



USSA Alpine Western Region ACC
October Conference Call
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
11:00am MDT

MINUTES

1. Welcome & Introductions- chair
2. Roll Call – secretary
 - 2.1 Review of voting members
Executive: Todd Kelly, Karen Korfanta, Troy Price, Ryan Shorter, Lucy Schram
AK – Lex Patten, Scott Zahn
FW – Beat Hupfer, Mike Ginsberg
PNSA – Bill Brooks, Dan Henry
Northern – Jeremy Ueland
IMD – Gordon Perry, Bridger Call
Officials – Roger Root
Athletes – Will Brandenburg, Jaimie DuPratt
Staff – Gwynn Watkins, Bill Gunesch, Carm Burnett, Paul Mahre, Shari Hale, Daryl Whitaker, Chip Knight, Megan Argo
Guests: Jesse Hunt, Pete Korfiatis, Steve Bounous, Jim Hudson, Scott McGrew, John Schiemer
3. Review Agenda / Additions – chair
Additions to the Agenda:
 - Time limits to file appeal
 - Motion by Troy Price, 2nd Mike Ginsberg ; appeals for sanctions by Western Region to be filed within 30 days. Passed unanimously**
 - Head tax increase = Entry increase for champs
 - Change in the Turton Method to the 5 method.
4. Review and Approval of August Minutes – chair
Motion to approve minutes: Troy Price, 2nd Mike Ginsberg . Approved: Unanimously
5. USSA / FIS Update – Chip Knight
 - 5.1 FIS Meetings - Korfanta
 - 5.2 ASC Fall Call Updates – 5 updates
 - Proposals at the ASC call that went through
 - 17-18 ladies ski 30m
 - Clarification on SG training run, required element of U14 and U12 competition
 - Quota clarification going into US Nations without U19 Nats
 - U16 NPS quota
 - 5.3 Other items
 - tighten up criteria to the team
 - Regional level trying to broaden U19 and U16 level, good training and racing environment

- US Jr National Champ events, following US Nats: GS.SL.SG U21, U19 titles
- Refining Regional and Tri Regional projects for 2017 prep period
- FIS talking about age change back to 15
- 6. Alpine Officials and Coaches Education – Lucy and Roger
 - 6.1 WR Representation to AOEWG:
 - Motion by Bill Brooks, 2nd by Mike Ginsberg to appoint Lucy Schram, Bob Pettit, Steve Schoenberg and Roger Root as the Western Region reps to AOEWG.**
 - Passed Unanimously**
 - 6.2 Fall Clinics
 - PNSA has finished 2 of 3
 - IMD – listed on IMD website
 - NO – this weekend
 - FW – at their Convention
 - AK – November
 - CO is now available sort of online.
 - 6.3 Mammoth Camp – U16 Internship concept for coaches education will start in May. This years budget line item will help subsidize coaches travel to U16 Nats in the East.
 - 6.4 WR coaches symposium – will be held day prior to USSA Congress
 - Regional Coaches Forums at Squaw Elite and Jackson Wild West, along with U16 and U14 Champs.
 - December 1 Regional Coaches Forum conference call. 7pm
- 7. Western Region Program Update
 - 7.1 Directors report
 - 7.1.1 Dates of Each Divisions Skills Quest
 - Received divisional dates, and then there will be one at U14 Regional Champs
 - 7.1.2 2018 USSA Nationals Championships Selection document went out for review, U19 and Older
 - 3rd weekend in March: SL.GS.SG
 - Approx 200 (100M.100W) – regional quota split basedon membership
 - 7.2 Manager’s report
 - 7.2.1 Physical assessment
 - Full rollout in Feberuary
 - Posting on the website will wait until full test is out
 - 7.3 Divisional Managers’ Updates
 - AK – no updates
 - FW - updated website, Fall Convention November 4-6
 - NO – 2 new clubs, officials clinics this coming weekend. ACC and Fall meeting this weekend, too. Membership #'s are up slightly.
 - PNSA – 2 out of 3 major clinics completed. Coaches symposium this past weekend.
 - IMD – Timing clinic completed, major clinic coming up, over summer worked on governance.
 - 7.4 Regional Coach Report
 - 7.4.1 September – LaParva wrap up: Snow has been good, soft in the afternoon. Working with the programs on how to make it a solid tri regional project.

- 7.4.2 2017 May – October project plan: plan was attached to the agenda
- 7.4.3 Currently in Europe and training has gone well. Group is a bit large and that can be discussed dealing with criteria going forward.

7.5 Youth Coordinator Report

- 7.5.1 Travel plans and visits
 - still trying to plan a good visit plan to AK
 - provided plans for coaches education visits, club visits, SQ comps
 - Looking forward to a great winter

8. WR ACC Committee Reports

8.1 Executive Committee Report – chair

- 8.1.1 Status of Western Region ACC Inc.- no report available

- 8.1.2 Governance business

- 8.1.2.1 USSA Committee Representation update:

- 3rd Athlete Rep to WR ACC – please send names to TK
 - Add athlete rep to Executive Committee –TK will appoint one
 - Quotas Working Group – Troy Price and Ryan Shorter were named
 - U16 and Older Working Group – Jesse Hunt and Pete Korfiatis named
 - U14 and Under Working Group –Jim Hudson and Jeremy Ueland named, Haley Duke is being added as an athlete rep
 - Coaches Education WG – Scott McGrew was named
 - Club Education WG - John Schiemer named

8.2 Treasurer Report – treasurer

- 8.2.1 Western Region ACC Finances – report

- Status Quo, have collected \$12k of our past dues
 - Now paying quarterly payment to USSA, \$25K per quarter
 - Checking balance is \$30k
 - Savings balance is \$84K

- 8.2.2 Western Region Fund – to work on during 16-17 season

- No change as business operation yet. Goal to increase to a point for scholarships

- 8.2.3 Motion by Troy Price, 2nd Lex Patten: Increase entry fees for U14 and U16 Regional Champs to \$34. Passed Unanimously**

8.3 Site Selection Committee Report - WR staff

- 8.3.1 Added a day to the Schweitzer Speed Series to meet DH training run requirements.

- 8.3.2 Regional Champs info will filter through Divisoinal Managers Call

8.4 Development Committee Report – Vice Chair and WR Director

- 8.4.1 WEST Team

- 8.4.1.1 Formal naming of the team (post Europe)

- 8.4.1.2 New criteria grid for the 17-18 team

- This has been passed around based on a past 3 year study.
 - Goal to tighten up criteria, not to be too large.
 - Discussion regarding the criteria chart, it is a hierarchy chart.

8.4.2 RTG 17-18 criteria

8.4.3 Automatics – Gwynn has completed this. Cut off points are on Divisional Quota grids.

8.4.4 **Motion by Mike Ginsberg, 2nd Ryan Shorter: Approved Unimously**
Western Region athletes who attend the USSA project to the 7 Nations Cup in Europe have automatic status to the region's U16 Junior Championship

U16 Autos to Regional Championships –

1. U16 NTG athletes will continue to have automatic status to the WR U16 Junior Championship starting in a randomly drawn special seed after the first seed. These athletes will not count against divisional quotas.

2. Western Region U16 athletes who qualify for, and attend, the 7 Nations Cup as part of the national project will have automatic status to the WR U16 Junior Championship and start in a randomly drawn special seed after the first seed. These athletes will not count against divisional quotas.

3. The top 5 male and top 5 female athletes selected to, and attending, the WR U16 Europe project will have automatic status to the WR U16 Junior Championship. These athletes will be included in divisional quotas and will be seeded by their division. If selected athletes qualify for, and attend, the 7 Nations Cup project the region will not go deeper on the selection list naming automatics.

8.4.5 **Troy Price Motion, Ryan Shorter 2nd to use the 5 Seed Method for seeding the U16's at their Regional Championships to match the U14 Regional Championships. Passed Unanimously.**

Turton method distributes evenly, 5 seed method targets 20% of the given field size. Still provides the Divisions the opportunity to place their athletes into the seeds according to their methods. Much easier to understand and calculate.

8.4.6 WR Development System – piece to be included in the WR Policies and Procedures, used to define how we work together between Region/Divisions/Clubs.

8.5 National Committee Reports –

8.5.1 Communications between both sides – TK

Members on the below committees need to attend the WR meetings

8.5.2 U16 and Older Working Group (Hunt/Korfiatas)

Jesse provided a report. Group met to provide input on items that went forward to the Development Committee. Meeting was focused on the proposals at this time.

Jesse Hunt is the chair of the group.

8.5.3 U14 and Under Working (Hudson/Ueland)

Hudson reported that the group has communicated and it's a good working group.

Jeremy will be in Vegas for the April meeting.

Jim Hudson will be in Vegas for the April Meetings

8.5.4 Quota Working Group (Hupfer)

Beat reported that group met to work on Quota updates, items moved forward and ratified at last weeks ASC call.

8.5.5 Coaches Education Working Group (McGrew)
working on shared practices at this point. Understanding where our National Coached Ed comes into play, too.

8.5.6 Club Education/Certification Working Group (Schiemer)
no report yet

9. Western Region Projects and Events – WR staff

9.1 Project reports –

9.1.1 November Mammoth Project- finalized today. 13-14 athletes. Pick will be in Mammoth

9.1.2 U16 Europe Trip – Flying into Croatia, driving to train in Cortina, racing back down in Childrens FIS Competition in Europe. Received an expanded quota, could possibly take more than 5 and 5.

9.1.3 U16 NPS – recently released with a press release.

9.1.4 U19 NPS – Bill will be in attendance. Docs and invites were released recently. These are run by Chip and Megan with Western Staff Attending.

Scott McGrew asked about how WR staff is chosen....Gwynn noted that WR will name the coaches attending.

10. New Business – chair

Divisional and Regional PnP are due to Regional Subcommittee by November 15th. Goes to Gwynn and she will pass them onto Krueger and Landstrom

All other items were addressed earlier in the meeting.

11. Meeting Schedule – chair

11.1 March Call – Gwynn and Lucy will throw out a few dates later.

11.2 Vegas Meeting, Wednesday, April 19th

-deposit is in, group code will come out shortly

11.3 Congress Meeting, Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 12:00 -17:00 (note day shift for this year) due to Mother's Day).

Troy asked if it was better to meet after the Development and Initial ASC meeting. Should we move our Congress meeting after initial meetings?

Discussion should take place prior to March call if we need to change our meeting time?

Chip reported that Regions flow up to Regional Sub Committee and then to the ASC so it should flow better now.

Paul asked how this will affect Club Excellence...Gwynn will confirm the dates of CE.

12. Adjournment -

TK Thanked everyone for attendance, no further comments meeting was adjourned.