

USTSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONFERENCE CALL

Tuesday, November 11, 2008

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

Agenda:

Uniforms (Eric)

- Still working with Karbon
- Karbon reported that the team order has been entered into the computer
 - Eric has contacted Peter Schure about getting the USTSA digitized logo from Angus Walker, but Eric has not heard back. Eric will contact Peter Schure tomorrow (11.12.08)
 - Eric will contact Peter M. about other option for digitizing the image
- Scarpa is rolling forward with the team. Scarpa will have their information sent to Eric by early next week.
 - Eric will distribute this information to the applicable team members.
- Eric will approach Scarpa about arranging a pair of boots for a possible fundraiser/raffle at the Steamboat race camp and also potentially adding an on-line opportunity as well.

Domestic Race Schedule (Tory)

- Steamboat camp is coming together
 - Tory will write a camp schedule
 - We need to start promoting the camp
 - Send a letter to the members - after schedule is written up
- Domestic scheduled was reviewed
- Resorts are having issues with follow through in terms of sanctioning and required actions behind sanctioning /hosting a successful Telemark race
 - There is special difficulty in areas where we don't have people who have hosted a Telemark race in terms of USTSA expects.
- Sunlight is good to go.

Jeffrey Gay

- The board nominated Jeffrey Gay for a Development team spot
- His paper work will be sent out

Insurance/sanctioning fees/Calendar fee

- There was general consensus USTSA can use this as a negotiation tool with resorts and race organizers
- There was a general consensus USTSA should create some sort of *calendar fee* for posting events on the calendar on our site

- for the mean time we will ask for a link back on all organizers sites.
- Paul will be in contact with Kevin at the Selkirk classic regarding sanctioning that race
- Paul will be in contact with a few tele races happening in California

Helmets

- Do we require them or not?
- There was much discussion on this subject and Russ has drafted a first cut at language for the Comp guide update:
 - 6400 Safety Equipment
 - All USTSA team racers shall wear appropriate safety equipment for all races. At a minimum, racers shall wear helmets. Knee and back protection is strongly recommended.
 - All Junior racers shall be required to wear helmets during any USTSA sanctioned event
 - All other racers are strongly encouraged to wear helmets during any telemark race event.

Comp guide changes

Russ asked for more clear definitions regarding:

- 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.
 - Tory will look into these and report back.

FIS

- Some talks of international team travel have taken place
- USTSA just received the official invitation for World Championships but is still waiting for invitations to the other WC venues.
- Still waiting on the exact process for USTSA racers obtaining FIS licenses → Jim will inform board

After the meeting Andrjea released the new final FIS schedule

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
 - 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.
 - Where does USTSA stand on requiring or not requiring helmets
- USTSA Comp License
- FIS license
- Proof of Medical Insurance
- Approval of the US Governing Body (USTSA BOD)
 - 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?
- ~~○ Paul will check with Kevin about Selkirk Classic in 2009~~
- 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

Next meeting November 25th 7pm MTN