

## **ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress 2018  
Doubletree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT  
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## Alpine Masters Committee Meeting

Big Sky, MT, Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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Meeting Chair: Lisa Densmore – Red Lodge, MT

Meeting Called to Order 2:15PM

1. Attendance: Bill Skinner, Lisa Ballard, Lauren Beckos, Dan Simmons, Ryan Fuller, Steve Slivinski, Tony Nunnikhoven, Alan Drake, Meri Stratton, Stew Marsh, Pepi Neubauer, Nadine Price, Deb Lewis, Fran Noel, Thunder Jalili
2. Voting Members:
  - a. Alaska - Alan Drake
  - b. PNSA - Tim Hill
  - c. Northern - Fran Noel
  - d. Far West - Dan Simmons
  - e. Intermountain - Meri Stratton
  - f. Rocky - Lauren Beckos
  - g. Midwest - Ryan Fuller
  - h. New England - Nadine Price
3. Division Chair Changes:
  - a. Northern - Fran Noel → Jack Ballard
  - b. Alaska - Gary Randall → Carl Swanson
  - c. NY Masters stepping up: James Thoman
  - d. Far West – Dan Simmons – Ray Tulloch
4. Mammoth Minutes Review
  - a. Motion to Approve Minutes: L. Beckos
  - b. 2nd: R. Fuller
  - c. All approved
5. Review of Ski Cooper Meeting
  - a. Had a short meeting
  - b. Masters is up in Membership numbers
    - i. Masters goes through Competition Services and that seems to be a good umbrella for masters
    - ii. U.S. Ski & Snowboard is in a transition period after the Olympics between now and the Congress in May
  - c. Review Masters Survey
    - i. One intention of it was to find sponsors
    - ii. Review the survey and the separate page with comments
    - iii. Consider asking what brands and type of equipment people use and like?
    - iv. Budget for Newsletter possibly \$5,250 - consider moving to electronic
    - v. For on-site marketing tools, the Newsletter and competition guide are great
      1. Consider redoing a pamphlet for overall Masters
      2. Competition guide really helps people understand how Masters works
      3. Hardcopy newsletter but not mail it
      4. Posters have been delivered to division and passing them out within division has worked
  - d. Hoping our budget can remain the same but Masters budget will be reviewed in May
  - e. What is Masters' contribution to National Team athletes? Consider better understanding and quantifying.
6. 2019 Nationals
  - a. Sun Valley bid on the table
    - i. Slightly earlier in the year March 11-16, 2019
    - ii. Lodging costs are higher that time of year for Sun Valley properties but there are other properties in the area
    - iii. Sun Valley is on Mountain Collective Pass

MOTION: Accept Sun Valley as the location for 2019. Pending further discussion of the following - L. Beckos

Preference for the week of March 18th over March 11th

GS races on Warm Springs versus Hemingway & Greyhawk

Amended motion: Accept Sun Valley as the location for 2019 the week of

March 11-16. Request GS races on Warm Springs versus Hemingway &

Greyhawk. Second Dan Simmons; In Favor: Franl Noel, Nadine Price, Meri

Stratton, Lauren Beckos, T. Hill; Opposed: R. Fuller, A. Drake

7. 2019 Regionals/FIS Masters February 8-10, 2019
  - a. Northstar - was unlikely
  - b. Aspen - still discussing - had a good lead
  - c. Consider reopening discussion with Beaver Creek
  - d. Whiteface has expressed interest in doing more races
  - e. Big Sky may be a consideration but hesitant since we had a big event for 2018 and might see decreased attendance
  - f. Stratton
  - g. Continue discussion with venues
8. Nationals DH
  - a. Ski Cooper February 28th through March 3rd
    - i. Thurs. Feb 28- DH camp
    - ii. Fri. March 1 - 2 DH training runs
    - iii. Sat. March 2 - 1 DH training runs, 2 DH races
    - iv. Sun March 3 - 2 SG
9. National Speed Series Scoring
  - a. Make the requirement to participate in 3 races to qualify for the national speed series races
  - b. Update website to match
10. Deadlines for 2018-19 - race calendars, poster, handbook
  - a. Competition guide text due Aug 1st
  - b. Schedules due Sept 1st
11. Masters versus Juniors competition rules
  - a. Look at proposal for course setting rules and specifications for Masters
    - i. Eastern: Pepi Neubauer
    - ii. Intermountain: Thunder Jallili
    - iii. Alaska: Alan Drake/Carl Swanson
    - iv. Rocky: John Beckos
    - v. PNSA: Rob Cravens
    - vi. Central: Ryan Central
    - vii. Northern: Lisa Ballard
    - viii. Far West: Pierre Jean Girard/Ray Tulloch
  - b. Consider staying with FIS Masters guidelines and matrix
  - c. Need to review before congress - deadline April 20th
12. Training for DH - approved to have a DH training run on DH race day
  - a. Work with Deb to update comp guide
13. Recruitment
  - a. Work on within division
  - b. Inclusion of kids in Masters races U8s all the way to U19s
    - i. Sanction race for kids also
    - ii. All still need a USSS license
      1. Short term licenses are still available for kids
    - iii. Look at calendar to plan one family event in each division
    - iv. Meri Stratton and Ryan Fuller can be called as resources for ideas and questions
    - v. SL Shootout sponsorship - potential interest but sponsor wants to include GS
  - c. Spyder National Team Rules for Qualification
    - i. Okemo had a Canadian racer who had won previously but wasn't considered

- this year because she was registered as a Foreign racer through U.S. Ski & Snowboard
- ii. MOTION to require US Citizenship for US Spyder Team. R. Fuller; SECOND L. Beckos; All Approve
- d. Dual versus Parallel
    - i. Parallel has 2 separate timing systems
    - ii. Dual starts when the first person finishes and stops when the second place finishes
    - iii. Look at options for a parallel event within division
      - 1. Trend is for using panel gates for both SL and GS
    - iv. May want to consider eventually adding guidelines in the masters rulebook but there are guidelines in the ACR
  - e. Division Cup Minimums
    - i. Weight participation along with performance
    - ii. Handicap teams with fewer members
    - iii. Want to allow more divisions to participate but also want to maintain incentive for any skill racers to attend
    - iv. L Beckos and R. Fuller to put together a proposal
  - f. Table discussion on multi-mountain passes
  - g. L Densmore attending service for Anne Nordhoy
    - i. NE Masters to look at a memorial race
  - h. Division Reports tabled for summer meetings
  - i. First Summer call to be after the Congress around the 15th-20th of May

MOTION TO ADJOURN R. Fuller; 2nd Alan Drake

## 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.

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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 Spsychalsky
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, 19<sup>th</sup> meeting
5. U.S. Ski & 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 working 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, and 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 had 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 23-24<sup>th</sup> 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, spearheading quality of races: resort to ROC management, three mid-season calls with TD's. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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, CanAms 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 proposals from April 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 the their percentage of the total number of Western Region athletes on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard age ranking lists on the 14<sup>th</sup> 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 Western Region total quota of 80M/80W for all tech events, and tech events including SG
3. Keep Western Region 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.

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

## ASC Executive Committee: Meeting #1

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Kearns  
Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

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Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom – Wayzata, MN

Doug Hall – Waterbury Center, VT	Present
Jesse Hunt – Park City, UT	Present
Chip Knight – Park City, UT	Present
Craig Krueger – Helena, MT	Present
Mike Morin – Stratton, VT	Present
Warner Nickerson – Tilton, NH	Present
Jon Nolting – Steamboat Springs, CO	Present
Bill Slattery – Buffalo Grove, IL	Excused
Paul Van Slyke – Lake Placid, NY	Present
Jeff Weinman – Park City, UT (non-voting)	Present
Jessica Kelley	Excused

1. Welcome and call to order
2. ASCEC roll call
3. Review and approval of agenda
4. Review and approval of October 13, 2017 ASC CC
5. Review 2018 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress Meeting Schedule
  - 5.1. SC and WG procedures and assignment of minutes
6. Staff Reports: Alpine Director – Jesse Hunt; Chip Knight – Alpine Development Director
7. ASC Reports
  - 7.1. BOD – Landstrom
  - 7.2. Bill Slattery – presented by Landstrom; Awards / Alpine Judicial Committee  
Nominating Committee: Development SC Chair and 1 ASC AL position
  - 7.3. Education Subcommittee – Nolting
  - 7.4. Development Subcommittee – Morin
  - 7.5. FIS Subcommittee – Van Slyke
  - 7.6. Alpine Technical Subcommittee – Hall
  - 7.7. Regional Subcommittee – Krueger
  - 7.8. Athletes – Nickerson
8. Old Business
  - 8.1. FIS UNI Age Rules – Landstrom/Knight
  - 8.2. L400 Coaches Status re: administering L100 Clinics – Nolting
  - 8.3. Precisions Reports - Knight
    - 8.3.a Combined FIS and National Scored DH and SG Events - assign to Devo SC & Classifications WG
    - 8.3.b Ability Class Racing - assign to Bill Brooks, PNSA
    - 8.3.c Ski Down/Up– assign to VARA
    - 8.3.d Seeding & Awards U10/12 - assign to Darlene Nolting, Staff
    - 8.3.e Dual Single Pole SL - assign to Dirk Gowens and Craig Krueger
9. New Business
  - 9.1. Alpine Awards Update – Landstrom
  - 9.2. Elections: Development SC, Club WG, Coaches WG, Regional SC, Alpine Rules WG - Landstrom
  - 9.3. Athlete Representative – Nickerson
  - 9.4. Action Items – open discussion
    - 9.4.a Proposals due by midnight Thursday, April 26
    - 9.4.b 10/31 deadline for 2018-19 competition submissions
10. Discussion – open issues
11. Next meeting Friday, May 4 at 7:30AM – Summit B
12. Adjournment

## Alpine Sport Committee: Meeting #1

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom – Wayzata, MN

1. Welcome and call to order - 6:02 p.m.

**Attendance: Committee Members:** Paul Van Slyke, Jon Nolting, Mike Morin, Doug Hall, Craig Krueger, Warner Nickerson, Chip Knight, Jesse Hunt, Mike Bowman, Dan Marshall, Stefan Hughes, Beat Hupfer, Todd Kelly, Karen Korfanta, Joe Paul, Tao Smith  
**Absent:** Bill Slattery, Jessica Kelley, Tom Winters, Tiger Shaw

**Guests:** Darlene Nolting, Bill Gunesch, Karen Ghent, Brad Ghent, Jean Cherouny, Tracy Keller, Peter Dodge, Dirk Gouwens, Kathy Okoniewski, Thelma Hoessler, Gail Barber, Scott Graham, Lauren Beckos, Richard Rokos, Morgan Haymans, Jay Moyer, Terry DelliQuadri, John Norton, Ron Bonneau, Dan Chayes, Jordan Stone, Jill Firstbrook, Esther DelliQuadri, CB Bechtel, Brewster McVicker, Grant Lindemer, Art Togle, John Manderfield, Jonathan Manderfield

2. ASC roll call -

- Moment of silence for members of community that have passed away - Bob Calderwood, Bruce Crane, Don Page and Don Cushing
- Slattery and Winters are unable to attend Congress this year - please keep them in your thoughts

3. Review and approval of agenda - **M/S/C - Paul Van Slyke/Mike Morin**

4. Review and approval of October 13, 2017 ASC CC Minutes - **M/S/C - Paul Van Slyke/Mike Morin**

5. Review 2018 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Meeting Schedule

- SC and WG procedures and assignments of minutes' recorder - note: Minutes to be submitted between 6-10 PM Thursday evening May 4th - Everyone should have all their actions items turned in by 6 PM on Thursday for review by the Executive Committee meeting Friday morning.

6. Staff Reports

6.1 2017-18 US population and 2018-19 fees view - Sheryl Barnes

- Knowledge base and online chat helpful for staff and reduced overall number of phone calls
- Membership prices will stay the same with anticipation that fees will go up next year. Background screening is moving to every two years instead of every three years. Member lookup - adjusted the coloring to make it more understandable to distinguish the general membership
- Safe Sport - Federal Law requires that any suspected child abuse has to be reported within 24 hours. In addition, any adult that has frequent contact with minors has to have safe sport training every two years
- Clubs must have background screening, must limit one on one situations, must have safe sport training
- Mechanisms in place to help clubs - safe sport training is required for all officials and coaches, background screening every two years. Membership will keep clubs informed as things change with the Center for Safe Sport.
- Safe Sport reporting - anyone who suspects child abuse. If it is a minor you would go police authorities. If it is not a minor, you would report to the Center for Safe Sport.

- Minimum age for official, coach and club volunteer (requires background screening) is 18 years old because that is the minimum age a person can be legally background screened.
- Club Minimum Standards will be requirements this year - agree to support and align with U.S. Ski & Snowboard, Adhere to SafeSport, Agree that Coach, Official, and Club volunteers are Members with Background Screening, Licensed Legal Entity, valid Liability Insurance, adhere to Concussion Protocols

#### 6.2 Alpine Director - Jesse Hunt

- Busy catching up on everything that has been happening the past nine years. Today is my first day of work. I look forward to working with everyone. There is a lot of good planning and philosophies going on right now. I'm looking forward to the coming years and working with the team in place.

#### 6.3 Alpine Development Director - Chip Knight

- Building a strong sense of team
- Junior levels - good results and we are gaining some momentum at that level. Top 10's at World Juniors.
- Looking to keep that momentum going with the new Project 26 model.
- NorAm titles won by juniors is another marker
  - River Radamus won the overall title, a 19 year old, has one more year as a junior.
  - Nina O'Brien won the SG title
  - AJ Hurt won the GS title
  - NorAm title is a key marker - working to elevate the series to help make sure our athletes are prepared for the World Cup
- Top 10 World Age Ranks - Working on 40 total - 20 tech - 11 on men's side, key injuries on the women's side kept them from meeting that marker
- U16 podium performance at International races
  - 5 podiums at that level, Whistler Cup, Opa Cup, Pokal Loka and Slovenia
- U19 NPS is another series we are working to elevate - prioritize the U18 athletes. Scale back racing and prioritize training for this series.
- Men's and Women's U18 FIS Trip in January of 2019 is planned.
- We don't want to lose the Speed Development as a part of our development focus. Development Team has camps at Mammoth in the spring and Copper in November and National Development Group U16/U19 Camp at Copper in December.
- Renewed focus on parallel in the future as Super combined is eliminated.
- Chip talked about the FIS Proposal to be discussed at the FIS meetings in Greece.
  - FIS Maximum Starts - 30 for 16 year olds and 40 for 17 year olds. This is to allow more training and racing opportunities in speed
  - FIS Point minimum increases at the Continental Cup, Championship and FIS levels.

#### 6.4 Alpine Regional Directors

##### 6.4.1 Eastern Region - position open

##### 6.4.2 Rocky/Central Region - Darlene Nolting

- Thanks the Regional Staff, Ian Dunlop, Anje Worrell and Eric Cates for all their hard work and dedication to the region.

##### 6.4.3 Western Region - Bill Gunesch

- Will Brandenburg was hired this past summer as the regional coach, but will be moving on and the West is looking to hire a new person in this position.
- Jeff Pickering - hired as Youth Coach, new position. This position has worked out well.
- Looking at the decline of FIS starts in the Western Region.

- Looking to take care of post-graduate athletes and how they fit into the region.
  - Mike Morin commented on the National Championships held in the Western Region - USN at Sun Valley and U16 Nationals at Mission Ridge - Mike said both were excellent events.
- 6.5 Board of Directors - Darryl Landstrom
- Governance structure at the FIS level - looking to align more with U.S. Ski & Snowboard operating procedures
  - Safe Sport is a big discussion of topic with all NGB's.
  - High Performance Centers - are moving forward.
  - Board approved to extend the term of Dexter Paine as chairman until May 2019.
- 6.6 Awards Committee, Judicial Committee, Nominating Committee - Bill Slattery/Landstrom
- There weren't any activities for the Judicial Committee
  - Elections: Development SC FIS SC and WG's and 1 SC AT Large Member
- 6.7 Alpine Education Subcommittee - Jon Nolting
- Two working groups - Alpine Coaches' Education working group, Club Working group. There will be discussion the updated level 100 certification and the next steps moving forward. Club working group will address issues that clubs will experience.
- 6.8 Alpine Development Subcommittee - Mike Morin
- Four committees - U16 and older, U14 and under, Collegiate Working Group and Quotas Working Group
  - Goal is to keep the Development Committee focused on long term development of our athletes
- 6.9 FIS Subcommittee - Paul Van Slyke
- Thanked all the volunteers and officials for their time and efforts
- 6.10 Elections in all working groups - Rules, FIS TD Working Group, Courses
- Thanked JJ Ehlers and Jeff Weinman or their work on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Database and homologations
  - Thanked Brad Ghent, Doug Hall and Paul Mahre for their work on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Database and homologations
- 6.11 Alpine Technical Subcommittee - Doug Hall
- Four Working Groups - Alpine Officials Education, Timing, Nationals US TD Group, Classification - thank you to all your hard work and dedication to the sport.
- 6.12 Alpine Regional Subcommittee - Craig Kruger
- Thanked Darryl for chairing the committee last year. Thanks to the Regions getting their handbooks, fees to the committee.
- 6.13 Athletes - Nickerson
- US Ski Team and non-Ski Team working groups
    - Olympic selections went very smoothly.
  - A big push for athlete-driven change, the athletes got together and had a meeting with Chip to review:
    - Change in team culture - Athletes are putting together an athlete contract that everyone signs to be a part of the team.
    - Pipeline development
    - Coaches' Evaluation
    - Transparency - athletes don't understand the process behind the decisions. Athletes are excited to have Jesse on board.
  - Andrew Weibrecht will be joining the ASC on Friday.

- Chip Knight recognized the work that Warner is doing with the athletes, it has been very productive.
7. Old Business
    - Precisions Reports Required and distributed to the SC's & WG;s - Chip Knight
  8. New Business – SC/WG Review
    - 8.1 Officials Certification matrix – Coaches' Education Working Group
    - 8.2 Quotas and Selections
      - U19 NPS - focus quota on the high performing 3rd year FIS athlete for pace and development on the U18 athletes
      - U16 Nationals - To utilize both the OPA cup and the Topolino event for U16 International exposure - athletes that are participants to the U16 European trips would be automatics to U16 National Championships.
    - 8.3 Classification Committee
      - Have exceptional races removed from the points list until the committee has finalized their discussions regarding these races
    - 8.4 Development Committee
      - Wave head tax for top 5 athletes at all national races
      - U.S. Ski & Snowboard points minimum for shorter hills.(Classification Committee also)
  9. Recess - next meeting Friday, May 4 11AM - 1PM
  10. Adjournment - 7:06 PM

## Alpine Judicial Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Judge  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

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Meeting Chair: Bill Slattery – Buffalo Grove, IL

Members:

Mike Hammer – Jackson, WY

Warner Nickerson – Tilton, NH

Paul Van Slyke – Lake Placid, NY

Tom Winters – Tucson, AZ

1. Welcome & call to order
2. Review membership/Roll Call
  - a. Bill Slattery, Chair (teleconference), Paul Van Slyke, Warner Nickerson, Mike Hammer, Tom Winters (excused)
3. Old Business – there has been no activity for the committee.
4. New Business
  - a. Mike Hammer will resign from the committee effective this congress.
5. Adjournment – M/S/U Nickerson/Hammer

## Alpine Officials Education Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Meeting Chair: Lucy Schram

Past Chair: Thelma Hoessler

### Eastern Region:

Michael Browne (absent, excused)

Jill Firstbrook

Dan Chayes

Mike Cossman

### Rocky Central Region

Esther Delli Quadri

Grant Lindemer

Gretchen Ransom (absent, excused)

Karen Ghent

### Western Region:

Jordan Stone

Roger Root

Steve Schowengerdt

Brian Hartman

### At Large:

Matt Howard

Laura Sullivan (Vice Chair)

### Emeritus:

Allen Church

Don Page (deceased)

Bob Calderwood (deceased)

**Staff:** Jeff Weinman, JJ Ehlers, Sheryl Barnes, Matt Lemon, Jennie Wright

**Guests:** Paul VanSlyke, Chuck Hughes., Sherri Hale, Deb Lewis, Stanley Goldschmidt, Douglas Hall, Patti Nichols, John Manderfield, BB Baker, Kyle Wormsbecker, Mike Ginsberg, Shannon Carrell, John Jett, Dirk Gowens, Curt Hammond, Ron Bonneau, Shannon Garrity, Art Tokle, Roger Perricone

1. Call Meeting to order  
Meeting called to order 8:00 a.m.
2. Roll Call completed. A moment of silence held in honor of Don Page and Bob Calderwood.
3. Review and Approval of Agenda  
**Motion: To accept agenda as amended**  
**M/S/C Delli Quadri/ Chayes / Passed**
4. Review and approval of minutes May 10, 2017  
**MOTION: To accept Minutes of May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as distributed by Working Group Chair**  
**M/S/C Delli Quadri/ Howard / Passed**
5. Reports



- 5.1. Chair report has been emailed to Working Group members and is available on the U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress FTP site.
- 5.2. Region and Division Reports
  - 5.2.1. Eastern Region (Jill Firstbrook): Thanked Doug Hall for his service as Chair of the Eastern AO Education working group; Laura Sullivan will be new Chair. Focus on “Educating the Educator”, “Best Practices”, consistency of materials, and continue to work on mentoring AO across Division lines.
  - 5.2.2. Rocky /Central Region (Esther Delli Quadri/ Grant Lindemer): The Region is maintaining the numbers of Alpine Officials. Regional Satellite clinics review; challenged with populating the required number of instructors and comprehension of material.
  - 5.2.3. Western Region (Roger Root): Continued success with zone and club-based clinics; suggest to revise the TD (non-FIS) report; consider consolidating paperwork for Masters into one packet for the two genders.
- 5.3. Staff
  - 5.3.1. Competition Services (Jeff Weinman, JJ Ehlers): over 45,000 officials work days. Continue to work on improving Race Packet submittal. Duplicate codex’s in resultpackets2 email account will be removed
  - 5.3.2. Membership (Sheryl Barnes); Membership fee will not change for 2019. The fee will increase in 2020 season to offset the required additional screening. Implementation of Safe Sport; requirements discussed; education, reporting and additional screening of official’s, coaches, member volunteers i.e. individuals of authority over minors. Club minimum standards mandatory starting 2018-2019.  
  
General, short term, volunteer: radio button color of the General Membership will change for easier identification. U.S. Ski & Snowboard minimum age requirement for officials, coaches and club volunteers 18 years of age, based on background screening requirements.
- 6. Old business
  - 6.1. Education materials
    - 6.1.1. Gate judge video (Laura Sullivan) Updated in December with new U.S. Ski & Snowboard logo, will be released in the Fall with officials’ materials.
    - 6.1.2. Online CO (Lucy Schram) status quo
    - 6.1.3. Clinic Dates: Request to hold education materials until the fall FIS meetings take place, end of September. No clinics prior to second weekend of October.
  - 6.2. Proposals/changes/issues from prior seasons
    - 6.2.1. Injury report filing reviewed. Key issue to educate officials on use of correct form. Online report is easy and streamlined, U.S. Ski & Snowboard is notified upon submittal. Longer report required for serious injuries and must notify U.S. Ski & Snowboard Competition Services and legal counsel, Alex Natt. Avoid sharing details of serious accidents with others via text or email.
    - 6.2.2. Membership hold clearance: More guidance on the process for coaches and parents to clear an athlete from concussion list. Clearance documentation needs to be submitted to Jeff Weinman.
    - 6.2.3. Electronic packet submittal and review: Alaska Division (Brian Hartman); Small number of races. Most information is from one resort. Eastern Division/Region (Matt Howard): region needs to identify key individuals to

review packets and submit combined report. Work to eliminate use of out of date forms, and copy/paste/recycled jury minutes language.

Far West Division (Jordon Stone): 28 or 10% of packets missing, great strides in Masters packet submission; 10% of packets missing jury minutes and jury minutes language greatly improved. Goal is to bring on a new reviewer, 100% packet submission, and mentorship and growth of officials.

Intermountain Division (Stephen Schowengerdt): Signatures missing on Jury Minutes Without Protest. Errors using letter "o" in place of numerical 0. Jackson Hole RA crew commended for their success and use of mentorship in the division.

Pacific Northwest (Roger Root) Issues found within the Team captains and Jury minutes; developed a rubric point system to score quality of race packets. Goal to present a letter to connect RA/CR/TD when assignment is made.

Rocky Division (Ester DelliQuadri): More work needed on jury minutes and language. Speed training packet education to continue. RMSRO website available as resource.

- 6.2.4. Reviewers for 2018-2019 season will be confirmed by education material release date.
- 6.2.5. Coach and official membership and certification requirement: based on membership and SafeSport guidelines. Recommend early registration.
- 6.2.6. Substandard events: staffing and documentation Combined with 6.2.8 - "Foreknowledge: Awareness of something before it happens or exists" Event paperwork is legal documentation. Important to guide, help or assist especially if knowledge that something is not working, or substandard.
- 6.2.7. Educating the Educators; Suggestions: FIS meeting attendance; round table discussions and use of qualified educators. Communication with known registrants on how to prepare. Divisions continue to be challenged with clinic "walk in" participants.
  - 6.2.7.1. Study guide purpose. Important to the success of the clinic and participants. Send link and information to participants prior to clinic.
- 6.2.8. Integrity of teaching materials: Education materials are legal documents approved by U.S. Ski & Snowboard and cannot be altered. Information pertaining specifically to a Division are in addition to the material presented Important to hold integrity of the teaching materials to the highest standards.
- 6.2.9. Definition of foreknowledge -see 6.2.5
- 6.2.10. Minors with official's certification: U.S. Ski & Snowboard minimum age requirement for officials, coaches and club volunteers 18 years of age. Legal age to sign documents and complete background check.
- 6.2.11. US Ski & Snowboard event online registration: tab available to register coaches attending.

## 7. New business

- 7.1. Skills Quest: roll of the jury and documentation reviewed. Camp and SQ events (anything with a codex) require training results documentation: Program, Team Captains Minutes, Jury Minutes, plus xml of athletes that participated all marked as DNF. Item to be addressed in teaching materials for 18-19 season. Action item: Lucy to work with Jon Nolting and Jeff Weinman on SkillsQuest Documentation.

- 7.2. Proposal Required attendance update  
**Motion: Change required attendance update for Alpine Officials to every year**  
**M/S/C Sullivan/Firstbrook/ Failed**

Action item: Add the following language to the matrix under all certifications, minus CO “Strongly recommended to attend and must attend a Continuing Education/clinic every two year to maintain certification.”

8. Recommendations for advancement to AO Level 4  
**MOTION; To accept advancements to Level 4 certifications as presented**  
**M/S/C DelliQuadri/Howard/Unanimous**

East

5515275	Cameron Hosmer	RF4
4970463	James McCormick	CR4
5779475	Barbara Wagner	JA4

Far West

6320002	Jordan Stone	CO4, TC4
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Intermountain

4758405	Scott McGrew	CO4, JA4, CR4, RF4, CC4
4003034	Fritz Wood	CO4, JA4, CR4, RF4, CC4
4704201	Mark Wedeking	CO4, JA4, RF4
4972683	Shannon Carrell	JA4, RA4

Rocky

6493382	Steven Bonde	JA4
5510052	Alice Black	RA4

9. Discussion Items

- 9.1. Tenure of the jury –Communication between ROC and mountain management. Chief of race study guide suggestion: include information on communication, boundaries, and responsibilities. “Encourage” mountain management to be part of the outline of the event.
- 9.2. Attendance at course inspection: No attendance or not speaking is by default approval.
- 9.3. Volunteer recruitment and mentorship ideas: recognition, awards, volunteer coordinators with stipend, mentorship program, years of service certifications, volunteer of the year.
- 9.4. Official freeski documentation: minimum of one-page program on header and jury minutes.
- 9.5. Future of race administration and timing and calculation: RA and timing is not disappearing.
- 9.6. Grading of exams and feedback to attendees: feedback to the attendees for guidance of areas to review. Teachers learn from evaluation of items missed. Careful in having one person grade all exams from clinics they did not present.
- 9.7. Discussion regarding finish arena: effort by all, and continued review throughout the race, confirm that no unnecessary items enter the arena.

**Motion: To Adjourn**  
**M/S/C Lindemer/Delli Quadri/Passed**

## Alpine Timing Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B  
Tuesday, May 2, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

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Meeting Chair: John Jett

1. Welcome and call to order at 13:00 by chair John Jett  
Mission reviewed
2. Review of committee membership  
John Jett, Dan Chayes, Stanley Goldschmidt, Tami Strong, Dave Waller, Jake Treadwell, Matt Howard, Lucy Schram  
Absent: Gretchen Ransom-excused, Ellen Hoffman, John Jacobs-excused, Eric Millbrandt  
Emeritus: Allen Church  
Staff: Jeff Weinman  
Guests: Jordan Stone, Fred Patton, Roger Root, Ken Gay, Lara Hildreth, Deb Lewis, Ronald Rupert, Karl Guenzel, Doug Hall, Thelma Hoessler, Brian Hartman, Lex Patten, Jonathan Manderfield, BB Baker, Art Tokle
3. Review and approval of agenda  
**M/S/A Lucy Schram/Jake Treadwell/Passed**
4. Review and approval of minutes  
**M/S/A Dan Chayes/Stanley Goldschmidt/Passed**
5. Reports
  - 5.1. Chair – excitement over the replacement time rule change. Thank you to AOEWG for getting education materials out quickly. Change was communicated effectively.  
Rocky Report – review  
-sync problem with a new area  
-rule issues down  
-precision reporting, still an issue to work on
  - 5.2. U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff – Jeff Weinman  
all good
  - 5.3. FIS representatives – Tami  
FIS timing booklet has some inconsistencies, new F values coming out, new FIS website coming out. Timing and Data working group will be moving onto other disciplines, too. Sync +1 turning red is being reviewed. Sync prior to the start being reviewed.
  - 5.4. TDTR Reviews
  - 5.5. Central – Gretchen, no report available
  - 5.6. Intermountain – Tami  
Adding non-scored doubled the number of reports to review.  
Precision still being addressed.  
IMD hosts a hands-on clinic, has provided greater precision and sync accuracy along with the use to TDTR software. Completed a hands-on clinic for the TD's.  
EET App being developed.
  - 5.7. Rocky – John  
Rocky Report – review  
Scored and non-scored champs events: sync problem with a new area, rule issues down, precision reporting, still an issue to work on  
Non-scored events: sync issues were higher. One resort without a B system.  
Received approx 50% of TDTR's without having to request.

- EET – 2 were completed with net time, reporting numbers provided of system B vs. HT and start vs. finish.
- 5.8. Far West – Lucy  
147 codex were reviewed, 77 non-scored and 70 scored. Sync problems are in HT over the hour. Data missing was from one area with a missing start device, recommend those that use a 'draft' of the TDTR confirm all data each event. Rule problems were around incorrect precision, many were corrected during the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season. More Masters TDTR's received this year than in the past.
  - 5.9. East – Matt  
1045 race codes should be available, 445 were available for review. Many clubs not submitting any reports. One unidentifiable equipment error. Precision errors up by reviewing the non-scored events, decrease in precision errors in the scored events. Education is getting out to the masses and improving. One report at hundred thousandths precision. Hand written reports still exist, 2/3<sup>rd</sup> in the software.
  - 5.10. PNSA – Roger Root  
non-scored events did well with the timing report, a few EET's and only one completed with net time. Increase in use of TDTR Software. Largest challenge is on masters' reports. No out of date equipment. Biggest challenge is receiving more TDTR's.
  - 5.11. Northern – Bob Pettit  
reviewed 29 race packets, largest error was no software listed
  - 5.12. Alaska – no report available
  6. Old business
  - 6.1. Timing form distribution – confirm emails  
East – Matt Howard  
IMD and ND – Tami Strong  
FW and AK – Lucy Schram  
Rocky – John Jett (rockytdtr@gmail.com)  
Central – Gretchen Ransom
  - 6.2. TDTR as PDF only (no excel)  
A few hanging onto the old excel form. Stay the course of no excel in the Master Packet of Forms. Working on helping guide folks towards the software.
  - 6.3. Review timing equipment requirements for different race levels  
ACR U611.2.5 Timing without cable – upside down venues (wireless finish)  
Did change in the ACR in the 17-18 comp guide  
ACR 611.2.1.1 Start Gate – exemption for auto return to end in 17-18  
**M/S/A Dan Chayes/Matt Howard/Passed**  
to remove the following language of 611.2.1.1  
For non-scored events only, non-homologated start gates (e.g. spring-return or 'auto return' mechanisms with single-output contacts) are permitted. These non-FIS models must be produced by manufacturers that exist on the most current list of FIS-homologated start gates. Industrial limit switches are not permitted.
  - 6.4. Education materials updates for AOEWG  
Reviewers for the 18-19 season  
EET Presentation and Timing Workshop – Tami and John  
TnC courses: Matt Howard, Marty Besant, Jordan Stone  
Thank you to those that helped during the 17-18 season.
  - 6.5. Review of Replacement time practices – discussion during the TDTR review, communications of the new process went well.
  7. New business

- 7.1. Fred Patton with Phoenix Sports – observations of timing buildings. Create a good environment for timing, not shacks.  
Start gate methodology reviewed. Start doors – rental program available
  - 7.2. Certification matrix TnC official advancement  
Combine the two boxes under level 3 TnC
  - 7.3. Start signals 613.4  
audible signal does not replace the personnel  
In the review and update  
Use of start clock does not replace voice command of starter.  
**M/S/A Stanley Goldschmidt/Tami Strong/Passed**  
amend 613.4 to add (use of start clock/beep does not replace verbal command)
  - 7.4. Duals – no formal direction thus far, may need to provide work going forward  
Dual timing working group – John Jett, Matt Howard, Tami Strong, Jake Treadwell
  - 7.5. TDTR submittals – recommendation to be included on the full packet. Better solution is to include it on the duties of the Chief of Timing to email it in.
8. Adjournment  
motion to adjourn  
**M/S/A Dan Chayes/Matt Howard/Passed**

## Alpine U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD Working Group

Double Tree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 - Summit B  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting Chair: Chuck Hughes  
Rocky Central: Brad Ghent, Vice Chair  
Rocky/Central: Gretchen Ransom  
East: Mike Cosman  
East: Mike Brown  
West: TBD  
West: Phil GilanFarr  
Two At-Large Members: TBD  
TBD – U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff member

Meeting was called to order at 3:01pm – Chuck

Missing: Gretchen Ransom (R/C), Scott Young (W), Phil GilanFarr (W), Mike Brown (E)

**Guests:** Lucy Schram, Paul Van Slyke, Jake Treadwell, John Jett, Stanley Goldschmidt, Matt Howard, Kristina Revello, Christopher Ogilvie, Art Tokle, Ronald Rupert, Darryl Landstrom, Dan Chayes, Douglas Hall, Gail Barber, T. Hoessler, Patti Nicols, Rodger Root, Kin Gray, Esther Delli Quadri, Brian Hartman, Jay Moyer, Ron Bonneau, Jonathan Manderfield, Grant Lindemer, Carl Guenzel, B.B. Baker, Jordan Stone, Don Stellin

1. Welcome and call to order  
Meeting was called to order at 3:01pm; Moment of silence for; Don Page, Dr. Bob Calderwood, and Bruce Crane
2. Roll call completed and voting members identified.  
Missing: Gretchen Ransom (R/C), Scott Young (W), Phil GilanFarr (W), Mike Brown (E)
3. Review and approval of agenda  
**Motion: To accept agenda as amended.**  
**M/S/C Cosman/Ghent/Unanimous**
4. Review and approval of minutes from May 2017 meeting  
**Motion: To accept Minutes of 10 May 2017 as distributed by Working Group Chair.**  
**M/S/C Ghent/Cosman/Unanimous**
5. Nominations and election of (2 At-Large Members)  
Scott Young has stepped down from this working group, (The Western ACC will recommend a replacement), Jake Treadwell (E), and Ronald Rupert (R/C) were elected as the 2 At-Large Members.  
**Motion to accept the slate of nominated At-Large Members**  
**M/S/C Ghent/Cosman/Unanimous**
6. Reports and Action Items
  - Eastern Report  
**Mike Cosman gave an Eastern Report**
  - Rocky/Central Report  
**Brad Ghent gave a Rocky/Central Report**

- West Report - No report was given

## 7. Old business

- Re-Homologations updates
  - Doug Hall gave an informational update for the group. Doug has replaced Bruce Crane.
- Classifications
  - Exceptional Races
  - Educational Tool – Paul Van Slyke gave an informational update concerning exceptional races and what was being done from the Timing and Classifications Working Groups.

## 8. New business

Expectations of the USSS TD Working Group are to mirror what is written in the Alpine Sport Committee Operating Procedures. Education, general review of TD performance, TD assignments and rules suggestions and interpretations

- TD Activity Update and USSS Membership Numbers
  - TD's need to be active and to attend training.
- Finish area safety
  - We discussed the recent tragic accident with a racer and hand timer; we discussed more training and, common sense, also touched upon safety plan in Homologation.
- Jury meeting reports-none or incomplete
  - Lucy and Thelma both covered the problems and the concerns of not filling the reports out properly.
- Officials and Coaches verifying memberships
  - RA's need to do a thorough job of confirming memberships and when last updated.
- Working to help our RA's and C of Race better and stronger
  - Need to help train and prepare our RA's and C of Races so they can be in control of the race administration and venue.
- TD reports are to be reviewed in each region, are they being reviewed, are they being done correctly, what is the status and are there any necessary education items
  - Discussion on all packets and reports, timing, TD, Jury Minutes are not being completed. We all need to do a better job of training our RA's and TD's.
- Review of the gate panel rules regarding windy competitions
  - Paul touched upon this; there is nothing you can do to alter the gate panel.
- Exemption procedure and documenting for multiple tech events in one day
  - This must be approved in advance by U.S. Ski & Snowboard.
- Discussion and recommendation for points adders regarding not meeting VD and or time requirement
  - Was discussed and going to be talked about further.
- Verifying jury member and course setter membership and certification
  - RA's need to be doing this at all levels and all races.
- Procedure and requirements for reporting of accidents/injuries
  - All accidents or incidents need a report.
- What qualifies as re-portable for accident reports
  - All accidents or incidents need a report.
- Course safety requirements and responsibilities of the TD
  - TD's need to a better job of understanding the Homologation report and the Safety specifications in the described Safety plan.



- TD reimbursement now requiring 1099 tax form at many locations
    - Outcome was 2 expense forms will now be available to separate per diem and expenses
  - How do we get more TD's, VARA example
    - VARA was going to ask each club to move forward 2 people from each club to get involved and to start working on the TD track.
9. True North Award – Patricia Miller  
 Patricia Miller was nominated in advance of this meeting and was voted by the working group, the vote was Unanimous. Thelma made a phone call to Patricia, as Chair I congratulated her on the phone, and then the entire room yelled in to the phone to congratulate her. Thelma gave a brief description of Patricia's involvement in ski racing, and how dedicated, and deserving she was of this award.
10. Comments and Questions from Guests  
 None at this time.
11. Closed Session  
 Advancements
- **Motion to accept the Level 3 TD Advancements**
  - **M/S/C Ghent/Cosman/Unanimous**
    - **Steven Maynard (5587639)**
    - **Barry M. Wise (5940341)**
    - **B.B. Baker (6450573)**

Summary: I would like to thank the following for helping explain, educate and converse with excellent information for the Working Group and all attending Guests. Thank you to Thelma, Lucy Schram, Paul Van Slyke, Doug Hall and Matt Howard.

13. Adjournment  
**Motion to adjourn.**  
**M/S/C Rupert/Treadwell/Unanimous**

## Alpine Courses Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Meeting Chair: Douglas Hall

Working Group Members Present;\_Doug Hall – Acting Chair, Brad Ghent – Vice Chair, Paul Mahre, Kurt Engel, John Norton, Ron Bonneau, Ellen Galbraith, Jeff Byrne, Stanley Goldschmidt, Dan Chayes, Roger Kimball, Jake Tredwell\*, Jonathan Manderfield\*, Ted Lockwood\*, Ron Rupert\*, (\* inspector in training) Paul Van Slyke – Advisor

Guests: Art Tokle, Richard Rokas, BB Baker, Brewster McVictors, Jay Moyer, Jeff Kleinman, Kristina Revello; Staff: Jeff Weinman, JJ Ehlers

1. Welcome and call to order at 6:05  
Doug Hall will be acting Chair for this meeting.
2. Review of committee members and roll call.
3. Moment of Silence for Bob Calderwood, Don Cushing and Bruce Crane.
4. Review and approval of agenda  
Motion to approve the agenda P. Mahre / B. Ghent / Unanimous
5. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting  
Motion to approve the minutes from last year's working group meeting P. Mahre / B. Ghent / Unanimous
6. Reports
  - 6.1. Report from P. Van Slyke w/ regards to updates from FIS – new online reporting for FIS forms, new 650 specifies in greater detail the responsibility of the inspector.
  - 6.2. Venue Workshop – Presented this year by Ron Rupert -- Ellen is unable to continue as coordinator for the venue workshop. Ellen suggested having a rotating presentation about upgrades and new developments at different areas. Paul suggested a presentation by an “expert” then a Q&A session for “mid-level” events, scheduled between Club Excellence and Congress. Doug – Venue Workshop should not be the responsibility of the Courses Working Group – no need for a formal motion to shuffle to another party
  - 6.3. Relevant reports from AO Education, FIS & National TD U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff and Technical Advisors comments  
Jeff and JJ are working though the notes and files from Bruce.
  - 6.4. Chairman
  - 6.5. New Courses WG Structure, with three regional coordinators; Ghent – Rocky/Central, Hall – East, Mahre – West with JJ & Jeff receiving requests for inspections and collecting fees. Shared Google doc with inspector assignments and status. Completed reports approved by regional coordinator and passed to JJ where certificate is issued and reports posted.  
**Motion to elect Doug Hall as Chair, Brad Ghent as Vice Chair P. Van Slyke / E. Galbraith / Unanimous**
7. Old Business - none

8. New Business

8.1 Chair, in conjunction with the regional coordinator, to have the latitude to decide what changes can be made to an existing report as an amendment and what would require a request for new inspection.

8.2 Separate reports to be submitted for Slalom and Giant Slalom on the same venue.

8.3 Doug, Jeff and JJ to investigate the options of reduced rates for less than 5 or 10 year inspection interval. Re: shifting peak workload for 19/20 and 20/21 forward

8.4 For the next three seasons the number of courses expiring and likely requiring re-inspections: 18/19 – 60, 19/20 – 200, 20/21 – 268

8.5 Establish a drop box for inspectors working documents. Jeff will look into and advise.

8.6 Doug presents PPT presentation – need for consistent reporting; general agreement from the working group members that the “Basic Report Elements” were acceptable

**Motion – If the inspector prepares the homologation packet and required associated documents they may charge up to the FIS per-diem rate for report preparation M S Goldschmidt / J. Byrne / Unanimous**

9. Motion for Executive Session / J. Byrne / S. Goldschmidt / Unanimous

**Promote to inspector status Jake Treadwell / Ellen / J Norton / Unanimous**

**Accept as inspector in training BB Baker, Kristina Revello, and Art Tokle / Goldschmidt / Byrne / Unanimous**

10. 9:37 Executive Session Ended

## Alpine Coaches Education Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 8:00 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

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Meeting Chair – Gar Trayner

**Attendance:** Jon Casson, Jon Nolting, Ron Kipp, Joe Paul, Paul Mannelin, Kathy Okoniewski, Darlene Nolting

Guest: Jason Moore, Tim Hinderman, Jeremy Ueland, Dan Henry, Dan Marshall, Roger Kimball, Mike Bowman, Jonathan Maderfield, Criag Krueger, Kent Towleron, Jeff Burrows, Tracy Keller, Matt Dawson, Shann Smith, Sean Higgins, Jean Cherouny, Tim Gurdeicse, Don Stellin, Brewster McVicker, Lester Keller, Scott Graham, Terry DelliQuadri, Sydney Koop, Anna Hosmer

**Absent:** Adam Chadbourne, Dani Koch, Caryn Jones, Matt Tomasko, Stacey Gerrish, Phil McNichol...

### Agenda:

1. Welcome and call to order – Gar Trayner
2. Review of membership and roll call – Gar Trayner
3. Review and approval of agenda – Jon Casson, Kathy Okoniewski
4. Review and approval of minutes – Anna Hosmer
5. Reports – Jon Casson and Gar Trayner

### Reports – Jon Casson

Goal was to increase clinic participants and number of clinics, but actual was about 10% decrease. Could be due to around 12 clinics cancelled to weather, and schedule issues. This number includes the club delivery clinics. New launch of the Alpine Level 100 on a new LMS platform. 343 coaches enrolled in the new online courses, but having a hard time having the coaches fully complete all the components for online certification. 44% of Alpine coaches in our membership are not certified coaches. Goal is to increase percentage of certified coaches.

The new online education platform was launched in November on the new level 100 and moodle platform. Education.ussa.org. Jon Casson showed the meeting attendees the course in Moodle and walked them through the new Alpine Level 100 course. How to access the course, how coaches will work through the new course, what they need to do to fully complete certification.

Goals: Initiative to host more club-delivery clinics to implement these in-house clinics, to be more efficient and reach a larger audience. Must be level 300 or above to run an in-house clinic.

Clinic leader training was successful in Copper this year, hoping to offer this regionally to be more efficient with finance and time. Offer a clinic leader training that we could deliver for the level 300 + coaches who want to lead clinics. Could offer training in the summer or fall when coaches are not as busy. Could there be an online training for clinic leaders, webinar, or video training so they can learn to use the new platform? Adding a staff member as alpine coach developer to help with consistency of delivery of content and will help train the trainers.

RULE CHANGE? Hope to motion a change in rules to enforce certification for any coach to access a venue at a sanctioned event. Want to make sure the coaches that are at a race or event are educated and certified. The issue with enforcing certification is we do not currently have the bandwidth at this time to accommodate the number of coaches that would need to get certified.

Moodle Mobile App will be available for next season to access the course.

Timeframe for completion: An hour to an hour and ½ for each online module, they do vary in length. Around 10 hours of online course material in total; the hours on-snow have stayed the same. The

modules are designed as the textbook that you would read before the course. Ideally everyone will be on the same page, have a similar base knowledge when they get to an on-snow clinic. Engaging material is a key component to adult learning. The course can be altered and changed at any time, it is a living course. Jon Casson walked through the clinic leader grading the new evaluation rubric.

Continuing Education requirements are being revised. We want to make sure coaches are pursuing professional development. The higher certification you have the more continuing education you will need. Coach education working group is reviewing the new requirements and will hopefully be launched over the summer and requirements will be enforced in the fall. The issue is we currently do not have ability to track, manage, and enforce these rules.

Trayner/Casson: Thank you so much to all the members of the alpine coach working groups who contributed to the project and spent hours on the new material.

**Questions:**

Casson: How do we address the challenge with getting coaches to complete the online course and certification? Clubs can strategize motivate and incentivize coaches to get certification.

What is the feedback? The course takes too much time? – typically only hear feedback of people

Utter: Is there a venue safety module? – Casson Answer: it is currently dispersed throughout the course in the training environments module and roles and responsibilities module, but we do want to eventually add a full venue safety module as well.

Are these available to coaches with a higher certification? Yes, they will be available at a cost and can be used for continuing education.

How are you going to further develop the remainder of the levels? Chris Packert is finishing up all the level 100 in all the other sports. Then start working on the level 200 course. Timeline for this would be Fall 2019

DelliQuadri: concerned that the online time commitment takes away from the value of the on-snow training. Concerned that the course is intimidating for the mass of coaches who are not full-time or are volunteer coaches.

Okoniewski: Project based education, regional projects and divisional projects. Create a clinic structure that works hand and hand with those regional projects.

How do you assess the clinic leaders? No process in place for this at this time but aware of the need for this –. Alpine Coach developer assessment, Surveys from participants after the clinic. Experience of coach vs. ability to lead a good clinic are not always related.

**Trayner:**

Time on task discussion – system and processes need to constantly evolve, how can we evolve this? Creating an environment of inclusion, it's important to hear each other and connect. Communication must be coming from the leadership.

**Old Business and New Business and Additions** – When will the Level 200 be ready? Next spring hopefully be able to show you the outline for the 200 courses. Looking to write out a work plan for the L200 so the level of engagement can be active.

How is the hiring process going for Alpine Coach developer? Still need to go over the applicants. Hopefully will help to put out more content, guide clinic leader training, and support clinic programs.

National Team Athletes and NCAA talented athletes given opportunities to come back as coaches. What are the opportunities for them to take the Alpine Level 100 certification? What will be required of them for certification levels? Do we just automatically grandfather them in, should we make them take the whole course, should we give them discounts? Should they just be able to take the online modules and skip the on-snow? Will look into a system and process for this as having these National team athletes or NCAA athletes in these clinics would add value to the clinic and should be encouraged. Some of these coaches may have never coached before so this might be a skill they are deficient in.

DelliQuadri: Outreach from the sport education team to these athletes and let them know they are still valuable. Be able to give them the tools to do this. We can be proactive about giving former athletes support if they want to be coaches.

Opportunities for this are USOC coach accelerator program and our Athlete and career education and development program.

Incentivizing college athletes to get certification. Can the course be used for college credit? We don't know what the process is to do that at this time, but will look into this. In the past it has been accepted by University of Utah.

Motion to adjourn – 9:45 AM

## Alpine Development Subcommittee – Meeting #1

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 10:05 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Mike Morin – Stratton, VT

1. Welcome and call to order - 10:00AM
2. Review of committee membership and roll call
  - Chair – Mike Morin
  - Staff – Chip Knight
  - U14 and Under – Jim Hudson (Sally Utter representing)
  - U16 and Older – Peter Korfiatis
  - College – Peter Dodge
  - Quotas – Beat Hupfer
  - Athlete Rep and Vice Chair – Werner Nickerson
  - At Large – Karen Ghent
  - Guests: Jim Tschabrun, Beat Hupfer, Todd Brickson, Darlene Nolting, Bill Gunesch, John Norton, Jason Lance, Rogan Connell, Patti Nichols, Jeff Pickering, Tim Hinderman, Gwynn Watkins, Tyson Henrie, Eric Harlow, Aaron Atkins, Steve Utter, Alex Spycholsky, Dan Marshall, Kathy Okoniewski, Ron Kipp, Kent Towleron, Shaun Smith, Justin Rackley, Aldo Radamus, Darryl Landstrom, Marina Knight, Kevin Chaffee, Gordon Perry, John Hale, Drew Southworth, Curt Hammond, Mark Wedeking, Jean Chenouny, Jeff Burrows, Craig Krueger, Scott McGrew, Dirk Gouwens, Stefan Hughes, Brewster McVicker, Don Stellin, Lester Keller, Tyler Shepherd, Adam Chadbourne, David Slathe, Kristina Revello, Terry DelliQuadri, Eric Cates, Paul Mannelin, Mike Ginsberg, Kyle Wormsbecker, Scott Graham, Troy Price
3. Review and approval of agenda M/S/C Beat Hupfer/Jesse Hunt
4. Review and approval of minutes M/S/C Karen Ghent/Beat Hupfer
5. Membership
  - 5.1. Working Group Membership Review
  - 5.2. At Large Position Nomination
    - 5.2.1. Karen Ghent nominated M/S/C Mike Morin/Jesse Hunt
  - 5.3. Chair was extended last year for 12 months (end of 2nd meeting)
6. Reports
  - 6.1. Chair - Morin
  - 6.2. Alpine Development Director – Knight
    - 6.2.1. P2026
      - Three cornerstone projects for the Development Team; Squaw in Spring, New Zealand in August, Copper in November with a Collegiate project
      - Nominated D Team athletes - 6 men and 5 women - these athletes will stay with their team and will be managed by both the D Team staff and the club coaches.

- Goal; move the Development athletes through the D Team structure so when they arrive at the C Team they are ready to win NorAm titles
- Nor Am level - we have invested in a technical advisor, no conflict with the collegiate calendar, window for domestic development athletes to have time for European travel
- National Performance Series - U19/U18 Men's series, with a Head to Head focus. Goal to train and prepare athletes for Nor Am competition. U16 Series - get the athletes together nationally to increase intensity and performance. Helps to push programming forward. The goal on the women's side is to prepare athletes for NorAm competition.
- European Competition - U16 programming is in place. We have implemented a project for U18 men and women for January 2019
- Speed Development focus - U16 had no competition in December and the project was just focused on development and training. For the coming year we will add U18 men and women to this project in December.
- SkillsQuest will stay as a part of U16 Nationals and younger and be developed locally in the Divisions
- Parallel events - it is a part of U16 Nationals as a team event with Regional team competition. It was a great way to end the series. It will be a part of US Alpine Championships next year, 2019.

#### 6.2.2. Regional Staffing

- Regions are different - they have to work within the regions as to what the regions need and how it all dovetails with the D Team
- Regional coaches work as a team with the Development Team coach but also work to meet the needs of the Regions.

#### 6.2.3. Team Criteria

- Next year's criteria will be finalized over the summer.

#### 6.2.4. FIS Update – Knight

- FIS Point Adjustment - Penalty adjustments to 15.00 at Continental Cups, 20.00 or 25.00 at National Championships and 23.00 or 30.00 at FIS races.
- Anticipate this will put more pressure on at the Continental Cup level of racing
- Link to simulation website - With minimum penalty 15-20-23: <https://datasimulation.fis-ski.com/alpine-skiing/fis-points-lists.html>
- With minimum penalty 15-25-30: <https://datasimulation2.fis-ski.com/alpine-skiing/fis-points-lists.html>
- FIS Start Limitation to allow room for speed development - tech limitation 16 year olds - 30 starts, 17 year olds - 40 starts

#### 6.2.5. Parallel as an event to replace AC

- How to integrate into the system
- Can a phase in system be created for 2018-19?
- Single pole vs. panel
- Put together a working group to bring a proposal back to the committee at tomorrow's meeting. M/S/C Morin/Knight - Dirk Gouwens, Craig Kruger, Bill Gunesch, Kathy Okoniewski, Jean Cherouny, Richard Rokos



- 6.3. U14 and Under – Utter
- 6.4. U16 and Older – Korfiatis
- 6.5. College - Dodge
  - 6.5.1. Issues to be discussed Nor Am Calendar, Age Change rules (FIS U and NCAA Committees), World University Games, Parallel Format
- 6.6. Quotas - Beat
  - 6.6.1. Two proposals - U19 NPS - U16 National Championships
- 7. Old Business
  - 7.1. Combined National and FIS DH/SG events (U16 and Older WG)
    - 7.1.1. Positive feedback
  - 7.2. Ability Class Racing (RMD / PNSA) (14 through U19 WG)
  - 7.3. U10/U12 Awards for Combined Gender(U14 and Under WG)
    - 7.3.1. Mike Bowman will give input at tomorrow's meeting
  - 7.4. Dual Single Pole SL (NYSSRA, Northern, PSNA – Dirk Gouwens)
    - 7.4.1. Each athlete gets two runs.
  - 7.5. Ski Down (VARA - Julie Woodworth)
    - 7.5.1. Worked well for VARA - it gives the late developer a chance to ski at the appropriate level. It helps keep kids in the sport longer. Six years with this process.
  - 7.6. Team scoring in Split Second (Park City)
    - 7.6.1. Multi-year effort to get this built into the software. You can create team awards at events. Everyone shows up at awards and it creates positive team energy. It's there and should be taken advantage of.
- 8. New Business
  - 8.1. Minimum Penalty Proposal (National Development SC / U16 and Older WG)
    - 8.1.1. Races held at a below minimum Vertical Drop
  - 8.2. Flagged Races Proposal (East) - Classification
    - 8.2.1. If a race is flagged - it should be removed from the points list until it has been finalized
  - 8.3. U16 Nationals Proposal (Knight) Move to U19 WG
  - 8.4. U19 NPS Proposal (Knight) Move to U19 WG
  - 8.5. West Head Tax Proposal - Regional Subcommittee
    - 8.5.1. To remove head tax for top 5 athletes.
- 9. Adjournment - 12:00PM

## Rocky/Central Region Alpine Competition Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Stefan Hughes

1. Welcome and call to order

2. Review of committee membership and roll call -

Chair - Stefan Hughes, Vice - Chair - John Manderfield, Jeff Dekko (absent), Don Stellin, Joe Paul, Bill Slattery (absent), Jon Nolting, Mike Bowman, Alice Black, Kristina Revello

**Guests:** Sydney Koop, Darlene Nolting, Eric Cates, Kyle Wormsbecker, Scott Graham, Jeff Burrows, Lauren Beckos, Brewster McVicker, Roger Perricone, Troy Watts, Grant Lindemer, Esther DelliQuadri, Darryl Landstrom, Chip Knight

3. Review and approval of agenda - **M/S/C** Joe Paul/Alice Black

4. Review and approval of minutes May 10, 2017 - **M/S/C** Joe Paul/Jon Nolting

5. Staff reports

5.1. Alpine Development Director – Chip Knight

- Thank you to the RC Regional Staff - Darlene, Ian, Eric and Anje. They are a part of the National staff and contributors at the National Level.
- RC doing really good work at the Regional and National Level and excited to see those kids push forward to the FIS levels
- 5 athletes looking to be nominated to the National Team from R/C
- River Radamus' success is very exciting for the Region with NorAm title and World Juniors Medal
- Support from the hills and venues for the projects and championship events has been really beneficial for the region

5.2. Rocky Central Director – Darlene Nolting

- Thanks to the R/C Regional Staff, Volunteers, Officials, Coaches, and ACC for all the work through the year
- Won Regions Cup at Jr Nationals and U16 Nationals - 6 Athletes on World Junior Team, 4 Athletes to D Team, 2 Athletes to C Team - Really positive direction putting kids in the pathway
- Regional Projects - May A Basin, August SL Camp, Nov Copper Camps (U16/U19 split - U19 women's cancelled), Tri-Regional Camps, NorAm Support, U19 (Vail, Waterville, Burke)/U16 (Copper, Burke, U16 Nationals) NPS Projects, European Trip (training was limited), U16/Jr Nationals - A lot of hard work and progress at all of these projects, both from athletes and staff, and athletes are benefitting tremendously.
- RC showed a great team culture at this event. Darlene is proud of the hard work the coaches and athletes exhibit at National projects.
- Stefan thanked Darlene for the hard work she puts into the Region.

5.3. Central Division Manager – Eric Cates

- Thanks to the staff and to the coaches in Central for helping him get things done on while he was learning the ropes in Central

- Working towards putting together high caliber events that have meaning
- Projects - Early season Copper (Team Central focus), Early December SkillsQuest at Granite Peak, Mid winter - GS tactical camp at Mt Ripley, Aspen SG camp in January, Indianhead speed project at the end of January, Granite Peak Skills Camp beginning of April.
- Attended U14 Junior Championships
- 4 of 10 athletes qualifying for CanAms
- Lots of talk about how we can bring Central back together again.
- It is great for the Central athletes be able to compete with the Rocky athletes and see where they stand nationally
- Excited to see the direction Central is going.

#### 5.4 USSA Membership - Sheryl Barnes

- Knowledge base and online chat is helpful for staff and reduced overall number of phone calls
- Membership prices will stay the same with anticipation that fees will go up next year. Background screening is moving to every two years instead of every three years. Member lookup - adjusted the coloring to make it more understandable to distinguish the general membership
- Safe Sport - Federal Law requires that any suspected child abuse has to be reported within 24 hours. In addition, any adult that has frequent contact with minors has to have safe sport training every two years
- Clubs must have background screening, must limit one on one situations, must have safe sport training
- Mechanisms in place to help clubs - safe sport training is required for all officials and coaches, background screening every two years. Membership will keep clubs informed as things change with the Center for Safe Sport.
- Safe Sport reporting - anyone who suspects child abuse. If it is a minor you would to police authorities. If it is not a minor you would report to the Center for Safe Sport.
- Minimum age for official, coach and club volunteer (requires background screening) is 18 years old because that is the minimum age a person can be legally background screened.
- Club Minimum Standards will be requirements this year - agree to support and align with US Ski & Snowboard, Adhere to SafeSport, Agree that Coach, Official, and Club volunteers are Members with Background Screening, Licensed Legal Entity, Valid Liability Insurance, Adhere to Concussion Protocols

#### 6. Divisional ACC reports

##### 6.1. Central Report - John Manderfield

- Thanks to Eric for his efforts learning and going forward
- Mandate from Alpine Sports Committee to name the regions as R1,2,3,4
- A lot of great Camps, Races, Opportunities
- Early Summer Task Force to bring to Central Leadership - goals would include:
  - Bring R1,2,3 back together for racing and qualifying
  - Open up the avenues to have athletes cross borders more
  - Joint scored/non-scored events
- SkillsQuest Fitness Testing
- Early Official Education - Parents as "Jury Advisors" to be qualified volunteers

- 3 In-Division Projects - well run, well participated, high quality
- 234 races throughout all of Central (32 FIS, 100 scored, 102 Non-scored) - try to bring that number down next year
- R/C FIS Qualifier at Lutsen in Feb - good event, but tough conditions
- R/C FIS Championship at Lutsen in March - wonderful event and good support Nationally
- R2,3 - Age Class racing by gender was a success (R3 did all non-scored U12 and under races this way)
  - Don Stellan reporting on these races in R3 - athletes loved the concept, allowed for more time in the day, Parents loved it (not a single complaint)
- R1 Lunar, R2 Metro, R3 Mitten Cup Series - entry level races to build membership
  - SkillsQuest component added to these
- SkillsQuest focus happening within the races and various events with great energy

## 6.2. Rocky Mountain Report - Mike Bowman

- Great year for Rocky
- May Training available at Keystone, WP
- YSL had large fields and running well. SkillsQuest event at each event
- Age Class Series - healthy competition with the addition of U14's racing at Sync series
- A little bit of negative feedback and push back from the age class/gender racing
- U16 series went well with good events and big fields
- U16/U14 JC events (including Prater Cup) were well run and great events
- Speed events at Copper and Aspen were great races and keeping speed alive
- A lot of fun at R/C Champs at Lutsen, great races there
- Conditioning test dates set, Calendar is proposed, U14 site bids, scheduling proposals for U16 Championships (non-qualified athletes participating in the DH), CanAm proposals coming up
- Add SG at SYNC Championships in March for more speed exposure for U16s (U14's speed exposure is good)

## 7. Old Business

- John Manderfield - scheduling R3 races simultaneously (FIS, Scored, Non-Scored), was a 1 year trial, but would like to move forward with this.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 National Proposals

#### 8.2.1 U16 Nationals Proposal

#### 8.2.2 U19 NPS Quota

#### 8.2.3 FIS U18 Start Limit

### 8.2 Regional Proposals

#### 8.2.1 Can Am Selection Proposal & Amendment **M/S/C** Mike Bowman/Jon Nolting

- Selection: Athletes will be selected by using an ITS (in the following order SL, SL, GS, GS, SG, Duals) of the events to be contested, for the final qualifying athlete if there is a tie with other athletes on the same line of the ITS line would be selected by the next best results at U14 championships.

8.2.2 RC U16 Championships Order of events **M/S/C** Mike Bowman/Jon Nolting

- Proposed Schedule:

Day's #1,2,and 3 Downhill Training and Racing. Day #4 Men's and Women's Super-G/Super-Combined, Day #5 Men's GS, Rest Day Women, Day #6, Women's GS, Rest Day Men, Day #7 Men's and Women's SL.

- The divisions should discuss the viability of the Super Combined and will present at the Fall meeting

8.2.3 RC U16 Speed quota spots **M/S/failed** Mike Bowman/Alice Black

- To allow Rocky Mt. Division and Central Division to each invite up to 3 additional athletes per gender to race DH ONLY at the U16 Rocky/Central Junior Championships as a guest, if spots are available.
- Discussion:
  - Non-qualified athletes could bump back qualified athletes in their start position
  - Athletes may race in the training runs, but not the race
  - Many of the non-qualified athletes are not qualified to actually race in DH
  - What would be the cost? For those that choose not to race DH already, they are already paying full price
  - Hard on the organizer- might not know until TCM numbers/logistics

8.2.4 RC U14 Junior Championships - Site Selections

8.2.4.1 Ski and Snowboard Club Vail

8.2.4.2 Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club

- **Committee Voted to select Steamboat**

8.2.5 RC Selections to USN and Junior Nationals **M/S/C** Joe Paul/Mike Bowman

- To support and finalize 17-18 rule changes made by R/C staff, change qualification criteria for USN and USJNC to include "all events contested" at USN and USJNC. "All events contested" include scored FIS races with "National Championships (NC)" or "National Junior Championships (NJC)" category where regional selections are utilized.

8.3 Divisional Proposals

9. Chair/Vice Chair Election

- **M/S/C** Joe Paul/Don Stellin nominates John Manderfield for Chair
- **M/S/C** Kristina Revello/Mike Bowman nominates Alice Black for Vice Chair

10. Adjournment - 2:33 PM **M/S/C** Jon Nolting/Don Stellin

## Alpine U16 and Older Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 2:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Pete Korfiatis

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Roll call and review of committee membership  
Pete Korfiatis / Mike Morin / Todd Brickson / Joe Paul / Chip Knight / Jim Tschbraun / Tom Sell  
Casey Puckett / John Buchar  
2.1 Approve Mike Morin nomination for Pete Korfiatis as committee chair  
Motion: Mike M, Second Jim T  
2.2 Nominate John Buchar for West representative  
Motion: Mike M Second Todd Brickson
3. Review and approval of minutes  
Motion: Tom Sell Second: Joe Paul
4. Review interim activity  
4.1 New Discussion on Project 2026  
Figure out on how we can work together. Challenge here anything we see on how this will affect the regions and club.  
Questions and concerns:  
Meet September 12<sup>th</sup> after prep period and digest what we see and report back.  
Question: Has it been communicated really clearly to regional staff? And how does the regional staff fit into the plan.  
West: Unclear description in P26, it is clear for the national and club.  
RC: The projects we have in place do not overlap with National Projects. We fit in as a staff still trying to figure it out.  
East: Still waiting for an Eastern Director. Looking to layout U16 regional projects.  
College: Trying to be collaborative and utilizing the prep period.  
Question: Speak to the NDG group and how the invitees to be selected? It will affect how the regions function.  
The regions are critically important to the system. Each region has different needs.  
Regions need to figure out what their needs are.  
Guest comment: For the women, it is not a great start with delaying the program.
5. Old business  
5.1 Combine National/FIS DH&SG Events  
Motion: Pete Korfiatis Second Mike Morin  
Discussion: It is a great event. We need to continue, it helps with participation numbers.  
West: 1 event series in Spring  
RC: 1 event series in January. April is just a FIS DH/SG series  
East: No event yet  
Are there any ski issues? Using 33m radius for U16's. Needs to be appropriate skill level and good planning. Development side you have to set to U16's. We need utilize sprint DH.  
Passed Unanimously  
5.2 Ability Class  
5.3 Ski Down  
Proposal: Allow divisions to be responsible to run ability class and ski downs

Motion: Mike Morin Second Joe Paul  
Passed unanimously

6. New business

6.1 Minimum penalty proposal--see attached proposal

Motion: Mike Morin Second John Buchar

Discussion: For central region, this would be an issue in driving up penalties. In other regions, it is being abused by driving down the minimum point penalties. It is affecting the U.S. Ski & Snowboard point system as a whole. Scored races need to be held on hills that meet homologation standards.

The event that was held met all the rules.

It was a fair race. 35-point penalty should meet the 250 vertical meters. Only sanctioned double event. This affecting NPS selections

Tabled to work with classification

6.2 U16 Nationals Proposal

Motion: John Buchar second: Joe Paul

Passed unanimously

6.3 U19 NPS Proposal

Motion: Mike Morin Second John Buchar

Passed unanimously

Question: NPS has historically been classified as an NJR. Last year the NPS at Vail was switched to a FIS race. It took away from the environment for head to head to U19's. 32 pace athletes which created U19's starting way back in the seeds.

**Motion:** U19 NPS series is an NJR category race.

Joe Paul second John Buchar

Discussion: Stayed true to the rules, tried to bring in pace.

1 yes 5 no, not passed

6.4 Discussion on future development

Please reach out to your representative to the table for the September meeting.

6.5 Dual Parallel

To create a working group to develop new parallel slalom

Motion: Mike Morin Second: Tom Sell

Passed Unanimously

6.6 Single pole slalom

To allow all race organizers to run single pole dual slalom events that score to the SL points list using the rules established for the test events 2017-2018.

Motion: Mike M Second Joe Paul

Passed unanimously

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am (MDT)

8. Adjournment

Motion: Mike Morin Second Tom Sell

## Alpine Regional Subcommittee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Craig Krueger

1. Welcome and call to order at 6:05pm by Chair Craig Krueger

2. Roll Call of Subcommittee members

Craig Krueger, Dan Marshall, Stefen Hughes, John Manderfield, Todd Kelly  
Guests: Bill Skinner, Curt Hammond, Tim Hinderman, Sherri Hale, Jason Moore, Jeremy Ueland, Mark Wedeking, Shannon Carrell, Joe Paul, Eric Cates, Darryl Landstrom, Jean Cherouny, Scott Graham, Mike Bowman, Alex Spychalsky, Lauren Bechos, Deb Lewis  
Staff: Gwynn Watkins, Darlene Nolting, Chip Knight

3. Approval of Minutes from May 2017  
**M/S/C John Manderfield/Todd Kelly/Passed**

4. Approval of Agenda  
**M/S/C Todd Kelly/Dan Henry/Passed**

5. Regional Subcommittee Review and Mission

### 3.1 Eastern Region (Webster/Marshall)

Really good season, Jan extreme cold, Feb high 80's, March Nor Easterns and still snowing. East Office without a director as of Feb. Kudos to Patti, Tom and Cathy for keeping the East going. ACC meeting last week, and in PC today. Reviewed P26 with Chip. Proposal regarding Intent/Confirms to tighten it up. Eastern proposal to add a second seed at the Eastern Finals. Proposal to have U14's scored is under discussion at this time. Low attendance at late season FIS races, looking to grow that number again.

### 3.2 Rocky/Central (Hughes/Manderfield)

Rocky had a good year, slow start to the season. YSL series is healthy and requiring to schedule more venues (team scoring at their champs), age class, ability class races. Test events based on YOB racing. Sync series well attended, U16 and U14's only, open series. FIS series was relatively strong, speed FIS/National race worked well. Great regional champs, U14's most kids participated in the extra training day. Thank Dar for calendaring, believe calendar drives development.

Central- Welcome Eric Cates. 4 geographical areas, traveling team of timing and RA for each race. Brought in more jury members, especially jury advisor certification. Season started late, finished strong. FIS series went well. 234 races in the Central last year. The four geographical areas operate separately but similarly. Development track program starting with U12. Race with a skill at each event. U14's scored, compete up once or twice a year for development purposes. Two SkillsQuest events this past year, awards are special for SQ. One YOB race mixed gender, will pursue again next year. Approximately 30 active clubs equally divided amongst the geographical areas.

One U14 Regional Championships in Rocky/Central, two year cycle, located in Rocky based on the running of SG. No SQ at the U14 Regional Champs

### 3.3 Western Region (Kelly)

Had to reschedule many early season races, too much snow during the spring and cancelled events. U14 Regionals at Jackson Hole went well, U16 Regional Champs in Alaska, US and JR Nationals were held at Sun Valley with excellent surface, U16 Nationals at Mission Ridge and a great event.



Losing regional coach, Will Brandenburg, rest of the staff is strong. Solidified 501c3 status, and schedule completed during yesterday's meeting. U16 Regional Champs will be running 2SG at the champs. WR FIS entry increased. Curt Hammond asked for conversation regarding sponsorship for events to help keep down entry fee prices.

Intent site discussion, if FIS goes to every two-week FIS list, staff will look to adjust the intent deadlines. Minimum point penalty adjustment may also affect the intents. Further follow up will take place after the FIS congress and will work through the ACC Executive.

Jeff Weinman, Gwynn and Chip are looking at upgrades to the Intent Site.

### 3.4 Masters (Lauren)

Membership continue in retention, increase in younger age classes. Added a Mid-Atlantic Masters, part of the Eastern Region. 79 short term memberships last season, great recruiting opportunity. Nationals at Okemo, 255 racers, overall successful event. Approx 100 racers at Speed Finals. World Criterium at Big Sky this year, 305+ athletes, thank you to Jeremy Ueland for a great event. 18-19 events – Nationals at Mammoth, and FIS Masters Cup at Aspen Highlands. Looking to incorporate family events (double sanction discussion) and dual events. Limit cost increases and increase training. National Committee meeting action item regarding course setting matrix. Expert group this past spring to move masters rules to follow more current rules to the ACR.

Gwynn will work with Bill on why it's being double sanctioned.

### 4. Chip Knight Report – no report

### 5. Committee Directives

5.1 Regional representation/Retention-Advancement – snapshot of each Region on retention of athletes

FW still seeing issues since age change, especially U16 into FIS. Great numbers in U14's, more girls than boys. Solid numbers in the Youth Ski league.

West U12 and younger are growing in the WEST

East – U14's and below are growing, 16's hold steady, U19+ numbers drop dramatically.

Central – age change, took a hard hit. U14's and U16's picking up, should lead into growth for U19+

Rocky – following National trends, losing 15 and 16-year old, lose a number of athletes heading into the FIS age level. Good growth at the YSL level.

Looking to continue to track the growth and decline.

Discussion regarding PG group at the WR meeting, question do we hire a PG coach, each club cannot support a PG program. Northern is looking to help fund Northern Division projects for PG's. Is there an incentive possibly for PG retention?

Action Item – add a USCSA rep as an at large member.

5.2 Governance issues

Were there any actual issues within the divisions or region? None provided.

### 6. Seasonal Committee Involvement/Future tasks

6.1 Ability class racing/membership effect-growth (Brooks)

Passed at the development committee that all divisions can now pursue it. PNSA has opted to not continue with it. Worked at the lower level and lost its appeal at the older/higher level as athletes could not be selected to higher level events.

6.2 Parallel (Dual) Single Pole Scored event (Krueger)

Both proposals passed at the Development committee regarding Single Pole Scored events and Dual racing.

### 6.3 High School Racing

6.3.1 Eastern (Marshall) – runs Eastern HS Champs, added Michigan this year. Growing leaps and bounds, split gender GS.

6.3.2 Central (Manderfield) – WI state championships, 600+ athletes, alpine and snowboarding, can qualify to the Eastern Championships as a team or solo.

Michigan added, used two National sanctioned events to draw selection for champs.

6.3.3 Rocky (Hughes) – HS skiing does exist. Done within school districts.

6.3.4 West (Schram) – 4 states are racing. Overview of the HS Task force across the Nation. Thousands of athletes that are not in sanctioned racing that have either left the sanctioned path or have never been part of the sanctioned path.

How to incorporate the hs racer into sanctioned racing or USCSA racing or into Masters racing down the line.

Goal of West is to coordinate a Western HS Championship.

6.4 Skills Quest – no discussion

### 7. New Business

7.1 PNSA/Northern Division Cross Divisional race events – inter-regional U14 Qualifier, U16 and older events. Discussion between the two divisions allowing new pace and new faces to compete against. The two ACC chairs are discussing and proposing to their own ACC's to experiment with.

7.2 Intermountain/Northern Division Cross Divisional race events – discussion about a Northern/IMD Speed Series to help develop the athletes.

7.3 Motion for a \$75 student membership available to high school and collegiate athletes, no divisional membership fee allowed.

#### **M/S/A John Manderfield/Dan Marshall/Passed**

Discussion regarding its acceptance, number data, divisional membership.

7.4 Motion to waive National Head Tax on 5 athletes at U.S. Ski & Snowboard scored races throughout the country. Furthermore, the Regions, Divisions and Organizers must waive their fees as well. This investment will ensure quality fields throughout the country.

#### **M/S/A Dan Henry/Todd Kelly/Failed**

7.5 Motion to approve Masters course setting matrix as posted on the ftp site.

#### **M/S/C Jon Manderfield/Stefan Hughes/Approved**

Adjourned 8:21

Respectfully submitted by Lucy Schram

## Eastern Region Alpine Competition Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit A  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 12:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Dan Marshall

For the second year, a meeting of the Eastern ACC was hosted at the spring Congress in Park City. Again, the meeting was well attended; many of whom were not in attendance at the spring meeting held at Killington.

I opened the meeting with a brief Eastern status update. The east as a whole enjoyed a successful competition season. Frigid cold in January, summer temperatures in February and a “wicked” Nor’easter in March kept the competition thriving through April and beyond. At the beginning of February, Tim Maguire stepped down as Eastern Director. Patti, Tom and Kathy stepped up to make sure everything stayed on track.

Sally Utter gave a short recap of the Eastern Children’s meeting. Of importance was the discussion surrounding U14’s skiing for points. This topic generated what could be characterized as a spirited discussion with everyone weighing in on the subject. Kathy Okoniewski provided an update on her maiden season as the Eastern Children’s coordinator. Kathy’s schedule was jam packed with club visits up and down the east coast including a thirty day road trip. By all accounts, Kathy’s first season was a resounding success.

Tom was not in attendance at Congress but a review given by him at the EACC meeting at Killington indicated a busy season beginning in November and early December NSP events in Colorado through the National Championships in April. Patti had a busy season. Right out of the start in December, the online registration system crashed and that event seemed to set the tone for the rest of the season.

The intent/confirm system which has been the center of much discussion over the past few years, was at issue again this year. This will be up for review by the EDC later this spring. Sheryl Barnes took time from her busy schedule to provide the group with membership updates and the requirement that all clubs must purchase liability insurance beginning 2018-2019 season.

Again, I thought we had a successful session and the format of hosting an EACC meeting at Congress has been well received. Thank you to all who attended this year's meeting and I look forward to seeing everyone next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Marshall

## Alpine Club Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit A  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Tami Strong

East Podium Club Rep: John Norton  
Rocky/Central Podium Club Rep: Kirk Dwyer (John Hale representing)  
Western Podium Club Rep: Tami Strong  
Small Club Rep: Jim Reilly

**Attendance:** Jon Nolting, John Norton, Kirk Dwyer, Tami Strong, Steve Cohan, Ellen Adams, Jon Cason, Anna Hosmer, Eric Harlow, Sheryl Barnes, Carma Burnett, Curt Hammond, Scott Graham, Shannon Carrol, John Hale for Kirk Dwyer, Mike Hammer

Absent: Jim Reilly, John Scheimer

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Review and approval of agenda/additions – **M/S/C**
4. Review and approval of minutes – **M/S/C**
5. Reports

### **Club Development Manager Report (Ellen Adams):**

10 new clubs achieved Bronze - 4 more in progress; 2 clubs advanced from bronze to silver; 9 clubs successfully achieved recertification. 46 total certified clubs. First year for re-certification for the first clubs who went through the certification process 4 years ago.

Total Podium Certified Clubs: 46 Total – 18 Bronze, 7 Silver, 21 Gold

10<sup>th</sup> annual Club Excellence Conference hit target of 140 participants. Largest attendance since 2009 when the first conference was held. Full day and ½ of presentations, breakout sessions, awards luncheon and forums. Launched 4 regional conferences: Killington, Buck Hill, Copper, FW/Squaw Valley w/200 attendees representing over 50 clubs. Successfully reached new clubs that typically don't make it to the annual conference. Plan to continue outreach to clubs and make ourselves available to regions, divisions and clubs.

Club Consultants: currently have three that work with Ellen on certification visits. We have fully executed three successful consulting projects: Team Summit ED search and hire; Park City Ski & Snowboard Club integration; Jackson Hole Ski & Snowboard Club Strategic Plan. We would like to continue to promote and expand this resource.

Club compensation survey completed and results have been distributed to Gold level clubs. May follow up with broader distribution.

Looking Ahead FY19: Expand consulting services. 13 Re-certifications; at least 10 new Bronze and a few Silver. Plan to engage regional staff and divisions, collaborate with high performance team, renew resources and reproduce guide to Club Excellence, expand leadership forums to include online communication platform, collect, analyze and distribute pertinent data to inform clubs.

Continuing to work with key partners and programs (USCSA and NASTAR) to help clubs understand value of these programs. Use the McConnell Conference in the East as an example of hosting a

couple Sanctioned FIS races to raise pace and expose USCSA athletes to a high level of competition. For NASTAR – find ways to have clubs understand the value of the timing software platform.

**Sport Education Director Report (Jon Casson):**

Goals to increase clinic participants and number of clinics, but ended up being down about 10%. New launch of the Alpine Level 100 on a new LMS platform. How does this relate to our clubs? We have reached our capacity on the number of clinics. Not sure if we can handle more. Goals: Initiative to host more club-delivery clinics to implement these in-house clinics, to be more efficient and reach a larger audience. Must be level 300 or above to run an in-house clinic.

Clinic leader training was successful in Copper this year, hoping to offer this regionally to be more efficient with finance and time.

Offer a clinic leader training that we could deliver for the level 300 + coaches who want to lead clinics. Could offer training in the Summer or Fall when coaches are not as busy. Could there be an online training for clinic leaders, webinar, or video training so they can learn to use the new platform.

There was discussion about changing in rules to enforce certification for any coach to access a venue at a sanctioned event. Want to make sure the coaches that are at a race or event are educated and certified. The issue with enforcing certification is we do not have the bandwidth at this time to accommodate all the coaches that would need to get certified. We would not be able to accommodate all of the coaches that would need to be certified.

John Norton: Could see a slow roll out of this initiative and maybe start this at higher-level events, Regional/divisional events?

Education Subcommittee should look at this at a 3 year lead time to make this rule change.

**Action Item:** John Casson and John Nolting to work on a proposal. Make this a suggestion and will be discussed further and Sport Committee and should be reviewed in the Fall. **M/S/C**

6. New Business – Defining what this group's tasks and goals will be and define a mission statement

Discussion how do we get the club development information into the divisions and the regions? We dipped our toes in it this year with the regional conferences. Encourage Regional Staff to get involved but they do not have the capacity/time to make it work.

How do we get clubs more engaged and all on the same page, talking about the same things, same message?

John Norton: Do we lean on the clubs who have gone through the certification process? Help educate the divisional or state leaders, continue to engage them in our regional conferences, target meetings with these regional/divisional leaders to be involved.

Start at the Region to reach out to the divisions. Make sure the clubs are aware we are a resource and not be intimidated to contact us. Strategize best location, time, date to host these. Where the most coaches, clubs, parents will be and convenient for them to be there. Regions can send out the information out to expand.

7. Insurance issues that face clubs – is there a need for more resources – Sheryl Barnes  
Sheryl Barnes: Issues with insurance within their clubs?

Tami Strong: Would U.S. Ski & Snowboard be able to work with American Specialty to put together a program for clubs to have access to Auto, non-owned Auto coverage, property, workers comp, regular auto, Health insurance?

Sheryl Barnes: Will look into non-owned auto to see if there can be something Clubs can access. Workers Comp and Health insurance is not possible from U.S. Ski & Snowboard.

8. Election of Officers

**Election of Vice Chair**

Nomination John Norton **M/S/C Hale/Cohan**

Vote to re-affirm the Chair Tami Strong **M/S/C Norton/Cohan**

Jon Nolting: Should this meeting immediately follow the Club Excellence conference - we do not want to be on any regional committee meeting. Look at a different window on day 1 of Conference to get higher attendance of this meeting.

Let's plan quarterly conference calls. Tami and Ellen will work on schedule and send out to this club working group.

We are looking for large club representative, would be interesting to have a resort owned club representative as well.

9. Adjournment **M/S/C**

Meeting ended 4:45 PM

## Alpine Rules Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit A  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – John Jett (Vice Chair)

1. Welcome and call to order at 18:35 by John Jett – vice chair
2. Review of committee membership  
John Jett, Rogan Connell, Thelma Hoessler, Carl Gunzel, Matt Howard.  
Absent; Gary Wright (excused), Mike Hammer (excused)  
  
Mike Hammer announced his retirement from the group at this congress, he is recognized and thanked for his contributions of the past years with the Alpine Rules Working Group.  
  
Review of charter of group given with focus on clerical and administrative duties, not policy.
3. Review and approval of Agenda  
**M/S/A Matt Howard/Rogan Connell/Unanimous**
4. Review and approval of 2017 Minutes  
**M/S/A Carl Gunzel/Matt Howard/Unanimous**
5. Old business
  - 5.1. Review status of ICR / ACR integration  
Jett: Thank you to the contributors, an overall smooth process.
  - 5.2. Review status second run starts for DNF / DSQ U621.11.3.1 and U621.11.3.2  
Jett: All precisions have been voted in by ASC and adopted and will be included in the current year publication.
  - 5.3. Review status from updated Dual/Parallel rules  
  
Multiple races held in various formats, outlines reported to work well with organizers using their race announcements and team captains meetings to define their event. Some reported confusion over TDTR data selection and procedures with regard to reporting. Interesting seeding reported by Patti Nichols that they seed by points, split the courses and then do the draw within each course to avoid a “stacked” course. Suggested that the draw be increased to 16 in this case so they would be divided equally with eight drawn per course. Jett reported the possible use of Dual Mogul start gates for a simple simultaneous release start door.
6. New business
  - 6.1. Course Matrix for GS Ladies lists Max at 450m, 50m over FIS max. Possible typo that will be presented to Chip Knight for correction.
  - 6.2. SL diagram on page 118 needs to include vertical combo distance to match rule, .75m – 1m. Currently only shows minimum .75.  
**Housekeeping item, no vote.**
  - 6.3. ACR 800.1 discussion. Some confusion over using numbered rules or matrix for U16 as written. **No action.**
  - 6.4. ACR 806.2 and 906.2, revise to U rule as follows  
Ux06.2            Limitations in the second run  
  
Only in collegiate events may the jury reduce the number of competitors in the second run to 60, provided that the notice was given in the invitation or on the official notice board before the race started, and at the team captains meeting before the draw.

**Housekeeping item, no vote**

6.5 From Alpine Timing working group

1. ACR 611.2.1.1 Start Gate – exemption for auto return to end in 17-18  
Amend ACR to remove the following language of 611.2.1.1

“For non-scored events only, non-homologated start gates (e.g. spring-return or ‘auto return’ mechanisms with single-output contacts) are permitted. These non-FIS models must be produced by manufacturers that exist on the most current list of FIS-homologated start gates. Industrial limit switches are not permitted.”

This amendment brings the language in alignment with the FIS rule of the same number.

2. Start signals ACR 613.4 - audible signal does not replace the personnel  
Amend ACR 613.4 to “U613.4” and add at the end, “(use of start clock/beep does not replace verbal command)”.

6.6 Hoessler asks the records reflect thanks and appreciation to Gary Wright and John Jett for their service to the working group these past years.

7. Elections

7.1. Chair

7.2. Vice Chair

Gunzel nominates slate of Rogan Connell as Chair and John Jett as vice chair. Second by Thelma Hoessler, unanimous

8. Adjourn at 18:50



## Alpine Classification Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 8:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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Meeting Chair – Dave Waller

Roll Call\_Committee Members: Dave Waller - Chair, Paul Mahre, Jeff Weinman, Beat Hupfer, Thelma Hoessler, Cath Jett, Dan Chayes  
Absent: Gretchen Ransom, Julie Woodworth

Guests: Jon Nolting, Patti Nichols, Douglas Hall, Mike Bowman, BB Baker, Joe Paul, Jonathan Manderfeld, Ken G., Esther DelliQuadri, Gail Barber, Dan Stellin, Terry DelliQuadri, Chip Knight, Dan Henry, Shannon Garrity, Mike Morin, Tom Sell, Mike Cosman, John N., Matt Dawson, Mike Ginsburg, Matt Howard, Grant Lindemer, Rogan Connell, Deb Lewis, Jordan Stone, Bill Skinner, Carl Guenzel, Darryl Landstrom, Eric Cates, Art Tokle, John Hale, Sydney Koop

**Motion #1** = Approve agenda m T Hoessler/B Hupfer **passed**

**Motion #2** = Approve minutes m T Hoessler/C Jett **passed**

Chair Report: Touched on the duties/responsibilities assigned to the committee. Brief review of the 2017-18 season: Early-season races showing up as exceptional, implications for season-long point profiles/selection processes, etc. due to early-season exceptional races, continued refinement of the analytical process. Chip Knight invited to comment on the above, he thanked the committee for their work on the issues of exceptional races.

Staff Report: Jeff Weinman – discussion of proposed new minimum penalties for FIS competitions. Decision to be made at FIS Congress. FIS and U.S. Ski & Snowboard moving to a two-week period for point list validity/update in 2018-19.

**Motion: #3** = Extend the PNSA Ability Class Alternative Seeding method for a 1-year trial. m P Mahre/D Chayes **passed**

Alternative Seeding Systems Report: C Jett created a database of the alternative seeding methods in use around the country, including the various names/terms for each system. Listing is available at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1K3Vr1RArPaEITfDLTGdVkwLh4irTzQ08xZ-ftxLlzG0/edit?usp=sharing>

**Motion #4** = To approve the continued use of the Alternative Seeding methods included in the catalogue as compiled by Cath Jett. m J Weinman/B Hupfer **passed**

### NEW BUSINESS

Proposal: **Motion #5** m P Mahre/D Chayes Rules regarding application of less than minimum vertical drop and minimum penalty.

**Motion #5A = Amended by** D Hall/T Hoessler: Establish a Classification task force to align U.S. Ski & Snowboard minimum penalties with the proposed new FIS minimums. If FIS does not establish new minimums, the task force will review current U.S. Ski & Snowboard minimums for standard and sub-standard races, and to make recommendations to the ASC in the fall. **passed**

Proposal: national scored races that have been flagged for review due to possible point fixing shall be removed immediately from the points list until completion of the review.

**Motion #6** m D Chayes/P Mahre **failed**

Proposal: Not to score races when the 2<sup>nd</sup> run is terminated prior to the completion of the flip.

**Motion #7** m J Weinman/P Mahre - discussion – wait until FIS clarifies rule, then work to align U.S. Ski & Snowboard rules with the FIS. **failed**

Identifying Suspect Races

For 2018-19 will use 150 points and lower (previous method used 200 points).

Dave checked the FIS races and not one was flagged as exceptional. Pace in the FIS races ski closer to their ability, and this controls the overall results.

U0299 W GS

**Motion #8** m P Mahre/C Jett To apply an adder to U0299 so either the percent improvement or the percent of field scoring do not trip the flag, whichever adder is lowest. **Passed**

U1136 W GS

**Motion #9** m C Jett/T Hoessler To apply an adder to U1136 so either the percent improvement or the percent of field scoring do not trip the flag, whichever adder is lowest. **Passed B Hupfer opposed**

U1055 W SL

**Motion #10** m C Jett/T Hoessler To apply an adder to U1055 so either the percent improvement or the percent of field scoring do not trip the flag, whichever adder is lowest. **Passed P Mahre opposed**

U0301 W GS

**Motion #11** m C Jett/T Hoessler To apply an adder to U0301 so either the percent improvement or the percent of field scoring do not trip the flag, whichever adder is lowest. **Passed**

Thelma thanked Jeff, Dave and Paul for their hard work on these races and their investigation of the background/history of the races and the athletes' race history.

**Motion #12** m C Jett/D Chayes To adjourn. **Passed**

## Alpine FIS TD Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B  
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Meeting Chair – Paul Van Slyke (Vice Chair)

1. Welcome & call to order
2. Review membership/Roll Call
  - a. T. Winters, Chair (excused), Paul Van Slyke, Vice Chair, Chuck Hughes, Jill Firstbrook, Bill Hicks, Carl Guenzel, Ted Lockwood, Roger Perricone.
3. Moment of silence for our passed friends – Don Page, Don Cushing, Bruce Crane, Bob Calderwood.
4. Agenda approved as presented.
5. Reports
  - a. East – Jill, good season, trades with Canada working well, though early season trades are hard to fill. We are paying attention to TD travel. Our FIS TD's need to mentor local area national TD's.
  - b. Rocky/Central – Ted, 5 FIS races in region, some trades with Eastern Canada though one sided because of error in Canada. Roger, Rocky good season. Many Rocky TD's at Olympics.
  - c. West - Bill noted many race changes due to the lack of snow. Carl noted that the region's TD's stepped up to fill the many issues/changes.
6. Season Overview – those present shared brief experience about various out of country assignments.
7. Equipment discussion about gate panels, venue safety and need to continue on a path of education to improve athlete security in competition environments.
8. New business
  - a. Paul brought up the topic of 1099's regarding TD reimbursements for daily rates. Paul proposed that we create a new form that outlines expense reimbursement (not applicable to TD income) and a separate section that shows only TD income. This adjustment in our expense form was supported by the Working Group.
  - b. Jury Minutes – Thelma Hoessler & Lucy Schram – there needs to be a general effort to clean up jury minutes with regard to language. Keep them simple and brief. They encouraged the reading of the TCM minutes, making sure that start & finish referees are not listed as voting members as that section only applies to OWG & WSC.
  - c. TD updates Fall 2018 - West October 19-21 Portland, OR (most likely) and East October 26-28 Bromont, QC (CAN).
9. Elections
  - a. Ted Lockwood nominated a slate of Carl Guenzel as Chairman and Paul Van Slyke as Vice Chairman. Paul thanked Tom Winters for his leadership over many years and is glad Tom can stay involved as past chair. M/S/C Lockwood/Perricone
10. Closed Session –working group members met for closed session to discuss TD Candidates.
  - a. Troy Price was approved as a TD candidate
  - b. Jeff Dekko – not accepted at this time due to lack of support.  
M/S/C Lockwood/Perricone
11. Adjournment
  - a. M/S/C Hughes/Guenzel

## Alpine FIS Subcommittee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B  
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Paul Van Slyke

1. Welcome & call to order
2. Review membership/Roll Call – Paul Van Slyke, Chairman, John Jett (Rules WG), Tom Winters (USA FIS TD Working Group – excused), Doug Hall (Courses replacing Bruce Crane/Brad Ghent), Honorary – Ingrid Simonson & Charlie Burnham (excused)
3. Agenda approved as presented.
4. Reports from Working Groups
  - a. USA FIS TD Working Group- Paul reported a good meeting, good discussions and planning for next season. FIS TD Updates will be West October 19-21 Portland, OR (most likely) and East October 26-28 Bromont, QC (CAN).

**Motion** – Elect Carl Guenzel Chairman & Paul Van Slyke Vice Chairman

M/S/C Lockwood/Perricone

**Motion** – Closed session - the working group members met for closed session to discuss TD Candidates. Troy Price was approved as a TD candidate. Jeff Dekko – not accepted at this time due to lack of support.

M/S/C Lockwood/Perricone

- b. Courses – Doug informed about change in leadership, spreading work to coordinators in each region to oversee. Doug Hall will oversee the East, Paul Mahre, West, Brad Ghent, Rocky/Central. There is a bubble of re-inspections over next two years.

**Motion** – Elect Doug Hall as Chair, Brad Ghent as Vice Chair, P. Van Slyke / E. Galbraith / Unanimous

**Motion** – If the inspector prepares the homologation packet and required associated documents they may charge up to the FIS per diem rate for report preparation M S Goldschmidt / J. Byrne / Unanimous

**Motion** – Promote to inspector status Jake Treadwell / E. Galbraith / J Norton / Unanimous

**Motion** – Accept as inspector in training BB Baker, K Revello, and Art Tokle / Goldschmidt / Byrne / Unanimous

- a. Rules – John Jett noted the work of the group over the summer to update the ACR to be congruent to the ICR. ACR 806.2 and 906.2, revise to U rule as follows;

### Housekeeping item

Ux06.2 Limitations in the second run

Only in collegiate events may the jury reduce the number of competitors in the second run to 60, provided that the notice was given in the invitation or on the official notice board before the race started, and at the team captains meeting before the draw.

This rule currently differs from the FIS rule and is currently without U designation. The applied rule at US sanctioned collegiate events uses the number 60 if there is to be a reduction. Rogan Connell verifies this number.

**Elections** Rogan Connell as Chair and John Jett as vice chair.

M/S/C Carl Guenzel/ Thelma Hoessler/ Unanimous

5. New Business – none at this time
6. Old Business – Paul asked whether NYSRRA followed up with a report to the Rules Working Group regarding single pole slalom. Jett informed that there was no report. Paul noted that a report was made at Development and will likely pass along with dual paneled racing concepts. Rules Working Group is prepared to respond to any required rule changes post Alpine Sport Committee (and board) approval.
7. Executive Session – none needed at this time.
8. Elections - Paul Van Slyke Chairman/Carl Guenzel Vice Chairman

M/S/C Jett/Hall

9. Adjournment

M/S/C Guenzel/Hall

## Alpine Technical Subcommittee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B  
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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### Meeting Chair – Doug Hall

1. Welcome and call to order
2. Roll call: Doug Hall, Gretchen (excused member at large), John Menderfield, Chuck Hughes, Lucy Schram, Paul Van Slyke, John Jett, T. Hoessler, Matt Howard, Dave Waller
3. Approval of agenda  
Motion: To approve the agenda; Chuck Hughes; Second: John Manderfield; Passed
4. Review and approval of minutes  
Motion: To approve the minutes from last year's meeting John Jett; Second: John Manderfield  
Passed
5. Reports and Action Items

### Alpine Official Education Working Group

Lucy Schramm reported on AO education. A productive meeting was held yesterday. Had a good report on different education clinics through the fall. SkillsQuest and Camp items were clarified using training packet idea. Meeting discussion regarding finish areas and communications between the mountain and race committee.

**Motion:** To accept 10 members advancing to LV 4 certifications, Motion By: Lucy Schram  
Second: John Jett; Passed

Cameron Hosmer, James McCormick, Barbara Wagner, Jordan Stone, Scott McGrew, Fritz Wood, Mark Wedeking, Shannon Carrell, Steven Bonde, Alice Black

### Timing Working Group

Report by John Jett. A good meeting was held yesterday and was well attended.

- 5.1. Timing report review, precision of clocks being set, sync problems are going away. Double/tripled the reports possible. Areas had good reports of data. New areas struggling but will get better for non-scored races.
- 5.2. Discussion on automating timing? – creating XML. Moving this way.
- 5.3. Report from Tammy about what's happening with FIS. Wordsmithing expected with rule that passed last fall.
- 5.4. Discussion about replacement time rule change
- 5.5. Updating distribution lists and timing forms being sent directly by Chief of Timing and not on RA's plate.
- 5.6. Old Business - timing without cable was accepted.
- 5.7. Exemption in place, auto return spring loaded start gate – sunset date was this year – removed the language for this exemption.
- 5.8. Rule 613.4 Start signals – came out of timing (not rules) confusion about process. Audible and vocal. Voted on and passed at timing group.

**Motion:** 611.2.1.1 To remove auto-return start gate Motion By: John Jett, Second: Lucy Schram, Passed

**Motion:** 613.4 Start command: verbal command always in addition to audible; Motion By: John Jett, Second: Lucy Schram, Passed

c. Alpine TD Working Group

Report by Chuck Hughes

- 5.9. Small working group meeting.
- 5.10. Election held for two at-large members: Ron Rupert, Rocky Central, and Jake Treadwell representing the East. The West will come up with a candidate at ACC meeting.
- 5.11. A moment of silence was held for several who passed away recently.
- 5.12. Covered agenda, and no action items from regional reports.
- 5.13. Spoke about old business, homologations, skipped over reclassifications
- 5.14. New business – alpine sport committee exceptions, TD Activity updates, and memberships
- 5.15. Finish area safety was discussed. Talk of bringing it up in other committees as well. Need to do a better job, no longer same old, same old.
- 5.16. Need to do better job with Jury reports, signing them, and paying attention to captains' meeting (actual time the meeting happened).
- 5.17. RAs and Chief of Races – provide more information and education
- 5.18. TD Reports – have folks review and share files, 268 reports from Lucy. How many races and how many TD reports were received? Idea to have regional reviewers to help spread the work load.
- 5.19. Review of gate panels and windy competitions.
- 5.20. Procedures and reporting for accidents and injuries.
- 5.21. Redoing expense reports.
- 5.22. Discussed how to get more TDs involved. Maybe appoint 2 TDs from each club.
- 5.23. Phone call to Patricia Miller to congratulate her for receiving True North Award.
- 5.24. Thank you to Thelma, Lucy, Matt, Paul, and Doug for helping (Chuck)

**Motion:** To advance 3 TDs to LV 3 (Beebe Baker, Steven Maynard, Barry Wise) Motion By: Chuck Hughes, Second: Paul Van Slyke, Passed

d. Classifications Working Group

Report by Dave Waller

- 5.25. Important to communicate across the country the role of classification
- 5.26. Work was done on pulling together all alternative seeding methods being used. Approved these and will publish a link to the list.
- 5.27. Any race flagged as exceptional race should be removed from USA points list until the race has been reviewed. This failed. Many are early-season races. Motion to not score the races until full yr. end review - failed.
- 5.28. Motion failed re: FLIP 30 – not to score races when 2nd run couldn't complete the flip. Too many exceptions that might come up or FIS has a guideline where if you don't complete the flip you don't score the race. Still up to the jury in the US.

**Motion:** To extend PNSA alternative seeding method for one year. Motion by: Dave Waller, Second: John Jett, Passed

**Motion:** Establish a Classification task force to align U.S. Ski & Snowboard minimum penalties with the proposed new FIS minimums. If FIS does not establish new minimums, the task force will review current U.S. Ski & Snowboard minimums for standard and substandard races, and to make recommendations to the ASC in the fall.

Motion by: Dave Waller, Second: Lucy Schram, Passed

**Motion:** To push proposed points forward on 4 races

Motion by: Dave Waller, Second: John Manderfield, Passed

*Looking at exceptional races that produced results way beyond expectations. Looked at 365 races and 4 floated to top. All were women's races. 3 GS, 1 Slalom.*

*d.1. Women's GS at Vail – adder was 10*

*d.2. Women's GS at Sugarbush – 18 point adder*

*d.3. Women's GS at Cochran's – 17 point adder*

*2.4. Women's GS at Vail – terminated race – 4 point adder*

6. Old business – none

7. New business – Dual races/dual slaloms are being run at the world level. The US has been performing poorly. (*Note: U16 won duals at Whistler Cup.*) Dual races will be replacing alpine combined. The US would like more focus and training on dual races. Needs to be discussion on how to write rules, timing, and how to move this forward. Everyone should think about these things going forward. Bundle your concerns and make suggestions. Several of these races have been run already and single pole slaloms have had good results. Some have done panel slaloms at various levels successfully. There is some thought that panel slaloms help athletes improve their technique. Athletes are excited about the dual races and adults are pulling their hair out.

8. Guest comments

8.1. Paul Van Slyke had a few comments. He thanked Doug Hall for the things he did this year. It's a challenge to fill the shoes of Bruce Crane. He also wanted Dave Waller's hard work over past month to be recognized.

8.2. Doug Hall appreciates the efforts of the working groups and their time commitments. He also reminded committee chairmen to send motions to him as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 2:56pm.

**Motion** to adjourn made by Lucy Schramm and seconded by Chuck Hughes.



## Alpine Collegiate Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Meeting Chair – Peter Dodge

1. Welcome and call to order

2. Roll call and review of committee membership

Chair	Peter Dodge	present
USCSA/West - Vice Chair	Ron Bonneau	present
Immediate Past Chair	Roger Perricone	absent
At Large/Industry	John Jacobs	absent
At Large	Terry Leonard	resigned
Replaced by	Jay Moyer, Colorado School of Mines	present
RMISA/West	Jaka Korencan	resigned
Replaced by	Tyler Shepard, Denver	present
RMISA/Rocky Central	Chris Ogilvie, Ski Club Vail	present
EISA/East	Michaela Holland, Bates College	absent
Athlete	Warner Nickerson	present
Replaced by	Brian McLaughlin, Dartmouth, graduate	absent
Staff	Bill Gunesch West Region	present

3. Review and approval of minutes

4. New business

Reports, Discussion, Proposals, Action items

RMISA Tyler Shepard

Will to do parallel test event at Eldora following Rokos format

Westminster is in line to be NCAA certified and join RMISA

EISA Peter Dodge

Working on FIS calendar with East FIS; challenge with no East Director

Integrating with NorAm calendar is a challenge

USCSA Ron Bonneau

Continuing to negotiate membership with USSS

Club within club proposal

Alpine Collegiate Pathways, Charlotte Moats

White paper in progress; update and promote college directories

Project 26 Collegiate Plan, Chip Knight

USST College Criteria Proposal, Dodge

Summer projects

Age limits: Recommend U.S. Ski & Snowboard support adoption of FISU age limit of 17 to 24, by FIS for FIS-Uni events

NCAA Age Limits: Discussion, will creating an NCAA age limit for skiing of 24 make much difference as there are currently very few skiers 25 and older? Going too young could drive some kids out of college skiing altogether NCAA rule of YOB up to 25 will simplify eligibility rules, recruitment and send a clearer message. U.S. Ski & Snowboard and USST need to reinforce the message that elite development can occur in college and support the college athletes and programs with programming especially in the summer prep period. U.S. Ski & Snowboard needs to continue to support broader based development opportunities to encourage continued development at the next level.

Foreign Athlete Participation / Regional Quota Distribution / Championship Format Parallel

Winter World University Games: 2019 Winter Universiade, Richard Rokos, Krasnoyarsk, Russia March 2 -12, 2019. Games conflict with NCAA Championships. However this is still an excellent opportunity for the next NCAA level and USCSA athletes. Rokos, Dodge, will update selection criteria and timelines. Richard will continue to negotiate with BTI. 2023 Universiade, Lake Placid, Jeff Byrne. Jeff Byrne and Lake Placid are working to finalize plans to host 2023 games at Lake Placid. One goal is to have the best US athletes attending. This will require careful long-term calendar planning

Need to schedule CWG on day of or day after RMISA meeting next Congress.

5. Adjournment

## Alpine Quotas and Selections Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Beat Hupfer

### Alpine Quotas & Selection Working Group

Peter Dodge – College Representative  
Karen Ghent – R/C Region Representative  
Bill Gunesch – West Region Director  
TBA – East Region Director (absent)  
Caryn Jones – R/C Region Representative (absent)  
Dan Marshall – East Region Representative  
Warner Nickerson – Athlete Representative  
Darlene Nolting – R/C Region Director  
David Salathe – East Region Representative  
Troy Price – Salt Lake City, UT West Region Rep  
TBA – West Region Rep (absent)

1. Welcome and call to order at 12:45
2. Roll call and review of committee membership
3. Review and approval of agenda **m/s/c David Salathe/Peter Dodge**
4. Review and approval of minutes **m/s/c Dan Marshall/Warner Nickerson**
5. Reports
6. Domestic quota management
  - 6.1. Intents sites worked well entering European races. Domestically, intent site worked ok, working to improve. Will work with IT and bring something over the summer. Hope to get into Comp Guide.
  - 6.2. Proposal: Intents will close 16 days prior to first Team Captains' Meeting. Confirmation deadline is 14 days prior to first Team Captains' Meeting. **m/s/c Darlene Nolting/Troy Price**
7. International Licensing - No Issues
8. Quota proposals –

U19 NPS Quota proposal as presented on FTP site with the following amendment to footnote #2: <sup>2</sup> For NPS events before Feb. 1, YOB 2002 athletes will be ranked by an NTSM of race points from the prior-year; U16 Nationals results using all three events: SL, GS and SG. For NPS events on or after Feb. 1, YOB 2002 athletes will be ranked by an NTSM of National points in SL, GS, and SG. **m/s/c Chip Knight/Troy Price**

U16 Nationals Proposal as presented on FTP site. **m/s/c Chip Knight/David Salathe**
9. Old business
10. New business
11. Adjournment 12:02 **m/s/c Troy Price/Warner Nickerson**

## Alpine Development Subcommittee – Meeting #2

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Mike Morin

1. Welcome and call to order 1:36 PM - Mike Morin

Attendance: All committee members present

Guests: Darlene Nolting, Bill Gunesch, Megan Harrod, Will Courtney, James Tautkus, Jay Hey, John Buchar, Jim Tschabrun, Terry DelliQuadri, John Norton, Don Stellin, Joe Paul, Troy Watts, Aldo Radamus, Steve Berlack, David Edry, Tom Sell, Jason Lance, Mike Bowman, Lester Keller, Roger Kimball, Don Marshall, Kathy Okoniewski, Jean Cherouny, Jason Moore, Dirk Gouwens, Mark Wedeking, Jill Firstbrook, Rogan Connell, Adam Chadbourne, Patti Nichols, Jordan Stone, Curt Hammond, Dan Henry, Craig Krueger, Darryl Landstrom, Kevin Chaffee, Dani Koch, Beatty Schlueter, Morgan Haymans, Brewster McVicker, Todd Brickson, Paul Mannelin, Scott Graham, Alex Spychalsky, Ron Kipp, Todd Kelly, Mike Ginsberg, Shawn Smith, David Slathe

2. Review and approval of agenda **M/S/C** Karen Ghent/Warner Nickerson

3. Review and approval of minutes **M/S/C** Beat Hupfer/Sally Utter

4. Reports

4.1. Chair: Morin - Please make sure to submit both the minutes and list of proposals that will be moving to Mike Morin.

4.2. Alpine Development Director: Knight - Thank you to everyone for all the good discussions in the meetings.

4.3. U14 and Under: Utter - Proposals presented as a slate. **M/S/C** Beat Hupfer/Warner Nickerson

4.3.1. Proposal: To allow Divisions to host ability-class events and ski down at their discretion.

4.3.2. Proposal: To allow U10/U12 to race and give awards within YOB and to include both genders in the YOB for one more test year.

4.3.3. Proposal: To allow all race organizers to run single pole dual slalom events that score to the SL points list using the rules established for the test events in 2017-18.

4.3.4. Proposal: To create a working group to develop a new panel dual slalom category to score to the National points system that will eventually replace alpine combined.

4.3.5. Proposal: To allow the Western Region to continue to attend the Whistler Cup event with U14's.

4.3.6. Proposal: To initiate a platform to share with all coaches for the development of children's grassroots development - U12 and under to include ideas, methods, videos and drills.

4.3.7. Proposal: To have U.S. Ski & Snowboard activate the old QR codes in the pocket guide at no charge.

4.4. U16 and Older: Hunt - Proposals presented as a slate. **M/S/C** Beat Hupfer/Sally Utter

4.4.1. Proposal: U16 Nationals proposal as presented.

4.4.2. Proposal: U19 NPS Quotas proposal as presented.

- 4.4.3. Proposal: To allow Regions/Divisions to host dual National Point/FIS SG and DH events.
- 4.4.4. Proposal: To allow Divisions to host ability-class events and ski down at their discretion.
- 4.4.5. Proposal: To allow all race organizers to run single pole dual slalom events that score to the SL points list using the rules established for the test events in 2017-18.
- 4.4.6. Proposal: To create a working group to develop a new panel dual slalom category to score to the National points system that will eventually replace alpine combined.
- 4.5. College - Dodge - To approve Peter's report **M/S/C** Beat Hupfer/Warner Nickerson
  - 4.5.1. RMSIA will run a test event of the proposed Rokos Parallel event at Eldora this coming year.
  - 4.5.2. Westminster is in line to become an NCAA certified school for skiing competition.
  - 4.5.3. The college coaches will work with NCAA to bring age eligibility in line with the FIS rules for FIS U's and World University Games.
  - 4.5.4. The college community would like to continue have the support of U.S. Ski & Snowboard to promote college as a pathway to the National Team.
  - 4.5.5. Colleges should be recognized as a club with similar development needs for top athletes.
- 4.6. Quotas: Beat - Proposals presented as a slate. **M/S/C** Chip Knight/Sally Utter
  - 4.6.1. Proposal: U16 Nationals proposal as presented.
  - 4.6.2. Proposal: U19 NPS Quota proposal as presented on FTP site with the following amendment to footnote #2: <sup>2</sup> For NPS events before Feb. 1, YOB 2002 athletes will be ranked by an NTSM of race points from the prior-year U16 Nationals results using all three events: SL, GS and SG. For NPS events on or after Feb. 1, YOB 2002 athletes will be ranked by an NTSM of National points in SL, GS, and SG.
  - 4.6.3. Proposal: Intents will close 16 days prior to first Team Captains' Meeting. Confirmation deadline is 14 days prior to first Team Captains' Meeting. (This proposal is a result of a National problem where coaches are not pulling their athletes in a timely manner to allow athletes to move into the selections.)
- 5. Old Business
  - 5.1. NJR designation for U19 NPS Races
    - 5.1.1. Discussion within the committee to allow the U19 NPS Series to be calendared as either a NJR or FIS classification of races at staff discretion.
  - 5.2. P122 Alpine Comp Guide, Course Setting GS Max 450m.
    - 5.2.1. Proposal: To adjust the wording on P.122 and the Matrix P.134 to be in line with the FIS rules. **M/S/C** Chip Knight/Beat Hupfer
- 6. New Business
  - 6.1. Election of New Chair: Nominate: Karen Ghent - **M/S/C** Jesse Hunt/Beat Hupfer
  - 6.2. Seat at Large: Nominate: Steve Berlack - **M/S/C** Mike Morin/Peter Dodge
- 7. Adjournment **M/S/C** Peter Dodge/Beat Hupfer

## Alpine Education Subcommittee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit C  
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 3:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Jon Nolting

Attendance:

Jon Nolting (Chair)

Gar Trayner (Coaches Ed Chair)

Tami Strong (Club Chair)

Ron Kipp (Vice Chair, at-large)

Heather Walker (At-large)

Jon Casson (U.S. Ski & Snowboard staff)

Absent: Heather Walker

Guests: Anna Hosmer, Ellen Adams, John Norton, James Tautkus, Steve Berlack, Joe Paul, Don Stellin, Alex Spychalsky, Todd Kelly, Kathy Okoniewski, Shawn Smith, Bill Skinner, Dave Brennan

1. Welcome and call to order - Jon Nolting
2. Review of membership and roll call – Jon Nolting
3. Review and approval of agenda **M/S/C** Strong/Casson
4. Subcommittee makeup

4.1. Athlete representation - Looking for an athlete representative to add to the subcommittee, please formally send recommendations for these. Names that came up in meeting were Michael Ankeny, Brian McLaughlin, Jess Kelley. Individuals will be followed up with and asked to attend spring 2019 to be nominated to subcommittee.

### 5. Reports

#### 5.1. Alpine Coach Education WG – Trayner

Update from Jon Casson on the work that has been done on the new level 100 – continue to seek content to make sure that it stays revised and up to date. Discussed level 200 will be the next phase after the level 100 in all sports is completed. Return to ski module is another idea to add to resources. The new Alpine Coach Developer role will be a huge support for Sport Education. What methods can we employ to incentivize membership and coach certification?

Need to look at the percentage of coaches who are operating on hill who are not certified coaches, or without an active U.S. Ski & Snowboard membership needs to be addressed. Topic of Elite athletes' involvement in coaching and certification came up. How can we incentivize these athletes to stay in the sport and what level of education do they need.

Motion to accept report – **M/S/C** Kipp/Casson

#### 5.2. Alpine Club WG – Strong

Want to move the time of the meeting closer to club excellence conference for next year. Plan to have four calls per year with the committee. First year of recertification for the first 9 clubs who went through the first round of certification. 46 current clubs certified looking to actively grow that number. Consulting is another program that is starting to grow, we can deploy those consulting jobs on special projects for clubs. Based on demands from clubs we did a compensation survey. 60 + positions were reviewed. The survey does not currently have a distribution plan but Ellen is happy to answer specific questions you may have.

Question whether there has been a trend of types of clubs that want to become certified? Intent was to start at the bronze level. The first clubs that went through the process were all evaluated as Gold, the

trend now is having clubs start at Bronze level and move through the levels of certification. This process is used as a tool for development, more Nordic clubs are expressing interest. Regional leadership is going to help spread the word and get clubs on board, making sure they don't feel intimidated by the process. Working on USCSA relationships, NASTAR, Community Network, Leadership forums online and in person.

Comment from Steve Berlack: Burke went through re-certification this year, it was a real introspective verification of what we said we were, and we also discovered things. We were proud to receive recertification, it was a good process.

Elected Tami as Chair again John Norton as Vice Chair

Motion to approve report – **M/S/C** Kipp/Casson

## 6. New business

**Action Item** In an effort to motivate and incentivize coaches to pursue certification and professional development, we can enact some triggers to encourage and require certification through raising the standards for competition venue access. Due to this process being a significant cultural and logistical change for club programs as well as taking into account the capacity of the sport ed department to meet the certification needs of the coach community, we should look at a gradual process to explore and implement the relevant policies. The Alpine Coach Education Working Group will identify a task force to work with Jon Casson and the new Alpine Coach Developer to work together on a process for presentation as a proposal at the 2019 Alpine Sport Committee meetings. **M/S/C** Casson/Strong

Nolting would like to task the new alpine coach developer working with Jon Casson and Gar Trayner to put together a taskforce for proposal.

U14 Working Group Initiative: Feel they need a platform to share video, pocket guide updates, and continuation of resource development for our member coaches to access.

Pocket guide had broken links which are now fixed, the videos can be found here: <http://videos.ussa.org/coetv>

- Continue to focus on resource development
- Revised updated pocket guide for Fall 2018
- Having easy tools that are accessible for coaches to use is important
- Continue to update and add to our current video library

### 6.1. Confirmation of chairman appointment

Move to re-affirm Chair (Nolting) and Vice Chair (Kipp) positions to get on even-year voting cycle  
**M/S/C** Trayner/Strong

## 7. Adjournment **M/S/C** Kipp/Casson

Adjourned at 4:30 PM

## Alpine U14 and Younger Working Group

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit A  
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 10:15 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Sally Utter (for Chair Jim Hudson)

### Members:

Jim Hudson – Absent (Proxy Todd Kelly)  
Kristina Revello – Rocky/Central Regional Rep  
Sydney Koop – Rocky/Central Regional Rep  
Beatty Schlueter – Eastern Regional Rep  
Sally Utter – Eastern Regional Rep  
Jeremy Ueland – Western Regional Rep  
Dan Henry- Western Regional Rep  
Kathy Okoniewski – U.S. Ski & Snowboard Staff  
Haley Duke - Athlete rep - Absent- Mark Wedeking (proxy)  
Jim Schaffner- Industry rep.

1. Welcome and call to order

2. Roll call and review of committee membership

- Approve minutes m/s/c Dan Henry/Todd Kelly
- Approve agenda m/s/c Todd Kelly/Dan Henry

3. Any additions to the agenda

#### – YOB gender proposal- Darlene

Dar YOB Gender Proposal/Deb's test run report

- Mixed feedback, lack of education of the parents
- RMD; U12/10 by YOB with both genders in single race
  - Girls against boys; cultural issue
  - Why are we doing it, what is the purpose, how does this affect interaction?
  - Announcer didn't buy in and voiced his displeasure
  - Boys won a lot of the ribbons, girls were scattered
  - Developmentally more matched overall, girls need more challenge and support to push competition and it's ok to be aggressive
  - Will create a more positive team culture by bringing the athletes together
- Central had huge success
  - Education upfront?
  - R2 and R3 would like to continue another test year
- Bowman- biological age and different genders. Teachers/professionals tend to lean toward the belief that it only benefits 10-20% of the field.
- James/SVSEF- driven by team culture, implement in coach education and child development
- Jeremy Ueland- also had a successful event



- Create document for parent education- HOW WHAT WHY talking points
- Ron Kipp- date from races last year; 70-80 athletes, 3 of 4, males were faster. No difference in results when combined YOB. Boys were significantly faster than the girls at U12 level. ROC send those race results to Ron

Proposal to continue one more year of testing this format for U12/10

**M/S/Passed Todd Kelly/Dan Henry Unanimous**

**- Tall pole Parallel Slalom - Dirk**

Test events for scored/non-scored event proposal

- Dual SL concept; stubbies, panels,
- U16s passed- allow ROC single pole scored events and to replace AC with parallel

Dan- panel parallel at U16 and older, address 60" pole/panel and scored or non-scored

Craig Kruger- Proposal on ftp site, very detailed.

**M/S/Passed Dan Henry/Kristina Revello Unanimous**

Dan to be on working group for Panel/Parallel event

**- U10/U12 best practices.**

Education for coaches on drills/exercises

- Sally- pocket guide and SQ links and videos with explanations was removed
- Jon Nolting- old QR codes no longer work. New links coming out, will have to be repurchased. Jon Casson and Anne Hosmer
- Motion to honor old QR codes for access to original Pocket Guide

**M/S/Passed Kristina Revello/Beatty Schlueter Unanimous**

4. Old business

**- Ability Class Racing (RMD / PNSA) (14 through U19 WG)**

Allow regions to continue providing ability class events at their discretion.

**M/S/Passed Dan Henry/Todd Kelly Unanimous**

**- U10/U12 Awards for Combined Gender(U14 and Under WG)**

**M/S/Passed Todd Kelly/Dan Henry Unanimous**

**- Dual Single Pole SL (NYSSRA, Northern, PSNA – Dirk Gouwens)**

**M/S/Passed Dan Henry/Kristina Revello Unanimous**

**- Ski Down (VARA - Julie Woodworth)**

Covered by ability committee

**- Team scoring in Split Second (Park City) Does now exist**

Ready for use

5. New business

Potential Age Class Change from FIS - **Not happening**

60 Inch SL gates

- Jon Nolting- reminder of the research that went into having 60" instead of U16 height. The development of SL has increased significantly.
- Terry DelliQuadri- has seen improvement over time by using shorter poles as a stepping stone to U16s.
- Ron Kipp- referred to original study
- **U14 participating in U16 Nationals**
- Dan Henry- calendar is affected
- **U14 participating in Whistler Cup, Western Region**
- Troy Price- recommendation to continue participation

**M/S/Passed Dan Henry/Beatty Schlueter Unanimous**

- James- East and RC have CanAms, importance of international; International exposure discussion
- Mike Morin, U16 Nationals created to replace Whistler Cup/Topolino because of scheduling. Sounds like we need to maximize quotas, would have to increase numbers/teams on a regional level/request.
- Kathy Okoniewski- East quota to CanAms 30, West has 12 to Whistler, RC has 10 to CanAms

**Notes:**

- Sally- coed groups and duals. NASTAR? Coaches' ed is not based on how to work with younger athletes, typically only FIS/WC level athletes. Need more support for working with younger kids not just high-level drills and skills.
- Kathy- more project based education for younger coaches to work with experienced coaches. Collaborate with regions and regional projects, states in the east are working well together. Programming as an additional layer to P26.
- RC projects, take advantage of the Gold Medal Initiative with the Partnership at Copper. Very inexpensive and positive way to bring 30-60 athletes together as well as bring coaches together for development in a free-ski environment
- Mark- limited travel for U12 and younger. Traveling and non-traveling teams for projects. U12 and U10 work together.
- Dave Edry- SMS/club, 3 event series for U10 and younger, no timing, team focused environment.
- TK- Mitey mite WC using NASTAR and uses color system, uses this system to increase excitement.
- Jeremy Uelend- everyone has a NASTAR pass
- Jean Cherouny- need more game-oriented events, ways to make it a positive experience
- Beatty- inter- and intra-club events, not always with timing, to get kids skiing more.
- Jim Schaffner- get them on the track for the results, the athlete's desire, skill development and fun must go together throughout the process. Important to introduce more fun U16 and older and more skills U14 and younger. More programming for the coaches working with U14 and younger, not just for the best coaches who work with the best/older athletes.

- Squaw- short forums each day providing parents/coaches/athletes to discuss. Hop turn hop off- incentivize skill acquisition

**Proposal to initiate a platform** to share video/demo/instruction/explanation that can be accessible and shared with parents, athletes, and coaches.

- Similar to the Pocket Guide or Canada Alpin YouTube channel
- Must be low level to high level skills/drills
- Must be based on ideal for each age group
- Must be user friendly

**M/S/Passed Kristina Revello/Todd Kelly Unanimous**

6. Adjournment

**M/S/Passed Dan/Beatty**

## Alpine Executive Committee

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B  
Friday, May 4, 2018, 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

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Meeting Chair – Darryl Landstrom

### Members:

Paul Van Slyke - Vice Chair  
Bill Slattery - Immediate Past Chair (Excused)  
Jon Nolting - Education - Subcommittee  
Mike Morin - Alpine Development Committee  
Doug Hall - Alpine Technical Subcommittee  
Craig Krueger - Regional Subcommittee  
Warner Nickerson - Athlete Representative  
Jessica Kelley - Athlete Representative (Excused)  
Howard Chip Knight - Staff (Director Athlete Development)  
Jesse Hunt - Alpine Director  
Beat Hupfer - At Large

1. Welcome and Call to Order 7.33 AM -

**Guests:** Darlene Nolting, Jeff Weinman, Andrew Weibrecht

2. Review of Committee Membership and Roll Call

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

3. Review of Minutes SC-WG Received - Knight/Landstrom

4. Reports -

4.1 General Comments – Landstrom

4.1.1 Thank you for getting all your minutes in a timely manner

4.2 Judicial and Nominating Committee - Slattery

4.2.1 No issues

4.3 At Large Beat Hupfer

4.4 Education Subcommittee - Nolting

4.4.1 Reaffirmed Chair and Vice Chair positions

4.4.2 Proposal: Put together a task force to look at how to phase into required level 100 certification for all alpine coaches.

4.5 Development Subcommittee - Morin

4.5.1 Proposal: U16 Nationals proposal as presented

4.5.2 Proposal: To allow Regions/Divisions to host dual National Point/FIS SG and DH events.

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4.5.6 Proposal: To allow U10/U12 to race and give awards within YOB and to include both genders in the YOB for one more test year.

4.5.7 Proposal: To allow the Western Region to continue to attend the Whistler Cup event with U14's.

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4.5.9 Proposal: To have U.S. Ski & Snowboard update activate the old QR codes in the pocket guide at no charge.

4.5.10 Proposal: U19 NPS Quota proposal as presented on FTP site with the following amendment to footnote #2: <sup>2</sup> For NPS events before Feb. 1, YOB 2002 athletes will be ranked by an NTSM of race points from the prior-year U16 Nationals results using all three events: SL, GS and SG. For NPS events on or after Feb. 1, YOB 2002 athletes will be ranked by an NTSM of National points in SL, GS, and SG

4.5.11 Proposal: Intents will close 16 days prior to first Team Captains' Meeting. Confirmation deadline is 14 days prior to first Team Captains' Meeting

- This proposal is a result of a National problem where coaches are not pulling their athletes in a timely manner to allow athletes to move into the selections.

4.5.12 NJR designation for U19 NPS Races

- Discussion within the committee: To allow the U19 NPS Series to be calendared as either a NJR or FIS classification of races at the discretion of staff.

4.5.13 P122 Alpine Comp Guide, Course Setting GS Max 450m.

- Proposal: To adjust the wording on P.122 and the Matrix P.134 to be in line with the FIS rules.

4.5.14 Karen Ghent is the new Development Committee Chair. Committees are complete.

#### 4.6 FIS Subcommittee - Van Slyke

4.6.1 - FIS TD working group has a new Chair - Carl Kunzel with Paul being the Vice-chair

4.6.2 - Lots of work to be done with the courses working group in the next three years. Doug Hall is chair and Brad Ghent is vice chair.

4.6.2.1 - Proposal: If the inspector prepares the homologation packet and required associated documents they may charge up to the FIS per diem rate for report preparation.

4.6.3 - Only in collegiate events may the jury reduce the number of competitors in the second run to 60, provided that the notice was given in the invitation or on the official notice board before the race started, and at the team captains' meeting before the draw. Housekeeping item.

4.6.4 - This rule currently differs from the FIS rule and is currently without U designation. The applied rule at US sanctioned collegiate events uses the number 60 if there is to be a reduction. Rogan Connell verifies this number.

#### 4.7 Alpine Technical Subcommittee - Hall

4.7.1 - Officials Working Group - had one action item regarding officials moving up to level 4 status.

4.7.2 Timing Working Group -

- The auto-return start gate that has an exception has been removed
- Amendment-The auto beep doesn't replace the verbal command

4.7.3 U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD Working Group

- Moving 3 TD's up to level 3 status

#### 4.7.4 Classification Committee

- Extend the PNSA Ability Class Alternative Seeding method for a 1year trial. - dependent on what happens during the Development report
- To approve the continued use of the Alternative Seeding methods included in the catalogue as compiled by Cath Jett
- Rules regarding application of less than minimum vertical drop and minimum penalty. - Put together a task force to bring a proposal forward for approval.
- Proposal U.S. Ski & Snowboard scored races that have been flagged for review due to possible point fixing shall be removed immediately from the points list until completion of the review.
  - Saturday Women's race at Vail - adder 10
  - Women's GS at Sugarbush - adder 18
  - Women's SL at Cochran's - adder 17
  - Sunday Women's race at Vail - adder 4

#### 4.8 Regional Subcommittee - Krueger

4.8.1 - Proposal: For a \$75 student membership available to high school and collegiate athletes, no divisional membership fee allowed.

4.8.2 - Proposal: To approve the Masters course setting matrix as posted on the ftp site.

#### 4.9 Athletes - Nickerson

4.9.1 - Warner is stepping down as the athlete rep on the Collegiate committee, Brian McLaughlin will be filling that spot.

4.9.2 - Discussion on how to strategize to get athletes involved in the committee work.

4.9.3 - Athlete Committee - talked about grants (how many, mental health screening, chairman process

#### 5. Review ASC Agenda -

#### 6. Old Business

##### 6.1 Precisions Reports - Knight

#### 7. New Business

7.1 Discussion regarding calendaring of U.S. Ski & Snowboard races should States and Divisions be required to submit their calendars by October.

##### 7.2 Elections

#### 8. Adjournment **M/S/C** Mike Morin/Warner Nickerson

## Alpine Sport Committee – Meeting #2

DoubleTree Hotel, 1800 Park Avenue, Park City, UT 84060 – Summit B  
Friday, May 4, 2018, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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Meeting Chair – Darryl Landstrom

### Members:

Paul Van Slyke - Vice Chair  
Bill Slattery - Immediate Past Chair (Excused)  
Jon Nolting - Education - Subcommittee  
Mike Morin - Alpine Development Committee  
Doug Hall - Alpine Technical Subcommittee  
Craig Krueger - Regional Subcommittee  
Warner Nickerson - Athlete Representative  
Jessica Kelley - Athlete Representative (Excused)  
Andrew Weibrecht - Athlete Representative  
Stefan Hughes - Athlete Representative  
Howard Chip Knight - Staff (Director Athlete Development)  
Jesse Hunt - Alpine Director  
Mike Bowman - Winter Park, CO  
Dan Marshall - New Hampshire  
Tao Smith - Vermont  
Beat Hupfer - Mammoth Lakes, CA  
Todd Kelly - Olympic Valley, CA  
Karen Korfanta - Park City, UT  
Joe Paul - Bloomington, MN  
Tom Winters - Tuscan, AZ (Honorary - Excused)  
Tiger Shaw - Park City, UT (Excused)

### 1. Welcome and Call to Order - 11:00 AM

**Guests:** Darlene Nolting Claire Brown, Karen Ghent, Jeff Weinman, CB Bechtel, Tom Kelly, Bill Gunesch, Lucy Schram, Gwynn Watkins, John Manderfield, Don Stellin, Jonathan Manderfield, Peter Dodge, Roger Perricone, Ron Kipp, Kathy Okoniewski, Scott Graham, Ken Gay, Lauren Beckos, Esther DelliQuadri, John Jett, Kevin Chaffey, Tom Webb, James Tutkus, Bill Skinner, Roger Kimball, Tami Strong, Lynn Bleil, Molly Laramie, Mike Ginsberg, Alex Spychaesky

### 2. Review of Committee Membership and Roll Call

### 3. Review and Approval of Agenda **M/S/C** Paul Van Slyke/Mike Morin

### 4. Reports

#### 4.1 General Comments - Landstrom

4.1.1 - thank you to everyone's hard work and dedication to the meetings.

#### 4.2 Alpine Judicial Committee – Slattery/Landstrom

4.2.1 - Nothing to report

#### 4.3 Education Subcommittee - Nolting - Motion to accept the Education report and proposals. **M/S/C** Craig Krueger/Mike Bowman

4.3.1 Good discussion in the working groups. Move the schedule of the Club Working Group closer to the club excellence conference to capture some of the club leaders.

4.3.2 Proposal: To put together a working group to study the process of a graduated rollout of a requirement that all Alpine coaches be required to have a Level 100 certification to have access to competition venue.

Motion to accept the Education report and proposals. **M/S/C** Jon Nolting/Tao Smith

#### 4.4 Development Subcommittee - Morin

4.4.1 Proposal: U16 Nationals proposal as presented

4.4.2 Proposal: To allow Regions/Divisions to host dual National Point/FIS SG and DH events.

4.4.3 Proposal: To allow Divisions to host ability class events and ski down at their discretion.

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4.4.5 Proposal: To create a working group to develop a new panel dual slalom category to score to the National points system that will eventually replace alpine combined.

- Final task force by May 10th, present to Executive Committee by July 15th, final work by August 1st to be added to the Alpine Competition Guide.

4.4.6 Minimum point proposal was tabled

4.4.7 Proposal: To allow U10/U12 to race and give awards within YOB and to include both genders in the YOB for one more test year.

4.4.8 Proposal: To allow the Western Region to continue to attend the Whistler Cup event with U14's.

4.4.9 Proposal: To initiate a platform to share with all coaches for children's grassroots development - U12 and under to include ideas, methods, videos and drills. - Working Group will consist of the following individuals: Sally Utter, Darlene Nolting, and Jim Hudson with the addition of three more individuals

4.4.10 Proposal: To have U.S. Ski & Snowboard update/activate the old QR codes in the pocket guide at no charge.

4.4.11 Proposal: U19 NPS Quota proposal as presented on FTP site with the following amendment to footnote #2: <sup>2</sup> For NPS events before Feb. 1, YOB 2002 athletes will be ranked by an NTSM of race points from the prior-year U16 Nationals results using all three events: SL, GS and SG. For NPS events on or after Feb. 1, YOB 2002 athletes will be ranked by an NTSM of National points in SL, GS, and SG.

4.4.12 Proposal: Intentions will close 16 days prior to first Team Captains' Meeting. Confirmation deadline is 14 days prior to first Team Captains' Meeting

- **Amend Proposal:** To change the proposal to read Intentions will close at 18 days prior to first Team Captains' Meeting, confirmation deadline to be 16 days prior to the first Team Captains' Meeting. **M/S/C** Dan Marshall/Craig Krueger
- This proposal is a result of a National problem where coaches are not pulling their athletes in a timely manner to allow athletes to move into the selections.

4.4.13 NJR designation for U19 NPS Races

- Discussion within the committee: To allow the U19 NPS Series to be calendared as either a NJR or FIS classification of races at the discretion of staff.

4.4.14 P122 Alpine Comp Guide, Course Setting GS Max 450m.

- Proposal: To adjust the wording on P.122 and the Matrix P.134 to be in line with the FIS rules.

4.4.15 Karen Ghent is the new Development Committee Chair. Committees are complete.



4.4.16 Steve Berlack was voted into the At Large position

Motion to approve report and proposals. **M/S/C** Van Slyke/Doug Hall

#### 4.5 FIS Subcommittee - Van Slyke

4.5.1 The new ASC structure

4.5.2 - Oct 19-21 in Portland, Oregon

4.5.3 - Oct 26-29 in Bromont

4.5.4 - FIS TD Working group - Cark Gunzel is the Chair and Paul Van Slyke is the Vice Chair. Troy Price was approved as a FIS TD Candidate.

4.5.5 - Courses - Thank you to the committee for their hard

- Doug Hall is chair and Brad Ghent is Vice Chair
- Proposal: If the inspector prepares the homologation packet and required associated documents they may charge up to the FIS per diem rate for report preparation
- Promote Jack Treadwell as an inspector
- Promote BB Baker, Kristina Revello, and Art Tokle as inspectors in training.

4.5.6 Rules -

- Ux06.2 Limitations in the second run only in collegiate events may the jury reduce the number of competitors in the second run to 60, provided that the notice was given in the invitation or on the official notice board before the race started, and at the team captains meeting before the draw. Housekeeping item.
- This rule currently differs from the FIS rule and is currently without U designation. The applied rule at US sanctioned collegiate events uses the number 60 if there is to be a reduction. Rogan Connell verifies this number.
- Elections Rogan Connell as Chair and John Jett as vice chair.

Motion to approve report and Proposals. **M/S/C** Doug Hall/Paul Van Slyke

#### 4.6 Alpine Technical Subcommittee - Hall

4.6.1 Motion to approve the following people to move to level 4 positions -

East

5515275 Cameron Hosmer RF4

4970463 James McCormick CR4

5779475 Barbara Wagner JA4

Far West

6320002 Jordan Stone CO4, TC4

Intermountain

4758405 Scott McGrew CO4, JA4, CR4, RF4, CC4

4003034 Fritz Wood CO4, JA4, CR4, RF4, CC4

4704201 Mark Wedeking CO4, JA4, RF4

4972683 Shannon Carrell JA4, RA4

Rocky

6493382 Steven Bonde JA4

5510052 Alice Black RA4

4.6.2 Timing Working Group -

- ACR 611.2.1.1 Start Gate – exemption for auto return to end in 17-18
- Amend ACR to remove the following language of 611.2.1.1
  - “For non-scored events only, non-homologated start gates (e.g. spring-return or ‘auto return’ mechanisms with single-output contacts) are permitted. These non-FIS models must be produced by manufacturers that exist on the most current list of FIS-homologated start gates. Industrial limit switches are not permitted.”
- This amendment brings the language in alignment with the FIS rule of the same number.
  - Amend ACR 613.4 to “U613.4” and add at the end, “(use of start clock/beep does not replace verbal command)”.

4.6.3 U.S. Ski & Snowboard TD Working Group

- Steven W Maynard (5587639) and Barry M Wise (5940341).PNSA
- BB Baker (6450573) VARA East

4.6.4 Classification Committee

- Extend the PNSA Ability Class Alternative Seeding method for a 1-year trial. - dependent on what happens during the Development report
- To approve the continued use of the Alternative Seeding methods included in the catalogue as compiled by Cath Jett
- Establish a Classification task force to align U.S. Ski & Snowboard minimum penalties with the proposed new FIS minimums. If FIS does not establish new minimums, the task force will review current U.S. Ski & Snowboard minimums for standard and sub-standard races, and to make recommendations to the ASC in the fall.
- Proposal USSA scored races that have been flagged for review as exceptional races. The following races and the recommended added is as follows:

- **U0299 W GS Vail**

To apply an adder to U0299 so either the percent improvement or the percent of field scoring do not trip the flag, whichever adder is lowest.

Pt Imp	% Pt Imp	% Scoring
<b>Current Metrics</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>25</b>
77		
<b>Adder 10</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>20</b>
68		

- **U1136 W GS Sugarbush**

To apply an adder to U1136 so either the percent improvement or the percent of field scoring do not trip the flag, whichever adder is lowest.

Pt Imp	% Pt Imp	% Scoring
<b>Current Metrics</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>
79		
<b>Adder 18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>
71		

- **U1055 W SL Cochran**

To apply an adder to U1055 so either the percent improvement or the percent of field scoring do not trip the flag, whichever adder is lowest.

Pt Imp	% Pt Imp	% Scoring
<b>Current Metrics</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>29</b>
65		

<b>Adder 17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>57</b>		

- **U0301 W GS Vail**

To apply an adder to U0301 so either the percent improvement or the percent of field scoring do not trip the flag, whichever adder is lowest.

<b>Pt Imp</b>	<b>% Pt Imp</b>	<b>% Scoring</b>
<b>Current Metrics</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>68</b>		

<b>Adder 4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>68</b>		

- Discussion regarding the process of flagging races to be called exceptional. While the process needs to have legitimacies.
  - This process falls under the purview of the Alpine Sport Committee and not the Classification Committee. The Classification Committee does a lot of good statistical work in analyzing the races and should not be criticized in this process.

Motion to approve report and proposals as presented. **M/S/C** Mike Morin/Mike Bowman

#### 4.7 Regional Subcommittee - Krueger

4.7.1 Proposal: For a \$75 student membership available to high school and collegiate athletes, no divisional membership fee is allowed.

4.7.2 Proposal: To approve Masters course setting matrix as posted on the ftp site.

4.7.3 Adjustment of committee members - Tao Smith, Alice Black were added to the committee to replace, Connie Webster and Stefan Hughes

Motion to approve report and proposals. **M/S/C** Dan Marshall/hip Knight

#### 4.8 Athletes - Nickerson

4.8.1 Thank you to Mike Morin for his hard work as the Development Chair

4.8.2 - Thank you to work of the Classification Committee; the athletes love the Exceptional Races.

4.8.3 - Welcome Andrew Weibrecht on this committee. It is great to have athletes involved so they may learn how all this works. If anyone has any ideas on how to get more athletes involved, please contact Warner.

4.8.4 - Athletes want to work together and change the culture of the Ski Team.

4.8.5 - Discussion on how to strategize to get athletes involved in the committee work.

4.8.6 - Athlete Committee talked about grants (what is available for the athletes to apply for and how do they do it), mental health screening, etc.

Motion to accept report as presented. **M/S/C** Tao Smith/Andrew Weibrecht

#### 5. Old Business

5.1 High School Task Force Update - Landstrom/Knight

5.2 Collegiate Task Force update – Knight

#### 6. New Business

6.0.1 There is a need to make sure the divisions have their calendars established in the fall and have good communication within the division for calendar approval.

6.0.2 Nominating Committee Report - Slattery

6.1 Beat Hupfer At Large

## 7. Comments from Guests

7.1 Jesse Hunt - has enjoyed this week of meetings, getting back up to speed. There is a culture challenge at the elite level and he is excited to take this on and help bring the team culture back to the National Level. Thank you to all the hard work that has been done on the Project 26 platform. Thank you to all the volunteers for the efforts and hard work getting all the work done.

7.2 Chip Knight - It is remarkable to come into these meetings, the dialogue and hard work that happen at these meetings. The restructure of the ASC has helped move good solutions forward to issues that we have had throughout the year.

8. Date, time and Location of Next Meeting - Fall Conference Call TBD post-Sept FIS Meetings

## 9. Closing Comments – Landstrom

9.1 Welcome Karen Ghent as the Development Chair and thank you to Mike Moring for leading this Subcommittee for the past nine years

9.2 Awards nominations - Alpine, the largest population in the organization. Darryl will send out Awards nomination packets to the chairs to make at least one nomination.

10. Adjournment **M/S/C** Warner Nickerson/Mike Bowman