

USTSA Board of Directors Conference Call Thursday, March 12, 2009

Attendance: Russ Hobbs– President, Eric Lamb – Vice President, Ken Gay – Treasurer, Josh Lanzetta – Secretary, Tory Hauser – Events Director, Jim Stein – FIS Representative, Mike Foote, Chris Ulm, Linda Hobbs

I. PSIA 501(c) Intermountain Division is liquidating their foundation and need to distribute funds to other charitable organization

- Christopher to contact PSIA board members and evaluate if it is possible to obtain funds from PSIA

II. Uniform update

- Women's sizes?
 1. No information at this time
 2. Women need jackets and pants in extra small
 3. Eric to research on March 13, 2009
- Karbon feedback
 1. Tory to contact Karbon on March 13, 2009 and will also ask about extra small uniforms for women

III. Eric's exemption letter

1. Board grants Eric's waiver, with the consideration that waiver requests really should come earlier in the season

IV. Annual General Meeting follow up, prioritization and division of responsibility.

- Topic: how to address all upcoming issues
 - VP (Eric Lamb) to focus on sponsorship
 1. Form sponsorship committee with Shane as racer lead
 2. Need to form framework to guide athletes pursuing sponsors
 - Paul Lamb to focus on competition guide/ rules
- Racing
 - 2010 World Cup
 1. Tory to focus on bringing World Cup to USA
 1. Finish proposal and submit by April 1, 2009
 2. Negotiate with Keystone
 2. Jim to attend WC meeting and secure WC.
 3. Committee must form after proposal is submitted.
 - Regional team
 1. Roy McKinstry to coordinate regional team
 2. Must create timeframe for regional team after U.S. Team is developed in 2009
 3. Ken to assist Roy

- 2010 nationals – No one assigned to work on this yet.
 - Local race expansion
 1. Retain existing resorts and expand
 2. Possible resorts
 1. Sunlight
 2. Ski Cooper
 3. Gunstock
 4. Bromley
 3. Staffing problems with various mountains
 4. Josh to head committee on east coast
 1. Josh to meet with Mike Foote and Jim Stein
 - 2009 points calculation
 1. Russ and Ken to calculate points for 2009
 - Clarify and communication about team selection process
 - Time line for team selection and acceptance
 1. April 7, 2009 World Cup schedule
 2. April 15, 2009 Points calculation
 3. May 1, 2009 Contracts to racers
 4. May 15, 2009 Regional team members proposed
 5. May 1, 2009 FIS Rule revision documents final
 6. May 15, 2009 Team finalized
 7. June 1, 2009 Comp guide changes reviewed and complete
 - Membership
 1. Discuss options on next BOD call
 2. Russ to develop idea list for call
 3. University of Montana marketing class developing ideas
 - Split Second software for Telemark
- Sponsorship
 - Thank you / tax receipt for 2009 sponsors (Eric & Linda coordinate)
 - Personal follow up with key 2009 sponsors in May by Russ / Tory
 - Team member thank-you's coordinated during sponsorship conference call in May / June.
 - Team member involvement and monitoring needs to be well organized and documented so we can track and verify that team members meet their contract requirements.
- Rules
 - Competition guide update
 - FIS rule changes
 1. Jim: Pinpoint issues; create overview
 2. Tory: Redraft entire document
 3. Subsequent feedback from FIS indicates big changes may be hard to push through, need to focus on major issues
 4. Ensure that multiple countries sign on to proposed changes
 5. Schedule additional calls for drafting

- Public Relations
 - Need person to spearhead public relations
- By laws Update and Review
 - Josh to review by-laws and recommend changes
- Internet
 - Board Training
 - Tory to conference with Linda regarding picture and video upload to USTSA website
- New business
 - Potential to host at Mad River Glenn
- Next call
 - Thursday 26th at 7pm MDT

Carry forward items from 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?