

CROSS COUNTRY SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 2016

USSA Congress 2016
DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Ave, Park City, UT 84060
May 13-14, 2016

Committee Members Present

Cami Thompson Graves, Chair
Robert Lazzaroni, USSA Program Director
Bryan Fish, USSA Development Coach
Rosie Brennan, Athlete
Dakota Blackhorse von-Jess, Athlete
Mike Elliot, Mountain Region Rep
Peter Leonard, Alaska Region Rep
Yuriy Gusev, Central Region Rep
Amie Smith, Eastern Region Rep
August Teague, Pacific Region Rep
Abi Holt, Coaches Subcommittee Chair
Matt Pauli, Officials Subcommittee Chair
David Knoop, At-large
Absent
Annie Hart, Athlete
Rick Kapala, At-large

High Plains, Divisional Discussion

Discussion centered around High Plains, and the letter they received from USSA stating their affiliation agreement would not be renewed. The committee felt this did not make sense since there were no standards in place by which to measure whether they had done their job, or not. These were the general issues in the discussion.

- How will we define and manage borders?
- What is the role of all of the divisions in terms of clubs, membership, development, programming, selection, etc.?
- Junior National Selection (this issue was referred to the Junior Subcommittee)

Motion (Pauli/Knoop, unanimous): Maintain High Plains as a division of USSA.

Motion (Pauli/Fish, unanimous): A working group was formed to propose an outline to answer the above questions (August Teague, Chair, Mike Elliott, Rebecca Watson, Peter Leonard, Yuriy Gusev, and Ben Morley).

Change in composition of the Sport Committee:

After the work of the past year with USSA in defining and establishing official affiliations with the divisions, it was recognized that the Sport Committee should expand to give each of the ten divisions a seat on the committee. Committee terms will be staggered.

Motion (Elliott/Holt): To restructure the Cross Country Sport Committee as follows:

NAME	AFFILIATION
Chair, Cami Thompson Graves	NENSA/Dartmouth
Robert Lazzaroni	USSA Program Director
Brian Fish	USSA Development Coach
Abi Holt	Coaches Committee Chair
Matt Pauli	Officials Committee Chair
Peter Leonard	Alaska
Yuriy Gusev	CXC/Midwest
Amie Smith	New England/NENSA
Alan Watson	PNSA
August Teague	Far West
Rick Kapala	Intermountain
Mike Elliott	Rocky Mountain
Rebecca Watson	High Plains
	CXC/Great Lakes
Margaret Maher	Mid-Atlantic
Dave Knoop	At-Large
Rosie Brennan	Athlete, Board Rep
Annie Hart	Athlete
Dakota Blackhorse von-Jess	Athlete

Motion (Teague/Elliott) Confirm ten divisional representatives, one for each division.

Motion (Teague/Pauli, 12-3 vote) One at-large spot.

Note: Cami and Robert will work with Alex Natt (with approval by the Executive Committee) to finalize proposal for the USSA Board for their September meeting regarding the Cross Country Committee reorganization, including structure and operating procedures.

Selection of Executive Committee

Chair: Cami Thompson-Graves (New England)
Robert Lazzaroni (USSA)
Matt Pauli, Anchorage, AK (Officials)
August Teague (Far West)
Rosie Brennan (Athlete)

Nomination to Judicial Committee was postponed to September (to be confirmed based upon revised Operating Procedures).

Cross Country Judicial Committee Nominees

Matt Pauli
Amie Smith
Dakota Blackhorse von-Jess
Alternates: Peter Leonard, Al Serrano, Annie Hart, Adam St. Pierre

Coaches Subcommittee Report, voting issues:

(Teague/Fish) Super Tour Schedule, proposed and approved with some working points to be determined.

- (Pauli/Fish) Accept selection criteria for U18/WJC/U23 Championships.
- (Holt/Pauli) Recommend accepting a large field of Canadians at U.S. National Championships, with conditions.
- (Fish/Smith) Add three additional dates to NRL list run dates.
- (Teague/Holt) Ask staff to work with USSA to add a USSA points freeze in case of injury/ illness/pregnancy. Reference Alpine rule.
- Points Task Force was appointed to research further using an adder or multiplier with the USSA points list and report back to Executive Committee by 8/1/16 (Teague, St. Pierre, Fish, Blackhorse von-Jess).

Officials Sub Committee Report, voting issues:

None

Motion (Pauli/Fish) To adjourn.