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Alpine Western Region Competition Committee

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit B
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Wednesday, May 13 2015, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Karen Korfanta

Karen Korfanta – Chair	present
Todd Kelly – Vice Chair, FW representative	present
Mark “Sparky” - Collegiate representative	excused
Todd Brickson – IMD representative	present
Bill Brooks – PNSA representative	present
Bridger Call – IMD representative	present
Rick Duncan	present
Jamie DuPratt - Athlete representative	present
Bill Gunesch - Treasurer (nonvoting), PNSA representative	present
Beat Hupfer – FW representative	present
Keely Kelleher – Athlete representative	excused
Craig Krueger – Past Chair, Northern representative	present
Lex Patten – AK representative	present
Roger Root – Officials representative	present
Lucy Schram -Secretary (non-voting)	present
Dane Spencer – Athlete representative	present
Aaron Stiassny, represented by Lara Hildreth – AK representative	present
Jeremy Ueland – Northern representative	present

Guests: Gwynn Watkins, Darryl Whitaker, Sherri Hale, Carma Burnett, Paul Mahre, Lucy Schram, Tiger Shaw, Michelle Demschar, Chip Knight, Kyle Crezee, Jamie Landwehr, Ryan Shorter, Phil McNichol, Scott McGrew, Jesse Hunt, Anton Kischchenko, Sergey Khlop, Kate Morrell, Brandon Hayes-Lattin, Tami Strong, Kevin Chaffee, Paul Mannelin, Molly Laramie, Troy Price, Brian Morgan, Mark Wedeking, Skip Puckett, Seth McCadam, Eric Garayoa, Tim Hindekinan, Roy Logan, Tony Nunnikhovin, Susan Carstensen, Swithin McGrath, Gordon Perry, Thelma Hoessler, Gail Barber, Jason Hey, John Buchar, Nate Schwing

1. Welcome and call to order
Welcome and call to order at 12:05 Thank you to Lester Keller for guidance, mentorship, championed the cause of “agree to disagree”.
2. Review of committee membership
Review of committee membership in attendance
- 2.1 Athlete Representative Nominees
Final approval of Jamie DuPratt as athlete rep to WR ACC. vote passes unanimously
- 2.2 WR Members to ASC Committees
Document reviewed of all committee members to ASC committees

2.3 Approval of Minutes – Reno, Apr. 20, 2015 passed unanimously

2.3.1 Review of Agenda/Additions – none added

3. Topics

3.1 USSA alpine program

Karen Korfanta thanked Gwynn Watkins, Karen Harjo and Darryl Whitaker for all of their work with the Western Region this season.

3.2 National Report – Patrick Riml

National – Patrick Riml (report given during 2nd half of the meeting)

Welcome to Park City. Difficult season and appreciate all of your work for the region. A question and answer session was conducted; topics included National Team Criteria, development plan, time schedule of hiring a new Western Region Director, Whistler Cup, and Youth Coordinator subsidization. Todd Kelly read the WR ACC resolution regarding the WR involvement in the hiring of the new WR Director.

3.2.1 Regional Report–Gwynn Watkins

Report posted on the WR Governance Page. Thank you to everyone as it was a tough year with weather, tragedy, and results. Pulled together as a region.

Communication – two years into the USSA website, IT department looking into better navigation list. Facebook page is doing well, 680 likes, goal is 1000. Email list and database system – USSA is working on a new data system so that Gwynn can access directly. Gwynn continues to participate in many of the working groups. Working with Club Amp and building out for the region.

Competition – big thank you to Mammoth and Beat, Jackson and Bridger, and Bachelor for picking up races this season. NorAms – full participation, some NorAm podiums. Thank you to Karen Harjo for well-run projects – organized and well attended. Attendance at divisional meetings and congresses. Seeing a trend – about 2 weeks from race we have head counts, and they are not matching up at first team captains meeting. Too many pulls at team captains meetings.

Selections – live boards and selections. Transparent and coaches check as it takes place. Thank you to Darryl Whitaker for heading up the Regional Team at the U16 Nationals. Thank you to Lester. Provided great leadership and mentor, and will greatly miss him! Loss of Bryce and Ronnie was tough. Thank you to everyone that helped through that process. The Elite Tech 1 will be renamed to the Bryce Astle Memorial.

3.2.2 Tiger Shaw – thanked everyone for coming and available throughout the week for communications.

3.2.3 Regional Athlete Projects – Karin Harjo

Report available on WR Governance page for review. Karin is on the hill working on a development project.

3.2.4 Regional Youth Coordinator – Darryl Whitaker

Report available on WR Governance page for review. Long list of ideas for continued work within the region: club visits, continuing education clinics and staff training. Looking forward to working with the Region again.

Motion of affirmation for Darryl, Gwynn and Karin to continue what they are doing for the WR. **Approved unanimously.**

3.2.5 USSA Membership – Sheryl Barnes (document on membership reviewed)

Mac Donohue, Kelly McManus and Stephanie Borders introduced as new staff members to membership. Overhauling membership this season. Reviewed membership pricing, temporary membership, etc.

Objectives of the overhaul:

- Tiered pricing structure for athletes
- Multi-sport membership: pay the highest of their memberships and just sign up for other memberships, i.e. athlete and coach – pay athlete membership and coach is free.
- Family memberships: a cap for immediate family of \$400. Trying to find a way for membership benefits to be provided to parents without memberships for themselves.
- Club volunteer was launched last year. Pricing for this year will be \$40, includes background screening.
- Reviewed CLIP insurance requirements and how this meets those standards
- Directors' and Officers' Policy - policy now available, \$500. Available online.

Looking to provide info graphic on age/membership/benefits provided, etc.

Customer Service - provide a bulk membership sign up option. Using an esign system for the parents.

Service availability during season – laptops and cell phones on during the weekends. FIS membership servicing – obtain new number immediately

Accepting division waivers – being tested

Online club membership – still working on it

What managing: affiliate dues program, background screening and compliance, FIS membership, CLIP program

3.3 Western Region Items

3.3.1 WR Budget

WR Budget – attached for reference

ACC Executive committee approved \$1000 donation to the Ronnie Berlack and Bryce Astle Memorial funds. Bill Gunesch is interested in handing the position over. He is willing to help train and work with the budget committee.

WR Head Tax Committee Report good news - Gwynn was able to balance and use the funds well. Bad/good news – information was received from USSA just recently so the Committee was unable to meet.

3.4 WR Action Items

3.4.1 WR Automatic Proposal

WR Automatic Proposal

In a nutshell....appears this is in conflict of the amateur athletic access rules allow coach to take care of athlete management Understand the intent of the Automatics rule, feel that it is an outdated rule. Alex Natt stated that as long as we can defend it, it is not against the Amateur Sports Act.

Motion #1: Repeal the Western Region Automatic restriction so that athletes are free to participate in any event to which they have gained entry. M/S/C Brickson/Hupfer unanimous

Discussion – in favor of athlete management vs. rules. As exceptions have been made, it is time to take a look at the rule. Is there a need to put together a task force?

3.4.2 WR Snow Control Proposal

Motion #2: Institute an impartial system within Western Region that evaluates competition sites to ensure adequate snow for competition, and produce a clear approval or disapproval of the site a minimum of 14 7 days prior to the team captains' meeting. M/S Brickson/Gunesch

Discussion – confirmed NorAm policy. Some programs lost lots of funds this year. Race Organizers need to work with the lodging partners on refunds when events are cancelled.

Motion #3: Amend proposal to 7 days, remove the word “impartial” M/S/C Brickson/Brooks/unanimous

3.4.3 U16 Proposal (Europe project)

Motion #4: Any athlete attending a WR European project would become an automatic to the Regional Championships, from their division. M/S Brickson/Patton TABLED to August Call

Discussion about athletes that are ranked on the initial list attending vs. deeper into the selection boards.

Motion #5: WR will hold a European competition and training project for U16's. M/S/Patton/Hupfer

Discussion: 2nd year U16's.

Amendment: “only 2nd year U16's”. M/S/C Patton/Hupfer/unanimous

Action Item Gwynn work with youth chair of each division to work on selection process.

3.4.4 U14 Regional Championships – Proposal sent to ASC

Troy Price – thank you for passing the proposal at the Reno meeting.

Next steps – siting/calendaring the event

Propose – run it on top of U16 Regionals March 17-20th, 2016. 2nd option March 10-13, 2016. Vote: 17-20 of March – IMD, 10-13: FW, PNSA, AK, NO

Motion #6: U14 Regional Championships will be run as a scored race series. M/S/C Gunesch/Brickson/unanimous

Selection process from Regional Champs to National Champs is already in place. “The top five, second YOB athletes at the Regional U14 Junior Championships on the overall ranking list will be selected. Athletes will not be purged. Ties will be broken by using the single best result. If a tie still exists, the next best result would be used, and this process will continue until the tie is broken.”

Troy Price would like to see SkillsQuest added to the event in the future so that athletes are more prepared for the U16 Nationals.

3.5 WR Calendar

Thank you to the working group for all of their work. Feel a good representation for each division. 3 NJR's, 2 Elites and 1 Open

Bids due by May 20th. Calendar Working Group will review bids, sites posted by May 26th.

December block is super important for 1st year U18's. Discussion about December being NJR or Open FIS. Discussion continued, will return to the calendaring working group to finalize the decision.

Calendar working group reviewed: Gwynn Watkins Chairperson PNSA – Dan Henry; IMD Bridger Call; AK - Aaron Stiasny; NO – Jeremy Ueland FW - Todd Kelly. Karen Korfanta and Michelle Demschar listen in.

New WR ACC Chair will call a quick Executive Committee to approve/review the work/calendar of the Calendaring Committee.

3.6 Resolutions - attached Lucy Schram Read each resolution, and both approved unanimously.

3.7 Miscellaneous

Divisional Meeting Dates:

IMD May 27th – 28th in Wendover

NO – June 5th in Missoula

PNSA – June 5-7, 2015 in Hood River

FW – Board May 21, 2015 Squaw Valley; ACC last week of May/first week of June.

Karen Korfanta– WR ACC meeting schedule this last year worked well, and we will move forward a similar schedule. August/Oct/Feb/April proposal meeting/Congress. Coaches forums will continue.

Long range items to review– WR By Laws language regarding Officials Rep and Collegiate Rep. Should possibly review tenure to have it rotate for these positions. Athlete reps need to be reviewed, their attendance, geographic, tenure.

Motion #7: WR ACC to create a working group to review feasibility/necessity to incorporate the Western Region. Working Group named: Bill Brooks, Lex Patton, Todd Brickson M/S/C Henry/Kelly/unanimous

Action Item: Jesse Hunt and Phil McNichol to bring incentives to the August Meeting in ways to entice/reward WR Automatics to stay within our region for Elite Spring Series.

Q: U14 Champs Will U14 Regional Champs be part of the Marriott sponsorship?

A: no it will not be.

3.8 Election of Officers

Affirmation to have Todd Kelly to be the Chair of the WR ACC – passed unanimously
Nominate Bill Gunesch to be Vice Chair – passed unanimously
Looking for a new Treasurer immediately.

Todd Kelly: Thank You to Karen Korfanta for her leadership of the WR ACC for the past three years.

3.8 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3.42PM

Alpine Executive Committee

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit C
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Wednesday, May 13 2015, 3:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Minutes (closed meeting)

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Darryl Landstrom – ASC Chair and Alpine Rep. to the USSA BOD	Present
Charles Christianson – Alpine Athlete Rep to the USSA BOD	Excused
Bob Dart – Immediate Past Chair	Present
Michelle Demschar – Secretary nonvoting	Present
Beat Hupfer – Programs Chair	Present
Chip Knight – USSA Alpine Development Director	Present
Craig Krueger – Western Region Representative	Present
Mike Morin – Development/Education Chair	Present
Patrick Riml – USSA Alpine Director	Present
Bill Slattery – At large	Present
Paul Van Slyke – Rules and Technical Chair – represented by Doug Hall	Present
Tom Winters – FIS Representative	Present

Guests:

Eric Resnick, Darlene Nolting, Brewster McVicker, Dan Marshall, Eric Harlow, Jeff Weinman, Peter Stokloza

1. Welcome and call to order
Darryl called the meeting to order at 3.15pm
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
The membership was reviewed
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was reviewed and approved without objection
4. Review and approval of minutes
Minutes were approved during the Fall ASC meeting
Minutes of the Fall ASC meeting will be approved in the ASC meeting this evening
5. Review meeting schedule
Darryl noted that the keynote address had been moved to the Yarrow
6. Discussion
Darryl reminded committee chairs that they would need to assign a minute taker
Darryl asked all committees to use the standardized proposal form to submit proposals to the ASC
7. Comments from staff and Subcommittee Chairs

- 7.1 Staff to present reports at the ASC
Patrick informed the meeting that Paul Kristofic is the new USST women's head coach. The women's USST below WC will be an EC/Development/NTG group led by Frank Kelble. On the regional level, each region will be supported by a director who will lead other regional staff.
- 7.2 Alpine Courses Working Group – Crane
Van Slyke reviewed some of the key items that will be discussed in the working group
- 7.3 Alpine Officials Education Working Group – Hoessler
Van Slyke reviewed some of the key items that will be discussed in the working group
- 7.4 Alpine Rules and Technical Working Group – Van Slyke
Van Slyke reviewed some of the key items that will be discussed in the working group
- 7.5 Alpine Classifications Working Group – Waller
Van Slyke reviewed some of the key items that will be discussed in the working group
- 7.6 Alpine USSA TD Working Group – Rogers
Van Slyke reviewed some of the key items that will be discussed in the working group
- 7.7 Alpine Timing Working Group – Jett
Van Slyke reviewed some of the key items that will be discussed in the working group
- 7.8 Alpine Quotas and Selections Working Group – Hupfer
Hupfer had nothing of particular note to report.
- 7.9 Alpine Development and Education Committee – Morin
Morin reported that all proposals to be discussed had been submitted
- 7.10 Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery
Slattery had no interim activity to report
- 7.11 Alpine Awards Working Group – Slattery
Slattery reported that the working group was reviewing the USSA TD working group award request.
- 7.12 Alpine FIS TD Working Group – Winters
Winters referenced the ICR changes
8. Nominations/Elections
Nominations to the ASC Subcommittee; Programs Subcommittee, FIS Rep; 2 At Large Elections: AO Education WG; TD WG; Rules W; FIS TD WG.
9. Executive Committee review
Decision on Master's helmets has been assigned to legal.
Equipment matrix:
Motion #1: To approve the equipment matrix as outlined by the Alpine Executive Committee of the Alpine Sport Committee on 13 May 2015 version 4. M/S/C Van Slyke/Dart/unanimous

10. Proposal review and assignments

Landstrom reviewed the allocation of proposals for discussion to the various subcommittees and working groups.

Krueger read the following motions from the Western Region:

Be it resolved that the Western Region ACC requests to be included as an integral voice in the selection process for a new Western Region Director. The Western Region ACC recognizes the importance of the collective effort of its divisions to advance ski racing within the Western United States, and the importance of a regional director with experience to promote and collaborate with five distinctly different philosophical and geographical zones. The growth and future success of the Western Region will greatly depend upon the strength of the regional director to lead the five western divisions

Be it resolved that the USSA Western Region Alpine Competition Committee unanimously casts a vote of deep gratitude and respect for Dr. Lester Keller on behalf of all the Western athletes, coaches, families and clubs who have benefitted from his leadership both now and in years past.

Further, let it be known that the leaders of the Western Region, and the leaders of the Western clubs and divisions, greatly appreciated Lester for his ability to bring together the individual interests of all constituents for the common good of the Western Region and the sport of alpine skiing

Finally, the Western Region ACC supports Lester Keller and wishes him, and his family, great successes and happiness in his future endeavors.

11. Time and location of next meeting

Next meeting: Saturday May 16 at 8:00 a.m. Summit C

12. Recess

Meeting adjourned at 5.20pm

Alpine Sport Committee

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit C
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Wednesday, May 13 2015, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Members:

Darryl Landstrom – ASC Chair and Alpine Rep. to the USSA BOD	Present
Luke Bodensteiner – USSA Vice President Athletics	Excused
Charles Christianson – Alpine Athlete Rep to the USSA BOD	Excused
Bob Dart – Immediate Past Chair	Present
Michelle Demschar – Secretary nonvoting	Present
Chuck Hughes – Eastern Region Representative	Present
Beat Hupfer – Programs Chair	Present
Todd Kelly – Western Region Representative	Present
Chip Knight – USSA Alpine Development Director	Present
Karen Korfanta – At large	Present
Craig Krueger – Western Region Representative	Present
Mike Morin – Development/Education Chair	Present
Joe Paul – Rocky/Central Region Representative	Present
Roger Perricone – Rocky/Central Region Representative	Present
Patrick Riml – USSA Alpine Director	Present
Bill Slattery – At large	Present
Tao Smith – Eastern Region Representative	Present
Paul Van Slyke – Rules and Technical Chair – represented by Doug Hall	Present
Tom Winters – FIS Representative	Excused

Guests: Thelma Hoessler, Gretchen Ransom, Gary Wright, Dan Chayes, Esther DelliQuadri
Jesse Hunt, Crawford Pierce, Todd Brickson, Jamie Landwehr, Dave Pym, Rob Clayton
Bill Skinner, Darryl Whitaker, Stefan Hughes, Jeff Weinman

1. Welcome and call to order
Meeting called to order 6.43pm
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
Committee membership reviewed and roll called
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: To approve the agenda M/S/C Slattery/Dart/unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion #2: To approve the minutes M/S/C Slattery/Dart/unanimous
5. Review meeting schedule
Meeting schedule reviewed

6. Staff reports
 - 6.1. USSA management – Shaw / Bodensteiner
Report will be presented Saturday.
Shaw welcomed everyone to Congress, and encouraged everyone to reach out to staff with feedback and suggestions; dialogue and debate is welcomed from all members.
 - 6.2. Alpine Director – Riml
Riml spoke to his annual report contained in the meeting materials posted on line
 - 6.3. Development Director – Knight
Knight spoke to the development report contained in the meeting materials posted online
 - 6.4. Alpine Domestic Program Director – Demschar
Demschar spoke to the report contained in the meeting materials posted online.
 - 6.5. Education – Nolting
Report will be presented on Saturday.
 - 6.6. Competition Services – Weinman
Report will be presented on Saturday.
7. Reports (action items, initiatives and issues)
 - 7.1. Governance Task Force – Dart
Affiliate Agreements have all been signed and submitted to staff.
Next step will be to have all affiliates sign the red line version of the by-laws by 30 September,2015.
 - 7.2. Executive – Landstrom
The Fall Call was a full ASC meeting instead of an Executive meeting. Landstrom asked for feedback as to whether the Committee would like to do this again 2015.
 - 7.2.1. BOD report – Landstrom
Landstrom reported on three Board initiatives:
 - Approval of the debt restructuring plan
 - Membership structure overhaul
 - Purchase of NASTAR
 - 7.2.2. Nominating Committee review terms and elections– Slattery
ASC committee positions open:
 - Alpine FIS TD Working Group Chair
 - Alpine Programs Subcommittee Chair
 - 2 At Large members
 - 7.2.3. Awards – Dart / Slattery
Dart reported that nominations came in at the last minute, and asked that all committee members make an effort to solicit and submit nominations in a timely manner.

The committee will be reviewing a submission from the USSA TD working group for a new award.

Landstrom requested all members to be more engaged in the nomination process, particularly for volunteer awards. Crane asked that Chairs be sent a reminder in January.

7.2.4. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery had no interim activity.

7.3. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

Hall spoke on Van Slyke's behalf, thanking the subcommittee members for all their work. He reminded them that he would need minutes and action items from their working groups submitted electronically by Friday.

7.4. Program Subcommittee – Hupfer

Masters – were waiting to hear a ruling on helmets

Quotas – nothing major anticipated

Collegiate – report will be presented on Saturday

7.5. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin reported that a working group had been appointed last Congress, which had fulfilled its task.

Several members of the Development and Education Subcommittee have been active members of the Elite Development Committee, whose discussions and recommendations have been an integral part in the staff proposals currently presented for approval by this subcommittee.

Morin informed the meeting that the first Development and Education subcommittee meeting would deal with national issues, and the second with regional issues.

7.6. Regional representatives – Krueger

Will have a report on Saturday.

7.7. FIS – Winters

Riml reported that the FIS would be implementing the introduction of 27mm gates for women at the WC level in 2015/16, with a phase in year for FIS.

FIS is considering the use of colored panels and gates.

Riml noted that there was some discussion about equipment changes, and pointed out that the current equipment regulations would stay in place until at least 2017/18, so the earliest any change could be introduced would be 2018/19.

World Cup Supply has submitted smaller GS panels to FIS for homologation.

7.8. Athletes – Christianson / Knight

Chip Knight and Gina Gassman are stepping down as athlete representatives, and with a further position open, Landstrom noted that this committee is in need of three athlete representatives. He asked regional representatives to submit names of possible candidates.

8. Old business

9. New business

Landstrom informed the meeting of the subcommittee allocation of the proposals submitted to the ASC:

- 25 start FIS start limitation – Development and Education Subcommittee
- Southern hemisphere start restriction – Development and Education Subcommittee
- Children’s International FIS racing – Development and Education Subcommittee
- Point profile requirement to access CAN racing – Quotas working group
- U14&U16 Equipment matrix – ASC Executive
- U19 Age Classification – Development and Education Subcommittee
- Course setting matrix – Development and Education Subcommittee
- USSA/FIS concurrent DH races – Classification Working Group & Development and Education Subcommittee
- Ability Class Racing - Classification Working Group & Development and Education Subcommittee
- Helmet standards – Legal Counsel

10. Time and location of next meeting

Saturday 16 May 2015 2pm

11. Recess

Adjourn 7.40pm

Alpine Officials Education Working Group

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit B
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Thursday, May 14 2015, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chairs: Thelma Hoessler

Thelma Hoessler, Chair	present
Scott Young, Alaska	excused
Grant Lindemer, Central	present
Michael Browne, East	present
Ted Newman Jr., East	present
Jill Firstbrook, East	present
Phil GilanFarr, Far West	present
Troy Price, Intermountain	present
Bob Pettitt, Northern	present
Roger Root, Pacific Northwest	present
Esther DelliQuadri, Rocky Mountain	present
John Jett, Ex-Officio	present
Gretchen Ransom, Ex-Officio	present
Randy Rogers, Ex-Officio	present
Tom Winters, Ex-Officio	excused
Gary Wright, Ex-Officio and Vice-Chair	present
Laura Sullivan, At-large	present
Allen Church, Emeritus	present

Guests: Mike Cosman, Brad Ghent, Ingrid Simonson, Stanley Goldschmidt, Dan Chayes, Bill Brooks, John Manderfield, Anna McIntyre, Tami Strong, Gail Barber, Ellen Hoffman, Connie Webster, Deb Lewis, Beat Hupfer, Lucretia Schram, Patti Nichols, James Lazor, Roy Loman, Sherri Hale, Jeremy Neland, Ted Lockwood, Eric Millbrandt, Bill Skinner, Shannon Carrell, Dave Waller, Maren Hosmer, Chuck Hughes, Dave Pym, Bruce Crane

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 8.00 a.m.

2. Roll Call completed and voting members identified

- Allen Church not able to attend but is with us in spirit.

Following proxies accepted:

- Terry Sherwood for Scott Young, Alaska
- Tony Nunnikhoven for Tom Winters, Ex-Officio
- Appointment of Ted Newman, Jr. as a replacement for Doug Hall, East, acknowledged
- Retirement of Don Page, At-Large, and Robert Calderwood, MD, Ex-Officio acknowledged.

Motion #1: With appreciation of their many years of service to the Alpine Officials' volunteer community, accept the retirement of Don Page and Robert Calderwood, MD, and recognize them as Emeritus members of this Working Group.
M/S/C Lindemer/Sullivan/Unanimous

Motion #2: To appoint Matt Howard to fill the At-Large position vacated by Don Page.
M/S/C Lindemer/Sullivan/Unanimous

- Presence of honored guests, Anna McIntyre, Ingrid Simonson, Bruce Crane, Ted Sutton and David Pym, recognized. Their contributions have helped create us.

3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion #3: To accept agenda as presented while allowing Chair freedom to adjust order as required by presence of presenters.
M/S/C Browne/Root/Unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes 15 May 2014

Motion #4: To accept Minutes of 15 May 2014 as distributed.
M/S/C Price/Wright/Unanimous

5. Reports

5.1 Chair and Vice Chair

Chair and Vice-Chair reports have been e-mailed to Working Group members. There are no changes.

5.2 Divisions

Alaska: Only issues were weather related. Bruce Crane's assistance with course homologation noted. Retaining officials after their children leave the program continues to be a challenge. Alaska would like to encourage a program that offers officials the opportunity to officiate in other divisions. Terry Sherwood's education efforts commended.

Central: Only issues are geographic. Central is cultivating a new group of Technical Delegates, largely from the coaching community. Due to the lack of speed events in Central, the reasoning behind the interdiction to continue rule needs additional education. We are also challenged with being able to retain coaches and officials.

East: Appreciation expressed for this Working Group's efforts to give East great representation on this Working Group. Members of Working Group thanked for their support of the Alpine Officials' community; enthusiasm appreciated. Chuck Hughes thanked for his contributions and leadership. Planned education offerings welcome; working on increasing Competition Official education at the club level and making advanced education opportunities available to all levels.

Far West: Only issues were weather related. We are pleased with the excellent quality of the provided education materials; makes teaching and comprehension easier.

Intermountain: No issues; all clinics were successful and well attended. A clinic specifically for coaches was held in Salt Lake City and was well received. A workshop

for Technical Delegates allowed us to review and discuss best practices.

Northern: We are concerned with the reduction in the number of officials. Geographic issues make clinic scheduling difficult; creative scheduling required. We are focused on increasing number of trained Technical Delegates due to increasing number of retirements in that area.

Pacific Northwest: J. J. Ehler's season-long assistance noted. Paul Mahre and Bruce Crane thanked for their assistance in obtaining urgent homologations. PNSA's clubs' cooperation meeting weather-related challenges noted. We are also working on Technical Delegate balance and advancement.

Rocky Mountain: Challenging year; increased number of new officials but availability diminished by World Cup events and World Championships. We are addressing need for more Technical Delegates as current ones move out of the system. RMSRO's early season coaches' clinics well attended; list of out-of-area attendees provided to divisions/state AO Chairs so certification records can be updated.

Grant Lindemer, Central, expressed his appreciation for Charles Burnham's assistance and notifications to division/state AO Chairs.

5.3 Staff

5.3.1 Competition Services, J.J. Ehlers and Jeff Weinman:

- Difficulties encountered reviewing race result packets discussed
- Requests for resubmission due to inability to locate them on the server
- Jeff Weinman reported on tracking of officials' work history

5.3.2 Membership, Sheryl Barnes:

- 2015-2016 membership structure changes fully explained
- Membership cards will again be produced
- Weekend membership assistance will be available
- New Membership Department staff members introduced

5.3.3 Coaches' Education

- No representative from USSA Sport Education Department present
- Message must be delivered that coaches need to verify the accuracy of their Alpine Official certification and update status
- Contributions of Jon Nolting noted. He and his family wished the best of luck in their future endeavors

5.4 Bruce Crane, Chair, Courses Working Group:

- Access to FIS and USSA course homologation information available in library format on USSA website
- Courses listed by location, race trail name; search function not available
- Location, User ID and Password posted

6. Old Business

6.1. Preparation & Distribution of Education Materials

6.1.1. Participation

- Updated materials will be distributed for review as soon as possible
- Volunteer sign-up sheet provided
- Respect for commitment in a timely manner requested

6.1.2. Format – Dropbox

- New Dropbox will be established for 2015-2016
- Division/state AO Chairs must submit list of their Dropbox invitees by September 1
- Dropbox use clarified; do not use for posting documents other than those approved by Working Group

6.1.3. PowerPoint Presentations: Split Second 101 and Jury Minutes

- Split Second 101 will be updated as new version is made available
- Jury Minutes presentation is a valuable education/reference tool and will be updated as required
- Additional presentations will be updated as required
- At the discretion of the Division/State AO Chairs, all PowerPoint presentations may be distributed/posted to their membership

6.1.4. Gate Judge Video Revision: Laura Sullivan

- Content of 2001 presentation discussed
- Problems encountered when attempting to update current presentations discussed
- USSA's commitment to assisting with finances and content announced

6.2. Online Procedures

6.2.1. Online Introduction to Officiating (Competition Official)

- Roger Root and PNSA volunteers thanked for their efforts
- Status of online Competition Official certification clarified
- Results of beta testing provided for review
- USSA staff will continue to work towards making online presentation a reality
- Materials for an actual Competition Official Clinic will still be produced

6.2.2. UST Coaches/USSA staff Continuing Education/Update

- UST Coaches and USSA staff are subject to the same membership/certification requirements as are all volunteers
- Failure to observe these requirements or to expect they be ignored could be viewed as a lack of respect for the volunteer community's efforts and contributions

6.2.3. American Specialty Insurance (ASI) report

- Online report is a useful tool
 - Only document those items readily available: e.g. name, USSA #, event transmittal #, date, location, etc.
 - Opinions must not be recorded
- 6.2.4. Online Testing for Alpine Officials' Clinics: Jill Firstbrook
- No request for action. Introduction of online Competition Official training is a good first step
- 6.2.5. TD Webinar: Roger Root
- Plan is still viable
 - AOEWG members will be invited to participate/observe
- 6.3. USSA Procedures
- 6.3.1. Head Injury Reporting: Jeff Weinman
- No issues reported
 - Officials reminded that USSA does not have the authority to list foreign athletes on the "Medical Hold" list
- 6.3.2. Electronic FIS and USSA packets
- Plan is being developed that will allow designated officials access to filed race result packets to evaluate content and accuracy
 - Purpose is only for education purposes
 - Issues, if found, should be followed up with an offer for assistance/mentorship
- 6.3.3. USSA'S Online Event Registration System
- List of concerns discussed
 - Efforts are being made to make the product user friendly
 - Only one Division has made its use mandatory; other areas may continue to use the event registration of their choice
- 6.3.4. Certification Updates: Can AO Chairs be given access
- Issue remains on Jeff Weinman's list
 - Probability of eventual access is promising
- 6.4. Issues: Prior Years' Proposals / Changes
- 6.4.1 Data Management/Race Administration Revisions: DM ability pre-requisite
- Suggestion that Data Management and Race Administration certifications be combined discussed
 - Issues that could be encountered discussed
 - Motion to combine the certifications tabled. AO Chairs encouraged to require Data Management (use of race result software) as part of Race Administrator certification

- Issues will be reviewed and combined certification will be revisited at 2016 Congress
- 6.4.2 Jury Advisor Revision: Non-scored events
- When online presentation becomes available, Jury Advisors at USSA non-scored events must, at a minimum, be certified Competition Officials
- 6.4.3 Tracking / posting / observing Continuing Education (Update) requirement
- Date noted on USSA website refers to “season” of update not date of actual update
 - Availability of online Continuing Education (Update) is still being reviewed
- 6.4.4 Coach Membership Requirement
- USSA coach membership is a “must” requirement for venue access
 - Only exception for coaches accompanying foreign athletes at CAN-AM events
- 6.4.5 2nd-Run Status for DNF, DSQ competitors at USSA scored events
- AOEWG continues to support practice
 - System for listing start order is a software issue
 - Jury may terminate event prior to these athletes’ starts
 - Second-Run Report by the Referee should provide an accurate and easily understood record of the status of these athletes
- 6.4.6 Interdiction to Continue (614.2.3) at scored events
- Purpose of rule is the security of the competitors and others present on the course
 - Education efforts will be expanded so those areas that do not regularly stage fixed-interval events understand the requirements of the rule
- 6.4.7 Penalty for Early / Late Start (613.7): does 223.3.3 apply?
- Rule 613.7 specifically requires “disqualification”
 - Rule related to “no advantage/no disqualification” 223.3.3 does not apply
 - Purpose of this rule is the security of the competitors and others present on the course
 - No change to rule requiring sanction for delayed start (613.6) for events with non-fixed intervals
- 6.4.8 Forerunners and the Club Participant Membership
- This issue has been fully discussed and addressed by Sheryl Barnes’ presentation
7. New Business
- 7.1. Rules for Dual Events
- More and more areas are staging alpine dual events
 - Rules Working Group will review feasibility of adopting rules for alpine duals

- ACR for dual events will address tie-breaking rules and will allow for discretion regarding type of qualification format
- 7.2. Support and Rules for Masters Events
- Masters community has reviewed/revised their rules
 - Rules that apply only to Masters events will be noted with “M”
 - Contributions of Deb Lewis commended
- 7.3. Sub-Standard Events
- 7.3.1. Staffing
- Race result packet reviews may help identify areas where staffing is an issue
 - Mentorship should be made available for these areas
- 7.3.2. Documentation
- Race result packet reviews will identify Race Administrators and Technical Delegates who have issues with proper preparation of required documents
 - Mentorship and education should be made available to assist in correction of issues
- 7.4. Forerunner Requirements
- Forerunners must have either a competitor, coach/official or club participant membership
 - Vertical drop requirements also apply to forerunners
8. Discussion Items
- When is an event over?
 - Event may actually not be over until fencing is rolled and awards ceremony concluded
 - Event is actually concluded at the expiration of applicable protest periods and the filing of required documentation
 - Issues that arise after this time can only be addressed through the appeal process
 - The Appeals Committee may decide the appeal has no merit; their decision is final
- 8.1. Communication
- USSA staff must maintain an atmosphere of open communication
 - Due process must be followed when implementing procedural **and/or** rule changes
 - Procedural **and/or** rule changes must be communicated if USSA expects their volunteer official community to continue to provide events that are fair and equitable
- 8.2. Volunteer Recruitment
- Average age of volunteers is in the low fifties

- We must encourage younger volunteers to embrace the sport
- Dual membership will allow competitors to seek Alpine Official membership, which will allow us to introduce them to the inner workings of a ski race
- Online Competition Official certification will give them entry to officiating
- AO certification will still be required for them to fulfill key positions

8.3. Verifying Certifications

- The Race Administrator and the Technical Delegate are responsible for verifying certifications
- USSA staff must respect and abide by certification requirements

9. Recommendations for Advancement to AO Level 4

**Motion #5: To accept advancements to Level 4 certifications as presented.
M/S/C Firstbrook/Sullivan/unanimous**

10. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion #6: To elect a slate of Thelma Hoessler (Chair) and Gary Wright (Vice Chair) M/S/C Nunnikhoven/Rogers/unanimous

11. Adjournment

Motion #7: To adjourn. M/S/C Lindemer/Watts/unanimous

Alpine Coaches' Education Task Force

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit C
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Thursday, May 14 2015, 8:00 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: John Nolting

Ron Kipp
Kathy Okoniewski
Dani Koch
Caryn Jones
Deb Armstrong
Brad Saxe
Paul Mannelin
Chris Thompson

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of membership and roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes
5. Reports
- 5.1 Alpine Education Manager – Kipp

Was a big clinic year again with around 900 clinic participants and almost 100 clinics. Working with Sasha Rearick on new Level 300 Slalom DVD. Level 300's in East and West (National Coaches Academy). Around a 2/3 pass rate for the Level 300, on the first try, has been consistent over the last several years. Started a non-certification clinic with a Skills and Drills clinic in Park City for continuing education. PSIA certification camp at Snowbird in April, around 23 participated, almost 15 athletes, working toward and passing PSIA Level 3 certification.

- 5.2 Sport Education Director – Nolting

Coach Education Task Force met several times through the summer and fall. Started with a SWOT analysis of the alpine coach education system. This identified five key areas where smaller, focused task forces could focus some work.

- 5.3 SWOT Five Areas Discussion

- 5.3.1 Consistency in education delivery

Focused on how to ensure consistent delivery through all clinics and for education to meet the needs of coaches across the country. Will review clinic materials and presentations and offer suggestions and work to make it simple and effective to deliver. Nolting mentioned that USSA Sport Education does surveys of clinic participants and feedback is favorable.

5.3.2 PSIA involvement

USSA has spent considerable time in the last year collaborating with PSIA National staff. Outcomes so far have included USSA articles in 32 Degrees magazine, discussion on an American system of educating ski teachers and coaches, membership structures and other ideas to make the content more accessible across the two organizations to support certification and continuing education needs of each.

5.3.3 Ability to teach

Will look to improve educational materials around pedagogy, teaching progressions, learner-centered coaching, etc.

Discussion from Far West – there is a need for basic teaching clinics for Mighty Mite level. Nolting mentioned plans for a parent-focused Level 100 “light” that is intended for parents or maybe volunteer coaches to help them understand skiing fundamentals and long-term athlete development principles. This clinic probably does not meet the needs identified by Far West, they’re looking for more teaching. Nolting will look into.

5.3.4 U.S. Ski Team/coach education crossover

Both recruiting and training USST athletes early to be a coach and for providing former USST athletes content for coaching that is uniquely for them. USSA launched an Elite Athlete Coaches Clinic for athletes with points 30 or lower on the FiS list. Small turnout, but participants were excited and expect there is growth potential. Concept seemed sold.

5.3.5 Availability of coaches

This group will look into what can be done to increase the number of coaches available come hiring time.

6. Old business

Discussion about SkillsQuest judging and the lack of consistency. Karen Ghent mentioned there is great buy in from RMD, but inconsistent scoring has been discouraging. Keep an eye on how to improve consistency. We don’t want the assessment to go away because kids get discouraged by scoring inconsistency.

Phil McNichol noted the need for more practical methodology tools for coaches like simple scorecards for SkillsQuest, things like the old Star Chart or the Husky Challenge. Think of things a first year coach could deliver on. Need a more simple day-to-day use SkillsQuest tool.

Kathy Okoniewski countered that SkillsQuest has been a great tool to challenge the young coach to learn more; it may be difficult, but has enhanced their understanding because it isn’t so simple.

7. New business

7.1 U.S. Ski Team coach mentorship opportunities

Sport Education is working with Patrick Riml and the head coaches to formally define a mentorship program with US Ski Team projects where coaches can apply to mentor with the US Ski Team staff at particular projects. Would be coordinated by USSA Sport Education through an application process, with priority given to Level 300 or higher coaches. Will post a schedule of opportunities within a week or two and send to all clubs.

7.2 Course setting certifications

Would like to explore the possibility of certifying course setters. Currently there is no course setting certification. If a coach has a referee license they can set, but this only shows that they know the rules, not that they understand how to set for different situations, etc. Will discuss more over the summer for possible implementation in 2016/17.

7.3 Continuing Education Requirements

Staff would like to see the continuing education credit requirements made more specific to the different levels of coaching and the different types of things coaches need to stay current on. For example, a coaching category and a risk management category (concussion, SafeSport, referee updates, etc). USSA system should allow for better tracking here in the future. Looking for input.

This task force would like to be considered as an official working group under the alpine development subcommittee.

Motion #1: To support the formation of a standing Alpine Coaches Education Working Group to work under the Alpine Development/Education subcommittee of the Alpine Sport Committee with the structure and purpose proposed below.

Alpine Coaches' Education Working Group

Purpose: To create a working group to advise and support the USSA Sport Education Department to deliver educational programs, resources and certification pathways in an American system built around long-term athlete development and sustainable athletic excellence. The group will specifically review and make recommendations on current and future curriculum and certification systems, represent regional and industry challenges and concerns with such systems, and communicate any actions and opportunities to their constituents.

Working group make-up:

- Regional reps¹ (6, 2 each from East/Rocky-Central/West, selected or appointed regionally)
- Athlete (2, collegiate or USST)
- Children's rep² (1)
- At-large (1)
- PSIA rep³ (1)
- University rep⁴ (1)
- USST staff rep (1)
- Alpine Education Manager
- Sport Education Director

A chair and vice-chair would be nominated by the working group to lead the meetings and to represent the WG to the Alpine Development Subcommittee. The chair would also be a primary contact between the working group and USSA Sport Education staff.

Jon Nolting was nominated as the chair and Phil McNichol as vice-chair (at-large) at the task force meeting on May 14, 2015, by **unanimous vote of those present**

¹ Should be veteran coaches with five or more years of coaching experience who maintain current USSA coach certification, selected by their regions

² Children's rep would be a coach or a specialist in working with athletes ages U14 and younger

³ Must be fully certified PSIA member, target is PSIA National Team, Examiner or Education staff

⁴ Represents research and leadership in sport science or pedagogy related to alpine ski racing

8 Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Alpine Development and Education Subcommittee Session 1

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit C
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Thursday, May 14 2015, 10:05 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Mike Morin

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
Chair - Mike Morin (present), Vice-Chair - Jesse Hunt (present), RC - Mike Bowman (present), RC - Joe Paul (present), West - Jamie Landwehr (present), East - Kirk Dwyer (present), College - Peter Dodge (present), Athlete - Charles Christianson (present), Athlete - Gina Gassman (absent), USSA Staff - Jon Nolting (present), Past Chair - Dave Galusha (absent)

3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of minutes

M/S/C Joe Paul/Jamie Landwehr

5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair
 - 5.2. Education staff – Nolting
 - Another big clinic year.
 - Development of materials - Finalizing an Alpine Coaches pocket guide. USOC/USST mobile app.
 - Finalized the National Coaches Academy in the East and the West
 - 400 was not launched at the academy this year due to the low snow year and limited environment.
 - Thanked Ron Kipp for all his hard work this past season.
 - Working with PSIA and coordinating between the two organizations
 - Jon will be leaving USSA to take on new position with the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club.
 - Coach Education task force did a lot of work over the summer and fall. The task force was divided into five different categories
 - PSIA coordination
 - National Team crossover and professional development for coaches to work on National Team projects
 - Consistency of clinic delivery

- Improving the teaching of skills
- Growing the number of coaches in the pipeline
- The Task Force would like to become an official working group under the ASC with Jon Nolting as Chair and Phil McNichol as Vice-Chair
- Mike Morin thanked Jon for all his work with USSA and congratulations on the new position

5.3. Alpine staff – Riml

- You can find Patrick's presentation in the Dropbox. Patrick went through National Team results from this past season. Strong performance at World Championships and World Junior Championships
- Women's Head Coach and a women's D Team have been added to the National Team
- Hired Chip Knight as the National Development Director, Michelle will stay in her same position.
- The changes in criteria are producing some good standards and we have more athletes meeting criteria.
- Patrick would like to thank his staff for their hard work and dedication to the programs.

5.3.1. U16 National Championship and Assessment Project review and plan

This is a good event - Thanks to Eric Harlow for his hard work at that event.

5.3.2. U16 and U18 project plan

Women's NTG - five athletes met criteria - two to the D Team

Men's NTG - two athletes met criteria - one to the D Team

5.3.3. D-Team

5.3.4. Team criteria

5.3.5. USSA Team Academy and National Training Group

- Successful year with three international podiums, three of the five full time U16 athletes met criteria moving forward.
- We are making some gains in the top 10 world age ranks
- Chip went through the training plan for the NTG for this coming year.
- Athletes who received discretion to the NTG for this coming season were heavily discussed between USST, NTG, and Regional staff. Those athletes receive project-based invitations. Staff had set more clear standards of top 50 World Age Ranks for these project-based selections.

5.3.6 FIS Equipment Update - Gates, Ski Equipment, Small Gate Panel

- 15-16 year women will use 27mm gates at the World Cup
- FIS allowed the use of orange panels in the appropriate locations where the red or blue panels would be hard to see.

- FIS Ski Equipment no changes until 18-19. If there were to be changes it would be for the 18-19 season.
- SPM developed a smaller gate panel that has been presented to FIS and was approved and the final approval should happen at the '15 spring FIS meetings.

6. Review USSA Staff and Committee Proposals

6.1 CAN FIS Access - **M/S/amended Landwher/Dodge**

- Discussion regarding the proposal, some feel that there should be standards set for athletes to race FIS.
- For the Regional Agenda - what is the value of USSA racing in the US? USSA needs to focus on the USSA points system and find away to increase the value of a strong USSA series.
- Amend proposal to change the point cut off from 120 FIS points to 120 USSA points

Motion #1: M/S/C Landwher/Morin - 6 for and 2 opposed

Motion #2: Research potential to create a standard for FIS racing and bolster a strong USSA point series. M/S Morin/ no second.

6.2 Southern Hemisphere Racing

- This proposal comes from staff and feedback that they received from coaches around the country.

Motion #3: Current proposal with the addition that the athlete must have a maximum of 120 USSA points in any discipline. The current USSA list at the time of selections will be used. M/S/C Paul/Dwyer 7 for and 1 opposed

6.3 First Year FIS Start Limitation

Motion #4: Amend the current proposal request to exclude the tech starts at Junior World Championships and at the athletes' home National Championships and from the 25 start count. M/S/failed Dodge/Landwehr 2 for 5 opposed

6.4 International Children's FIS Racing

Motion #5: The USSA may field teams of U16 athletes to compete in FIS International Children's competitions through approved regional and national projects. M/S/C Nolting/Dodge/unanimous

6.5 National NJR Series Pre-proposal

Quota for these races will be presented to the Quota Committee on the Fall Call.

6.6 **Motion #6: To compete in International FIS race a FIS age athlete would be required to have a maximum of 120.00 USSA point in any event at the time of selection. The current USSA points list available at the time of selection will be used. M/S/C Dwyer/ Paul 1 abstain**

7. Recess:

Motion #7: To adjourn M/S/C Morin/Nolting/unanimous

Alpine Rocky/Central Region ACC

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit C
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Thursday, May 14 2015, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Dave Anderson

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
Chair - Dave Anderson (present), Vice-Chair - Stefan Hughes (present), Joe Paul (present), John Manderfield (present), Pat Callahan (present), Jeff Dekko (present), Roger Perricone (present), Anje Worrell (present), Bob Dart (present), Bill Slattery (present)
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: Agenda approval. M/S/C Perricone/Worrell/unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion #2: Minutes approval. M/S/C Callahan/Paul/unanimous
5. Staff reports
 - 5.1. USSA Memberships – Sheryl Barnes
 - Sheryl presented the new USSA membership structure
 - Insurance restructure through the CLIP - base fee is \$1,000 and a \$15 per person charge for clubs. It is accepted at all resorts - coverage for all traditional USSA events, training, fundraisers
 - Director & Officers Insurance is available through USSA
 - During the peak season there will be a staff member available on weekends.
 - 5.2. Domestic Alpine Programs Director – Demschar
 - USSA will be hiring a Rocky/Central Director - hope to have some information to announce very shortly.
 - Thank you for working with USSA staff and the good communication that has happened and please continue to communicate with us.
 - 5.3. Rocky Division Manager – D. Nolting
 - 5.4. Central Division Manager – B. McVicker
Central divided up the U14/U16 Qualification into two different events Region 1 and a Region 2, 3, 4 Series.
6. Divisional ACC reports
 - 6.1. Central – Dekko

- Impact from the age change has hit Central pretty hard.
 - Working on some outreach projects to help drive membership and participation
- 6.2. Rocky Mountain – Bowman
- RMD is changing their election cycle for RMD members of the RC ACC to happen in the fall.
 - RMD is working its budget to fund a Youth Coordinator
 - Healthy
 - RMD is using the USSA online registration and it works well for the division
7. Old business
8. New business
- It would be a good idea to schedule an RC meeting following the divisional ACC meetings.
 - Thank you to Dave Anderson for his hard work and leadership as the RC ACC Chair.
- 8.1. Rocky/Central FIS Championship
- The GS portion of the RC FIS Championships was canceled this past season. Thank you to Echo for picking the SL portion of the event.
- 8.2. Regional Team Selections Proposal
- Motion #3: RC Regional Team be accepted as presented. M/S/C Paul/Perricone/unanimous**
- 8.3. **Motion #4: To adopt the RC Selections criteria to U18 National Championships. M/S/C Perricone/Dekko/unanimous**
9. Adjournment
- Motion #5: To adjourn. M/S/C Callahan/Paul/unanimous**

Alpine Timing Working Group

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit B
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Thursday, May 14 2015, 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: John Jett

Allen Church (emeritus)	Excused
Gretchen Ransom	Present
Ellen Hoffman	Present
John Jett	Present
Stanley Goldschmidt	Present
John Jacobs	Present
Tami Strong	Present
Dan Chayes	Present
Dave Waller	Excused
Jake Treadwell	Present
Matt Howard	Present
Bill Gunesch	Excused – proxy to Roger Root
Lucy Schram	Present
Eric Millbrandt	Present

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: Agenda approval. M/S/C Treadwell/Strong/unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion #2: Minutes approval. M/S/C Hoffman/Howard/unanimous
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair
Good season in Rocky with World Championships and most events happening as calendared. Few issues presented during the season.
 - 5.2. USSA staff – none present
 - 5.3. FIS representatives – none present
 - 5.4. Timing form review by working group members
 - 5.5. Gretchen Ransom – Central Division
Good reporting by OCs with most reports available. Typical problems that were addressed as needed.
 - 5.6. Tami Strong – Intermountain
Good reporting with typical issues. Improvement in most categories.

- 5.7. John Jett – Rocky Mountain Division
Over 100 reports reviewed with improvement in all categories. Sync +1 was looked at and it was found that only 4% did not make the new FIS standard of .001. Some issues with EETs and understanding of the need when missing a system A time. EET is needed and direct substitution of system B time is not allowed. Education for TDs and TCs is offered.
- 5.8. Matt Howard – Eastern Region
Over 200 reports reviewed with most doing well. Some smaller clubs that do few events per year and have had little turnover over the years are hard to educate and continue with outdated practices. Improvement was shown overall.
- 5.9. Terry Sherwood – Alaska
Many events cancelled or moved and problems shown were typical. Reporting was good for the events that did happen.
- 5.10. Lucy Schram – Far West
Many events cancelled or moved with a large portion of the events happening in Mammoth. This produced consistent TDTRs done right by majority. Some smaller resorts that did host events the way they always do it do show problems staying current.
- 5.11. Bob Petit – Northern Division
About half of events submitted reports directly and that were typical with problems.
- 5.12. John Jacobs – Tag Heuer update
Tag has reported that they will continue to produce and sell their sports timing equipment. Good news for all Tag fans.
6. Old business
- 6.1. Review of USSA ACR
- Motion #3: To remove the exception for use of non-homologated start gates effective for season 2017-2018 (ACR 611.2.1.1 Start Gate, last paragraph). This will bring USSA rules closer to being in line with FIS rules in the timing section. M/S/C Ransom/Hoffman/unanimous**
- Motion #4: To remove the last paragraph of 611.2.4, exception to use wireless for non-scored without following of FIS wireless rules M/S/failed Goldschmidt/Strong**
- Motion #5: To separate the exception in 611.2.4 and note it as a USSA rule. M/S/C Root/Jacob/unanimous.**
- 6.2. Timing Form Distribution – All current reviewers committed to continue.
- 6.3. Timing Survey – Strong, Chayes and Schram reviewed and identified lack of understanding of the why behind the rules and practices of the TDTR report. By September white paper will be produced for inclusion in the Master Packet. Direct distribution of this will be sent to TC officials that submitted email addresses on past year USSA TDTR forms.
7. New business
- 7.1. Education materials update, as shown above and signups for help with AOWG materials
8. Adjournment
- Motion #6: M/S/C Treadwell/Chayes/unanimous**

Alpine USSA TD Working Group

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit B
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Thursday, May 14 2015, 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Randy Rogers	present
Vice Chair: Tony Nunnikhoven (Northern)	present
Scott Young (Alaska)	represented by Terry Sherwood
Phil GilanFarr (Far West)	present
Carma Burnett (Intermountain)	present
Esther DelliQuadri (Rocky Mountain) retiring	represented by Ghent
Gretchen Ransom (Central)	
Robert Calderwood (Immediate Past Chair)	retired
Chuck Hughes (Eastern)	present
Thelma Hoessler (Ex Officio, AE Chair)	present
Jeff Weinman (USSA)	present
Paul Van Slyke (FIS)	represented by Doug Hall
Barry Bryant – (Honorary)	
Don Page (Honorary)	

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion #1: M/S/C GilanFarr/Hayes/unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion #2: M/S/C Nunnikhoven/Burnett/unanimous

Ratify new members/thank and recognize retiring members Esther Delliquadri/Dr. Robert Calderwood. Thelma made motion with 2nd by Tony to make Bob Calderwood Emeritus on this working group

5. Reports

- 5.1. Chair

Recognize all USSA TD's for their efforts and support during 2014-15 season.

Recognize efforts of Beaver Creek, Brad Ghent, Greg Johnson and all staff and volunteers for a tremendous World Championships.

Discuss mid-season communications, and recognition of WG members who participated in season discussions and action items.

Randy has available the Canadian Safety video. Randy indicated that TD's need to create an environment that is fair and equal.

- 5.2. Alaska – no report

- 5.3. PNSA – Roger Root
Rain. 220 total races 93 cancelled most on substitute venue.
- 5.4. Far West
Encouraged by a TD forum held in Fall to encourage diplomacy and attitude of leadership
- 5.5. Intermountain
4 new TDs
- 5.6. Northern
2 new active TDs. Integrate into management of events
- 5.7. Rocky Mountain
Completed successful World Champs. Challenging to cover all other events.
- 5.8. Central
Have a new TD underway. TY to grant for assisting with TDs
- 5.9. Eastern Region
TY Eastern AO committees. Need to encourage a younger TD recruitment!
- 5.10. Alpine Officials – TDs need to follow protocol, advance notice, minutes, program, packet review. Adjusting TD report to list timing equipment by TD. Review TCM requirements.
- 5.11. USSA – Weinman (B. Crane presented the access to homologation reports)
- 5.12. FIS
- 6. Old business
- 6.1. TD reports – review electronic / USPS submission plus supplemental reports
E-file is 98%. Utilize the supplemental report more.
- 6.2. Expense reports for USSA TD's
85% are taking the fee. Some have donated time.
- 6.3. TD per diem review / response from ROC's
Nunnikhoven: zero negative feedback
- 6.4. Climate Change and our Sport – What if this is the new Normal? Round Table:
Presentation of two examples of ROC's working within constraints of low snow conditions. Mission Ridge recognized for operating specifically for ski races and providing training for visiting clubs. Alpine Meadows recognized for pulling off an early December race before noon to allow the public and local club to use the one run on the mountain. Comments shared about working with clubs to address needs for movable finish buildings, more latitude with timing and communication wire, pursue alternate venues.
- 6.5. Randy added the discussion regarding “no alcohol” at TCM. Review of “Rogers’ Recommendation.” Thanked TD and ROC’s for responding. Majority of clubs are not providing/allowing alcohol during meetings.
- 7. New business
- 7.1. TD review of ROC – Brad Ghent
Encouraged use of the supplemental data to be a message for the next TD. Discussed open communication with ROC’s to provide valuable input, review.

- 7.2. Radio protocol – proposed evolution to address Start/Stop – Course Clear process
Brad, Tony and Carl will follow this up. The presentation will be presented for additional evolution use as a resource.
- 7.3. Continuation proposal for fixed interval start events – maximizing opportunity for the athlete. 5 step rule: skipped
- 7.4. Documentation/TD Reports and Expense Reports solution for RAs –
Hoessler/DelliQuadri. Discussed
- 7.5. Recruitment and development of new TDs (USSA and FIS aspirants) – Nunnikhoven:
discussed
- 7.6. USSA TD WG award presentation
Randy and Tony presented the award. Described “True North”. Lucy Schram reviewed what Thelma means to all of us. Ron B. reviewed his appreciation of Thelma via the phone connection. The completed award was presented and all in attendance recognized Thelma for her efforts and guidance.
- 7.7. Elections – Chair and Vice Chair
TY to Randy The committee voted to elect Tony N as Chair and Chuck H as vice chair.
8. Executive session (4.38pm)
- 8.1. Advancements
Level 3 and Level 4 TDs were reviewed and approved with discussions. One Level 3 TD request was not approved at this time. **Motion #3: M/S/C Hall/Ransom** (Burnett and Ghent abstain)
- 8.2. Discuss working group participation expectations and solutions
9. Adjournment 5.10 pm

Alpine Courses Working Group

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit B
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Thursday, May 14 2015, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane

D Hall, P Mahre, T Sutton, T Winters, J Weinman, J Ehlers; R Bonneau, T Lockwood,
T Nunnikhoven, G Ransom

Excused: R Calderwood, P Gray, J Norton, J Sirjane, P Stwertka, S Young, T Johnston, R
Perricone

Not present: T Barnes

Guests: J Treadwell, others

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

Motion # 1: To accept the Agenda as prepared and circulated by the chairman, subject to additions under 10. 'New Business'. M/S/C Winters/Burns/unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes of May 2014 meeting

Motion # 2: To accept the Minutes of the previous meeting – May 15 2014 – as posted on the USSA web site and distributed prior to the 2015 meeting. M/S/C Goldschmidt/Chayes/unanimous

5. Reports

- 5.1. Chairman – general, USSA activity, USSA IT; status of action items, interim decisions, issues, tasks for 2015-16; takeaways from 'Venue Workshop'

Main points: busy winter season dealing with urgent requests due to low/no snow, anticipating 'bulge' of necessary activity anticipated for 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21, status of action item from May 2014 meeting, 'wish list' now in front of USSA CEO Tiger Shaw, productive Venue Workshop, taking handling of homologation fees under USSA staffing (credit card payments)

Motion # 3: To accept the Report of the Chairman (written report posted to the USSA web site, distributed prior to the meeting; oral presentation with Q&A at the meeting). M/S/C Sutton/Browne/unanimous

Motion # 4: To approve a "Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of Dr. Robert Calderwood", as prepared by the Chairman (text of the resolution incorporated in these minutes). M/S/C Goldschmidt/Chayes/by acclaim

- 5.2. FIS activity and subcommittee, new FIS chair (Elena Gaja), Environmental Certificate

Tom Winters is the official USA member of the FIS Alpine Courses Subcommittee. By agreement with Tom, USSA and the FIS Courses chairwoman, Bruce Crane will continue with coordinating inspector activity and matters related to reporting.

Transition of the FIS chair from Walter Trilling to Elena Gaja has been very smooth.

It has been proposed that the FIS adopt the same determination of the beginning of the validity period for certificates to be the same as has been in effect for USSA homologations.

Tom Winters noted that the Environmental Certificate is now in the ICR. He will continue to work on how to best deal with this for USA venues.

5.3. Inspectors

Comments about past year experiences made in the course of the meeting.

5.4. USSA staff and Technical Advisors

Reporting done in course of the meeting and also at the Wednesday afternoon Venue Workshop. No particular issues noted at this time.

Big thanks to J.J. and Jeff for their support to the chairman throughout the year.

6. FIS homologation process and rules, issues and developments

Refer to 5.2 above.

7. USSA homologation process and timeline – application, inspection, reporting, publication

Chairman had worked with Comp Services staff this summer to update information on the USSA web site and in the Competition Guide. General information, the application form and instructions and various lists can be accessed at

<http://alpine.uskiteam.com/alpine-programs/officials/homologations> (no login needed)

8. Homologation inventory, expiring courses and new requests, inspector assignments

Chairman noted the various lists and such that had been prepared and distributed; please advise if there are particular requests that can't be addressed adequately by working with the Excel files provided to working members (in addition to the PDFs provided to others and posted on the USSA web site.

The working group briefly reviewed the projected workload for 2015-16. Chairman has addressed some of the needs with individual inspectors; official assignments will be communicated when the required applications and fees are received.

NB. Chairman took the opportunity of access at the USSA Congress to remind representatives of several places that the homologation process is initiated by submission of the application.

9. Old business

9.1 Posting of homologation reports to USSA website

Digital images of homologation reports with certificates is on the USSA web site, accessible via <http://media.ussa.org/Public/Athletics/CompServices/Homologation> (user id= homologation, password= Allout2018!). List is the form of a file directory organized alphabetically by state, then under each state by place and course name.

Working group discussed what would be preferred handling of files for expired and/or replaced homologations. These will be indicated in some way – file name, also possibly in the file itself and/or moved to a separate subfolder or deleted. Dan Chayes and the

chairman will work with USSA Comp Services and IT staff for best way, considering both archival and future needs.

9.2 Instructions and requests regarding reports and documentation

Chairman utilized a visual presentation to review the specific elements of the USSA Inspection Report Form. This PDF file will be provided to working group members, and to others on request, after revisions are made following this Congress. Chairman will (attempt to) get this form into a PC-compatible active PDF form (automatic adjustments and reformatting possibilities). Some discussion regarding adding geo-coordinates to the data table section.

9.3 USSA GS/SL homologation (one fee, one report)

Working group reviewed the history and purpose of this possibility. It is available only for USSA GS and SL on the same trail/slope, inspected and reported at the same time. Although there may be a difference in recommended protection between the SL and GS, possibly also some differences in the start and/or finish locations, these are to be reported in a single document package. A certificate will be issued for each of GS and SL (assuming approval of both), but the two homologations “travel together” in regard to validity period, changes, re-homologation, etc.

9.4 Amendments/re-homologation: reporting and documentation, certificates, validity

If the data is to be changed, a new certificate will be issued. Re-homologation – application with fee is necessary, and a new validity period will be in effect.

9.5 Status of ‘preliminary’/‘provisional’ from 2009 – no fees paid, incomplete reports

Incomplete situations have been identified. Chairman is working with the specific inspectors

9.6 Urgent requests, status of protection plan prior to homologation

Specific experiences of the last season were mentioned. Following discussion of the challenges involved, including no guarantee of timely validation, the working group agreed that urgent requests would continue to be handled at the discretion of the chairman. No action taken.

9.7 Suitability of courses for different levels of competition; most appropriate usage

Chairman noted the potential conflict between the existing ICR/ACR and the USSA Course Setting Specifications promulgated in 2014, suggesting that resolving this conflict should involve a consideration of parameters in addition to vertical drop and distance between gates.

The data collected by course inspectors in the homologation reports could be a valuable resource in addressing the important topic of suitability of courses with respect to athlete development.

9.8 USSA Inspection Report form: indication of U16/U14/U12/U10 starts and finishes

No changes to the report form were proposed. Inspectors have the possibility to use the ‘General Remarks’ section of the report to include such comments when appropriate.

Addressing the subject of ‘suitability of courses’ in the broader context of athlete development may suggest a need for collection of this type of information in the future.

9.9 Work load shifting from 2018-20

Considerable discussion, with no specific action taken. Noted that inspectors (and inspectors as TDs) will communicate with venues and organizers to encourage consolidation of upcoming re-homologations.

References to future expiry dates are effectively included in the lists of courses distributed by the chairman to the working group members.

Additional lists will be produced and distributed to assist with communicating the possibilities.

9.10 Coordination with AO Education, FIS and USSA TDs working groups

Mike Browne will continue as liaison to AO Education working group with the task of communicating – two-way – about the resources in the courses working group and how best to make these available to AO Education. Intention is to collaborate with others such as Roger Root and Roger Perricone engaged in similar as well as to communicate about the Venue Workshop.

Stanley Goldschmidt will continue as liaison to USSA Alpine TDs working group. His 'baggage' includes making available the knowledge and experience in the courses working group in regard to the "establishment of elevations" and assisting in further education of USSA TDs in use of homologation reports as essential references.

Tom Winters will continue as liaison to the USA FIS TDs working group with the task of timely communication of changes (and trends) impacting alpine course inspectors.

10 New business

Working group discussed the importance of including direction regarding public crossings and public lanes in the protection plan portion of homologation reports. No action was taken at this time; this subject will be carried forward, for example, at Venue Workshops and via other educational opportunities.

11 General comments and announcements

Opportunities had been taken at other points in the agenda, and comments and announcements at this time served as reminders.

12 Closed session

12.1 Identification and development of inspectors; continuing activity

Inactivity of a current inspector discussed; chairman to communicate directly. No other action.

Status of six inspectors in-training reviewed. No recommendations for advancement at this time. Mentors will contact each to discuss progress and next steps to complete development.

No nominations received for potential new inspectors-in-training. Chairman will respond to inquiries received from two individuals (and any subsequent inquiries), communicating with working group and potential mentors as appropriate.

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

Bob Calderwood has resigned as an active inspector and as vice-chairman. The Working Group requests that he remain as an active member and as "Vice-chairman

Emeritus”, continuing to contribute in important ways, such as assisting with the development of new inspectors in regard to report preparation, for example.

By consensus, the working group agreed that reference to past (and future) ‘Honorary’ members shall be changed to ‘Emeritus’ to more accurately recognize their status.

The working group discussed the challenges of pending/eventual senior member retirements, current and future workloads, and important projects worthy of specific attention.

NB. In the course of the meetings, two such projects were identified and have been taken on by working group members. As part of her assuming responsibility for the content of future Venue Workshops, Ellen Galbraith will lead a small group working to make this content more generally available, coordinating with others also engaged in similar tasks.

Also, Dan Chayes has been tasked to address topics in Information Technology, particularly regarding tools to assist in the compilation and publication of homologation reports and exhibits.

12.3 Adjournment

Motion #5: To adjourn M/S/C Chayes/Goldschmidt/unanimous

Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of Dr. Robert Calderwood

Whereas Dr. Robert Calderwood has contributed in enormous measure to necessary and successful activities of the FIS Alpine Courses Subcommittee and the USSA Alpine Courses Working Group over several decades of service, and also to USSA in many other ways,

Be it hereby resolved, that such contribution to our sport shall be recognized and applauded by the USSA Alpine Courses Working Group meeting at the USSA Congress this May 14, 2015,

And further, it is recommended that such recognition and applause be made also by the Alpine Sport Committee meeting at this same USSA Congress,

And further, it is requested that such recognition and appreciation shall be reported to the USSA Board of Directors by the Chairman of the Alpine Sport Committee in his report to the Board at this USSA Congress.

Alpine Rules Working Group

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Alpine
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Thursday, May 14 2015, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Gary Wright

John Jett	Present
Thelma Hoessler	Present
Rogan Connell	Present
Mike Hammer	Excused

Guests

Esther DelliQuadri, Ellen Hoffman, Eric Millbrandt, Laura Folk, Matt Howard, Terry Sherwood, Doug Hall, Jake Treadwell

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: Agenda approval. M/S/C Hoessler/Connell/unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion #2: Minutes approval. M/S/C unanimous
5. Old business
- 5.1. Second run starts for DNF / DSQ U621.11.3.1 and U621.11.3.2
Motion to add language to clarify the order of the athletes who are not classified in the first run.
Motion #3: For rules U621.2.3.3.1 and U621.3.3.2 the following sentence will be added at the end; “It is recommended that they be run in bib order”. M/S/C Jett/Hoessler/unanimous.
- 5.2. Interdiction to continue rules reviewed.
No action should be taken and the FIS language will be maintained for rule 614.2.3
6. New business
- 6.1. Dual/Parallel rules
Parallel/ Dual rules reviewed.
Discussion of appropriate protection to the athletes to prevent too many runs in a day for the athletes.
Discussion of different possible formats that have been used in various regions.

For season 15-16 it is recommended that FIS Alpine Parallel rules be adopted with the following U rules to allow for deviation from the ICR.

U1226.1.1 For USSA events it is acceptable to use other start gates that do not ensure simultaneous release provided that the timing system is set to measure net times.

U1230.1.1 Heats may be conducted with one run. In this case the better seeded athlete will receive lane choice and the result of the run will determine who advances to the next round.

U1230.2.1.1 For USSA events, qualification run(s) can be conducted to determine the formation of heats. The order of this run can be determined by GS or SL seeding or alternate seeding methods. The order and format of the qualification run(s) must be announced in the race notice and confirmed at the Team Captains' meeting. Changes must be communicated to the Team Captains not less than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the run(s).

U1230.2.1.2 Qualification with one run. All athletes of the same gender will take one run on the same course to determine the formation of the heats.

U1230.2.1.4 For USSA events it is possible to limit the size of the final brackets to 8 or 16 competitors. In any case the same table will be used with competitors paired accordingly (i.e. 1st and 16th etc.).

U1230.2.2.1 The competitors may receive numbers based on alternate seeding methods.

U1232.5.1 For USSA events the Penalty time may be 5% of the fastest single run qualification time with a 1.5 second maximum. The jury may set the penalty time in other ways up to the maximum of 1.5 seconds.

In addition to the U rules it is also recommended that a suggested format be included to give organizers and athletes a general idea of how the event should be run.

1. All athletes will take two qualifying runs with combined times used to seed the brackets.
2. The top 16 men and women will be advanced to brackets.
3. Penalty time shall be 5% of the fastest single run time with a 1.5 second maximum. This is calculated separately for each gender or group racing.
4. Brackets will be conducted as a two run event with maximum time that can be won or lost in the first run as the calculated penalty time. Athletes change courses for the second run.
5. Differential time will be used if start gates that have controlled release are available. Net times will be used if starts use a wand.

This suggested format could be used, or not, based on divisional goals.

- 6.2 Two run GS and SL events conducted on parallel courses. In the west certain races, calendared as GS or SL are conducted on parallel courses. These events do not use brackets or elimination type finals. The following additions to the ACR accommodate this.

U801.1.5 Events may be conducted on parallel courses. For this course specifications for Parallel events should be used. ACR 1222. All other rules for SL apply.

U901.1.5 Events may be conducted on parallel courses. For this course specifications for Parallel events should be used. ACR 1222. All other rules for GS apply.

- 6.3 Officials Membership and Certification. To offer better clarity re: the requirement for officials' certification for the position that is taken at a race the following modification to existing ACR Rule 203.2 is proposed

203.2 To be eligible for participation in USSA events, all participants (Jury members, Start Referee, Finish Referee, Chief of Course, Chief of Timing, Race Administrator, Course Setters, Competitors, Forerunners and Coaches) must have a valid USSA membership and appropriate officials certification for their position as required. ~continued as shown in ACR...

- 6.4 Matt Howard was added as a working group member.

7. Adjournment

Motion #4: M/S/C Hoessler/Connell/unanimous

Alpine Classification Working Group

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit B
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Friday, May 15 2015, 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Dave Waller

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion #1: To approve the agenda. M/S/C Hoessler/Hupfer/unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion #2: To accept minutes of 2014 May meeting. No requests for changes, corrections or additional comments. M/S/C Hupfer/Webster/unanimous

5. Reports

- 5.1. Chair

Noted updates to the calculation of the fall adders. Change at FIS of when Z factor is applied impacts when USSA can run the adder calculation and the value of the adder. Also, increased size of data set used to calculate adder. These two changes have increased the fall adder.

Identifying 'exceptional races' has improved by adding a third criterion of percentage of point improvement. Still finding the same races each year are tripping the 'exceptional race' flag.

Review of exceptional races by gender and event. Discussion ensued regarding how this race historically yields a high percentage of athletes with large point improvements but most of those athletes don't ski to those points the following year (until they compete in this same race again).

Minimum applied penalty races continue to be tracked. No concerning issues arising from when the minimum penalty is being applied.

- 5.2. FIS/USSA Penalty Trial

Rocky/Central and Western Region presented their reports of these test races.

- 5.3. Ability Class Racing Trial

Motion # 3: To approve continuation of trial in 2015/16 M/S/C Hupfer/Mahre/unanimous

6. Old Business - none
7. New Business

7.1. Maximum seed points review and discussion

Action item: Committee requested Dave, Jeff and Paul to review why the USSA maximum seed points are so high compared to the FIS maximum seed points, and make a suggestion to adjust or retain the current USA maximums.

7.2. Review of Western Region U19 Age Class Proposal

Discussion determined this is a Development Committee issue.

7.3. Review of Classification Committee structure and procedures

Action item: Connie Webster will chair a working group to review and recommend updates.

8. Adjournment

Motion #4: To adjourn. M/S/C Mahre/Hoessler/unanimous

Alpine Collegiate Working Group

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit C
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Friday, May 15 2015, 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Peter Dodge

1. Welcome and call to order

2. Review of committee membership and roll call

"The Collegiate Working Group is dedicated to creating and maintaining competitive ski racing opportunities for student athletes in the college environment."

Committee Membership:

Peter Dodge Chair, NCAA/EISA
Ron Bonneau, Vice Chair, USCSA
Charles Christianson, Athlete
Rogan Connell, NCAA/EISA
John Jacobs, USCSA, Ski Industry
Jaka Korencan, NCAA/RMISA
Terry Leonard, Independent/RMISA
Brewster McVicker, USSA staff – non-voting
Roger Perricone, Immediate Past Chair
Richard Rokos, NCAA/RMISA
Paul Rozsypal, USCSA
TBD NCAA/EISA

Motion #1: Update the committee membership by adding Stever Bartlett – NCAA/EISA and Dan Leever – Parent. M/S/C Dodge/Leonard/unanimous

3. Review and approval of agenda

Motion #2: Agenda approval. M/S/C Perricone/Bonneau/unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion #3: Minutes approval. M/S/C Leonard/Perricone/unanimous

5. Reports

5.1. EISA – Dodge

Report on races in the East. Excellent field sizes and FIS penalties. Good surfaces and venues. Presented an analysis of events. Mentioned new USST University team. Stever recognized St. Lawrence/Whiteface and crew and production of races at NCAA Championships. McConnell division FIS-Uni races were very successful. To be reviewed by USCSA leadership.

5.2. RMISA

West challenged with some difficult snow conditions. Formats were adjusted to accommodate. Used FIS western tech for some NCAA qualifying. Good penalties, 6 NCAA schools + 2 associate members. Looking to grow NCAA schools

5.3. NCAA Championships

Great event, high-quality; congratulated CU.

Next year in Steamboat hosted by CU. Steamboat adding new GS venue. Night SL. March 9-12

5.4. USCSA – Bonneau

- Gave some background, mission - focus team skiing/development - 5k members, 175 institutions, and 11 conferences in 6 regions, 41 states.
- We are an inclusive organization with programs that are fully funded Varsity teams, to club teams with only a handful of members.
- 500 athletes in Nationals at Mt Bachelor in Bend Or.
- Looking to re-engage partnership with USSA.
- USCSA Nationals at Lake Placid for 2016.
- Working on Nordic/jumping combined.

5.5. Athletes

Charles excited about new USSA University team.

5.6. Winter World University Games – Leonard and Rokos

Spain headed by Rokos, full team 6m, 6w, had some weather issues to get started but great event/terrain, in contention but no medals. Costs \$3.3K/athlete.

Next 2017 Kazakhstan – Look to improve budgeting with travel operator, BTI

5.7. Collegiate Coaches Association – LeRoy – no report

5.8. USSA NCAA Working Group report

6. Old business

7. New business

7.1. USST/University Team – Peter Lange

Collaboration with all groups to work on needs. Prep period, COE, Europe in June, 5 weeks in NZ, open door, reach out to all college athletes to supplement needs, focus with venue surface preparation, course sets, to raise the bar.

7.2. USSA Collegiate Development Camps

Chip Knight/Patrick Riml – process to use USSA NGB for projects. MSU and Dartmouth projects in the works, among others, to partner with USSA development projects.

7.3. Collegiate pathways promotion – Bonneau

Working with Brian Krill with poster of “Pathway after High School” to USSA clubs, and other entities like high schools and deliver information to post to websites and other means.

7.4. U.S. Nationals quota proposal, College Quota

To be re-evaluated by staff with proposal presented to ASC at fall meeting.

College quota, likely to be eliminated. College WG would like to review in advance and comment.

7.5. FIS-Uni calendar

Working on flow of all levels of events and collaboration with staff.

7.6. Winter World University Games

Future host: <http://almaty2017.com/en/>

7.7. FIS Mateo Baumgartner Award

University award, 3000 Euro, working with Jory Macomber on nominations, can come from all sports.

8. Adjournment

Motion #4: M/S/C Leonard/Perricone/unanimous

Alpine FIS TD Working Group

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit B
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Friday, May 15 2015, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Tom Winters

1 Welcome and call to order

2 Review of committee membership and roll call

Tom Winters chair, Paul Van Slyke vice-chair Excused, Bob Dart-Rocky, Jill Firstbrook-East, Chuck Hughes-East, Bill Hicks-West, Randy Rogers-West, Bill Slattery-Honorary, Jeff Weinman-USSA, Ted Lockwood (replacing Bob Calderwood) -Central

3 Review and approval of agenda

Motion #1: Agenda approval. M/S/C Hughes/Dart/unanimous

4 Review and approval of minutes

Motion #2: Minutes approval. M/S/C Dart/Rogers/unanimous

5 Reports

RMD –Dart

- Long and difficult season with lack of snow.
- Utilized numerous out of region TDs as most in region were busy with World Championships

Western Region - Rogers

- Need to address climate change by having several contingency plans for each situation with venue.

Eastern Region – Firstbrook/Hughes

- Great snow and very cold season made for great venue conditions throughout region.
- Using more level 3 TDs for regional and championship events.
- All events well run with great USSA & FIS TDs made for very successful scheduling.

Central Division – Lockwood

- Good season with good snow.
- Numerous Canadian TDs came into region and worked well.

Staff – Barnes

- New membership categories were presented.
- Bonus for clubs and members is that even at participation level of membership everyone is covered by insurance.

- USSA has decided to wave AO membership fee for all FIS TDs.
- Membership cards will be issued for this upcoming season.

6 Educational Programs

- Location of fall FIS updates are Denver Oct 23-25 and Montreal Oct 30-Nov 1
- Suggestion for 45-60 min segment on actual due process within a mock jury meeting
- Proper jury documentation items and how to segment
- Proper wording of jury documentation to avoid legal pitfalls as well as what not to document
- USSA TD WG will be getting radio protocol posted to site
- FIS rules require the holding of team captains' meetings with attendance of all team captains.

7 Old Business – None

8 New Business

- COC Scheduling in the south is challenging
- COC increasing quotas
- COC rules are being cleaned or simplified but not changing content
- COC seeding of SC (super combined) needs to be clarified
- FIS changes from Munich and Varna are being proposed as major (requires council approval), minor (no approval required) and other (changes to classifications, equipment and points)
- FIS proposals
 - NPS (not permitted to start) rule to eliminate option of provisional runs (i.e. improper equipment)
 - Gate panel color options as well as high luminescent (no green due to color blind persons not being able to differentiate red and green)
 - Gate and B net poles to have expiration dates embossed
 - Gate and B net poles to have proper snow line embossed
 - DQB new code for disqualifying competitor for poor sportsmanship (coming from IOC)
 - Working on eliminating “non-rules” from ICR such as job duties and placing them into another document
 - Implementing a 72 hour entry deadline rule to prohibit seed board pull changes. May allow for substitutions but not adds
- Race suits will no longer be plumbed. The manufacturers will be required to validate that their products meet FIS requirements and a FIS label will be embossed at the back of the neck similar to helmets.
- Skis will be required to have the FIS certificate logo embossed.
- For ladies only, the FIS will request that gate poles be 27mm diameter.

- All homologations will be modified such that the validity and expiration date will be November 1.
- Late start rule and valid start rule are distinctly different and will not be changing.
- The VD chart is wrong for U16 and will be corrected.

9 Closed meeting session

Motion #3: Aspirant J. Jett will be put on a two-year track. M/S/C Lockwood / Hughes

Motion #4: To accept extensions pending USA FIS TD Commissioner approval M/S/C Hughes/Rogers

Bryant	Barry	709	Retirement requested
Crane	Bruce	175	Extension request on file
DelliQuadri	Esther	786	Extension request on file
Evans	Walt	468	Extension request on file
Korfanta	Karen	650	Retirement requested
Sutton	Ted	583	Extension request on file
Winters	Tom	361	Extension request on file
Zacks	Jack	310	Extension request on file

10 Elections

Motion # 5: To maintain current slate until ASC has been restructured, Tom Winters chair, Paul Van Slyke vice-chair M/S/C Winters/Rogers/unanimous

11 Adjournment

Motion #6: To adjourn. M/S/C Hughes/Dart/unanimous

Alpine Quotas and Selections Working Group

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit B
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Friday, May 15 2015, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

Caroline Lalive, Rocky/Central	present
Caryn Jones, Rocky Central	present
Charles Christianson, Athlete Rep	present
Peter Dodge, Collegiate	present
Kirk Dwyer, Eastern Region	present
Bill Gunesch, Western Region	present
Chip Knight, interim Athlete Rep; USSA Alpine Development Director	present
Brewster McVicker, USSA staff	present
Dave Salathe Eastern Region	present
Eric Harlow USSA staff	present

Guests: Jesse Hunt, Dan Henry, Jeff Lathrop, Mike Bowman, Jonathan Manderfield, Frank Kaim, John Manderfield, Karen Ghent, Troy Price, Craig Krueger, Lucy Schram, Joe Paul

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: Agenda approval. M/S/C Dwyer/Gunesch/unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion #2: Minutes approval. M/S/C Gunesch/Dwyer/unanimous
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Domestic quota management
Regional managers worked on this process. Need to work on deadlines better/ pay or purge?
 - 5.2. International licensing
Applied for some extra quotas that were granted
6. Quota proposals
FIS events in Canada access, no point restriction. Dwyer/Jones M/S/F
Motion # 3: Updated proposal from development committee “In order to enter FIS events in Canada, USA competitors must be registered to appear on the FIS points lists and have 120.00 USSA points or better in any discipline and adhere to National quota procedure and criteria. The current USSA list at the time of selections will be used” M/S/C Dodge/Gunesch/unanimous

7. Old business

Chapter 3 of the comp guide review

Motion #4: To change deadlines language from 28/14 to 28 days for intents and 16 days for confirmations. M/S/C Harlow/Salathe/unanimous

8. New business

Gunesch - WR would like to consider the U14 selection process to U16 Nationals. Possibly put something in place so that each division may have a U14 selection opportunity.

9. Adjournment

Motion #5: To adjourn. M/S/C Lalive/Dwyer/unanimous

Alpine Development and Education Subcommittee Session 2

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit C
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Friday, May 15 2015, 1:45 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Mike Morin

1. Welcome and call to order
2. New Business
 - 2.1. Alpine Coaches' Education Working Group – Nolting

Motion #1: To support the formation of a standing Alpine Coaches' Education Working Group to work under the Alpine Development/Education subcommittee of the Alpine Sport Committee with the structure and purpose outlined in these minutes. M/S/C Nolting/Dwyer/unanimous
 - 2.2. Eastern Region ACC motions
U16 National Championship quota for U14s

Motion #2: to change the 2001 (2nd year U14) quota at U16 Nation Championships from 5 women and 5 men to 3 women and 3 men. M/S/F Dodge/Dwyer 4 for/5 opposed
 - 2.3. Rocky/Central Region ACC motions
Ability Class Racing – scored and non-scored

Motion #3: Expand the ability to continue Ability Class Racing for season 15/16. M/S/C Nolting/Kelly/unanimous
 - 2.4. Western Region ACC motions
U19 Classification

Motion #4: To replace the existing two year U18 age classification (16 and 17 year olds) with a three year U19 age classification (16, 17 and 18 year olds) and then, the U18 National Championships become the U19 National Championships. M/S/C Kelly/Hunt/1 opposed

Amended Motion #4: Approve the proposal and apply a U19 classification to men, but keep the women's classification for U18 women only. M/S/failed Dwyer/Dodge
 - 2.5. FIS/USSA DH Trial

Motion #5: To allow a USSA and FIS DH/SG series to run concurrently. To expand to allow two per region. M/S/C Gunesch/Bowman/unanimous
 - 2.6. Children's Course Setting Matrix

Motion #6: To approve the Western Region proposal as presented. M/S Kelly/Hunt

Motion #7: To have a working group put together with a member from each region to work on the matrix and bring it back to the Fall teleconference ASC meeting. M/S/C Morin/Paul/unanimous.

Working group to consist of Todd Kelly, Darlene Nolting, and Eric Harlow.

3. Old business

3.1. Equipment rules

U14 and U16 Equipment Matrix; the approved equipment matrix was presented

3.2. Course setting – Nolting

4. New business

Nominations for athlete representatives to the committee

Jess Kelley was nominated Christianson/Dwyer

Stefan Hughes was nominated, but he withdrew.

Katie Hartman was nominated Gassman/Morin

5. Adjournment

Motion # 8: M/S/C Hunt/Morin/unanimous

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

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Friday, May 15 2015, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke – represented by Doug Hall

Timing John Jett	present
Classifications Dave Waller	present
AO Ed Thelma Hoessler	present
USSA TD's Tony Nunnikhoven	present
USA FIS TD's Tom Winters	present
Rules Gary Wright	present
Courses Bruce Crane	present
At Large Chuck Hughes	present
At Large Gretchen Ransom	excused
FIS Rules Subcommittee Karen Korfanta	present
Emeritus Charlie Burnham	excused
Ingrid Simonson & Gary Gaylord	excused

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: Agenda approval. M/S/C Crane/Wright/unanimous
4. Approval of minutes
Motion #2: Minutes approval. M/S/C Wright/Crane/unanimous
5. Reports and action items from working groups
 - 5.1. Education – Hoessler
Elections – Thelma Hoessler as chair and Gary Wright as vice-chair
Motion #3: To accept the report as presented M/S/C Hoessler/Crane
 - 5.2. Timing – Jett
Motion #4: To accept the report as presented M/S/C Jett/Wright/unanimous
 - 5.3. USSA TDs – Nunnikhoven
Elections – Tony Nunnikhoven as Chair and Chuck Hughes as Vice Chair.
Motion #5: To accept the report as presented M/S/C Nunnikhoven/ Crane/ unanimous
 - 5.4. Courses – Crane
Motion #6: To accept the report as presented M/S/C Crane/Winters/unanimous
 - 5.5. Classification – Waller
Motion #7: To accept the report as presented M/S/C Waller/Jett/unanimous

- 5.6. USA FIS TDs – Winters
Elections – Tom Winters as Chair and Paul Van Slyke as Vice Chair
Motion #8: To accept the report as presented M/S/C Winters/Hoessler/unanimous
- 5.7. Rules – Wright
Elections – Gary Wright as Chair and John Jett as Vice Chair.
Matt Howard as WG member
Motion #9: To accept the report as presented
6. Other items not addressed in working group reports - none
7. Old business
- 7.1. DNFs and DSQs running 2nd run
DNFs and DSQs covered in Education WG report
- 7.2. Online CO intro and text
On line CO testing has been beta tested and should be available for season 2015/16.
8. New business
- 8.1. TD assignment process
TD assignment proposal submitted and approved by Rules WG
- 8.2. Gate judge education video
Gate judging video is being supported by USSA
9. Elections
- 9.1. At large (2)
Nominations were opened; both Chuck Hughes and Gretchen Ransom were nominated for a second term. **Motion # 10: Hoessler/Nunnikhoven/unanimous**
10. Closed session
Covered officials advancements
- 10.1. Officials upgrades
Level 4 officials covered in Education WG report
Motion # 11: To accept the nominees as presented. M/S/C Hughes/Crane/unanimous

Level 3 and 4 TD covered in USSA TD WG report
Motion #12: To accept the nominees as presented. M/S/C Waller/Hoessler/unanimous
11. Adjournment
Motion #13: M/S/C Hoessler/Crane/unanimous

Alpine Programs Subcommittee

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Friday, May 15 2015, 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

Chair: Beat Hupfer, Mammoth Lakes, CA (Chair and Quotas Chair)
Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN (Past Chair)
Brewster McVicker, Harbor Springs, MI (USSA staff)
Peter Dodge, Hanover, NH (Collegiate Chair)
Lisa Densmore Ballard, Red Lodge, MT (Masters Chair); Deb Lewis for Lisa Densmore
Jonathan Manderfield, Hancock, MI (Athlete Representative)

Guests: Bill Skinner, Esther DelliQuadri, Jason Moore, Jeff Lathrop, Dan Marshall, Patti Nichols

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: Agenda approval. M/S/C Landstrom/Dodge/unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion #2: Minutes approval. M/S/C Landstrom/Dodge/unanimous
5. Chair report – Hupfer – nothing to report
6. Staff report – Demschar – reported at Quotas meeting
7. Working group reports
 - 7.1. Quotas and Selections – Hupfer
2 action items:
 - 7.1.1 Canadian FIS access with 120 USSA points
 - 7.1.2 Intents/confirmations to 28/16
Motion #3 To adopt the proposals. M/S/C Landstrom/Lewis/unanimous
 - 7.2. Collegiate – Dodge
Good attendance, thanked Roger Perricone for helping get the committee reinvigorated. No action items. Outlined new initiatives with USSA/college collaborations. FIS-UNI calendar being worked on.
 - 7.3. Masters – Skinner/Lewis
Good National championship where they had their meetings and worked on next year's calendar. Masters Nationals 2016 at Big Sky. Excited about the new USSA memberships. Newsletters and email for information. Need to continue to work on marketing. Lisa Densmore is the new chair.
Motion #4: To add language to Page 132 under helmets: "FIS helmet rules are recommended for Masters" M/S/C Landstrom/Dodge/unanimous

8. Old business - none
9. New business
- 9.1. Nomination of the Chair – Beat Hupfer Landstrom/Lewis M/S/C
- 9.2. Nomination of Jonathan Manderfield as athlete rep – Landstrom/Lewis M/S/C
10. Adjournment
Motion # 5: To adjourn M/S/C Landstrom/Lewis/unanimous

Alpine Executive Committee

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Saturday, May 16 2015, 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Minutes (closed meeting)

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Darryl Landstrom – ASC Chair and Alpine Rep. to the USSA BOD	Present
Charles Christianson – Alpine Athlete Rep to the USSA BOD	Present
Bob Dart – Immediate Past Chair	Present
Michelle Demschar – Secretary nonvoting	Present
Beat Hupfer – Programs Chair	Present
Chip Knight – USSA Alpine Development Director	Present
Craig Krueger – Western Region Representative	Present
Mike Morin – Development/Education Chair	Present
Patrick Riml – USSA Alpine Director	Present
Bill Slattery – At large	Present
Paul Van Slyke – Rules and Technical Chair – represented by Doug Hall	Present
Tom Winters – FIS Representative	Excused

Guests: Eric Harlow, Gwynn Watkins, Jeff Weinman and Tiger Shaw

1. Welcome and call to order
Landstrom called the meeting to order at 8.00am
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
Landstrom reviewed the committee membership
3. Review and approval of agenda
The agenda was approved and reviewed without objection
4. Review and approval of minutes
The minutes were reviewed and approved without objection
5. Strategy and timeline for meeting minutes distribution
All meeting minutes are posted to the Dropbox
6. Reports (action items, initiatives and issues)
 - 6.1. Governance task force – Dart
All affiliates will have signed the affiliate agreement by the end of the month.
Restructuring of the ACC was discussed. Landstrom noted that he would be sending out a request to ASC committee and working group chairs to submit a working definition and operating procedures of their group to be taken into consideration when restructuring the ACC.
Bylaws will be signed by July 30.

6.2. Executive – Landstrom

6.2.1. Nominating Committee – Slattery

Updated operating procedures are being approved.

The two At-large ASC representatives and the FIS representative positions were extended for one year until the new operational procedures are approved.

6.2.2. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery had no interim report

6.3. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke

Doug Hall presented the reports and motions from the working groups.

Dart commented on the need to be mindful of the change in operating procedures coming, and that all elections need to be viewed in the light of the fact that committee structures may change.

Motion 1: To approve the motions as presented M/S/C Hall/Dart/unanimous

6.4. Program Subcommittee – Hupfer

Hupfer presented the reports of the Quotas, Collegiate and Masters' working groups.

Motion 2: To approve the motions as presented M/S/C Hall/Dart/unanimous

6.5. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin reported that this subcommittee held two full meetings; 1st on national and international issues; 2nd on regional issues. This division promoted good conversation and time to address all motions. Morin stated that all motions presented are for adoption 2015/16.

U19 Champs proposal will need a lot of work on quotas and criteria. Staff will work with regional representatives to come up with new criteria by the end of July.

Motion 3: To approve the motions as presented M/S/C Landstrom/Dart/unanimous

6.6. Regional representatives – Krueger

Reports are in the drop box.

Krueger reported he had discussed governance questions on affiliate agreements and bylaws with regional representatives.

Motion 4: To approve the motions as presented M/S/C Landstrom/Dart/unanimous

6.7. FIS – Winters

Winters had nothing interim to report

6.8. Athletes – Christianson / Knight

University team was discussed.

Christianson reported he had received positive feedback on work by USSA staff.

Christianson confirmed that subcommittees and working groups could nominate athlete representatives without going through the athlete subcommittee.

7. Review ASC agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

8. Old business

There was no old business

9. New business

Landstrom expressed concern about the scheduling of the final ASC meetings on Saturday, as we lose a lot of our members. The committee agreed to move the final Executive meeting up to 7.00 am and ASC to 10.00 next year, 11-15 May, 2016.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9.55 am

Alpine Sport Committee

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Saturday, May 16 2015, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Members:

Darryl Landstrom – ASC Chair and Alpine Rep. to the USSA BOD	Present
Luke Bodensteiner – USSA Vice President Athletics	Excused
Charles Christianson – Alpine Athlete Rep to the USSA BOD	Present
Bob Dart – Immediate Past Chair	Present
Michelle Demschar – Secretary non voting	Present
Chuck Hughes – Eastern Region Representative	Present
Beat Hupfer – Programs Chair	Present
Todd Kelly – Western Region Representative	Present
Chip Knight – USSA Alpine Development Director	Present
Karen Korfanta – At large	Present
Craig Krueger – Western Region Representative	Present
Mike Morin – Development/Education Chair	Present
Joe Paul – Rocky/Central Region Representative	Present
Roger Perricone – Rocky/Central Region Representative	Present
Patrick Riml – USSA Alpine Director	Present
Bill Slattery – At large	Present
Tao Smith – Eastern Region Representative	Present
Paul Van Slyke – Rules and Technical Chair – represented by Doug Hall	Present
Tom Winters – FIS Representative	Present

Guests: Bruce Crane, Peter Dodge, Gywnn Watkins, Ron Kipp, Eric Harlow, Aldo Radamus, Dan Marshall, Todd Brickson, Tami Strong, Molly Laramie, Darlene Nolting, John Manderfield, Brewster McVicker, John Sean Higgins, Jess Kelley, Tom Kelly, Lucy Shram, Thelma Hoessler, Gail Barber, Toni Ryan, Jeff Weinman

1. Welcome and call to order
The meeting was called to order at 2.00PM
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
The committee membership was reviewed
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: Move to approve the agenda as presented. M/S/C Slattery/Dart/unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes of ASC Fall Call October 21, 2014
Motion #2: Move to approve the minutes as posted. M/S/C Slattery/Riml/unanimous

5. Reports (action items, initiative and issues)

5.1. Governance task force – Dart

Dart thanked all those involved in the task force for their hard work, and commented that both parties to the agreement needed to follow up on the terms of the agreement. Signed copies of agreements will be sent to the affiliates by the end of this month.

The working group will address governance and structure of the ASC next.

By laws of affiliates need to be amended to the “red line version” by 9/30/15

5.2. Executive – Landstrom

The Alpine Executive Committee worked through the Alpine Equipment matrix v.6.

Motion #3: Move to approve version 6 of the Equipment Matrix as presented to the Executive of the ASC on May 13, 2015. M/S/C Christianson/Slattery/unanimous

5.2.1. Board of Directors – Landstrom

Landstrom noted that the Board meets Sunday, during which there will be a report on action items approved.

5.2.2. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery had no interim activity to report.

5.3. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke represented by Hall

In the subcommittee meeting there was discussion about the running of all DNF, DSQ in the second run and all felt this was working well as reported in the WG reports.

All are looking forward to the CO online testing being available starting season 2015/16.

All are excited that USSA has agreed to support the production of the gate keeping video.

Motion#4: Nomination and election: To nominate Chuck Hughes and Gretchen Ransom to a second term as members at large. M/S/C Hoessler/Nunnikhoven/unanimous

Motion#5: To move Ingrid Simonson to be emeritus member of this subcommittee by acclamation. M/S/C Crane/Nunnikhoven/unanimous

Hall presented the following proposals:

Alpine Officials Education Working Group from AO Education WG:

Motion #6: With appreciation of their many years of service to the Alpine Officials' volunteer community, accept the retirement of Don Page and Robert Calderwood, MD, and recognize them as Emeritus members of this Working Group. M/S/C Lindemer/Sullivan/unanimous

Motion #7: To appoint Matt Howard to fill the At-Large position vacated by Don Page. M/S/C Lindemer/Sullivan/unanimous

Additional change to Working Group: **Ted Newman, Jr. has replaced Doug Hall**

Motion #8: To elect a slate of Thelma Hoessler (Chair) and Gary Wright (Vice Chair) M/S/C Nunnikhoven/Rogers/unanimous

Motion #9: To approve the following officials for advancement to Level 4 as listed; M/S/C Firstbrook/Sullivan/unanimous

ALASKA

5266754 Sherwood Terry CO4

EAST

5704697 Vanovac Igor CR4

FAR WEST

6019277 Schram Lucretia RA4

INTERMOUNTAIN

4707840 Chaffee Kevin JA4

4704201 Wedeking Mark CO4

5267984 Laramie Molly CO4

4858478 Macaya Ruben JA4

4972683 Carrell Shannon RA4

4681920 Watkins Gwynn JA4

5291570 Tschabrun Jim RF4

NORTHERN

5992508 Krueger Bruce CC4, CO4

4070215 Krueger Craig CC4, CO4

3095197 Champeny John CC4, CO4, CR4

5014196 Nunnikhoven Tony CC4, CO4, JA4

4381901 Loman Roy CO4, CR4

3138575 Bay Roger CC4, CO4, CR4

PNSA

5464193 Ahmann Robin JA4

5897871 Ash Malcolm CO4

5691795 Critchlow Terry CO4

4821617 Eriksson Nils RF4

5424403 Fitzgerald Gerry CO4

6150304 Grebisz Michele RA4

4416442 Gunesch Mary RF4

5826680 Henry Dan RF4

5094495 Holcomb James CO4

4919148 Johnson Kari RA4

4957007 Landwehr Jim CO4

4993879 Landwehr Robert CO4

4786463 Otto Louis RF4

5820527 Sanborn Jeff CC4

5175336 Shorter Ryan CR4

5990965 Smith Stephen CC4

6340988 Snow Joy DM4

5963962 Swoboda Jill RA4

4999801 Yamamoto Claudia Ney RA4

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

4679882	Sawyer	Richard	CO4
6223150	Harris	Steve	JA4
4507240	Leroy	Andy	RF4
6207708	Foulk	Laura	TC4
6291775	McGrew	Kim	TC4

Timing Working Group

Motion #10: Phase out the exception to use non-homologated auto return start gates by 17-18 (ACR 611.2.1.1)

Motion was **not approved** by the ASC

Motion #11: Indicate exception for use of wireless in non-FIS manner as a U rule (ACR 611.2.4) There was a discussion to delay based on cost to ROCs.

USSA TD Working Group

Motion #12: To amend the name of the Thelma Hoessler award to: Thelma Hoessler True North Award.

(From last year's motions: The USSA Technical Delegate Working Group is initiating a new award this season. The USSA TD WG Thelma Hoessler Award will be given annually to recognize an outstanding USSA/FIS Race Administrator for the year and/or over the years. Any USSA Technical Delegate may nominate a USSA/FIS Race Administrator for the Thelma Hoessler Award.)

Proposed Amendment: The Thelma Hoessler "True North" Award is given in recognition of a Race Administrator who through their efforts, education, and guidance, has supported our Technical Delegates. Over the years Thelma has been our "True North"; we look to her for guidance.

Motion #13: Amending the governance of the award to preserve our committee's sole ownership of this award. Opening up nominations to ACA Canadian Technical Delegates. Considering many of their Canadian FIS TDs will be working with Thelma and potential RA award candidates in the future their input would be well received.

Proposed Amendment

Any USSA or Canadian Technical Delegate may nominate an USSA/FIS Race Administrator for the Thelma Hoessler Award.

Voting on the award will be solely by members of the USSA TD Working Group.

The vote will take place in advance of the USSA TD WG meeting scheduled during the spring USSA Congress to allow recognition on the perpetual award and an individual award to be presented during the Working group meeting in Park City.

Motion #14: to approve TD level 3 and 4 Advancements

All TD advancements were approved except for one Level 3 aspirant. That individual has been referred for one more year of development.

5114459	Christopher Clarke	3
5704697	Igor Vanovac	3
6226936	J Timothy Reilly	3
4455929	Gregory Leeds	4
5349758	John Jett	3
5870837	Tom Ptach	3

M/S/C Waller/Hoessler

Nomination and election: To elect Tony Nunnikhoven as Chair and Chuck Hughes as Vice Chair. M/S/C Hoessler/Ransom/unanimous

Courses Working Group

Motion #15: To approve a “Resolution in recognition and appreciation of Dr. Robert Calderwood”, as prepared by the Chairman. Goldschmidt/Chayes/by acclaim

“Whereas Dr. Robert Calderwood has contributed in enormous measure to necessary and successful activities of the FIS Alpine Courses Subcommittee and the USSA Alpine Courses Working Group over several decades of service, and also to USSA in many other ways, be it hereby resolved that such contribution to our sport shall be recognized and applauded by the USSA Alpine Courses Working Group meeting at the USSA Congress this May 14, 2015, and further, it is recommended that such recognition and applause be made also by the Alpine Sport Committee meeting at this same USSA Congress, and further it is requested that such recognition and appreciation shall be reported to the USSA Board of Directors by the Chairman of the Alpine Sport Committee in his report to the Board at this USSA Congress.”

Classifications Working Group

Motion #16: To approve continuation of trial of Ability Class Racing in 2015-16. M/S/C Hupfer/Mahre/unanimous

FIS TD Working Group

Motion #17: Nomination and election: To nominate Tom Winters as Chair and Paul Van Slyke as Vice-Chair. M/S/C Firstbrook/Rogers/unanimous

The FIS TD educational updates will be held Oct. 23-25 in Denver, CO USA and Oct. 30-Nov. 1 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Rules Working Group

Motion #18: To add language to clarify the order of the athletes who are not classified in the first run. For rules U621.2.3.3.1 and U621.3.3.2 the following sentence will be added at the end; “It is recommended that they be run in bib order”. M/S/C Jett/Hoessler/unanimous.

Motion #19: To accept proposal submitted for modification to 601.2

Current: 601.2 - USSA appoints the Technical Delegate for all competitions

Proposed 601.2 - USSA appoints the Technical Delegate for all competitions according to the following process. FIS Events will be appointed by the USA FIS TD commissioner and assisted by Regional FIS TD Coordinators. USSA Championship events will be appointed by the regions as follows: Eastern – FIS TD coordinator assisted by Eastern AO Committee; Central – Central AO Chairman; Rocky – RMSRO AO Committee; Western – ACC/AO Committee. USSA Regional Events will be appointed by the regions as follows: Eastern – by State AO/TD Committees; Central – Region Chair with Central AO Chairman Approval; Rocky – RMSRO AO Committee; Western – Divisional AO Chairs.

This is a housekeeping issue as the current rule was taken from the ICR and never modified to reflect the actual process that is in place within the USSA structure.

Parallel/Dual rules reviewed: Discussion of appropriate protection to the athletes to prevent too many runs in a day for the athletes. Discussion of different possible formats that have been used in various regions.

Motion# 20: For season 15-16 it is recommended that FIS Alpine Parallel rules be adopted with the following U rules to allow for deviation from the ICR:

U1226.1.1 For USSA events it is acceptable to use other start gates that do not ensure simultaneous release provided that the timing system is set to measure net times.

U1230.1.1 Heats may be conducted with one run. In this case the better seeded athlete will receive lane choice and the result of the run will determine who advances to the next round.

U1230.2.1.1 For USSA events, qualification run(s) can be conducted to determine the formation of heats. The order of this run can be determined by GS or SL seeding or alternate seeding methods. The order and format of the qualification run(s) must be announced in the race notice and confirmed at the Team Captains meeting. Changes must be communicated to the Team Captains not less than one hour prior to the scheduled start of the run(s).

U1230.2.1.2 Qualification with one run. All athletes of the same gender will take one run on the same course to determine the formation of the heats.

U1230.2.1.4 For USSA events it is possible to limit the size of the final brackets to 8 or 16 competitors. In any case the same table will be used with competitors paired accordingly (i.e. 1st and 16th etc.).

U1230.2.2.1 The competitors may receive numbers based on alternate seeding methods.

U1232.5.1 For USSA events the Penalty time may be 5% of the fastest single run qualification time with a 1.5 second maximum. The jury may set the penalty time in other ways up to the maximum of 1.5 seconds.

In addition to the U rules it is also recommended that a suggested format be included to give organizers and athletes a general idea of how the event should be run.

- 1. All athletes will take two qualifying runs with combined times used to seed the brackets**
- 2. The top 16 men and women will be advanced to brackets**

3. **Penalty time shall be 5% of the fastest single run time with a 1.5 second maximum. This is calculated separately for each gender or group racing.**
4. **Brackets will be conducted as a two run event with maximum time that can be won or lost in the first run as the calculated penalty time. Athletes change courses for the second run.**
5. **Differential time will be used if start gates that have controlled release are available. Net times will be used if starts use a wand.**

This suggested format could be used, or not, based on divisional goals.

In the West certain races, calendared as GS or SL are conducted on parallel courses. These events do not use brackets or elimination type finals. The following additions to the ACR accommodate this:

Motion #21: To add the following; Two run GS and SL events conducted on parallel courses:

U801.1.5 Events may be conducted on parallel courses. For this course, specifications for Parallel events should be used. ACR 1222. All other rules for SL apply.

U901.1.5 Events may be conducted on parallel courses. For this course, specifications for Parallel events should be used. ACR 1222. All other rules for GS apply.

Motion #22: To offer better clarity to the requirement for official's certification for the position that is taken at a race, the following modification to existing ACR Rule 203.2:

203.2 To be eligible for participation in USSA events, all participants (Jury members, Start Referee, Finish Referee, Chief of Course, Chief of Timing, Race Administrator, Course Setters, Competitors, Forerunners and Coaches) must have a valid USSA membership and appropriate officials certification for their position as required. ~continued as shown in ACR

Nomination and election: To elect Gary Wright as chair and John Jett as vice chair. M/S/C Hoessler/Connell/unanimous

Motion #23: Matt Howard added as a working group member.

Motion #24: Moved to accept the proposals as presented and modified. M/S/C Dart/Slattery/unanimous

5.4. Program Subcommittee – Hupfer

Hupfer presented the reports and proposals from the Quotas, Collegiate and Masters' Working Groups:

Quotas Working Group

Motion #25: Proposal to change deadlines language from 28/14 to 28 days for intents and 16 days for confirmations. M/S/C Harlow/Salathe/unanimous

Collegiate Working Group

Dodge thanked Roger Perricone for helping get the committee re-invigorated. Outlined new initiatives with USSA/college collaborations.

Masters' Working Group

Good National Championships at Sun Valley. Masters Nationals 2016 at Big Sky. Excited about the new USSA membership structure. Lisa Densmore is the new Chair.

Amendment to p. 132 USSA Competition Guide: "FIS helmets recommended for Masters". This was not approved by USSA BOD pending feedback from June FIS meetings.

Beat Hupfer re-elected as Chair; Jonathan Manderfield nominated as athlete rep.

Motion #26: Moved to accept the proposal as presented M/S/C Morin/Riml/unanimous

5.5. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin reported that this subcommittee held two full meetings; the first on national and international issues; the second on regional issues. This arrangement promoted good conversation and time to address all motions. Morin stated that all motions presented are for adoption 2015/16.

Morin presented the proposals:

Motion #27: To compete in FIS races outside the United States, a FIS age athlete is required to have a minimum of 120.00 USSA points in any event at the time of selection. The current USSA points list valid at the time of selection will be used. Motion Passed: 7/0 1 abstain

Motion #28: To enter FIS events in Canada, USA competitors must be registered to appear on the FIS points list, meet the international USSA point-racing standard (minimum of 120 USSA points in any event) and adhere to National quota procedure and criteria.

Amendment Passed: 6/2

- Creating standards to move from one level up to the next is important
- Staff feels there are too many requests for exemptions on all rules, therefore in favor of de-regulation
- Why differentiate between competing in USA and Canada? We need to continue to bolster USSA competitions.

Motion #29: First year age eligible FIS athletes are eligible to start in Southern Hemisphere races as long as they meet the international USSA point-racing standard (minimum of 120 USSA points).

Amendment Passed: 7/1

- Basic level of competitiveness should be established before moving to international competition

Motion #30: Move to petition FIS to remove WJC and home country NC from 25 start limitation for 1st year FIS athletes: "There is no limit to participation in the speed events Downhill, Super-G and Super Combined, WJC or participation in an athlete's home country NC."

Motion Failed: 2/6

- Much discussion on options to exclude World Juniors or National Championships
- We need to look at ways to contain costs for these athletes and better manage athletes

Motion #31: The USSA may field teams of U16 athletes to compete in FIS International Children's competitions through approved regional and national projects.

Amendment Passed: Unanimous

- It is critical to have an international benchmark
- Currently we have Austria trip for U16
- Questioned if this fit with LTAD or not and it does
- Selection to these events needs to come from current competitions and not adding more layers of qualification

Motion #32: This committee shall create a working group to advise and support the USSA Sport Education Department to deliver educational programs, resources and certification pathways in an American system built around long-term athlete development and sustainable athletic excellence. The group will specifically review and make recommendations on current and future curriculum and certification systems, represent regional and industry challenges and concerns with such systems, and communicate any actions and opportunities to their constituents. Chair: Jon Nolting; Vice Chair; Phil McNichol

Motion Passed: Unanimous – to be included in the new ASC Operating Procedures

Motion #33: U14 Quota to U16 National Championships

Motion Failed: 4/5

- This competition is as much for experience as competition
- RC #4/5 athletes performed well and deserved to be there

Motion #34: To continue testing ability-matched racing, and to expand upon the concept.

Motion Passed: Unanimous

- New faces on the podium
- Athletes motivated and performing better under this format
- Goal is to experiment with format for another year and then work to standardize the format across regions

Motion #35: To replace the existing two year U18 Age Classification (16 and 17 year olds) with a three year U19 Age Classification (16, 17, and 18 year olds) and, that the U18 Alpine National Championship become the U19 Alpine National Championship.

Motion Passed: 8/1

- Current system favors the early maturing athletes and the early birthday months
- Possibility to retain athletes for 3rd year of FIS racing. U21 is where we are seeing the largest drop off in membership

- 18 year old high school seniors now have track to National Championship
- 16 year old athlete now has time to develop during very difficult junior year of high school (demanding academics, SAT testing, college applications)
- Current perception that after U18 age group the only track is to chase points for rankings
- This will require quota adjustment, but no one is in favor of expanding quotas to championship
- Potential exists for more competitive events
- Potential exists for 16 year old athletes to compete in more USSA competitions
- Potential exists that top U19s would not attend event; if top athletes are on NA or World Junior track, they may not attend

Note: there was an amendment proposed to make the age change for men only and keep the women age grouping the same. This brought on good discussion but the motion was failed. The same issues still exist for women, just not for the high-level performers.

Motion #36: Continue to allow concurrent FIS/USSA speed event in each region. The vertical drop and the course set would be the same for both events. The top five athletes in the points would be the same for both events, however they would not be required to race the course twice.

Motion Passed: Unanimous

- Speed only competitions for this format
- No issues from USSA to score this format
- 2 races per region is doable

Motion #37: To adjust the children's course setting matrix per Western Region's proposal.

Motion tabled for further work by regional and national staff. Goal is to have new proposal for end of summer and will require ASC approval before going to print.

- There are many positive edits to the proposal
- Proposal removes unneeded wording
- Proposal adds U10/12 SG guidelines and it is questioned if this is appropriate.

Equipment matrix that was approved by ASC Exec was distributed, without discussion.

Committee Membership:

- Past Chair: Dave Galusha, is no longer active; seat will remain open
- Athlete Rep – Gina Gassman will be replaced by Jessica Kelley

Motion #38: To approve motions as amended. M/S/C Morin/Slattery/unanimous

5.6. Regional representatives – Krueger

Krueger reminded everyone to revisit and update their bylaws, and noted that all red line items are commonalities. Furthermore, the Affiliate Agreement is a living document, which may be addressed each year. Head tax and membership fees are due by July 1.

Krueger reported that everyone had a great year with the exception of the lack of snow in the West, necessitating several last minute venue changes. Governance issues were relevant this past year. Good quality educational material is being presented, and high quality races are being hosted at all levels of competition in all regions.

Krueger read the following motions from the Western Region:

Be it resolved that the Western Region ACC requests to be included as an integral voice in the selection process for a new Western Region Director. The Western Region ACC recognizes the importance of the collective effort of its divisions to advance ski racing within the Western United States, and the importance of a regional director with experience to promote and collaborate with five distinctly different philosophical and geographical zones. The growth and future success of the Western Region will greatly depend upon the strength of the regional director to lead the five western divisions

Be it resolved that the USSA Western Region Alpine Competition Committee unanimously casts a vote of deep gratitude and respect for Dr. Lester Keller on behalf of all the Western athletes, coaches, families and clubs who have benefitted from his leadership both now and in years past.

Further, let it be known that the leaders of the Western Region, and the leaders of the Western clubs and divisions, greatly appreciated Lester for his ability to bring together the individual interests of all constituents for the common good of the Western Region and the sport of alpine skiing

Finally, the Western Region ACC supports Lester Keller and wishes him, and his family, great successes and happiness in his future endeavors.

Motion #39: To accept the report as presented. M/S/C Hall/Hupfer/unanimous

5.7. FIS – Winters

Korfanta noted that we should wait until after the upcoming FIS meetings to hear what changes are coming from FIS. Staff will distribute decisions from the FIS meetings as soon as possible after the meeting.

5.8. Athletes – Christianson / Knight

Christianson reported he had received positive feedback on the work of Riml and regional staff on creating a long-term vision for development; members feel they are being heard. The National University Team has generated a lot of positive response, as athletes see a viable pathway to attend college and still ski at a high level. The NCAA commitment was noted as well.

Athlete representatives to the ASC: Gina Gassman and Chip Knight are stepping down. The three spots will be filled by:

Stefan Hughes, Jessica Kelley, and Caroline Lalive

Motion #40: To accept the nomination of the athlete reps as presented. Slattery/Knight/unanimous

6. Old business

Ron Kipp noted that the report from the Coaches' Education working group was now posted on line.

7. New business

7.1. Nominating Committee nominations – Slattery

Slattery noted that the Alpine Operating Procedures were being reviewed to be presented in the spring.

The two At-large and one FIS representative positions will be extended for 1 year to await the outcome of the review of the operating procedures.

Motion #41: To accept the nominating procedures presented. M/S/C Slattery/Hupfer/unanimous

8. Comments from guests

There were no comments or questions from guests.

9. Closing remarks

Landstrom thanked everyone for their participation and engagement. He noted that it had been a very pro-active Congress, operating very effectively and efficiently.

Riml thanked all volunteers on behalf of staff for their dedication to making the sport better for our athletes.

10. Time and place of next meeting:

May 11-15, 2016 in Park City. Final ASC meeting will move to 10am Saturday.

11. Adjournment 3.00PM

Motion #42: Move to adjourn. M/S/C/Dart/Slattery/unanimous