



## ALPINE SPORT COMMITTEE

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Fall Conference Call Meeting Minutes  
Friday, October 12, 2018 – 9am MDT

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1. Welcome and call to order 9:05am MST – Landstrom

CO Ski Hall of Fame was at Vail last weekend, congratulations to Bob Dart & Brad Ghent for their induction.

2. Roll call – Landstrom

Present: Darryl Landstrom, Paul Van Slyke, Mike Bowman, Karen Ghent, Doug Hall, Jesse Hunt, Beat Hupfer, Jess Kelley, Todd Kelly, Chip Knight, Karen Korfanta, Craig Krueger, Dan Marshall, Warner Nickerson, Jon Nolting, Joe Paul, Tiger Shaw, Bill Slattery, Tao Smith, Todd Kelly.

Excused: Stefan Hughes, Andrew Weibrecht, Tom Winters

Quorum attained.

3. Agenda review and approval **M/S/A – Slattery/Hall/Approved**
4. Review and approval of May 14, 2018 ASC minutes. **M/S/A – Slattery/Paul/Approved**
5. Membership/CLIP update – Sheryl Barnes

Membership is fluctuating daily, but generally running up 3-7% – roughly 1,000 members. More Volunteer, Coach, and Official memberships.

CLIP base price increased by 25% this year, reflecting increased premium for the organization; will be looking at options to renegotiate next season.

### **Action Item Proposal: Youth Coaches**

To allow youth coaches (ages 15-17), who are registered with U.S. Ski & Snowboard as athletes or general members, to participate with their clubs and in the race venue under the direction of a U.S. Ski & Snowboard registered coach or official. Also recommending that youth coaches complete SafeSport training, at a cost of \$20/person, at the U.S. Center for SafeSport website.

Question (Nickerson): How many individuals do we expect will fall under this designation?

Barnes: Maybe 100, but Ellen Adams believes there may be more once we provide guidance.

**M/S/A – Landstrom/Bowman/Approved**

## 6. SafeSport update – Charlotte Miller

All U.S. Ski & Snowboard employees and contractors are trained. We have 100% compliance. SafeSport has launched a refresher course this year that will be required annually for everyone who has taken the basic course after December 2017. Inside the organization, we have worked to define reporting guidelines and appropriate actions. Tiger sent an email to every athlete in support of these rules and procedures. He also sent the letter to coaches to deliver to their teams and report back with any discussion items.

SafeSport Investigation Director came to Park City twice – once to present to clubs and again to speak to staff – about reporting, decisions, and interim measures that need to be taken when there are problems. Rookie athletes have gone through training about challenges of drug and alcohol abuse and making decisions about consensual sexual activity.

An Athlete Safety and Security subcommittee of the BOD Ethics committee was formed in August to provide outside input in reviewing reported cases and determining appropriate actions. NGBs may be required to increase funding for the U.S. Center for SafeSport to support investigative staff.

Question (Bowman): Which coaches were sent the letter? Some coaches did not receive this letter.

Miller: The information was distributed to U.S. Ski & Snowboard employee and contractor coaches. Additional information will be distributed to U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coach members.

Landstrom: This subject was at the forefront of the FIS meetings in Zurich and on the agenda of every subcommittee meeting.

Question (Smith): When will updated SafeSport policies be available? There are several contradictions within the written guidelines, with respect to reasonable measures to limit exposure interactions and with regard to the nature of our sport and our normal procedures. (e.g. a chair lift with athlete and coaches)

Charlotte: We are looking at our sport-specific issues (e.g. locker rooms). We have called Center for Safe Sport to interpret rules/regulations for our specific sports to better understand appropriate actions.

Tiger: We are pushing for updated policies that are applicable for our sports. Procedures need to be reviewed and clarified. Charlotte is happy to review and discuss.

Tom Winters: We need to identify the “normal course of action.”

## 7. ASC Reports

### 7.1. Staff update – Hunt/Knight

Jesse Hunt – We have had a busy summer focusing on seven key topics:

- 1) Team Culture: we worked to improve & provide structure & accountability to create a positive atmosphere
- 2) Athlete Funding: lower athlete travel contribution. Strategies to lower B-Team costs and fundraising efforts for the C- and D-Teams.
- 3) Financial Transparency: top-level management responding with presentations directly to the athletes

- 4) New Development Model: project-based development programming from the D-Team down to U14s with Marjan's & Sasha's leadership.
- 5) Athlete Feedback & Surveys: semi-annual, with the first to go out in a few weeks after our prep season.
- 6) High Performance Engagement: working for consistency of testing & evaluation both on and off snow.
- 7) Technical & Tactical Statement: Phil McNichol has been contracted to review European nations' best practices and write our own. Good information will create consistency in coaching terminology as a tool in the field.
- 8) Focus on Winning at Every Level: driving this philosophy down through the system and having it inform resource allocation. Staff Changes: JJ Johnson left the Europa Cup team to go to the University of Utah. Chip Cochrane will come in on a part-time basis to help with Europa Cup speed. We will be seeing more domestic coaches coming in to help and bring back this experience to clubs. World Cup and Europa Cup selection guidelines are posted on the website. Warner Nickerson helped – thank you.

Chip Knight – New staff: Marjan Cernigoj has been hired as the Women's Development Head Coach, Martin Anderssen as Men's Europa Cup Tech Coach, Sam Damon as Eastern Region Director, Brad Farrel as Eastern Region Coach, Mike Prado as Western Region Coach, Paige Roberts as Eastern Region Manager, and Angie Brown as Western Region Manager.

Project-based programming is a big focus going forward: working with a broader range of athletes – 40+ at the D-team level this summer; working on communication and transparency; hosting webinars after projects; focusing on fundamental skill development and conditioning.

Other new initiatives for the year: monthly regional newsletters; U19 and U16 speed development projects at Copper in December; sending young FIS athletes to Europe in January; U14 and U16 athletes will be on World Cup slip crew at Beaver Creek and Killington; scheduling Parallel events at local level; continuing to promote Team Scoring functionality through Split Second software.

Calendar: NorAm – Lake Louise, Panorama, Collingwood, Ottawa (Parallel event), Sun Valley, Jackson, Burke, Stowe, Sugarloaf (NAC Finals and U.S. Nationals for Speed).

Hill preparation is a continued focus. NPS: U16s in Copper and Burke, U19s in Jackson. National Championships: Tech at Waterville with Parallel event. NJC: in Waterville, SG at Mittersill. U16 Nationals in Breckenridge.

Gar Trayner – New Sport Education Director. Updates: Technical & Tactical Statement & Glossary of Terms will be keys for development. Alpine Fundamentals Guide: full review/edit/ print by spring. Club Certification in progress. Finalized new L100 content, revision of L200 content. Reviewing communication methods to ensure consistency of delivery systems.

## 7.2. FIS Fall Meeting reports – Hunt/Knight/Korfanta/Landstrom/Van Slyke

Jesse Hunt - Focused on Parallel and what it will become, spring meetings will define in greater details. Harmonize between SL & GS, new ski designs, develop point system. Cortina may be first to hold Parallel instead of AC at World Championships in 2021.

Chip Knight: Different Parallel rules are being defined for FIS and domestic competition. FIS format involves one single-pole qualification run, like traditional slalom run, scored for FIS SL points. Speed Development and athlete drop-off in the speed disciplines continues to be an important topic.

Karen Korfanta: Drones are not permitted unless approved by the jury and the ROC. How to deal with exceptions around steep and flat hills will be discussed in the spring

Darryl Landstrom: Masters considering installing a registration fee to help cover all junior athletes – to be revisited in spring. World University Games in 2019 in Russia conflicts with NCAA Championships. 2021 World University Games Lucerne. SUI. 2023 Games awarded to Lake Placid. Snowboard & Freestyle are being considered as additional events.

Paul Van Slyke: Plombs available for use at Continental Cup through season 2018-19. Sync Timing system must be done as close as possible to start of first run of the day-once in morning. Section 650 Rules (Courses) have been overhauled and brought up to date. Drones may not be used in domestic competition, as per U.S. ACR rules.

Jeff Weinman: The injury protection procedure is changing, and the process has become much more involved. If athletes are injured and intend to apply for protection, have them report ASAP.

#### 7.3. BOD Report – Landstrom

Focus on Diversity & Inclusion, Tiger's initiatives, implement and improve Project 26, membership increase, athlete funding, 2019 World Championships in Park City early Feb, Board Meeting scheduled at this time, Transition of Chairmanship: Dexter's term coming to an end. Kipp Nelson & Ken Graham are nominated. Feb 3 is vote, and formal transition will be during Congress in spring.

#### 7.4. Athlete Representative – Warner Nickerson

Reports from Athletes are positive about transparency & team culture. Slalom athletes inclusion prior to championships. Task force to address growing equipment needs at lower levels.

#### 7.5. Judicial Committee – Bill Slattery

No action items.

#### 7.6. Education SC – Nolting.

Working to update Alpine Fundamentals Guide. Need to address a new Chair of Coach Education WG in the spring – Stacy Gerrish is vice chair and may move into that position.

#### 7.7. Development SC – Ghent

U16 & Older: Todd Brickson is new Vice Chair. Oct 25<sup>th</sup> conference call for P26 feedback, and opportunity to speak to Chip Knight.

U14 & Younger: Parallel slalom initiative, task force looking to children's development sharing drills, information, etc. Pocket guide access QR code issues.

College: National Development Collegiate Development project in Saas Fee led by Brad Farrell. Looking to confirm next year's project soon. World University Games – BTI travel company not working well.

Quotas: Proposals were unanimously approved: to increase U16 NPS quotas and to define access to NorAm Cup DH events.

7.8. FIS SC – Van Slyke

TD, Courses, & Rules WG: TD updates in Portland Oct 19-21 and Mt-Orford Oct 26-28. Courses update: FIS Homologations 2015(1), 2016(6), 2017(16). Applications received & expiring in 2019 (36); 10 New FIS Homologations; 2 proposals to discuss later.

7.9. Technical SC – Hall

Classification Chair transition from Dave Waller to new leadership. Any concerns should be directed to Doug & Darryl.

7.10. Regional SC – Krueger

Tao Smith & Dan Marshall = ER, Alice Black & John Manderfield = R/C. Todd Kelly & Bill Brooks = WR. Lauren Baros = Masters. At Large, Ron Bonneau = Colligate issues. Central Division Leadership Conference went well. WR Call Oct 17<sup>th</sup>, ER meetings Oct 19-20, RMD meetings Oct 14-16. Updating Handbooks.

8. Action Items

8.1. Parallel Slalom – Ghent

The Parallel Task Force started with FIS Parallel rules from ICR and further developed a set of rules for domestic competition to give ROC/Juries guidelines to follow. This is a two-year phase-in proposal to have the ACR section approved for this year and to address the question of scoring to a points list next year. Additional ACR wording edits still need to be made. The intention is to run head-to-head racing without ROC having to buy new equipment for net times. This is a paneled gate SL event. Two-run qualification races can be scored in the SL points list. **M/S/A Ghent/Van Slyke/Approved**

ASCEC to approve additional edits **M/S/A Van Slyke/Krueger/ Approved**

8.2. U16 National Performance Series Selections – Knight

Move to consider all U16 Nationals races from the previous year for selection. And move to increase regional selection quotas from 5 to 7 to increase regional flexibility and provide additional exposure for emerging young athletes. **M/S/A Knight/Krueger/ Approved**

8.3. NorAm Eligibility – Knight

Move to require 100 FIS point threshold in SG or DH, or participation in a National Development Speed Project, to qualify for selection to NorAm DH events. **M/S/A Knight/Hupfer/Approved**

Question (Bowman): Can selection criteria for speed projects be published?

Knight: Staff will publish the selection method. We are basing selection for the U19 Copper Speed project off the U19 NPS selection model.

8.4. Tahoe YSL League Qualification to NASTAR – Calum Clark

Motion to run the Tahoe YSL on the NASTAR system to import race information and allow athletes to qualify for NASTAR Nationals. Pilot program this year. **M/S/A Landstrom/Krueger/ Approved**

8.5. Course Approvals – Hall

Move-up date for on-snow inspections prior to re-certifications. **M/S/A Hall/Knight/Approved**

Move that inspections for re-homologations can utilize qualified staff (FIS TDs, Chief of Race & Course) on the mountain to write report to inspectors to assist re-certifications regarding the course protection. **M/S/A Hall/Hupfer/Approved**

9. New Business

9.1. U. S. Ski & Snowboard awards nominations – Slattery

Subcommittee chairs to review with respective working group chairs to identify nomination candidates earlier – nominations due February 28, 2019.

10. Old Business

10.1. High School Task Force update – to reconvene on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, use the Eastern model to regionally schedule championships. Any information is welcome of programs in your areas. Championships will be held March 9-11, 2019 at Cannon Mountain. Last year, there were over 250 athletes.

11. Review May 2019 Congress meeting schedule

11.1. ASC EC meetings: 3PM Tue, 5/14 and 7:30AM Fri, 5/17

11.2. ASC meetings: 6PM Tue, 5/14 and 11AM Fri, 5/17

**11.3. Proposals due not later than midnight Monday, April 29**

12. Comments

12.1. Tao Smith – Can we address the subject of Exceptional Races at spring Congress? There appears to be inconsistent application of the policy. And there are further issues particular to Vermont. Flagging and penalizing exceptional races leaves no room for judgment.

13. Adjournment 11:50am MST