

USTSA BOD Conference Call

December 11, 2007, 7:00 MT

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

Absent:

Agenda:

1. Race Schedule Update, including European travel in January – Jim / Tory
 - Eric and Shane are coordinating with team members heading to Europe. European schedule as posted on USTSA calendar is correct. So far, only Drew is planning to attend Norway events.
 - Selkirk Classic and Tamarack event are only confirmed Western events. Tory is still working on Colorado event schedule. Potential for race at Steamboat Feb 2 & 3. There will be no training in Colorado in December
 - Jim will check with Mike Foote regarding East Coast races
2. World Cup Race Action Items (what can we do to help?)- Jim
 - Jim has a person working with him on planning and administering the WC race in Sugarbush and Sugarbush has assigned one person to be the key contact for race organization. This is a key factor in getting things organized.
 - Jim is working on lodging arrangements for BOD that will be at the race. Russ & Linda are planning on attending. Jim will also be working on identifying where other BOD members can help during the race.
 - Jim should have a financial projection from Sugarbush soon so that we can look at their cost and revenue estimates and understand USTSA potential liability.
 - Jim has contacted Fabio from Canada to be TD for the races
3. Uniform / riser status
 - Uniforms are being sent back to the embroiderer to fix a problem. Jim hopes to ship them to racers (via Hobbs in west) by year end. We expect them to get to racers before they leave for Europe.
 - Tory is still working with BCA on risers for the bindings. Tory does not know when the risers will be available.
 - Scarpa is sending patches for racer uniforms.
4. Discuss / Approve Comp Guide Changes
 - Proposed changes were approved. These changes will be identified in italics in the new version of the guide
 - We will bind up a few copies for distribution and email the file to all racers and BOD. Christopher will post the Comp Guide on the web site when he gets the file.
 - One additional section will be added as follows:
 - 5211 Any gate within a “free” section should have yellow panels. Gates within a “free” section must be negotiated correctly or the racer will be disqualified. No penalties will be assessed racers within a free section, regardless of the racers turn style or if the racer falls while within the “free” section.
5. BOD Vote on B/Devo Team uniform cost (with / without Speedsuits).
 - Unanimous BOD vote that all B and Devo Team members be charged \$400 for their uniform (jacket, pants, fleece and speedsuit).

6. BOD vote on event insurance fee of \$250 and guidelines for when fee would be waived (Selkirk doesn't need our coverage, but we will list the event to protect ourselves).
 - Unanimous BOD vote that Events Director will collect \$250 fee for insurance coverage on sanctioned races in lieu of a head tax. The Events Director has the authority to negotiate discounts to the standard fee for any event.
 - All events (racing or educational) that are linked to USTSA will be listed on our corporate liability insurance policy, even if the race organizer has separate insurance.
7. Review process for notifying insurance company of racing or educational events whether covered or not.
 - Unanimous BOD approval of "Request for Sanctioning and Insurance for USTSA Event" form to notify Linda Hobbs of the information needed to secure insurance coverage.
8. BOD vote that no charge for fund raiser liability insurance
 - Unanimous BOD approval that liability insurance for fund raisers that benefit USTSA or USTSA team members will be provided at no cost to the organizer.
9. Review rules for use of new waiver form
 - Waiver form needs to be filled out for all participants, volunteers and coaches at any race linked to USTSA, even if USTSA does not provide insurance for the event.
 - USTSA will need to coordinate participation during registration to ensure valid waivers are signed by all participants or legal guardians of participants if the participant is under 18 years old.
 - After the race, results and waivers should be sent to Russ & Linda Hobbs for retention with other insurance related records
10. BOD to confirm Scarpa will be considered as Gold sponsor.
 - BOD agreed that the value of Scarpa's donations of free and discounted equipment, the duration of their commitment and their long term commitment to USTSA qualifies them as a Gold sponsor.
 - BOD agreed that the value of BCA's donation of free equipments and the duration of their commitment qualifies them as a Gold sponsor.
11. BOD approved spending approximately \$200 on up to 2 sets of radios for use during races. Tory and Christopher will work on selecting the appropriate radios.