US National Championships

Board Meeting 2006 Big Mountain – Whitefish, Montana, USA March 18th, 2006

Meeting Minutes -Eric Lamb-

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President – Chris Ulm -

VP – Catherine Crim

Treasure elect – Russ Hobbs – new position

Membership director elect – <u>Eric Lamb</u> – new position

Events director elect - Paul Lamb -

Chris Ulm will continue as President

Paul Lamb will continue as Events Director elect.

If you have an event you would like to put on contact Paul. He is putting together a race package; this is something all ski areas will get for sanctioning (USTSA) a telemark event.

Jim Stein is the Equipment Manager

If you have questions about how/who to contact for what equipment Jim is the guy to talk to. He will also have an idea what sponsorships people are receiving (if any). Jim is taking over the Karbon account...<u>Brandon Moon</u> was the contact for last year he NEEDS to be consulted.

Jim is going to contact <u>Trond Gunleiksrud</u> of Norway to inquiry about the cell phone timing system.

There was talk about no team exclusive sponsorship for major item (boots, bindings, and skis) everybody wants his/her own choice when choosing major equipment options. There was also an idea presented about exclusive team sponsorships, but team members would not be required to ski/use those products.

Jim and Russ will be collaborating on sponsorships.

Russ Hobbs is the new treasure elect.

Some of his duties also include team sponsorships and creating a sponsorship package. There was talk about getting more cash from sponsors. Russ will be the guy to talk about in regards to team and organization advancement.

Eric Lamb is the new membership director elect.

This will include communication duties between team members, officers and BOD. Talk to Eric if you need to how to contact somebody, he should have most up-to-date info. Also, if you change your contact information, let Eric know!! Other duties will include membership direction. Linda Hobbs and Eric will work together on this.

An online newsletter will try to be created. If anybody has articles they want to write....

Ken Recker and Tory Hauser have agreed to work on junior development. If anybody is looking to get a junior program going talk to Ken or Tory.

Ken will be talking to Steamboat about Nationals for 2007. He should know details in April. Chris Henry mentioned that Tamarack might be interested. Jackson Hole has unofficially expressed interest in a telemark event.

<u>Karbon</u> issues: a miscommunication about clothing sizes and when those sizes needed to be to Karbon was the reason behind the team not receiving uniforms. **I believe March** 31st is the current deadline!!

<u>Karhu</u>: they weren't talked about, but we need to fallow-up on them -> Jim??? Or Brandon???

<u>Shred Alert</u>: also not mentioned during the meeting, but a fallow-up needs to be done -> Jim?? -> Carrie Johnson knows a lot about this

Issues that were tabled and other stuff(more or less):

- Should we split up the junior category?? A great point was made: is it far for 9 year old kids to be competing against 17 year old kids??
- If people are getting personal donations, there is a tradition of passing 10% back to USTSA
 - Remember people can donate for a racer via the non-profit statues of USTSA an specify that their money goes to "Joe" racer.
 - Is USTSA still tax-exempt there are some questions about our USTSA status
- Jim Stein is going to contact Sharon Schmidt about fundraising
- NorAm type events were discussed. Canada would be included in this.
- Increase memberships, we are up from last year. Lets keeps this trend going

General Notes:

- We need to remember that the board meeting is required for all team members
- Re-read of USTSA guidelines and governing documents
- Tory's documents he created before the board meeting should be reviewed by officers, BOD and team members; and thought about, I am sure these same issues will come up in later seasons

Questions, suggestions and comments about these mintues should be directed to me (<u>eric lamb</u>) -->

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