

Western Region Alpine Competition Committee Minutes

May 14, 2009

Park City, Utah

Members Present:

Curt Hammond, Chairman	Craig Krueger, Vice Chairman	Dave Galusha, Secretary
Beat Hupfer, Past Chairman	Curtis Shuck, PNSA	Chuck Holcomb, PNSA
Ruben Macaya, IMD	Aaron Atkins, FW	Todd Kelly, FW
Gina Gassman, Athlete	Roger Bay, NOR	Kevin Chaffee, IMD
Kristi Ravello, Athlete	Sparky Anderson, Alaska	Rick Duncan, NOR

Staff Present:

Lester Keller, Regional Alpine Director

Jennifer Stielow, Regional Alpine Manager

Lucy Schram, FW Carma Burnett-Carew, IMD Paul Mahre, PNSA Sherri Hale, NOR

Called to Order, 9:00am, Chairman Hammond

1. Welcome and Introduction of members – roll call taken

-Chairman Hammond appointer an additional athlete Representative, Kristi Revello of MHA/PNSA.

- In need of a new secretary which becomes the Vice Chair in a couple of years. The committee is in need of new WR Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

-Dave Galusha resigned as Secretary of the WR ACC and announced his retirement from the Park City Ski Team. Dave also announced he would be leaving the ACC Committee but would complete his term as national development and education chairman. Chairman Hammond and several other committee members, as well as Director Keller, acknowledged and thanked Dave for his service as well as congratulating him on his successful career in the West at the Park City Ski Team.

2. **Motion:** Review and Approval of Agenda - unanimous

3. **Motion:** Review and approval of minutes from last meeting - unanimous

- a. Appointment of Divisional Staff as acting Secretary(s). Thanks for collaborating on minutes
- b. Acknowledge and accept Divisional Staff's offer to serve as editorial board of regional policy text for publication and web

4. Development and Executive Committee Report
 - a. Chair's report
 - b. Treasurer's report – see attached
 - c. Director's Report – Lester Keller

*Written report is included in the conference handbook, please read.

*Club visits, goal is to stress fundamental skiing and motor skill development; allowing Youth coaches to do the skills acquisition part of their jobs,

*WR represents 77% of USST Alpine team, 54% of all ABC Teams with 21% of the USSA membership

*Concerns about USSA and NDS in the current economy; Jeff Pickering is no longer an NDS employee; he is solely working and paid by Western Region. Cancelled the May camp due to lack of #'s. NDS prep will be in Loveland in November.

*Conditioning camp, July 13-20th for the Regional Team nominee level athletes.

*Keeping camps closer to home instead of European travel.

*Jesse Hunt has resigned as Alpine Director, not filled yet

*Finn Gunderson is looking for an Alpine Person to help out with web based sharing of information. This is a job opening.

Additions to USSA issues from executive committee of ASC As reported by Galusha & Hupfer:

*Age groupings for J2's to a three year age class proposal coming from RMD; would not come into play for one more season.

*We are the only country that does not adhere to FIS age classification nomenclature.

*Single pole slalom as the USSA standard?

*Children's Vertical, gate counts, delays, etc. for J4 level. Stubby use, must vs. should language in the rules.

*Alpine Officials – regarding recertification, Chief of Race and Chief of Course, RA and TC.

*2010-2011 season all races will be on Homologated hills, recertification is a must

*Rocky Central would like to bring J4's to Whistler Cup again

Jenn Stielow – Physical Assessment testing

*regional team athletes must have a fall and spring testing

*Spring testing needs to be done by June 1st, Fall testing needs to be done by October, before on snow training begins.

*data form for testing will be on the website to send in.

*norms and standards will be posted on the website.

*individual results will be sent to home coaches within the next two weeks

Calendar

-proposal to eliminate the Classification race in December

-proposal removing the J4 Festival

Motion: To reconfirm the WR stand that J4's will not be sent to the Whistler Cup. (Ruben Macaya motioned, Chuck Holcomb 2nd) – passed unanimously

Motion: To Discontinue the Western Region J4 Festival, Chuck Motioned, 2nd Ruben. Discussion – can readdress in the Fall if the National decides to reinstate the Whistler Cup for J4's. Passed unanimously

J2 National Qualifications -

Motion: Aaron Atkins, 2nd Curtis Shuck To utilize two series, one speed, and one tech events for qualification to the National J2 competitions. Passed unanimously

-Speed Series 2 DH/2SG

-Wild West Series 2SL/2 GS

Selections will continue to be done by the current Western Region process. No changes to the quotas.

Motion: To support RMD J2 age class proposal (3 year J2 age class 15-17) –motion Aaron Atkins, Chuck Holcomb 2nd, Passed unanimously

Discussion – David felt the executive committee would wait one more year. This might not align with FIS, might not matter though.

Calendar issues-

Motion: Aaron Atkins, Curtis Shuck 2nd; passed unanimously:

1. To allow for each division to continue to calendar ENL race series under the existing procedures and head tax structure and
2. To allow each division to hold up to 8 starts per gender as Western FIS Open or ENL Races provided:
 - a. These do not conflict with a Western Elite Series competition or a Western Championship event for FIS aged competitors
 - b. There is no forced participation requirement, particularly of regional automatics or West regional team members
 - c. Normal Region entry fee/head tax portion provisions apply, that is there a 12.00 per start fee due to the region
 - d. That the Western Region consider removing the classification events from the 2009-2010 calendar
 - e. Proposed two Regional FIS Level competitions:
 - i. (2) tech series that will be split between two geographical areas and held simultaneously in (Dec/March) where host division cannot travel to other series
 - ii. speed series at one location (Jan/Feb)
 - f. Proposes that Western Region grant each division 30 per gender quota spots in the other divisions FIS series unless restricted by Eli.

Allow PNSA to decide their J3 JO's site according to the WR J3 Rotation schedule, by June 1st.

FISU quotas may change. It appears the current system used by USSA is out of date and has been changed by the FIS.

Bid Process:

Spring Series – secret ballot vote goes to: Mission Ridge (Tech) and Mt. Bachelor (Speed)

Jr. Champs – secret ballot vote goes to: Schweitzer

Motion: To increase the Western FIS entry fee to \$38.00 (from \$35.00). Beat Hupfer, 2nd-Todd Kelly) passed unanimously.

Motion: To amend Western Refund Policy, Beat Hupfer, 2nd Craig Kruger passed unanimously:

Western Refund policy for canceled events:

- a. For events canceled prior or during the first scheduled team captains meeting there will be a complete refund of all paid entry and speed training fees.
- b. For technical events canceled by the jury on the day of competition there will be an entry refund of ½ of the organizers portion (\$10.00), ½ the regional portion (\$6.00) and the USSA Head tax of \$6.00.
- c. For speed event(s) canceled anytime during the official program dates by the jury there will be an entry refund of ½ the regional head tax (\$6.00), the \$6.00 USSA head tax and the training fee if no training was conducted. The organizer retains the organizers portion provided the organizer and ski area make all possible efforts to hold the event, as assessed and reported in the event evaluation report by the Jury members (3) consisting of the Technical Delegate, the Referee and the Assistant Referee.

Motion: To assess a regional portion (i.e. head tax) of the entry fee to all other races held in Western region consisting of the J3 Junior Olympics, (USSA scored category = \$2.00 per starter) College USSA scored competitions = \$2.00, FISU races = \$2.00. Beat Hupfer, 2nd Craig Kruger) passed, 1 opposed

Motion: To support Casper, WY program moving to RMD/Rocky Central from Northern/Western – Craig Kruger, 2nd Roger Bay, passed unanimously

For information on how to schedule a USSA Coaches Education Clinics, contact Chelsea Steinbach or Lester. Clinic Dates/Coaches Ed/Club Development Visits: 100,200,300 (300's are split into SL and speed) Lester is planning to host a 300 level speed clinic one during the WR Speed Event. Lester noted that Ski clubs can have private clinics for their club.

Craig Kruger – new chairman

Fall call will be in September or October following the ASC fall meeting.