

**USTSA BOD Conference Call Minutes  
January 11, 2012**

**Present: Russ Hobbs - President, Ken Gay – Treasurer, Tory Hauser – Events Director, Chad Bowdre, Linda Hobbs**

**Absent: Josh Lanzetta, Eric Lamb**

1. Minutes of 11/30/11 meeting – Approved
2. FIS
  - a. FIS Telemark Update – Jim was checking on training for the radios. Several days following the meeting he received word that we would not be using the new radios, there are still technical difficulties.
  - b. Steamboat WC – no issues,
    - i. Ken is finishing invitation
    - ii. Entry Costs for 7 days and 8 nights will be: \$925 per person. \$725 for US racers, \$525 for US racers if no lodging is required.
  - c. Madi and Cory’s request to attend French WC rather than Nationals received and accepted by the Board.
  - d. FIS licenses for the “undecided” racers must be purchased by January 31. Linda will send email to Tommy, Josh, Elizabeth, Chris, Joe, Nick with this deadline. Elizabeth and Nick must still be approved to race WC, based on skiing at Vail and Sunlight.
3. Team
  - a. Jack Long’s request for medical waiver from competition was unanimously approved and a written release from his doctor will be required to return to USTSA Competition. Linda will send email to Jack.
  - b. Participation Fee – 2 team members owe all or part of their participation fee (1 member paid the \$50 owed by the writing of these minutes). Russ will send an email to the other member giving them until January 20 to pay fee or be removed from the team.
4. Insurance Release
  - a. Being reviewed by insurance company.
  - b. Currently written to meet Utah law, because that’s where we are incorporated.
  - c. Utah does not recognize a release as binding for any minor, even if parent has signed it. Colorado does recognize the release and it was suggested we have the release re-written to meet Colorado law.
  - d. Board members agreed we should make this change. Linda will follow up with the Insurance Company. Use existing releases until we have a new one.
5. National Team Coach
  - a. Contract – sent to insurance company for review along with the waiver form.
  - b. Linda will email Ty and ask him to work up a budget for his Spain travel so board can determine how to split costs between USTSA and the team members traveling to Spain.
6. Reach Out Program Plans
  - a. Vail Race –
    - i. Maximum cost to USTSA is \$500. This includes \$250 for van transportation and a possible \$250 to help with hill fees if entry fees do not cover.
    - ii. Dinner is hosted by the school.
    - iii. Team members will ski with other participants in the afternoon.

- iv. USTSA memberships will be offered at the early season price for the next 2 weeks to Vail and Sunlight participants.
    - v. The Vail organization has been VERY helpful!
  - b. Alta
    - i. Joel has requested headcount information for team members and adult race officials. Linda will gather that info
    - ii. Tory will travel to be TD/official. Need a head judge, perhaps someone to tally results
    - iii. Joel needs a wireless timer for the uphill portion of Sunday event. Steamboat might have a simple one they can bring.
    - iv. SSWSC will work on a budget after the Vail/Sunlight races
- 7. Uniforms
  - a. Eric is working with Karbon to try to obtain 4 more of each jacket in the sizes needed as well as 2 pairs of pants and 2 pairs of shorts.
  - b. Heavy jackets are at embroiderers – we hope to have them soon.
- 8. Points Calculation proposal -Ken and Russ are close to finished and will mail new points to board members soon.
- 9. AGM Meeting – 3 positions are up for election. Treasurer, Secretary and Event’s Director. Will you please think about whether you want to run for reelection and let Russ know your thoughts?
- 10. National Team Call – not needed unless Ty has something he wants to cover before the Steamboat WC races
- 11. NTN Risers – 30 sets are being shipped to Tory. He will distribute at Sunlight. Priority based on Team Level. Linda will survey team and see who needs how many. 2 pairs max, if skier has race skis and training skis.
- 12. Big Mountain Events – Tory mentioned that Telemark Skier Magazine article mentioned that Tough Guy Productions might partner with USTSA going forward. Linda has researched insurance for this because of a conversation with Josh Madsen this fall. Linda will send board a separate email with the details of this discussion.
- 13. Nationals – If we charge \$35 for Saturday and Sunday events, how should we charge for Friday which is 2 Classic races? Agreement to charge \$50. Plus agreed to build in to the Registration fees the cost of online registration/credit card processing.
- 14. Next Call Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Carry Over Items:

1. Strategic Plan with Bill Pammer
2. Review Racer Contracts regarding conflicts with WC races and US National Championships
3. Update Comp Guide
4. Criteria for using savings earmarked for Education
5. Work to get sponsors to put our logo in their advertising
6. Auction Big Sky Brewing banners