

## USTSA BOD Conference Call Minutes October 18, 2010

**Present:** Eric Lamb – Vice President, Ken Gay - Treasurer, Tory Hauser – Events Director, Roy McKinstry – Regional Team, Chad Bowdre – SSWSC/Member, Russ Hobbs – President

**Absent:** Josh Lanzetta - Secretary, Jim Stein– FIS Representative,

1. Minutes from 9-13-10 Approved by unanimous vote
2. **Next BOD call is Monday, November 8 at 7:00 MDT**
3. Approved three requests to travel to Europe for World Cup races
  - a. Zoe Taylor, Garrett Long, Maggie Doherty approved. Russ will send formal notification
  - b. Add clarification to Comp Guide
    - i. All athletes under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or by a guardian. Written permission from the parent and written agreement by the guardian must be submitted to the BOD. Other racers or traveling coaches cannot be relied upon to provide the guidance needed for younger racers when traveling to World Cup events.
    - ii. It is beneficial to the racer and the team for the younger athletes to coordinate travel and lodging arrangements with the other team members. For many years, parents of younger athletes have successfully coordinated travel arrangements with the team and the result has been valuable to the younger racer and the team.
    - iii. Parents traveling with younger racers need to remember that their role is to be a parent and to support the racer. Unless formally recognized by the BOD, parents should not try to function as coaches or team captains.
4. National Schedule
  - a. Discussed scheduling challenges at Steamboat.
    - i. Chad suggested starting racing on Wednesday and finishing on Saturday with the awards banquet Saturday night.
    - ii. Roy discussed the probable travel schedules for athletes returning from World Championships.
      1. If racers stay for the banquet on Saturday, they will not be able to get to Oslo in time to fly on Sunday. Instead, they will likely fly home Monday morning to arrive in Hayden, Co about 9:30 PM MT
    - iii. Russ will add this issue to the team call agenda for October 25. Would the team benefit from the extra day of rest that would come from a Thursday start or if they come directly to Hayden, should we start earlier?
    - iv. Also need to consider if having races on both Saturday and Sunday would attract more non-team racers.
    - v. BOD agreed that the schedule of events could be arranged as necessary to accommodate SSWSC venue concerns.
  - b. Discussed the possibility of dual SC instead of slalom
    - i. Agreed it was possible but needed to see FIS rules before can make a decision.

- ii. Preliminary indications said the sprint would remain 50 – 70 seconds. Eric participated in three dual SC in Europe and each run was about 10 gates and lasted no more than 30 seconds. Racers were seeded so that there was a fast racer against a slower racer and there was very little risk of physical contact until you got to the final rounds when the top racers would compete.
  - iii. It is estimated that the winning racer could easily have to run 8 -10 races in a day, so the course cannot be too difficult.
- 5. Team Status
  - a. National Team – all have accepted and almost all paperwork received..
  - b. Regional Team acceptances: Magie Doherty, Scott Edgerton, Chris Henery, Birk Larsen, Garrett Long, Andy Minier, Aiden Rhode, Erica Ruta, Cole Schneider, Larry Bosche
- 6. Uniforms
  - a. Eric had call on 10/19 with Peter Schure to discuss uniform availability and speed suits.
  - b. Only need 2 small speed suits to cover all team members
  - c. Tory suggested approaching former team members to see if there are used suits available that are in good condition. Consider discounting participation fee for those team members if we cannot find 2 more suits.
  - d. BOD did not authorize purchasing more speed suits pending the results of Eric’s call.
- 7. Race schedule confirmations
  - i. January 8 – 49 Degrees North, Washington. TMK or Sprint
  - ii. February 26 - Whitefish Mountain Resort – Sprint
  - iii. Tory and Eric still trying to tie down events in Colorado
- 8. Sponsorships
  - a. VISA – Unlikely to develop further this season
  - b. Big Sky Brewing – Committed to \$4,000 paid quarterly. Also will provide award bells for Elite Overall National Champions.
  - c. Eric sent team members details of Blizzard and Head discount program
  - d. Eric continues to work with Patella knee pads to develop a telemark-friendly knee pad and to solicit cash sponsorship.
- 9. Carry-over
  - a. Slalom or Dual sprint at nationals
  - b. Points implications of replacing slalom with a dual sprint
  - c. Comp Guide revisions
    - i. Incorporate FIS Telemark Rule changes
    - ii. Consider implications of FIS changes as they relate to USTSA’s slalom, GS rules and points calculations
    - iii. Change sportsmanlike conduct so as to make consistent with contract.
    - iv. Addition to World Cup section concerning parents traveling with under 18 year old athletes
  - d. Guidelines for use of Education account
  - e. Credentials / qualification for USTSA coaches
  - f. USTSA Facebook page administration / control