

**USTSA BOD Conference Call Minutes
November 18, 2010**

Present: Russ Hobbs – President, Eric Lamb – Vice President, Ken Gay – Treasurer, Tory Hauser – Events Director, Jim Stein – FIS Representative, Roy McKinstry – Regional Team, Chad Bowdre – SSWSC/Member, Linda Hobbs – Member/Note taker

Absent: Josh Lanzetta – Secretary

1. Minutes from 10/18/10 Approved
2. **Next BOD call is Monday, December 6 at 7pm MT**
3. FIS Update
 - a. The minutes of the last FIS Telemark Committee have not been made public yet, we expect them soon and they will be distributed along with all attachments once Jim receives an approved copy.
 - b. Jim's understanding is that all the rule changes discussed, including the jump line changes for the Classic will be for the 2012-2013 season.
 - c. There is a committee working on **rules for the parallel/dual sprint race** and we will wait for those rules before we decide to run this race at nationals this year instead of the dual slalom.
 - d. The US has been asked to submit a bid for the **2015 World Championships and Junior World championships** if Steamboat is willing to host. This will be 2 separate applications, using same document as submitted for 2013 World Championships with minor changes to dates, etc. Tory suggested that we try to hold it just after the Alpine World Championships at Vail/Beaver Creek on February 3-15. Chad will work on this. FIS would also like to see Steamboat host WC in 2014, the year prior to championships as that is the usual procedure. Chad mentioned that they would like to host a WC in 2012 as well. USTSA will need to work to find a second venue to host an event that tie in with the 2012 (and 2014?) event.
 - i. Jim will check the FIS calendar to identify potential time slots for a 2012 North American race series
 - e. Approved **Tommy Gogolen's** request to race at World Championships in Norway. Declined his request for Regional Team membership due to lack of points last season.
 - i. Russ will respond to Tommy's email.
 - f. **World Cup Travel/Team Captain** – we will survey team at next team call to determine racer's plans for travel. Roy has offered to help coordinate the team entry and the travel planning for Norway and the Switzerland, France (and maybe Spain) events.
 - i. The BOD will determine a Team Captain at the next BOD call.
 - g. **In 2015 the FIS age rule goes up to age 16** from the current age of 15.
4. Financials
 - a. Very strong financials with a \$22,000 account balance
 - b. Russ has \$2400 in uniform costs on his credit card to charge USTSA in November or December.

- c. We will put some money into radios. Purchase either 1 or 2 more depending on what Tory figures out with the two we own that aren't working well.
 - i. There is a company in Steamboat that works on Motorola radios. Chad and Ken agreed to work with Tory to get prices on new Motorola radios and to determine if our existing radios can be repaired.
 - d. Tory would like BOD to consider putting some money toward team member travel for World Championships. This will be discussed at next meeting in conjunction with a budget for next year.
 - e. Linda and Russ will work on the 990EZ tax return for the tax year ending November 30, 2010.
5. Uniforms
- a. All Jackets are at Hobbs. Linda will sew on patches and take to embroiderer. They are very busy and it might be 2-4 weeks. Pants are backordered.
 - b. Approved purchase of 12 speedsuits. They will cost \$2,400 plus shipping and take 6-8 weeks for production. Linda will work with Eric on size mix.
 - c. We will sell some of these suits to regional team members.
6. Nationals Schedule
- a. Agreed that at night race was acceptable. It is spectator friendly, especially on a Friday night.
7. Other Races
- a. Sunlight – Linda asked if we could round up some volunteer parents at SSWSC to fill head judge position and results position so that we have usable, accurate results at that race. Chad and Roy will help with this.
 - b. Chad suggested that we make a gate judging video and put it on YouTube to be reviewed before races. Roy suggested that Charlie might make one for us.
8. Media/Website/Facebook/PR
- a. Telemark Skier Magazine – USTSA events in next issue
 - b. Telemark Skier Magazine –Ad – Linda will get costs of small ad to share with BOD
 - c. Holly Resignolo completed a Facebook page and we will post the link on the website. She also offered to create a Twitter account, but in light of Nick's accident, she may not be available to do that.
 - d. Eric will send out a format for BOD resumes. The goal is to complete them by Thanksgiving. Send to Linda to post.
9. Sponsorships
- a. Fluid Forms – Patella Kneepads have donated \$2,500 cash to USTSA and will provide kneepads to team members.
 - b. Saucer Wax will donate \$5,000 worth of product to the National and Regional team and will be a gold level sponsor.
10. Carry Over
- a. Budget and \$ for team members attending World Championships
 - b. Slalom or Dual sprint at nationals
 - c. Points implications of replacing slalom with a dual sprint

- d. 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
 - 1. 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.
 - 2. 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.
 - 3. 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.
- e. Guidelines for use of Education account
- f. Credentials / qualification for USTSA coaches