



Alpine Western Region Competition Committee

The Yarrow Hotel and Conference Center – Summit B
1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Wednesday, May 13 2015, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting Chair: Karen Korfanta

1. Welcome and call to order at 12:05
Thank you to Lester Keller for guidance, mentorship, championed the clause of “agree to disagree”.
2. Review of committee membership
in attendance -
Executive Committee: Karen Korfanta - Chair, Todd Kelly – Vice Chair, Craig Krueger - Past Chair, Bill Gunesch-Treasurer (non-voting position), Lucy Schram – Secretary (non-voting position)
FW Voting members- Beat Hupfer, Todd Kelly
PNSA Voting members - Bill Gunesch, Bill Brooks
Officials – Roger Root
IMD Voting members – Todd Brickson, Bridger Call
Athlete – Jamie DuPratt
AK Voting members – Lex Patton, Lara Hildreth
Northern Voting members – Craig Krueger, Jeremy Ueland

Unavailable to attend: Sparky Anderson, Keely Kelleher, Dane Spencer

Staff: Gwynn Watkins, Daryl Whitaker, Shari Hale, Carma Burnett, Paul Mahre, Lucy Schram, Tiger Shaw, Michelle Demschar, Chip Knight

Guests: Kyle Crezee, Jamie Landwehr, Ryan Shorter, Phil McNichol, Scott McGrew, Jesse Hunt, Anton Kischchenko, Sergey Khlop, Bandon Hayes-Lattin, Kate Morrell, Tami Strong, Kevin Chaffee, Paul Mannelin, Molly J. Laramie, Troy Price, Brian Morgan, Mark Wedeking, Skip Puckett, Seth McCadam, Eric Garayoa, Tim Hindekinan, Roy Logan, Tony Nunnikhovin, Susan Carstensen, Swithin McGrath, Gordon Perry, Thelma Hoessler, Gail Barber, Jason Hey, John Buchar, Nate Schwing

- 2.1 Athlete Representatives –
Final approval of Jamie DuPratt as athlete rep to WR ACC
vote passes unanimously
- 2.2 Review WR Members to ASC Committees
-document reviewed of all committee members to ASC committees

- 2.3 Approval of Minutes – Reno, Apr. 20, 2015 passed unanimously
- 2.3.1 Review of Agenda/Additions – none added
- 3. Topics
 - 3.1. USSA alpine program
Karen Korfanta thanked Gwynn Watkins, Karen Harjo and Darryl Whitaker for all of their work with the Western Region this season.
 - 3.2. National – Patrick Riml (report given during 2nd half of the meeting)
Welcome to Park City. Difficult season and appreciate all of your work for the region. A question and answer session was conducted, topics included National Team Criteria, development plan, time schedule of hiring a new Western Region Director, Whistler Cup, Youth Coordinator subsidization.
Todd Kelly read the WR ACC resolution regarding the WR involvement in the hiring of the new WR Director.
 - 3.2.1. Regional Report – Gwynn Watkins
report posted on the WR Governance Page. Thank you to everyone as it was a tough year with weather, tragedy, results. Pulled together as a region.
Communication – two years into the USSA website, IT department looking into better navigation list. Facebook page is doing well, 680 likes, goal is 1000.
Email list and database system – USSA is working on a new data system so that Gwynn can access directly.
Gwynn continues to participate in many of the working groups. Working with Club Amp and building out for the region.
Competition – big thank you to Mammoth and Beat, Jackson and Bridger, and Bachelor for picking up races this season.
Nor Ams – full participation, some Nor Am podiums.
Thank you to Karen Harjo for well-run projects – organized and well attended.
Attendance at divisional Meetings and Congresses.
Seeing a trend – about 2 weeks from race we have head counts, and they are not matching up at first team captains meeting. Too many pulls at team captains meetings.
Selections – live boards and selections. Transparent and coaches check as it takes place. Thank you to Darryl Whitaker for heading up the Regional Team at the U16 Nationals.
Thank you to Lester. Provided great leadership and mentor, and will greatly miss him!
Loss of Bryce and Ronnie was tough. Thank you to everyone that helped through that process. The Elite Tech 1 will be renamed to the Bryce Astle Memorial.
 - 3.2.2. Tiger Shaw – thanked everyone for coming and available throughout the week for communications.
 - 3.2.3. Regional Athlete Projects – Karin Harjo
report available on WR Governance page for review. Karin is on the hill working on a development project.
 - 3.2.4. Regional Youth Coordinator – Darryl Whitaker
report available on WR Governance page for review.
Long list of ideas for continued work within the region: club visits, continuing education clinics and staff training. Looking forward to working with the Region again.
Motion of affirmation for Darryl, Gwynn and Karin to continue what they are doing for the WR. **Approved unanimously.**
 - 3.2.5. USSA Membership – Sheryl Barnes (document on membership reviewed)
Mac Donohue, Kelly McMannis and Stephanie introduced as new staff members to membership.

Overhauling membership this season. Reviewed membership pricing, temporary membership, etc.

Objectives of the overhaul:

-tiered pricing structure for athletes

-multi sport membership: pay the highest of their memberships and just sign up for other memberships, ie athlete and coach – pay athlete membership and coach is free.

-Family memberships: a cap for immediate family of \$400

Trying to find a way for membership benefits to be provided to parents without memberships for themselves.

Club volunteer was launched last year. Pricing for this year will be \$40, includes background screening.

-Reviewed CLIP insurance requirements and how this meets those standards

-DnO policy now available, \$500. Available online.

Looking to provide info graphic on age/membership/benefits provided, etc.

Customer Service – provide a bulk membership sign up option. Using an esign system for the parents.

Service availability during season – laptops and cell phones on during the weekends.

FIS membership servicing – obtain new number immediately

accepting division waivers – being tested

online club membership – still working on it

What managing: affiliate dues program, background screening, background screening and compliance, FIS membership, CLIP program

3.3 Western Region Items

3.3.1 WR Budget – attached for reference

ACC Executive committee approved \$1000 donation to the Ronnie Berlack and Bryce Astle Memorial funds.

Bill Gunesch is interested in handing the position over. He is willing to help train and work with the budget committee.

WR Head Tax Committee Report

good news - Gwynn was able to balance and use the funds well.

bad/good news – information was received from USSA just recently so the Committee was unable to meet

3.4 WR Action Items

3.4.1 WR Automatic Proposal

In a nutshell....appears this is in conflict of the amateur athletic access rules allow coach to take care of athlete management

Understand the intent of the Automatics rule, feel that it is an outdated rule.

Alex Natt stated that as long as we can defend it, it is not against the amateur sports act.

Motion #1 by Todd Brickson, 2nd Beat Hupfer

Repeal the Western Region Automatic restriction so that they are free to participate in any event to which they've gained entry.

Discussion – in favor of athlete management vs. rules. As exceptions have been made, it is time to take a look at the rule. Is there a need to put together a task force to

Vote: passed unanimously

3.4.2 WR Snow Control Proposal

Motion #2 by Todd Brickson, 2nd Bill Gunesch, Bill Brooks 2nd the amended proposal

Institute an impartial a system within Western Region that evaluates competition sites to ensure adequate snow for competition, and produce a clear approval or disapproval of the site a minimum of 44 7 days prior to the team captains' meeting.

Discussion – confirmed Nor Am policy. Some programs lost lots of funds this year.
Race Organizers need to work with the lodging partners on refunds when events are cancelled.

Amend proposal to 7 days, remove the word impartial

Vote: amended motion approved unanimously.

3.4.3 U16 Proposal (Europe project)

Motion #3 by Todd Brickson, 2nd Lex Patton – Motion TABLED to August Call

Any athlete attending a WR European project would become an automatic to the Regional Championships, from their division. Discussion about athletes that are ranked on the initial list attending vs. deeper into the selection boards.

Motion #4: Lex Patton, 2nd Beat Hupfer

WR will hold a European competition and training project for U16's.

Discussion: 2nd year U16's.

Amendment to be ' only 2nd year U16's.'

Vote: amended motion passed unanimously

Action Item Gwynn work with youth chair of ea. division to work on selection process.

3.4.4 U14 Regional Championships – Proposal sent to ASC

Troy Price – thank you for passing the proposal at the Reno meeting.

Next steps – siting/calendering the event

Propose – run it on top of U16 Regionals March 17-20th, 2016. 2nd option March 10-13, 2016. Vote: 17-20 of March – IMD, 10-13: FW, PNSA, AK, NO

Motion #5: by Bill Gunesch, 2nd Todd Brickson

U14 Regional Championships will be run as a scored race series.

Passed Unanimously

Selection process from Regional Champs to National Champs is already in place.

“The top five, second YOB athletes at the Regional U14 Junior Championships on the overall ranking list will be selected. Athletes will not be purged. Ties will be broken by using the single best result. If a tie still exists, the next best result would be used, and this process will continue until the tie is broken.”

Troy Price would like to see Skills Quest is added to the event in the future so that athletes are more prepared for the U16 Nationals.

3.5 WR Calendar -

Thank you to the working group for all of their work. Feel a good representation for each division.

3 NJR's, 2 Elites and 1 Open

Bids due by May 20th. Calendar working group will get together and review bids,

Sites posted by May 26th.

December block is super important for 1st year U18's. Discussion about December being NJR or Open FIS. Discussion continued, will return to the Calendaring working group to finalize the decision.

Calendar working group reviewed: Gwynn Watkins Chairperson

PNSA – Dan Henry; IMD Bridger Call; AK - Aaron Stiassny; NO – Jeremy Ueland

FW - Todd Kelly. Karen Korfanta and Michelle Demschar listen in

New WR ACC Chair will call a quick Executive Committee to approve/review the work/calendar of the Calendaring Committee.

3.6 Resolutions - attached
Lucy Schram Read each resolution, and both approved unanimously.

3.7 Miscellaneous
Divisional Meeting Dates:
IMD May 27th – 28th in Wendover
NO – June 5th in Missoula
PNSA – June 5-7, 2015 in Hood River
FW – Board May 21, 2015 Squaw Valley; ACC last week of May/first week of June.

Karen Korfanta– WR ACC meeting schedule this last year worked well, and we will move forward a similar schedule. August/Oct/Feb/April proposal meeting/Congress.

Coaches forums will continue

Long range items to review– WR By Laws language regarding Officials Rep and Collegiate Rep. Should possibly review tenure to have it rotate for these positions.

Athlete reps need to be reviewed, their attendance, geographic, tenure.

Motion: Dan Henry, 2nd Todd Kelly

WR ACC to create a working group to review feasibility/necessity to incorporate the Western Region.

Working Group named: Bill Brooks, Lex Patton, Todd Brickson

Motion passed unanimously

Action Item: Jesse Hunt and Phil McNichol to bring incentives to the August Meeting in ways to entice/reward WR Autos to stay within our region for Elite Spring Series.

Q: U14 Regional Champs will it be part of the Marriott sponsorship?

A: no it will not be.

3.8 Election of Officers
Affirmation to have Todd Kelly to be the Chair of the WR ACC – passed unanimously
Nominate Bill Gunesch to be Vice Chair – passed unanimously
Looking for a new Treasurer immediately.

Todd Kelly: Thank You to Karen Korfanta for her leadership of the WR ACC for the past three years.

3.9 Adjournment – 15:42

Western Region ACC Savings Account
 May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015

Date	Amount	Chk #	Transaction
5/1/2014	108,942.75		Beginning Balance FY Beginning
5/30/2014	6.48		INTEREST PAYMENT
6/9/2014	(3.00)		ONLINE DEP DETAIL & IMAGES
6/30/2014	6.27		INTEREST PAYMENT
7/31/2014	6.48		INTEREST PAYMENT
8/29/2014	6.47		INTEREST PAYMENT
9/16/2014	(5,000.00)		ONLINE TRANSFER TO WESTERN REGION COMPETITI REF #IBETV2QQFR BUSINE
9/30/2014	5.22		INTEREST PAYMENT
10/31/2014	4.41		INTEREST PAYMENT
11/28/2014	4.27		INTEREST PAYMENT
12/31/2014	4.42		INTEREST PAYMENT
1/30/2015	4.42		INTEREST PAYMENT
2/27/2015	3.98		INTEREST PAYMENT
3/31/2015	4.42		INTEREST PAYMENT
4/30/2015	4.27		INTEREST PAYMENT
	(4,941.89)		Net Activity 2015-15
4/30/2015	104,000.86		Ending Balance FY Ending
			Net Activity since FY ending
5/5/2015	(20,000.00)		ONLINE TRANSFER TO WESTERN REGION COMPETITI BUSINESS CHECKING XXXX
5/12/2015	84,000.86		Current Account Balance

**WESTERN REGION ACCOUNTING 2014 - 2015
SOURCES and USES OF FUNDS**

Beginning Balance: May 1, 2014

	Checking Account	Saving Account	Total
	82,336.50	108,942.75	191,279.25

Sources of Funds

Western Region Head Tax 2014-15	71,738.00		
Head Tax 2013-14	38,931.00		
	<u>110,669.00</u>		
Transfer from Western Region Savings	5,000.00		
Interest Income		<u>61.11</u>	
Total Sources of Funds	115,669.00	61.11	115,730.11

Uses of Funds

USSA - Western Region Projects	56,973.00		
Western Region Youth Coordinator	38,400.00		
Western Region Team equipment	5,250.00		
Transfer to Western Region Checking		5,000.00	
Bank Fees	125.40	3.00	
Donations - Astle & Berlack	2,000.00		
Total Uses of Funds	<u>102,748.40</u>	<u>5,003.00</u>	<u>107,751.40</u>

Ending Balance: April 30, 2015

	95,257.10	104,000.86	199,257.96
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Current Sources/(Uses) of Funds - May 2015

USSA - Western Region Projects 14-15	(95,927.00)		
Bank Fees - May	(9.95)		
Transfer from Western Region Savings	20,000.00	(20,000.00)	
Head Tax Deposit 2014-15	15,950.00		
Current Balance; May 12, 2015	35,270.15	84,000.86	119,271.01



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Meeting Date/Location May 13, 2015, May Congress

Motion Number

Maker Bill Gunesch
Seconded Todd Kelly

Motion: Be it resolved that the USSA Western Region Alpine Competition Committee unanimously casts a vote of deep gratitude and respect for Dr. Lester Keller on behalf of all the western athletes, coaches, families and clubs who have benefited from his leadership both now and in years past.

Further, let it be known that the leaders of the Western Region, and the leaders of the western clubs and divisions, greatly appreciated Lester for his ability to bring together the individual interests of all constituents for the common good of the Western Region and the sport of alpine skiing.

Finally, the Western Region ACC supports Lester Keller and wish him, and his family, great successes and happiness in his future endeavors.

Karen Korfanta; ACC Chairperson
Todd Kelly; ACC Vice Chairperson
Craig Kruger; ACC Past Chairperson
Lucy Schram; Secretary
Bill Gunesch; Treasurer
Beat Hupfer; Far West
Bill Brooks; PNSA
Jeremy Ueland; Northern
Todd Brickson; Intermountain
Bridger Call; Intermountain
Lex Patton; Alaska
Lara Hildreth; Alaska
Roger Root; Officials
Keely Kelleher; Athlete
Dane Spencer; Athlete
Jamie DuPratt; Athlete

Vote:

Result PASSED UNANIMOUSLY



Western Region Alpine Competition Committee

Meeting Date/Location May 13, 2015 Congress

Motion Number

Maker Bill Gunesch

Seconded Todd Kelly

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Western Region ACC requests to be included as an integral voice in the selection process for a new Western Region Director. The Western Region ACC recognizes the importance of the collective effort of its Divisions to advance ski racing within the Western United States, and the importance of a Regional Director with experience to promote and collaborate with five distinctly different philosophical and geographical zones.

The growth and future success of the Western Region will greatly depend upon the strength of the Regional Director to lead the five Western Divisions.

Vote:

Result PASSED UNANIMOUSLY