

USTSA Summary of Meeting Minutes and Corporate Status, 1994 – 2006

December 1, 1993, USTSA was incorporated in Utah.

Trustees were Ellen Guthrie, Charles Hassard, and Beth Campbell

1993-1994 USTSA Committee Meeting Minutes

- This meeting was after the initial incorporation as USTSA in Utah. The group had been affiliated with USSA since 1984 and USSA had calculated points, provided insurance, mailing list and “credibility, but had been “dropped” by USSA. Dropping “seemed to be an issue of money”. This was the impetus for USTSA to establish their own corporate and 501C status. Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws were all reviewed, revised and approved. Indicated that they didn’t have 5013c status yet, but would next year.
- Clarified current, 1993-1994, voting members.
 - Trustees: Charlie Hassard, Ellen Guthrie, Beth Campbell
 - Directors: 3 trustees above and Tory Hauser – CO, Scott McGee – NW, Francois Paul Hus – UT, Claude Muff – East
- Other Agenda Items:
 - Races: Insurance, \$5/ day for non members,
 - Membership – had 90 members, how to encourage more memberships, start a newsletter?
 - Team Selection requirements
 - Ski/Equipment requirements for racing
 - Turn Rule Clarification
 - National Champion, voted to name a men’s and women’s national champion, must be a US citizen.
 - How to Cede foreign racers in US races
- Elected new trustees, directors effective 12/1/94
 - Trustees: Jen Borzilleri, Patrick Ledger, Chris Rice
 - Directors: 3 trustees above and Tory Hauser – CO, Scott McGee – NW, Sarah Bennett – UT, Claude Muff – East

May 18, 1994 – Amended Articles of Incorporation were filed in Utah

Trustees were Jennifer Borzilleri, Patrick Ledger and Chris Rice. Sarah Benett was the registered agent in Utah. The principle place of business was Lake Placid.

1995 – No minutes on file

March 19 and March 22 1996 – Lake Tahoe

- Voting members are: Jennifer Borzilleri and Patrick Ledger, Directors USTSA; Claude Muff, Chris Rice – East; Darrell Hensley – PA/WV; Heather Paul, Ned Ryerson – Rocky Mt; Sarah Bennett, Lori Sthler – Wasatch; Halsey Hewson, Scott McGee (moderator and voting proxy for Dave Belin) – WY; Ken Lucas – NW; Uli Schmidt-Mayback – Pacific Crest
- New members were approved: Dennis MacIntosh – East; Darell Hensley – PA/WF; Sue Sheffield – Pacific Crest (secretary); Voting members for Montana will be decided at a later date, but Neil Persons and Chris Nelson attended

- Agenda Items
 - Mission Statement for USTSA – Following discussion of key points to include, Ken Lucas was to draft a mission statement and present it to board members for a vote by mail/fax.
 - Reorganization of USTSA – move towards committees to relieve workload of two directors, Jennifer and Patrick. 6 Committees were established. Executive, Promotions, Competition, US Team, Education, Membership/Newsletter.
 - US Team selection for World Championships was changed to increase from 5 men to 9 men plus GS specialist and 1 classic specialist. Women changed from 5 women to 3 women with 2 alternates
 - Points System for Scoring US Nationals. Adopted a system proposed by Chris Rice that the top 20 competitors receive points instead of the top 15.
 - Insurance/Sanctioning Deadline/Race organizer packets
 - New Sanctioning Fee – The \$5 fee does not work. Change to a \$100 sanctioning fee and add a \$2 head tax for all racers
 - Membership dues should not cover insurance for races. The membership should cover hats, mailings and regional information

June 22, 1996 – Letter from Patrick Ledger and Jennifer Borzilleri resigning as directors of USTSA effective July 15, 1996

December 1996 – Scott McGee sent a copy of Amended Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation to USTSA board members for approval. Also included was a copy of the new Competition guide. Articles of Incorporate listed the following Officers/Trustees: Scott McGee – President; Heather Paul – Vice President/Secretary and Beth Campbell – Treasurer.

January 5, 1997, Agenda Only, with handwritten notes, No Minutes, Sunday River, ME

- Agenda Items
 - Amended Bylaws sent to voting members
 - Competition Guide needs to be approved
 - Team Member Contracts, absenteeism, Injuries, financing, scheduling, commitment
 - Insurance/Sanctioning
 - Planning for Nationals at Whiteface

January 9, 1997, Agenda Only, with handwritten notes, no minutes, Lake Placid, NY

- Attending: Scott McGee, Heather Paul, Lori, Jimmy, Wendy, Jeremy, Chris, Mark, Claude, Peter McMahon, Dave Twigs
- Agenda Items
 - Budget Presentation
 - Newsletter Reimbursement Proposal
 - Team Member Contract Policy
 - Olympic Pursuit

February 27, 1997, Minutes

- Voting Members In attendance: Scott McGee – President; Heather Paul – Vice President; Erriola, Lori Stahler – Wasatch; Ken Lucas, Neil Persons – NW; Chris Rice – East; Daryl Hensley – WV;
- Others in Attendance: Jen Ledger, Pat Ledger, Jake Nicholson, Wendy Jordan, Dennis McIntosh, Claude Muff, Nils Riise, Jimmy Ludlow, Eric Cannon, Jeff Delansy, Katherine Barger, Tauge Boschen, Peter McMann, Lars Vik, Valerie Johnson.
- Agenda Items
 - Approval of By-Laws – passed
 - Budget presentation
 - Committee Reports (Executive, Team, Membership, Competition, Education)
 - Team Member Contract Policy change – regarding fulfilling the contract obligations
 - Newsletter reimbursement proposal.

February 28, 1997, Minutes

- Attended by same people as previous day's meeting
- Agenda Items
 - Dave Terwilliger was approved as a voting member representing the Eastern Division
 - Valerie Johnson was approved as the Secretary of the Executive Board
 - Competition Committee Proposals
 - Men's team will increased from 5 to 8 members with 2 or 3 alternates – PASSED
 - In order to vote on competition issues, each regional race series must hold 2 USTSA sanctioned events – TABLED
 - Regional Directors must hold current USTSA membership in order to remain a voting member of the USTSA's board of directors – PASSED
 - Complimentary memberships must be put to a vote by the board – PASSED
 - All Telemark National Team members must agree to fulfill two) of five) commitment criteria. PASSED
 - Classic terrain races must have a skate section no less than 20% and no more than 45% of the total course time to be sanctioned. PASSED
 - World Cup and World Championship Races shall not be scored as US National Points Races. TABLED

January 20, 1998, Proxy by Mail

- Voting Members were Neil Persons, Lori Stahler, Beth Campbell, Edward Arriola, Valerie Johnson, Ken Lucas, Chris Rice, Davie Terwilliger
- Items Voted
 - Membership: For each \$45 comp license processed by a regional organizer, \$5 will be returned as a processing fee to the organizer. PASSED
 - Sanctioning: Establish an introductory sanctioning fee of \$25 (plus \$2 head tax) to series who have not sanctioned races before. PASSED

- Sponsorship Incentive: US Telemark Members who pursue and secure US Telemark Ski Team Sponsorship are entitled to 5% of the cash sponsorship, returned in the form of a check. PASSED
- Sponsorship Distribution: Sponsorship granted to (a) Telemark Team of (b) USTSA shall be distributed as follows: 80% to the organizational subset that creates and secures the sponsorship opportunity and 20% to the other organizational subset. PASSED
- US Telemark Paraphernalia: Privately funded paraphernalia projects, approved by the executive committee on a case-by-case basis, can use the USTSA logo as long as the financial contribution to USTSA is 20% or above of the sale price, the remainder of the income going to the organizer of the project. PASSED

March 5, 1998 Minutes - Big Mountain, MT

- Attending: Scott McGee, Cheryl Van Der Horn, Ken Lucas, Lori Stahler, Jimmy Ludlow, Edward Arriola, Eric Cannon, Neil Persons, Chris Rice, Maurine Bachman, Dave Terwilliger, Adam U., Michelle Quigley, Beth Harston, Amy Frischi Costello, Donovan Tate, Scott Wicklund, Clay Peterson, Patrick Walker, Dick Traiser, Martin Traiser, Marcel Poulin, Jeff Wright, Ray ?, Sven Jonassen
- Voting Members were: Scott McGee – President; Jeff Wright – Treasurer; Ed Arriola and Lori Stahler – Wasatch; Mike Foote and Dana Breslau – East, Ken Lucas and Chris Rice/Sheri V – Northwest; Charlie Leavitt – Flathead; Darrell Hensley – Allegheny
- Agenda:
 - Proxy by mail results were accepted (these don't appear to be the same proxy items noted above)
 - Committee Reports:
 - Executive – Scott McGee focusing on Olympic acceptance and will resign to work towards that goal.
 - Executive – issue regarding information available for race organizers AND race organizers not following sanction race rules – discussion.
 - Treasurer – Insurance is largest expense. Cost is relatively fixed and adding races does not substantially increase the insurance.
 - Membership – 94 members as of 3/3/98
 - Competition – Rule book has new format.
 - US Team – sponsorships
 - Sanctioning
 - Web Site: Telemarque.com
- Statements of Resignation from Scott McGee and Heather Payl
- Nomination of Officers and Committee Members
 - Jimmy Ludlow for Executive Director
 - Ed Arriola for Vide President

- Val Johnson will continue as Secretary, Jeff Wright as Treasurer
- Marketing royalty fee proposed and accepted (no information about what this is)

March 7, 1998 Minutes – Big Mountain, MT

- Attending: Scott McGee, Cheryl Van Der Horn, Ken Lucas, Lor Stahler, Jimmy Ludlow, Edward Arriola, Chris Rice, Maurine Bachman, Adam U, Michelle Quigley, Cherie Costelo, Parick Walker, Richard Traiser, Martin Traiser, Marcel Poulin, Sven Jonassen, Dana Breslau, Eric Retz, Pete Thomas, Stephen Yingling, Amy Deckley, Kelly Mull, Walter Burkhardt, Stuart Williams, Mike Foote.
- Voting members: Scott McGee – President; Jeff Wright – Treasurer, Ed Arriola and Lori Stahler – Wasatch; Mike Foote and Dana Breslau – East; Ken Lucas Chris Rice/Sheri Van Der Horn – Northwest, Charlie Leavitt – Flathead; Darrell Hensley – Allegheny.
- Agenda/Proposals:
 - Chris Rice proposal for USTSA official duties to redistribute President and VP duties – no details provided in minutes – APPROVED
 - Masters points division. Create a separate category for masters division. Use same points calculations, no age set for this category at this time – APPROVED
 - Make US Telemark Team their own non-profit so that money is kept separate. TABLED
 - Bid from Stephens Pass to hold Nationals in 1999 – APPROVED
 - Proposal to adopt current FIS stance on Telemark Ski Rule –TABLED
 - Proposal to adopt Sprint Classic as US Telemark official discipline – PASSED
 - Officers – Jim Ludlow as President – PASSED
Ed Arriola as Vice President – PASSED
 - Northwest change of voting members, Cheryl VanDer Horn will replace Neil Persons PASSED
 - Ski Pool Concept (still no information about what this is) – PASSED
 - Proposal to get a sports marketing firm to contact companies for financial sponsorship with a large 25% (?) going to the marketing firm. PASSED
 - Proposal to sell US Telemark/Voile ski straps at \$5/ pair with \$1 to USTSA – PASSED

June 1, 1998 Proxy by Mail *(note, only 3 returned copies are on file, can't tell if there was a quorum or what the final tally of the vote was)*

- *Board Membership – Add Maurine Bachman to represent Wasatch in Organizer seat*
- *Budget line item approval for office space rental of \$1,200 to be paid in lump sum in April for rental of office space (can be in private home) if cash balance at fiscal year end is equal to or greater than \$3000.*
- *Chris Rice's Turn Rule Modification*
- *Adopt the FIS ski rule (any production ski is legal in a US points race)*
- *Purchase the web domain name www.ustsa.com*

1999 – Missing

2000 – Missing

March 3, 2001 Agenda with notes, no minutes

- Agenda Items
 - Officer and Regional Rep Changes
 - Review of past Season
 - Prepare for next season
 - Review Bylaw changes
 - New Rule Proposals
 - Jump distance for the Junior and Master men will be the women's open distance. Junior and Masters women will be set before the open womens line
 - If a competitor loses a ski after breaking the start wand and before entering the second to last judged gate the competitor must exit the course immediately and will receive a DNF (*Note on agenda says "athlete must have at least one ski" PASSED*)
 - The final points list will be made available April 30th of current season (*Note on Agenda says PASSED*)
 - National Team contracts mailed May 5 and returned by May 30. (*Note on Agenda says PASSED*)
 - Persons acting in either an official or unofficial capacity representing USTSA and/or the National teams must abide by the "athlete code of conduct". (*Note on Agenda says PASSED*)
 - Select New Competition Event Director and Freeski Event Director
 - One-day license for race competitors of \$15.00 (*note on agenda says PASSED*)

2002 – Minutes Missing – However most current bylaws are dated August 24, 2002

2003 – Minutes Missing

2004 – Minutes Missing

February 26, 2005 Meeting Minutes – Schweitzer Mountain, ID

- Elected 2005-2006 Board Members
 - Jim Stein – Eastern events
 - Chris Rice – Eastern athlete Representative
 - Kenny Recker – Colorado events
 - Drew Hauser – Colorado athlete representative
 - Duncan Edwards – Utah events
 - Annie Edwards – Utah athlete representative
 - Matt McCartney – Washington/Idaho events
 - Brandon Moon – Washington/Idaho athlete representative
 - Carrie Johnson – Montana events
 - Peter McMahon – Montana athlete representative

- Management Committee: Retain Chris Ulm – President, Catherine Crim – VP if they still want these positions. Elected Paul Lamb and Brandon Moon, VP of racing.
- Other positions –
 - Tory Hauser and Duncan Edwards – Marketing (racing)
 - Chris Rice – Points due June 30
 - Brandon Moon Existing Sponsorships (racing)
 - Kenny Recker – New Sponsorships (racing)
- Other Agenda Topics:
 - Future Nationals Locations
 - Western Regionals – Steamboat 2006
 - Web site design, needs more consistent updating
 - Finances – need this info
 - Membership dues – tabled until finance info is available
 - \$10 venue license is know available
 - Get new sticker, get rid of “Unofficial Sport”
 - Team Contracts – Accountability
 - Sponsorship Relations

March 18, 2006 Meeting Minutes – Big Mountain, MT

- Officers:
 - Chris Ulm will continue as President
 - VP – Vacant (*subsequent emails have established that Catherine Crim is VP*)
 - Treasurer – Russ Hobbs, New Position
 - Secretary – Eric Lamb, New Position
 - Events Director – Paul Lamb, elected last year
- Other Positions
 - Equipment Manager – Jim Stein
 - Junior Development – Ken Recker and Tory Hauser
- Other Items:
 - Steamboat is working on Nationals for 2007
 - Karbon ordering of uniforms needs to be done by March 31. Jim Stein will order
 - Should we create 2 junior age groups? TABLED
 - NOR AM events, including Canada would be good to pursue