Order: Roll Call and Identification of Voting Members

Eastern Region:	At-Large
Michael Browne	Matt Howard
Jill Firstbrook	Laura Sullivan
Chuck Hughes	
Ted Newman, Jr.	
Rocky/Central Region:	Emeritus
Esther DelliQuadri	Bob Calderwood
Grant Lindemer	Allen Church
Gretchen Ransom	Don Page
Gary Wright (Vice-Chair)	
Western Region:	
Bob Pettit	
Roger Root	
Steve Schowengerdt	
Lucy Schram	

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Motion: To accept agenda as amended
M/S/C Chayes/Lindemer/Unanimous

3. Review and Approval of Minutes 12 May 2016

Motion: To accept minutes of 12 May 2016 as distributed by Working Group Chair.
M/S/C Sullivan/Newman/Unanimous

4. Reports

4.1. Chairs report has been e-mailed to Working Group members and is available on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress FTP site.

4.2. Regions

4.2.1. Alaska Division (Scott Young): Challenges created by club staffing were addressed; successful education of a core group of officials will provide a good foundation.

4.2.2. Central Division (Grant Lindemer): Reiterated value of online Competition Official training and Gate Judge Video.

4.2.3. Eastern Region (Michael Brown): Ted Newman Jr. thanked for his service; Mike Cosman will be assuming New Hampshire AO Chair duties in season 2017-18. Focus is on consistency of clinics and making material fit the group being addressed. Online Competition Official option and new Gate Judge Video are great additions. Training and mentoring will continue to be addressed and grass roots clinics will continue to be offered.

4.2.4. Far West Division (Lucy Schram): Will continue to monitor education opportunities and will offer required guidance. RMSRO thanked for continuing to offer early season clinics that serve the needs of officials from all divisions. Resorts are requiring officials to file IRS W9 forms, and this is creating some issues; guidance from U.S. Ski & Snowboard is requested.

4.2.5. Intermountain Division (Steve Schowengerdt via email): Online Competition

Official served its purpose. Round-table discussions regarding preparation and content of Jury Minutes was a focus and proved to be beneficial; provided power point presentation was used.

- 4.2.6. Northern Division (Bob Pettit): Focus is on growing program and retaining officials.
 - 4.2.7. Pacific Northwest Division and Western Region (Roger Root): Zone and club-based clinics continue to be successful; will continue to focus on growth of number of certified Alpine Officials. Certification updates are being performed in a timely manner.
 - 4.2.8. Rocky Mountain Division (Esther DelliQuadri): Due process issues were addressed. Early season clinics will continue to be offered; list of attendees will be posted on the RMSRO web site; respective clinic chairs for out-of-division officials will be furnished names of attendees from their respective divisions.
- 4.3. Additional Reports - Staff and Experts
- 4.3.1. U.S. Ski & Snowboard CEO (Tiger Shaw): Welcome. Season 2016-17 was a great season; contributions made by officials recognized.
 - 4.3.2. Competition Services (Jeff Weinman) Competition Services staff introduced. Issue with U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership numbers being identical to FIS inscription codes being reviewed and will be addressed. Missing documentation packets continues to be a problem and possibility of establishing a system whereby division AO Chairs will be notified when packets are not filed is being reviewed. Online registration for coaches attending events has been implemented and will be emphasized in 2017-18 materials. Publication of training times for younger age groups is an event-related issue and should be addressed accordingly.
 - 4.3.3. Membership (Sheryl Barnes) Staff introduced. Membership growth and customer service continue to be of major importance. Minimal membership fee increases are being implemented; family membership packs available. Short term memberships will be controlled; only 2 per season/per person/per discipline will be allowed; paid fees will be applied to full membership; initial registration should be completed online. Weekend monitoring of email, voice mail and chat will again be implemented for season 2017-18.
 - 4.3.4. Coaches Education (Member of U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Education Staff) No representative from U.S. Ski & Snowboard Sport Education Department was present.
 - 4.3.5. Bruce Crane, Chair, Courses' Working Group: Membership of Courses' Working Group clarified. Upcoming validity cycles discussed; homologation reports should be used as a teaching tool; education materials should be created to address their use. Homologation planning discussed; validity dates will stand with no extensions due to force majeure; schedule early; prioritize need; coordinate with other areas; communication is imperative.

5. Old Business

5.1. Education Materials

- 5.1.1. Gate Judge Video Revision: Laura Sullivan's outstanding effort commended; Shawn Goodwin's assistance applauded. Revisions possible; video is a living tool.
- 5.1.2. Online Introduction to Officiating (CO): Reports indicate some divisions found the presentation helpful; others had issues. Presentation is a living tool and will be adjusted as required; plan is to eventually integrate it into the online U.S. Ski &

Snowboard membership process.

5.1.3. Data Management/Race Administration Certification: Education materials were restructured to include both areas; sufficient time must be allowed to provide adequate education.

5.2. Proposals/Changes/Issues from Prior Seasons

5.2.1. Injury Report Filing: Differences among three available reports discussed; filing requirements clarified. Best wishes for speed and complete recovery extended to Laurie Hamble.

5.2.2. TD Webinar (Roger Root): Plan is not a priority at this time; will be readdressed at a future date.

5.2.3. Electronic FIS and U.S. Ski & Snowboard packets: Contents, Submittal and Review: Content and submittal continue to be an issue; reviews need to be organized in a timely manner so feedback can be provided as required.

5.2.4. Update Requirements: Tracking/posting/observing requirement: Each division has a process for tracking and posting update status. U.S. Ski & Snowboard website provides season of last update; biannual update requirement must be respected.

5.2.5. Coach Membership Requirement Issues: No process in place to limit U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coach Membership to working coaches. Online event registration for coaches may help eliminate abuse; coach membership does not automatically guarantee venue access.

5.2.6. Cleaning the Closet – using new forms: Forms are reviewed prior to each season; Master Packet of Forms is updated as required. AO Chairs are encouraged to recommend that all OC's destroy existing stock of older forms.

5.2.7. Verifying Memberships and Certifications – who is responsible? The RA or TD is responsible for verifying status of required membership and certifications. The individual official is responsible for verifying the accuracy of their membership status and certifications.

5.2.8. Rules for Dual Events: No issues reported with implementation of rules for dual/parallel events drafted in May 2016.

5.2.9. Sub-Standard Events: Staffing & Documentation: Events that are flagged as being sub-standard due to issues with compliance with documentation requirements and standards, mentoring should be made available in order to educate proper procedures.

6. New Business

6.1. Competition Official Requirements - Bi-annual Update Requirement: Bi-annual Updates and Expiration of materials: Issues related to only requiring Competition Official certification in order to serve as a Start or Finish Referee at non-scored events discussed. Ingrid Simonson – the lead on drafting AO Certification Guidelines, reminded Working Group that the purpose of Competition Official was to serve as an introduction to alpine officiating. Returning Competition Official to its original intent would remove need for attendance at a bi-annual update; materials should expire as required for other specialty areas. Every effort will be made to assist smaller clubs with this change.

MOTION: To amend U601.3.3 (Start Referee) and U601.3.4 (Finish Referee) to read: For all events, must be certified as CR, JA or RF.

M/S/C Sullivan/Howard/Unanimous

6.2. Referee Certification – should it be restricted to Coaches (Esther DelliQuadri): Even though they will only be serving as Jury Advisors, many individuals earn Referee

Certification. Each division has the latitude to address how advancement should be handled for these individuals.

- 6.3. Educating the Educators (Ted Newman, Jr.): Not all individuals – regardless of their ability, knowledge and intelligence can teach. Suggestions for preparing clinicians to properly and adequately teach required materials discussed. Each region/division/state tasked with developing a tool that meets their needs and furnish a report at Congress 2018.

7. Recommendations for Advancement to AO Level 4.

MOTION: To accept advancements to Level 4 certifications as presented.
M/S/C Schram/Newman/Unanimous

LEVEL 4 ADVANCEMENTS:

East:

4764627	BROWN, Cindy CO 4
5280995	WIDGER, Travis CO 4, CR 4, JA 4
5965074	GRANT, Chris RA 4
4988770	NORTON, John CC 4, CO 4, CR 4, RF 4

Far West:

3158045	JOSLIN, Richard Toot CO 4, JA 4
5301072	RUSSELL, Jimmy CO 4, JA 4

Intermountain:

2101699	HUNT, Jesse CR 4
4266243	STRATTON, Meri CR 4, CO 4, JA 4, RF 4, TC 4

Northern:

4943106	UELAND, Jeremy CR 4
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Rocky Mountain:

5062971	HENDERSON, Jim RA 4
3356094	NOLTING, Darlene RF 4
4886339	REVELLO, Kristina RF 4

8. Discussion Items – Additional discussion Items TBD

- 8.1. What is a “Race Arena”? Definition of “race arena” and clarification of the scope of authority of the Jury discussed; will be addressed more fully in updated education materials.
- 8.2. Volunteer Recruitment and Mentorship: In order to provide growth and depth of knowledge, a concerted effort must be made to recruit new officials and to properly educate them for the positions in which they serve.
- 8.3. Communication: Changes and updates must be communicated as required. When published, they must be forwarded to respective officials, as required.

9. Elections

9.1. At-Large Members (two for two-year terms)

MOTION: To elect Laura Sullivan and Matt Howard to serve as at-large members for a four-year (4) term.
M/S/C Ransom/Brown/Unanimous

9.2. Chair and Vice-Chair (four-year terms/maximum of two consecutive terms)

MOTION: To elect a slate of Lucy Schram as Chair and Laura Sullivan as Vice-Chair of the Alpine Officials’ Education Working Group for a four-year (4) term.
M/S/C Ransom/Lindemer/Unanimous

10. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn M/S/C Lindemer/DelliQuadri/Unanimous

Alpine Timing Experts Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Meeting Chair: John Jett – Mountain Village, CO

Roll Call:

Meeting Chair: John Jett (Rocky)
Vice Chair: Dan Chayes (East) – present
Gretchen Ransom (Central) – present
Ellen Hoffman (Far West) – present
Stanley Goldschmidt (East) – present
John Jacobs (East) – present
Tami Strong (IMD) – present
Dave Waller (Central) – present
Jake Treadwell (East) – present
Matt Howard (East) – present
Lucy Schram (Far West) – present
Eric Millbrandt (East) - excused
Allen Church (emeritus) – excused

1. Welcome and call to order at 13:00
2. Review of committee membership – Bill Gunesch requested removal as he is now staff.
3. Review and approval of agenda – approved
4. Review and approval of minutes – Dan Chayes Motion, Jake Treadwell 2nd, approved unanimous
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair – quiet and calm season as software has settled
 - 5.2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff – no report
 - 5.3. FIS representative – Tami Strong
Timing manufacturers group and Timing and Data group
Daniel sent out a report of sync + 1 report, distributed by Tami via email
Full precision not being reported is a world-wide issue
Addition to the TDTR on how the sync was completed
 - 5.4. TDTR Reviews
 - 5.5. Central – Gretchen
24 total TDTR's; many missing reports. Data issues reviewed. Ways to obtain TDTR's from results packets discussed.
 - 5.6. Intermountain – Tami
97 scored races. 100% reports available and 100% compliance on use of TDTR software. Data, rules and precision compliance reviewed. 3 EET's calculated correctly, 1 missing EET. Mentoring and education of new program discussed. Recommending to the Non Scored venues to continue to use full set up.
 - 5.7. Rocky – John

96 qualified for the review, only missing 4; 92 U.S. Ski & Snowboard, 28 FIS included. Rules problems grew a bit at sync over the hour. Data and precision compliance reviewed. Upcoming focus and education on precision to the fullest.

5.8. Far West – Lucy

135 race codes were executed, 31 non-scored, 104 scored and only missing 4 TDTR's. Data, rules and precision compliance reviewed. Discussion regarding out of compliance HT sync percentage will decrease after personnel changeover as this has been a battle for years between TnC and volunteer coordinator. Further education regarding reporting full precision will be a focus.

5.9. East – Matt

120 race codes cancelled, 189 of 400 scored, 71 of 144, 4 of 47 masters and 41 of 408 non-scored reports reviewed. Submittals are a little less this year. Receiving reports are mostly coming from RA not the TnC. One club has been identified as needing further mentorship. Data and precision compliance reviewed. More EET's submitted and one that was calculated out of the Vola Software. Overall reporting is good.

5.10. PNSA – Roger Root will be presenting a report soon.

5.11. Northern – Bob Pettit

88 codes and reviewed approx. 25 TDTR's: 44 scored, 4 cancelled. Similar issues of use of precision and sync plus one.

6. Old business

6.1. Timing form distribution – previous reviewers will continue on for the 17-18 season.

6.2. TDTR as PDF only (no excel) – continue with pdf form in the Master Packet and encourage use of the software. One small section of time where software was not working and problem resolved quickly via FIS IT.

6.3. Review timing equipment requirements for different race levels
ACR U611.2.5 Timing without cable – upside down venues (wireless finish)

Dan Chayes Motion, 2nd Tami Strong, Passed Unanimously

For Non-scored races, start times or impulses can be transmitted to a timer at the finish operating in TOD mode, or printed instantly at the start or finish. Net times should be calculated in a timely manner.

ACR 611.2.1.1 Start Gate – exemption for auto return to end in 17-18
No exemption extension. Education and communication to the ROC's.

6.4. Education materials updates for AOEWG -
Timing review TnC 1 – Marty Besant, then to Matt Howard and Lucy Schram
Timing review TnC 3 – Matt Howard and Lucy Schram
Thelma requests that Matt/Lucy be pro-active with starting a power point on TOD EET.

6.5. Review of Replacement time practices –
John Jett, Tami Strong, Matt Howard and Lucy Schram completed studies on replacement times. Similar results between the reports.
Dave Pym requested that we send our reports to Tami so that a compiled report can be submitted to the FIS. Two other nations and manufacturers are reviewing this process too. Tami will report back to the TWG.

7. New business

7.1 Equipment expirations, extension for all sensors (start gate and photocells)

Recent update that the 2018 expiration for sensors might be extended to 2023. Further information to follow the FIS updates.

7.2 Non-scored races and requirement for TDTR –

Motion by Stanley Goldschmidt, 2nd Jake Treadwell Passed Unanimously

611.2 A Timing and Data Technical report form must be completed for ~~each scored competition, and for each non-scored championship competition,~~ all competitions and submitted with the results to U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

8. Elections - Change in format requires elections for this year. Two, four year terms for Chair and Vice Chair.

8.1. Chair – Motion by Tami Strong, 2nd Stanley Goldschmidt, Passed unanimously to nominate John Jett as Chair.

9. Vice Chair – Motion by Jake Treadwell motion, 2nd Matt Howard, Passed unanimously to nominate Dan Chayes as Vice Chair

10. Adjournment 14:30
Motion to adjourn by Lucy Schram, 2nd Jake Treadwell.

Alpine U.S. Ski & Snowboard TDs

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Tony Nunnikhoven – Bozeman, MT (Resigned)

Meeting Chair: Doug Hall

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Review 2016 Committee Membership and Roll Call
 - Scott Young AK
 - Phil GilanFarr FW
 - Brad Ghent Rocky
 - Gretchen Ransom Central

Guests: Mike Ginsberg, Ted Dunn, Carl Guenzel, Charlie Burnham, John Jett, Christopher Ogilvie, Ronald Rupert, Dan Chayes, Jonathan Manderfield, Mike Hammer, Bill Brooks, Paul Mahre, Ron Bonnevie, Jeff Dekko, Bob Petit, Jordan Stone, Ingrid Simonson, Dave Pym, Matt Howard, Ted Newton, Dave Waller, Roger Perricone, John Jacobs, Jeff Weinman, Ellen Hoffman, Roger Root, Lucy Schram, Thelma Hoessler.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda
Motion #1: To Approve with 5. Move to New Business M/S/C: Ransom/Ghent/Unanimous
4. Review and Approval of May, 2016 Minutes
Motion #2: To Approve M/S/C: Ransom/Ghent/Unanimous
5. Review 2017 Operating Procedure Requirements
 - 5.1. Working Group Structure
 - Chair reviewed the new format of the working group.
 - 5.2. Identify 2017 WG Membership
 - 5.2.1. 2 Representatives from each of the 3 Regions
 - East: Mike Brown and Mike Cosman
 - Rocky/Central: Brad Ghent and Gretchen Ransom
 - West: Scott Young and Phil GilanFarr
 - 5.2.2. 2 At-Large Members (allowed)
 - The committee will review and select at the next meeting
 - 5.2.3. Chairman is not a Region Representative
 - 5.3. Election of WG Chair
Brad Ghent nominated Chuck Hughes. Unanimous Approval
 - 5.4. Election of At-Large Members
 - 5.5. Election of WG Vice Chair (one of the region representatives or a member at-large)
Thelma nominated Brad Ghent. Unanimous Approval
6. Reports
 - 6.1. Chair

- Reviewed the new structure and mission of the working group.
 - Bruce Crane discussed homologation reports with respect to vertical drop. TD's should use the report and verify the data. Bruce indicated that Courses working group is looking for new course inspectors and how to apply as a TD level 2 or above.
- 6.2. Eastern Region
- Reviewed education of Officials
- 6.3. Rocky/Central Region
- Rocky: Good Season with no issues. (3) new level 3 TD's
 - Central: Looking for a new regional manager. Potential issues with gate counts. (1) new level 3 TD.
- 6.4. Western Region
- AK: Reorganizing and recruiting
 - FW: A heavy winter season. Have a number of new TD's and (1) new level 3 TD.
- 6.5. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Representative
- Encourage TD's to final review the race packet on-line once it is uploaded.
- 6.6. FIS TD Representative
- Discussed Age Change potential at the FIS level will not occur at this time.
 - TD Update schedule: West: Vancouver BC Oct 20-22 and East: Lake Placid Oct 27-29.
- 6.7. U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD Expense Reports
- Thelma indicated these reports need to be reviewed periodically during the season by each region's representative.
 - Chair suggested that each region assign people to review the race packets and TD reports during the season and report.
 - Bruce Crane discussed vertical drop verifications by TD's and suggested that the TD use the homologation report and verify
7. Old Business - None
8. New Business
- 8.1. Email address for receipt of U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD Reports
- Lucy Schram has setup an account that currently has 220 emails.
- 8.2. Access to email address
- Lucy Schram will provide access to the new Chair or his assignee.
- 8.3. True North Award
- This award is to honor an exceptional race secretary. Committee is working to have this award included in the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Awards program. The 2017 recipient is Esther Delliquadri
- 8.4. TD Education
- 8.4.1. Review of Race Packet
- Numerous Race packets were found to be incomplete or had errors especially unscored.

- Extensive discussion about education of TD's to properly complete, review and approve. TD's should obtain a copy of the race packet prior to leaving the venue. Jury inspection of course set

8.5 Homologations Reports

- Bruce Crane indicated that there are many re-homologations which need to be verified in the next few years with limited number of Inspectors. They are seeking new inspectors with officials that have a minimum of Level 2 TD certification.
- The committee supported the suggestion to utilize Level 3 TD's to assist with inspections within each region.

8.6 Classification

- Chair reviewed issues with respect to exceptional races. Paul Van Skye suggested developing an education opportunity of how to be proactive in preventing exceptional races. Gretchen offered to work on this as an education tool for TD's.

9. Closed Session

9.1. Advancements

- Motion #3: To accept advancements to Level 3 TD certifications as presented. M/S/C Ranson/Brown/Unanimous

East: John Higgins TD3

Rocky/Central: Peter Daily TD3 / Darlene Nolting TD3 / Tom Ptach TD3

West: Lucy Schram TD3

10. Adjournment

Motion #4:: To adjourn at 4:52pm. M/S/C Ghent/GilanFarr/Unanimous

Alpine Courses Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane – Park City, UT

1. Welcome and call to order / rules of order for this meeting
2. Review of committee membership and roll call

Present: Ron Bonneau, Mike Browne, Jeff Byrne, Dan Chayes, Bruce Crane, Kurt Engel, Brad Ghent, Stanley Goldschmidt, Doug Hall, John Jacobs, Paul Mahre, John Norton, Ted Sutton, Scott Young; excused: Robert Calderwood, Ellen Galbraith, Parker Gray, Peter Stwertka, Tom Winters; not present: Roger Kimball; staff: Jeff Weinman, J.J. Ehlers; in-training: Grant Lindemer, Jonathan Manderfield, Gretchen Ransom, Ron Rupert; advisors: Paul Van Slyke; guests: Dave Pym, Cole Greer, Bob Petitt, Jordan Stone, Mike Ginsberg, Ted Dunn

3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion 1: To accept the Agenda as prepared and circulated prior to the meeting, subject to additions under 9. 'New Business'. Chayes/Byrne/Unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes of May 2016 meeting

Motion 2: To accept the Minutes of the previous meeting – May 12, 2016 – as distributed in May 2016 following that meeting, published on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard web site, and distributed prior to this May 2017 meeting. Chayes/Byrne/Unanimous

5. Announcements

Moment for remembrance of Gerry Rinaldi.

6. Reports

- 6.1 Chairman

Report distributed prior to meeting. Main points reviewed. Thanks extended to all inspectors for their work but in particular to Engel, Galbraith, Sutton, and Ghent.

- 6.2 FIS activity and subcommittee, review & revision of ICR 650

Revision of FIS Inspector Report form underway for use in this season.

Review and revision of ICR 650 underway.

Pym commented on lighting requirements and proposal for reducing minimum vertical drop.

Van Slyke reviewed previous FIS Subcommittee meetings, which he had attended.

Crane to continue as coordinator for assignments and follow up on inspections and reporting. Noted that U.S. Ski & Snowboard makes request for assignments to FIS; official assignment is made by FIS.

Open issue of official FIS representation (full member of FIS Alpine Courses SC with vote).

- 6.3 Venue Workshop

Successful Venue Workshop Tuesday afternoon, Ron Rupert coordinating for Ellen Galbraith.

Desire is to continue this program, with closer integration with Club Excellence program, if possible.

Discussion of need to provide information on courses – best practices, surface preparation, protection – to organizers and to help venues find value in developing site and infrastructure.

6.4 Coordination with AO Education, FIS and U.S. Ski & Snowboard TDs working groups

Chairman noted that issues of immediately previous seasons appear to have been resolved.

Will continue this initiative with same coordinators: Browne, Goldschmidt, and Winters.

6.5 Inspectors comments

Remarks and considerable discussion about the time and difficulty involved in creating inspection report documents/packet. Significant challenge for inspectors, and especially for in-training.

Discussion of the need for specific education/resources for doing reports; 'curriculum' for inspectors in-training and for newer inspectors is needed.

Discussion of potential for development of specific reporting 'tools' – software.

Pym reported FIS as being close to finishing a beta version of a digital inspection report template to assist with the creation of a standardized report packet. (Can this be adapted for U.S. Ski & Snowboard?)

6.6 U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff and Technical Advisors comments

Migration of some tasks to Comp Services staff has been very successful. (Big thanks to J.J. Ehlers)

7. Processes and reporting; inventory

7.1 FIS homologation process, issues and developments; FIS fees increase, authorization of Chairman

No change in U.S. Ski & Snowboard fees for FIS homologation requests.

FIS inspectors' responsibility for reporting is to FIS through the Alpine Courses SC chair, Elena Gaja.

Motion 3: To recommend to the FIS Subcommittee and Alpine Tech Subcommittee, respectively Alpine Sport Committee (ASC), that the chairman of the Alpine Courses Working Group be authorized to propose amendments to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) section 650 as necessary and appropriate should there be changes in the FIS ICR 650 subsequent to this U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress.

Such proposed amendments shall be provided to at least three of the current USA FIS alpine course inspectors for review and comment, and to the chairman of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Rules Working Group for 'vetting', prior to submission to the FIS Subcommittee chairman, respectively Alpine Sport Committee chairman. Hall/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

7.2 U.S. Ski & Snowboard homologation process, issues and developments, authorization of Chairman

7.3 Reports and documentation/exhibits, standardization, development of reporting tools

Considerable discussion of the need for a digital reporting 'tool' (see also item 6.5 preceding).

Development of such a tool will likely mean further standardization of both the output – report package – and the process – what does the place provide and what are the inspector's tasks ?

It was noted that Garmin has acquired DeLorme. TopoNA software no longer supported; however, Garmin may be more receptive to working with U.S. Ski & Snowboard re digital tools.

See 8.4 following regarding reporting of U.S. Ski & Snowboard GS/SL on same course.

- 7.4 Homologation inventory, expiring courses and new requests, inspector assignments
2017-18 expectations discussed. Inspector assignments made according to applications in hand.
Chairman will confirm these assignments and follow up as before. Assignments to be made and confirmed as applications and fees are received.

8. Old business

8.1 Reminders and housekeeping

Chairman reviewed distributed list, noting items of concern with report packets.

It was noted that protection plans need to be specific to different variants.

8.2 Work load 2018-2020

Considerable discussion of encouraging places to request rehomologations in advance of expiration – noting both possible incentives and disincentives – so that some of the 2019-20 and 2020-21 workload is shifted forward to 2017-18 and 2018-19.

In some parts of U.S. Ski & Snowboard this also is very important for training opportunities.

Communication with places can be challenging; U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff is assisting.

Hall, Ransom, Ghent, and Mahre agreed to take responsibility to work with regional/divisional leadership and U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff. Text to be developed for 'messaging' the need for earlier submission of requests – April, May, June – and for rehomologation in advance of expiry seasons. Browne and Byrne offered to assist with this text.

Number of new inspectors 'in-training' very positive, but development opportunities must be prioritized, particularly in Central.

Discussion of seeking assistance from qualified individuals to expedite inspections and reporting.

8.3 NASTAR

It was reiterated that the working group is not involved with this (successful) franchise program.

8.4 U.S. Ski & Snowboard GS/SL homologation

By consensus, without vote, to stipulate separate report packets for U.S. Ski & Snowboard GS and SL on same trail (no change in fee; single fee will continue to apply)

Considerable discussion about the possibility that U.S. Ski & Snowboard GS homologation could provide automatically for U.S. Ski & Snowboard SL homologation, without a separate, specific SL homologation. Current rules require homologations to be specific by event (discipline), so this is not possible without rules change. No proposal made.

Discussion continued regarding possibility of homologations specific to age or ability categories. No proposal for change to existing requirements whereby homologation is based on potential use of course by all levels. There is a single standard by event/discipline.

8.5 Security of data/homologation reports on U.S. Ski & Snowboard website

Chayes is communicating with U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff to address this potential issue.

8.6 Structure and process of working group (ASC Operating Procedures)

ASC procedures as they apply to the working group were reviewed. There is no change in the manner of membership in the working group – all USA FIS and U.S. Ski & Snowboard alpine course inspectors.

8.7 Task/responsibility delegation: Planning/Issues, Operations, Education & Continuing Ed

Brief mention of potential assignment of specific tasks to working group members by the chairman. Chairman will follow up after the meeting in regard to:

Issues and Planning, Meeting Preparation

Assignments, Process, Operations

Information Technology Resources and Development of Digital 'Tools'

Education and Materials, including review of web postings, application, report, Comp Guide text, etc.

9. New business

ASC proposals regarding changes of direction re course setting were reviewed and discussed. Discussion extended to include consideration of min/max gates on short and steep or long and flat hills. No position statement proposed.

10. General comments and announcements

11. Closed session

11.1 Identification and development of inspectors; continuing activity

11.2 Working Group membership; inspectors-in-training, honorary members

Status of current in-training inspectors was reviewed, noting what each needed to complete. No proposals for U.S. Ski & Snowboard recognition of new U.S. Ski & Snowboard inspectors were made.

Nominations for new inspectors in-training were presented by the chairman and reviewed by the working group. Seven individuals were added on the basis of these nominations. (Records of nominations and seconds per working group procedures are available from the chairman.)

Motion 4: To recognize new inspectors "in-training", they having been duly nominated and 'vetted', each to work with a mentor according to the procedures for development of U.S. Ski & Snowboard course inspectors. Hall/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

Ron Rupert / Jeff Dekko / Jake Treadwell / Ted Newman, Jr.

Grant Lindemer / Carl Guenzel / Phil GilanFarr

For information: Current inspectors in-training, continuing - Mark Lamberson, Ted Lockwood, Roger Perricone, Gretchen Ransom; and Jonathan Manderfield.

Chairman and respective mentor to review status and program with each.

No proposals for Emeritus status were made at this time.

No elections required for this working group this year. Chairman and Vice-chairman agreed to continue for the next year with the unanimous consent of the working group.

12. Adjournment

Motion 5: To adjourn. Byrne/Chayes/by acclamation (9:19pm)

Alpine Coaches Education Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 8:00 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

Interim Chair: Jon Casson – Park City, UT

Attendance: Jon Casson, Gar Trayner, Adam Chadbourne, Kathy Okoniewski, Caryn Jones, Todd Kelly, Paul Mannelin, Phil McNichol, Jon Nolting; Absent: Dani Koch, Scott McGrew, Matt Tomasko, Dave Lyon, Stacey Gerrish

Jon Casson called the meeting to order.

Jon reviewed the SME's (subject matter experts) who have been asked to help with review of materials being developed by staff Dani Koch, Scott McGrew, Matt Tomasko, Gar Trayner, Adam Chadbourne, Dave Lyon, Stacey Gerrish, Nick Herrin, and Chris Packert and Jon Casson.

Motion to approve minutes Nolting/Trayner M/S/C

Motion to approve agenda Casson/Trayner M/S/C

Nomination of Gar Trayner to committee chair M/S/C Casson/McNichol

Nomination of Stacey Gerrish to committee vice chair M/S/C Casson/Chadbourne

Jon Casson continued to lead the meeting.

It was suggested to add past task force members present at the meeting to be integrated into the working group. Those members present include Kathy Okoniewski, Caryn Jones, Todd Kelly, Paul Mannelin and Phil McNichol.

Motion to add Okoniewski, Jones, Kelly, Mannelin and McNichol to the Alpine Coaches Education Working Group M/S/C Casson/Trayner

Terry DelliQuadri asked Jon Casson why national team staff are not included with SME's and whether they have input on the curriculum. Casson indicated that Sasha has had some review and he's looking to regional staff also to advise particularly with Level 100.

Jon Casson gave his report on the Sport Education Department. The Level 100 program is being made more robust and transitioning to a blended learning approach with online modules preceding the on-snow clinics. The new LMS will give coaches more easy access to tools and is mobile friendly.

The full instructor team will do training this fall with the new content, with surveying of the instructors and participants about the clinics.

SkillsQuest will be integrated into the clinics as a foundation for the on-snow learning. SkillsQuest is presented as a coaching tool and way to teach fundamental skiing skills. It is not intended to be treated as specific events that kids train specifically for the individual exercises. This will be an emphasis in the clinics.

Discussion ensued about the challenges of hosting SkillsQuest Tournaments. The group was supportive of the educational approach proposed by staff toward SkillsQuest.

Motion to adjourn McNichol/Trayner.

Alpine Development Subcommittee: Meeting #1

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 10:05 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Mike Morin – Stratton, VT

Members:

Mike Bowman – Winter Park, CO
Charles Christianson – Anchorage, AK
Peter Dodge – Haver, NH
Kirk Dwyer – Vail, CO
Jim Hudson – Penn Valley, CA
Jesse Hunt – Park City, UT
Beat Hupfer – Mammoth Lakes, CA
Jess Kelley – Park City, UT
Chip Knight – Park City, UT
Jamie Landwehr – Sandpoint, ID
Warner Nickerson – Tilton, NH
Jon Nolting – Steamboat Springs, CO
Joe Paul – Bloomington, MN
Patrick Riml – Park City, UT

Alpine Rocky/Central Region ACC

Meeting Chair: Stefan Hughes

1. Welcome and call to order - 12:37 PM by Stefan Hughes
2. Review of committee membership and roll call -
Chair - Stefan Hughes, Vice - Chair - John Manderfield, Jeff Dekko, Don Stellin, Joe Paul, Bill Slattery, Jon Nolting, Mike Bowman, Pat Callahan, Terry DelliQuadri
3. Review and approval of agenda - M/S/C - Terry DelliQuadri/Pat Callahan
4. Review and approval of minutes Oct. 12, 2016 - M/S/C - Jeff Dekko/Jon Nolting
5. Staff reports

Alpine Development Director – Chip Knight

Rocky Central Director – Darlene Nolting - thank you to the RC Staff, Ian Dunlop, Anje Worrell and Brewster McVicker for their hard work this past year. Thank you to all the organizers that hosted regional events, Eldora, Aspen, Duluth, Winter Park, Steamboat Springs and Ski and Snowboard Club Vail. Thank you to all the volunteers and officials for all their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club for being awarded Alpine and Overall Club of the year.

Central Division Manager – Brewster McVicker

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Membership - Sheryl Barnes

- Growing and enhancing Memberships are still and will always be a focus.
- Frequently asked Question (searchable online knowledge database) is full of really great questions and answers
- Enhanced tracking mechanism to track phone calls and emails
- There are few increase in U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership fees

- Family cap is still in place, the family would have to request this refund through membership
6. Divisional ACC reports
- 6.1. Central Report - John Manderfield
- Good growth at the youth age groups.
 - 53 events and 223 races in the 1617 races
 - SkillsQuest focus at the non-scored events
 - Central champs for U8, U10, U12 at Ski Brule was great - lots of extra activities, petting zoo, air bag and SkillsQuest. 70% athletes were not U.S. Ski & Snowboard members and utilized the short term membership.
 - Central Championships U14 and older was at Afton Alps
 - Skills and Thrills at Granite Peak was at the beginning of April and was 100% focused on SkillsQuest
 - Thanks to Brewster McVicker for all his hard work and dedication to the Central.
- 6.2. Rocky Mountain Report - Mike Bowman
- Congratulate Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club on their Alpine and Overall Club of the Year Award
 - Congratulate RC on the Regions Cup wins at Junior Nationals and U16 National Championships
 - Thanks to Darlene and Anje for their work with the Region. Big thank you to the RMD Board of Directors for their support and their fundraising efforts.
 - Our condolences to Hubert Seigmann on the death of his son Stefan.
 - Continuing with All-Star fitness assessment. All-Star athletes
 - RMD will be adding a Speed camp to the calendar.
 - Recognize the Regional Qualification for Nationals is successful.
 - Decision with the board of regents at University of New Mexico will be tomorrow.
7. Old Business - None
8. New Business
- 8.1 National Proposals
- RMD Modification proposal to U.S. Ski & Snowboard U16 Nationals Quota Proposal - To take the 2 additional proposed quota spots for the first year YOB athlete and add them to the overall quota spots. M/S/C Jon Nolting/Jeff Dekko
- 8.2 Regional Proposals
- RC U16 Junior Championships - Winter Park is interested in hosting and would like to get feedback and support from this committee in what they can provide. Winter Park would be interested in hosting a two-run downhill.
 - Central's proposal for adding Speed Development to DH Training days at U16 Regional Champs - this proposal is to ask the organizer to incorporate more training/development opportunity on the downhill training days. M/S/abled Jeff Dekko/John Manderfield
 - Move to table for more discussion M/S/C Jeff Dekko/Mike Bowman

- The proposal came from Central to ask the committee to help Central better prepare their athletes to be successful at this event.
- Jon Nolting made the comment that the U16 Regional Championships is a development downhill at this event and should be set and trained appropriately.
- The addition of duals to the U14 Junior Championships

8.3 Divisional Proposals

- U10 Seeding and Awards Proposal - For the U10 age group - would be combined by YOB and gender to be seeded and awarded. This would be used as a test event for one weekend. Athletes would be seeded by TRS within their birth year. Athletes younger than first year U10 athletes would all race within the first year U10 YOB. M/S/C Jon Nolting/Mike Bowman
- Special U14 Membership - This proposal doesn't fit into the new pricing and short-term membership presented by Membership. This proposal would need to be put in place for the 1819 season. M/S/withdrawn John Manderfield/Pat Callahan
- Motion to withdraw M/S/C John Manderfield/Pat Callahan

9. Adjournment

M/S/C Jeff Dekko/John Manderfield

Alpine Rocky Central Region

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Stefan Hughes – Boulder, CO

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3. Review and approval of agenda - M/S/C - Terry DelliQuadri/Pat Callahan
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 - 5.4 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Membership - Sheryl Barnes
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8. New Business

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Motion to withdraw M/S/C John Manderfield/Pat Callahan

9. Adjournment M/S/C Jeff Dekko/John Manderfield

Alpine U16 and Older Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Jesse Hunt – Park City, UT

Jesse Hunt – Chair: Welcome to first U.S. Ski & Snowboard Development U16 and older Working Group meeting. Mike Morin did a great job of laying out the overall Alpine Development mission and long term development perspective in his Alpine Development meeting earlier today. Believe that it is critical that each level of development is working together. National Team, Regions, and Clubs need to work together (integrate) and help define where we are going. Looking forward to the input and direction from this knowledgeable committee.

1. Call to order

Roll Call completed and voting members identified:

Chip Knight, Staff
Jess Kelly, Athlete Representative
Mike Morin, Eastern Region
Tom Sell, Eastern Region
Joe Paul, Rocky/Central Region
Mike Bowen, Rocky/Central Region
Pete Korfiatis, Western Region
Jim Tschabrun, Western Region

MOTION: To nominate Todd Brickson as an at-large member.

M/S/C Korfiatis/Paul/Unanimous

Guests: Scott Graham, Terry DelliQuadri, Gwynn Watkins, Will Brandenburg, Todd Kelly, Shawn Smith, Dee Byrne, David Salathe, Kirk Dwyer, Steve Berlack, Ivar Dahl, Tony Olin, Steve Utter, Dirk Gouwens, Sparky Anderson, Darlene Nolting, Caryn Jones, Jason Moore, Paul Mannelin, Patti Nichols, Paul Van Slyke, Rogan Connell, Adam Chadbourne, Raul Guisado, Paul Mahre, Mike Ginsberg, Phil Shettig, Jeff Burrows, Sherri Hale, Brian Zipp, Beat Hupfer, David Edry, Ron Kipp, Jim Reilly, Terry Leonard, Julie Woodworth, Dan Marshall

2. Endorsed Proposals go to Alpine Development Committee for Approval

- 2.1 Equipment Proposal (from Task force) – Chip Knight presented and gave background. Landscape has changed since the age change, resulting in more U.S. Ski & Snowboard U16 racing and less U.S. Ski & Snowboard racing at the FIS races. Task force recommends allowing U19 and older athletes to race on U16 regulation skis in U.S. Ski & Snowboard Races. This proposal is geared for the participatory athlete to keep them in the sport. Working Group discussion.

CALL TO VOTE: Unanimous Approval

Working Group recommended that the Equipment Matrix includes guidelines (education) for elite and development equipment specs.

- 2.2 Starting Order at U16 US Championships – Chip Knight presented and gave background. Working Group discussion.

CALL TO VOTE: Opposed 8 / Approved 1

- 2.3 U16 Nationals Quota – Chip Knight presented and gave background. Staff's first proposal was to increase U16 quota for 1st Year U16s, Rocky came back with an amendment to increase at both U16 age levels.

U16 Nationals Quota – Chip Knight presented and gave background for staff's proposal to increase quota for 1st year U16s. Rocky/Central supported an amended proposal to maintain current quota for 1st year U16s and increase overall quota for all U16s. The staff proposal was amended to

eliminate automatics to U16 Nationals, increase regional quota from 3 to 5 for 1st year U16s, and increase regional overall quota for all U16s from 5 to 7.

CALL TO VOTE: Unanimous Approval

- 2.4 Exceeding Maximum gate count on sub-standard slalom courses – Mike Morin presented the proposal for Paul Van Slyke

Proposal Tabled – Working Group requested proposal makers to look at the current course setting matrix to see if it could cover this issue.

- 2.5 Clarify Rules for scoring of Parallel Dual events – Dirk Gouwens (NYSRA) presented and gave background. Would like to have clarification for single pole slalom set to slalom specs be scored. Would require two separate timing systems, need to have timing rules clarified.

Upon discussion, the Working Group proposed to move forward as a test event for next season.

CALL TO VOTE: Move forward as test event for next season 1/Opposed 7/Approved

- 2.6 U16 National Performance Series Quotas – Chip Knight presented and gave background. This proposal gives more discretion to the Regions for selection.

Working Group discussion.

CALL TO VOTE: Unanimous Approval

- 2.7 Super G Children's Course Setting Matrix – Beat Hupfer (FW) presented and gave background. This proposal's goal is to make SG setting cleaner by eliminating the direction changes based upon a percentage of vertical drop. Would lead to eliminating conflicting rules.

Working Group discussion

CALL TO VOTE: Opposed 1 / Approved 7

3. Review of NPS for U16 and U19 athletes - where are we and how effective has this series been.

- 3.1 Chip Knight U16 NPS Competition and Training Reviewed:

- Copper – SG focus great event
- Burke – Competition focus, surface very challenging. Great learning opportunity.
- Nations Cup - athletes selected from Burke Competition events.
- Whistler Cup
- Goal – to aggregate the athletes, broaden the qualification process, great touch points for athletes – athletes charged up and built on each process.

- 3.2 Chip Knight U19 NPS Competition and Training Reviewed:

- Waterville Project
- Aspen Speed Project
- U19 Nationals
- Goal to create intense race/training opportunity to prepare athletes for NorAms and have them be competitive. Cross over with C Team athletes to get them a point opportunity and create pace. Signs are pointing to it being a successful program, with objective markers. Worked training in with races. Struggled with scheduling.

- 3.3 Working Group Comments:

- Could there be more of a regional process, one to include more kids and to keep cost down.
- Regional athletes are already racing against each other, would like to see another U16 NPS project added.

- Burke surface with natural injection was a great experience for Western Athletes to experience
- Before the age change 15 year olds were racing FIS and World Cups, believe raising the bar at the U16 age group is good.
- Challenge of establishing athletes race schedule incorporating NPS projects with their regional qualifiers and training blocks.
- Regions discussed ways they adjusted qualifying procedures to help reduce over racing: double boards, national selection, granting automatic status to athletes who attend National projects/races if they conflict with qualifying races.
- Chip Knight – our hope with both NPS opportunities is that coaches and athletes would use these as enhancements and not try to do everything.
- Why are there more NPS opportunities for U16s but not U19s, especially a Europe trip for long term development, we need to continue the opportunities for the U19.
- National and Regional Staff needs to do a better job at getting National and Regional Camp info and selections out in a timely manner. Not after clubs have made their camp plans.

4. Discussion - How can we at the Region help elevate the U19 group?

- Chip Knight – Help identify athletes and push the kids forward, let them know the bar can be raised. Believe staff can help facilitate participation at a regional level, but do need help from the regional level.
- Patrick Riml – We need to coordinate the needs at each level of programming so we are not doubling up efforts. Trying to do a lot, but not doing all well. Funding is a big issue. We need to establish a plan together. How can we be most effective with what we have right now? Is it more effective for staff to coordinate and run NorAms or set up and coordinate regional camps?

5. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn.

M/S/C Korfiatis/Morin/Unanimous

Alpine Regional Subcommittee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom proxy for Craig Krueger

Dan Marshall (East)	Present
Connie Webster (East)	Absent
Stefan Hughes (Rocky)	Present
John Manderfield (Central)	Present
Todd Kelly (West)	Present
Bill Brooks (West)	Present
Densmore (Masters)	Absent

Minutes submitted by Lucy Schram

Guests: Deb Lewis, Terry DelliQuadri, Karen Ghent, Martin Guyer, Caryn Jones, Ron Kipp, Dee Byrne, Beat Hupfer, Kathy Okoniewski, Curt Hammond, Dan Henry, Ryan Shorter, Tao Smith, Tony Olin, Scott Graham, Jason Moore, Ivar Dahl, Bill Skinner, Dan Chayes, Esther DelliQuadri

Staff: Gwynn Watkins, Bill Gunesch, Tiger Shaw, Patti Nichols, Darlene Nolting, Chip Knight

1. Welcome

Darryl Landstrom welcomed everyone to the first Regional Sub Committee meeting. This will be an open meeting focusing on Governance and future committee involvement.

2. Mission of the Alpine Regional Subcommittee

Opportunity to exchange information of what is working and not working. How are we managing head tax? Find ways to improve overall operations.

3. Regional Season Review (Governance; By-Laws; Affiliation Agreement; Handbook)

Submission of divisional handbooks at beginning of season, recap of head tax need to be in prior to the Fall Conference Call. Each division needs to submit these to the Regional Sub Committee representatives.

3.1. Eastern Region (Webster/Marshall)

Eastern ACC meeting three weeks ago, no big issues. A couple of proposals that came forth, thank you to Chip Knight for attendance and guidance. Well run. Congratulations to new Chair and Vice Chair.

3.2. Rocky/Central (Hughes/Manderfield)

Rocky: Two weeks ago both ACC's met. One proposal moved forward on U16 quota amendment to U16 Nationals. U16 Speed; athlete retention is important.

U10 proposal to allow YOB to race against each other not split gender. Requested trial weekend.

Central– working to find ways for athlete retention and building programs.

Athletes are participating in slalom but not GS. Some challenges have been equipment.

3.3. Western Region (Kelly/Brooks)

Philosophical discussion regarding coaching and addition of a few task forces. Couple of proposals that were worked through, balanced calendar passed and calendar committee structure is working well. Proposal to send six U14 athletes of each gender to Whistler Cup. Request for Far West to host 2 events outside the competition season. Course setting proposal regarding U12.U14 SG percentage to be removed.

Requiring use of U.S. Ski & Snowboard online registration for WR projects. Review of ability class racing based on U.S. Ski & Snowboard points division into categories: 10%, 20%, 30%, 40% and then the 999's. Opportunity to switch categories by U.S. Ski & Snowboard and PNSA points. Evens out the age category idea.

- 3.4. Masters (Lewis standing in for Densmore)
 - Committee meeting held during Masters Nationals
 - FIS World Masters Criterium in March at Big Sky; Nationals in Okemo
 - Working on membership and retention. New Mid Atlantic Masters group.
- 3.5. Chip Knight Report
 - 3.5.1. Create grassroots voice in national governance structure
 - 3.5.2. Focus on retention at U12, U14 and U16 levels
 - 3.5.3. communicate the pipeline more effectively to the community
 - 3.5.4. foster an inclusive model that includes high school and college racing
 - 3.5.5. calendar end of season celebratory championships
 - 3.5.6. broaden event offerings to include: skills days, dual events, team formats
4. Current Committee Directive/Agenda
 - 4.1. Governance representation around the country – membership reviewed at beginning
 - 4.2. Regional Issues dealing with Governance
5. Future Committee Involvement
 - 5.1. Regional Athletics SkillsQuest discussion on how each division/region is using SkillsQuest at Regional vs. Divisional Champs / Tournament vs. Skill based teaching / Awards and fee structures / U10 U12 Skills Quest Festival: Skills in AM, Duals in the afternoon
6. New Business
 - 6.1. Membership growth reviewed regionally. Retention goal for U16 and older age group. Discussion regarding ability class racing, fun ideas such as duals, season ending celebration/year end festival ideas, team events, etc. Chip provided graphs on membership trends, drop at age class change, and data per age class.
 - 6.2. High School racing
 - Eastern High School Championships is strong; 235 athletes in 2017 season, a U.S. Ski & Snowboard race. Score top 6 finishers; still get a second run if DNF first run as they can score team points.
 - Central runs largest event score divisionally and team. Athletes will attend HS event instead of Rocky/Central Championships. Wisconsin High School Team events, both ski and board. Not affiliated with the schools, supported by the teams and the community.
 - Rocky not as much crossover of U.S. Ski & Snowboard vs. HS athletes
 - California approx. 220 skiers & 220 snowboards at the HS champs, approx. 2% U.S. Ski & Snowboard crossover
 - Oregon large high school league of racers, not U.S. Ski & Snowboard racers.
 - Minnesota approx. 1800 HS athletes, small percentage participating in both.

Alpine Eastern Region Committee Meeting

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit A
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Eastern ACC met in Park City for what turned out to be a very productive, well attended meeting. Other regions use the Park City meetings to host their regional meetings but the east has traditionally met in region for a three-day series of meetings. This year the east had been give a two-hour block of time to meet. The decision was to provide those in attendance with an update of the Eastern meetings that took place in Rutland in April.

Martin kicked things off with a welcome and then proceeded to provide an overview of the regional report. Highlights of the women's World Cup event hosted by Killington back in November drew high praise from athletes, patrons, U.S. Ski & Snowboard and the FIS organizing Committee. Martin pointed out that it would be great to see all eight divisions represented at the World Cup next year!

On the FIS competition end of things the East had what has become a typical winter, off to a fast start with great snow conditions and then warm weather, rain causing issues with the schedule. Overall, a successful season.

Eastern ski areas were busy this year playing host to a number of National events. Nor-Am Finals, US National Championships, US Junior National Championships and U16 National Championships all at Sugarloaf. NCAA National Championships hosted by Franconia Ski Club and Holderness Schools at Cannon/Mittersill. The culmination was the East winning the Tom Garner Cup at the US Nationals for the first time since 1993.

There was spirited discussion regarding the proposal going before the ASC with respect to using U16 equipment regulations for U19 athletes racing U.S. Ski & Snowboard. It is well documented nationally that athletes are choosing high school ski racing over U.S. Ski & Snowboard racing particularly in light of the rule requiring U19 men and women to ski on a 30m GS ski. Those in attendance believed this proposal to allow for U19's to ski on U16 regulated equipment goes a long way towards stemming the flow from U.S. Ski & Snowboard to high school racing.

Sheryl Barnes provided an update on license updates and answered a number of questions regarding types of memberships and cost. More clubs have jumped on board and are now using the U.S. Ski & Snowboard web site for divisional and U.S. Ski & Snowboard sign ups. A question from the audience asked if NHARA was using the U.S. Ski & Snowboard web site for its sign ups. Some of the software required by NHARA is not there yet. Sheryl and her team have done a great job making improvements to the online signup portal and continuing to sort out the different types of memberships and cost structures for each. Many thanks to Sheryl for taking the time to attend the meeting and present the membership updates.

The East can be proud of its divisional, regional and national accomplishments this year of which there were many. The opportunity to provide an open forum for discussion and overview for those in attendance at U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress was well received. We look forward to participating in this forum next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Marshall
May 24, 2017

Alpine Club Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit A
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interim Chair: Ellen Adams – Park City, UT

Members: Roger Brown – Richmond, VT; Steve Cohan – Madison, WI; Kirk Dwyer – Vail, CO; John Norton – Lake Placid, NY; Jory Macomber; John Scheimer – Bend, OR; Tami Strong – Salt Lake City, UT

Attendance: Anna Hosmer, Jon Casson, Ellen Adams, Jon Nolting, Tami Strong, Bob Devaney, Karen Ghent, Jory Macomber, Peter Stokloza, John Norton, John Scheimer, Jamie Preston, Sarah Getzelman, Laura Sullivan, Kathy Okoniewski, Maren Hosmer, Dirk Gouwens

Absent: Steve Cohan, Roger Brown, Kirk Dwyer

AGENDA:

1. Welcome and call to order – Ellen Adams called the meeting to order
2. Motion to Review of membership and roll call – Ellen Adams
3. Motion to Review and approval of agenda – Tami Strong/ John Norton/All
4. Review and approval of minutes – All in favor
5. Election of chair and vice-chair – Tami Strong Chair – Jory Macomber Vice-Chair – Motioned by John Scheimer // all in favor.
6. Reports

Old business Club Development FY17 - Club Development Manager – Adams

- Designed and implemented process on how to advance from Bronze-Silver-Gold.
- Added two new bronze club consultants and nine new peer reviewers.
- Designed and initiated a re-certification process for nine silver and gold clubs.
- Reported on best principles and practices presented as “Gold Nuggets”.
- Aligned monthly club excellence webinars with the eight areas of organizational performance assessed during the certification process. Launched pilot for fee-based consulting services.
- Hosted first Gold Club Leadership Forum at 2017 Club Excellence conference.
- Provided opportunities for U.S. Ski and Snowboard partners and affiliates. Conducted podium club survey and reported on training volumes and types at all phases of athlete development.
- Conducted club compensation survey but still waiting on results from clubs. Total Podium Certified Clubs: 36 Total – 10 Bronze – 6 Silver – 20 Gold
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New business Club Development FY18 - Club Development Manager – Adams

- Certification resources shift from large number of Silver/Gold Certification to bringing more clubs into the process of Bronze level certification.
- First round of re-certification process beginning Summer 2017.
- Add 4 regional Club Excellence Conferences.
- Promotion and expansion of club consulting services.
- Revise and update the 2013 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Club Handbook; would like to find someone in this working group to help with this project.

- Pilot programs for USCSA “Club within a Club” program and Club NASTAR programming.
- Recertification 2017/18: BMA, Buck Hill, KMS, NYSEF, Rowmark, Vail, SMS, WVBBTS.

Questions/Comments:

- Tami Strong/Laura Sullivan asked why this club development program has not been applied to divisions/regions. Work with regional and divisional leaders, and staff to understand the club development program.
- Ideas – Jon and Ellen could piggy back the regional Fall Symposiums, set up informational webinars; we just need to know when to do it and make sure the right people are there.
- Sarah Getzelman asked if 4-year re-certification process set in stone. what do you think about a 5-year re- certification plan? Programming practices will be a main focus for re-certification.
- Bob Devaney – re-certification keeps clubs accountable for our recommendations.

Sport Education Director – Jon Casson

- Old Business - Jon Casson gave his report on Sport Education Updates. Biggest undertaking this year has been revising the level 100 with expected roll out in September/October. Updates to Training Systems matrix, updated with training hours per season.
- New Business Will be putting all our sport education video resources on a new platform videos.uss.org over the Summer we will be moving over the content from now YouTube to this new site. Club Development next step would be more outreach to smaller clubs and focusing on Bronze certified clubs. Sport parenting resources is a priority.

Questions/Comments

- Karen Ghent – asked how we know if we are following the training systems if it's actually working. Once we get data from Clubs we will be able to relate the data to outcomes.
- Jon Nolting – asked if FastStart will be revised, and if it will still be a requirement next year. Jon Casson replied FastStart course will stay as a requirement for this year but we may revise that in the future and just have new coaches take the online modules that proceeded the level 100 on-snow clinics.

High performance partnerships

- Four partnerships: National training sites: elite specific partnerships on-snow – Development/Regional Training Site – Regional Certified COE – elite high level partnership where team athletes can train and get the same services as the Park City COE – High performance Center Program.

Gold Club Leadership Forum Meeting – Ellen Adams

- Open discussion with gold clubs to identify trends, led by Ellen Adams - biggest take away:
 - All the clubs really want feedback on the compensation survey feedback.
 - Gap between actual program costs and programs fees.
 - Difference between need-based scholarships and subsidized program fees are a real concern.
 - Economic Impact. HR Practices International coaches and required visas can be complicated.
 - Volunteer Management – Reimbursable fee model is not always effective. Resort owned clubs – financial partnerships that might be able to give clubs budget relief.

Questions/Comments

- Jon Casson – gap of finance and funding and how much our sports cost is a re-occurring issue. Ideas on how you balance funding at each of your clubs; see if we can come up with ideas to bring to the costs down
- Jory - relationships with their mountains and a credible relationship report, guide to developing a report on how much the clubs bring to the resort. Guide to economic impact report.

- Karen – compensation/club fee increase/vs. losing athletes because the coaches are being paid too high.
- Program fees survey along with the compensation survey – how much relates to compensation to coaches etc.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Single subject teleconferences - Quarterly
- Regional Excellence Conferences led by Ellen and Jon – cross pollination between diverse groups of clubs.
- Develop a Club Mentor Program
- Awards working group lunch – Club of the Year award for a development club – commitment to youth development. 2018 season we will have a development club of the year award. Gold Level award. One award overall, not by sport.
- Ellen Adams will work with Chair and Vice Chair to identify new projects –
- Send Ellen schedules so she knows when the best time would be to meet with divisions/regions.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn Ellen Adams – John Norton and Jory Macomber 4:41pm

Alpine Rules Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Alpine
Wednesday, May 10, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Gary Wright (retired); Vice Chair: John Jett

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
 - 2.1. All present with the exception of Gary Wright (excused)
 - 2.2. Review of new committee charter and membership requirements
 - 2.3. Primarily has been maintain the words in the ACR
 - 2.4. Comments from Paul Van Slyke
 - 2.4.1. Projects:
 - Review ACR/ICR that they are up to date
 - Following Congress, may be tasked with wordsmithing of rules for new events (ex. Dual Single Pole Slalom)
 - Carl has been appointed by the sport committee to be an expert for this group
3. Review and approval of Agenda (MS Howard / Connell)
4. Review and approval of 2016 Minutes (MS Hoessler / Connell)
5. Old business
 - 5.1. Review status of ICR / ACR integration
 - 5.1.1. Direction to update from Sport Committee. Volunteers will be contacted to see how this can be divided up between committee members.
The FIS document that is approved and current will be used to make the changes. Redline version should be up earlier with the change to the Fall Meeting Schedule (Rogan, Matt, Mike, Carl)
 - 5.2. Review status second run starts for DNF / DSQ U621.11.3.1 and U621.11.3.2
 - 5.2.1. Seems like it's working. Accounting on the referee report is clearing up the majority of the issues. The athletes like it. Time constraints have been the only issue to running it. This is not a must rule. This can probably be removed from the agenda for next year.
 - 5.3. Review status from updated Dual/Parallel rules
 - 5.3.1. Primarily seems to be two formats being used
 - Two runs combined; these are usually covered under 'normal' SL/GS rules with the exception of a second run start list generation.
 - Some form of qualification/seeding with brackets or elimination.
 - There is a feeling that there needs to be more direction to the OC on what needs to happen.
6. New business
 - 6.1. New Member addition for Carl Gunzel
 - 6.2. NYSSRA Parallel SL proposal

- Running a 'normal' slalom with all the same rules (not vertical) but have an identical course that is run in parallel. Second run start would take the top 15 from each course and flip them. They would then run the opposite course. NYSSRA will run 2 test events and then report back.
- 801.1.5 needs to be cleaned up.

This group needs to confirm rules that would support this concept

Motion: After review, the group supports the proposal from NYSSRA if approved by the Sport Committee and rule adjustments will be made as required.

MS Hammer / Hoessler Unanimous

6.3. Adjustment for Slalom Gate Counts on substandard hills

- 6.3.1. Has been tabled by subcommittee. U16 rules could be applied to this, so there is more discussion forthcoming.

6.4. Diagram is not correct for 801.2.3 Paragraph 2.

- 6.4.1. Need to add max of 1m to the picture

Motion to modify the diagram on page 118 to follow the text of ACR 801.2.3 to include the maximum separation

MS Connell/Howard – Unanimous

6.5. Start Referee Rule Change (601.3.3 and 601.3.4)

- 6.5.1. Start and Finish Ref must be JA, COR, or COC

Motion to support certification requirements for Start and Finish Referee as COR, COC, or JA at all events and changes to rules U601.3.3. and U601.3.4

MS Hoessler/Hammer Unanimous

6.6. Rule 611.2.1 has been removed from the ICR.

- 6.6.1. Much shorter than what is in the ACR currently

Will be found elsewhere in the ICR once revisions are made, so will just require making the changes to the ACR as well

6.7. TDTR must be completed for all competitions

Motion to change 611.2 to require TDTRs to be submitted for all competitions

MS Howard/Gunzel Unanimous

7. Adjourn

Alpine U14 and Younger Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Ivers
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

8:15am Sally Utter called the meeting to order

Sally Utter proxy for Jim Hudson (Chair)

Roll Call and identification of committee members.

Sally reviewed the purpose of the committee and confirmed that all regions of the country are well represented.

Brief review of the Agenda and identification of additional items.

Motion to approve the agenda M/S/C Joe Paul, Terry DelliQuadri

Since this is the first meeting of this committee there are no prior minutes to approve.

NYSSRA proposal to clarify rules for Dual Slalom.

- Dirk Gouwens explained the proposal and the discussions at the U16 Working Group. Questions were asked about logistics on how the races would be run, color of poles, timing, etc.

Motion to approve the U16 Working Group recommendation that NYSSRA be allowed to run two test events in season 2017-18 and report back to the committees at the next Congress.

M/S/C Kathy Okoniewski/Troy Price. Unanimous.

- Rocky Central request to be able to mix genders for U12 and younger race. Genders at young age are not dominant either way and mixing would be helpful for gender neutrality. Boys and Girls train together at this age. Some thoughts on also going to U12 as well. Discussions about how to submit to U.S. Ski & Snowboard (codex - need Jeff Weinman input on how to submit). How and where to collect data for test event(s). If top 10 are all girls or all boys might not be considered successful. All divisions to participate in the test events. Ron Kipp will collect data and report back next year.

Motion to approve Rocky request to run a single test event for U10 and under athletes to mix genders and report back at the next Congress.

Terry DelliQuadri, Paul Mannelin

Motion amended to: Athletes may race within year of birth up to U12. Boys and Girls race together within Birth Year. Seeding will be by TRS method within Year of Birth. This proposal allows ROC's to run test events with divisional approval in the 2017-18 season.

Joe Paul/ Kathy Okoniewski

Motion to approve Western Region proposal to eliminate percentages for U12-U14 -U16 SG.

Troy Price/ Paul Mannelin

Darlene talked with Jon Nolting on why percentages were left in. Concern was related to minimum gates specifically on a steep hill where not enough gates could be set and speeds might be too high. Jon felt that minimum 8% needs to remain. Less concern about 12%. SL and GS do not have percentages for GS/SL. Consistency issue.

Jury should manage course set that is appropriate for the hill and competitors. Often in West gates need to be stacked to meet percentages but do not help the course or the athlete.

Proposal was approved at the U16 working group earlier.

Often course setters feel confined by percentages and not able to set an ideal course due to percentage restrictions.

Unanimous approval of proposal.

Western region will send U14 athletes to Whistler Cup portion which is not FIS Children's event. Rocky/Central will also send athletes.

U14 and under Working Group supports western region participation with U14 athletes to the Whistler Cup Children's Festival.

M/S/C Terry DelliQuadri/ Paul Mannelin Unanimous

FIS age change. Latest word is that it has been tabled. Patrick reported that there was a proposal in the fall and after discussion this winter there will be more discussion at FIS meetings in two weeks but there is nothing being presented as of now.

Current age change has not been in effect long enough to see the full effects. More time needed to see developmental needs.

Discussion about alignment with High School and College. Best if age change goes back to First year FIS - 15 that first age group would be U18 (three years) and U20.

Thoughts about splitting age groups by Gender. Women peak earlier. Issues would still remain for Men. As a country our Women are behind and we need to push their development earlier.

Concern for U14 group to make sure that athletes are able to train and develop rather than just race. Previous Festivals have turned into Championships.

Topic needs more discussion at all levels so U.S. Ski & Snowboard leadership has more info to carry forward to FIS meetings and convey USA position.

U14 participation in U16 National Championships.

Last year criteria was tightened up and only a few athletes were allowed to participate. R/C would like more quotas to the event. East likes the current tighter quotas. West prefers tighter quotas also.

For East Can Am was championships prior to U16 Champs. Primarily financial consideration for east. R/C feels it is beneficial for U14 to see what it takes to be at the U16 level. 5/5 quota was small enough but still allowed for participation. Consideration for socialization by age group. R/C would like 2/2 quota so athletes have a friend.

Results only show top performance by a few girls.

Is the event beneficial from a financial perspective? Could a regional project get the same or better outcome?

Are current USST selections allowing for late blooming athletes a way into the system? Are our goals to have the best U16's in the world or the best World Cup athletes? Late developers were not de-selected early; they always have the opportunity to get in. Some take longer to develop. Patrick would rather have athletes with necessary skills at a later age, than athletes that still need work at younger ages.

Does our current system stress enough skill development or are we racing too much at the U10/12/14 level? Are we developing the whole child?

Season length is shorter in several parts of the country. True weekend skiers don't have enough time to train because they need to qualify and races determine training schedules.

School systems are a barrier to development. Many are not flexible enough to allow ski racing development. Can U.S. Ski & Snowboard help with school districts explaining the needs of athletes?

Motion to adjourn: Troy Price/Kathy Okoniewski; 10:36am

Alpine Classifications

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit A
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Chair: Dave Waller - Chesterland, OH

1 – Greetings and Roll Call

Chair – Dave Waller; Vice Chair – Paul Mahre - W

Gretchen Ransom – RC / Beat Hupfer – W / Julie Woodworth -E

Dan Chayes – E / Cath Jett – RC / Thelma Hoessler - AL

Connie Webster – E - resigned July 2016; Gail Barber – W - resigned July 2016

2 – Motion 1: Approve agenda (M: Dan Chayes/S: Cath Jett: PASS: U)

3 – Motion 2: Approve minutes from 2016 minutes. (M: Thelma Hoessler/S: Dan Chayes: PASS: U)

4 – Chair Report

Reviewed the last season of activity and finalizing the exceptional races with U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff. Reviewed the process by which an exceptional race is identified and ROC/ Officials are contacted to provide information on the race and invited to the Classification meeting.

5 – Old Business

*FIS/ U.S. Ski & Snowboard Penalty DH and SG – Review of these 2016-17 races. Issue with WEST SG in that the applied FIS penalty provided worse points results as compared to just using the U.S. Ski & Snowboard penalty.

Motion 3: To continue the use of applying the FIS penalty to a U.S. Ski & Snowboard DH and SG, 2 races per region, for the 2017-18 season.

M: Jeff Weinman/S: Beat Hupfer PASS: U

*Calculating the U.S. Ski & Snowboard seasonal adder – Now using 33% of athletes rather than top 200 due to large variance in FIS/ U.S. Ski & Snowboard points at different levels of the points list.

*PNSA Ability Class Trial – Bill Brooks gave a brief review of the Ability Class Trial and how it performed in PNSA in 2016-17. Discussed the alternative seeding method.

Motion 4: Approve PNSA's request to continue the Ability Class Trial for 2017-18, and the continued use of the alternative seeding system – athletes randomized within their category.

AMENDED TO: Approve PNSA's request to continue the Ability Class Trial for 2017-18

M: Paul Mahre/S: Dan Chayes PASS: U

*Review of 2016-17 race data – Gretchen reminded everyone that the process of identifying exceptional races is done purely on data and statistics; race location and site are not known until problematic data is founded. Chair reviewed process of setting control limits for marking exceptional races. 3 races found as exceptional (all held in early April):

U0241 – M GS- Vail Spectacular / U0244 – L GS – Vail Spectacular

U1636 – M SL – Loveland SL Derby

Reviewed races in following order:

Alpine FIS TD Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 8:45a.m. – 10:30a.m.

Proxy Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke, Vice Chair

1. Welcome and call to order, in the chairman's absence, Paul Van Slyke conducted the meeting.
2. Paul reviewed the working group structure and membership
Roll call; Tom Winters, Chuck Hughes & Jill Firstbrook – excused. Present – Paul Van Slyke, Ted Lockwood, Bill Hicks, Roger Perricone, Carl Guenzel.
3. Moment of silence for members recently passed.
4. Agenda approved M/S/C Perricone/Lockwood
5. Minutes from 2016 meeting approved M/S/C Perricone/Lockwood
6. Reports
 - 6.1 East – Van Slyke for Firstbrook – busy season, many cancellations & postponements, good work by our Eastern Team.
Central – Lockwood reported several CAN TD's assigned in Central and Central TD to CAN.
Education seminars went well.
Rocky – Perricone reported good season, lots of changes in calendar; thank you to Gary Wright for his many years of service to Rocky.
West – Hicks reported busy event season with many changes, cancelations and a ton of snow.
 - 6.2 Van Slyke reported overview of season, accomplishments and issues. Congratulated John Jetton his successful completion of his FIS TD Candidacy.
 - 6.3 Van Slyke – successful interactions with the FIS TD Subcommittee and FIS Staff.
 - 6.4 Review of FIS rules proposals – K. Korfanta deferred to Dave Pym on reporting – Dave reviewed upcoming FIS meetings rules proposals.
 - 6.5 No Staff report
 - 6.6 No Event management report- RAs not present.
 - 6.7 Discussion regarding Concussion – T. Winters sent over a report on TBI – decided to work on presentation for fall updates on the topic. Van Slyke will ask Dr. Panos to prepare a contemporary view on the topic; John Jett and T. Hoessler volunteered to assist.
7. New Business - Van Slyke will reviewed TD extensions for those active TDs over age 65 and will report to FIS Subcommittee.
8. Executive Session – reviewed TD aspirant materials.
9. Adjournment – Hicks/Perricone M/S/C

Alpine FIS Subcommittee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke – Lake Placid, NY

1. Welcome & call to order – Van Slyke read new operating description/purpose for the subcommittee and welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Review of membership and roll call – Paul Van Slyke Chairman, Bruce Crane Courses WG Chair, John Jett Rules (sitting in for Wright) WG Vice Chair, and Ingrid Simonson Honorary – Present. Gary Wright Rules WG Chair excused, Tom Winters USA FIS TD WG Chair excused.
3. Approval of Agenda – Simonson/Crane M/S/C
4. Van Slyke reviewed the membership of the Subcommittee and noted there will be elections at next Congress in 2018 for all working groups and the subcommittee.
5. Reports of the Working Groups
 - 5.1 USA FIS TD's – Van Slyke reported as Vice Chair of the TD Working Group. Review of the past season's work presented. Karen Korfanta deferred rules update to Dave Pym who provided overview of proposals for the upcoming FIS meetings in Portoroz, SLO. Van Slyke presented a brief overview of a concussion discussion by the WG and general operations of the FIS TD subcommittee. John Jett was congratulated for his successful completion of his FIS TD Candidacy. No action items contained. Report approved. Simonson/Crane M/S/C
 - 5.2 Courses WG – Bruce provided a general overview of the working groups meeting. He complimented Ron Rupert on his efforts on behalf of presenting the Venue Workshop and suggested that there may be a desire to provide a more club-friendly version in upcoming years at the tail end of the Club Excellence programming. Bruce reported that the work load is shifting in 2018-2020 as the 10th anniversary of U.S. Ski & Snowboard technical homologations begin to expire. A plan is in place to make an effort to proactively seek early re-inspections and adding additional inspectors. Bruce reported that the FIS Courses Subcommittee will be updating the 650 section of the ICR. (see below action items).

Motion 3: To recommend to the FIS Subcommittee and Alpine Tech Subcommittee and Alpine Sport Committee (ASC), that the chairman of the Alpine Courses Working Group be authorized to propose amendments to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) section 650 as necessary and appropriate should there be changes in the FIS ICR 650 subsequent to this U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress.

Motion 4: To recognize new inspectors "in-training", having been duly nominated and 'vetted', each to work with a mentor according to the procedures for development of U.S. Ski & Snowboard course inspectors. Hall/Goldschmidt/Unanimous

Ron Rupert / Jeff Dekko / Jake Treadwell / Ted Newman, Jr.
Grant Lindemer / Carl Guenzel / Phil Gilanfar

Report approved Crane/Simonson M/S/C
 - 5.3 Rules Working Group – Jett reported the WG will review the ACR/ICR to clean up any discrepancies over the summer and deliver to US Ski & Snowboard staff by mid-August. They are also prepared to act on any new rule changes as they may be accepted by the Alpine Sport Committee. Action items below.

Motion: After review, the group supports the proposal from NYSSRA if approved by the Sport Committee and rule adjustments will be made as required. MS Hammer / Hoessler Unanimous

Items brought by AOEWG

Motion to support certification requirements for Start and Finish Referee as COR, COC, or JA at all events and changes to rules U601.3.3. and U601.3.4 MS Hoessler/Hammer Unanimous

Report of Rules WG approved. Crane/Simonson M/S/C

6. Action items contained in Working Group reports above.
7. New Business – review of congress proposals – no action
8. Old Business – none
9. Executive Session – none needed
10. Comments and Questions from Audience – none
11. Adjournment – Crane/Simonson M/S/C

Alpine Technical Subcommittee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Doug Hall

Subcommittee Membership

Douglas Hall - chair

Chuck Hughes - vice chair (excused)

Paul Van Slyke - past chair

Gretchen Ransom - Member at large

Dave Waller - Classifications WG

Thelma Hoessler - AO Education WG

Chuck Hughes - U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD WG

John Jett - Timing WG

Action item – approve agenda – Jett/Waller/c

Action item – approve last year's minutes – Waller/Jett/c

Reports

AOEWG -

- Working on reevaluation and reeducation of officials, race document submittal requirements
- Group is experiencing better relationship with U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff and appreciate their assistance and contributions
- Action items
 - MOTION: To amend U601.3.3 (Start Referee) and U601.3.4 (Finish Referee) to read: For all events, must be certified as CR, JA or RF. M/S/C Sullivan/Howard/Unanimous
 - MOTION: To accept advancements to Level 4 certifications as presented. M/S/C Schram/Newman/Unanimous
 - MOTION: To elect Laura Sullivan and Matt Howard to serve as at-large members for a four-year (4) term. M/S/C Ransom/Brown/Unanimous
 - MOTION: To elect a slate of Lucy Schram as Chair and Laura Sullivan as Vice-Chair of the Alpine Officials' Education Working Group for a four-year (4) term. M/S/C Ransom/Lindemer/Unanimous
 - Thelma will stay on the working group as past chair and consultant and will be doing the education materials for a couple of years

Timing Working Group – John Jett

Timing Working Group Summary and Action Items

ACR U611.2.5 Timing without cable

Amend to allow for application to start or finish for flexibility with solutions.

For Non-scored races, times or impulses can be transmitted to a timer operating in TOD mode, or printed instantly at the start or finish. Net times should be calculated in a timely manner.

Dan Chayes Motion, 2nd Tami Strong, Passed Unanimously

ACR 611.2.1.1 Start Gate – exemption for auto return to end in 17-18 with no extension.
Education and communication to the ROC's.

ACR 611.2 – Non-scored races and requirement for TDTR
Removal of exception for submission of TDTR from non-scored, non-championship competitions –
All competitions must submit TDTR

A Timing Data and Technical Report must be completed for each competition, and submitted with the results to U.S. Ski & Snowboard. Motion by Stanley Goldschmidt, 2nd Jake Treadwell Passed Unanimously

Elections –

Chair – John Jett; Vice Chair – Dan Chayes

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD Working Group – Doug Hall
 - o No action items
 - o Discussed education and need for TDs to fill required functions at event
 - o Elections – Chuck Hughes was elected as Chair; Brad Ghent was elected as Vice Chair
 - o TD3 advancements were approved, forwarded to ASC
- Classifications Working Group – Dave Waller
 - MOTION: Continue use of applying FIS penalty to U.S. Ski & Snowboard DH and SG events for the 2017/18 season – 2 races per region for 17/18
 - MOTION: Approve PNSA's modified ability class seeding method trial and continued use of alternate seeding
 - o Exceptional races
 - Three events tripped the parameters – M GS, W GS and M SL
 - MOTION: M GS (Spectacular) – apply adder of 25 to originally applied penalty (15) to make the penalty 40
 - MOTION: W GS (Spectacular) – authorize Dave Waller and Jeff Weinman to calculate an adder that would take one of the three control parameters out of the mix to not trip the exceptional criteria (looking at possible 5 point adder)
 - MOTION: M SL (Loveland Derby) – men SL – authorize Dave Waller and Jeff Weinman to calculate an adder that would take one of the three control parameters out of the mix to not trip the exceptional criteria (looking at possible 5 to 7 point adder)
 - o MOTION: - Approved proposal from Rocky for new seeding method and awards presentation – to allow for U12, U10 athletes to race in a single class, mixed genders, separated by years of birth – awards and seeding by YOB – one year (2017-18) , one event per each division across the country
 - o MOTION: – voted to approved current officers Dave Waller and Paul Mahre to serve through the next election cycle (5 years serving, beginning 2016)

Action item - accept all reports and proposals and forward– Hoessler/Ransom/c

Working group elections

- Carry over current slate of chair and vice chair – Doug Hall and Chuck Hughes Hoessler/Jett/c
- 2 at large positions
 - o Gretchen Ransom – Hoessler/Waller/u
 - o John Manderfield – Hoessler/Waller/u

Motion to adjourn - Hoessler/Ransom/u

Alpine Collegiate Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer – Mammoth Lakes, CA

Members:

Peter Dodge – Hanover, NH
Roger Perricone – Steamboat Springs, CO
John Jacobs – Queensbury, NY
Terry Leonard – Steamboat Springs, CO
Jaka Korencan – Park City, UT
Rogan Connell – Auburn, ME
Ron Bonneau – Caldwell, ID
Warner Nickerson – Tilton, NH
Brewster McVicker – Harbor Springs, MI (non-voting)

1 & 2. Welcome, call to order and roll call

Attendance: Ron Bonneau, Peter Dodge, John Jacobs, Terry Leonard, Jaka Korencan, Chip Knight, Christopher Ogilvie, Troy Watts, Phil McNichol, Will Brandenburg, Warner Nickerson, Cody Marshall, Rogan Connell, Charles Burnham, Stefan Hughes, Martin Guyer, Matt Howard, Jim McCormack, Brian Zipp, Bill Gunesch, Teresa Cravens, Laura Beaston, Cole Greer, Sarah Getzelman, Charlotte Moats, Laura Sullivan, Darryl Landstrom

3. Election of New Membership, for this meeting

Working Group membership consists of a chair, immediate past chair, up to two at-large members and representatives from the affiliates (regions – divisions).

Incoming committee membership

Chair	Peter Dodge – Hanover, NH
Immediate Past Chair	Roger Perricone – Steamboat Springs, CO
At Large	John Jacobs – Queensbury, NY
At Large	Terry Leonard – Steamboat Springs, CO
RMISA	Jaka Korencan – Park City, UT
EISA	Rogan Connell – Auburn, ME
USCSA	Ron Bonneau – Caldwell, ID
Athlete	Warner Nickerson – Tilton, NH
Staff	Brewster McVicker – Harbor Springs, MI (non-voting)

New committee membership, active at the meeting

Chair	Peter Dodge
USCSA/West - Vice Chair	Ron Bonneau
Immediate Past Chair	Roger Perricone
At Large/USCSA	John Jacobs
At Large	Terry Leonard
RMISA/West	Jaka Korencan
RMISA/Rocky Central	Chris Ogilvie, Ski Club Vail
EISA/East	Michaela Holland, Bates College
Athlete	Warner Nickerson
Staff	Vacant (non-voting)

4. Approval of the agenda. Jacobs/Leonard/approved

5. Approval of minutes. Leonard/Nickerson/approved

6. Reports 2016-17 season: EISA / RMISA / USCSA / USST& U.S. Ski & Snowboard Development / Uni Team 2017

7. Old business. None

8. New business

- Promotion of Collegiate Opportunities: Ron Bonneau via Website, Comp Guide, Poster/Matrix
- Ron to work with Membership, Charlotte.

USCSA/ U.S. Ski & Snowboard how to work together: Need to find common ground to work together
Some priorities are different and that is OK

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Development University Initiatives
How do Collegiate programs fit into the Development pipeline or pyramid?
Need to be part of the promoted pipeline and pyramid
Driller, senior at MSU/D Team. Seymour, freshman DU/C Team

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Development Projects
Mt Hood- June
Not pursued due to late start and lack of intents
New Zealand – August
Moving forward, hope to establish as continuing project

NorAm Prep projects – TBD
We need to continue to pursue these support projects
FIS University Committee Proposals
FIS University Quota Proposal
Need to get rule change into updated rule book
FIS University Championship Proposal (Proposal withdrawn)

Calendaring
US Nationals College Quota
Motion: Proposal modified, approved and brought forward to Quotas
Change selection order
Total College quota remains 13 with pre-selections taken first.

NCAA Proposals
Dates of Competition
Skiing Age Limitation
Goal: To reduce the age gap of athletes competing in collegiate events as members of college teams.
To encourage the pipeline transition from high school, to college, to USST
To set age limit at FIS age 23 or 24
Exceptions, Injury, military, religious service?
Division I, II and III?
Will move forward for consideration by EISA and NCAA Skiing Committee

World University Games
Almaty KAZ, Jan 29 – Feb 8, 2017
Krasnoyarsk RUS March 2 – 12, 2019 (NCAA conflict)

FIS Matteo Baumgarten Award 2018: 2017 Ilka Stuhec

FOLLOW UP ITEMS:

Promotion of Collegiate Opportunities

- Ron Bonneau to work with U.S. Ski & Snowboard Membership and Communication to consolidate information on Collegiate skiing opportunities. Develop plan to post this information on U.S. Ski & Snowboard websites and in the Competition Guide. Distribution plan for College Opportunities poster.

USCSA/ U.S. Ski & Snowboard relationship

- Ron Bonneau and/or USCSA leadership to continue discussions with U.S. Ski & Snowboard regarding ways that each organization can work together.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Development University initiatives

- Peter Dodge and Chip Knight to continue to develop a short- and long-term plan to develop and U.S. Ski & Snowboard Development philosophy and program.
- Moving forward with August 2017 NZ project planning

FIS University Committee Proposals

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard FIS representatives need to see that the FIS University Quota Proposal that was approved last year is included in the FIS-Uni rules.

NCAA Proposals

- Dates of Competition
- Approved for 2017-18, increase flexibility and number allowed competitions
- Skiing Age Limitation
- Support for NCAA age limitation of FIS age 23. Needs to progress through NCAA committees

NCAA/ U.S. Ski & Snowboard communication

- Need to establish contacts and support between U.S. Ski & Snowboard and NCAA leadership

Re UNM, etc.

FIS Matteo Baumgarten Award 2018

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard should present nomination annually for this international FIS award; 2017 recipient, Ilka Stuhec

Alpine Quotas and Selections Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer – Mammoth Lakes, CA

Members	Attendance
Peter Dodge – Hanover, NH	Yes
Karen Ghent – Vail, CO	Yes
Bill Gunesch – Portland, OR	Yes
Martin Guyer – Burlington, VT	Yes
Caryn Jones – Rockford, MN	Yes
Dan Marshall – Manchester, NH	Yes
Warner Nickerson – Tilton, NH	Yes
Darlene Nolting – Steamboat Springs, CO	Yes
David Salathe – Andover, NH	Yes
Troy Price – Salt Lake City, UT	Yes
Ryan Shorter – Wenatchee, WA	Yes

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Roll call and review of committee membership
3. Review and approval of agenda M/S/C Caryn Price/Caryn Jones
4. Review and approval of minutes M/S/C Dan Marshall/Warner Nickerson
5. Reports
6. Domestic quota management - Chip reported that the Domestic and International licensing went well.
7. International Licensing - Gwynn Watkins will manage the international licensing for the 1718 season
8. Quota proposals
 1. US Nationals Quota Proposals – Change the numbering of the selection order moving the Collegiate quota down to number #6 in the rank order, Nor Am to #4, U19 NPS to #5. Any collegiate athlete qualified in the Nor Am and/or NPS quota will be automatics in the collegiate quota. M/S/C Peter Dodge/Dan Marshall
 2. U16 Nationals Quota Proposal – To strike 7 Nations Cup athletes as automatics, to increase first year YOB U16 athletes to 5 and to increase the overall ranking to 7. M/S/C Chip Knight/Dan Marshall
 3. U16 NPS – Adjustment of the national quota to decrease it by 3 to 6 overall spots and increase each of the regions spots to 5 per gender. M/S/C Chip Knight/Troy Price
 4. Foreign Athlete Qualification to National Junior Championships: Foreign athletes can qualify to compete in U.S. Ski & Snowboard National Junior Championships through published regional quotas. For each qualified foreign athlete (X License), the published quota will extend to the next US athlete. Foreign athletes would not be considered for Development quota spots. M/S/amended Chip Knight/Caryn Jones
 - a. Amended proposal changed the proposal to pertain to U16 National Junior Championships only M/S/C – Chip Knight/Troy Price
 - b. Discussion – Should the Regions follow this same procedure? Western Region – foreign athletes have to qualify but do take Divisional quota spots, R/C – Foreign athletes have to qualify but do not take Divisional quota spots, East - Foreign athletes have to qualify but do take Divisional quota spots.

9. Old business

10. New business

Elections: Elect a new Chair: Motion: Recommend that Beat Hupfer continue as Chairman.
M/S/C Troy Price/ David Salathe

Karen Ghent was nominated as Vice-Chair. M/S/C Darlene Nolting/Peter Dodge

11. Adjournment M/S/C Ryan Shorter/Dan Marshall

Alpine Education Subcommittee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C
Thursday, May 11, 2017, 3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Jon Nolting – Steamboat Springs, CO

Attendance: Jon Nolting, Jon Casson, Ellen Adams, Tami Strong, Gar Trayner, Ron Kipp, Heather Walker, CB Bechtel, Lester Keller, Todd Kelly, Peter Stokloza, Dan Marshall, Dirk Gouwens, Tony Olin, Mike Bowman, Darryl Landstrom, Adam Chadbourne, Kevin Chaffee, Don Stellin, Joe Paul, Dave Pym, Julie Woodworth, Dave Edry, Caryn Jones, Kathy Okoniewski, Darlene Nolting

1. Welcome and call to order - Nolting
2. Review of membership and roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda M/S/C Trayner/Casson
4. Subcommittee Composition

Jon Casson – U.S. Ski & Snowboard Staff
Gar Trayner – Chair Alpine Coach Education Working Group
Tami Strong – Chair Alpine Club Working Group
Nominations were requested for at-large members.
Nomination of Heather Walker by Tami Strong
Nomination of Ron Kipp by Gar Trayner
Motion to elect 2 at-large positions M/S/C Casson/strong
Motion to accept nominations of Walker and Kipp to at-large positions M/S/C Strong/Jones

5. Reports

5.1. Alpine Coach Education WG

Jon Casson and Chris Packert have been driving outlines, good progress getting through content with advice of SME's who are on alpine coach education WG. September target to roll out new Level 100 program.

Continuing education is another focus. Jon Casson will provide draft document to subcommittee for review.

Clinician training is another Sport Ed focus. All clinicians will do training session in November to cover new material.

New coaching modules should take approximately 1-1.5 hours to complete on average. Discussion regarding completing modules in cohorts. Would work well with club delivery. Challenges identified with doing this for regular clinics. First year will evaluate new format, potentially roll out in following years. Level 100 on-snow clinic activities will include teaching, performing and movement analysis.

Ron Kipp asked whether approach of solely a skiing fundamentals focus in L100, then a race focus in L200, then combining to high level ski racing in L300 is right approach. Casson stated that they are adding a small racing component to L100, targeted at BWL/YSL level coach, so there is at least some basic race course and tactical education.

Ron Kipp asked regarding skiing standard at Level 200, whether there should be such a standard. Peter Stokloza suggested using video of candidates as part of clinics. Jon Casson suggested that clubs take responsibility for preparing candidates skiing abilities for assessment as done in many ski schools.

5.2. Alpine Club WG

Excited about introduction of the program and providing resources. Recognition of Walt Evans, Brian Krill and Jon Nolting for getting the program off the ground. Currently 36 podium clubs and 9 clubs are now coming up for renewal. 2 clubs successfully advanced from silver to gold this season. Good example of certification process providing a road map for a club. Peer reviewers were added to the certification process, leaders from other clubs. Launched pilot fee base club consulting service, assisting a podium level club with ED hire. Focus in the upcoming year will shift to bring more bronze level clubs in. Dave Pym complimented the work done from an international perspective.

Jon Casson looking to do 4 regional conferences/summits for education to clubs, parents, coaches – Club Excellence conference but to a broader audience.

6. New business

6.1. Election of vice-chair: Nomination for Ron Kipp to serve as vice-chair M/S/C Strong/Walker

7. Adjournment 5:10pm M/S/C Trayner/Casson

ASC Executive Committee: Meeting #2

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B
Friday, May 12, 2017, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom – Wayzata, MN

Members:

Doug Hall – Waterbury Center, VT	Present
Chip Knight – Park City, UT	Present
Craig Krueger – Helena, MT	--
Mike Morin – Stratton, VT	Present
Warner Nickerson – Tilton, NH	Present
Jon Nolting – Steamboat Springs, CO	Present
Patrick Riml – Park City, UT	Present
Bill Slattery – Buffalo Grove, IL	--
Paul Van Slyke – Lake Placid, NY	Present
Jeff Weinman – Park City, UT (non-voting)	Present
Tom Winters – Tucson, AZ (non-voting)	--
Jessica	Present

1. Welcome and Call to Order 7:33am
2. Reports
 - 2.1. Education Subcommittee - Jon Nolting
 - Mostly Discussion Items, most Action Items were related to elections
 - 2.2. Development Subcommittee - Mike Morin
 - Effectively distributing workload thought out WG
 - U14 and Younger WG: felt like they had a voice
 - U16 and Older WG: At Large add and membership change
 - College WG had a good meeting: Determining Clubs to College to U.S. Ski Team pathways
 - o Clarify how and where to ski in college
 - o There is a lack of knowledge for the opportunities for college racing with clubs, coaches, and parents
 - Participation in USST and NorAm prep: lack of college involvement and incorporation in U.S. Ski & Snowboard races – aren't in the pipeline lacking cross over with younger athletes
 - NCAA Eligibility (age) and Foreign Athletes
 - Policies
 - o Start Order - Failed
 - o Tabled: Max Gate Rule - need additional research
 - Van Slyke: move to U16 course setting matrix for U.S. Ski & Snowboard scored racing – GS and SL gate counts then wouldn't matter for U.S. Ski & Snowboard racing. Limit rule changes.
 - Proposal Development
 - o Allow U14 to participate in Whistler Cup

- Team Scoring: Team Ranking Software - rank top 5 athletes per team, 1-30 scoring (first place 30 pts.)
 - Long Term Planning to allow connection from U14 athletes to USST
 - o Restructure after the FIS Meetings - small group meeting
 - o Plan for 3-5 years
 - Request for Dual SL: Allow for a test event single pole
- 2.3. FIS Subcommittee - Paul Van Slyke
- New structure is beneficial, there is a little overlap in groups but we are dispersing the workload and providing better conversation
 - FIS TD WG:
 - o No Action Items, Season Review,
 - o Jon Jett - will be appointed as a FIS TD in the Fall
 - Venue Working Group:
 - o Create WG or opportunity that is appropriate for the club programs before Congress, safety services, and do a Q&A with some of the experts.
 - Courses Working Group:
 - o Courses to be homologated: Need to be proactive; go in early and adding the additional inspectors (7) they can get the job done.
 - o Have clubs/mountain be proactive and manage inventory to have course inspected for multiple disciplines at one time. (i.e. if SL is due 2018 and GS is due 2019-2021 have them both updated at the same time)
 - o Action: FIS may be rewriting 650 section of the ICR asking to adjust 650 section of the ACR accordingly – clarification
 - o Motion: Appointing inspectors and training – must meet criteria and follow process
 - o Rules WG: Thank you Gary Wright for his service to Alpine
 - o Going forward will review ACR vs. ICR – Clarify discrepancies
 - o Motion: supporting rule changes post Congress
 - o Motion: Certification Requirements – commentary (Doug Hall)
- 2.4. Alpine Technical Subcommittee - Doug Hall
- AOEWG: Change in the ICR Certification: Motion to Amend 3.03
Start and finish referee should have more than entry level knowledge (current rule). Even at non-scored races have to have a CR, Jury Advisor, or Referee
- Elections:
- o 2 At-Large Members: Re-Instated Sutherland and Howard
 - o Chair/Vice-Chair, Lucy Schram/ Laura Sullivan; Past-Chair: Thelma
- Timing Working Group
Motion: U61125 –Amend to use transmitter at start and finish for non-scored races
Motion: ACR211611 – Start Gate: After next season have to get rid of auto-return start gates

Motion: ACR211611.2 – Submitting of timing report will be required even at non-scored event (currently only required at scored events)

Election

- o Chair /Vice-Chair: Jon Jett/ Dan Chase

- U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD WG

No Motions Going forward

Advancements

Elections:

- o Chair/Vice-Chair
- Classifications Working Group
 - o Continue to use FIS penalty to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard for DH and SG events for 2017-18 (2 races per region for the upcoming year): **Approved**
 - o PSNA Ability Class: Requested an additional year to collect more data before presenting. **Approved**
 - o U10 and younger Seeding by YOB, not Gender: **Amended and Approved**
 - This now includes U10 and U12 athletes

Exceptional races (3)

- o Spring Series Races: M GS (adder 30 pts), W GS (adder to be calculated), and SL (M & W) (adder to be calculated)
- o Going forward these races will only be identified by codex
- o Elections:
 - Chair: Dave Waller/Vice-Chair: Paul Mahre
- o Disqualification Discussion:
 - Discussion of how athlete should be disqualified
 - Is film required to determine an athlete DQ'd or should an athlete be DQ'd until film proves otherwise

2.5. Regional Subcommittee –

- Informational Meeting
- Conversation about SkillsQuest and further development throughout the country
- Development Conversation

2.6. Athletes - Warner Nickerson

- Addition of fourth Athlete
- US Nationals: Top 100 in the world rank – no entry fee
- Retired National Team Athletes: Level 100
 - Jon Nolting: do rapid training for level 100-300
 - Athletes doing the training within two years of retiring is free
 - NCAA All American work to go directly to Level 200 and every college athlete sub 30 points can do the same
- Cost for Athletes to Compete on National Team

- o Additional funding options/thoughts
 - o Cost in Various Countries
- 3. Review ASC Agenda
 - Approval of Nominations
 - Committee Membership
- 4. Adjournment: 9:33am

Alpine Sport Committee: Meeting #2

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B
Friday, May 12, 2017, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom – Wayzata, MN

Members:

Mike Bowman – Winter Park, CO	Present
Doug Hall – Waterbury Center, VT	Present
Dan Marshal –	Present
Stefan Hughes – Boulder, CO	Present
Beat Hupfer – Mammoth Lakes, CA	Present
Jess Kelley – Park City, UT	Present
Todd Kelly – Olympic Galley, CA	Present
Chip Knight – Park City, UT	Present
Karen Korfanta – Park City, UT	Present
Craig Krueger – Helena, MT	--
Michael Morin – Stratton, VT	Present
Warner Nickerson – Tilton, NH	Present
Jon Nolting – Steamboat Springs, CO	Present
Joe Paul – Bloomington, MN	Present
Patrick Rim – Park City, UT	Present
Tiger Shaw – Park City, UT	--
Bill Slattery – Buffalo Grove, IL	--
Tao Smith – Killington, VT	Present
Paul Van Slyke – Lake Placid, NY	Present
Tom Winters – Tucson, AZ (Honorary)	--

1. Welcome and Call to Order 11:14am

Welcome Will Brandenburg as our final athlete rep.

Congratulations to last night's award recipients.

New subcommittees and working groups and it seemed more efficient and effective, looking to keep the Tuesday and Friday format seems next season.

Thank you to Connie for her service and to Tom Winters and Bill Slattery.

2. Review of Committee Membership and Roll Call

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

4. Reports

4.1. Alpine Judicial Committee -

- No Actions Required

4.2. Education Subcommittee - Jon Nolting

- Productive with the New Sport Education Staff
- Alpine Coach Education
 - o Conversation around Level 100
 - o Review materials out of Sport Education (i.e. Online Modules)
 - o National and High Level athletes

- Alpine Club Education
 - o 36 certified clubs; represents small to large clubs
- Add 2 At Large members to the subcommittee
- No Additional
- Motion to Approve: Jon Nolting second: Karen

4.3. Development Subcommittee - Mike Morin

- Meeting 1: Focused on new mission vision
- Meeting 2: Review any proposals
- Alpine Development Subcommittee: Seeking Chair and At Large member
- Elections and Updates were held for the following:
 - o U16 and Older WG
 - o U14 and Younger WG
 - o College WG
 - o Quotas and Selections WG

- U14 and Younger:
 - o Providing a good voice for these groups
- U16 and Older:
 - o Large conversation around development
- Collegiate WG:

Peter's Report:

- o Promoting collegiate opportunities
- o Consolidate and distribute correct information
- o Work with USCSA more closely
- o Work with development department and develop short and long term opportunities
- o FIS University: Update rule book for approval from fall
- o Increase flexibility in dates in competitions
- o Age limitation – look at instating FIS age 23 would be last age of NCAA eligibility

Mike:

- o A matrix is being built to promote college skiing.
- o Congratulations to Garrett Driller on his nomination through the team
- Motions:
 - o Equipment Proposal: Passed
 - o Foreign Athlete for U16 Nationals: Passed

- o Dual SL: Passed (For 2 test events)
 - Amendment to Dual SL: 2 test events per division
 - Motion: Dan Marshal /Second: Joe Paul
- o U16 NPS: Passed
- o U16 Nationals Quotas: Amended and Passed
- o U.S. Alpine Championship: Amended and Passed
- o Children's SG course setting: Passed
- o U10 Seeding and Awards: Passed
- o U14 WR Athletes compete in Whistler Cup: Passed
- o Start order: Failed
- o Max SL gates: Tabled
- o Motion of Approval of all (other than Course Settings & Dual SL):
 - Motion: Doug Hall/ Second: Patrick Riml
 - Unanimous approval
- o Amendment to Dual SL: 2 test events per division
 - Motion: Dan Marshal /Second: Joe Paul
- o Amendment to Course Setting Proposal:
 - SG and Max SL have been combined into one proposal: Course setting Specifications
 - Asking for a motion to approve and replace scored matrix and update the existing non-scored matrix

Unanimous approval Team Ranking: Allow for team racing
- Thank you to Patrick and Chip for their participation and looking forward to working together
 - o Motion: Patrick Riml Second: Chip Knight - Unanimous approval

4.4. FIS Subcommittee - Paul Van Slyke

- Thank you to the leadership this week, we had really good meetings and were successful with our new format
- FIS TD Subcommittee
 - o Seasonal Review
 - o Congratulations to Jon Jett – new FIS TD
 - o TD Updates in Vancouver Oct 20-22 and Lake Placid Oct 27-29
- Courses WG
 - o Seasonal Review
 - o Developing opportunities in Club Excellence for clubs to learn about venues in a workshop at a lower level that is club friendly

- o Homologation: 2018-2020, add inspectors, working to be more efficient in re-inspections (mostly effect for clubs and the working group)
 - First come first serve – get applications in early
 - Applications should be done at the end of the season, do not wait to submit
- o Actions:
 - Asking for ability of Chair of Alpine Courses Working Group be able to edit 650 rules should there be any changes at the FIS level
 - Recognize new inspectors-in-training. (7)
- Rules
 - o Jon Jett filled in as Chair for Gary Wright; thank you to Gary for his time and work as chair
 - o ACR/ICR review
- Motion: Paul Van Slyke Second: Jon Nolting
- 4.5. Alpine Technical Subcommittee - Doug Hall
 - AOEWG
 - o Discussion about improvements to education:
 - Start and finish referee should have more than entry level knowledge (current rule). Even non-scored races have to have a Chief of Race, Jury Advisor, or Referee
 - o Certifications to Level 4: several certifications to level 4 all passed.
 - Thank you to your commitment to the sport
 - o Elections:
 - 2 At-Large Members: Re-Instated Sutherland and Howard
 - Chair/Vice-Chair, Lucy Schram/Laura Sullivan; Past-Chair: Thelma H. will continue to work with the group.
 - Thank you Thelma for all of your help over the years
 - Timing Working Group
 - Motion: U611.25 – Amend to use transmitter at start and finish for unscored races
 - Motion: ACR211611 – Start Gate: After next season have to get rid of auto-return start gates
 - Motion: ACR211611.2 – Submitting of timing report will be required even at unscored event (currently only required at scored events)
 - o Election:
 - Chair /Vice-Chair: Jon Jett/ Dan Chase
 - U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD Working Group
 - Looking to improve performance of TD's – this working group will review TD reports to determine areas that require improvements
 - Motions:

- o Level 3 Advancements
- Classifications Working Group
 - o Continue to use FIS penalty to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard for DH and SG events for 2017-18 (2 races per region for the upcoming year): Approved
 - o PSNA Ability Class: Requested an additional year to collect more data before presenting. Approved
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 - o Elections:
 - Chair: Dave Waller / Vice-Chair: Paul Mahre
- Motion: Doug Hall /Second: Beat Hupfer
- Unanimous approval
- 4.6. Regional Subcommittee
 - Looking to gather data and a few key players
 - No Action Items
 - Motion: Doug Hall /Second: Beat Hupfer
 - Unanimous approval
- 4.7. Athletes - Warner Nickerson
 - Welcome to Will Brandenburg to the ASC (member)
 - Welcome to Jess Kelley to the Exc. ASC
 - UNM – was reinstated
 - o Looking to put together a working group to help
 - Proposals to come:
 - o US Nationals: Top 100 World Rank
 - o Level 100 certification for NCAA All Americans and National team members to keep athletes in the sport and coaching
 - B Team Athletes:
 - o Payment for the Team: Bringing in more money than the cost of the team
 - USOC and U.S. Ski & Snowboard grants
 - o Spoke with athletes racing in other countries and evaluated the opportunities athletes have to make an income for their costs
 - Motion: Warner Nickerson /Second: Dan Marshall
 - Unanimous approval

- 4.8. Patrick Riml
 - Thank you for your commitment and time
 - Effective meetings in our new structure and they allow for good discussions. Allow for more feedback and furthering the development system
- 4.9. Chip Knight
 - Thank you, Darryl, Paul, Doug, Mike, and Warner, for all of your hard work.
 - Good conversations through the task force(s) and the discussions through the winter.
5. New Business
 - 5.1. Approval of Elections
 - Motion: Paul Van Slyke/ Second: Tao Smith; Unanimous approval
6. Comments
 - 6.1. Van Slyke: Thank you, Darryl, for all that you do for the Alpine Sport Committee.
 - 6.2. Paul: Alpine Development Meetings – Priorities should be to make sure that our athletes are happy and proud supporters of U.S. Ski & Snowboard
7. Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting
 - October, Date TBD.
8. Adjournment
 - Motion: Mike Morin / Second: Patrick Riml; Unanimous approval