

## May 19, 2015, 5:30 MT/7:30 ET: BOD Meeting Minutes

Present on conference call: Garrett Long – President, Keith Rodney – VP, Al Rosenthal – Treasurer, Cary Foulk – Secretary, Ken Gay – Event Director, Ty Upson – Head Coach, and Linda Hobbs – Administrator

1.) Approved previous month's minutes 5 – 0

2.) Points calculations

- a. Ken – Points calculated based on both men and women in USTSA, this is the main difference from FIS calculations.

3.) Team description changes

- a. Discussion based on 5/13 email from Keith.
- b. Will keep World Cup and National team names for now.
- c. Development will be split into Junior and Senior classifications. This will be a mostly internal distinction.
- d. Development team will be for those skiers trying to improve and move up.
- e. Regional team will be designated for those interesting in being active in USTSA and helping to promote and market.
  - i. Regional Team (RT) may be renamed – e.g., USTSA Ambassadors.
  - ii. Will receive discounted team gear
  - iii. No uniform pieces
  - iv. RT open for those interested, but not necessarily in racing
  - v. Offers will be either for Senior Development or RT allowing invitee to make their choice
  - vi. BOD to discuss jacket further – it is important for representing USTSA, and previously there was a separate RT jacket.
- f. **Keith will send redline of descriptions.**
- g. Changes in team descriptions need to be added to comp guide and approved by BOD including any from last year not captured.

4.) World Cup and National Teams

- a. Distinction has flattened out – what are the differentiators between the teams (benefits and commitments)? Need to adjust.
- b. Fee to be reduced for WC team – BOD agrees that a deposit should be paid and that the athlete will get a complete refund if all the commitments are met. That is – participation fee in the WC team will be no cost if commitments are met.

- c. For WC team, commitment is two race series (events).
  - i. Ken to come up with verbage for race commitment for WC.
- d. USTSA need to pursue more equipment sponsors.
- e. Uniforms
  - i. Need to determine the budget. Al will look into budget for teams and uniforms
  - ii. Cary to get speedsuit estimate, right now it looks like it is between two companies.
  - iii. Need to evaluate teams and determine equipment needs.

#### 5.) Team Selection

- a. Breaks between team nominations on point list easily identified and make sense based on age, ability, etc.; a few specific cases were discussed.
- b. Everyone on Sr. Devo will also be offer RT
- c. Offers for Devo and Sr. Devo/RT may also be made to three Eastern kids that skied and expressed interest and Jodi Miller.
- d. Offer letters and acceptance documents to be developed by Linda and BOD
- e. On-line vs. off-line sign up discussed, on-line is preferred.
  - i. People can request hard copy paper work
  - ii. Having the electronic info helps
  - iii. Linda to look into on line software
- f. Teams nominations announced after next meeting
- g. BOD needs to review contracts for 2014/2015 and see who made their commitments
  - i. Cary to review with help from Garrett.

#### 6.) Course Changes

- a. Changes to the courses to accommodate more interest from citizens and devo was discussed – specifically the jump and skate
- b. The jump would not be changed, as having multiple race lines would be an issue. It is easy enough to do the jump without air, i.e., just ski over.
- c. An option for a shorter skate could be added
  - i. If a shorter skate is used for some groups, this needs to be noted on times and points.
  - ii. If used the option needs to be given – if you are devo or otherwise are competitive and want to move up you need to do the full skate. If you are just there for fun, then you can use the short skate option.
  - iii. << A note from the Secretary not discussed in the BOD meeting – may be a penalty can be added if the short skate is taken, e.g., the typical time for the skate plus a couple of seconds.>>

7.) Races

- a. Dartmouth interested in Nationals as is Crotched
- b. Garrett to contact Cannon regarding interest
- c. Dartmouth would be a good weekend race
- d. Crested Butte, CO, does not appear to be a good option for a race

8.) Next call – June 9, 5:30 MT/7:30 ET

9.) Meeting concluded