

USTSA BOARD OF DIRECTORES CONFERENCE CALL

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Attendance: Chris Ulm – President, Paul Lamb – Vice President, Russ Hobbs – Treasurer, Eric Lamb – Secretary, Tory Hauser – Events Directors (ABSENT), Jim Stein – FIS Rep

Agenda:

Domestic Race Schedule

- Tory will email this out to the rest of the group

Uniforms (Eric)

- Karbon is putting the uniform order through their system, we are waiting on them.
- Speed suits are an option again this season, about \$175 per suit 12 unit minimum order
 - Suits take about six weeks to process
- Eric will contact team members and find who really wants a suit this season, from here the BOD will determine the cost for B teamers.
- Angus Walker digitized the USTSA image for the embroidery last year.
 - Eric will follow up with Karbon to see if we can get that image from them. Jim will also pursue this.
- Eric will follow up with Peter M to ensure Rainey Peak repair will still do the embroidery with minimal cost to USTSA.
- Eric will be meeting with Scarpa on Wednesday, October 22, 2008
 - Eric will forward the final deal from Scarpa to the BOD
 - Eric will approach Scarpa as a possible cash sponsorship for either the D&O insurance or FIS fee for converting nationals to a FIS pts race.

FIS (Jim)

- The race schedule has been “unofficially” finalized. Russ forwarded the email with the schedule to the BOD during the call. Linda will update the USTSA site calendar to match this final schedule.
- Jim reviewed the new rule regarding World Championships and the Classic race.
 - He stated there is real chance some of our junior and non-juniors may not qualify for the World Championship Classic race.
 - FIS committee still needs to officially pass the rule, probably not done until November
 - Telemark FIS had safety in mind while creating the rule change
 - Eric will relay this information to the team upon Jim’s email
- Jim will forward the exact language to Eric and the rest of the BOD
- The term *Gate* was changed to *Turn*. This wording now matches with FIS alpine rules.
 - This will also clear up the confusion of a gate versus a turn.
- FIS presented some crash data and how it related to snow sports (ski/snowboard/freestyle)

- Telemark data wasn't used in this presentation
- Telemark data will be collected starting this season
- FIS wants to make a video of types of injuries and the MOI
- The timing system is about finished for this season after large financial investment from the FIS committee
 - Ideally this system will travel like the bibs did last season (2007/8)
- FIS fee will no longer be paid in cash and will need to go through each countries FIS recognized organization (USSA in USTSA's case)
 - Jim is working out the details about this transaction
 - Jim has been in contact with CEO for USSA

Web Site (Chris)

- Web site is reportedly in good working order
- Chris also reported the site was hacked. He was able to identify how the hackers entered the site and updated the software to prevent recurrence.
- Chris emphasized the use of smart/complex passwords – leaving out USTSA from any password
 - The site does not allow users to change their passwords. Linda will send out new passwords that are more complex.

Liability Insurance – Russ

- We have a proposal for our liability insurance from Wells Fargo that is less than last year because they are not forcing USTSA to carry Hired and Non-owned auto coverage.
- We will bind the coverage with payment due in early November.

The next call will be Tuesday, November 11 at 7:00 MT. This will be 2 days after the next Sponsorship team call on Sunday, 11/9.

Unresolved/Future Agenda Items

- Please include this list in all future minutes so we don't lose items that need to be deferred.
- List at this time, based on this meeting and Linda reviewing past minutes:
 - Comp Guide Changes
 - Who is eligible to race at WC
 - USTSA Comp License
 - FIS license
 - Proof of Medical Insurance
 - Approval of the US Governing Body (USTSA BOD)
 - FIS rules regarding # of turning gates vs # of gates
 - Clarify the "Fall" rule 4206.1
 - Definitions for various races factoring in the frequent limitations on hills for vertical drop.
 - Revise Section 1002 regarding weekend licenses and results requirements

- Include requirement for participants in events provide their own medical insurance
 - Do we want to require helmets in sanctioned races?
- Linda and Paul will work on a regional race at Big Mountain...or Blacktail?
- Russ – Keep in touch with University of Montana for USTSA to be used as a marketing class project
- Sponsorship:
 - Outdoor Retailer Show – January 22-25 in SLC
 - SIA show January 28-30 Las Vegas