

1. Welcome & Introductions- chair
2. Roll Call – secretary
 - Executive: Todd Kelly, Ryan Shorter, Troy Price, Karen Korfanta, Lucy Schram
 - Divisional Reps: FW- Beat Hupfer; AK – Lex Patten; ND – Rick Duncan, Jeremy Ueland; IMD – Todd Brickson, Bridger Call; Officials – Roger Root; Collegiate – Sparky Anderson, Athlete Rep – Jamie DuPratt
 - Staff: Bill Gunesch, Gwynn Watkins, Jeff Pickering, Daryl Whitaker, Sheri Hale, Carma Burnett
 - Guests: no one speaking up
3. Review Agenda / Additions – no changes
4. Review and Approval of Minutes, August 19, 2015
 - motion to approve: Ryan Shorter, 2nd Bill Brooks. Passed
5. USSA Program Update – USSA staff (WR staff)
 - 5.1 Rule updates
 - 5.1.1 Equipment matrix Updated - Sept 15, 2015
 - attached to the meeting request and updated on the WR site; Comp Guide is on line in the mailing process. A little glitch with U16 and U14's and ASC Exec. is meeting to address the equipment marking issue. Update will be sent out immediately.
 - 5.1.2 Helmets U14 and older - reminder of FIS sticker
 - 5.1.3 U14 Slalom Poles – reminder of 60", FIS type B
 - 5.1.4 120 USSA Pt restriction to International races (including Canada)- Regional managers are monitoring this.
 - 5.2 National calendar / projects
 - 5.2.1 U19 NPS series – Bill Gunesch provided updated on this one. No comments or questions.
 - 5.2.1.1 GS & SG NPS selections- Pick, Gwynn and Gunesch worked on this. Asked if WR wanted to continue to use a single column or multi column board. Discussion to remain the same for the full season.
6. Membership, education, officials, etc. updates
 - 6.1 ASC Fall Call update
 - 6.1.1 3 Development Dept. proposals – ASC passed three staff proposals for quotas for US Nationals: adjusted language for automatics for any current season World Cup Champion/World Jr Champ; 2nd: college quota language adjustment – hard deadline on intents at 16 days out; 3rd: U19 Championships increased the women's quota to 17; U19 NTS approved a quota of 20 per region, 10 development and 10 for juniors(96.95)
 - 6.1.2 Course setting matrix – ASC will create a committee to review the course setting matrix throughout the winter and have something presented prior to Congress. If you would like to be part of that committee please contact TK.
 - 6.1.3 Point cut offs for domestic racing (proposal coming in the spring) – started coming out from two summers ago, and it has resurfaced. Aldo Radimus wants to put it back on the table. Cut off to participate in FIS racing outside of your region.

- 6.1.4 UNH Fundraising Race – flagged for two years in a row. Via investigation the race was rescored for penalty manipulation. There is criteria in place that all races are compared to.
- 6.2 FIS Congress update--Karen Korfanta
 - 6.2.1 plumbed suits – can use suits with label or plomb through 17-18 season.
 - 6.2.2 FIS updates were a clean up of language, nothing earth.
 - 6.2.3 Panels are Red and Blue, exception in speed
- 6.3 Official Update throughout the West --Roger Root

Contacted all 5 divisions about their upcoming officials updates. He surveyed each divisional websites and the USSA website: suggestions – need to have an AO page, good links to the USSA, good advertisement of clinics and good contact information. Primary location for information should be on the divisional website. USSA officials page should have links back to each divisional AO page. CO online version is not available yet as it has never been completely implemented thus far.

He will develop an ad hoc committee to have calls a few times a year to discuss AO issues within the division.

VOLA software discussion.
- 7. Western Region Program Update – WR staff
 - 7.1 Directors report
 - 7.1.1 WEST and RTG selection process simplified and transparent - moving away from the first come, first served project sign ups. Have received positive feedback and some suggestions that are being reviewed and open to continued discussion going forward.
 - 7.1.2 Review selection methods and criteria for Spring meetings – Ryan Shorter’s committee will be a part of this process and information will come forward for discussion.
 - 7.2 Manager’s report
 - 7.2.1 FIS Intent Site is up and running
 - 7.2.2 International Intents – transitioned to the intent site
 - 7.2.3 Travel Letters – front page of the intents site, letters go to Chip Knight and he will update the google doc for the RA’s to view.
 - 7.2.4 NorAm development selection – managed by Regional Directors
 - 7.2.5 Criteria for U.S. Ski Team Races – Pick is managing this for WR.
 - 7.3 Regional Coach’s report
 - 7.3.1 May – Mammoth Flight School, May Mammoth FIS athletes were well attended, fantastic conditions and support from Mammoth.
 - 7.3.2 LaParva Project – good for the athletes. 12 days on snow, 24 ski sessions, 12 athletes from WR and 12 athletes from Rocky/Central(bi-regional project). Tremendous snow, support from the mountain, ski up opportunities, excellent work staffing together, a line item to keep up for future prep projects
 - 7.3.3 Upcoming Events
 - 7.4 Youth Coordinator’s report – emailed out. Just started back up, working on a calendar for projects/visits/coaches education, etc. Working with Pick to bring continuity from young levels on up.
- 8. WR Committee Reports
 - 8.1 Treasurer Report - treasurer

- 8.1.1 WR Finances – head tax grant and dispersals budget FYI 16
Troy Price motioned to approve the grant for the 15.16 season, 2nd
Dan Henry. Passed Unanimously.
- 8.1.2 WR Fund – working with Bill, Gwynn and Executive committee to
develop criteria and process for applying.
- 8.1.3 Other - financially things are status quo and doing well. Balance is
just over \$36K in checking, \$84K in savings, WR Fund just shy of
\$30k. All are in check based on 5 year history.
- 8.2 Site Selection Committee Report - WR staff
 - 8.2.1.1 Committee structure & parameters – after this meeting, note to all
Divisions requesting one member to be on the site selection
committee. In Feb that group will start that calendar and site
selection bids. Proposal of that calendar and site selection
discussion would come to the April meeting in San Francisco,
committee will then vote and final proposal to the meeting at
Congress.
 - 8.2.1.2 Update from WR Champ sites – Beat has done a great job with
U16's – info and race announcement already to the Divisional
Managers.
Have all of the FIS codex for WR JR Champs
U14 WR Champs info to the divisional managers within the next
week or so.
 - 8.2.1.3 Snow Control procedure – passed at Congress, will be included in
the WR Policies and Procedures.
 - 8.2.1.4 USSA Event Evaluation Form – anyone can fill out the form.
Could be helpful to the site selection committee.
- 8.3 Development Committee Report – vice chair, Ryan Shorter
need to add a ND, FW and AK rep.
 - 8.3.1 Current selections and proposals – want to make sure the language
and calculations are understandable across the region. Trying to
find a method that will work across all three regional
championships: WR JR Champs, WR U16's and WR U14's.
 - 8.3.2 Current quotas and quota issues – working with Kenny Corrock to
simplify the language and method and widely communicated,
making sure performance and population part of the calc.
 - 8.3.2.1 WRJC – Quotas
1st GS and 1st SG from previous season for performance calc.
would be nice to calculate quotas in the Spring at Congress instead
of Fall
 - 8.3.2.2 WR U16 Champs – Quotas
 - 8.3.2.3 WR U14 Champs – Seeding
Item 7 matches what the Eastern Region does. No rounding, no
carrying over, easy to understand. Provides equality that Turton
method has created just easier to use. Using this formula from the
first points list of December. Population based on 2nd year U14's.

Motion by Ryan Shorter, 2nd by Bill Brooks, Passed Unanimously:
Seeding: There would be 5 equal seeds, taking the divisional quota
divided by 5 to determine their quota per each seed. If the quota is not

divisible by 5 then the front seeds are increased by one more until the quota is complete.

Women	1st Seed	2nd Seed	3rd Seed	4th Seed	5th Seed	Total
AK 5	1	1	1	1	1	5
FW 20	4	4	4	4	4	20
IMD 19	4	4	4	4	3	19
NO 6	2	1	1	1	1	6
PNSA 10	2	2	2	2	2	10
	13	12	12	12	11	60

8.3.3 Youth sub-committee: not needed. Ryan recommends One Development Committee working on U14-U21 issues.

8.3.4 Other– Gwynn brought up the language regarding restriction of the other regions from the WR JR Champs, quota of 10 per region. Gwynn doesn't feel it's good practice with the other two regions. Discussion regarding access issue, if other regions have an event with restricted access? After discussion – the language to restrict access to the WR JR Champs by other regions will be removed.

-Ryan Shorter's Development group will review the language regarding the overall awards for WR JR Champs and have a report by beginning of January re: which races are to be used for the WR JR Champs combined.

Motion Ryan Shorter, 2nd Bill Brooks, to approve line 7 of the proposal. Passes unanimously. (insert that in the minutes).

9. Western Region Projects and Events – WR staff

9.1 Project planning : Jeff Pickering

update – just had 14 of the 18 WEST team members in PC for testing. 2 tests, took approx. 9 ½ hours to get through. Day 2 - split gender sessions with Dr. Lester Keller. He will be working with the athletes during multiple sessions this season.

November – Pick reviewed Copper projects and that most are full.

9.1.1 U16 Europe Project and FIS European Projects– Reviewed the dates, travel, training and racing plan.

9.1.1.1 Selection proposal for U16 Europe Project:

Select athletes for the Western Region U16 Europe Trip using the U16 Nationals' selection board. Yob 1999 athletes will not be purged from the board, but will be purged from the final ranking. The first four athletes will be selected by this method; the fifth spot will remain open for development requests. If no development requests are considered the fifth spot will be filled with the next athlete from the ranking.

The selection ranking list will go 10 athletes deep; the qualified 4 athletes and 6 alternates. If the team size is not full after exhausting the list no further athletes will be selected.

Only the top 5 ranked athletes, if they attend the Europe project, will be excused from the divisional selections to the 2016 Western Region U16 Championships. They will be automatics to the championship event; however, will still be counted toward divisional quotas. Seeding consideration will be addressed in a separate proposal.

Ryan Shorter Motion, Dan Henry 2nd. No further discussion.
Passed unanimously.

9.1.1.2 Seeding at U16 Championships for WR European Automatics –In the past it has been done via special seed: 15a, b, c. Now we are getting up to 8 athletes and it needs to be readdressed. Discussion via executive committee on how these athletes will be seeded at U16 WR champs.

10. Old Business - chair

10.1 WR Incorporation process/status – in the process of getting the paperwork together. Moving forward.

10.2 No other old business

11. New Business – chair

11.1 WR Policies and Procedures – draft will be out soon

11.2 No other new business

12. Meeting Schedule – chair

12.1 Coaches Forums will be held at Tech Series, Wild West, WR Jr Champs, U16 WR Champs, U14 WR Champs.

12.2 March Conference Call – TBD: trying to place it between U16 and U14 Regional. Proposals will need to come forward in prep of the April Meeting.

12.3 April 20th, 2016 San Francisco – will be held at the Marriott. Rooms are high and they will be coming down in price. There are 8 other hotels in that area with shuttles. Info will come out with PnP. ASC gave us an extension to submit regional proposals by April 21st.

13. Adjournment – 11:57 Ryan Shorter motion to adjourn, 2nd

Respectfully Submitted by Lucy Schram, WR ACC Secretary