

US Telemark Ski Association
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Annual General Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2017, 5:17 PM MT

Board present at meeting: Garrett Long – President, Keith Rodney – VP, Cary Foulk – Secretary, Cory Snyder – Events Director, JT Robinson – Freeski Director, Nate Greenberg – Freeski Officiating. Approximately voting 20 – 30 members present.

- 1.) Meeting initiated by Garrett Long.
- 2.) Garrett introduces freeski officers: JT Robinson and Nate Greenberg.
 - a. Nate and JT introduce themselves.
 - b. Nate – judging for 8 years at Targhee, 10 – 12 years total
 - c. Nate noted that the 105 freeski competitors is the largest turnout in quite a few years.
- 3.) Discussion of goals for telemark with Garrett, JT, Nate and the floor.
 - a. Move USTSA away from being race only.
 - b. Expand organization into more areas.
 - c. Need to make more tele skiers.
 - d. The larger organization has better exposure and gets people interested.
 - e. BOD will work to expand exposure.
 - f. Josh Madsen is engaging and will help promote and provide media exposure.
 - g. PSIA is also linking with USTSA.
- 4.) With conclusion of freeski and combined USTSA discussion, vote is called on reaffirming freeski directors.
 - a. JT Robinson is nominated and seconded for Freeski Director
 - i. Hand vote was called on electing JT Robinson Freeski Director
 - ii. Overwhelming majority voted for JT Robinson as Freeski Director
 - b. Nate Greenberg is nominated and seconded for Freeski Officiating Director
 - i. Hand vote was called on electing Nate Greenberg

- ii. Overwhelming majority voted for Nate Greenberg as Freeski Officiating Director
- 5.) Garrett present discussion of event plans for 2017/18 and beyond.
- a. USTSA is in discussion with FIS for World Cup events in New England.
 - i. Sugarbush and Suicide Six possible host areas.
 - ii. FIS may contribute funds for livestreaming event.
 - b. Possible freeride events are being explored for east.
 - i. Because of terrain challenges in NE, may look at other freeski type events, such as timed off-piste race.
 - 1. Off-piste course may be more doable with better public exposure.
 - ii. Look at doing something at Midwest Telefest.
 - iii. Look at bring in uphill-downhill races.
 - iv. Comp guide has flexibility to have more variable terrain in a tele race, e.g., moguls. That could help organization get creative.
- 6.) Officer election for remaining board position up in 2017.
- a. President
 - i. Garrett Long indicated his willingness to serve as President again.
 - ii. Garrett is nominated and seconded for President.
 - iii. Garrett is elected by overwhelming show of hands.
 - b. Secretary
 - i. Cary Foulk is not running again.
 - ii. Jeffery Gay indicated he would run for Secretary.
 - iii. Jeffery is nominated and seconded for Secretary.
 - iv. Jeffery is elected by overwhelming show of hands.
 - c. Treasurer
 - i. Melinda Long has indicated willingness to run again for Treasurer by proxy (Garrett Long).
 - ii. Melinda is nominated and seconded for Treasurer.
 - iii. Melinda is elected by overwhelming show of hands.
 - d. Events Director
 - i. Cory Snyder indicated his willingness to serve as Events Director again.
 - ii. Cory is nominated and seconded for Events Director.
 - iii. Cory is elected by overwhelming show of hands.
- 7.) Other Items
- a. Next year's Nationals will likely be in New Hampshire.

- b. Considering working toward more multi-day events opposed to single day events held this year.
- c. Team nominations are expected at the end of March and acceptance will be in 30 days from nomination. This helps with planning and sponsors.
- d. Karbon would like more free skiing pictures.
- e. Looking at ski sponsors - Rossignol (Keith) and Fischer have good potential.
- f. POC may offer 50% off.
- g. Freeski is looking for more events, doing ranking, which could lead into naming a team.

8.) Meeting Concluded.