



Western Region Alpine Competition Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060

Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Meeting Chair: Todd Kelly

1. Welcome and call to order – Chair, Call to order at 13:00
Thank you to all the volunteers that make up this committee. Thank you to the staff: Bill, Gwynn, Will, Pick
2. Roll call and review of committee membership – Secretary
WR ACC membership: Todd Kelly, Troy Price, Lucy Schram, Karen Korfanta, Lex Patten, Lara Hildreth, Beat Hupfer, Mike Ginsberg, Gordon Perry, Scott McGrew, Tim Hinderman, Jeremy Ueland, Curt Hammond, Dan Henry, Roger Root, Jake Benda
Divisional and Regional Staff: Natalie Osborn, Lucy Schram, Carma Burnett, Sherri Hale, Paul Mahre, Bill Gunesch, Gwynn Watkins, Will Brandenburg, Jeff Pickering
Guests: Craig Krueger, Kent Towleron, Dave Kerwynn, Ron Kipp, Karen Ghent, Molly Laramie, Jordan Stone, Kevin Chaffee, Steve Bounous, Tami Strong, Lester Keller, Kristina Revello, Pete Korfiatis, Todd Brickson, Aaron Atkins, Kyle Crezee, Matt Brown, Mary Joyce, Jim Tschabran, Brian Morgan, John Buchar, Drew Southworth, Jamie Landwehr, Will Courtney, Jay Rackley, Brandy Barna, Alex Spychalsky
3. Review Agenda/Additions – Chair
M/S/A Troy Price/Mike Ginsberg/Unanimous
Acceptance of agenda with additions provided.
4. Review and approval of minutes April 19, 2018
M/S/A Troy Price/Dan Henry/Unanimous
Approval of minutes from April, 19th meeting
5. US Ski and Snowboard Program Update – Chip Knight, unavailable during the meeting
6. Western Region Program Update – WR Staff
 - 6.1. Directors Report – Bill Gunesch
report will be posted on the WR website

Review of mission statement. Few changes: Will Brandenburg and Jeff Pickering's rolls reviewed and thanked for their work. ROC's thanked for their work during the season for quality events.

Athlete performance measurements reviewed: WJC, US Ski Team, Garner Cup, etc. Specific results noted.

Athlete Development Mission and Goal of WR Development, Importance of Ski Clubs and Project- Based model reviewed. Development projects reviewed.

Retention analysis presented.

Review of pros and cons of the 2018 race calendar. Item to correct – top Regional athletes left the Region during key series.

- 6.2. Managers' Report – Gwynn
Report will be posted on the WR website
- 6.3. WR Coach Update – Will Brandenburg, presentation distributed
“The Road Ahead” presentation presented (repeat of April 19th presentation).
Will announced that he is leaving the position as the Regional Coach and will be coaching at Sun Valley, an opportunity to be home with his family more.
Appreciate this year, was not intention to leave after one year and thankful for the time, looking forward to carrying these goals out through Sun Valley and into our Region.
- 6.4. Youth Development Coach Report – Jeff
Report will be posted on the WR website
Had the opportunity to attend competition projects, development projects, etc.
Highlight of his season being able to work with the coaches and athletes at this age class.
Thank you Bill, Gwynn and Will for all their support this season.
U16 NPS highlights: Development -Mt Hood in June, Copper in December,
Competition project – Burke project
18-19 season will have 3 projects again: GS/SG in November development project, Burke in January competition project, U16 Nationals competition project, June technical project.
Many coaches and programs thanked for the opportunity for Pick to be a part of their local development projects. Programs congratulated.
- 6.5. Whistler Cup report by Troy Price
12 athletes attended, athletes discovered they could be competitive on this stage.
Aspect of team unity of the region of athletes and coaches. Results reviewed and commended. Excellent cooperation with the U16 Whistler Cup team. Received positive feedback from parents, too.

7. Divisional Managers Updates

- 7.1. AK Past few years focus on official's certification and clubs, thank you to Lucy, Thelma and Scott Young for providing guidance and education.
Thank to WR for the support during U16 Regional Champs.
Focus for upcoming season – more resources to other clubs. Will help increase the pipeline for AK.
- 7.2. FW racing finished last week, wrap up of the season is beginning. Snow struggles yet all athletes that wanted to race FIS has the opportunity to race FIS this season.
Excellent cooperation amongst ROC's during calendar changes, progressive age class chairs proposing three new divisional development projects heading into the 18-19 season.
- 7.3. IMD tough at the beginning of the winter, no snow in Utah, no cancelled events due to shuffle of venues.
Congrats to Scotty McGrew for US Nationals and JR Nationals.
Congratulations to Troy Price as the US Domestic Coach of the year. Thank you to Pick for attending IMD project.
Focus on alpine officials, raising the levels.
May 23-24th IMD meetings. Discussion regarding retention.
- 7.4. ND – focusing over the past 2 years on a new strategic plan. Moved into a development task force group. Goal to have development plan in place by May meetings. Struggle with distance of the division. YSL numbers are at 200, smaller areas struggling with these numbers, brain storming ideas. Great snow year.
- 7.5. PNSA tough year, feast or famine with snow. All races came off, nothing cancelled.
Curt Hammond, President, spear heading quality of races: resort to ROC

management, three mid-season calls with TD's. 3rd speed project coming up, progression skills with a broad range of age classes. August PNSA SL camp at Hood. Annual Convention, June 1-4 in Yakima, WA with a full day for clubs with focus on governance, structure, etc. Roger Root continues to work with coaches and officials. Thank you to Natalie, Sherri, Lucy, Carma and Gwynn for a great year of working together.

8. Membership – Sheryl Barnes, no report available
9. Coaches Education and Club Development – Jon Casson/Ellen Adams
no report available
10. Officials Update – Roger Root
Report distributed with a noted correction that Jordan Stone is the vote from Far West to the AOEWG. 290 officials that need to become current for the 18-19 season.
No ski racing without a ski resort, working relationships. Jury responsibilities outside of the venue and communications with the resort.
11. WR Committee Reports and Proposals
 - 11.1. Executive Committee Report – TK
no issues presented to the Executive Committee
 - 11.2. Treasurer Report – Troy
written report distributed
Shout out to JJ for collecting WR head tax this season. Goal of one year reserve in savings account at \$160K, successfully transferred this spring and sitting at \$104K. Further finances will be finalized later this month.
Investment account balance \$45,365, gained 16% interest in the last year.
 - 11.2.1. Financial committee nominated
Curt Hammond, Shannon Carrell and Eric Garayoa have been nominated.
They will review project budgets, monthly reporting and grant dispersals.
 - 11.3. Site Selection Committee – Bill, Gwynn and Calendaring Committee
Calendar and venue selection attached for the 18-19 season.
December FIS Open: Snow King and Alaska
Elite 1: Big Sky (6 day event)
January Speed: Schweitzer
Elite 2: Park City (GS) and Snowbird(SL)
March FIS Open: Northstar
Spring Elite Tech and Open Speed: Mammoth
WR JR Champs – Alpine Meadows
U16 Regional Champs – Sun Valley
U14's Regional Champs – Big Sky
 - 11.4. Development Committee – no report
12. National Committee Reports
 - 12.1. Confirmation of WR reps to Working Groups
 - 12.2. U16 and Older Working Group Pete Korfiatis reported that it was a light year of communications. Goal of figuring out P26 and development goal.
 - 12.3. U14 and Younger Working Group – Dan Henry reported on the upcoming agenda. U14's at Whistler Cup, Can-Ams in Rocky/Central and East. Troy pointed out Whistler Cup is a Regional event, not a National project and important to keep as a Regional project.
 - 12.4. Club Development Working Group – Tami Strong reported, Club Excellence just finished up. Meeting 3-5 Wednesday. Update on Club Development. This working group helps provide support for clubs in all facets.
 - 12.5. Coaches Education Working Group – Scott McGrew reported, lot of work done on Level 100 coaches education. Influenced by education model.

- 12.6. Quotas and Selections – Beat Hupfer reported, two quota proposals. One for U19 NPS and one for 16 National Champs quotas.
Need to include one more WR rep to the working group. Nominations due to Todd Kelly by end of day Wednesday.
- 12.7. Regional Subcommittee – Craig Krueger, Chair, members Bill Brooks and Todd Kelly
- 13. Projects
 - 13.1. No further comments, addressed during staff reports above
- 14. Old Business
 - 14.1. Review of passed proposals from April 19th meeting
 - 14.1.1. Two U16's SG proposal questions: Seeding and Awards
M/S/A Mike Ginsberg/Dan Henry/Failed
The first contested SG is used as the Championship event
M/S/A Mike Ginsberg/Lex Patten/Passed
The 2nd contested SG is used as the Championship event, unless only one SG is held.
 - 14.1.2. Both SG's at the U16 Championships will utilize the Championship seeding method, separate draws.
M/S/A Troy Price/Gordon Perry/Passed
 - 14.2. Terminated Language Proposal
M/S/A Troy Price/Roger Root/Unanimous
Entry fees for cancelled or terminated races:
 1. For events cancelled prior to the first scheduled team captains meeting there will be a complete refund of all paid entry and speed training fees.
 2. For technical events canceled or terminated by the jury on the day of competition there will be an entry fee refund of ½ the organizers portion (\$10.00), ½ the regional portion (\$6.00) and the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Head tax of \$10.00. The region's portion, ½, is remitted to the region. Any unpaid head tax is refunded to the athlete.
 3. For speed event(s), including speed training, canceled or terminated anytime during the official program dates by the jury, there will be an entry refund of ½ the regional head tax (\$6.00), the \$10.00 U.S. Ski & Snowboard head tax and the training fee if no training was conducted. The organizer retains the organizer's 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 TD, the referee and the assistant referee. The region's portion, ½, is remitted to the region. Any unpaid head tax is refunded to the athlete.
 4. For any athlete that is listed on the official results as a DNS all national and regional head tax must be refunded. The athlete forfeits the remainder of the entry fee, including the training fee at a speed event.
 - 14.3. FIS Entry Fees
M/S/A Roger Root/Beat Hupfer/Passed
WR FIS Entry Fees limited to a maximum of \$48 per tech start and \$52 per speed start.
Training fees for speed events will be limited to a single charge of \$40
this is to be used as entry fee, not towards head tax
 - 14.4. WR U14 and U16 Championships Seeding
M/S/A Troy Price/Dan Henry/Passed
Enforce a minimum of two spots in the first seed at U14 and U16 Regional Championships.
 - 14.5. WR FIS Series and Quotas
M/S/A Troy Price/Mike Ginsberg/Passed
For 2018-2019, 80 men's and 80 women's slots will be allocated among the 5 western divisions based on their percentage of the total number of Western Region athletes on the U.S. Ski and Snowboard age ranking lists on the 14th U.S. Ski

& Snowboard list from the prior year.

*the number of ranked competitors from each division in the top 100 of the U.S. Ski & Snowboard list for each year of birth for the current year FIS-age juniors will be determined by summing the number of each division's junior athletes appearing on the ranking list in SL, the number appearing in GS and the number appearing in SG.

*An athlete who is age ranked in three disciplines will be counted up to three times.

*The Western Region total will be the sum of the division totals and the percentage of 80 of the total will determine each division's base number of competitors.

M/S/A Troy Price/Lex Patten/Passed

1. Elimination of Automatic status: current quota 30M/30W

2. Set West Reg total quota of 80M/80W for all tech events, and tech events including SG

3. Keep West Reg total quota of 115M/115W for speed events

4. Expand Regional Rank Quota Method to include 80M/80W with minimum quotas of 6M/6W

5. Identify FIS races used for selections, names as Elite Series and listed for WEST Team support

6. Elite Series quota will not be expanded past the total quota of 80M/80W

14.6. FISU entry fees discussed

15. New Business

15.1. Skills Quest U16 Regional Champs – IMD

M/S/A Gordon Perry/Beat Hupfer/Passed

Remove the Skills Quest Tournament from the Western Region U16 Regional Championships.

15.2. Nothing further

16. Election of Officers –18-19 season slate listed below

16.1. Chair – Todd Kelly, re-elected for one year term

16.2. Vice Chair – Scott Zahn, elected for one year term

16.3. Past Chair – Karen Korfanta, re-elected for one year term

16.4. 19-20 season PNSA will fill the Vice Chair position for 2 years, Scott Zahn will move into the Chair Position for 2 years, Todd Kelly will move into the Past Chair position for 2 years.

17. Meeting Schedule – August 22, 2018 at 11am MST; Conference Call

18. Adjournment 5:08pm