

Western Region ACC MINUTES
March 15, 2016

1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair
Thank everyone for calling in. Call to order at 11:05MST
2. Roll Call – Secretary
Executive: Todd Kelly, Troy Price, Lucy Schram, Karen Korfanta, Ryan Shorter
PNSA – Bill Brooks, Dan Henry
Northern - Rick Duncan, Jeremy Ueland
IMD- Todd Brickson, Bridger Call
Far West - Beat Hupfer
Alaska- Aaron Stiassny, Lex Patten
Officials - Roger Root
Athlete Reps – None in attendance
Collegiate – Traveling and not in attendance
Staff - Jeff Pickering, Daryl Whitaker, Shari Hale, Carma Burnett, Bill Gunesch, Paul Mahre, Natalie Osborne
Guests – Eric Garayoa, Mike Ginsberg
3. Review Agenda/Additions – nothing to be added
4. Review and Approval of Minutes, October 19th, 2015
Motion: Rick Duncan; 2nd Bill Brooks; approved unanimously
5. USSA / WR updates – great to have the snow this year.
Bill Brooks reviewed the incorporation
Bank account is open, money has been transferred over; Troy Price and Lucy Schram signature.
IRS process being completed to finish off the process.
6. 2015 project reviews – review process
Gunesch – working on a simple evaluation form available to coaches that attend the project. To be out by Spring Meeting. Great to have snow this year.
7. 2016 proposed projects – Pick
There has been a proposed calendar distributed (see attached). Pick reviewed the schedule.

Gunesch – National April Project in Colorado; U14 and U16's, women only
June for Men only, June 20th in Oregon U16 and U14
This was discussed at the Coaches forum at U14 regionals at Jackson.
8. 2016 calendar review – requested input on spacing, time frame, levels, etc. Discussion lead to U14 calendar, will discuss further in the meeting.
9. 2017 calendar proposals
Levels of races / how many races
Calendaring process – Gwynn and Bill will get this going very soon.
Calendaring committee: Each Division to send in your rep name by March 25th
From regional level would like to review levels of racing
Like to review U14 regionals calendaring time frame.
Site suggestions / selections
10. U14 WR JC
*Gunesch review: Observation and conversations follow up – not a strong feeling that the event should go away; timing of the event is not great as it is not fitting existing divisional calendars and development; wishing the National Champ carrot was not there
*TK review: needs to be more project based, good event, family event.

Each division had difference selection methods; some have divisional champs still; methods were quite different across the region, created a great forum.

*Troy Price review: opportunity to coordinate with other U14 coaches on and off the hill; forum was extremely valuable. The identification piece is very small. Max majority of the purpose is the athlete development, learning from each other, communication coach to coach. We will be better off as a region from this project.

*Bill Brooks asked what the regional goal is....Gunesch – yes it is a way to help identify going to U16 Nationals, region had discussed U14 regional project previously.

*Bridger Call review: IMD this was their divisional championship; agreed it could have been a week later and there will not be agreement in that as long as everyone is running different championships. It is an expensive event for athletes, from a race organizer point it is a small field and tough to break even; could run SG TR and SG in 1 day to cut it down by a day. Tri Divisional is still happening for U14 and U16 for 2nd tier athletes.

11. 16/WRJC

Gunesch WR JR Champs follow up – challenged by weather. ROC did a great job.

Discussion about streamlining champs from Quota distribution to the seeding, and base it on some fundamental principles that are athletically driven.

Troy Price – deferring to October minutes 8.3, trying to find a standardized method for all three events. Goal: quotas are distributed by May not late fall.

12. WR Selections and Process

Goal by Gunesch is to clean up the language and requested feed back from Region before the April meeting.

WEST Team – defined RTG – defined NPS / national project selections

NorAm selections National Championships selections

U.S. Nationals / U19 National / U16/14 Nationals

13. Communications from Region to Divisions -

Lucy addressed this: like to bring our region back together as a solid communicating region. As item 12 becomes better defined then item 13 will be easier to communicate, too. Website, Selections, NTG, etc.

Gunesch responded that this is a goal from the Regional Staff, too.

14. Divisional issues and proposals

Course Setting Matrix – TK is dusting off the setting matrix and there will be a proposal coming forward from the Region.

Request by Region: A little more harmony between U14 and U16 course setting.

60” gate – Discussed at the U14 regional champs. Proposal needs to come forward from the region to use the word ‘minimum’ 60” and providing the option on the 60” gate.

Gunesch – Mike Morin’s group is working on the course setting matrix from staff side again. Asked TK to reach out to him. Review of equipment matrix, too.

15. Spring Meeting Schedule

April 20th – Golden Nugget, Las Vegas, 9am -4pmPST

(In order to book reservations please have your guests contact our reservations department 800-331-5731. Please advise your guests to state they are booking with the US Ski Team code GSUSSKI to assure they receive the group rate. Please be advised that any unused rooms will be released on your cut-off date of 3/20/16.)

All proposals are due to Gwynn and Lucy by April 13th for the April 20th meeting.

May 11th – USSA Congress 12:00-5:00MST; Ivers/Hearst Room
Adjourn 12:15MST

	Date	NTG	U19 Men	U19 Women	U16	U14	Date
	4/4/2016						4/4/2016
April	4/11/2016						4/11/2016
	4/18/2016	Colorado		Colorado +	Women Colorado	Women Colorado	4/18/2016
	4/25/2016		Colorado				4/25/2016
	5/2/2016						5/2/2016
May	5/9/2016						5/9/2016
	5/16/2016	Colorado	WR RTG GS/SG/Terrain - Mammoth				5/16/2016
	5/23/2016						5/23/2016
	5/30/2016						5/30/2016
June	6/6/2016				U16 Flight Schl		6/6/2016
	6/13/2016	Mammoth	Reg Mammoth	Reg Mammoth	Reg Mammoth		6/13/2016
	6/20/2016				Men Oregon	Oregon	6/20/2016
	6/27/2016						6/27/2016
July	7/4/2016						7/4/2016
	7/11/2016		COE Conditioning				7/11/2016
	7/18/2016		WR Conditioning	WR Conditioning	Reg Conditioning	Reg Conditioning	7/18/2016
	7/25/2016						7/25/2016
August	8/1/2016				U16 CanAm SL		8/1/2016
	8/8/2016	New Zealand					8/8/2016
	8/15/2016						8/15/2016
	8/22/2016		RTG LaParva				8/22/2016
September	8/29/2016						8/29/2016
	9/5/2016		Reg Chile	Reg Chile			9/5/2016
	9/12/2016		WR Team	WR Team			9/12/2016
	9/19/2016		WR Conditioning	WR Conditioning			9/19/2016
October	9/26/2016						9/26/2016
	10/3/2016	Europe	RTG Europe				10/3/2016
	10/10/2016						10/10/2016
	10/17/2016		Reg Conditioning	Reg Conditioning	Reg Conditioning		10/17/2016
	10/24/2016						10/24/2016
	10/31/2016						10/31/2016

	11/7/2016	Colorado	WR RTG	Colorado	Women Colorado	11/7/2016
Novmeber	11/14/2016		Colorado	WR RTG		11/14/2016
	11/21/2016		WR RTG	CO, CA, CAN		11/21/2016
	11/28/2016	Nor-Ams	CO, CA, CAN			11/28/2016

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