

**USTSA  
Officer's Conference Call  
Sunday, October 08, 2006**

Attending: Christopher Ulm – President; Catherine Crim – Vice President; Paul Lamb – Events Director; Eric Lamb – Secretary/Membership; Russ Hobbs – Treasurer; Tory Hauser – Competition Guide Committee; Linda Hobbs – Member/Meeting Note Taker

Steamboat Springs requests **Letter of Intent** (Paul).

Chris was curious of the insurance needs of Steamboat Springs.

Chris will send general insurance information to Tory

Earlier date than Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> (Chris and Tory) change to earlier date.

Chris clarified that liability insurance covers *freak of nature type* accidents. Covers USTSA. Not insurance for athletes or team members.

**1. Sanctioning – What does it mean and what forms and paperwork do we need to put together for race organizers?**

Following a lengthy discussion, consensus was that when a race organizer and a resort sanction a race with USTSA, they receive the following:

- Use of the USTSA name and logo
- Access to our membership/ mailing list
- Assistance facilitating the race through Competition/Organizers Guide and a USTSA single point of contact as a resource.
- Participants may earn USTSA points if properly licensed
- Increased likelihood that USTSA race team members will attend because it is a points race
- Organizers get a one-person contact a USTSA for help with event
- Assistance from USTSA in gaining additional insurance or adding USTSA as a rider (additional insured) to the host's current event insurance policy

In return, the race organizer and resort will provide following:

- Follow the rules set forth in the Competition/Organizer Guide, provided by USTSA
- Complete appropriate paperwork for USTSA, including sanctioning agreement, insurance, points calculation, etc.

- Provide Insurance through USTSA or their own insurance naming USTSA as an additional insured.
- Provide a USSA official to sign off that the race was held in accordance with the guidelines.

Issues that came out of the discussion that we need follow up are:

- A. Insurance – What are the dates that race organizers really have to contact USTSA for us to purchase insurance for them at a reasonable rate? Also, we need to continue to research a BOD liability policy as well as the possibility of an overall race coverage policy.
- B. Work towards getting Telemark people qualified as race officials and/or with referee licenses.
- C. Work towards the idea of a NorAm series where we can provide sponsorships, Bibs and a reason for resorts to want to host races.
- D. Education Sanctioning/Affiliation – Events need to have appropriate insurance naming USTSA as an additional insured if we are to put our name on that event. How do we incorporate this into our sanctioning agreement? How can we include National Team Members in educational events?

## 2. **Competition Guide and Organizer Guide**

Tory prefaced this discussion by noting that he did not mark in red any minor changes for grammar or spelling. He forgot to add the B team information when he was cleaning up the document and he has been asked to add something regarding a Developmental Team.

Note: These in numerical order not in the order they were discussed:

**Section 1102.4 and 1102.5** – These are duplicated. **Tory will review this.**

**Section 4020:** Change to read: The gate judges responsibility to the racer on course begins when the racer has **exited the gate above the topmost gates designated to that gate judge**

**Section 4302** – Change the penalty to **two** seconds to be consistent with FIS rules and what we have been doing already in the US.

**Section 7103.1** – We used the best 3 seeding points this year, based on Chris Rice input, to calculate points, when the guide says 5. Tory suggested using ghost racers as used by USSA when not enough racers meet the criteria. He made up the point numbers though and does not know how they would impact the outcome. **Russ and Paul agreed to do calculations with this year's data using ghost racers and Tory's suggested points for comparison purposes. They will get this information out to the group before the next meeting.**

**Tory will also double check the F factors and see if they are the same as what FIS uses.**

**Section 7104** – Tory didn't make any changes even though as resorts find it more difficult to offer a classic race, it makes it difficult for racers to meet the requirement of 1 mandatory classic race.

**Section 7201.1** – **Tory will change to indicate that team membership is at the discretion of the BOD,** but he will use similar wording to what we used in the bylaws. He will retain the words indicated regarding previous contract fulfillment.

**Section 7202** – **Tory will add back the section regarding the B team** which was inadvertently left out of this document.

**Section 7202.1** – change wording to say **USTSA** cost rather than wholesale cost.

B-team: sponsorship may extend under certain circumstances  
USTSA costs will be passed on to B-team equipment and soft goods, if available

**New Section, probably 7203** – regarding a Development Team. We have been asked by Ken Recker to work on this concept to get kids involved. Must be 15 years and older to compete at World Cup events. Consensus is that Development team could be age 16 and younger. We would not include them as members of B team, but create their own category. Racer would make application to the BOD to be considered for this “development team” designation. BOD would approve, racer would sign a contract and have rights similar to the B team, i.e. purchase uniform. **Tory will draft words to reflect the addition of a Development Team.**

**Section 7401** – was left out of Tory's document, he will put it back in. Group agreed that since racers were representing USTSA at World Cup events at their own cost, **we would not charge the \$2 for the points calculation, but we do need to provide a procedure for a racer to request that World Cup points be scored as US national points.** The question was raised about how these should be calculated. Is it based on US racers only? Is it the racer's FIS points for the race based on the entire field? **Russ and Paul will work on both methods of calculation to help determine the best method to use.**

**Tory will clean up the document, write new language regarding the Development Team and double check for consistency with FIS rules.**

3. **Racer Profiles** – Only 4 have been turned in. Paul will follow up with racers who have not sent theirs in.
4. **Bring Wassatch Telemark** into USTSA, (Russ and Chris). (Chris) dissolve Wassatch telemark, ultimately bring Wassatch telemark into USTSA.
5. **Website Changes** – Chris is starting to work on changes.
6. **Events – Tory has arrange an event at Copper Mountain, CO January 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Slalom - Sat am;  
Halfpipe - Sat pm;  
GS – Sun am  
Spring – Sat pm
7. **Next Conference Call – Monday evening, November 6 at 7pm MST**
  - A. Schedule
  - B. Team Composition
  - C. Competition/Organizer Guide
  - D. Results of Bylaws vote
  - E. Uniform/Equipment Update