

2003 IMD ACC Meeting Minutes
May 31st 2003
Salt Lake City, Utah

Present:

Dave Galusha, Carma Burnett Carew, Bill Hicks, Steve Schowengerdt, Sheryl Schowengerdt, Matt Brown, Kenny Corrock, Gail Barber, Karen Korfanta, Molly Laramie, Mike Hammer, Jim Schulz, Rueben Macaya, Chuck Harris, Todd Brickson, Shannon Carrell, Mark Wedeking, Troy Price, Jan Larsen, Steve Bounous, Kevin Chaffee, Tami Strong, Becky Stone, Bruce Birk

9:30 Meeting called to order by Chairman Dave Galusha.

Approval of the Minutes of the ACC Meeting of June 2002

MSP (Bounous, Hicks) To approve the minutes of the meeting on June 1, 2002.

Approval of Agenda

MSP (Hicks, Schowengerdt) To approve agenda.

Chairman's Report- Dave Galusha

The Chairman reports that the season went very well. The new calendar structure proved to be effective. We might need to look at a couple of changes for the coming season to work out a few problem areas. The verbiage in the IMD Handbook needs to be cleaned up a little to avoid any confusion. The general consensus is the new IMD Administrator is doing a good job and the overall feeling is that we would like Carma Burnett Carew to stay on as the IMD Administrator. Financially, the division has never been stronger. The new Coaches Advisory Committee did a great job communicating any issues that came up during the season.

Administrator's Report- Carma Burnett Carew

Carma reports that the season went well. There was very good cooperation between the clubs where travelling was concerned. It was also felt that the new "Independent" travel structure worked very well. This season clubs will need to be better prepared with the 7 day FIS entry deadline. Financially, the clubs did a great job paying for athletes travel expenses on time.

YSL Chairman's Report- Troy Price (see attached)

USSA Alpine Officials Committee Report- Steve Schowengerdt (see attached)

USSA Alpine Officials Education Working Group Report- Steve Schowengerdt (see attached)

USSA Alpine Technical Delegates Working Group Report- Evert Uldrich-(see attached)

B-Net Discussion

It was decided to contact Randy Rogers and look into purchasing new B-Net. Jim Schulz will contact Tom Johnston and have him take a look at our current B-net to see if it is in good shape. IMD is looking at purchasing 10 new rolls of B-net and continuing to replace old nets every year.

Alpine Officials Discussion

All clubs need to carry a strong statement regarding Alpine Officials. The number of Alpine Officials in the division is decreasing and we need to put the responsibility on the clubs to organize Alpine Official Clinics and make sure all of their coaches are licensed. Clubs are encouraged to get parents, athletes and Board members involved with the Alpine Officials programs.

FIS Discussion

First year JII's can only have 25 starts including speed. Equipment ski length requirements are different for USSA and FIS. FIS lengths are longer than USSA length and lengths will be checked at FIS events.

ACC Chairman Term Limits

MSP (Galusha, Hicks) That IMD limit the term of ACC Chairman to a maximum term of two consecutive years. In the second year, the ACC is to elect a vice-chair with the intention of becoming chairman the following year. This would allow for turnover and transition of position.

IMD Supported Projects Limited

MSP (Galusha, Harris) That IMD supported projects be limited to FIS Speed Series and to Junior Olympic events. That the IMD fee for supported trips be set to reflect expected project costs. That all IMD quota and FIS and Regional events have an IMD Team Captain per gender named and coaches present work jointly on the hill to maximize coverage for all IMD athletes. For these projects, meetings, video review, waxing and other off hill activities would be the responsibility of programs. Athletes not represented by a coach from their program would be paired with a represented program.

Active Hiring Committee

MSP (Galusha, Bounous) That IMD maintains an active hiring committee to evaluate the IMD Administrator and the Administrator's job description on an annual basis. That a component of athlete and coach development project coordination be added to the current job description.

Topolino Shootout Qualifier

MSP (Schulz, Brickson) Score each run in the first JIII qualifier for the Topolino Shootout. (Dave Opposes!)

MSP (Galusha, Hicks) Use World Cup Points from the best Slalom and GS, then combine them. Use the third best run for a tie-breaker.

Selection Boards

MSP (Bounous, Macaya) That the order of disciplines for IMD selection boards follow the FIS/USSA order of DH, SL, GS, SG.

Clarification: Selection Board does not shift when a pull happens. The selection continues down the board.

IMD Handbook

MSP (Bailey, Schowengerdt) The IMD Handbook should be published in draft form by September 1st and review by the ACC for final draft Oct. 1st. The revision period should be for errors, omissions or clarifications and not rule changes.

JIII Qualifiers

MSP (Galusha, Carrell) That JIII Qualifiers for SL and GS be separate races and that JIII Qualifiers for Super-G be scored by JIII order of finish within a combined field of A/JI/JII/JIII.

North/South Series

MSP (Price, Bounous) Define in the handbook regarding kids invited to the Sun Valley Invitational to include qualified JV's.

Open Series Field Sizes

MSP (Galusha, Carrell) That if the field size in Open Series Races must be limited, that a USSA point cut off be used. This information must be communicated to programs at least 48 hours prior to the Team Captain's meeting.

Entry Deadlines

MSP (Carrell, Bounous) All entry deadlines for IMD races must be 72 hours prior to the Team Captain's meeting.

JII-JIII Championships

MSP (Galusha, Corrock) The JII-JIII championships will become an Open Series Race due to lack of interest.

Race Announcements

MSP (Schulz, Brickson) That IMD organizers be held to the entry fee, lift ticket prices and bib deposit prices published on their final distributed race announcement.

Open Series Points Criteria

MSP (Bounous, Schulz) Eliminate points criteria for Open Series Races.

IMD Seed Meetings

MSP (Bounous, Price) All IMD seed meeting will be scheduled at 7:30 to allow travel time for out of town teams.

Per Diem

MSP (Bounous, Macaya) Increase IMD per diem from \$34.00 to \$38.00.

Budget

MSP (Macaya, Schulz) Approve the budget as amended with the increased per diem and a wage increase for the Intermountain Alpine Director, which the ACC Chairman will determine.

New Business

Trophies and Awards

End of the year Intermountain Awards will be given out at the Snowbird races except for the overall awards.

Athletes attending JIV/JV Championships from out of division will be eligible for awards.

Programs need to let Carma know who owes them money from a previous season to help prevent accounts receivables to be carried from team to team.

It was decided that Carma Burnett Carew will directly bill athletes for IMD projects. Her new title is Intermountain Alpine Director.

Intents to Compete for out of region races will go directly to Lester on a month by month basis. All Intents need to be in the Western Region Office one month prior to the event. In addition, all FIS entries need to be to organizers 7 days prior to the event.

ACC Elections

Elected ACC members are: Jim Schulz, Steve Bounous, Todd Brickson, Rueben Macaya, Dave Galusha, Sheryl Schowengerdt Matt Brown and Ken Corrock. Appointed ACC members are: Bill Hicks, Steve Schowengerdt and Troy Price.

Elected Cairman: Dave Galusha

Elected Vice-Chairman: Ken Corrock

*Minutes subject to ACC approval June 2004

ATTACHMENTS

USSA Alpine Officials Committee Report
USSA IMD Spring Meetings
Salt Lake City, Utah, May 31, 2003

Much of the discussion in the AOC meeting at the USSA Congress this year revolved around attracting, training and retaining alpine officials.

Many divisions report success when they involve parents, racers and coaches at the club level. Central Division does all of its AO training on a club-by-club basis. This approach may help IMD involve more parents, coaches and athletes in officials training.

Sanctions are a standing action item for this committee. What we try to do is report what types of penalties have been levied during the past year in cases where the athlete cannot be DSQ'd because their infraction didn't influence the final result of the competition. Some of those penalties are:

- Requiring the athlete to write a letter of apology and read it aloud to the jury and race committee.
- Do chores like sorting bibs and taking down fencing at the end of the event.

Level 4 nominations made and approved are:

- Caryn Jones (4410734) TD
- Gary Jones (5298823) TC
- John P. Hammond (5502158) TC
- Vince Romney TC
- Karen Korfanta (4580130) RF, CR, CC TC, RA, DM and CO
- Justin Watsabaugh (4732046) CC
- Tim LaMarche (4407953) RF, CR and CO
- Sheryl Schowengerdt (4571535) DM

Two AO training sessions were held in IMD last fall. South Clinic at Park City in November was attended by 38 officials. Courses taught were CO, TD, RF and TC. Instructors were Bruce Crane, Stephen Schowengerdt, Sally Shaffer, Sheryl Schowengerdt and Nancy Wiedel. The North clinic was held in Jackson Hole and 15 officials attended. Courses taught were RF and RA. Instructors were Stephen Schowengerdt and Sheryl Schowengerdt

Bogus training session was canceled because of a lack of interest.

Twelve Referee exams were given. The average score was 86.4 and there was one failure. One TC test was given with the official scoring 96. Eight TD applicant exams were given and the average score was 91.5 with one perfect score.

Sixty-six officials in IMD climbed a level across all categories in addition to the Level 4s named above.

I'm forming an AO committee that will consist of Level 4s from North and South, coaches from North and South and the USSA Alpine Education Committee member.

Created a section on the IMD web site called Alpine 101 to support AO education in the division and increase interest in becoming an Alpine official. It provides quizzes, opportunities to discuss jury problems and other race-related scenarios online and instructional article on AO topics.

There were 9 TD demotions, three of which, that I'm aware of, will be reversed by clinic attendance this fall.

We have one official, Lane Monroe, who has retired and continues to license USSA and is now a level 5.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Schowengerdt
IMD Alpine Officials Chairman

USSA Alpine Officials Education Working Group Report
USSA IMD Spring Meetings
Salt Lake City, Utah, May 31, 2003

Alpine Official training for coaches, specifically in Referee, remains a big concern for this working group. TDs across the U.S. are reporting back to the working group that many coaches serving as Referees at USSA events are not up to date on the rules and not qualified to serve as Referees. Finn Gunderson, of the coaches association, says he is aware of the problem and is looking for a solution. The AOEWG pledged its support, gave him a list of all divisional AO chairs that can be used for training and appointed Ingrid Simonson to work directly with Finn as the USSA liaison to the coaches association.

In Intermountain Division, the offer I made last year still stands. Any team or group of teams that want to organize a CO and Referee Clinic once your coaches come on staff can just give me a call. I'll set it up.

USSA's Sheryl Fine reported on improvements to the registration process and online membership tracking features that have been added to ussa.org.

There is a race course maintenance video out there that the AOEWG wants everyone to know is outdated and no longer valid as an alpine education tool.

The appeals procedure for failed exams has been revised.

The AOEWG recommended that the Rules and Technical Committee establish an ad hoc committee to evaluate the format of production of the USSA Alpine Competition regulations and the Comp Guide. Rules and Tech did form the committee. There is talk of eliminating the Alpine CR and publishing only exceptions to the ICR for USSA events, which is what USSA used to do. The CR is currently being revised to bring its sections inline with the ICR, clean it up and make corrections that were missed last year because of the surprise new ICR.

Examination time limits that were proposed last year and tested this past fall were approved for use this coming officials training season. They will be re-evaluated each year.

Alpine 101 on the IMD website was recognized as an outstanding education tool and Jeff Weinman was urged to provide a link to Alpine 101 from ussa.org. Reliable Racing has put up a prominent link to Alpine 101 from its winter sports page.

Respectfully submitted
Stephen Schowengerdt
USSA IMD Alpine Officials Chairman

YSL Chairman Report

Intermountain Division

May 31, 2003

As the YSL committee chairman, I have been impressed with the contributions from each program to assure the success and continued progression of the YSL series. The lack of snow early in the season created some challenging times. Thanks to the combined effort of each program the 2002-2003 season was a great success.

Action Item: The YSL committee has determined that the IMD needs to dedicate a page within the IMD website for YSL information. This page would provide information for new members as well as returning members. Covering items such as: how to enter a YSL race, age classes, teams involved, a race schedule showing bye races, etc. This page would be managed by the YSL committee chairman.

Please review the following enclosed documents:

1. Roster of current YSL committee members.
2. Agenda from the YSL committee meeting held on March 21, 2003 in Brianhead.
3. A proposed schedule for 2003-2004.
4. An outside proposal on athlete development.

Troy D. Price

USSA Alpine Courses Working Group

May 16, 2002
Park City, Utah

This is my report of the above meeting. I was unable to attend this meeting. When the minutes of the meeting are issued, they undoubtedly will be somewhat different.

A discussion was held on Safety Fencing. It was emphasized that safety fencing has a definite life. Some testing has shown that 300 hours of UV exposure can result in a 30% degradation in tensile strength. It was repeated that appropriate spacing between rows of fencing is extremely important. It was also stated that the fencing must be in tight contact with the snow surface so that a fallen racer cannot slide under the fence.

In another discussion, it was stated that all new and reinspection homologation reports shall include a protection plan stating the minimum protection required. The TD and the jury must evaluate course setting and course conditions and specify additional protection. The TD should also determine that the homologation report is current.

Here is a summary of the IMD courses that were approved last year and the ones that are due for reinspection. A new numbering system for the USSA courses has been adopted. The old numbering system was not computer friendly. The new system is based upon the FIS system with a "U" prefix. In the listings below, both the new and old numbers are given.

Approved in 2002:

6852/10/02	Brundage Mountain	Alpine	GS	A
6853/10/02	Brundage Mountain	Alpine	SL	A
6854/10/02	Brundage Mountain	Bear Paw	SL	A
6849/10/02	Brundage Mountain	North	DH	A
6850/10/02	Brundage Mountain	North	SG	A
6851/10/02	Brundage Mountain	Sidewinder/Alpine	SG	A

Expiring Homologations for 2003:

U200/08/98 (SG-01-ID-98)	Sun Valley	Olympic	SG	
U213/08/98 (SG-02-UT-98)	Snowbasin	Wildcat	SG	
4070/097/93	Bogus Basin Resort	Sunset	SL	A
4068/095/93	Bogus Basin Resort	Triumph	GS	A
4069/096/93	Bogus Basin Resort	Triumph	SL	A
5195/136/98	Snowbasin	Grizzly Dh (Olympic Dh I)	DH	M
5196/137/98	Snowbasin	Grizzly SG (Olympic SG I)	SG	M
5194/135/98	Snowbasin	Wildflower SG (Olympic SG II)	SG	A

The proposed inspectors are Nelson Bennett for the courses in Idaho and Bruce Crane for the courses in Utah.

Expiring Homologations for 2004:

U224/10/99 (SG-01-UT-99)	Park City	Payday	SG	
4235/108/94	Park City	C.B.'s Run	GS	M
4236/109/94	Park City	C.B.'s Run	SL	M
4199/072/94	Park City	Commitment	SL	A
4200/073/94	Park City	Upper Clementine	SL	M
5378/108/99	Snowbasin	Wildflower Dh (Olympic Dh II)	DH	A

If there appear to be any discrepancies in the above listing, please contact either Bruce Crane or Ted Sutton. Alternatively, you may contact me. Also, should there be a need for a new inspection, please contact either Ted or myself.

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USSA Alpine Technical Delegates Working Group

May 15, 2002
 Park City, Utah

This is my report of the above meeting. When the minutes of the meeting are issued, they undoubtedly will be somewhat different.

The relationship between the TD and the race organizer's appointed physician was discussed. A USSA rule change has been proposed. It would require the appointed physician to work closely with the jury and TD. The definition of a serious injury has always been open ended (without rigorous definition). One FIS TD stated that he defines a serious injury as one that requires an overnight stay in a hospital. Then the long accident form must be completed. The incident form (the accident short form) should be completed in all cases where the USSA supplemental insurance may be desirable. If there is a question or doubt as to whether a form should be completed, it is always best to complete the form. One TD present told of a situation where a racer did a butt check and skied off the mountain. Later in the day, a doctor had an x-ray taken which revealed a fracture in the hip. It required surgery and pinning. This case did get the long accident form completed.

Last year I reported the following:

"It has been reported that about 50% of all racers violate the stand height rule on skis. This is a serious safety concern. If the stand height is too high, it causes too high forces on the racer's legs and therefore a greater potential for injuries. Even at races where it was announced prior to the race, a large number of racers had equipment where the stand height was illegal. USSA thought that the parents and coaches would be in compliance, since this rule is a safety rule designed to

prevent injuries. However, it appears that enforcement will be required. A committee was appointed to determine how best to enforce this requirement.”

This year, the committee of Gary Wright and Randy Rogers reported on their findings. Instead of 50% in violation, it is 60% in violation. Stand height was checked at JO 3's. There was much grief trying to get the racer's equipment in compliance. Some manufacturers make equipment that in some combinations is out of compliance. Especially when adult bindings are used on junior skis or some other similar circumstance. A rule for enforcement was proposed. It was defeated. There are tools on the market that can measure stand height of the ski/binding combination. There are several (albeit crude) ways to measure stand height of boot sole (in the heel area). All FIS TD's should have these tools in their possession by next fall. You should expect that stand height will be enforced at JO's and at most FIS races. An education campaign will be started to stress the importance of compliance.

A very short discussion was held on the great differences on sanctions for similar infractions. No action was taken.

In executive session, I nominated one IMD TD to be elevated to Level IV. Congratulations go to Caryn Jones for her promotion to Level IV TD.

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