

USTSA BOD Conference Call Minutes February 21, 2011

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

1. Minutes of January 17, 2011 Meeting – approved
2. FIS Update
 - a. Minutes of fall meeting have not been distributed
 - b. Proposal from SSWSC for 2015 World Championships, Junior World Championships and 2014 and 2012 WC, has been forwarded to FIS by USSA.
 - c. Approved Jim Stein’s request for reimbursement for room and board for travel to Slovenia for FIS meetings in May. Jim will try to use air miles for the trip.
3. Nationals
 - a. Decision was made to hold an exhibition Parallel Sprint Classic on Thursday, 1-2 hours following the Dual Slalom.
 - i. Use the previous day Sprint Classic or the morning Slalom results to seed the exhibition race.
 - ii. If no rules come from FIS, we can use Nordic rules for skate section and skier cross rules about “direct initiated contact” for the rap section. Chad will work to gather that information. Following the call, we learned from Jim that the FIS Telemark committee is trying to schedule a conference call to discuss rules, so we may get some direction soon.
 - iii. We can fine tune rules and procedures after Ken and Roy return from Norway if needed as they will have seen the WC exhibition race.
 - iv. Only competitors who sign up for all 4 days events will be able to enter this race.
 - v. No points will be calculated from this race and it will not be used to determine the National Championship.
 - vi. We had extensive discussions about whether exhibition will just contain 2 runs (1 blue, 1 red for each racer) or whether it will go through all elimination rounds to winner. No clear resolution was reached during the call and the BOD will need to reach a final decision once rules are available.
 - b. Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday from 4-6 pm.
 - c. Confirmed approval from January meeting that USTSA will contribute to the entry fees for racers at Nationals. Russ and Linda will send email to team and will make it clear that this may not happen every year:
 - i. A Team Nationals Registration Fees, Banquet Ticket (no lift fees) = \$150
Shane Anderson, Charlie Dresen, Jeffrey Gay, Cory Snyder, Drew

Hauser, Erika Walters

- ii. B Team Nationals Registration (no Banquet or Lift Tickets) = \$130
Jack Long, Peter McMann, Madi McKinstry, Josh Lanzetta
 - iii. D Team 75% of Registration (no banquet or lift tickets) = \$100
Zoe Taylor, Rick Walters, Katie Ross, Annecy Hillmuth, Elizabeth Klemer, Tanner
 - iv. Regional Team 50% of Registration = \$65
Cole Schneider, Maggie Doherty, Scott Edgerton, Andy Minier, Chris Henery, Larry Bosche, Birk Larsen, Garrett Long, Aiden Rohde (?)
 - v. A Team members will receive a check for an additional \$125 each as partial reimbursement for their Norway expenses.
 - vi. Total USTSA expenditure is \$3,355
- d. Awards for Overall Elite Champions, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for men and women will be purchased by USTSA and will be Moen Bells with USTSA logo engraved, date and location of event. It may include a SSWSC/Event logo on the other side. Linda will price, work with Chad on inclusion of event logo and send info to the group.
- e. There will be no Master's category, they will race with Citizens
- f. Pinhead Red wine will be donated to event. Russ is working with winery to finalize sponsorship (1-2 cases valued at \$300-\$400/ case) will be donated.
- g. AGM Agenda
- i. Russ will draft agenda for BOD review
 - ii. President and Vice President position are up for reelection. Russ and Eric are willing to run again.
4. Team Member Status
- a. Approved Erica Ruta's request for waiver, no racing due to pregnancy
 - b. Need to remind several team members to request waiver due to injury and school schedule keeping them from fulfilling contract. Russ will contact those racers.
5. Sponsorship/SIA leads
- a. GU Energy – Eric is working with them to provide product at Nationals and to team next season.
 - b. Knee pads – still waiting for size small
 - c. Karbon – excited to work with us. Eric will submit order with best estimate of sizes by end of this month. Order will include 30 pieces of each item and will last for 2 years. Peter has asked us to look at “modern” jacket design rather than “racer style”. We will try to stick with the Black and Red colors. Speedsuits can be ordered any time, same style, minimum of 12. Eric is also looking at a unique style of jacket for our Board and Officials.
 - d. SIA Show – good contacts with luggage companies, Reuch, Hestra, Kuhl and Chaos. We need to get specific proposals to each company in April. Russ &

Linda will work with Eric to draft letters that will ask for a specific number of pieces and sizes and styles.

Carry Over

- a. Points implications of replacing slalom with a dual sprint.
- b. Criteria for using savings earmarked for Education
- c. Ad in Telemark Magazine – Linda is working with Jon Howard about how USTSA can partner with the magazine for benefit of both.
- d. Work to get our sponsors to put our logo in their advertising; “Proud Sponsor of USTSA”, similar to what CW-X did this year.
- e. 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
- f. 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.