

USTSA Minutes 9/18/13

Attendance: Ken, Josh, Linda, Russ, Keith, Maggie, Ty and Al.

Absent: Al

1. FIS World Cup Schedule: has been confirmed.

§ 11/29 – 12/1	Hintertux, AUT	2xPS, SP
§ 12/21-23	Les Contamines, FRA	3xPS, SP
§ 1/17-18	Rauris, AUT	CL, SP
§ 1/25-26	Bohinj, SLO	2xSP
§ 2/2	Vardaasen, NOR	SP
§ 2/10-14	Steamboat, USA	
§ 2/21	Stranda, NOR	CL
§ 3/15	Riezlem, AUT	SP
§ 3/18-19	Funaesdalen, SWE	PS, SP
§ 3/22-24	Geilo, NOR	2xCL, 2xSP, 2xSP
§ 3/27-29	Rjukan, NOR	2xSP, PS, CL

- FIS Representative:

-Process to have Ken approved. Ken has been communication with Andrea and Andrew (members of the FIS committee). Andrew will place Ken on the list for the FIS Committee as a Visitor. Ken will arrive in SUI 10/3 for the FIS Committee meetings.

-Need deadline for FIS licenses for team members:

· \$50CH

· Passport copies

--Did not discuss the above agenda items. Move to October.

-Nationals and other regional race possibilities

- Jan. 4 – Loon Mountain – Organizer: Tim Lukens – confirmed. Discipline has yet to be determined. Will be two races in one day, combined with a ski mountaineering race on Saturday.

-February 27, 28, March 1 & 2 - Pico Mountain– Nationals – Organizer – Keith Rodney. Pico sounds to be very supportive of the event.

-Other race options? Update on Schweitzer? Linda will double check with Tim Boden on the status. It might not be happening. Ken: Vail is a strong interest to do again, possibly 3rd week in January. Ken hasn't heard back from Sunlight, concerned over lack of participation. Will try with Eldora. Josh: good potential with Gunstock for a race series. Joel and Birk are working on Alta. World Cup races in US keep the schedule full.

-Uniforms:

- Tommy has secured uniforms with FlyLow

- Red pants are not available—switching to blue. Pants arrived to Linda today. Linda is still doing inventory.

-Speedsuit: no update from Bill. Linda: we do not need FIS approved speedsuits. Is there a monetary difference between FIS approved suits and non-suits. Are FIS speedsuits required? Ken referred to the rules and yes, suit needs to be FIS approved. Discussion about FIS suits, approval test measures and costs. Issue is that the speedsuit costs are \$100 over what we projected for team costs. Option: can buy through Spyder at club rates? Ty and Ken will check in. 23 suits are needed to fulfill the A, B, and Devo team members. 13 members of the Regional team.

-Need to schedule a team call

-How does a team call work? Typically: BOD president, Event Coordinator, and Ty. Whole BOD doesn't need to be there unless want to. Josh will email time/date possibilities.

-Donations:

- "Flow through" donation issue: Clarify on "flow through" donation. \$1,000 donation was not made to Taylor Finn. Correction: \$1,000 donation made to USTSA. The donation was solicited by Taylor Finn, fulfilling her contractual obligation for team members to find sponsors. The donation is unrestricted.

-Kalispell Brewing Co will donate \$500 to either a World Cup race or Nationals, per BOD advisement. Will determine allocation of funds for next call.

- Team Issues

- Status of Tommy Gogolen: update: 3rd ACL surgery, not able to ski/compete. Has taken a position on the A-team. Issue: is volunteering and help secure Flylow sponsorship. Do we allow him his A-team position, if he's paid his fee, and able to take advantage of A-team benefits? Discussion. Also discussion about racer using the sponsorship goods. Balance with sponsorship goals/agreement. Sponsorship issue is separate from team position issue. Do we need a new rule about team members using sponsorship goods or if they choose not to use gear, they will not accept? Has been an established policy.

All agreed that Tommy is still invited to the A-team and if accepted, he will pay the full fee and is entitled to the same benefits A-team members receive.

-Andy Minier –contact on 9/18. Will mail check today. Josh expressed difficulties in communicating with Andy with contracts and team participation fee. Question about final deadline.

-Julie Brown, Regional team, needs to be followed up with: Linda will get info to Al.

-Sponsors:

-Confirmed: Scarpa, CW-X, Global Rescue and SportTube- (Promotive)

-Promotive: a pro-deal site for vendors. Devon made contact for the team roster to have access to pro-deal and discounts for various outdoor/ski companies and gear. Discussion about Promotive benefits.

-Unconfirmed: Saucer Wax, Big Sky Brewing, Smartwool, Patagonia, Leki and Osprey packs. Linda confirmed with Josh to go with Saucer Wax for another year. Josh: discussion about Swix about the possibility of some sort of pro-deal.

-Russ will contact Big Sky Brewing Co for a renewal.

-Maggie will double check on Future Foam donation.

-Josh to reach out to BCA, ISIS, 22 Designs, Head, Blizzard, Alpina, Elan, and Yoko. Some of these sponsorships were coordinated by athletes. Good to discuss on the team call.

-Other business: kudos to Linda for website work. Brief website discussion/update.

Next meeting: October 8th. Josh will email to set up team call. Major agenda item: speedsuits.