

## 2016 Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined Sport Committee Meeting Minutes

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May 14, 2016

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT

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Meeting chair: Martina Lussi

1. Call to order and Roll Call, Martina Lussi
2. Confirmation of SJ/NC Committee Membership, 2016  

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Bryan Fletcher	Athlete Rep, BOD	5/2016
Dave Jarrett	National Coach, NC	By employment
Clint Jones	National Coach, SJ	5/2017
Todd Wilson	Regional Rep, RMD	5/2017
Rex Bell	Coaches Chair	5/2017
Blair Tomten	Officials	5/2016
Paul Jastrow	At Large	5/2017
3. Confirmation of Subcommittees:  
Executive Committee –  

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Judicial Committee –  

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4. Opening comments by Chair, Martina Lussi and USSA Nordic Director, Robert Lazzaroni
5. Distribution of agenda
6. Approval of last year's minutes: Motion to accept by Jastrow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jones, unanimously approved.
7. Approval of calendar: Motion to accept by Heckert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jastrow, unanimously approved
8. Men's Ski Jumping report presented by Clint:
  - a. Outlook of program, presentation of New SJ Org Chart
  - b. Evaluation of past season goals
  - c. Presentation on 2017 short term and long term goals
  - d. SJ Strategic Plan and summary of accomplishments presented by Clint
  - e. Overview of schedule
  - f. Athlete database, Alexander retired, Friberg taking the season off.
  - g. Athlete team criteria, added that two national podiums qualifies athlete for C team.
9. Discussion started by Wilson about trends in ski jumping. Jones responded.
10. Discussion about track width for smaller hills

11. Nordic Combined Report presented by Dave Jarrett:
  - a. NC Org Chart presented
  - b. Performance goals evaluation
  - c. 2016/2017 NC Goals presented
  - d. Int'l Review: Presentation of best practices by other nations compared to USA
  - e. Athlete Pool Assessment data presented, Performance Analytics, Podium Potential athletes, athlete depth, U20/U18/U16/U14, critical success factors, sport development and elite, leadership & governance, women's NC, Strategies for elite team and development.
  - f. Team Nominations: Michael Ward retires, Steven Schuman added to C Team.
12. Wilson started discussion on trend in NC. Jarrett responded. Discussion ensued.
13. Women's Ski Jumping Report presented by Alan Alborn:
  - a. Program Goals, review of 2015/16,
  - b. Presentation of 2016/17 goals, Jessica Jerome and Sara Hendrickson returning for World Cup.
  - c. Review of draft FIS schedule.
  - d. Plan on collaboration with men on some travel/events. There is a real financial challenge for the women due to the cost of travel vs. the FIS reimbursements (1/4 of men's amount).
  - e. Women's Team nominations, team selection criteria
  - f. There is an increase in the number of women athletes, athlete tracking data and testing.
  - g. WSJ-USA Organization, changes. New president, Julie Hickam, Executive Committee, Blair Tomten, Peter Jerome, Laura Sankey.
  - h. Prospects for 2018 Olympics in Pyeongchang.
14. Discussion started by Loomis on the future of WSJ with USANS, Fly Girls, maybe men should create a similar program. Discussion ensued.
15. Martina to coaches: Foreign coaches must register for USSA.
16. Organizers need to ensure USSA membership for all site personnel due to liability/insurance issues.
17. Proposals and report from Officials Subcommittee meeting presented by Blair Tomten.
  - a. National Officials added: Mark Breen and Alan Sankey.
  - b. Recommendation made to use National Officials for national events.
  - c. Calibrated scale must be incorporated at Senior National and FIS qualifier events.
  - d. Committee formed to re-write the Competition Guide. New guide to go through approval process next year.
  - e. FIS is hosting an Organizers' seminar October 28th in Minneapolis. It is strongly recommended that all officials and organizers attend.
18. Motion to accept changes to rule 170 3 by Paul Jastrow, 2nd by Zak Hammil. Unanimously approved.
19. Motion to accept point 10 from coaches committee by Clint, 2nd by Bryan Fletcher. Unanimously approved.
20. Martina listed the USSA award winners from the president's award dinner from the previous night.
  - Bryan Fletcher, Giving Back Award
  - Paul Jastrow, Official of the Year
  - Eau Claire, Ski Jumping Club of the Year
  - Ben Loomis, Nordic Combined Athlete of the Year
  - Kevin Bickner, Ski Jumping Athlete of the Year
  - Bine Norcic, International Coach of the Year
  - Scott Smith, Domestic Coach of the Year
21. Bryan Fletcher explained the foundation he started for young cancer survivors which won him the USSA Giving Back Award
22. Expiring terms. Blair is outgoing Chair and Paul Jastrow will be the new two-year term Chair.

23. Motion to accept Paul Jastrow as new Chair by Todd Wilson, 2nd by Clint Jones. Unanimously approved.
24. Motion to accept Bryan Fletcher as renewed Athlete Rep by Paul Jastrow, 2nd by Clint Jones. Unanimously approved.
25. Discussion on term limits ensued.
26. Paul Jastrow's At Large committee membership moved to Officials Chair. Billy Demong nominated to replace with 2018 expiration by DJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clint Jones. Motion to accept nomination made by DJ, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clint. Unanimously approved.

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28. Other meeting attendees:

Larry Glueck	Zak Hammil
Gary Crawford	Chuck Heckert
Jarrett Moe	Paul Andrews
Martin Bayer	Tom Bickner
Jon Schafer	Billy Demong
Art Tokel	Jeff Burns
Blake Hughes	Evan Bliss
Karl Denney	Alan Johnson
Anders Johnson	Jeff Good

29. Adjourn