



ALPINE MEETING MINUTES 2016

USSA Congress 2016
DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Ave, Park City, UT 84060
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Alpine Western Region Committee

Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Ivers/Hearst

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Todd Kelly

1. Welcome & Introductions- chair
2. Roll Call – Lucy Schram, secretary

Review of voting members from each division

Executive – Todd Kelly, Troy Price, Ryan Shorter, Karen Korfanta, Lucy Schram

AK – Lex Patten, Lara Hildreth

FW – Mike Ginsberg, Beat Hupfer

IMD – Bridger Call, Todd Brickson

NO – Rick Duncan, Jeremy Ueland

PNSA – Bill Brooks, Dan Henry

RIMSA – Sparky Anderson

Officials – Roger Root

Athlete – Jaime Dupratt

Staff – Bill Gunesch, Gwynn Watkins, Shari Hale, Carma Burnett, Paul Mahre, Lucy Schram

Guests: Scott McGrew, Phil McNichol, Lisa Ballard, Lester Keller, Molly Laramie, Tami Strong, Dave Pym, Steve Bounous, Kevin Chaffee, Jesse Hunt, Jamie Landwehr, Mike Hammer, Craig Krueger, Tini Hinderman, Roy Loman, Vanessa Selby, Maureen Hammond, Curt Hammond, Gary Hutchins, Gail Barber, Thelma Hoessler, Brian Morgan, Skip Puckett, Seth McCadam, Justin Rackley, Brandon Hayes Lattin, Godon Perry, Will Brandenburg, Nate Schwing, Eric Brandolini, Matt Brown, Mark Wedeking, Shannon Carrell, Jim Reilly, Phil GilanFarr, Aaron Tippett, Eric Garayoa, Pete Korfiatis, Andrew Byron, Jim Tschabrun, Amy Tewksbury, Gregg Janecky, Jo Abbott, Diana Abbott, Nils Eriksson

3. Review Agenda / Additions - chair
4. Review and Approval of Minutes –

Motion to approve - Beat Hupfer; 2nd Rick Duncan **Passed** unanimously

5. USSA Program Update – Chip Knight

Thank you to Gwynn for holding down the fort for approximately three months. Asked for any questions about items as the program updates were reviewed during the April 20th meeting in Vegas.

5.1 Rule updates

- 5.1.1 ASC Proposals – Bill Gunesch reviewed the proposals. Further discussion will be held at the 6:00pm ASC meeting, May 11th. Detailed discussion of all these proposals took place at the April 20th meeting in Vegas, please review those minutes for further information.

5.2 National calendar / projects

- 5.2.1 NorAm (Karen Korfanta) calendar draft is out, significant departure from what has been done for the past few years. Review of the current schedule. Listed out on the attached regional calendar.

6. USSA Staff updates

- 6.1 Competition Services Update by JJ Ehlers:
review of online event registration
- 6.2 Membership Services – Sheryl Barnes
Provided a 2015-2016 snapshot. Growth of 12.6% in membership. USSA returned \$10K in family cap.
Goals:
*grow athletic membership, foster multi-sport membership, reach out to potential partners.
*Enhance customer service – website change so that membership has been moved under membership tab, instead of about us tab.
*provide short term membership online – first time only, then a call is required.
*launch a searchable customer service knowledgebase.
*online system, ticket system
*other items that membership takes care of: affiliate management, background screening
97% compliance rate, fast start coaching course, FIS inscriptions.

7. Western Region Program Update – WR staff

- 7.1 Director's report by Bill Gunesch – written report on the FTP site
Highlight few things – strengths of the region, working together. Region is strong when the clubs are strong; clubs are strong when we work together. Primary goal – to advance the region as the leader in athlete development in the USSA.
Started a project review program. Thank you to those that have provided feedback thus far, looking for continued feedback and support from the clubs.
Planning on visiting spring meetings in divisions as much as possible to work on communications and athlete development and retention.
Objective to jump on board with SkillsQuest as a region.
Calendar – start discussions now for 17-18 season, cannot make all the changes just in May. Striving for the 3 levels of racing that Chip Knight presented at the April, 2016 meeting.
Reviewed results of the season.
Reminder to reach out to the staff as needed. Thank you to the WR ACC, ROC's, Club Coaches, WR Staff (the best regional staff in the country) for all of their hard work this season.
- 7.2 Manager's report – Gwynn Watkins
Heading into 5th year, challenging and fun year as the staff transitioned.
Reviewed current USSA staff structure, happy to report no changes on the WR side heading into the 16-17 year.
Laurel Hof (lhof@ussa.org) will be handling Southern Hemisphere and European intents. WR staff needs assistance throughout the season, committees working throughout the season. As an incorporated entity we need to be a professional organization.
Reviewed regional performance. We as a region need to set the goals for each season, not just staff.
Action Item: Add regional goals to the agenda for the August call, from the entire WR ACC.
Reviewed number of FIS memberships compared to other nations, starts per YOB within our region, 'Total FIS Starts vs. Best FIS' points compared to other nations (train to race ratio).
Reviewed travel season and events that Gwynn attended, project managed and assisted. Great opportunity to help with the European Project, thanked specific programs.
Goals – Continued improvement of communications, team app idea
Parent Handbook
Streamline Financials
Conditioning
SkillsQuest

- 7.3 Question regarding WR website: Gwynn agrees that the website did not get the attention needed. Goal to make sure the website is operating and functioning. Bill Gunesch now has access and will be able to get things up, too.
Goal to have the WR PnP handbook ready immediately following the August Call and published by September 1st.
Question regarding the membership study...discussion took place.
- 7.4 Regional Coach's report – 'Pick' is in Mammoth, and his report will be posted on the FTP site.
- 7.5 Youth Coordinator's report – Darryl Whitaker
Report will be posted on FTP site. Supplemented with coaches' education throughout the season. Attended projects in IMD and NO. Please contact Darryl with further questions

8. WR Committee Reports

- 8.1 Executive Committee Report – chair
 - 8.1.1 Governance business –
Action Item: Lucy and Gwynn will follow up with Dane and Keely to see if they are going to participate.
 - 8.1.2 Western Region Incorporation
Action item: Gwynn will follow up and see if WR needs to file an affiliation agreement.
Action Item: WR Executive Committee needs to hold a board meeting with minutes
 - 8.1.3 Disciplinary – Lake Louise incident
Bill Gunesch reported that there was one disciplinary issue of 3 boys in Lake Louise, they complied willingly. Further details please talk to Bill Gunesch.
- 8.2 Treasurer Report – Troy Price, Treasurer
 - 8.2.1 WR Finances – head tax grant and dispersals budget
new account opened under the incorporation in January.
 - 8.2.1.1 2016 deficit – up to \$23K. Gwynn and Troy have been able to reconcile that to a slight positive (\$900) instead.
 - 8.2.1.2 Plans for improved reporting, with help from the finance committee:
 - *starting to use Quickbooks Pro to help track faster.
 - *have clear budget per project
 - *reconcile projects within 2 weeks of the project completion date, provide credits or invoice for any variances more than \$100 per athlete on any given project.
 - *establish direct deposit of any payment from USSA to WR,
 - * create a finance committee of 3 members to work as a task force.
 - 8.2.1.3 Proposal for use of grant money / 2017 budget – Morgan Stanley Account, Balance of \$30K. To be discussed with the finance committee.
 - 8.2.1.4 Head Tax discussion – possibly increase head tax on scored events to help fund our largest expense, the youth coordinator.
 - 8.2.1.5 Finances Committee – 3 task forces
 - project budgets
 - monthly reporting
 - grant dispersals

If you are interested in helping out with these task forces please reach out to Troy Price, Treasurer.

8.2.1.6 Budget – would like until August to finish reconciling and put together budgets for the 16-17 season.

8.2.2 WR Fund – held with PNSEF.

Action Item: Finance committee will review the funds and how to disperse/use the funds.

8.3 Site Selection Committee Report - WR staff

8.3.1 Bid review and selection – the calendaring committee met this morning to further finalize the 16-17 season.

8.3.2 Meaningful competition levels (3)

8.3.2.1 Reach Series / Home Series / Confidence Series –

8.3.2.2 IMD proposal- multiple Open sites: 3 or 4 day block at Snowbird and Mammoth 12/8-11/16, an event around that time in AK also. March block will also be 3 or 4 day series 3/23-26/2017. Far West, NO and AK will have the opportunity to choose where they want to go.

8.3.3 Site updates for FIS and championship events – See attached calendar Discussion took place regarding the Elite Spring Series SG and running it as the Combo FIS/USSA SG event, and asking Mammoth to take on the DH piece of this, too.

8.4 Development Committee Report – Ryan Shorter, vice chair

8.4.1 Current selections and selection issues

8.4.1.1 Confirm RTG and W.E.S.T selection method – still a work in progress. Language being reviewed with the development committee and Gwynn. Language will be available in the WR PnP

8.4.2 Quotas

8.4.2.1 Thank you to Troy Price for his work on the U14/U16 and WR JRs quotas

**Motion by Troy Price, 2nd Dan Henry to standardize our regional quota method to Western Regional Championships, per attached.
Passed Unanimously**

8.4.2.2 Question: PNSA U12 2nd YOB numbers were pulled from Zone Championships, overseen by Ryan Shorter. PNSA does not license their U12's. Pulled from online results, transparency is available.

9. Western Region Projects and Events – WR staff

9.1 Project reports / Upcoming projects

9.1.1 Project Reviews – discussed during Bill Gunesch's director's report at the beginning. Hoping for more reviews to come in still.

9.1.2 NPS and U19 NJC – future of the U19 champs is up in the air. This will be further discussed at the National Development Committee.

9.1.3 U14 projects / SkillsQuest – work with the divisions to run SkillsQuest events.

9.1.4 Conditioning Assessment – Chip will provide further guidance as it comes down the pipeline.

Goal is to roll this out by fall. Looking for some clubs to test it. Far West volunteered Mammoth to test it.

9.2 Event reports / Upcoming Events – these are all listed on the attached calendar.

9.2.1 U16 Time Trial - identify U16's that go to European Project: 7 Nations Cup, Hahnenkamm Jr, etc.

9.2.2 SkillsQuest at U16 Regional Championships

Motion by Karen Korfanta, 2nd by Troy Price.

To include a SkillsQuest competition with the U14 and U16 Regional Championships, will not add a day to either event. WR staff will work with the ROC and present the program at the August call.

PASSED Unanimously

Discussion on calendaring this with the event at U16's:

*2 skills after the SG training day; 2 skills after the SG race day or

* remove the SG training day completely and run all 4 skills on one day with or without demos, etc.

10. Other/Old Business – none presented

11. New Business – none presented

Re Proposals going forward to the ASC. WR ACC provided input to the ASC reps to help guide them this week.

12. Election of Officers – chair

USSA Committee Representation

Devo Sub Committee – Jess Hunt and Jamie Landwehr

Craig Krueger and Todd Kelly are the WR reps to the ASC. Craig remains as Karen is already an At Large member to the ASC.

13. Meeting Schedule – August 17th – Summer meeting, conference call.

14. Adjournment – 16:30

Alpine Executive Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Wednesday, May 11, 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Members:

Bill Slattery – Immediate Past Chair
Craig Krueger – Regional Representative
Darryl Landstrom – ASC Chair and Alpine Rep to USSA BOD
Beat Hupfer – Programs Chair
Tom Winters – FIS Chair
Paul Van Slyke – Rules & Technical Chair
Patrick Riml – USSA Alpine Director
Chip Knight – USSA Alpine Development Director
Mike Morin – Development and Education Chair
Warner Nickerson – USSA BOD Athlete Representative
Guests: Tiger Shaw, Luke Bodensteiner, Jeff Weinman, Laurel Van't Hof

1. Welcome and call to order
Landstrom called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.
2. Roll call and review of committee membership
The membership was reviewed and approved.
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: To approve the Alpine Executive agenda. M/S Slattery/Krueger
Agenda was approved.
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion #2: To approve the Fall 2015 minutes. M/S Slattery/Knight
5. Review Congress meeting schedule
Landstrom spoke about following procedures and assigning someone to take meeting minutes.
6. Staff Reports
 - 6.1. USSA Staff – Shaw
Shaw spoke about the successful 2015-16 season and the busy planning and budgeting process staff has gone through this spring.
 - 6.2. USSA Staff – Bodensteiner
Bodensteiner spoke about the focus on more training volume for the alpine teams this spring, limiting discretionary selections to the elite teams, and the effort to bring the coach to athlete ratio down from what it has been in recent years.
 - 6.3. Alpine Director – Riml
Riml spoke to his annual report contained in the meeting materials online.
 - 6.4. Alpine Development Director – Knight
Knight spoke to his report contained in the meeting materials online.

7. ASC Reports
 - 7.1. USSA Board of Directors – Shaw, Landstrom

Shaw reported on BOD issues from the season.
 - 7.2. USSA Task Force – Landstrom

Landstrom spoke about the new proposed ASC operating procedures designed to realign the reporting structure from working groups to subcommittees up to the ASC and to ensure broader consistency.
 - 7.3. Awards Committee – Slattery

Slattery reported that USSA voted on all awards which will be announced at the ceremony on Friday evening.
 - 7.4. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery

Slattery reported no activity this season.
 - 7.5. Nominating Committee – Slattery

Slattery reviewed ASC terms and elections and referenced the new operating procedures to be discussed at the ASC meeting.
 - 7.6. Rules and Tech – Van Slyke

Van Slyke spoke on key items that will be discussed in the subcommittee and working groups.
 - 7.7. Program Subcommittee – Huper
 - 7.7.1. Masters – No action items
 - 7.7.2. Quotas – Hupfer spoke on key items that will be considered by the Working Group.
 - 7.8. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin spoke on key items that will be discussed in the working group.

 - 7.8.1. Course Setting Task Force

A new course setting matrix has been proposed by the Task Force for consideration by the Subcommittee.

Discussion about how to bring amendments forward as part of the overall proposal.
 - 7.8.2. Equipment Task Force

A new equipment matrix has been proposed by the Task Force for consideration by the subcommittee.
 - 7.9. Regional Representatives – Krueger
 - 7.9.1. Affiliates fees and head tax income report
 - 7.9.2. Membership report
 - 7.10. FIS – Winters, Van Slyke
 - 7.10.1. Winters reported that Roger Perricone will take Bob Dart's place.
 - 7.10.2. Riml reported on upcoming FIS Congress proposals.
 - 7.11. Athletes – Nickerson

Nickerson will be the new athlete rep, replacing Charles Christianson. Reported that he is very interested in issues of athlete funding and team fees.

8. Old Business
 - 8.1. Slattery was approved to resume position of Immediate Past Chair.
 - 8.2. At large position remains open.

Discussion about what kind of background we are looking for to fill this position, i.e. medical, equipment supplier, etc.
9. New Business
 - 9.1. Warner Nickerson will be approved as new athlete rep to ASC, ASCEX and BOD.
 - 9.2. Assignment of proposals to subcommittees and working groups.
10. Next Meeting

Time and Location of next meeting is Saturday May 14th at 7:30 a.m.
11. Adjournment

Motion #3: To adjourn the meeting. M/S Slattery/Hupfer
Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Alpine Sport Committee

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Wednesday, May 11 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Summit C

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Members:

Tiger Shaw – USSA President and CEO	Present
Chuck Hughes – Eastern Region Representative	Present
Stefan Hughes – Athlete Representative	Present
Beat Hupfer – Program Subcommittee Chair	Present
Jess Kelley – Athlete Representative	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
Darryl Landstrom – ASC Chair and Alpine Rep to USSA BOD	Present
Mike Morin – Development and Education Subcommittee Chair	Present
Warner Nickerson – Alpine Athlete Representative to USSA BOD	Present
Joe Paul – Rocky/Central Region Representative	Present
Roger Perricone – Rocky/Central Representative	Present
Patrick Riml – USSA Alpine Director	Present
Bill Slattery – Immediate Past Chair	Present
Tao Smith – Eastern Region Representative	Present
Paul Van Slyke – Rules and Tech Subcommittee Chair	Present
Tom Winters – FIS Representative	Present

1. Welcome and call to order
Landstrom called meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.
2. Review of committee membership and roll call.
The membership was reviewed and approved.
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: To approve agenda. M/S Slattery/Van Slyke
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion #2: To approve the minutes. M/S Slattery/Hughes
5. Review meeting schedule
Meeting schedule was reviewed
6. Staff reports
 - 6.1. USSA Management – Shaw
Shaw thanked everyone for their attendance at Congress. Spoke about the transition of timing systems. Discussed the 2015-16 season and the busy planning and budgeting process staff went through this spring. Provided committee with information on newly founded Bryce and Ronnie Athlete Safety and Security (BRASS) Foundation in honor of Bryce Astle and Ronnie Berlack.
 - 6.2. Alpine Director – Riml

- Riml spoke about FIS proposals that will be discussed at international FIS congress. Provided an overview of his report contained in the meeting material posted online.
- 6.3. Alpine Development – Knight
Knight gave an overview of successful development season. Spoke to his report contained in the meeting materials online.
 - 6.4. Regional Development Directors – Bill Gunesch, Darlene Nolting, Martin Guyer
Regional directors gave an overview of season and reports contained in the meeting materials online.
 - 6.5. Education – Ron Kipp
Kipp reported that USSA Sports Education continued support to coaches education, the reinstatement of Level 400, and the implementation of SkillsQuest.
 - 6.6. Competition Services – Jeff Weinman
Weinman had no issues to report
7. Reports (action items, initiatives and issues)
- 7.1. Governance Task Force – Landstrom
Landstrom spoke about the new proposed ASC operating procedures that are designed to realign the reporting structure from working groups to subcommittees up to the ASC.
 - 7.2. Executive – Landstrom
Executive committee reviewed proposals and assigned them to the appropriate subcommittees and working groups.
 - 7.2.1. BOD report – Landstrom
 - 7.2.2. Nominating Committee review terms and elections – Slattery
Slattery reported on the ASC terms and elections and referenced the new operating procedures to be discussed at the ASC meeting.
 - 7.2.3. Awards – Slattery
Slattery reported that USSA voted on all awards which will be announced at the awards dinner on Friday evening.
 - 7.2.4. Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery
Slattery stated there was no judicial activity to report.
 - 7.3. Rules and Technical Subcommittee – Van Slyke
Van Slyke had no issues to report.
 - 7.4. Program Subcommittee – Hupfer
Hupfer had no issues to report.
 - 7.5. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin
Morin spoke about items to be discussed at his subcommittee meetings. First meeting will be on national and international items. Second meeting will focus on regional development items.
 - 7.6. Regional representatives – Krueger
Krueger reported on affiliate fees and head tax information provided from divisions and regions.
 - 7.7. FIS – Winters

Winters talked about homologation renewals.

7.8. Athletes – Nickerson

Nickerson reported that he has been appointed as USSA BOD Alpine athlete representative, replacing Charles Christianson.

8. Old business

9. New business

Slattery to resume position as Immediate Past Chair after the passing of Bob Dart.

Motion #3: To have Slattery resume position as Immediate Past Chair. M/S/C Hughes/Knight/unanimous

10. Next Meeting

Time and location of next meeting is Saturday at 11 a.m. in Summit B.

11. Questions/Comments

12. Adjournment

Motion #4: To adjourn the meeting. M/S Slattery/Hughes

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

USSA Alpine Officials Education Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Thursday, May 12, 2016 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Summit B

Minutes

Thelma Hoessler, Chair

Working Group Members:

Gary Wright, Ex-Officio and Vice-Chair

Scott Young, Alaska

Grant Lindemer, Central

Michael Browne, East

Ted Newman, Jr., East

Jill Firstbrook, East

Phil GilanFarr, Far West

Steve Schowengerdt, Intermountain

Roger Root, Pacific Northwest

Esther DelliQuadri, Rocky Mountain

Bob Pettit, Northern

Gretchen Ransom, Ex-Officio

Tom Winters, Ex-Officio

John Jett, Ex-Officio

Tony Nunnikhoven, Ex-Officio

Laura Sullivan, At-Large

Matt Howard, At-Large

Allen Church, Emeritus

Bob Calderwood, Emeritus

Don Page, Emeritus

Guests: Jo Abbott, Diana Abbott, Deb Lewis, Jake Treadwell, John Manderfield, Dave Waller, Cath Jett, Aaron Tippet, Alice Black, Dan Chayes, Ingrid Simonson, Beat Hupfer, Bill Brooks, Chuck Hughes, Shannon Carrell, Ron Bonneau, Jonathan Manderfield, Bill Madsen, Mike Cosman, Vanessa Selby, Doug Hall, Stanley Goldschmidt, Art Tokle, Paul Van Slyke, Ellen Galbraith, Brad Ghent, David Pym, Lucy Schram, Patti Nichols, Gail Barber

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. Moment of silence observed to remember good moments we enjoyed with friends and family we have lost.

1.1. Roll Call completed and voting members identified:

- Allen Church and Don Page not present but with us in spirit.

Following proxies accepted:

- Jeff Dekko for Grant Lindemer, Central
- Tony Nunnikhoven for Bob Pettit, Northern
- Appointment of Steve Schowengerdt as a replacement for Troy Price, Intermountain, acknowledged. Troy Price wished best of luck with future endeavors.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

**Motion: To accept agenda as amended.
M/S/C Delli Quadri/Jett/Unanimous**

3. Review and Approval of Minutes 14 May 2015

**Motion: To accept Minutes of 14 May 2015 as distributed by Working Group Chair.
M/S/C Wright/Nunnikhoven/Unanimous**

4. Reports

4.1. Chair and Vice-Chair reports have been e-mailed to Working Group members and are available on the USSA Congress FTP site.

4.2. Divisions

Alaska: Challenges created by weather and staff changes discussed. Plans for homologations at new ski areas discussed. Terry Sherwood's support and contributions commended.

Central: Organizing Committee and alpine officials' cooperation resulted in good events. Parent-run challenges discussed. Clinics successful in spite of geographic challenges.

East: Weather-related schedule changes presented challenges; efforts of USSA staff and Alpine Officials' Chairs commended. We will focus on consistency with education, rule applications and importance, grass-roots education, Team Captains' Meeting protocol, and Jury operations.

Far West: Great year with good alpine officials' presence; coaches' needs are being addressed.

Intermountain: Good alpine official training with strong clinic planning. Roundtable discussions between Technical Delegates and Race Administrators to identify strengths and failures and identify issues continue to be beneficial.

Northern: No issues; USSA Technical Delegate growth improving. Because of size of Division, clinic scheduling is an issue and is being addressed by scheduling satellite clinics.

Pacific Northwest: Stable but solid small volunteer base. Ability class seeding test well received and will continue next season; information regarding seeding method is available on the PNSA website.

Rocky Mountain: Alpine Official ranks increasing; satellite clinics being utilized. Out-of-division coaches and officials invited to attend November 11-13 RMSRO clinics and Coaches' Continuing Education Symposium. RMSRO will supply list of out-of-division attendees to respective AO Chairs; list will also be published on RMSRO website. Coaches will continue to be reminded that attendance at the Continuing Education Clinic does not replace Referee certification requirement. USSA asked to investigate possibility of sending reminders to officials who need to attend a Continuing Education clinic.

4.3. Staff

4.3.1 Tiger Shaw, USSA President/CEO: USSA's partnership with Split Second and Vola discussed. Amazing effort and support commended; available to address your concerns.

4.3.2. Competition Services, Jeff Weinman:

- Delivery of Alpine Competition Guide discussed; issues have been addressed.
- Schedule Agreements for events that change venues must be resubmitted; events with lengthy postponements may also require a new Schedule Agreement.
- Officials' certifications and work histories. Difficulties can occur when officials change regions. Officials are encouraged to verify their certifications and work histories and report issues.
- Race Result Document packets: There are 500 events that are listed as missing packets. If contacted, please re-submit.

- Competition officials thanked for their efforts; still working on providing Alpine Officials' access so certifications can be edited locally.

4.3.3. Membership, Sheryl Barnes:

- Membership Department Staff thanked for their assistance and support.
- Membership Department staff introduced.
- Challenges with General Membership versus Competition Membership being addressed.
- Membership Department tasked with growing athletic membership and growth of industry partnership.
- Online Short-Term Membership application will be available.
- Membership Fees: No change; joint memberships will continue to be available at a single fee based on higher-priced membership.
- Partnership with USCSA being investigated.
- Web presence being improved; moved to Membership tab.
- Bulk membership registrations available for clubs.
- Online chat line – “TAWK” - being developed.
- Ticket system being developed to track questions and issues.
- Initial Short Term Membership application available online. The membership is valid for a period of 7 consecutive competition days. Athletes wishing to obtain additional short term memberships must call Membership Department; there is no limit to the number of requests. Short Term memberships may be upgraded but require telephone request.
- Customer Service “search” function being introduced.
- Background screening and Fast Start Coaching programs successful.
- Weekend membership assistance will be available.

4.3.4. Coaches Education:

Again this year, there was no representative from USSA Sport Education Department present.

4.3.5. Bruce Crane, Chair, Courses Working Group:

No issues to bring before this Working Group; absence excused.

5. Old Business

5.1. Preparation & Distribution of Education Materials

5.1.1. Participation

- Preparation and review procedures discussed

5.1.2. Format – Dropbox

- Due to ease of access and updating/editing materials, Dropbox will continue as source for all Alpine Officials' education materials.
- Respective Alpine Officials' Chairs must submit a list of their Dropbox invitees. Individuals who plan on sitting for a specialty-area exam must be identified so exams can be excluded from their copies of education materials; a separate Dropbox will be established for these individuals.

- Dropbox use clarified; do not use for posting documents other than what has been approved by the Working Group.
- 5.1.3. Power Point Presentations:
- Presentations must be prepared for global use. Division/Region differences must only be addressed in separate presentations.
 - At the discretion of the respective Alpine Officials' Chairs, PowerPoint presentations may be distributed to their membership.
- 5.1.4. Gate Judge Video Revision: Laura Sullivan
- Delays and availability discussed
 - Support from Tiger Shaw and Paul Van Slyke commended
- 5.2. Online Procedures
- 5.2.1. Online Introduction to Officiating (Competition Official)
- Status of online Competition Official certification clarified. Jeff Weinman reported there are no resources available to enable posting at this time; procedure still being addressed.
 - When available, current membership will be required for access.
 - Roger Root will revise presentation so it can be made available for clinic use via posting on Region/Division websites. Q & A sections will be moved to final page and can be used as proof of completion.
- 5.2.2. UST Coaches/USSA staff Continuing Education/Update
- No advances on request to combine AO and Coach Continuing Education/Update requirements.
- 5.2.3. American Specialty Insurance (ASI) Report
- Only document those items readily available: e.g. name, USSA #, event transmittal #, date, location, etc.
 - Submit as required to Laurie Hamble and Competition Services.
 - Increase education efforts regarding use of correct injury reporting documents.
- 5.2.4. TD Webinar: Roger Root
- No additional action on this item
- 5.2.5. Electronic FIS and USSA packets: Contents, Submittal and Review
- Race Result Document packets contain legal documents and content requirements have been approved by USSA legal staff.
 - Review indicates lack of follow-up on content, preparation of and submittal of these packets.
 - Technical Delegate needs to verify that reporting requirements are met.
 - Lucy Schram appointed to lead a task force and prepare a matrix to aid in the future review of submitted packets.
- 5.2.6. Online Race Registration system continues to be improved and successfully used in many areas
- 5.3. Issues: Prior Years' Proposals/Changes
- 5.3.1. Data Management/Race Administration Certification Guidelines Revision

**Motion: To combine Data Management and Race Administration Certifications into one Race Administration (RA) category.
M/S/C Delli Quadri/Newman/Unanimous**

- 5.3.2. Jury Advisor Revision: Non-scored event Jury Advisor certification requirements cannot be implemented until online Competition Official certification is available. This requirement can be met with proposed Division/Region website availability. Requirement that Competition Official will be the minimum requirement for Jury Advisors at non-scored events has already been approved.
 - 5.3.3. Update Requirements: Verifying the accuracy of posted information has been addressed in earlier discussions.
 - 5.3.4. Coach Membership Requirement Issues (Jeff Weinman): No issues reported
 - 5.3.5. 2nd-Run Status for DNF, DSQ competitors at USSA scored events. Alpine Officials' Education Working Group continues to support this procedure. Gary Wright will prepare a procedure paper and education efforts will address issues.
 - 5.3.6. Forerunners and USSA General Membership: Availability of this membership was a benefit for Organizing Committees and athletes.
 - 5.3.7. Rules for Dual Events: No issues with newly drafted rules reported.
 - 5.3.8. Support and Rules for Masters Events: Deb Lewis commended for her efforts updating the Masters Competition Guidebook and rules. Focus is on uniformity in rules and procedures.
 - 5.3.9. Substandard Events - Staffing & Documentation: No issues were reported that required assistance from senior Alpine Officials.
6. New Business
- 6.1. Software: Problems encountered with required transition from Split Second to Vola discussed. Geoff Elder thanked for creating Split Second's option to open a Vola race. This option allowed events that required seed cards and/or a snow seed to easily meet requirements. Both Split Second and Vola will be approved for season 2017; decision on use will be based on an Organizing Committee's preference. Education materials will have to be written to address both software versions; this will be a challenge.
 - 6.2. Chief of Course Certification: Chief of Race, Referee, Technical Delegate as acceptable alternatives.
**Motion: To amend ACR 601.3.2 as follows: The Chief of Course must be certified as a Chief of Course, Chief of Race, Referee or Technical Delegate.
M/S/C Brown/Nunnikhoven/Unanimous**
 - 6.3. Alpine Officials' Work History: FIS Race Administrator, FIS Data Management: Due to software issues, Race Administration and Data Management efforts at FIS events were not properly recorded by USSA. Upon request, these records will be corrected.
 - 6.4. Gate Judge Proposal: Proposal to create a rule (U669.3) allowing Jury members and eyes of the Jury to serve as Gate Judges discussed. The Alpine Officials' Education Working Group voted to not support the proposal.
 - 6.5. TDTR Proposal (John Jett): Timing Working Group will discuss revising form so it conforms to that provided by FIS TDTR software.
7. Recommendations for Advancement to AO Level 4. In the future, recommendations for advancement must be delivered to Working Group Chair a minimum of five (5) days prior to the annual meeting. Recommendations will be distributed to Working Group members for review.

Motion: To accept advancements to Level 4 certifications as presented.

M/S/C GilanFarr/Newman/Unanimous

LEVEL 4 ADVANCEMENTS:

East:

5880810	FRANK, Stephen	CO 4, JA 4
5088406	DAYTON, Chris	CR 4

Far West:

4993911	HARRIS, Charles	CO 4, RF 4
4043493	PALERNO, Rees	CO 4, RF 4

Intermountain:

4679031	DENIS, Gilbert	JA 4
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Rocky Mountain:

6002455	COLLINS, Michael	JA 4
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8. Discussion Items:

- 8.1. Rules: Rules provide a framework of procedures that protect all participants: athletes, officials, spectators; they must be observed.
- 8.2. Volunteer Recruitment: Some areas have reported a rising average age and we need to focus on attracting and retaining new officials.
- 8.3. Communication: 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. We have a system in place that helps to keep our officials current but we need to know when changes are made so they can be effectively communicated to our members.
- 8.4. Future of this Working Group: Reorganization discussed; request to increase regional representation from 3 to 4 will be forwarded as required.

9. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn. M/S/C Wright/DelliQuadri/Unanimous

Alpine Coaches' Education Task Force

Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Thursday, May 12 2016, 8:00 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

Summit C

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Brian Krill

Members:

Kathy Okoniewski – East Representative	Not Present
Caryn Jones	Present
Matt Tomasko	Present
Todd Kelly	Present
Paul Mannelin – West Representative	Present

Gar Trayner would like to serve in the open Eastern slot.

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 – Ron Kipp

Currently exploring options for a new LMS. Mammoth National Coaches academy level was one full week, 21 coaches. 10 coaches in the level 400. First time being run since 2003. Skills Quest problem is not enough accredited evaluators. COE TV audited reorganization of video collection. Jon Casson front ended the updates to the Alpine Training System.

- 5.2. Sport Education Director – Krill

Currently 3,960 registered Alpine coach members. 2,278 certified coaches. Athletes to certified coach ratio is 8:1. 71 Alpine clinics were conducted nationwide. Revitalize level 400 alpine certification. Pocket guides distributed.

6. Current Programs
 - 6.1. Level 400 Curriculum

Sport Science, Technical and Tactical, Coaching, Management and Leadership, Data and analysis. From that core curriculum those participants pick a 'major' under one of the following categories: elite development, youth devolvment, equipment, and club management. After a 12-18 month independent study, candidates will present findings and should be leaders and have some specialization after this process. Then these individuals will participate in some opportunity to engage in sport education, coach development, or club development as appropriate.

- 6.2. Learning Systems

Moving to a new LMS instead of the current system Moodle. Moodle is a very manual system for both USSA coaches and USSA education department. Canvas will be the new LMS which will be more automated for tracking specific coach's information.

Every coach going into a level 100 clinic will have basic training in pedagogy, physical fitness, and sport psych before going to a clinic. ILT instructor lead training. The goal is to increase the efficiency and quality of those in person and on-snow coaching and clinics.

6.3. Continuing Education Requirements

Continuing education should be directed toward the different domains to expand and increase our knowledge in the sport. Our current system does not ensure that coaches are getting expanded education, while the new system would be able to track this and direct continuing education in the 7 different domains, ensuring coaches aren't just doing the same programs each year but expanding knowledge in different domains.

6.4. Training Systems

Updating training systems module, poster; working on a more detailed and dynamic robust and comprehensive module. This is currently in a google doc that anyone can make comments on.

7. U.S. Ski Team/coach education crossover

Staff has been actively involved in coaches' education. Coach accelerated camp.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Alpine Development and Education Subcommittee Session 1

Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Thursday, May 12 2016, 10:05 am – 12:00 pm

Summit C

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Mike Morin

Members:

Jesse Hunt – Vice Chair	Present
Mike Bowman – Rocky/Central Region Representative	Present
Joe Paul – Rocky/Central Representative	Present
Jamie Landwehr – Western Region Representative	Present
Kirk Dwyer – Eastern Region Representative	Absent
Peter Dodge – Collegiate Representative	Present
Warner Nickerson – Athlete Representative	Present
Jessica Kelley – Athlete Representative	Present
Dave Galusha – Past Chair	Absent
Chip Knight – USSA Staff	Present

1. Welcome and call to order

Morin called meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Review of committee membership and roll call

Committee membership was reviewed and roll called.

3. Review and approval of agenda

**Motion #1: Approve development and education subcommittee agenda.
M/S/C Morin/Bowman/unanimous**

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion #2: To approve minutes. M/S/C Bowman/Paul/unanimous

5. Reports

5.1. Chair

5.2. Education staff – Brian Krill

Krill talked about the delivery of the Alpine pocket guide for coaches. Education department hosted 71 clinics nationwide. Athlete to certified coach ratio is now 7 athletes to 1 certified coach. Sports education is updating the Alpine training system to more online version.

5.3. Alpine staff

5.3.1. USSA Alpine Director - Riml

Riml spoke to his annual report contained in the meeting materials posted online.

5.3.2. Alpine Development Director – Knight

Knight spoke to his report contained in the meeting materials posted online. Group Structure NTG, D-Team; Development will continue managing the NTG; the D-Team will now be included in their department.

5.3.3. USSA CEO – Shaw

Shaw discussed the calendar for the upcoming season, with the US hosting World Cups in Killington, Squaw Valley and World Cup finals in Aspen.

6. Review USSA Staff and Committee Proposals

Committee discussed the proposals sent to be reviewed for the 2016 congress.

6.1. SL Delayed gate – USSA Staff

6.2. Course Setting Matrix

6.3. U-16 RPS – Knight

6.4. U-14s at U-16 National Championship – Knight/USSA Staff

6.5. Equipment Matrix

7. Findings from the Alpine World Cup Interviews – Leever

Leever went over conducted study with World cup athletes. Findings and reports can be found on the FTP site.

8. Comments

9. Adjournment

Next meeting Friday, May 13 at 1:45 p.m.

Alpine Rocky/Central Region ACC

Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Thursday, May 12 2016, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Summit C

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Dave Anderson

Members:

Stefan Hughes- Vice Chair
Jeff Dekko
John Manderfield
Joe Paul
Bill Slattery
Jon Nolting
Mike Bowman
Alice Black
Terry DelliQuadri

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
Review of members and roll called.
Moment to recognize Bob Dart and David Thickers
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: To approve agenda. M/S/C Slattery/Nolting/unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes
Motion #2: To approve last meetings minutes. M/S/C Slattery/Manderfield/unanimous
5. Staff reports
 - 5.1. Membership- Sheryl Barnes
Membership had a growth of 3,800 members. \$10,000 family cap in refunds. Membership pricing will be the same for the 16-17 season. Looking to foster multi-sport participation. Moving to an online chat system to assist with questions. Launching of a searchable customer service knowledge base.
 - 5.2. Alpine Development Director – Chip Knight
Thank you to USSA staff, Darlene, Brewster, and Ian for their hard work and dedication that they put in this season. Thanks to Vail and Aspen for being great hosts – NPS and NorAm finals, also to Copper for hosting the U-19 Nationals. Darlene and Brewster for the way they helped to promote SkillsQuest. It is an example/road map that can be used across the country.
 - 5.3. Rocky Central Director – Darlene Nolting
Congratulations to Ski and Snowboard Club Vail for receiving Club of the year award, and to Rob Worrell for receiving the Alpine Domestic Coach of the year award.
 - 5.4. Central Division Manager – Brewster McVicker
Snow caused some challenges this year. Memberships are stabilizing in Central. McVicker is working on membership trend lines with Membership. Also looking at USSA and FIS membership licenses.

6. Divisional ACC reports
 - 6.1. Central Report – Joe Paul

CASC meetings - approved for each region for all U14's to score in two in season races. Task force will evaluate if Central should seed at U14 JC by overall or by discipline. Central approved to coordinate with Rocky on the Youth Coordinator position.

Region 1 – had growth in membership with the implementation of the Lunar Cup.
Region 2 – membership also had an increase in numbers.

Region 3 – Don Stellin Chair upgraded half of their timing event and looking to upgrade the other half next year.

Region 4 – really struggled with the warm weather and was only able to pull off one event for the year. Next CASC Meeting is September 23-24 in Chicago.

Central hosted the Dan Nagy at Lacrosse, RC U19 Qualifier.
 - 6.2. Rocky Mountain Report

New RMD members to this committee - Jon Nolting and Terry DelliQuadri

Southern Series is growing their numbers and working hard to provide a great series for the athletes.

Working with the National office on the Fitness assessment.

New proposal to require each All-Star member to have to race in at least one USSA scored race.
7. Old business
8. New business
 - 8.1. Discussion regarding U-19 Regional FIS Series

Discussion board vs the best 5 of 9 – which selection method is best.

 - 8.1.1. Elimination of one regional protected spot for U-19 Nationals

Discussion regarding the protected spots the best for the Region. To move the discussion along – to create a working group to evaluate the selection after the two seasons of implementation.
 - 8.2. Rocky Proposals
 - 8.2.1. U-14 Junior Championships proposal – Proposal: To replace Kombi with a Parallel event. To follow Parallel rules.

Motion #3: To approve motion to replace the Kombi at U-14 Junior championships with a parallel event. M/S Bowman/DelliQuadri
 - 8.2.2. Seeding for Parallel – the proposal is approved. Proposal: To seed at the parallel using the last slalom would start first.

Motion #4: To seed the parallel event at U-14 Junior Championships using the last slalom. M/S Bowman/Black
 - 8.2.3. U-14 Can Am Proposal: For selection purposes for the U14 Can Am to use the events to be contested at the event in the selection. The selection would include SL, GS, SG.

Motion #5: To approve proposal for selections for U-14 Can Am. M/S DelliQuadri/Dekko
 - 8.3. Central proposals

USN Nationals Selection – FIS Junior Championship selections. Proposal: The US National quota spot earned at the RC FIS Junior Series, if the athlete has already been selected for the US Nationals the spot should revert to the next athlete on the selections list.

Motion #6: Motion to table proposal for Junior Championship selection. M/S Paul/Hughes

Tabled: Central needs to schedule a conference call to vote on proposal electronically

Rocky needs to schedule a conference call to vote on proposal electronically

Based on on outcome from each division's vote, we need to schedule a conference call for R/C

ACC to call to vote on proposal – Stefan Hughes

8.4. Election of Chair

Nominations for Chairs: Stefan Hughes nominated to take over chair from Dave Anderson.

Motion #7: To accept the nomination of Stephan Hughes for chair. M/S Bowman/DelliQuadri

Central will present a Vice-Chair at the next meeting.

9. Adjournment

Motion #8: Motion to adjourn meeting. M/S Dekko/Nolting/unanimous

Alpine Timing Working Group

Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Thursday, May 12 2016, 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Summit B

Minutes

Meeting Chair: John Jett

Members:

Dan Chayes	Present
Gretchen Ranson	Present
Ellen Hoffman	Present
Stanley Goldschmidt	Present
John Jacobs	Present
Tami Strong	Present
Dave Waller	Present
Jake Treadwell	Present
Matt Howard	Present
Bill Gunesch	Not Present
Lucy Schram	Present
Eric Millbrandt	Not Present
Allen Church (emeritus)	Excused

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

Motion #1: Approval of minutes. M/S Howard/Chayes

5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair- Jett
Thanked many members of the group.
 - 5.2. USSA staff – Shaw
Tiger Shaw thanked the committee with tackling the change of software, working diligently to work with both systems and single live timing site going into next season.
 - 5.3. FIS representatives – Strong
Attended the meetings in Zurich and reported to the group previously; items coming up in Cancun and she will email a report back to the committee.
 - 5.4. TDTR Reviews
 - 5.5. Central – Ranson
Only regions three and four submitted their TDTR's for review. Addressed the items that need further education.
 - 5.6. IMD – Strong
Reviewing set up, syncing, FIS software program, etc. Hoping for further use of the FIS TDTR software for USSA events in the division. Concern that the sync +1 and if there is an issue on the way they are throwing the wand or if there is an issue with the timers. Tammy will explore with the TnC. Dual event where they tied the starts together and created an anomaly in the timing. Education needed on setting up a

dual event. Thank you to John Jett, Jeff Weinman and JJ Ehlers, too.

- 5.7. Rocky – Jacobs

Comparing to stats of the past years showing improvement. Errors showing up repeatedly at one area, John is reaching out to the crew to guide them so they can improve. One request John put in for Vola upgrade is that the reporting goes to .0000. One race that had significant errors on System A for the race, they did the right thing and used system B for the entire race, and a thank you to the Vail crew for their diligence.
 - 5.8. Far West – Schram

Reviewed 186 codes, included in that are 44 non-scored, non-championship events. The idea of having these programs submit TDTR's for non-scored events will only help educate them, confirm they are doing things correctly and become stronger in their field. 54% of the races were run in Vola and 46% were run in Split Second. Sync issues were divided into three areas: greater than an hour; outside the .001 allotment; and HT sync. Goals to improve these areas.
 - 5.9. East – Matt

148 race codes cancelled this year. Volume of submission was down, will return to 'gentle reminders' to the ROC's to submit their reports. Non-scored reports submitted, too, helping guide officials. Lots of hand written reports, partially out of Vola and handwritten to finish up. One resort in the East particularly resistant to Vola and to educational opportunities. Not receptive to assistance. Matt will review this with the State Chair and leave it in their hands on how to work with this crew. Fair amount of syncing issues: between genders, over the hour. Very few EET's were submitted.
 - 5.10. Terry – Not in attendance, no report submitted.
6. Old business
 - 6.1. Timing form distribution

All reviewers have agreed to continue on for the 16-17 season.
Why we complete the TDTR form:
Action Item: To review language 3 B and C of this document to confirm it is the language used in the current FIS timing book

EET Replacement time discussion regarding 611.3.2 vs 611.3.2.1
Action Item: Tammy and Lucy will review some EET's via the Vola software and hand EET forms. Use some that have times for as a 'control.' Report back to group.
 - 6.2. Review timing equipment requirements for different race levels

ACR 611.2.1.1 Start Gate – exemption for auto return to end in 17-18. All good to stay on track with this.
ACR U611.2.5 Timing without cable – reviewed language. No one is seeing this take place. This requires a lot of equipment. Discussion to leave language as is.
 7. New business
 - 7.1. Education materials update for AOEWG

Matt, Jake, Lucy and John will continue reviewing education documents.

Directive from education to work with both platforms: -timing workshop can be run in either platform.

Action Item for John Jett: match Document 41 to the FIS TDTR software output and submit it to Thelma by July 15th. Document will be a pdf which will include info on how to download the FIS TDTR software.

Nationwide - education of use of the FIS Software.

Education focus for the fall: finish posts

Post running education: who is your last racer? First run DNF/DSQ's are competitors in the second run.

8. Elections

Motion #2: To nominate John Jett for chair. M/S/U Chayes/Ranson

Motion #3: To nominate Dan Chayes for Vice Chair. M/S/U Treadwell/Jacobs

Motion #4: Motion to accept the slate officers. M/S/U Howard/Treadwell

9. Adjournment

Motion #5: Motion for adjournment. M/S/U Goldschmidt/Treadwell

Alpine USSA TD Working Group

Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Thursday, May 12 2016, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Summit B

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Tony Nunnikhoven

Members:

Vice Chair: Chuck Hughes – Eastern Representative
Scott Young – Alaska Representative
Phil Gilanfarr – Far West Representative
Carma Burnett – Intermountain Representative
Steven Lowe, Roger Root representing – PNSA Representative
Brad Ghent – Rocky Mountain Representative
Gretchen Ransom – Central Representative
Robert Calderwood – Immediate Past Chair, retired
Thelma Hoessler – Ex Officio, AE Chair
Jeff Weinman – USSA Representative
Paul Van Slyke – FIS Representative

Guests: Stanley Goldschmidt, Lucy Schram, Patti Nichols, Ellen Galbraith, Roger Perricone, Art Tokle, Dave Waller, Doug Hall, Ted Sutton, Mike Cosman, Ted Newhan, Matt Howard, Mike Howard, Mike Hammer, Ted Lockwood, Jeff Dekko, Gail Barber, Caryn Jones, Jill Firstbrook, Ingrid Simonson, Mike Ginsberg, Ron Bonneau, Jonathan Mederfield, Terry DelliQuadri, Karen Ghent, Lester Keller, Dan Chayes, Dick Gouwens, Beat Hupfer, Laura Sullivan, Jake Treadwell, Mark Browne, Ellen Hoffman

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

Motion #1: To Approve M/S/C: GilanFarr/Ransom/Unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion #2: To Approve M/S/C: Ghent/Burnett/Unanimous

5. Ratify new members/thank and recognize retiring members Esther DelliQuadri/Dr. Robert Calderwood

Roger Root discussed lowering the requirement from Level 3 to Level 2 for WG membership. Jeff Weinman indicated that this would take a change to the operating procedures. Paul Van Slyke mentioned that this WG needs to have the operating procedures updated.

6. Reports

- 6.1. Chair

Nunnikhoven reported that TD represented a group of over 400 TD's that have worked hard and diligently to become and maintain themselves as TD's. Challenging to motivate TD's to fulfill their responsibility. A discussion regarding TD assignments and how to best get this done. Mentoring new AO chairs for consistency. Recognize all USSA TD's for their efforts and support during 2015-16 season. Discuss mid-season communication method.

- 6.2. Alaska - Young

- 8 TD's current - looking to expand that membership with some new candidates.
- 6.3. PNSA – Lowe, Root Representing
2 new TDs. TD webinar still underway
 - 6.4. Far West – Gilanfarr
2 new TDs – keeping up the recruitment
 - 6.5. Intermountain – Burnett
Have a TD only seminar and paid them to attend. 2 candidates ready to go.
 - 6.6. Northern – Nunnikhoven
All races completed. 1 new TD actively involved. Geography is a challenge. Last three years we have brought up 3 new TD's all working great.
 - 6.7. Rocky Mountain – Ghent
52 assignments. All successful. 20 still functioning TD's. A recent poll found VOLA was challenging. Looking to have a more robust connection between resort and TD.
 - 6.8. Central – Ransom
39 TD's about 50% active. Held all races.
 - 6.9. Eastern – Hughes
Thanked Patty, state chairs, etc. 2500+ officials with 400 TDs. 53% of USSA membership. A number of events postponing. We should work towards improvement and mentoring plus recruit.
 - 6.10. Alpine Officials –
Need to follow protocol, advance notice, minutes, program, and packet review
Comment on TD Reports and TD actions. 1 action item that CC can be fulfilled by a TD, CR or REF. AOEWG does not support gate judge motion.
 - 6.11. USSA – Weinman
TD's need to recheck results online prior to completing and TD report.
Thelma reviewed the TD's requirements for submitting results and documents. A brief discussion regarding the results and documents.
 - 6.12. FIS – Van Slyke
NAFIS Update Oct 28-29-30. Working on increasing the TD's knowledge and responsibilities. This should also be shared with hosting Resorts. A discussion regarding providing a quality product and event and the importance of the TD.
7. Old business
 - 7.1. TD reports – review electronic / USPS submission plus supplemental reports
 - 7.2. Expense reports for USSA TD's
 8. New business
 - 8.1. TD review of ROC – Brad Ghent
 - 8.2. USSA TD WG award presentation – True North Award

Motion #3: To add posthumous recognition to Jackie Davis, Gene Loose and Margo Eaton. M/S/U Hoessler/Burnett/unanimous

Presentation of this year's winner: Lucy Schram accepted.

TD WG action on general award nominations: we need input towards the awards by members. Please submit nominations for those who are deserving. We will need these nominations and input prior to April 1st.

- 8.3. Upcoming review of our training, roles, and performance as TD's in the future: Paul reviewed the new WG procedures. Changing the structure to 2 reps from each region and 2 at large plus chair.
- 8.4. Role of USSA TD Working Group in the future:
Motion #4: To accept and change the policy to accept the new membership structure M/S/C: GilanFarr/Young/Unanimous
9. Executive session – 3:15 p.m.
Review advancement Requests
Motion #5: To accept advancements to Level 3 and Level 4 certifications as presented. M/S/C Ghent/Burnett/Unanimous
10. Adjournment
Motion #6: To adjourn. M/S/C GilanFarr/Young/Unanimous

Alpine Courses Working Group

Doubletree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Thursday, May 12 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Summit B

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Bruce Crane

Members:

Chair: Bruce Crane, Park City, UT (FIS Inspector)*
Vice-chairman: Brad Ghent, Edwards, CO (FIS Inspector)*
Bob Calderwood, Goodyear, AZ (FIS Inspector)*
Dan Chayes, Mercersburg, PA (FIS Inspector)*
Kurt Engel, Truckee, CA (FIS Inspector)*
Ellen Galbraith, Edwards, CO (FIS Inspector)*
Doug Hall, Jeffersonville, VT (FIS Inspector)*
Paul Mahre, Newport, WA (FIS Inspector)*
Ted Sutton, Lincoln, NH (FIS Inspector and immediate past Chair)*
Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ (FIS Inspector)*
Ron Bonneau, Caldwell, ID (USSA inspector)*
Mike Browne, Saratoga Springs, NY (USSA Inspector)*
Jeff Byrne, Lake Placid, NY (USSA Inspector)*
Stanley Goldschmidt, Park City, UT (USSA Inspector)*
Parker Gray, Newry, ME (USSA inspector)*
John Jacobs, Queensbury, NY (USSA Inspector)*
Roger Kimball, Litchfield, CT (USSA inspector)*
John Norton, Lake Placid, NY (USSA inspector)*
Peter Stwertka, Rochester, NY (USSA Inspector)*
Scott Young, Anchorage, AK (USSA Inspector)*
* indicates voting member at May 15, 2016

Tom Johnston, Boulder, WY (USSA Staff - Technical Advisor)
Jeff Weinman, Park City, UT (USSA staff)
J.J. Ehlers, Park City, UT (USSA staff)

Nelson Bennett, Yakima, WA (Emeritus member and past Chair) – Dec. 2016
Allen Church, Albuquerque, NM (Emeritus member)
Don Cushing, Pittsford, NY (Emeritus member)
Dave Stapleton, Aspen, CO (Emeritus member and past Chair)
Evert Uldrich, Rigby, ID (Emeritus member)

Mark Lamberson, inspector-in-training, Flagstaff, AZ
Ted Lockwood, Traverse City, MI, (inspector-in-training)
Jonathan Manderfield, Marquette, MI; and S WI (inspector-in-training)
Tony Nunnikhoven, Bozeman, MT (inspector-in-training)
Roger Perricone, Steamboat Springs, CO (inspector-in-training)
Gretchen Ransom, Duluth, MN (inspector-in-training)

Bear Bryant, Ft Myers, FL (advisor)
Bill Gunesch, Government Camp, OR (advisor)
Greg Johnson, Vail, CO (advisor)
Kevin McDevitt, Clackamas, OR (advisor)
Brad Saxe, Truckee, CA (advisor)
Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY (advisor)
Horst Weber, Lake Placid, NY (advisor)

Present: M Browne, J Byrne, R Calderwood, D Chayes, B Crane, K Engel, E Galbraith, B Ghent, S Goldschmidt, D Hall, J Jacobs, P Mahre, J Norton, T Sutton, T Winters; R Bonneau, T Lockwood, G Ransom, J Manderfield; excused: P Gray, P Stwertka, S Young, M Lamberson, T Nunnikhoven, R Perricone; staff: T Shaw, C Clark, J Weinman, J Ehlers, T Johnston; guests: B Madsen, R Dowd, A Tokle

1. Welcome and call to order (6:12pm) / 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 prior to the meeting, subject to additions under item number 9 'New Business'. Chayes/Byrne/Unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes of May 2015 meeting

Motion 2: To accept the Minutes of the previous meeting – May 14 2015 – as distributed in May 2015 following the meeting, published on the USSA web site and distributed prior to this May 2016 meeting. Goldschmidt/Sutton/Unanimous.

5. Remembrance – Nelson Bennett, Bob Dart

6. Reports

- 6.1. Chairman – general, USSA activity, USSA IT; status of action items, interim decisions, issues, tasks for 2016-17; take-aways from 'Venue Workshop'

Huge thanks to all of our active inspectors. 123 homologations completed in last cycle, including 27 completed after Dec 31 2015, with an additional 28 in-process at May 12 2016.

Excellent Venue Workshop conducted Wednesday afternoon, May 11, organized by Ellen Galbraith; thanks go to Ellen and Tom Johnston. Venue Workshop will be scheduled in same time frame in 2017.

(Good) intention of chairman to improve communications – better dispersal of information

Motion 3: To accept the Report of the Chairman (written report distributed prior to the meeting; oral presentation with opportunity for Q&A at the meeting). Mahre/Browne/Unanimous

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

Motion 4: To recommend to the Rules and Technical Subcommittee (R&T SC), respectively Alpine Sport Committee, that the Chairman of the Alpine Courses Working Group be authorized to propose amendments to the USSA Alpine Competition Regulations (ACR) section 650 as necessary and appropriate should there be changes in the FIS ICR 650 subsequent to this USSA Congress. Such proposed amendments shall be provided to at least four of the current USA FIS alpine course inspectors for review and comment, and to the chairman of the USSA Alpine Rules Working Group for 'vetting', prior to submission to the USSA R&T SC chairman. Browne/Ghent/Unanimous

Note: None of FIS representatives or chairman expects anything significant to come up in short term.

- 6.2 FIS activity and subcommittee, continued

Note: FIS has increased and restructured homologation fees to be paid by national federations. At the time of the USSA Congress, the impact had not been analyzed by

USSA staff. No changes in the fees from places/venues/organizers to USSA had been determined as of May 15, 2016.

Discussion of FIS Environmental Certificate included comments that US and state requirements essentially render FIS attestation irrelevant. No issues noted to date with not-included certificates. Certificate may be appropriate in case of venue developed from forest/ground or major tree/earth work.

No information provided as yet by FIS representatives regarding how other nations handle differences of 'categories'/classes with national homologations. (FYI: Canada does not homologate courses at the national or provincial level.)

- 6.3 Coordination with AO Education, FIS and USSA TDs working groups liaison reports, action items from liaison reports; appointment of liaisons for 2016-17

Note: Chairman mentioned that there were fewer reported incidents of issues with vertical drop per homologation documents and that determined by TDs and others at the time of events.

For information: Liaison assignments proved to be positive and the working group will continue: Mike Browne - AO Education, Stanley Goldschmidt - USSA TDS, Tom Winters - USA FIS TDs

- 6.4 Inspectors comments

- 6.5 USSA staff and Technical Advisors comments

Tom Johnston spoke to the good coordination among inspectors and USSA staff in regard to course development and homologations for major events at Squaw Valley and Sun Valley. Tom also mentioned his different experiences with Olympic courses in Russia and in Korea, also Jackson and Whiteface. Noted that designing terrain during dirt work saves problems with trail preparation with low snow depths. Consider value of traverses; may impact protection plan in order to incorporate effectively.

Calum Clark spoke to potential for progress with USSA IT support of homologation reporting. WG chairman expressed great appreciation to JJ Ehlers and Jeff Weinman for increased support this year.

Calum Clark, Bill Madsen and Tiger Shaw spoke to the further development of NASTAR as a USSA program and the huge potential represented. Inspectors are encouraged to mention the possibilities for areas to become involved; collateral materials to be provided to inspectors.

General information at: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xmvPFp-s6Qr70kCm2zFzMUqBzu-FM4PX6tjLdsbo/edit?usp=sharing>

Note: There is no 'homologation' process for NASTAR venues. NASTAR is a franchise; selection, development, preparation and course setting are the responsibility of the the ski area/operator.

- 7.1 FIS homologation process and rules, issues and developments

- 7.2 USSA homologation process and timeline – application, inspection, reporting, publication; authorization regarding ACR revisions due to potential changes to FIS ICR 650.

Note: Hard-copy of homologation certificate no longer needed; can print from provided digital copy.

8. Old business

- 8.1 Security of data/homologation reports on USSA website

For information: Bruce Crane and Dan Chayes to discuss file security of homologation files posted to USSA web site with USSA Comp Services and IT staff.

- 8.2 Suitability of courses for different levels of competition; most appropriate usage; homologation cannot be specific to age-category(s); use of General Remarks for comments on 'appropriate use'

Note: No information provided as yet by FIS representatives regarding how other nations handle differences of 'categories'/classes with national homologations. (FYI: Canada does not homologate courses at the national or provincial level.)

- 8.3 Instructions and requests regarding reports and documentation; review current report form and necessary/common exhibits; standardization of reporting, development of reporting tools

Note: There was considerable discussion about the challenges of preparing materials/exhibits, assembling report packages and submitting report packages, including various approaches, tools and techniques used by different inspectors, such as Google Earth Pro, Topo NA, potential FIS tools – chairman to check with tools used by Canadian alpine course inspectors). There was agreement that, looking forward, it is very important that more efficient digital tools be made available to inspectors – and behind-the-scenes for capture, management and archive of report information.

For information: Bruce Crane will continue to work with USSA Comp Services and IT staff to streamline or automate homologation reporting and output processes. A task force of Ellen Galbraith, Dan Chayes, and Ted Sutton will consider various aspects of contents of report package, standardization, both of the reporting form and process and, potentially, also processes in the field. (Additional notes on this topic are available from the chairman.)

- 8.4 Urgent requests, status of protection plan prior to homologation, validity period

Note: Homologations are not valid until process complete with number report signed by chairman and certificate with number assigned.

- 8.5 USSA GS/SL homologation (one fee, one report) – clarify

Single fee remains at this time. However, separate reports for each of GS and SL are requested. This will become mandated with further development of reporting processes (parallel to that of FIS).

- 8.6 Homologation inventory, expiring courses and new requests, inspector assignments

There are approximately 400 FIS and 615 USSA valid homologations of alpine courses in USSA. Almost all of these are now posted on the USSA web site. Missing are pre-2009 courses with hard-copy only reports; these will be expiring over the next 2-3 cycles, being rehomologated or simply becoming invalid. Expired homologation are 'watermarked' as such and archived in an 'expired' sub-folder by state.

Note: In addition to the 28 homologations in progress, more than three dozen applications have been received for new or rehomologations. Big thanks to those places that have submitted applications prior to this Congress; early requests are very helpful for organization of assignments and inspections. Initial assignments will be confirmed with inspectors and communicated to places in the next weeks – and, subsequently, as applications and fees are received and assignments made.

Sincere appreciation expressed to USSA staff for assistance in distributing two emails to USSA alpine event organizers, reminding them of homologation obligations, expiring courses, materials, etc.

- 8.7 Work load shifting from 2018-20

Note: Places with projected expirations through November 2020 are encouraged to rehomologate in earlier years and to consolidate inspections, saving on the more significant costs of inspector travel. Likewise, inspectors are encouraged to communicate with places in this regard.

9. New business

Structure and process

Note: Following discussion of various aspects of the structure and process initiative in USSA committees, the working group agreed with the proposed revised description as presented by the chairman.

10. General comments and announcements

11. Closed Session

11.1 Identification and development of inspectors; continuing activity

Motion 5: To recommend that the Rules & Technical Subcommittee, respectively Alpine Sport Committee and USSA Board, ratify the working group's approval of Ron Bonneau and Roger Kimball as USSA Alpine Course Inspectors, their having completed the published nomination, development and approval process to the satisfaction of the working group. Chayes/Jacobs/Unanimous (recommended by P Mahre: R Bonneau; T Sutton: R Kimball)

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

Motion 6: To accept the resignation as Vice Chairman of Dr. Robert Calderwood, with great appreciation for all of his contributions over the years. Sutton/Byrne/Unanimous

Note: Dr. Calderwood's exceptional service was recognized by the working group with standing ovation; further, such recognition and ovation were also made at the USSA Chairman's Award Dinner. It is anticipated that Dr. Calderwood will continue as an inspector and member of the working group.

Motion 7: To nominate Brad Ghent as Vice Chairman. Calderwood/Mahre/Unanimous

For information: Current inspectors in-training: continuing - Mark Lamberson, Ted Lockwood, Tony Nunnikhoven, Roger Perricone, Gretchen Ransom; new – Jonathan Manderfield

Note: Mentors and/or chairman to communicate with candidates re incomplete information and/or remaining steps to complete training and approval process.

11.3 Task/responsibility delegation: Planning/issues, Operations, Education & Continuing Education

Note: There was a brief discussion of the intention of the chairman to request various members to assist in aspects of working group activities moving forward, specifically:

- Issues and Planning, Meeting Preparation
- Operations and Information Technology Development (working with USSA staff)
- Education and Materials, including review of web postings, application, report, Comp Guide text, etc.

Further information will be communicated when members have been contacted in regard to these tasks.

12. Adjournment

Motion 8: To adjourn. Byrne/Chayes/Unanimous (9:32pm)

Alpine Rules Working Group

Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Thursday, 12 May 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Alpine

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Gary Wright

Members:

Gary Wright	Present
John Jett	Present
Thelma Hoessler	Present
Rogan Connell	Present
Mike Hammer	Present
Matt Howard	Present

1. Welcome and call to order
Chair provided brief review of experts working group mission and procedures
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
3. Review and approval of Agenda
Motion #1: Approval of Agenda. M/S/C Hoessler/Hammer/unanimous
4. Review and approval of 2015 Minutes
Motion #2: Approve 2015 minutes as presented. M/S/C Hoessler/Howard/unanimous
5. Old business
 - 5.1. Review status of ICR / ACR integration
Motion #3: Authorize Gary Wright and Jeff Weinman to make changes to ACR that do not affect substance and to keep in line with FIS changes. M/S/C Hammer/Howard/unanimous
 - 5.2. Review status second run starts for DNF / DSQ
U621.11.2.1 and U621.11.3.2
 - 5.3. Review status from updated Dual/Parallel rules
6. New business
 - 6.1. Proposal for changes to U 601.3.1 – 601.3.
Motion #4: Support for certification requirements and change to U designation M/S/C Hoessler/Howard/unanimous
 - 6.2. Proposal for new U 669.3 authorizing coaches to serve as gate judges.
Motion #5: Rules working group opposes the proposal as it can be viewed as tacit approval of less than best practices. M/S/C Hoessler/Howard/unanimous
 - 6.3. Proposal to revise 802.2 to confirm to current FIS ICR.
Motion #6: To modify ACR 801.2.3 to follow FIS ICR including diagram change on page 114. M/S/C Hoessler/Hammer/unanimous
 - 6.4. Gate Judge Video
 - 6.5. Proposal to revise 611.3.1

**Motion #7: To make 611.3.1 a U rule and not change to follow ICR.
M/S/C Hoessler/Hammer/unanimous**

7. Adjournment

Motion #8: To adjourn. M/S/C Jett/Hoessler/unanimous

Alpine Classification Working Group Agenda

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Friday, May 13, 2016, 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Summit B

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
4. Review and Approval of Minutes
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chair Report – Waller
Reviewed the process that concluded with an adder on last year's UNH fundraiser
 - 5.2. Jeff Weinman
Discussed point list schedule and frequency of list updates.
Base list date may change, but frequency may not change this year.
Minimum penalties may be adjusted, which would be driven by World Cup minimum penalty adjustment. The adjustment would most likely not occur until 2019, after PyeongChang.
6. Old business
 - 6.1. Scoring appended USSA races to FIS races for Speed Events – Weinman
Each region was given 2 opportunities to hold appended races in the 2015-16 season.
Results have to be dealt with manually rather than using a program for scoring.
Aspen and Mt. Bachelor held events last year. At Mt. Bachelor the fastest person in the race was a USSA racer rather than a FIS racer, which did create challenges with scoring the event. At Aspen, in particular, the combination of athletes resulted in better course prep as well as a better event from an organizer's standpoint. The USSA athletes outnumbered the FIS athletes.
GS and SL events have good access to scoring opportunities; speed events are different. Manually producing results for tech events would be problematic.
Accurate recordkeeping is also critical key in order to differentiate between the two classifications (FIS and USSA). In the Aspen event, it worked very well having two separate juries, officials, etc.
No issues from a race administration standpoint were expressed to Thelma Hoessler regarding the appended races.
Motion #1: To continue with scoring appended USSA races to FIS races for speed events for one more year, allowing for 2 opportunities per region. M/S Hupfer/Webster
 - 6.2. Alternative seeding method discussion - Mahre.

PNSA has requested an extension for the testing of alternative seeding methods to allow for tracking athletes from one year to the next in order to accurately report findings to the ASC.

PNSA's alternative seeding method divides the athletes into five categories.

Four of the categories are based on USSA points, with the fifth seed comprised of USSA racers with 990 points.

PNSA maintains a list of the categories based on the applicable points list.

Categories are determined by the total number of athletes in PNSA with approx. 10% in cat 1, 20% in cat 2, 30% in cat 3 and 40% in cat 4, with 990's in cat 5.

The list/categories are adjusted throughout the year and athletes move to upper or lower categories based on their results.

PNSA believes it's a system that will help retain athletes and provide for more engagement with athletes.

Rocky used the TRS system for 3 non-scored events.

Motion #2: Allow for one more year of using alternative seeding methods for all regions. M/S/ Mahre/Webster/unanimous

6.3. Minimum Penalty Review – Waller

Established penalties are 15 for tech events and 30 for hills that don't meet vertical drop requirements.

Minimum penalties are working well and there is no reason for change.

The higher FIS minimum penalties in 2019 will require adjustments in the USSA minimums.

7. USSA Race Data Review – Waller

Objective of fall adders is to align USSA points with FIS points... adder is intended to equalize them – at the beginning of the year.

A study three years ago indicated that we should go deeper than the top 60 athletes into the ranked athletes to calculate the adder.

Study should be revisited to help define how deep into each discipline and gender to go into to calculate the adders, and whether the number of athletes in the mix would be a percentage of total athletes, or a fixed number, or some other determination.

Currently the top 250 women and top 300 men are taken into consideration for determining adders.

8. New Business

8.1. Maximum Seed Points Assigned to Athletes in Penalty Calculation – Waller, Mahre, Weinman

Discussion regarding the max seed points and values.

It's not entirely clear to current personnel (in both USSA and FIS) how the points were determined. The max points values will remain as currently defined.

8.2. Exception Races

Report on exceptional races can be found on the FTP reports site

8.2.1 U0680 M SL - Stowe Sugar SL

59% of the field scored a result 25% better than their seed points which equaled a 35-point improvement. 6.95 and 27.46 point racers finished 8 and 11. Excluding

pace, only three racers had points less than 100. Results for pace athletes were their worst of the year.

Comments from organizer:

Venue change – the race hill that it ended up being on was short and gentle rather than the normal race hill.

One pace skier fell and the other pace skier was very sick (had been in hospital).

8.2.2 U0889 W GS UNH Fundraiser

60% of the field scored a result that was 28% better than their seed points (or a 36 points improvement). An average racer has a 33% chance of scoring a result better (lower) than seed points.

Motion #3: To move the UNH Fundraiser (U0889 W GS) and Stowe Sugar SL (U0680 M) (both identified as exceptional races) up to Rules and Tech for consideration, review, and potential resolution with Jeff Weinman and Dave Waller providing recommendations on potential adders or other adjustments. M/S Waller/Webster

Note: this motion was split from report as a separate action item for the Rules and Tech Committee consideration.

Motion was further bifurcated to reflect separate motions, UNH Fundraiser and Stowe Sugar SL. Bruce Crane made the motion, unsure who seconded.

Motion #4: To adjust penalty for the UNH racer per Tony, Charlie m/s – unanimous – UNH penalty to be adjusted as per Dave Waller and Jeff Weinman’s recommendation. M/S N/Burnham/carried

Motion #5: To adjust penalty for the Stowe Sugar SL racer per Tony, Charlie m/s – unanimous – UNH penalty to be adjusted as per Dave Waller and Jeff Weinman’s recommendation. M/S/C N/Burnham/carried

8.3. Election of officers

Motion #6: To approve the election of Dave Waller and Paul Mahre as Chair and Vice Chair. M/S/C Ransom/Jett/unanimous Gretchen Ransom

9. Adjournment

Collegiate Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Friday, May 13, 2016, 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Summit C

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Peter Dodge

Members:

Peter Dodge – Chair
Ron Bonneau – Vice Chair, USCSA
Roger Perricone – Immediate past Chair
Jake Korencan – RMISA
Rogan Connell – EISA
Warner Nickerson – Athlete Representative
John Jacobs – Industry Representative, USCSA
Terry Leonard – At Large
Brewster McVicker – USSA Staff (non-voting)

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Roll call and review of committee membership
Working Group membership consists of a chair, immediated past chair, up to two at-large members and representatives from the affiliates (regions – divisions)

Motion # 1: To approve the committee membership. M/S Perricone/Connell

3. Additions to and approval of the agenda

Motion #2: To approve agenda. M/S Leonard/Jacobs

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion #3: To approve minutes. M/S Leonard/Bonneau

5. Reports

- 5.1. Chair Introductions Report – Review

"The Collegiate Working Group is dedicated to creating and maintaining competitive ski racing opportunities for student athletes in the college environment."
Read article on college racing path to WC and other levels/goals posted on line by Ken Read
FIS series report with penalty comparisons can be found on the FTP site.

- 5.2. NCAA Working Group, recommendations and follow up report

Report of the 2015 NCAA Working Group was not presented.

- 5.3. EISA

Despite weather they were able to pull off all the events, good surfaces.

- 5.4. RMISA

Excellent season, worked well with other events, good surfaces, calendar getting finalized, good depth of field.

5.5. USCSA

Bonneau talked about membership being up 12% to 4,700. Great National Championships, thanks to Lake Placid. See report on FTP site.

Building conversations with USSA and collaborations with clubs on how to keep retention in the sport. Discusses opportunities with future of education for coaches and officials. Talked about pathways after high school document and the committee supports this document.

5.6. World University Games -February 2016, Spain, tough weather and great venues.

6. Old business

7. New business

7.1. 2015 USST-Uni Team – Knight

2016 Report – team was under Sasha last year and will be under Chip moving forward, venue prep with big gains. There were some challenges with managing the program and some inefficiencies. The venue prep support was very positive.

7.2. 2017 Program – 4 men have been named for the season with good potential.

Brian McLaughlin, Dartmouth
Griffin Brown, University of Vermont
Grant Driller, Montana State University
Alex Leever, Denver University

Women's programming; opportunities for support of women university athletes needs to be explored.

7.3. Summer 2016 Collegiate Development Projects, Summer 2016 - Knight

USSA Development will support summer collegiate development projects. Projects need to be presented to the Collegiate WG for approval at the spring USSA Congress. USSA Development will sanction the approved projects and provide liability insurances.

Criteria for the projects:

1. All athletes must be USA FIS registered and must be members of a collegiate team roster for the following winter.
2. Selection must be open until filled and/or selected by objective criteria.
3. Participation by a single team must not exceed 75% of the project.

The creation of winter training and competition projects was discussed. These projects would also have to be planned and approved well in advance. College should work with their USSA Regional Development coaches to include collegiate athletes in projects when appropriate.

Peter will work with Chip to formalize procedures and timelines.

7.4. NCAA Regionals and Championships as FIS-Uni events - Tyler Shepard, Rokos, Weinman

Proposal: To allow the NCAA Regionals and Championships to be calendared and scored as FIS-Uni events while maintaining NCAA qualification and entry quotas.

Proposal needs to be presented to the FIS-University committee at the upcoming FIS Congress. Claire Brown is the USSA representative.

7.5. FIS-Uni quota for team entries

Proposal: Add language to the foreign FIS-Uni quotas to require that foreign athletes who are part of the team entry of a hosting conference team be given priority. Agreement and support needs to be reached with the Canadian FIS-University representative to be presented to the FIS-University committee. Peter will draft a written proposal.

7.6. US Nationals College Quota, Weinman, Knight, Quota committee

Motion #4: To support the staff proposal for changes to the collegiate quota for US Nationals. Selection of the college quota will be by SL/GS NTSM. M/S/C Perricone/Connell

7.7. USA FIS-Uni calendar 2016-17 - Regional Managers

The EISA still needs to meet and confirm its schedule. The RMISA has met and proposed a schedule to be confirmed. The USCSA McConnell Division has proposed 2 FIS-Uni events in the East.

7.8. Comp Guide Text review - Weinman

Some housekeeping with some new edits pending ASC approvals

7.9. World Winter University Games 2017, Kazakhstan

Selection Criteria and timeline / Travel and Logistics, DBI? / Coaching Staff Peter will work with Richard Rokos to establish criteria and timelines. A selection committee will be created.

7.10. FIS Matteo Baumgarten Award 2017

Not discussed, need to send out notice to nominations in the fall.

7.11. Open Discussion

Discussion re-surface prep for all events and the need for personnel to educate for better venues/surfaces.

7.12. Proposal

Motion #5: College working group supports the education and support of broad-based venue prep improvements and staffing at all event levels. M/S/C Perricone/Nickerson/unanimous

8. Adjournment

Motion #6: To adjourn meeting. M/S/C Leonard/Connell/unanimous

Alpine FIS TD Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Friday, May 13 2016, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Summit B

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Tom Winters

Members:

Paul Van Slyke
Jill Firstbrook
Bill Hicks
Roger Perricone
Chuck Hughes
Ted Lockwood

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Tom opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Bob Dart and Nelson Bennett
3. Review of committee membership and roll call
4. Review and approval of agenda
 - Motion#1: To approve agenda. M/S Lockwood/Hughes**
5. Review and approval of minutes
6. Reports
 - 6.1. Chair
 - 6.2. Regional / international reviews –
 - Van Slyke - National report; the races were good this year with challenges in the east due to snow. Field sizes varied some a bit small. The FIS TD Update is in Calgary Oct 28-30 2016 at the Hotel Arts.
 - Dave Pym - ACA, Proposals, WC field sizes may be cut to 45. Would have large impact on COC. Russian doping issue to be discussed at Cancun. FIS XML files not programmed correctly for NPS. ACA cost reimbursement discussed. It is working well. Possible requirement for helmets to be required between the fences. FIS to deal with the time penalty question in the 200's of the ICR.
 - 6.3. Central division – Lockwood
 - 28 scheduled races, 24 held. 4 TD's in Central currently and two future candidates in the pipeline, Jeff Dekko and James Jensen. TD trades with Jill and Fred worked well this year, we had two Canadian TD's come to Central.
 - 6.4. Eastern region – Hughes/Firstbrook
 - Lots of challenges with lack of snow. Good work from the TD's. Jill reported on Youth Olympic Games in Sweden and it was a wonderful experience and very educational.
 - 6.5. John Jett reported on a Russian trip that was also very successful and well run. Food was very well cooked.
 - 6.6. Western region – Hicks
 - Good snow, good races and no issues for the most part.
 - 6.7. Rocky Mountain Division – Van Slyke/Perricone

Paul took over for Bob and was supported well by the Rocky TD's. Very good snow sometimes too much.

6.8. Nor-Am – Korfanta

2017 NorAm update, early Colorado COC scratched. The 1st COC will be at Lake Louise and Panorama with the east finishing up with the finals. WC at Killington next fall.

6.9. Bruce Crane mentioned that we have MANY re-homologations 2018-20.

6.10. Education – Van Slyke

FIS TD Update Calgary Oct 28-30. Plans to cover reviewing TD responsibilities...i.e. arriving on time at venue, updating/reviewing the knowledge of TD's regarding timing.

6.11. Lester questioned how the NA FIS TD working group interacts with the Alpine FIS TD working group? Paul: This is accommodated with outside meetings and formal caucuses.

7. Closed session

7.1. New members: Roger P Rocky replacing Bob Dart. Carl G. PNSA replacing Randy.

7.2. Van Slyke scheduled a meeting of the Alpine FIS TD Working Group at Calgary Oct 28 4:00 pm. The purpose is to discuss TD scheduling.

7.3. Firstbrook was interested in promoting more TD trades within the country and being aware of the expenses involved for ROC's in regard to TD's.

7.4. Van Slyke and Hughes discussed the possibility of international trades for TDs.

7.5. Van Slyke, current TD candidates on the radar: Troy Price Intermountain, Jeff Dekko & James Jensen, Central.

7.6. Van Slyke discussed extension status TDs: Sutton, Crane, and Evans.

7.7. Winters will be added to emeritus list and retired with the FIS.

8. Adjournment

Motion #2: To adjourn meeting. M/S/C Perricone/Firstbrook/unanimous

Alpine Quotas and Selections Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Friday, May 13, 2016, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

Members:

Beat Hupfer – Chair	Present
Karen Ghent – Rocky/Central Representative	Present
Caryn Jones- Rocky/Central Representative	Present
Peter Dodge – Collegiate Representative	Present
Warner Nickerson – Athlete Representative	Present
Dave Salathe – Eastern Region Representative	Present
Dan Marshall – Eastern Region Representative	Present
Darlene Nolting – USSA Staff	Present
Martin Guyer – USSA Staff	Present
Chip Knight – Alpine Development Director	Present

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

Motion #1: To approve agenda. M/S/C Ghent/Jones

4. Review and approval of minutes

Motion #2: To approve Quota and selection minutes. M/S/C Dodge/Marshall

5. Reports

- 5.1 International licensing

6. Quota proposals

- 6.1. Domestic quota management

Discussion proposal deadlines 28 to 21 day.

Motion #3: To change intent deadline from 28 days to 21 days.

M/S/C Nolting/Ghent/unanimous

Discussion of USN collegiate and other quotas with edit of FIS points and deadlines.

Motion #4: To approve proposal to edit collegiate quotas with edits to FIS points and deadlines. M/S/C Nolting/Dodge/unanimous

Discussion on proposal of U19 NPS – adjust race quotas with amendments to adjust the development quotas to 5 per region, 30 national selections for the races.

Motion #5: To approve proposal that will change the quota for U-19 NPS series to include YOB, regional development, National development quota spots and maintain up to 10 reserved spots for National development pace quota.

M/S/C Nolting/Guyer/unanimous

Motion #6: To add U-16 NPS series races that will include U-16 NTG athletes, 6 boys and 6 girls per region, and up to 12 total National Development quota spots. M/S/C Nolting/Guyer/unanimous

Motion #7: To change the language for including U-14s participation at U-16 National Championship from best 5 girls and boys from each region at respective Regional Championships to U-14 at U-16 Nationals with one win and another top 3 at the respective Regional Championships. M/S/C Nolting/Ghent/unanimous

Motion #8: To update the USSA proposal on US Nationals to include NorAm automatics to be applied towards U-19 Nationals too. M/S/C Nolting/Ghent/unanimous

7. Old Business

8. New Business

Dodge is in the process of working on WUG proposals.

Landstrom discussed the narrow window for proposals.

Hupfer talked about the possibility of adjusting the working group's makeup.

9. Adjournment

Motion #9: To adjourn. M/S/C Knight/Dodge/unanimous

Alpine Development and Education Subcommittee Session 2

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Friday, May 13 2016, 1:45pm – 4:40pm

Summit C

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Mike Morin

Members:

Jesse Hunt – Vice Chair	Present
Mike Bowman – Rocky/Central Region Representative	Present
Joe Paul – Rocky/Central Representative	Present
Jamie Landwehr – Western Region Representative	Present
Kirk Dwyer – Eastern Region Representative	Absent
Peter Dodge – Collegiate Representative	Present
Warner Nickerson – Athlete Representative	Present
Jessica Kelley – Athlete Representative	Present
Dave Galusha – Past Chair	Absent
Chip Knight – USSA Staff	Present

1. Welcome and call to order
2. New Business
3. Reports
 - 3.1. Alpine Development Committee Report – Morin

Morin read a letter from Dave Galusha and thanked him for his work with this subcommittee.

 - 3.1.1. Junior World Age Rank Reflection
 - 3.2. Eastern Region Report – Guyer

Guyer presented on behalf of Eastern Region Staff. Talked about the Regional Training Group Model.
 - 3.3. Rocky/Central Region Report – Nolting, D

Nolting presented on the R/C Region staff and plans moving forward.
 - 3.4. Western Region ACC motions – Gunesch

Gunesch presented on the Western Region staff and plans moving forward.
4. Proposals
 - 4.1. Gate Judge Proposal- Morin

Motion #1: In DH, SG, GS, and SL USSA scored and non-scored events, members of the jury may act as gate judges in addition to their normal duties and may appoint eyes of the jury in order to see all gates.
M/S/C Landwehr/Paul/failed
 - 4.2. SL Delayed Gate – USSA Staff

Motion #2: To eliminate the 6-meter requirement for delay gates in SL.
M/S/C Dodge/Bowman/passed

- 4.3. Course setting Matrix
- Motion #3: To approve the the course setting matrix as presented. M/S/C Bowman/Paul/passed**
- Motion #4: To allow USSA staff to make changes to the children’s course setting guidelines if the FIS makes changes to the FIS guidelines. M/S Landwehr/Knight**
- 4.4. Equipment Matrix
- Motion #5: To approve Equipment matrix as presented. M/S/C Hunt/Landwehr/5 to 3 passed**
- 4.5. 60 Inch SL Pole – East and West
- Motion #6: For U-14 and younger SL events, poles must be FIS type B and minimum of 60” in height off the snow surface. M/S/C Hunt/Landwehr/failed 0 for / 2 opposed / 7 abstained**
- 4.6. PNSA Ability Class Racing – West
- Motion #7: Request for one more season to test the Ability format of racing. M/S/C Paul/Hunt/passed**
- 4.7. U-14 Project Assessment – East
- Motion #8: The Eastern Region requests that USSA re-examine the development of young athletes to find new project based opportunities to get the best U-14s together. M/S/C Sell/Paul/passed**
- 4.8. U-14s at U-16 Nationals – USSA
- Motion #9: For U14 to qualify for U16 Nations- qualification would be one win and another top 3 in SG, GS, SL at the athletes respective U14 Regional Championship, that would qualify the athlete for U16 National Championship. M/S/C Bowman/Paul/passed**
- Motion passed: 6 for and 1 opposed**
- 4.8.1. U-14s at U-16 Nationals – West
Proposed to eliminate the participation of U14 athletes at the U16 National Championship.
- 4.8.2. U-14s at U-16 Nationals – East
Proposed to eliminate the participation of U14 athletes at the U16 National Championship.
- 4.9. U-16 RPS
- Motion #10: U-16 National Performance series. Proposed quotas: U16 NTG athletes, 6 boys and 6 girls per region and up to 12 total National Development. M/S/C Sell/Dodge/passed**
- 4.10. U-16 Qualification Clarification – East
- Motion #11: To recommend that the ASC clarify the selection procedure to the National Championships when an event or events are lost at the Regional U16 Championships. M/S/C Paul/Hunt/passed**
- 4.11. USSA Nationals – USSA
- Motion #12 To create a clear path for USSA competition form divisional and state series racing, to regional Championships and culminating in the USSA**

National Junior Championships. This new event will take the place of existing U19 National Championship.

M/S/C Dodge/Paul/passed

Motion passed: 5 for, 2 opposed, 2 abstain

4.12. 120 Point Rule – USSA

Motion #13: Athletes must be USSA alpine competitor members in good standing with fewer than 100.00 USSA points in any even at the time of the selection to race out of continent (North America) FIS racing. NorAm Access would be under 100.00 FIS points. M/S Landwehr/ Paul

Motion #14: To amend 120-point proposal to remove out of continent portion of the proposal (no point limitation).

M/S Dodge/Nickerson/passed

Motion passed: 4 for, 3 opposed, 1 abstained

4.13. FIS – USSA Test Tech Event – Central

Motion #15: To allow Central to host a test USSA/FIS event in Slalom where the FIS penalty would be applied to the USSA race. M/S/C Paul/Dodge/failed

4.14. VARA PA Request – VARA

Motion #16: To allow an athlete to be able to petition to ski down in an age class at the state level in Vermont only. M/S/C Hutn/Dodge/passed

Amended at ASC Exec. to include all Eastern States.

4.15. Nor-Am Automatics to U-19 Nationals – Rocky

Motion #17: To apply the staff proposal for NorAm automatics to US Nationals, to the NorAm Automatic rule for U19 National Championships. M/S/C Nolting/Morin/passed

5. New Business

6. Adjournment

Motion #18: To adjourn meeting. M/S/C Dodge/Landwehr/unanimous

Alpine Rules and Technical Subcommittee

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

Friday, May 13 2016, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Paul Van Slyke

Members:

Bruce Crane – Courses
Tom Winters – FIS TDs
Chuck Hughes – Eastern Representative
Karen Korfanta – Western Representative
Ingrio Simonson - Honorary
Molly Laramic – Park City
Ted Sutton – East
Bill Hicks – IMD
Ellen Gallbraith – RMD
Dan Chayes – East
Lucy Schram – Far West
Patti Nicols – USSA Staff
Laura Sullivan – USCSA
Phil Gilanfarr – Far West
Tony Nunnikhoven – USSA TD WG
Gretchen Ransow – At Large
John Jett – Timing WG/Rules
Charlie Burnham – R&T Honorary
Dave Waller - Classifications

Guest: Tami Strong, Dave Pym, Deb Lewis, Lisa Densmore Ballard, Esther Delli Quadri, Brad Ghent, Roger Perricone, Bill Skinner, Julie Woodward, Tao Smith, Mike Hammer, Ellen Hoffman, Johnathan Mandifield

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Van Slyke called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
3. Review of committee membership and roll call
4. Review and approval of agenda

Motion #1: To approve agenda. M/S/U Crane/Winters

5. Approval of minutes

Motion #2: To approve minutes. M/S/U Nunnikhoven/Winters

6. Reports and action items from working groups

- 6.1. Education – Hoessler

Motion #3: Report and action items accepted as read. M/S Jett/Burnham

- 6.2. Timing – Jett

Election of officers Chair J.Jett and Vice Chair D. Chayes

Motion #4: Report and action items accepted as read. M/S Jett/Hughes

- 6.3. USSA TDs – Nunnikhoven
Motion #5: Report and action items accepted as read. M/S Nunnikhoven/Burnham
- 6.4. Courses – Crane
Motion #6: Report and action items accepted as read. M/S Crane/Hughes
- 6.5. Classification – Waller
Motion #7: To remove and handle separately the exceptional race actions. M/S Crane/Nunnikhoven
Motion #8: Report accepted as read, action items accepted except for action on exceptional races. M/S/U Waller/Burnham
Discussion regarding UNH and Sugar Slalom @ Stowe – races identified as exceptional in terms of being far outside the norms for scoring.
Motion #9: to split the races and handle them separately. M/S Crane/Burnham
Motion #10: to use the calculated adder from classification working group for the UNH fundraiser GS. M/S/U Nunnikhoven/Burnham/approved
Motion #11: To use the calculated adder for the Stow Sugar Slalom. M/S/U Crane/Winters/approved
Motion approved: 8 for, 2 oppose
The Chairman thanked Dave Waller for his work and requested that he, along with Jeff Weinman, calculate and propose an appropriate adder for these two events. Further, it was suggested that TD's for next year's events be assigned from out of state.
- 6.6. USA FIS TDs – Winters
Motion #12: Report accepted as read with no action items. M/S Winters/Crane
- 6.7. Rules – Wright, Jett in for Winters
Motion #13: Report and action items accepted as read. M/S Jett/Burnham
7. Other items not addressed in working group reports
Nothing to report
8. New business
Motion # 14: To table proposal to add a U rule that allows the use of the jury in lieu of having gate judges. M/S Gretchen/Crane
Motion #15: To accept the proposal sent to classification and development working groups that allows a joint FIS/USSA tech event in the Central region, one-time slalom test event. M/S/U Nunnikhoven/Burnham/failed
Discussion of new Operation Procedures that will likely pass and how they affect the makeup of each working group and subcommittee. No action at this time.
9. Adjournment
Motion #16: To adjourn meeting. M/S/U Winters/Hughes

Alpine Programs Subcommittee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Friday, May 13, 2016, 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Summit C

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Beat Hupfer

Members:

Beat Hupfer – Alpine Program Chair	Present
Darryl Landstrom – Past Chair	Present
Martin Guyer – USSA Staff	Present
Lisa Densmore Ballard – Masters Representative	Present
Johnathan Manderfield – Athlete Representative	Present
Peter Dodge- Collegiate Representative	Present
Guests: Ester Delliquadri, Deb Lewis, Brewster McVicker, Bill Skinner	

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

Motion #1: To approve Alpine Programs agenda. M/S/C Densmore/Landstrom/unanimous

4. Review and approval of minutes

**Motion#2 To approve minutes from previous Alpine programs meeting.
M/S/C Landstrom/Densmore/unanimous**

5. Chair Report - Hupfer

Hupfer had nothing to report at this time.

6. Staff Report

Staff did not have anything to report.

7. Working Group Reports

- 7.1. Quotas and Selections – Hupfer

Updated the working group members. 6 proposals that all passed - Intent deadlines, USN adjusted, U19 NPS, U16 NPS, U14 to U16 Nat, U19 automatics to USN

- 7.2. Collegiate – Dodge

Dodge discussed the new membership structure being implemented. US University team had a good launch and staff helped with venue surface management; committee would like to see surface prep education continue.

Discussion on UNI team for women.

Colleges working to collaborate with off season projects with the USSA.

FIS proposal for NCAA regional/national championships. Canadian athletes within colleges quotas discussed. Still working on FIS UNI calendars. There will be some changes to the wording in the COMP guide.

- 7.3. Master's - Densmore/Skinner

Densmore reported next year's Nationals at Mammoth March 13-18, 2017 Masters World Championships 2018 in the US.

Helmet rule based on upcoming FIS decision.

Working on recruiting ideas, looking for sponsors, ski coaches get credit for racing (¼ point), sport for life.

Motion #3 To approve all reports - M/S/C Landstrom/Guyer

8. Old business

Programs subcommittee will no longer exist if the new governance is approved by the ASC.

9. New Business

New governance structure to be approved

10. Adjournment

Motion #4: Motion to adjourn Programs Subcommittee meeting. M/S/C Landstrom/Guyer/unanimous

Alpine Executive Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Saturday, May 14, 2016, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Summit B

Minutes (Closed Meeting)

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Members:

Bill Slattery – Immediate Past Chair
Craig Krueger – Regional Representative
Darryl Landstrom – ASC Chair and Alpine Rep to USSA BOD
Beat Hupfer – Programs Chair
Tom Winters – FIS Chair
Paul Van Slyke – Rules & Technical Chair
Patrick Riml – USSA Alpine Director
Chip Knight – USSA Alpine Development Director
Mike Morin – Development and Education Chair
Warner Nickerson – USSA BOD Athlete Representative
Guests: Tiger Shaw, Jeff Weinman, Laurel Van't Hof, Eric Resnick

1. Welcome and call to order
Landstrom called meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.
2. Review of committee and roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda
Motion #1: To approve revised agenda. M/S Slattery/Krueger
4. Reports - Proposals
 - 4.1. Landstrom
 - 4.1.1. Proposal Deadline proposal – revise to reflect 14 days to allow for Regional ACC meetings that are scheduled within 30 days of Congress or Fall Conference Call.
 - 4.1.2. Approve ASC Operating Procedures to carry forward to the ASC
 - 4.1.2.1. Review of key elements of ASC OPs
Landstrom reviewed the new operating procedures going forth for the ASC. Reporting structure, committees and working groups will be reorganized.
New appointments for Chairs of Education, FIS Rules, and Regional Subcommittee chairs
Motion #2: To approve new deadline for proposals from 30 days to 14 days. To include in motion, the new operating procedures breakdown for the ASC and appointments of Subcommittee chairs.
M/S/C Van Slyke/Slattery/unanimous
 - 4.2. Slattery
 - 4.2.1. Alpine Judicial Committee
No action items to report at this time.

Discussion of membership.

4.2.2. Nominating Committee

Slattery reviewed the layout of operating procedures previously discussed by Landstrom.

4.3. Rules & Tech – Van Slyke

Van Slyke reviewed the proposals and actions that took place during Congress meetings. Minutes are posted online.

4.4. Programs Subcommittee – Hupfer

Reported on the activity of the Subcommittee and working groups.

Collegiate did not have any action items to report.

Masters – Nationals moved to Mammoth, waiting on helmet FIS rule.

4.5. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin reported that the Subcommittee held two meetings. Meetings promoted good conversation and time to address all motions. More to be discussed in ASC meeting.

4.6. Regional Representatives – Krueger

Krueger reported on regional activity from the previous season.

4.7. FIS – Winters, Van Slyke

Discussed FIS issues throughout Rules and Tech.

4.8. Athletes – Nickerson

Nickerson reported that athlete funding would be a primary goal of his tenure and showed a video he had created about the financial challenges USST athletes face.

5. Review of ASC Agenda

Updated agenda posted on FTP site

Will plan to schedule a pre-Congress conference call for next year.

Discussion on how to populate membership for subcommittees and working groups.

6. Old Business

No old business.

7. New Business

Conference call for executive committee to take place after international FIS Congress.

Next year's USSA Congress May 10-14, 2017.

8. Adjournment

Motion #2: To adjourn the meeting. M/S Krueger/Hupfer

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

Alpine Sport Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060
Saturday, May 14, 2016, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Summit A

Minutes

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom

Members:

Tiger Shaw – USSA President and CEO	Present
Chuck Hughes – Eastern Region Representative	Present
Stefan Hughes – Athlete Representative	Present
Beat Hupfer – Program Subcommittee Chair	Present
Jess Kelley – Athlete Representative	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
Darryl Landstrom – ASC Chair and Alpine Rep to USSA BOD	Present
Mike Morin – Development and Education Subcommittee Chair	Present
Warner Nickerson – Alpine Athlete Representative to USSA BOD	Present
Joe Paul – Rocky/Central Region Representative	Present
Roger Perricone – Rocky/Central Representative	Present
Patrick Riml – USSA Alpine Director	Present
Bill Slattery – Immediate Past Chair	Present
Tao Smith – Eastern Region Representative	Present
Paul Van Slyke – Rules and Tech Subcommittee Chair	Present
Tom Winters – FIS Representative	Present

Guests: Dave Pym, Tami Strong, Brewster McVicker, Bill Gunesch, Darlene Nolting, Jon Nolting, Lisa Densmore Ballard, Peter Dodge, Todd Brickson, Steve Berlack, Mike Hammer, Jeff Weinman, Ingrid Simonson, Molly Laramine, Thelma Hoessler, Gail Barber, Mike Ginsberg, Bill Brooks, Dan Chayes, Gart Rayner, Paul Mahre, Laurel Van't Hof, Robert Dowd, Art Tokle, Lucy Schram

1. Welcome and call to order

Landstrom called meeting to order at 11:06 a.m.

2. Review of committee membership and roll call

Landstrom reviewed committee membership and did a roll call

3. Review and approval of agenda

Landstrom discussed newly updated agenda on FTP site

Motion #1: To approve agenda as presented. M/S Slattery/Riml

4. Reports

4.1. Executive - Landstrom

4.1.1. Deadline for ASC Proposals

Motion #2: To revise current deadline for ASC proposals from 30 to 14 days before Congress or the Fall conference call. M/S/C Slattery/Korfanta/unanimous

4.1.2. Approve ASC Operations Procedures to carry forward to the BOD

Reviewed key elements of new ASC OPs

Landstrom discussed the new ASC procedures and the modified structure of subcommittees and working groups.

New appointments of Education, FIS Rules, and Regional Subcommittee chairs

Motion #3: To approve the new ASC Operating Procedures. M/S/C Van Slyke/Smith/unanimous

4.2. Alpine Judicial and Nominating Committees – Slattery

4.2.1. Appointments of Subcommittee chairs:

Nominations:

FIS Rules – Paul Van Slyke

Alpine Technical – Doug Hall

Education – Jon Nolting

Regional – Craig Krueger

Motion #4: To approve nominations of ASC subcommittee chairs. M/S/C Knight/Kelly/unanimous

4.2.2. Elections: Chair, Vice Chair, USSA BOD representative, and At Large representative.

Nominations:

Chair – Darryl Landstrom

Vice-Chair – Paul Van Slyke

USSA BOD Representative – Darryl Landstrom

At Large Representative – Karen Korfanta

At Large Representative – Beat Hupfer

Slattery discussed nominations and appointments for ASC subcommittees and working groups. Open working group chairs will be appointed by subcommittee chairs.

Motion #5: To approve election of nominated ASC subcommittee chairs. M/S/C Van Slyke/Smith/unanimous

Motion #6: To approve Tom Winters to continue as an honorary member of the ASC with voice, no vote. M/S/C Van Slyke/Perricone/unanimous

4.3. Judicial Committee

In judicial committee meeting, review of committee membership. No action items to report.

Motion #7: To approve Bill Slattery’s judicial report. M/S/C Rimi/Knight/unanimous

4.4. Rules & Tech – Van Slyke

AO education specialty certification of data manager and race administrator to be combined.

Clarification to the ACR 601.3.1 “Chief of course can be a certified chief of race, referee or TD.”

Motion was passed to update the 650 rules with any changes that occur out of FIS. Crane to make edits as required.

Retirement of Bob Calderwood. We thank him for his many years of service in the Courses working group. Brad Ghent appointed vice chair of Courses working group.

Wright and Weinman authorized to make edits based on any FIS updates that take place. Update to 601.3.1 AO ed clarification on the chief of course.

In Subcommittee meeting there was discussion on SL delayed gate rule 801.2.3 approved to mirror FIS rule.

Discussion on the FIS reporting form rule 611.3.3, to change wording of the USSA report to require TD signature. Approved.

Van Slyke noted that the the USSA TD award, Thelma Hoessler "True North Award" will remain within the Alpine Technical Delegate Working Group, this year's recipient is Lucy Schram.

Out of the FIS working group there were no action items that needed attention.

Rules and Tech had discussion on proposals. Tabled proposal to add rule that allows the use of the jury in lieu of having gate judges. To be motioned later on in ASC meeting.

Discussed proposal that would allow a joint FIS/USSA tech event in the Central Region. Proposal did not pass through Rules & Tech subcommittee. Will be brought forward in new business.

Timing working group confirmed appointments of John Jett as meeting chair and Dan Chayes as vice chair.

Timing action item to review the language 3 B and C of the TDTR form to confirm same language as used in current FIS timing book.

Alternate seeding that was approved for PNSA and Rocky has been approved for all regions.

**Motion #8: To approve Van Slyke's Rules & Tech report.
M/S/C Slattery/Hughes/unanimous**

4.5. Programs Subcommittee – Hupfer

Hupfer reported on proposals and gave a meeting overview. Minutes can be found online.

**Motion #9: To approve Beat Hupfer's Programs report.
M/S/C Perricone/Kelly/unanimous**

4.6. Development and Education Subcommittee – Morin

Morin gave an overview of the Development and Education Subcommittee meetings, discussed proposals to be brought up during new business and reported on the relevant motions that were passed:

Motion: To eliminate the 6-meter requirement for delay gates in SL.

Motion: To approve the the course setting matrix as presented.

Motion: To allow USSA staff to make changes to the children's course setting guidelines if the FIS makes changes to the FIS guidelines.

Motion: To approve Equipment matrix as presented.

Motion: Request for one more season to test the Ability format of racing.

Motion: New criteria for U14s to qualify for U16 Nationals – one win and another top-3 in SG, GS, SL at the U14 Regional Championships

Motion: To establish a U16 National Performance Series.

Motion: To create a clear path for USSA competition from divisional racing, to regional championships, culminating in the USSA National Junior Championships. This new event will take the place of existing U19 National Championship.

Motion: To remove 120.00 USSA point limitation to enter international and out-of-region FIS races, and to establish 100.00 FIS point limitation to enter NorAm races.

Motion: To allow an athlete to be able to petition to ski down in an age class at the state level in the Eastern Region.

Motion #10: To approve Mike Morin's Development and Education report/motions. M/S/C Knight/Riml/unanimous

4.7. Regional Representatives – Krueger

Krueger reported on the reports given during regional meetings. Minutes from the meetings can be found online.

Motion #11: To approve Craig Krueger's regional report. M/S/C Riml/Hupfer/unanimous

4.8. FIS – Winters/Van Slyke

Van Slyke gave an overview of reports given at the FIS meeting and proposals that will come about during the International FIS congress meeting in Cancun.

Motion #12: To approve Van Slyke/Winters FIS report. M/S/C Slattery/Hupfer/unanimous

4.9. Athletes – Nickerson

Nickerson presented an athlete financial video informing on athlete financial situations.

Motion #13: To approve Nickerson's athlete representative report. M/S/C Smith/Perricone/unanimous

5. Old Business

No old business to report.

6. New Business

6.1. Discussion on outlier races, UNH carnival and Sugar Slalom.

7,200 Starts in USSA alpine this year. Only 2 exceptional races. Looking for ways to not have this discussion again next Congress. Penalty adders will be added to these races to make them fit.

Motion #14: Motion to approve classification's proposal on implementation of adder to UNH carnival and Sugar SL. M/S/C Slattery/Perricone/unanimous

6.2. Discussion of Gate Judge proposal – split vote at the committee level

Proposal can be found on the FTP site

Proposal: To add on to rule 669 with the addition of rule 669.3 In DH, SL, SG & GS events, members of the jury may act as gate judges in addition to their normal duties and may appoint eyes of the jury in order to see all gates. In these instances, those Jury members and those appointed eyes of the jury, must perform all of the regular duties of a gate judge. It is recommended that the organizing committee assign a head gate judge.

Proposal supported in Development committee. It is in the rules to allow the organizer to run a race without gate judges, but the rule is not clear stating the organizer should use the appropriate number of gate judges. Challenges with organizing enough volunteers and having qualified gate judges for the event.

Proposal failed in Rules & Tech. Proposal was not supported amongst Alpine Officials Education. Van Slyke reported that proposal did not pass in Rules working group because it would be a tacit approval of less than best practices. Stated that the rules already allow the possibility that the jury can act as gate judges.

Motion #15: Move to approve the addition to gate judge rule 669 in DH, SL, SG that would clarify the use of members of the jury as gate judges in addition to their normal duties. M/S/C Knight/Paul/failed

Motion Failed: 5 for / 7 opposed

- 6.3. Discussion on proposal for trial of joint USSA/FIS technical event

Proposal: To run a joint FIS/USSA SL event in the Central Division.

Each race run in the USSA would be run following the corresponding FIS event (e.g. Race run 2 of the USSA race would commence following the completion of run 2 of the FIS race). 2nd run start orders would happen at the same time, and each run of the USSA race would be run on the same course corresponding run of the FIS race. The event would be run on one day of a two day FIS SL race.

Race to correspond with annual ENL FIS race at Nub's Nob. Reason for race to take place would be to the snowmaking capabilities already in effect. Greater incentive and revenue for the host area to make enough snow early in the season to put on a quality event.

Proposal passed in development committee

Proposal did not pass in Rule committee.

Motion #16: To accept the proposal submitted by Central Region to host a joint FIS/USSA test SL event. M/S/C Paul/Smith/failed

Motion failed: 2 for / 8 opposed

7. Comments from guests

USSA Nationals – calendaring for a year, delaying implementation of proposal by Executive committee.

8. Closing remarks

Landstrom thanked everyone for attending the 2016 Congress

9. Time and place of next meeting

Next Congress will take place May 10-14, 2017.

10. Adjournment

Motion #17: To adjourn the meeting. M/S Slattery/Paul

Meeting adjourned at 12:54pm