

**USTSA BOD Conference Call Minutes
December 6, 2010**

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

Absent: Josh Lanzetta – Secretary

1. Minutes from 11/18/10 approved
2. **Next BOD Call is Monday January 10, 2011**
3. FIS Update
 - a. No meeting minutes available yet
 - b. World Championships proposal is Complete and Russ will forward to Jim and ask how best to get Jeff Weiman's signature at USSA. (Jim has the proposal and will obtain the signature.)
 - c. Reviewed Chad's request to allow single panel GS sets for GS and the GS portion of Classic and Sprint Classic. The 1st and last gate, as well as delay gates would continue to have double gates/panels.
 - i. Nothing in the current Comp Guide prohibits this.
 - ii. Need to make some changes in the guide to reflect what action a racer needs to take if they missed a gate in a single gate set. Ken will look at USSA rules and propose changes for our Comp Guide to provide this clarification.
4. Comp Guide Update
 - a. All proposed changes were approved unanimously.
 - b. The single panel set changes discussed above will be sent out by email for email approval by the board members.
5. Finances
 - a. Radios – Chad and Ken will get together with their contact in Steamboat and discuss our needs and what they would suggest would be best for us.
 - b. \$ or discounts for racers – Do we have the funds and do we want to provide some money, or credit for Nationals?
 - i. discussion that BOD would like to do something for racers, not sure what or how much?
 - ii. Need to make clear that this might not happen every year.
 - iii. Need to determine equitable distribution
 - iv. Need to review budget to determine how much to put towards this effort.
 - c. When reviewing the budget, be thinking "how we can support the growth of telemark in general", without spending lots of money. How much would we need for some of these ideas?
 - i. Ad in Telemark Magazine – Linda is working with Jon Howard about how USTSA can partner with the magazine for benefit of both.
 - Side note, how to get our sponsors to put our logo in their advertising; "Proud Sponsor of USTSA", similar to what CW-X did this year.
 - Side note, Tory and Josh Madsen have discussed possibility of a video/podcast that would be panel discussion about gear with our

athletes. Possible posting on Telemarktips and Telemark Skier Magazine

- ii. How do we get some of the other telemark youth programs involved (Tahoe, Park City, Alta, Vail, Aspen) , possibly send some of our racers to ski with them, talk about USTSA, how racing builds good skiers.
 - d. Ken will update the budget for the remainder of this season so that the BOD can consider the above ideas at the next meeting.
6. Board Bios – Eric will put together a format and send to all Board members
7. Sponsorships
 - a. Kneepads have been shipped to Bridget to distribute
 - b. Wax is ready to be distributed by Bridget
 - c. SIA is January 27-30. Eric plans to attend last day and will set up appointments with vendors he wants to see. Tory indicated that USTSA needs to follow up with these vendors 2 weeks after that contact, rather than wait to give responsibility to Team over the summer.
8. Uniforms
 - a. Jackets are at embroiderers; hope to have them to ship this week or next.
 - b. Speedsuits have been delayed, now last week of January. We only have 1 team racer who needs one, this timing reduces our ability to sell the extras to Regional team members and others.
9. Team
 - a. Invitations for Germany and Slovenia have arrived. Linda will send to Shane and ask him to coordinate registration for the January Events. Roy will coordinate Switzerland, France and Norway.
 - b. Board will ask Shane to be the Team Captain at all WC races, except Switzerland, France and Norway, which Roy will be Team Captain. (Shane agreed, via text message with Chad during the call)
 - c. Board approved returning Nick Resignolo's participation fee and providing him a team jacket. Russ will send a letter with check and will emphasize that he is still a member of the 2011 Team.
 - d. Roy will begin contacting the regional team members via email.
10. Race Schedule
 - a. Sleeping Giant will not be holding a race this season, hope for next.
 - b. Tentative date of February 26th at Eldora, Eric will confirm
 - c. Ski Cooper will not hold a USTSA sanctioned race, but will have uphill-downhill race February 5th.
 - d. Chad will send Linda Tele-cross information to post on website.
11. Team Call will be scheduled for Monday, December 20th. Russ will not be available to lead meeting. Ken will lead call. Eric and Roy are both available to be on the call.