SNOWBOARDING SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

USSA Congress 2016
Center of Excellence, 1 Victory Lane, Park City, UT
May 12, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Mike Mallon – USASA Rep - present
Alex Deibold – Athlete Rep - present
Tricia Byrnes – Athlete Rep - present
Ross Powers – Eastern Rep – present
Coggin Hill – PNSA Rep – present
Paul Krahulec – Rocky Rep – excused
Andy Gilbert – Intermountain Rep - excused
Jessica Zalusky – Central Rep - absent
Jon Casson – Chairman - present
Jonas Brewer – IJC Rep - present
Peter Foley – Coaches Rep - present
Cath Jett – Rules and Tech – present
Dylan Omlin – Far West Rep - present

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE
Jeremy Forster – USSA
Dave Reynolds – USSA
Nick Poplawski – Team Park City United
Sarah Welliver – USSA
Eric Webster – USSA
Ross Hindman – ISTC
Nick Alexakos – USSA
Michael Bell – Team Park City United
Sheryl Barnes – USSA Membership
Brandon Hunt – Project Jump Committee
Greg Janeky – Northstar
Lisa Kosglow – USSA Board
Ritchie Date – USSA Events
Jeff Juneau – Killington Mtn School
Tori Koski – SSWSC

1. Chairman’s Welcome: Jon Casson

Casson called the meeting to order and went through the introductions and determined that a quorum was achieved with those who were present.

2. Meeting Minutes Approval

2015 Minutes approved – motioned by Tricia Byrnes, second by Ross Powers.

3. Committee Member Nominations

Sport Committee Chair – Dylan Omlin nominated by Jon Casson, second by Alex Deibold. Approved by acclamation.
Far West Rep – Ben Wisner nominated by Dylan Omlin, second by Peter Foley. Approved by acclamation
Eastern Rep – Ross Powers re-nominated by Ben Wisner, second by Alex Deibold. Approved by acclamation.
Athlete Reps – Tricia Byrnes and Alex Diebold re-nominated by Peter Foley, second by Jon Casson. Approved by acclamation.

**New Committee Structure**
Dylan Omlin – Chairman
Alex Deibold – Athlete Rep
Tricia Byrnes - Athlete Rep
Ross Powers– Eastern Rep
Paul Krahulec – Rocky Mountain Rep
Andy Gilbert – Intermountain Rep
Jessica Zalusky – Central Rep
Coggin Hill – PNSA Rep
Jonas Brewer - IJC Rep
Peter Foley - Coaches Rep
Ben Wisner – Far West Rep
Bill Slattery – FIS Rep
Mike Mallon- USASA Rep

4. **Membership Update**

**Growing Athletic Membership - A snapshot by the numbers:**
- 32,466 total members – up 12.6%
- 1,093 short-term memberships purchased
- 3,277 general memberships in 2016 vs 1,215 in 2015; growth of almost 200%
- Club volunteer memberships 298 vs 131; over 100% growth
- $10,000 in Family Cap Refunds

**Positive Growth Factors:**
- Growth through industry partnerships and engagement with the Cross Country community garnered a membership increase of over about 3500 members.
- Launching new membership categories including age-based competitor options in most sports and price adjustments.
• Providing a tiered pricing structure for athletes by age class for easy sport entry.
• Offering a short-term membership option for all sports to allow participants to try competitions.
• Fostering multisport participation by allowing member to add additional USSA memberships while paying for only the highest priced membership.

What lies ahead for FY17:
• Stay the course with membership categories, pricing and policies introduced in May of 2015.
• Continue outreach to potential partners where opportunities have the most potential for growth.
• Continue working with USCSA, CXC Skiing, the American Birkebeiner Foundation and other important groups.

Enhancing Customer Service

What lies ahead for FY17:
• Continue extended service availability which now includes weekends October through March.
• Enhance the Member Services web presence by moving membership resources to the Membership link. The new link will provide a more intuitive and central location for membership information.
• New home → under the “Membership” button in the secondary navigation bar at http://my.ussa.org/membership/start.

Establishing Progressive Systems

What lies ahead for FY17:
• Provide online registration for short term memberships (limitations apply)
• Offer additional payment option - American Express and Discover Card
• Optional bulk registration for USSA member clubs (limitations apply)
• Move to a more robust online chat system called Tawk.to
• Work toward a ticket system to track membership inquiries, responses and resolutions.
• Launch a searchable customer service knowledge base to provide staff with more readily accessible information. In time, this service may be available to members through the website as well.

Managing Existing Programs
• Background screening – 97% compliance out of almost 3000 coaches, officials and club volunteers
• Fast Start Coaching course – 99% compliance out of more than 1600 coaches
• FIS inscriptions - almost 3000 athletes across all sports
• No major changes ahead for FY17 in these programs

5. Athlete Report - Tricia Byrnes and Alex Diebold

Contest Season - From the athletes' perspective this season went well, a lot of positivity around the events; the caliber, quality, and practice were all up to par. Heard great feedback in regards to both the Mammoth Grand Prix and the Park City Grand Prix events. Great feedback on the World Championships slopestyle, the riders liked the quick cadence of the event from practice to finals.

Calendar - The calendar conflicts continued for the 2015-16 season, Mammoth Grand Prix + LAAX Open overlapped weeks this season forcing riders to choose between two high level events. The U.S. Team athletes were given the option to either ride at the Grand Prix and continue to receive travel funding or compete at the LAAX Open (for mega prize money) and forego the rest of the season's travel budget. The riders understood the reasoning behind the decision but were disappointed that these sort of scheduling conflicts continue to arise at the elite level.

Number of Contests - Feedback from the slopestyle riders fell on both sides of the fence, some riders really liked the opportunity to stack in a lot of results but the majority of riders would like bigger gaps between events to recover, learn tricks and have more riding time. Two weeks between contests seemed like a good cadence for events. Pipe riders liked this season's calendar of events, it felt like a good balance of contests and riding time.!

Judging - Not a lot of complaints on judging with the exception of the Kyle Mack/Roppei Tonteri situation in China for the World Championships and the perceived over-scoring of Judd Henkes amplitude at the U.S. Open.

Travel - If possible riders would like to avoid the ping-ponging back and forth travel to events aka Euro X - US Open - China - Czech.

Team/Coaching - The Pro Halfpipe Team was happy with the coaching staff. A lot of props for Ricky and Tommy and their ability to give each rider the support they need. The team seemed to gel nicely this year as well.

The Pro Slopestyle Team transitioned nicely from Bill Enos to Mike Ramirez. The riders like that he is a dedicated coach who watches every single run the riders take and shares good insight and coaching.

Training Camps - Great training camps this year and this spring. The riders would like more camps closer to the start of the season to get tricks dialed in closer to actual contest time. Like the slopestyle team did with Stubai last fall. Great feedback on airbags and the Mammoth set up this spring from both pipe and slope riders.
Team Accommodations - When possible the slope and pipe teams would like to stay near each other so that they feel like more of a team and it’s more fun.

SBX Athlete Report - As usual 2015-2016 had its share of ups and downs for US Snowboarding. A lot was learned and there is a strong group of young talent progressing upward. On the World Cup level, the season was highlighted by two podiums, including a win on the men’s side and two top ten’s from the women, at the Olympic venue in South Korea. At the Junior level, Jake Vedder won the Youth Olympic Games, making the SBX crew proud as freestyle cleaned house in Norway. On the NorAm front it was good to see USA take all 3 possible spots on the men’s side for named WC quota spots.

The cancelation of the Squaw Valley World Cup was a tough pill to swallow for both the athletes and the organization. Many of the up and coming US riders again missed an important stepping stone in moving towards the next level.

As is always the case US Team funding is the first issue that is addressed from any of the athletes not receiving full funding. With on snow training camps being the most important tool for progression it is difficult as they are also the most financially taxing. All in all, both named athletes and up-and-comers were happy with the 2015-16 season on a coaching and communication standpoint. If the current rate of progression from the new talent continues, the future for US Snowboarding SBX looks to have some bright stars on the horizon.

6. Regional Rep Reports

Intermountain Regional Report – Andy Gilbert

2016 saw good snow totals and increased visitor days at most resorts across the region. The Intermountain continues to be producing great competitive riders as well as snowboard-related social media content with crews like Lick the Cat producing great stuff out of Utah. As always the size of the region is a challenge, but the local USSA clubs are recruiting new members and hosting and organizing great events that draw good numbers. Utah continues to be the hub of park riding and has the biggest industry presence. Wyoming is still super gnarly and a destination for those who want to earn it! Idaho is still the best-kept secret in snowboarding, shhhhh! There are great kids come up right now and I feel the region is in a good place over all based on the people involved now.

Events: The USASA Big Mountain West Series had 353 members. It was the 3rd largest series in the country. Snowbasin, Sun Valley, Park City and Jackson Hole all hosted USASA events. Many of these were 3-4 day stops and included every discipline. Park City hosted a Grand Prix stop.

USSA Membership: 82 competitors, 42 coaches, 46 officials, 10 member clubs

Athlete, Coach and Club Accomplishments:
Chase Josey, Chandler Hunt, Hailee Mattingly, Jessika Jenson and Faye Gulini, Kirra Kotsenburg are US Team Athletes. Rick Bower, Curtis Bacca, Mal Prior and Abby Nyberg are on US Team Staff.
Chase Josey had a 2nd at the Mammoth Grand Prix and a 3rd at Oslo X in pipe. Faye had a 5th at Aspen X and Hailee won Slope at Junior Worlds. USASA athletes did very well at Nationals this year both on the podium and in numbers qualified.

Challenges: Resorts ability to get quality venues up and running early in the season are really important. In addition getting resorts to buy in to offering venues for camp opportunities early and later into the season (when possible) should be a priority. We are the only region that has two resorts that don’t allow snowboarding, one of which we hold events at in other disciplines. Is that okay?
Looking Ahead: Growth in the younger age groups at local events is a good sign that snowboarding is still hanging on. Local Teams are well organized and are helping to recruit and bring more riders into the sport. Resorts are looking to grow and expand as can be viewed with Vail Corp. picking up Park City. Sun Valley needs to finish getting its Olympic Training Site designation so we are assured a quality pipe venue in addition to PC’s quality offering. Boise is a growing market that needs to be brought into the fold. The level of competition is very high and although the region is large and travel is a constant concern, the kids are thriving and snowboarding seems to be doing well within the region.

Far West Regional Report – Dylan Omlin

For the first time in four winters it snowed out West, and we had a good winter. There was a plethora of powder days, especially in January! This made training, coaching and staying motivated much easier than in the past few seasons. However, if you are a halfpipe rider there was limited access to training in the West. Mammoth did a nice job building and maintaining a halfpipe for the Grand Prix and throughout the end of the season, but beyond that Northstar and Boreal were the only other resorts that managed to get halfpipes built. Northstar’s pipe was only 18’ and Boreal chose to stay in the 12’ range and just make an old school stunt ditch as opposed to a proper halfpipe. No one managed to build a full length SBX course throughout the season; Squaw and Boreal did make small short “courses” by mid winter, but still nothing really worthy of training on. With a return to winter for the West most of the resorts were able to get parks up, and most of them were really good all season long. If you were a Slopestyle athlete this winter you had it pretty good all season long! Our season out West is still going strong with Squaw and Alpine Meadows staying open until Memorial Day, and Mammoth planning on staying open into June this year.

Good Things:

REV TOUR! For the 8th consecutive winter, the Revolution Tour journeyed westward. The tour made a trip to Mammoth again this season. The Rev Tour was again on the coattails of the Grand Prix at Mammoth, so the course was really good and the athletes were looking forward to another great event like last season. Mother Nature had different plans with really stormy weather during the whole event, which led to a tough halfpipe day and the cancellation of the slope event.

WOODWARD at TAHOE! This was Woodward’s fourth full year of operation, and their business continues to grow and improve. Their summer camps (mid June - end of July) look to be filling up this summer, especially with the good winter in Tahoe. They are also investing in another outdoor skateboarding plaza, which will add to the camp experience. Woodward also purchased and has just started using a snowmaking machine that can produce snow 24/7, 365 days a year. This will allow them to have on-snow camps every summer no matter what the winter is like, and may also lead to them extending their camps further into the summer. Woodward appears to be on the right track with the facility, the future direction of the campus, and marketing their summer camps. As they grow, the hope is that the pool of talented athletes in the Tahoe Basin and all throughout the west grows alongside them.

MAMMOTH, MAMMOTH, MAMMOTH! What else can be said? Mammoth again stepped up and took on everything that got thrown at them. A USASA Golden Ticket qualifier, Rev Tour, US Snowboarding Grand Prix/TTR Elite event, Volcom PBRJ Finals, Snowboarder Magazine’s “Super Park,” US Pro Camps and Project Gold just to name a few things they hosted. Mammoth constructed a terrific park and pipe and maintained them throughout the season. Mammoth had consistently better conditions than anywhere else in the West, and that success was evident as a number of teams, pros, and public made the pilgrimage throughout the season.
Educational Things: We had more clinics and educational opportunities out West this season, which was nice for the coaches and programs in the West. There was a 100 clinic at Boreal in early December that was much easier for folks to attend than the earlier dates of the prior season. There was also a 200 clinic that was fairly well attended in Mammoth just a couple weeks ago. After the 200 clinic in Mammoth, USSA also hosted a 300 level clinic which was very well attended, mostly by skiers but there were a few snowboard coaches in attendance. USSA also began work on the Level 400 process with a couple of candidates being out in Mammoth to attend the week of educational events. There seems to be another new crop of coaches showing up in Tahoe that need the education. The West is going to need to continue hosting coaches’ clinics and endorsements moving forward to accommodate these new coaches and their want/need for education. There will be a need for discipline-specific training this coming fall/winter as there are a few Level 200 coaches that will need to attend the endorsements as they move towards their Level 300.

Tough Things: The West needs other regional teams besides ASC, Mammoth, and Squaw to start getting involved in all parts of the process: clinics, race competitions, race venues, event hosting, etc. We need to find a way to get South Lake Tahoe teams engaged, like in the Far West Skiing groups. Those of us out west need to get on the same page regarding education, transitioning athletes upwards, helping at local events, and hosting events at our home resorts. North Tahoe, South Tahoe and Mammoth produce really good athletes, we just need to figure out a way to get them to compete against and ride with one another more often to strengthen the whole athletic pool out west.

There is still a need in Tahoe for a stronger USASA presence, especially in North Tahoe. The athletes on the grassroots level need strong local events to prepare them as they work their way up the pipeline. Hopefully with Woodward @ Tahoe finding its footing, some new blood in the USASA ranks, and a push by USSA to help clubs bridge the gap, we will develop a larger pool of young competitive athletes, but as of now their numbers are still shrinking.

For the second year in a row the World Cup, Nor-Am, and Rev Tour SBX races were cancelled at Squaw Valley. This season it was due to finances instead of lack of snow, but a bummer for all the SBX athletes out West no matter the cause. It has been two seasons in a row without a Domestic WC, one less Hole Shot stop (although the races were made up at Ski Cooper and Sugarloaf) and a single Rev Tour SBX start. This is making development of SBX athletes tougher and tougher.

Future Things: To continue hosting events in the region: World Cups, Grand Prix, Holeshots, Rev Tours, and USASA events. Our hope is that event organizers will continue to look west for venues. It has been tougher and tougher to find venues and resorts willing to take the risk anymore with all the concerns about snow.

To continue supporting education and bring some legitimacy to the Far West region and the teams that function out of the region.

Host more clinics, especially Level 200s as a number of the coaches that went through the process in the past few years need this next step. With the new crop of coaches showing up out west we will also need to be diligent in getting them through the Level 100 process.

Reach out to the South Lake Tahoe groups and get them involved. Rebuild the attendance numbers for the USASA at events, especially in North Tahoe. Otherwise our pipeline will dry up sooner than later.

To combine forces between North Tahoe, South Tahoe, and Mammoth to start doing some Super Regional events, Jam sessions, Cultural Shred Exchanges, whatever they need to be titled to get the athletes riding with each other more consistently and under better situations than just contests.
**Eastern Regional Report – Ross Powers**

The East Coast had a challenging snow year with the opposite kind of winter we had last season. We had the least amount of snow in many years. Luckily the mountains blow snow and did the best they could with the tricky weather. Having no major pro events on the east coast at ski resorts is a disappointment to some and it makes it hard for mountains to commit to venues with big features.

With USASA having many series in the east there were events to attend for the low to mid level riders. With USSA having a Rev Tour freestyle stop, a Nor-AM/FIS snowboardcross and a Nor-Am alpine stop in the east it made for quite a bit to a lot of traveling for the mid to higher end riders.

East Coast Events:
- **Grand Prix/World Cup**
  - Location: Fenway Park, Boston MA - February 11th
  - This was an exciting event and seemed to create some great exposor. Go Red Sox!
  - 21 Women and 35 men competed in this event.
  - It was cool to see local east coast and US Team athlete Julia Marino win the event.

- **Revolution Tour**
  - Location: Seven Springs PA - March 15th & 16th
  - This Rev Tour had a good set up but unfortunately was once again affected by some weather which made for challenging conditions on most of the days. Seven Springs is said to have one of the best parks in the east with a park staff that works hard to keep it that way.
  - The halfpipe had 17 women and 18 men competing.
  - The Slopestyle had 6 women and 41 men competing.

- **Race to the Cup/ Nor-Am Cup**
  - Location: Holiday Valley NY - February 22nd & 23rd
  - Holiday Valley continues to be very excited to have the alpine racers at their resort and they have a good race hill.
  - This year there were around 28 women and 40 men in both the PGS races.

Education: The east offered quite a few level 100 & 200 coaches clinics this year with many of them being in the fall. Some coaches are hoping for a level 300 or at least part of the course offered on the east coast.

**Conclusion**
- The Eastern Division has a number of great training programs, many USASA series and decent mountains.
- The east is still producing amazing snowboarders and many riders from the east are representing our sport around the world. Athletes like Kelly Clark, Chas Guldemond, Alex Deibold, Lindsey Jacobellis and Ty Walker to name a few.
- With our biggest freestyle event at a ski resort taken place at Seven Springs PA they are the only east coast mountain building a 22ft halfpipe. With many of the east coast mountains not committing to halfpipes anymore and there being only one 22ft pipe halfpipe riding continues to be on the decline.
- A discipline that continues to be popular is banked slalom. Both The VT Open and The Sugarloaf Banked Slalom had around 150 athletes sign up.
- At this time the highest level events on the east coast were the four USSA events. We would love to see them return and hopefully grow for all of us involved.
- The information in this report was put together by Ross Powers with feedback from other eastern region coaches.

**Rocky Mountain Regional Report – Paul Krahulec**
The 2015-16 season:
- Rider / Skier visits were up at all Rocky Mtn resorts
- Strong participation from the following clubs:
  Team Summit – Freestyle / SBX / SX
  SSCV – Freestyle / SBX / SX
  SSWSC – Freestyle / Alpine / SBX
  Stratton Mtn – Freestyle / SBX
  Vision Elite – Freestyle / SBX
  G Team – Freestyle / Alpine / SBX
  ISTC – SBX
  Winter Park – Freestyle / SBX / Alpine Team Breckenridge – Freestyle / SX
  Eldora – Alpine
  Method – Freestyle / SBX
  Alberta Skicross – SX
  Nova Scotia SBX – SBX
  Transition Australia --- SBX
- RMS / USASA 9 & Under FREE program now has 64 (up 10%) members
  (purchase a USASA Membership and all RMS entry fees are comp’d)
- 18 Skiers, 46 Snowboard
- RMS / Adaptive Free program in its 2nd year
  (Purchase a USASA Membership and all RMS entry fees are comp’d) 16 Snowboarders
- Skiers and riders from South Korea, Japan, Russia, Norway, Brazil, Great Britain, Switzerland,
  Canada, China, New Zealand, France & Australia participated in both USSA hosted Rev Tour,
  NorAM’s & USASA Rocky Mtn Series venues.
- Keystone, Winter Park, Breckenridge, Vail & Copper all again featured excellent terrain parks.
  Most, however not open again until late December.
- The Rocky Mountain region was once again home to 3 (Breckenridge, Copper & Vail) of the
  best 22’ HP’s on the planet. Nowhere else in the world can you ride 3 different monster
  halfpipes in one day (located 30 mins from each other.)
- The 2016 NorAM Champions were crowned in SBX/SX & Parallel with the final competitions
  of the NorAM season held along with USASA Nationals Open Class competitions. The
  sanctioning of these events represents a cooperative effort between the USASA, the USSA and
  Copper Mountain Resort.

Membership – USASA RMS (verified)
Competitors – 707 (up 5%)
Events: Coaches – 80 (up 28%)

Race to the Cup NorAM @ Front Range Ski Resort (Echo Mtn) --- November
PGS --- Cancelled – extreme wind (90+ mph)
PSL – Combined time two run event because of very windy conditions
USASA RevTour Qualifier Halfpipe @ Copper – December 2nd
RevTour @ Copper – December 5th thru 11th
Good conditions
Halfpipe x 2
- USASA RevTour Qualifier Skier Slopestyle @ Copper – December 28th
- USASA RevTour Qualifier Snowboard Slopestyle @ Copper – December 29th
- HoleShot Tour @ Ski Cooper – February 15th thru February 19
  2nd year at this new venue
Natural snow conditions presented some course building challenges
Well attended by a domestic & international field
Resort is very supportive of the venue
- RevTour @ Winter Park – February 29th thru March 5th
New hosts of a RevTour venue
Slopestyle (Snowboard and Skier) x 2
- Para---Olympic SBX @ Copper Mtn – March 6th thru 8th
- 22 USASA Rocky Mtn Series regional events beginning in September with a Rail Jam.
Slopestye continues to be extremely popular with snowboarders and freeskiers.
Field sizes in separate venues (snowboard & freeski) of upwards to 130 participants.
8 ---- Slopestyle – Keystone / Winter Park / Vail / Copper
3 – Halfpipe – Copper / Breckenridge (Double up Judge Format)
4–SBX/SX–SkiCooper
2 – GS & SL –Howelsen Hill
2 – Rail Jams ---- Copper
- USASA National Championships @ Copper – April
Partnership with the USSA & FIS continues with the crowning of the NorAm
Champs during the USASA National Championship in:
Men’s & Women’s SBX
Men’s & Women’s SX
Men’s & Women’s Parallel
Continues to be the largest snowboard & freeskier event on the planet with a record 1920
participants, over a 10 day period.
6 snowboard events (HP, SS, SBX, GS, SL & RJ) occurring simultaneously each day for 5
consecutive days
4 Freeskier events (HP, SS, SX & RJ) over a 3 day period
Rocky Mtn Series Medals at the 2016 National Championships
41 Gold. 23 Silver, 24 Bronze

Programs
IJC Judges clinics anticipated again in the fall of 2016. Jonas Brewer has been very successful
recruiting entry level judges and providing them with opportunities to judge events (both
snowboard & ski)
High utilization of the AFP Judges Online resources a critical (FREE) tool to help train judges
and inform athletes and parents.

“9 & under FREE” program in the USASA for both snowboard & freeskiers with their paid
USASA membership continues to attract new competitors. Basically, become a member and
compete in any event free of charge. 2016 saw the Rocky Mtn Series host a separate “9 &
Under Halfpipe Event” offering an appropriately sized venue “i.e. small pipe” for the kids. We
anticipate growing this program in 2017 and will introduce a Slopestyle venue for this up and
coming group in the hopes of promoting the use of the “small parks & pipes” at the resort and
gaining additional support from the resorts.

“Teach’em to Ride” program in the USASA Rocky Mtn Series is now in its 3rd season. We gave
away 3 complete 80 cm GromCo decks (built by Jim Smith) as prizes to Open Class USASA
competitors. Winners were encouraged to find a kid that would fit the board, give it to them and
slope them to ride it, take some photos and video and submit to us. In return we provide each
Open Class Teacher a new GoPro 4 camera as their reward. Long time RMS USASA
competitor, and now reigning World Slopestyle Champion Chris Corning was the first RMS
competitor to “pay it forward” in the Teach’em to Ride” program, introducing Jacob Knight to the
joy of riding a snowboard! Everyone’s got to start somewhere!

Moving forward: Working with the State of Colorado to develop a financing plan for expansion
at Ski Cooper to include snowmaking allowing for an early November SBX / SX training facility.
Continuing fund raising to purchase:
2nd SBX / SX Settele Start Gate – When you have two venues you need two gates.
New Settele Alpine “Drop Gate” – Horse gates are not the future!
It’s been an honor to serve the membership of the Rocky Mountain Region, thank you!

Central Regional Report – Jessica Zalusky
USSA Central Report 2016
The Central Region had a great season.
- We had a season filled with highs and lows. Ski areas opened and closed several times due to snow conditions. In Northern Minnesota, we had ski areas stay open until record closing dates in mid-April.
- Only a handful of USSA Teams this season.
- Two 100 clinics, one 200 clinic held for coaches.
- Two halfpipes remain in the Central area, one being a superpipe.
- G Team and Buck Hill hosted a FIS NorAm Parallel Slalom race in Burnsville, Minnesota. A huge field of racers battled for the podiums with over 70 competitors
- Additionally, a Junior FIS Parallel Slalom race was held in conjunction with the NorAm and fielded a giant roster with over 25 juniors!
- Central teams attended USASA in large numbers. A Central Team finished on top with one of the highest medal counts.
- Central athletes successfully competed throughout the season. Athletes competed in the Hole Shots, Race to the Cup, Grand Prix’s, Revolution Tour as well as USASA.
- Three athletes qualified for Junior Worlds from Central; Grant Abrahamson, Zach Lulavy and Emma Brodigan.
- Several athletes qualified for Project Gold. In recent Project Gold Camps, athletes enjoyed the experience and progressed tremendously in their riding.
- Next season is looking great, excited for another awesome season!

PNSA Regional Report – Coggin Hill

The Pacific Northwest storm systems came back in style this year after an off-season last year. It pretty much didn’t stop snowing all season and it was one of those years where the resorts could barely keep up with the amount of snow. Mt. Hood, Stevens, Summit and Mt. Bachelor continue to produce great parks and push the envelope on progression.

Regional Events:
- 9 different resorts held USASA events this year and participation is on the upswing.
- USASA event participation in Oregon increased with over 75 athletes participating in Slopestyle and Rail Jam events at Bachelor and Hood.
- Western Washington and INW series participation is still small in comparison but is developing.
- The Dirksen Derby and Gerry Lopez Big Wave events have been huge successes and continue to sell out every year.
- The Baker Banked Slalom returned to glory this season after cancellations last year.
- A & B Beverage made a statement with their 10 Barrel Big Air event at Mt. Bachelor. It was a huge success with a $10,000 cash first place prize. Look for another edition next year.

National Competition Participation:
- PNW Athletes competed in 3 of 4 Revolution Tours, Mammoth and Park City Grand Prix, Dew Tour, X-Games, US Open, Canadian Open, TTR World Championships and USASA Nationals.
- 26 athletes from MBSEF competed at USASA Nationals and approx. another 20-30 from the Mt. Hood, Western Washington and Inland Northwest Series.

Camps, Coaches Clinics and Training
- Unfortunately freestyle June Camps weren’t held at Mt. Bachelor due to the lack of snow:
  - Extremely low snow levels caused Mt. Hood Windells and High Cascade camps to close by late July/early August.
  - Timberline didn’t re-open until mid-November.
- Lack of proper indoor trampoline/foam pit set up continues to hinder some younger athletes aerial progression
- We ran an early fall USASA Level 100 & 200 at Windells for the 2nd year in a row. participation continues to increase at these clinics.
- Windells will now be 100% ski this summer.

Summary: Overall it was a great year with many highlights and lots to look forward to in the future. It was amazing to see our Alumni represent us on the International level and to watch the new group of up-and-coming riders get some amazing results. It seems like snowboard numbers are maintaining but the concern still is bringing more young athletes into the sport.


Overview: Judging Recap of the 2015/16 Season

The 2016 season was very successful for snowboard judging. With the increase of events, judges saw more opportunities to gain valuable experience. The growth of Big Air contests and the World Championships are both examples of added competitions. Certified US judges were included on the judging panel at every major event. The US continues to provide the most proven and reliable judges in the world. American Judge, Matt Jennings has been scheduled as the head judge for the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. This is a great honor and very important for role for Jennings, although it also means there will be no Americans as scoring judges for the games. FIS World Cup events use an entirely international panel; therefore it is impossible to have more US judges scheduled. Possibly some of these contests have suffered from lack of top-level experience on those panels.

Judging Formats: We did see some new formats being tested this season. In preparation for the 2018 Olympics, FIS has adopted their own SLS system for slopestyle and has added the DEAL graphic for big air. Overall Impression format has continued to provide the most consistent scores and results, while SLS 2.0 was used for halfpipe and produced great feedback and information for coaches and athletes.

Judge Education: Last October was the first ever TTR/FIS joint clinic. The course was held at the COE with an incredible international presence. Many of the veteran US judges were also in attendance, along with some newer judges, as well as a good number of coaches.

IJC is currently planning for next season’s pro and regional clinics. Judges will have to continue to attend these clinics every other season to maintain a certification.
Jonas Brewer IJC/USSA Judge Rep

8. USASA Report – Mike Mallon/ Zippy Neil

USSA welcomed Mike Mallon as the new Executive Director for USASA. Mike and Zippy discussed the USASA membership numbers, Nationals and Series events. They will continue to focus on the mission of the USASA and make entry level competition more accessible.
2016 Season Membership

Snowboarders: Paid: 3155 (down 112 from 2015)
One Day: 192 (down 90 from 2015)
Skiers: Paid: 1726 (Down 1 from 2015)
One Day: 181 (Down 46 from 2015)

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP
Paid: 4881 (Down 106 from 2015)
One Day: 373 (Down 136 from 2015)
2016 Nationals: Total Competitors: 1874
Snowboarders: 1250 (Down 76 from 2015 Nationals)
Skiers: 624 (Up 73 from 2015 Nationals)
9. **Program Report: Jeremy Forster**

- Good year for U.S. Snowboarding. We would like to thank Bill Enos for his dedication to the team and wish him the best going forward. Mike Ramirez stepped up to take Bill’s role with the Slopestyle Team.
- Big Air has been added to the 2018 Olympics, excited to have another medal opportunity within snowboarding. The IOC has also increased the Snowboarding Olympic quota to 26 to accommodate the new discipline.
- The first stage of the Korean OWG test events was well run and efficient. Next season they will host the HP and PGS test events.
- This season the team faced some budget challenges, we worked through the cuts successfully.
- Olympic Selection process is now available at the following link. Slopestyle will have a selection event in 2016/17 season. Grand Prix criteria will remain very much the same and will also be posted online during the summer.
- Project Jump has been created to fund an airbag jump set up at the UOP. This will be a summer and winter training facility to the team and club programs.
- Eric Webster re-named to the World Snowboard Tour board. Work to maintain USA presence at the International level. Paul Krahulec was also named to the World Snowboard Federation executive board.
- On the FIS side, there has been a merger of the FIS Snowboarding and Freestyle committee to bring the events together and provide an opportunity to sell the events.
- The Revolution Tour international quota rule was also approved at the FIS meetings.

For more information on rules changes and proposals, you can visit the FIS Rules Site.

10. **SBX Team Report: Peter Foley**

- Peter Foley presented the Snowboardcross Team report. Overall a good season for the team with Korea Test event being the highlight with Nate Holland winning and Nick Baumgartner in third.
- The team took a different approach to training in the off-season with a BMX camp and team building exercises.
- Look forward to a great season in 2016/17. Named team available on the website.

11. **Halfpipe: Rick Bower**

Overall a good year for the Halfpipe Team. Women continued to dominate with Chloe Kim landing the first back to back 1080’s by a female. Kelly Clark powered through the season with an injury, but is recovering well and should be back next season. Taylor Gold was injured early in the season and look forward to him coming back strong next season.

12. **Slopestyle Report: Mike Jankowski**

The team had a great season overall. Took the early-summer season off-snow camps and saved it for Australia, New Zealand and Stubai camps and comps. Big emphasis on riders learning triples and this started coming together in Stubai where we had 6 riders working on triples.
Challenging with Bill Enos stepping down in September but we brought on Mike Ramirez from Mammoth as Pro Team Coach. Dave Reynolds also stepped up in a big way to help lead the team throughout the season especially in China, Czech and Jr. Worlds to finish out the season.

Additionally, we hired a new filmer position both for promotion of the athletes and to increase performance. Contest Kids series is a result of this work.

Lots of great momentum going for this team and looking forward to peaking in Korea.

2016-17 - Japan Airbag camp, AUS camp, Stubai.

- 18 podiums in 6 events (everyone was on a podium except Baden/Walker returning from injury)
- World Rank - 8 women in Top 30 (including 3 of Top 5) (had 8/30 in 2015 & 1/5)
- World Rank - 9 men in Top 30 (including 3 of Top 10) (had 5/30 in 2015 & 1/10)
- Mix of veterans and up and coming youngsters
- Hailey Langland – 1st World Cup entered and finished 3rd place
- Chris Corning – World Cup win in NZ and finished with Crystal Globe & WJC win
- Red Gerard – 2 Top 5’s in major events
- Julia Marino – Boston, China podiums with double flips (2 in 1 run in China)

- Dew Tour – Good start with Langland on podium and Red in Top 5.
- X Games – Willett with Top 5 and Jamie/Hailey 1st and 3rd.
- Boston Big Air – Chas and Julia podiums
- Korea Test Event – Brock 1st place (Men 4 of Top 10) / Jamie & Karly 1st & 2nd
- China – Men – Davis 1st, Beauchemin 4th + BA Kyle 2nd
- China – Women - Jamie 1st & Julia 3rd (USA had 5 of Top 10) + BA Jamie 1st & Jessika 3rd

2016-17 US SLOPESTYLE TEAM

Kyle Mack  Jamie Anderson
Brandon Davis  Hailey Langland
Chas Gudemond  Julia Marino*
Eric Willett  Karly Shorr
Eric Beauchemin  Ty Walker
Ryan Stassel  Jessika Jenson
Nik Baden
Chris Corning
Red Gerard
Rookie:
Lyon Farrell  Norah Healy
Judd Henkes  Hailee Mattingley
Chandler Hunt
Brock Crouch
13. **Alpine Snowboarding Report:**

Neil Sunday gave an overview of the results at World Cups. Also great job by Billy Winters at Junior Worlds. USSRT was able to fund both elite and development athletes. Overall good NorAm events in both USA and Canada.

14. **Grand Prix Report: Eric Webster**

**2016-2017 U.S. Grand Prix**

**2016/17 Goals:**
- Produce high quality venues and competitions for 22' Halfpipe, Slopestyle, Big Air and Cross events
- Continued support and development of Slopestyle, Halfpipe, Big Air, SBX / SX as Olympic Sports
- Deliver opportunities for US athletes to compete domestically.
- Enhance media, sponsor, and spectator engagement at events
- Strengthen integration between FIS- WST- AFP at Grand Prix Events
- Strengthen integration of Revolution Tour and GP competitions

**2016/17 Tentative Schedule & Sanctioning:**

**December 11-17, 2016- Copper Mountain, CO**
- Snowboarding Halfpipe and Big Air – FIS World Cup & WST International
- Freeskiing Halfpipe – FIS World Cup & AFP Platinum

**January 30- February 5, 2017- Mammoth Mountain, CA**
- Snowboarding Halfpipe and Slopestyle – FIS World Cup & WST International
- Freeskiing Halfpipe and Slopestyle – FIS World Cup & AFP Platinum

Location & Dates- TBD
- FIS World Cup SnowboardCross
- FIS World Cup SkiCross

15. **Revolution Tour Report: Sarah Welliver**

In its 12th season, the 2016 U.S. Revolution Tour proved to be a progressive venue for today's top junior skiers and snowboarders to take the competitive stage in halfpipe, slopestyle, cross, and big air. This season the Tour kicked off with the first two halfpipe competitions returning to Copper Mountain, CO where the halfpipe is always top notch! Next the Tour headed westward to Mammoth Mountain, CA following the Grand Prix with slopestyle, halfpipe, and big air. Then on to Winter Park, CO for 2 slopestyle competitions, and finally to Seven Springs, PA for the Rev Tour finals in both halfpipe and slopestyle, this stop was also the FIS freeskiing halfpipe and slopestyle NorAm Cup Finals and a snowboard World Rookie Tour qualifier! The Rev Tour cross events, held in conjunction with the Hole Shot Tour, kicked off at Ski Cooper, CO and then finished at Sugarloaf, ME.
The U.S. Revolution Tour is designed to serve as a stepping-stone for athletes making the transition from competing at the grassroots level to the elite level. The series pre-qualifies a portion of its field and then opens registration to any domestic US athlete. The Revolution Tour is focused towards riders 13-19 years old and awards the top juniors an invite to compete in the U.S. Grand Prix, Junior Worlds, USASA Nationals, and participate in Project Gold camps. This season over 1,100 domestic and international athletes registered to compete in the 2016 U.S. Revolution Tour.


**2016 Overall Champions**

**Snowboard Halfpipe**
1. Ryan Wachendorfer (USA)
2. Naito Ando (JPN)
3. Patrick Burgener (SUI)
4. Wataru Okamoto (JPN)
5. Chase Blackwell (USA)

**Snowboard Slopestyle**
1. Dylan Thomas (USA)
2. Brett Moody (USA)
3. Chandler Hunt (USA)
4. Lyon Farrell (USA)
5. Luke Winkelmann (USA)

**Freeski Halfpipe**
1. Joel Grisler (SUI)
2. Miguel Porteous (NZL)
3. Nico Porteous (NZL)
4. Kwang-jun Kim (KOR)
5. Jaxon Hoeter (USA)

**Freeski Slopestyle**
1. Cody Grillo (USA)
2. Aaron Milligan (USA)
3. Ethan Swadburg (USA)
4. Ryan McElmon (USA)
5. Alexander Hall (USA)

**2017 U.S Revolution Tour**

- Limit onsite attrition to maximize field size
  - Online registration system/ alternate list
- Pre-qualified criteria
- In season qualifiers

**2017 Tour Schedule- tentative**

- Copper Mountain, CO- December 5-10, 2016
  - HP x 2 (FIS/AFP Silver/WST National)
- Stop #2 (TBD)- January (TBD)
  - SS x 2 (FIS/AFP Silver/WST National)
- Mammoth Mountain, CA- February 7-12, 2017
  - HP, SS (FIS/AFP Silver/WST National)
  - BA (USAS/AFP Silver/WST National)
- Seven Springs Resort, PA- March (TBD)
  - HP, SS (FIS/AFP Silver/WST National)
Domestic Event Report: Abbi Nyberg

Race to the Cup
Steamboat, CO Dec-Jan. 16-17  PGS – 36M/22W  PSL - 30M/22W
Holiday Valley, NY Feb. 22-23  PGS – 44M/29W x 2
Copper/USASA Nationals  PGS – 19M/13W  PSL – 18M/13W
Summary: Buck Hill also held a Junior FIS race, which was well attended. USASA Nationals combined with NorAm Finals for PGS/PSL. The events had solid numbers and good turnout.

**Tentative Dates**

- **Colorado:** November / Steamboat Springs - TBD
- **Buck Hill:** TBD / Copper/USASA Nationals April

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Summary: Again a tough year for events. Squaw Valley World Cup/NorAm/Rev Tour canceled due to a lack of funding. Ski Cooper and Sugarloaf added additional events to make up for Squaw. USASA Nationals held NorAm Finals for SBX and SX.

**Tentative Dates:** Ski Cooper February / West March / Copper/USASA Nationals April

17. **Domestic Program Report: Abbi Nyberg**

**Junior Development Camps**
- 2015 HP/SS Project Gold camp – Successful camp held in Mammoth with a private pipe, jumps, and airbag setup - 38 athletes
- SBX – no camp held due to lack of snow
- COE Air Awareness Camp – Successful Air Awareness camps at the COE for Project Gold athletes.

**Officials Education**
- USSA and IJC worked closely to prioritize the goals for judge's education
- IJC / FIS / TTR Nationals Clinic held in Park City in October
- FIS TD Update held in Park City – continue better integration with ski officials

**Coaches Education**
- Several Level 300 clinics were held – On snow for HP/SS in Mt Hood, Classroom at the COE in October and a combined Classroom and On snow clinic held in May in Mammoth
- First Level 400 clinic held in Mammoth. 2 Coaches – Michael Bell and Ross Powers attended.
- Level 300 On snow for SBX to be held in June

**Junior World Championships**
- **PGS/PSL**
  - PGS - Billy Winters 6th (PGS), 7th (PSL)
- **Slopestyle** – Chris Corning 1st, Chandler Hunt 3rd, Lyon Farrell 4th
- **Halfpipe** – No event held
- **SBX** – Large team (11 athletes)

18. **Old Business: Competition Guide review**

Nyberg asked for any changes to the competition guide be sent to her by June 30.
19. **New Business**

Revolution Tour: Rev Tour discussion took place regarding the qualification criteria and current schedule.

Coaches Education: Jon Casson gave a Coaches’ Education update with an overview of the current programs and looking forward to new programs, including better video production and resources. Also looking to integrate better with AASI.

PAR events in World Championships: Lisa Kosglow asked if PGS and PSL would be included in the 2019 World Championships. Eric Webster described the process of hosting the event and that the FIS will dictate the disciplines at World Championships.

Branding Discussion: Tiger Shaw held a branding discussion to evaluate the current brands and raise awareness about potentially changing the US Snowboarding logo. A branding task force has been formed and includes Snowboarding representatives. Logo wouldn’t be finalized for approximately another year.

20. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Ben Wisner, second by Alex Deibold.