



**ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE FALL CONFERENCE CALL
10AM CENTRAL TIME Friday, OCTOBER 13, 2017**

1. Welcome and call to order – Landstrom
2. Roll Call – Landstrom
Attendance: Darryl Landstrom, Mike Morin, Joe Paul, Patrick Riml, Bill Slattery, Craig Krueger, Chip Knight, Paul Van Slyke, Warner Nickerson, Beat Hupfer, Dan Marshall, Doug Hall, Jessica Kelly, Jon Nolting, Mike Bowman, Stephan Hughes, Bill Brooks, Paul Van Slyke
Staff: Tim Maguire, Darlene Nolting, Bill Gunesch, Eric Cates, Gwynn Watkins, Patti Nichols
Not in attendance: Tao Smith, Karen Korfanta, Todd Kelly, Tom Winters, Tiger Shaw
3. Agenda review and approval
Motion: Bill Brooks; Second: Craig Krueger
4. Review and approval of May 12, 2017 Minutes
Motion: Bill Slattery; Second: Craig Kruger
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Staff Update – Riml/Knight
Riml: Preparation went well. Had good spring camps, Mammoth, Squaw, and Colorado. Women's speed team did not go to Chile. Had a great camp in Mammoth instead. During good snow years it can be very beneficial to stay domestically with our teams.
New Staff:
Women's WC4: Mats Boehnke, Assistant Coach

Knight: Active summer with long term U.S. Ski Team and developmental program planning.
Equipment – reminder that ASC adopted new regulations last spring
Youth Development Camp at Mt. Hood – 30 athletes plus three U.S. Ski Team members
New Branding – changed organizational name to U.S. Ski & Snowboard with new logo. All under the theme of One Team.



New website will be www.us skiandsnowboard.org.

All staff emails will move to @us skiandsnowboard.org

New Staff:

Eastern Region – Tim Maguire, Director, and Tom Ashworth, Head Coach

Rocky/Central Region – Eric Cates, Central Manager

Western Region – Will Brandenburg, Head Coach

5.1.a FIS Reports – Riml/Knight/ Landstrom/Van Slyke

Alpine Committee – Riml

Meetings started with a presentation from marketing, live stream critical going forward with the younger generation. There is a push to change philosophy on the World Cup, races will start in the afternoon.

No more Alpine Combined on the World Cup in the 2020-21 season. To be replaced with 7 Parallel events. FIS is also proposing to Implement Team and Individual Parallel into the World Championships and Olympics.

Lindsay Vonn proposal to race against men 2018 Lake Louise. It was tabled until spring 2018. Positive feedback and a lot of questions to answer. Need to talk to members and stakeholders.

Injury status passed for athletes to have a 2nd year.

Precision changes for Parallel and City Events.

New FIS Minimum Penalties Proposal for Spring FIS Congress to raise Continental Cup, FIS, and ENL minimum penalties. Will be discussed again in Greece and if passes implemented in the 2018-19 season.

Youth and Children Subcommittee – Knight

Proposal considered to increase the average number of starts for FIS point calculation to 5 in SL and GS and 3 in SG, DH, and AC. Received negative feedback and not supported. Further discussion on ideas to prevent manipulation of FIS points tabled for Spring FIS Congress.

World Juniors – 2018 in Davos, SUI, 2019 in Val di Fassa, ITA; 2020 no candidate yet International Schools Federation will host School World Games for U16 and U18 high school athletes in Grenoble, FRA. This will be a FIS event. USA can field a team through the AAU if there is interest. Darryl and Chip have more info.



Riml – There is still discussion about whether to change the FIS eligibility age back to 15. There could be a proposal in 2018. We need to discuss within our organization and have a clear position going into Spring FIS Congress.

Morin – Is there a formal written proposal?

Riml – No. We will circulate the old AUT proposal to the U16 and Older Working Group.

NorAm Committee (Knight) – small change in calendar moving Women’s Panorama SG to Lake Louise.

Classification Committee – Knight for Weinman

Adding language for women who are pregnant to be able to apply for injury status.

Masters Subcommittee – Landstrom

Big Sky is hosting 2018 FIS Masters Criterion March 18-24, 2018

University Subcommittee – Landstrom

Test event in Siberia 2018 in preparation of 2019 University Games.

Main discussion about age change to be in alignment with the FISU World University Games, for which competitors must be at least 17 and no older than 25. USA proposal to align the FIS UNI age rules with FISU age rules for the 2020-21 season did not pass. Will be revisited in Spring 2018.

Lake Placid is bidding for 2023 World University Games.

TD Committee – Van Slyke

Ongoing study of courses, considering direction changes and length. Equipment rules—approved effective July 2018. Inspection reporting will be presented in Spring 2018. Brush cutting of current homologated trails

5.2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard BOD – Landstrom

BOD call in mid-September: governance proposals presented to FIS Council for Spring FIS Congress on term limits, voting rights, gender balance, etc.

Staff:

Dan Barnett is new Chief Commercial Officer



Good financial standing: budget allocates 80% on athletics, 10% on revenue producing activities and 10% on administrative activities.

Development Site partnerships: 5-10-year commitments with sites to provide training at no cost to regional teams. Confirmed sites are Mittersill, BMA/Burke, GMVS/Sugarbush, CVA/Sugarloaf, Squaw Valley, and Waterville Valley.

High Performance Center program: progressing better than anticipated with seven centers confirmed: BMA, GMVS, CVA, SMS, KMS, Sugar Bowl, and Squaw Valley.

Club Development: 11 new clubs in certification process, 18 complete

Regional Club Excellence conferences – four being held: East at Killington, Central at Buck Hill, Rocky at Copper, and West at Squaw Valley

Safe Sport, BRASS, and Korean safety plan reviewed

BOD created 5-member finance committee to review financial projections and operating budgets

Nominating committee recommended Dexter Paine be re-nominated for 18 months.

5.3. Athlete Rep – Nickerson

Athletes lost Will Brandenburg on the ASC. Looking for a new person to feel that seat. Lots of discussion on the AAC about doping and Russia's participation in the upcoming Olympics. Created two working groups: a U.S. Ski Team athlete WG (2 men and 2 women, WC and EC), and a non-U.S. Ski Team athlete WG (2 women and 2 men). WGs discussing access to and support at WCs, funding, accounting practices, communication between coaches and athletes, requirement to wear U.S. Ski Team suits in WCs.

Riml – Wearing the NSA suit in WCs is a FIS rule.

Morin – Are you involved with the Marolt Athlete Endowment?

Nickerson – No, but I receive updates from Phil Gross. In 2-3 years, MAE should fill the athlete-funding gap for all B-Team athletes, and will be need-based for C- and D-Team athletes.

Riml – For B-team athletes starting in the top-45 at WC, the federation receives travel money from the FIS: 500 CHF per weekend for U.S. events and 1,000 CHF per weekend for European events. Some of the athletes collect 8,000 - 11,000



CHF in total. We give that money back to the athletes, which offsets their travel expenses. We are looking into not charging B-Team athletes team fees in the future.

5.4. Judicial – Slattery

No Activity: no report

5.5. Education – Nolting

Coaches Education will have the largest gathering of clinicians in history at Copper next month for training on the new online content for Level 100.

Bowman – In the past, Level 400 coaches could administer a Level 100 clinic to staff in their club. Will they still be able to do that?

Nolting – My understanding is that club delivery will still be available. Will get further information from staff.

5.6. Development – Morin

Nothing to report at this time from the Development Subcommittee. However, we just finished the 3rd working group session of the club high performance centers. The HPC program is an effort to bring our best clubs together and collaborate with U.S. Ski & Snowboard High Performance staff. Each HPC club then becomes a node for distributed high performance programming for developing athletes at the regional and local level. A key element of this initiative is two-way communication between the High Performance team in the COE and conditioning staffs in the clubs, with a focus on youth and junior athletic development. Three workshops have been held to date, and they have all been highly educational and well-attended. One more session is planned to focus on force-plate testing and return to snow principles for injured athletes.

5.7. FIS – Van Slyke

Courses WG – Thanks to Bruce Crane and the inspectors for the good work that they do. 101 applications this year, and more are anticipated. 14 FIS and 23 National homologations expire next month without any new applications. New applications: 9 FIS and 15 National. Re-homologations in process: 29 FIS and 32 National. Advance



re-homologations: 9 FIS and 7 National. 9 National homologations under the review and approval process.

Rules WG – New change in the EET rules proposed by FIS that we will hopefully adopt later in this meeting.

Thanks to Jeff Weinman and John Jett for getting the ACR updated and published. TD updates in Vancouver October 20-22 and in Lake Placid October 27-29.

The FIS list will likely be published every two weeks starting in the 2018-19 season.

5.8. Technical – Hall

Busy summer re-branding everything on the education side. No major changes, except for the new proposed EET rule. Education material has been sent out to all the clinicians and clinics are underway.

5.9. Regional – Krueger

No report. Expect to have more information once fall meetings are completed. Challenge in keeping athlete representatives seats filled on boards and committees. Dues and fees from affiliates are coming out soon.

Motion to approve reports as presented: Mike Morin; Second: Jon Nolting
Approved unanimously

6. Alpine Event Calendar – Korfanta

No report.

7. Comp Guide/Intent to Compete/Online Entry – Knight

Comp guide is posted and currently being shipped to members. Intent site is up and running and will remain the same on the new website. Online bulk entry will be available for clubs this year.

8. New Business

8.1. U.S. Ski & Snowboard Awards Nominations – Slattery

Nominations for national awards will be submitted in March. Suzette will send more information. Please think about who you would like to nominate for these prestigious awards. It is important to recognize key people in our community.

8.2. Subcommittee/Working Group Elections – Landstrom

Elections will take place at Congress. We need nominations for:

FIS SC, FIS TD WG, Alpine Courses WG, Alpine Rules WG,

Alpine Education SC, Club WG, Coaches WG, Regional SC

8.3. NPS/Regional FIS Quota and Selection Proposal – Knight

Modification and adaptation of existing NPS and regional FIS quotas for a combined event. In this case, we are utilizing an existing FIS SG race for the NPS program. This is a one-time adaptation that may be used for NPS speed races in the future, but not for technical races.

Motion: Beat Hupfer; Second: Bill Slattery

Approved unanimously

8.4. FIS EET Hand Timing Proposal – Van Slyke

New format to calculate electronic-equivalent times, considering the 10 times before the missed time instead of 5 before and 5 after. Considering time of day instead of net time. Provides the ability to calculate hand times on demand, as needed. This was approved by FIS Alpine Committee. Asking ASC to approve for the 2017-18 season. We are prepared to implement this immediately.

Motion: Bill Slattery; Second: Paul Van Slyke

Bill Brooks – Will the software be ready to implement?

Van Slyke – Yes, Vola has already been updated and Split Second is in the process of making the change.

Approved unanimously

8.5. 2018 Congress Proposals – Landstrom

Deadline midnight Thursday, April 26th

9. Old Business

9.1. High School Task Force Report

Created after Congress, consisting of Chip Knight, Brewster Mcvicker, Darryl Landstrom, Dan Marshall, and Lucy Schram. Estimate of 10,000 high school athletes.

Discussion about educational opportunities for courses, equipment, and coaches,



Working on short term membership opportunities. Goal is to have an integrated system with high schools by 2021.

9.2. Adoption of U.S. Ski & Snowboard into Affiliation and Bylaw Agreements

10. 2018 Congress Review – Landstrom

10.1. Schedule Change due to FIS meetings in Greece May 14-19, 2018

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress Tuesday, May 1 – Friday, May 4, 2018

10.2. Executive Committee Meetings: 3PM Tuesday, May 1 and 7:30AM Friday, May 4

10.3. ASC Meetings: 6PM Tuesday, May 1 and 11AM Friday, May 4

11. Comments

12. Adjournment