Martina Lussi, Chair

8:21 Call to Order by Martina Lussi, Chair

1. Roll Call

Members Present
Martina Lussi Chair
Robert Lazzaroni U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Manager
Bryan Fletcher Athlete NC / BOD
Todd Wilson Reg. Rep, RMD
Rex Bell Coaches Sub Committee
Paul Jastrow Officials Sub Committee
Bill Demong At Large

Members Excused
Nick Fairall Athlete SJ
Clint Jones National Coach
Dave Jarrett National Coach (Retired)

Others in Attendance
Jed Hinkle
Alan Johnson
Colin Delaney
Logan Oxford
Larry Glueck
Alan Alborn
Sarah Hendrickson
Paul Andrews
Martin Bayer New National Team Coach NC, will replace D. Jarrett
Nik Huber
Jarrett Moe (Meeting Minutes)

2. Confirmation of SJ/NC Sport Committee Membership, 2017

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3. Confirmation of Subcommittees

**Executive Committee**

- **Chair:** Martina Lussi
- **U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Manager:** Robert Lazzaroni
- **Athlete NC / BOD:** Bryan Fletcher
- **Coaches Sub Committee:** Rex Bell
- **Officials Sub Committee:** Paul Jastrow

**Judicial Committee**

- **Chair:** Martina Lussi
- **U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Manager:** Robert Lazzaroni
- **Athlete NC / BOD:** Bryan Fletcher
- **Coaches Sub Committee:** Rex Bell
- **Officials Sub Committee:** Paul Jastrow

4. Opening Comments

- Robert Lazzaroni – Welcome and thank you for participating
- Chair, Martina Lussi delivered the opening comments
- Congratulations to the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Award Winners
  - **Russell Wilder Award**
  - **USANS**
  - **NC Athlete of the year**
  - **Stephen Schumann**
  - **SJ Athlete of the year**
  - **Kevin Bickner**
  - **SJ / NC Int’l Coach of the year**
  - **Bine Norcic**
  - **SJ / NC Domestic Coach of the year**
  - **Zak Hammill**
  - **Club of the Year**
  - **Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club**
  - **Mittelstadt Officials Award**
  - **Chuck Heckert**

5. Additions to Agenda

- No additional agenda items proposed

6. Approval of 2016 Congress Minutes

  **Motion** Bill Demong to approve the minutes of the 2016 SJ/NC sport committee meeting; 2\textsuperscript{nd} Todd Wilson; Discussion: none; Vote In Favor: 7; none opposed; **Minutes Approved**.

7. Domestic Calendar Report

  General Discussion – Alan Johnson reviewed proposed 2017-18 competition schedule (exhibit A)
  **Motion**: Todd Wilson to approve the proposed competition calendar for 2017-18 (exhibit A) 2\textsuperscript{nd}; Bill Demong; Discussion: Billy Demong noted the dates for major qualifying events must make sense for the athletes competing on World Cup. Votes In Favor: 7; none opposed; **Motion carried**.

8. Sport Reports

   **A. Men’s Ski Jumping Report:** Alan Alborn (Proxy for Clint Jones)
   - Review of program goals, challenges
   - Changes to Staff, (Dave Jarrett Retirement)
   - NC Staff revisions
     - Growth to org chart, without substantial growth in expense
     - Path to Success overview
   - Elite program review – World Cup quota
2018 Goals, review – building Paid World Cup quota spots is key to financials
Team results in Planica was the Best SJ result in many years
USA needs a greater population of well trained coaches

Strategic Plan Review
Building the best ski jumping suits – not financial neutral, but a huge advantage to athletes
Equipment procurement / Considerations
Provide Training Camps for Jr. Development athletes
Develop comprehensive physical program
Stormy Kramer Jr. Suit program

Discussion initiated over ordering sequence, timing and financials.

2016 Status: Budget confirmation and consistency
Athlete Pool
National Team Selection Criteria

B. Nordic Combined Report: Martin Bayer
Changes of Staff – Org Chart Review
NC – Phases of Development
Strategic Plan – Summary of Accomplishments
Best NC Training Plan
Fast Skis Program
Improve Equipment
Provide Training Camps for Junior Development Athletes
Elite Evaluation Summary, 2016-2017 Summary

Long Term Goals

Discussion initiated by Rex Bell – US Women's NC National Championships
- What is the critical mass necessary?
- Sport committee to support the addition of a Women's NC National Championships

Motion Rex Bell to add Women's Nordic Combined class to US National Championships program; 2nd Todd Wilson; Discussion: none; Votes in Favor: 7; Opposed, none; Motion Carried

Discussion initiated to develop a Women's Nordic Combined National Team. Billy Demong furthered the discussion around the idea of initiating a Women's Nordic Combined national team for 2017-2018 in an unfunded capacity.

Bryan Fletcher brought up the potential for naming a US Women's NC national Team in principle. Jed Hinckley raised the point of providing unequal financial support; and is that sending the wrong message? USA Nordic to develop and define a future path for US Women's NC National Team.
USA Nordic to name the team for 2017-2018, and issue appropriate press release.

2017/2018 Challenges: Budget Confirmation and Consistency
2017/2018 Statement of Goals
Athlete Roster / Pipeline / 8 member national team

C. Women SJ Report - Alan Alborn
Review Athletic Program Goals
Season Review / Preview
WC results review
COC results review
2017/2018 FIS Calendar Draft

WSJ Staff Review

2017 – 2018 Team Nominations
Team Selection Criteria - mirrors U.S. Ski & Snowboard’s funding model
WSJ Athlete Pipeline – Club programs, Fly Girls, FIS Cup, COC, WC+
WSJ Future / Update
Consolidation of resources with USANS
WSJ-USA has become a fundraising arm to help support WSJ programs
(Represents a shift in philosophy)
2017-2018 Season; forecasting to operate on 25% of what was available going into the 2014 Olympics in Sochi
Future Fundraising – new/creative ways to generate financial support is required
FIS Athlete Rep. – Sarah Hendrickson to be international representative to FIS
Sarah gave an update from the athlete’s perspective on the upcoming season

Bryan Fletcher updated the committee on U.S. Ski & Snowboard’s Athlete Rep’s progress
  - Clean athlete program
  - Social media platforms
  - COE availability / hours
  - Athlete mental health screening program
  - Grant opportunities for athletes

Jed Hinkley – Initiated a change to the calendar proposal
  - Feb 20, 2018 - Addition of K120 event in Lake Placid, NY

9. Proposals and report from the Officials Subcommittee – Paul Jastrow
  - Two new divisional Chairpersons – Central: Matt Keuler & RMD: Paul Andrews
  - Officials Subcommittee to coordinate E-learning system with Reed Zuehlke and Joe Lamb
  - Officials Subcommittee to develop a US Facilities Working Group along with USANS
  - Officials Subcommittee to Develop Rules Working Group to dive deep into current rules, with the intent to revise and revamp protocols to match current standards
  - Equipment control / Suits – Officials Subcommittee to work with Coaches group to develop a protocol for testing of suits at major qualifying and national championship events
  - Proposed Equipment suit testing rules – Add basic suit controls (zippers, waist belt) for US Nationals, WJQ, Olympic and Youth Olympic Qualifiers.
  - Discussion initiated by Jed Hinkley about enforcing the belts on the US Cup series.
  - Discussion ensued about athletes’ ability to conform to the current standards by the events identified.
  - Re-establish the Hills Certification Committee to take ownership of creating an inventory of all ski jumping hills, along with profile documents. Goal is to have 50% of hills inventoried by 2018.

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Contacts:

Central (J/NC Officials)
Matt Keuler; Matt.keuler@gmail.com; 608-799-1071
2017-18 Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined U.S. Ski & Snowboard Age Classes

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NOTE: Age is based upon the year an athlete was born regardless of the date of birth. The competition season is from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

170.3 Equipment Control will be required for:
- Ski Length
- Binding Placement
- FIS Approved Helmet
- Gloves
- Suits – Zippers must be closed, waist belt to fit FIS tolerance

A calibrated scale must be used at the Senior National Championships and International Qualification Events. The scale must be calibrated by a national testing agency.

Suits will only be controlled at the following events: US National Championships, Junior World Qualifiers, Olympic and Youth Olympic Qualifiers.

190 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Jumping Hill Certification

For the betterment of the sport of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined all ski jumping hills in the United States will be “Certified” by the year 2021 through the following process.

190.2 Certification Schedule

- National Championship hills shall be certified by 2012-2013.
- Hills hosting National level events shall be inspected by 2012-2013 and certified by 2013-2014.
- All hills need to be inspected by 2014-2015.
- All hills shall be certified by 2017.
- To be published at a later date.

Motion Bryan Fletcher to accept the rule updates recommended by the Officials Subcommittee; 2nd Todd Wilson; Discussion: none; Votes in Favor: 7; Opposed: none; Motion Carried
10. Proposals and report from the Coaches Subcommittee – Rex Bell

- No rules or updates proposed
- Proposal to have all coaches current members of USANS / U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- Discussion – Officials to help enforce the membership requirement
- Rex Bell and Paul Jastrow to work at a further date to help refine the enforcement protocol.
- Martina commented on the importance of having coaches, club leaders and volunteers as members of U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- Todd Wilson discussed the importance of having clarity on the protocol of membership type(s) required and discussion ensued

11. Expiring Terms 5/2017

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Motion Bill Demong Re-Elect each of the members above to an additional two- year term, with the exception of Anders Johnson to replace Nick Fairall as the Athlete SJ Rep; 2nd Todd Wilson; Discussion: none; Votes In Favor: 7; Opposed: none; Motion Carried

U.S. Ski & Snowboard SJ / NC Sport Committee Member terms – New

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- Martina thanked all members in attendance for an efficient, well prepared meeting
- Todd Wilson initiated discussion of video distance measurement system, current status
- Paul Jastrow gave an update of the current status with Ewoxx system and discussion ensued
- Jed Hinkley initiated discussion on definitions of classes and age appropriate hill sizes; discussion ensued
- Paul Jastrow informed the committee on the format of the elimination event at the 2017 Junior Nationals; discussion ensued based on future implementation of the bracket format

12. Adjournment

Motion Todd Wilson to adjourn; 2nd Paul Jastrow; Discussion: none; Votes in Favor: 7; Opposed: none; Motion Carried; Meeting Adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Legal review, Alex Natt, June 15, 2017