

USTSA Minutes April 28, 2009

Attending: Russ Hobbs – President, Tory Hauser – Events Director, Ken Gay – Treasurer, Josh Lanzetta – Secretary, Paul Lamb – Rules Committee, Christopher Ulm – Past President.

Absent: Eric Lamb – Vice President,

- I. Ski Channel
 - a. Russ to speak with Steve Bellamy from the Ski Channel
- II. Minutes from previous meeting
 - a. Approved by all
- III. FIS Application
 - a. Steamboat and Keystone are going forward with 2010 World Cup events
 - b. Waiting on confirmation from Loveland
 - c. Submit Steamboat application
 - i. Russ to send application tomorrow; April 29, 2009
- IV. Team Application Status as of 4/28
 - a. A Team
 - i. Lorin Paley – yes
 - ii. Brett Stein – no
 - iii. Ben Paley – yes
 - iv. Eric Lamb – yes
 - b. B Team
 - i. Erica - yes
 - ii. Joel – no
 - iii. David – yes
 - iv. Jeff – yes
 - c. Development team
 - i. Zoe – yes
 - ii. Matti – yes
 - iii. Elizabeth - yes
- V. Membership Promotion discussed options and BOD comments distributed by Russ before the meeting.
 - a. General comments
 - i. All agreed that adding more races was best way to increase membership
 1. Are we too structured? Does race organizer guide provide guidance for putting on fun races? May be something we need to add.
 2. Utilize racer's contacts at home mountains to encourage more events
 - ii. Should we focus on adding more varied events as opposed to just focusing on sanctioned races?
 - b. Event license
 - i. Agreed to consider for approval at next BOD meeting
 - ii. \$15 per day license.
 - iii. Points tracked for current season only. If racer does not renew (either with day license or full membership) the following season, points will be dropped from the USTSA database.

- iv. Day license holders will not be eligible for US Team positions ,
 - v. Day license holders cannot race in the Elite category at nationals
 - vi. Day license holders will receive no other membership benefits,
 - vii. In the event a day license holder elects to purchase a full membership, no credit will be given for the day license fee already paid.
- c. New members
- d. BOD agreed not to implement a new member discount for the coming season
- Junior members
- i. Agreed to consider for approval at next BOD meeting
 - ii. BOD to finalize fee - \$15 or \$20?
 - iii. Youth 14 and under would be eligible for a discounted membership. Proposed fee would be the same , regardless of the time of the year the fee was paid. There will be no penalty for a mid-season registration.
 - iv. Junior members would not be eligible for US Team positions, including the Development Team. To be considered for the Development team, a racer must have a full competitive membership
 - v. Junior members will not have voting privileges.
 - vi. Must have parental signature on Junior member application
- e. Family membership
- i. BOD agreed not to implement a family membership discount for the coming season
- f. Alumni membership
- i. Agreed to consider for approval at next BOD meeting
 - ii. Proposed \$20 annual membership fee for prior members of USTSA team
 - iii. Alumni membership would not include points carryover. Racer would need to buy an event license each year or purchase a full competitive license to avoid USTSA points retention rules.
 - iv. Alumni members would be considered Voting Members under the by laws and have the same rights and benefits as other voting members..
- g. Points carry-over
- i. BOD discussed how long a racers points should be carried over in the database if the racer does not maintain USTSA membership as a voting member or purchases a day license.
 - ii. Unanimous vote: points will not carry-over if a membership or day license is not purchased each year.
 - iii. Example 1 - a racer purchases a competitive license or a day license during the 2009 season. If the racer does not purchase a competitive license or a day license during the 2010 season, the racers points will be dropped from the USTSA points database.
 - iv. Example 2 – a racer purchases a competitive license during the 2009 season and only purchases a day license for one race during the 2010 season. The racers points will be calculated at the end of the 2010 season as specified in the Competition Guide.
 - v. The Competition Guide must be updated to reflect these rules as it currently does not state our policy for points carry-over.

VI. Carry-forward

- a. Comp. guide amendments
 - i. Penalties for races with or without jumps
- b. Amend contract with parent signatures
- c. Under 18 voting privilege
- d. Alumni membership
- e. Nominate Ken as FIS technical delegate
- f. Next call: May 12, 2009 to finalize membership enhancement options and plan for first team conference call