

SKI JUMPING/NORDIC COMBINED SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress 2017
Doubletree Hotel & Conference Center, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT
May 12, 2017

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 Hinkley	
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

Member	Position	Term
Martina Lussi	Chair	5/2017
Robert Lazzaroni	U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Manager	Employment
Nick Fairall	Athlete SJ	5/2017
Bryan Fletcher	Athlete NC / BOD	5/2018
Clint Jones	National Coach	5/2017
Todd Wilson	Reg. Rep, RMD	5/2017
Rex Bell	Coaches Sub Committee	5/2017
Paul Jastrow	Officials Sub Committee	
Bill Demong	At Large	
Dave Jarrett	National Coach (Retired)	Removed

3. Confirmation of Subcommittees

Executive Committee

Martina Lussi	Chair	5/2017
Robert Lazzaroni	U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Manager	Employment
Bryan Fletcher	Athlete NC / BOD	5/2018
Rex Bell	Coaches Sub Committee	5/2017
Paul Jastrow	Officials Sub Committee	5/2018

Judicial Committee

Martina Lussi	Chair	5/2017
Robert Lazzaroni	U.S. Ski & Snowboard Nordic Manager	Employment
Bryan Fletcher	Athlete NC / BOD	5/2018
Rex Bell	Coaches Sub Committee	5/2017
Paul Jastrow	Officials Sub Committee	5/2018

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; **2nd** 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) **2nd**: 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
New Testing Equipment in conjunction with Mich. Tech. Univ.
Stormy Kramer Jr. Suit program

Discussion initiated over ordering sequence, timing and financials.

2016 Status: Budget confirmation and consistency

Athlete Pool
Team Nominations: A Team – K. Bickner; B Team – M. Glasdner, W. Rhoads, C. Larson; C Team – N. Mattoon, AJ Brown
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.

- Proposed updates: 2018 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Guide Proposed Rule Changes and updates from the Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Sport Committee.

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2017-18 Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined U.S. Ski & Snowboard Age Classes

<u>Category</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>
Master	30 and older	1987 and earlier
Senior	20-29	1988-1997
U20	18-19	1998-1999
U18	16-17	2000- 2001
U16	14-15	2002-2003
U14	12-13	2004- 2005
U12	10-11	2006-2007
U10	8-9	2008- 2009
U8	6-7	2010-2011
U6	5 and younger	2012 and later

NOTE: Age is based upon the year an athlete was born regardless of the date of birth. The competition season is from July1, 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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Nick Fairall	Athlete SJ	5/2017
Clint Jones	National Coach	5/2017
Todd Wilson	Reg. Rep, RMD	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

Member	Position	Term
Martina Lussi	Chair	5/2019
Anders Johnson	Athlete SJ	5/2019
Clint Jones	National Coach	5/2019
Todd Wilson	Reg. Rep, RMD	5/2019
Rex Bell	Coaches Sub Committee	5/2019

- 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