

USTSA BOD Conference Call 1/7/2014

Present: Al, Ty, Maggie, Josh, Russ, Linda, and Ken

Absent: Keith (miscommunication with new conference call hosting)

1. Contract waivers

a. Kelsey S.: emailed Josh that she is unable to participate in Nationals as a Regional Team member. Family issues to commit to Nationals but will train with Cedar Mattole and Pete McMahon at Whitefish Mountain Resort. Wants to be involved this season and wants to bring back an event to Whitefish.

b. Josh L.: Recovering from surgery – sent BOD formal waiver.

Al motion to grant waivers. Ken second. All in favor.

2. Speedsuit update: Al mailed speeduits – all athletes should have suits by today. All were insured and required signature for delivery. Al will finish shipping out remaining wax to Regional team members. Athlete feedback has been positive thus far. Comments from BOD. Recommendation from Al to extend speedsuit life to three years. Discussion to begin uniform planning earlier – perhaps in the summer.

3. Coaching fee: Discussion led by Al. Past \$1400 fees to pay Ty for coaching/travel fees as USTSA team coach. This year, no large group of US racers going to Europe, so no major travel expense. Al requests \$500 to be allotted to Ty for Nationals expense. Request granted.

4. Nationals update: Keith was absent to give update. Josh shared updates. Jan 11th Pico race – will give Keith and Pico an opportunity to trial telemark racing event. Discussion. Linda needs race fee info to post registration information for Nationals. Discussion about Nationals needs/concerns. Questions: who is in charge of results? Will Nationals be a FIS race? Issue with TD's and financial constraints. Discussion about making Nationals a FIS race or not.

5. Competition guide: discussion led by Ken. BOD was emailed competition guide with recommendations. Discussion. Josh moves to approve changes/updates in competition guide. Al second. All in favor. Discussion about the best way to send comp guide to all athletes. Linda will draft email to BOD before sending to athletes.

5. Secretary update: Maggie will not renew her BOD position as Secretary. Other positions that will term are Events (Ken) and Treasurer (Al). Both Al and Ken expressed their desire to renew their position. BOD will need to find a candidate to fulfill the open position.

6. Additions: Linda – last call we decided to push the discussion about the proposal from Tanner and Jack about research. Table discussion/decision until spring to evaluate junior racer participate after the season.

7. Ken: updates on Steamboat World Cup event.

8. Final business: update on Eldora? No race, via Ken. Race updates on the lingering potential races/events.

Meeting adjourned. Next call: Feb 4th, 8:30 PM Eastern time.

