

USTSA Officer's Conference Call
July 24th, 2007 7:00 p.m. MDT

Attending: Christopher Ulm – President, Paul Lamb – Vice President, Tory Hauser - Events Director, Russ Hobbs -Treasurer, Jim Stein – FIS Representative/Uniforms, and Eric Lamb – Secretary (absent)

OLD BUSINESS

*Membership renewal letter – **Eric***

The second renewal letter was sent out at the end of July.

*FIS Representation – **Jim***

Jim has participated in FIS calls and meetings, but will not be recognized as the new USTSA representative until FIS receives confirmation from the “official” US ski organization, which they consider to be USSA. Jim has written to USSA and expects that they will provide the required approval to FIS before the next FIS-Telemark meeting in September.

*Sponsorship Committee – **Russ***

Russ will not be able to attend the SLC Outdoor Retailer Show because of a work conflict. Christopher will attend. Russ will prepare a special sponsorship packet and also arrange for Christopher to meet with Spencer Bradford of Big Sky Brewing. Spencer will introduce Christopher to many of his contacts.

*Sanctioning Committee – **Tory***

Committee has not met yet

Evacuation Insurance:

No further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Race Schedule:

World Cup Schedule in Canada:

3/14 – 16 – Mont Blanc, Quebec

3/18 – 23 – Mount Eduord, Quebec. 2 WC races and WC Finals

US Race Schedule

3/12 – 13 – Sugarbush, VT. Jim will submit proposal but is optimistic this will work given the donation he solicited.

Nationals – still uncertain, but we need to consider holding Nationals concurrent with the World Cup race 3/12 – 13.

Russ & Linda's comments from after the call - *The last time we combined Nationals and a WC race was Crystal Mountain in 2003. We might follow up with Charlie Dressen or Ted Ryerson (TD for that race) to see if they remember any details. The only other example of combining WC and US races was at Schweitzer in 2006. Andrea from FIS was not happy with combining citizen races with WC races. If we combine Nationals with WC in VT, FIS may not want us to allow Citizen racers, which would defeat our goals for expanding racing. Do we know what Canada is going to do?*

If Sugarbush doesn't work out for Nationals, we are probably looking at holding Nationals in February. The Big Mountain will not hold a race in Feb, so we will have to look for alternate venues. Tory is working with Tamarack, Sun Valley and Colorado hills to finalize a western series of races.

Team:

Tory has received bios from many racers. We agreed that we will post the bios we have and use last year's bios for the racers that haven't submitted a new bio.

Uniforms:

We agreed that all B & Devo racers must purchase uniforms, even if they have uniforms from last season. This will ensure we have the minimum order quantity of 12 speed suits. Russ will add this to the clauses to be modified in the comp guide.

We already have Glen's speed suit and Paul or Tory will contact Tim Heitz to see if he will donate (or sell) his suit back to the team. Christopher sent a letter to Carrie asking for her uniform back the day after the call. We agreed that the maximum cost of the uniform for Devo and B team members will be \$400. We do not have all the costs tied down and agreed that we will reduce the fee if the actual costs are lower than our estimates.

Tory is going to schedule a conference call for all team members, tentatively August 6. BOD members will be welcome to call in as well.

Adjourned 8:20 pm MTN

**NEXT MEETING August 20 (tentatively), 2007 @ 7PM
MTN. TIME**