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Chairman's Report

MEMBERSHIP

See the attached chart. While most of USSA showed declines in Alpine membership, we had an increase again this year despite significant national and divisional dues increases. The national organization used the dues increase to fund excessive executive salaries and an in-house ski academy while services to members continued to decline. Preliminary results from an exit survey of former racers who dropped out this year shows that lack of fun, excessive competition pressure, and cost were major factors in dropping out by high school and junior high age athletes. If we are to avoid national's problems, we need to concentrate on providing all of our members with cost effective and rewarding programs.

INTERMOUNTAIN ADMINISTRATION

Krista Clayton has been the IMD Administrator this year. She made the travel arrangements for our quota teams, handled intent to compete forms, some membership issues and assisted with the administration of a number of divisional and regional camps. She also assisted organizers at a number of regional and national events held in Intermountain.

With a year's experience, Krista should be able to do even better next year. We hope to be able to offer more assistance with membership this season and to get more complete information on trips out to both athletes and coaches earlier.

The new regional calendar and the requirement for intents from regional automatics on all regional events will add a new task to the Administrator's responsibilities.

RACE STATISTICS

Starts were up from last year and penalties were about the same. We were able to run the JO DHs this season and super Gs in the South Series. Unfortunately our speed point profiles are not where they were a few years ago and lack of attendance at the IMC speed events by racers with low points from regional competition is making the problem worse. The results at the J2 downhills were a dramatic demonstration of the problem. All racers who qualified for the Big Mountain speed events had lower seed points at JOs than those that did not, but race results showed that the point differences reflected point opportunities not ability.

Modifications to the selection procedure for regional events, changes in details of the participation requirements, and financial incentives for participation in IMC races which may help the situation are among the proposals for the meeting.

ATHLETE PERFORMANCE

There were good performances at JOs this year and by IMD athletes who represented the US at the Whistler Cup. Our quotas for the Western/Rocky FIS series are up for both men and women although in the women's case this reflects an increase in the total field size rather than our percentage of it. We also saw an increase in the number of male Regional Automatics over last year.

There were some discipline problems at the Spring Series this year. The housing arrangements were less expensive than they would have been if we had stayed at the hotel, but they did not allow as much monitoring of the athletes as, apparently, was necessary. We may have to choose increased cost in the future to assure better control.

FINANCES

The Spring Series trip was very expensive for the division. The airline tickets that we purchased for the team, the high cost of coaching for the event, and the subsidy that made attendance by the University athletes possible totaled well over \$30K. Fortunately, we have been putting money aside each year to deal with the cost of events in Alaska and so were able to cover it.

SELECTION AND PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

We have been using a selection system for regional quota events based exclusively on seed points for about 15 years. The system works well as long as all athletes have equal access to points. The participation requirements are designed to assure that there is fair point access for racers who have not yet qualified for regional events. We have seen this year, athletes with low points from regional competitions who have been unwilling to give a fair opportunity for others to qualify by participating in IMC races.

An alternative to the current selection process is to use qualifying races to select all teams. We have used qualifying races in the past and have seen the problems associated with them. It requires all racers to be at a particular event and be able to perform there. Racers with schedule conflicts or who have a bad day get left out. Given the heavy concentration of regional events in the beginning of the season, we would have to use previous season races as the qualifiers for many of the events which would cause divisional transfers to sit out at least half of a season before they could qualify.

The JO selection procedure is a compromise between a system based solely on seed points and a qualification race system. The use of world cup point results from the JO race series as well as seed points allows racers to qualify based on their performance in head to head competition while allowing racers who fail to perform in a particular race or who are unable to attend all of the races in the series to qualify based on seed points in a discipline by attending a single race in that discipline. The requirement for participation in a discipline in order to be selected in that discipline helps make the seed point system work.

A similar system for regional selection will give fairer access for racers who participate in divisional events while minimizing the ability of low point racers to block access for others by not participating in divisional events. Coupling this with financial incentives for IMC participation and a modified method of counting participation which encourages racers to participate in their strongest discipline should give us a fair selection system without reverting to qualification races.

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Report of the Alpine USSA Technical Delegate's Meeting
May 18, 2000

The FIS Technical Delegate annual refresher training was discussed. The west session will be in Salt Lake City on October 27-29, 2000. These sessions are open to all and with the Olympics coming to Salt Lake City, all potential officials are encouraged to attend.

Racer sanctions were discussed. There is a need for guidelines. If a racer receives a "competitive advantage" (this still needs to be defined), he should be disqualified. Otherwise a monetary sanction may be appropriate. If a monetary sanction is imposed, it shall be reported on the TD Report and also in jury minutes. I am not sure if monetary sanctions have been approved for USSA races.

Timing report forms are not being consistently completed. These report forms must be completed for each run of every scored race. The TD must sign every timing report form.

The committee was reminded that USSA races will be scheduled during the 2002 Olympics and that TD's will have to be available to officiate at these races. In other words, not all the TD's in the U. S. can attend the Olympics.

Incident Reports (used to be the short form accident/injury report) must be submitted for all race-related injuries. Either the TD or Race Administrator should complete and submit the form. It is important so that the athlete can collect USSA supplemental insurance should medical costs exceed some amount.

Other items discussed:

- Forerunners should of the age and capability of the racers in the race. The TD must talk to the forerunners.
- The Referee and Course Setters must be carefully chosen. Use experienced coaches, not novice coaches who are trying to get experience.
- TD's must attend one clinic at least every two years. Otherwise, they should loose their TD credentials.
- TD's must officiate at least once in two years or loose their credentials.

About 4 USSA Technical Delegates were nominated and approved for Level IV status. None were nominated from the Intermountain Division. There were no nominations for FIS TD candidacy.

Evert D. Uldrich,
Committee Member representing the IMD

UNITED STATES SKI AND SNOWBOARD ASSOCIATION
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Report of the USSA Alpine Course Approvals Working Group
May 18, 2000

The FIS course inspectors for the United States are Ted Sutton, Robert Calderwood, Bruce Crane and Nelson Bennett. Ted will coordinate the East, Bob and Bruce will coordinate Colorado, Utah, and the West, and Nelson will coordinate the Northwest including Idaho and Wyoming. USSA inspectors will help inspect the FIS courses, only the FIS inspector coordinating that area will have to sign the inspection report. Tom Winters and Paul Mahre were accepted as inspector aspirants. A new Inspectors Manual and a Sample Inspection Report have been written and will be supplied to the inspectors soon.

Course homologations are on the USSA web sight.

For all events, the inspection form should specify minimum fencing required. The TD and the race jury, should specify additional fencing as required for the level of competition and the course set. An inspection report only insures that the course meets the minimum requirements. It is the Technical Delegate and Jury's responsibility to insure that the race event is safe and that the requirements for the discipline are met.

FIS homologated Slalom and Giant Slalom courses, that were homologated in 1990 or earlier, will need to be reinspected before being used for a FIS event this next racing season. All FIS SI and GS courses will need to be reinspected every 10 years. GS courses have a new 40-meter minimum width to accommodate safety fencing. Park City, Snowbasin, Snowbird, and Jackson are potential sites for FIS events in the 2000-2001 season. Of these sites Snowbasin and Snowbird will need reinspections.

It was proposed that the inspection fee for USSA homologations be raised to \$100 (\$150 for a late inspection), whether it is a new homologation or a reinspection. In addition the inspector's expenses and per diem must be paid. For the upcoming season, inspection reports and fees must be to Ted Sutton by September 1, 2000.

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Here is a summary of IMD courses that were approved last year and the ones that are due for re-inspection.

Approved 1999-2000:

SG-01-UT-99	Park City	Payday		
5378/108/99	Snowbasin	Olympic DH II	A	DH
5359/89/99	Jackson-Snow King	Lower Elk	A	SL

Expired FIS GS/SI Homologations

Bogus Basin, 760/32/71, 761/33/71, 763/137/72; Grand Targhee, 769/140/74, 770/141/74; Sun Valley, 776/85/85, 777/145/74, 780/146/74, 781/147/74, 783/86/85, 784/89/85, 815/108/72, 816/125/88, 861/126/88, 862/107/72, 863/87/85, 864/88/85, 867/54/71, 868/55/71, 869/57/71, 870/123/88, 871/124/88, 872/68/79, 873/69/79; Alta, 2114/25/71; Deer Valley, 2120/133/88; Nordic Valley, 2121/56/80, 2122/55/80; Park City, 2123/150/82, 2125/152/86, 2126/19/85, 2220/153/86, 2228/55/73, 2274/57/73, 2275/149/86, 2276/151/86, 2277/150/86, 2280/44/71, 2281/45/71, 2282/95/89, 2286/96/89, 2287/27/85; Powder Mountain, 2288/296/86, 2289/295/86; Snowbasin, 2290/69/73, 2293/71/73, 2294/22/74; Snowbird, 2296/149/72, 2297/150/72, 2334/148/72, 2338/145/72, 2401/148/82, 2410/147/82; Solitude, 2555/151/82; The Canyons, 2610/49/71, 2611/48/71, 2615/46/71, 2616/47/71; Snow King, 3326/140/72, 3327/138/72, 3328/141/72, 3329/139/72; Jackson Hole – Teton Village, 3330/21/68, 3395/155/74, 5832/84/87

Expiring homologations for 2000:

DH-01-UT-95	The Canyons	Boa		
SG-04-UT-95	The Canyons	Boa		
4412/90/95	Bogus Basin	Paradise Super-G	F	SG
3600/151/90	The Canyons	Snow Canyon	F	SI

Expiring homologations for 2001:

DH-01-Wy-96	Grand Targhee	Sitting Bull/South Street		
SG-01-WY-96-R	Snow King	Grizzly/Kelly's Alley		
4631/142/96	Sun Valley	Hem./Cozy/Greyhawk	F	SG
4629/140/96	Sun Valley	Warm Sp./Greyhawk	A	SG
4630/141/96	Sun Valley	Warm Springs	M	SG
4644/155/96	Snow King	Grizzly/Old Man Flat	A	DH
4645/156/96	Snow King	Grizzly/Old Man Flat	F	SG
4646/157/96	Teton Village	Moran/Lower Werner	A	DH
4647/158/96	Teton Village	Moran/Lower Werner	A	SG
3733/83/91	Sun Valley	Cozy	A	GS
3734/84/91	Sun Valley	Hem./Greyhawk	A	GS
3735/85/91	Sun Valley	Hemingway	A	SI
3736/86/91	Sun Valley	Cozy	A	SI

Proposed 2001-02 Intermountain Schedule

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	College/ Region	IM Cup	JO Series	North Series & YSL	South Series & YSL
						1	2	CO Ski Games 2SL/2GS Nov 28 - Dec 1 M	2S1/2GS - Park City (1-4)			
D	3	4	5	6	7	8	9					
E	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	NF M 2GS/2SG (10-14) E W SL/2SG (12-14)				
C	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	E M 2SL/2GS (16-19) E W SL/2GS (15-17)				
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		3DH - Snowbasin (29-3)			
J	31	1	2	3	4	5	6				3SG - Jackson (4-6)	2D1S1 - Snowbird*
A	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	E M/W 3SL/3GS (7-12)	2S1 - Jackson	2S1 - Jackson		2GS - Brighton J1-J3
N	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	E M/W 2DH/2SG (20- 26)			2S1 - Kelly Canyon	2GS- PC (WAT) J4/5 YSL - Park City 3SG-Park City(25-27)
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Complete Update				
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3		2GS - Sun Valley	2GS - Sun Valley		YSL - Brighton (2)
F	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	E M/W 2DH/2SG (5-11)			2S1/2GS - Sun Valley (8-11)	2GS - Park City (RM) J1-J3 YSL - (16)
E	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		3DH - Targhee(12-17)	3DH - Targhee(12-17)		
B	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			2S1/2GS -(22-25)		
	25	26	27	28	1	2	3	Complete Update	3SG - Sun Valley (1-3)		2GS - Bogus Basin	2SL - Sundance J1-J3 2SL - Brighton J4/5
M	4	5	6	7	8	9	10			3SG - Bogus Basin (8-10)		YSL - Snowbasin (9)
A	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	J2s (17-24)			1-3 Champs (14-7) SL/GS/SG	
R	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Nationals (21-29) J3s (22-25)			4-5 Champs (23-24) S1/GS	YSL Champs BrianHead S1/GS
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	J1s (23-30)	2GS - Snowbird		S1/GS - Grand Targhee N. Champs	
A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	D M/W 2S1/2GS/2SG (3-8)				S1/GS - Snowbird South Champs*
P	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		2S1 - Snowbird			
R	22	23	17	18	19	20	21					* combined J1-J5 race

ACC Proposals

2000-2001 Schedule

A copy of the latest revision of the schedule is included. Changes to the national and regional schedule are included.

Lane Monroe has suggested that the field sizes at the Bogus Basin Super Gs are too large to run a safe, quality event. We should consider separating the JO and IMC super Gs and increasing the IMC super Gs by one start to give 3 SGs in each series.

2001-2002 Schedule

A proposed schedule is attached. The idea of a race blackout during the Olympics was rejected by USSA at the Spring Meetings so we can expect the Regional and National calendar to look much like this year. We will probably need to run all of the IMC, IMC/JO, and JO Series races in the North next year, at least those in the January – March time frame. We will need resorts other than Park City and Snowbasin to pick up the South Series and YSL races or drastically reduce starts in those series.

Participation Requirements

Currently each IMC race start (and JO start for J2s) counts toward the participation requirements. To encourage racers to participate in races in their best disciplines, a racer would count as two starts any IMC race in which his/her points are used in determining the penalty. This would also have the effect of diminishing the burden of participation requirements for the top ranked competitors who are most likely to be involved in the greatest number of regional and national events.

Proposal

Racers who participate in a Western Region or Intermountain team for the Nor-Ams, the US Alpine Championships, regional FIS races, the Junior I Olympics, the Junior II Olympics, or who attend races outside the Western Region (except college races attended as a member of a college team), must compete in one-half of the Intermountain Cup races, or all Intermountain Cup races that the racer is able to attend, whichever is less. Racers who do not participate in quota teams in all disciplines are required to attend a number of Intermountain Cup races equal to one-half of the Intermountain Cup races in the disciplines in which they do participate, or all of the Intermountain Cup races of those disciplines in which they are able to participate, whichever is less. A racer will be deemed unable to participate in a race that conflicts with an Intermountain or Western Region quota team event or that occurs when a racer is unable to compete due to a documented injury or illness. JIIs may count participation in JO series races against this requirement.

Intermountain members of the Western Elite Ski Team are exempt from all participation requirements and will appear on the seed point portion of all appropriate selection boards so long as they meet their original management plan, or any modification thereof, agreed to by the Western Region Coach, their home program coach and endorsed by the Western Region Director and the Intermountain ACC Chairman, are properly licensed and have completed and returned an Intermountain Team Agreement, a Western Region/Intermountain Medical Release, and are registered for the FIS list by the deadline for a team.

Any Intermountain Cup race in which a racer is: 1) among the five competitors with the best five USSA seed points who start the race; or 2) among the racers with the best five seed points who are ranked in the top ten at the finish of the race; will count as two starts for the purpose of meeting the racer's participation requirements.

Coaching Fees

Adding an additional amount to the team coaching fee which is discounted based on participation in IMC races will provide an additional incentive for participation. With about 50% of the actual cost of coaching for our teams covered by headtax and license fees paid by racers throughout their career, this will also increase the equity of the subsidy by requiring an athlete to have been in the division for one season in order to receive it.

Proposal

The coaching fee for each quota team will be increased by \$100. Racers will receive a \$10 rebate on the fee, to a maximum of \$100, for each IMC race start of the preceding season. A racer who was a member of the WEST team in the preceding season will qualify for the full rebate regardless of IMC starts. Racers who were injured in the preceding season will have their rebate figured in the basis of the number of IMC races in which they started compared to the number of IMC races that occurred prior to and/or following the period of their injury. 50% participation will earn the full rebate. J2s may count participation in JO Series races. An athlete whose points were used in the penalty calculation of an IMC race will have that race count as two starts. Divisional transfers will have the fee reduced based on the number of current season IMC starts they have accumulated prior to an event.

Eligibility & Participation Requirements

Change the definition of eligibility for Intermountain and Western Region quota teams to include meeting participation requirements in the preceding season. Divisional transfers who have not previously raced in Intermountain would be eligible if they file a race plan at the beginning of the season that meets the participation requirements, as long as they abide by that plan. A racer who is ineligible for failure to meet the participation requirements would have his/her eligibility restored only after making up the participation deficiencies. Racers who have lost their eligibility due to failure to meet the participation requirements would have to file and abide by race plans for two seasons after making up the deficiency as a condition of eligibility.

Proposal

To be eligible for any Intermountain or Western Region quota team, a racer must have a USSA Alpine Competitor membership and an Intermountain Alpine Competitor license. Additionally, racers must have completed and returned a *Western Region and Intermountain Medical Release*, an *Intermountain Team Agreement* and have valid accident/medical insurance. For FIS sanctioned competitions racers must either 1) appear on the FIS list valid on the selection date for the event or 2) appear on the USSA list of racers who have registered for a reserve number with the FIS and must have meet their race participation requirements in the preceding season. Divisional transfers who have not previously raced in Intermountain will be eligible if they file a race plan at the beginning of the season that meets the participation requirements, as long as they abide by that plan. Racers who are not members of registered Intermountain teams must submit an intent to compete form listing the events for which they wish to be considered along with a \$200 deposit to the Intermountain ACC by the license deadline for the events. The deposit will be returned at the end of the season if the racer has met all team deadlines, participation requirements, and has no outstanding obligations to the division.

A racer is ineligible for all Intermountain and Western Region quota teams if he/she fails to meet the requirements outlined above. In the case of participation requirements, a racer will become ineligible at the point in the season where he/she can not meet the requirements by participating in the remaining races in the season or, if he/she fails to meet his/her race plan if he/she is required to file one. A racer who becomes ineligible as the result of failing to meet the participation requirements will remain ineligible until they have participated in a sufficient number of races to make up the deficiency and have a filed a race plan that shows them meeting the requirements for the season in which their eligibility is restored. If there

are insufficient races remaining in the season to meet the participation requirements for the season, the racer's eligibility will be restored at the beginning of the following season.

Quotas & Selection Procedures

Divisional Quota Teams

Changing the selection procedures for IMD FIS quota teams to use Intermountain Cup points as well as seed points will increase the benefits to racers of participating in IMC races.

Proposal

The Intermountain Cup Combined Champions will be automatics for all Intermountain quota teams to regional FIS events in the following season. The Intermountain Cup Discipline Champions will be automatics for the teams to all regional FIS events that include races in those disciplines in the following season.

This allows A's to qualify for regional FIS events through participation in Intermountain Cup races.

Proposal

A two board selection procedure will be used for regional FIS events. The first board will be based on Intermountain Cup points and the second on Intermountain seeding points. For all events except the Spring Series, the Intermountain Cup point board will be based on the results from the previous season. For the Spring Series, the Intermountain Cup point board will be based on results to that point in the season.

The dual board process will also help with the problem that occurred this year in downhill where racers with low points earned in regional competition did not participate in divisional races. As shown by the results in the J2 downhill, points are not an accurate reflection of ability when they are not available on an equal basis to all.

JIV Olympics Selection Procedure

Racers who attend this event must be authorized to ski up on JIII courses. Last season, only two athletes meet this requirement. To give athletes an additional opportunity to qualify for JIII courses, The two JO Series Slaloms and GSs that are run in the south could be run on courses that meet JIV standards. They would be open to any JIVs who have already qualified for JO Series races plus the top JIVs from each section even if they have not qualified to ski up on JIII courses. This would give the JIVs an additional opportunity to qualify to ski up. Since the JIII field will be deeper at this event than at either North or South Series races, a different standard should apply to determine eligibility to ski up.

Proposal

The JO Series slalom and giant slalom races held in the south will be run on courses that meet USSA JIV course standards (and will not be USSA scored). The races will be open to the top 5 JIV boys and girls from each section in slalom and giant slalom on the Intermountain points list valid for the races. The top five racers in each discipline will be eligible for the races in both disciplines and will not count against their team's quota for the event. Additional JIVs who are eligible for JO Series races may also attend the races but they will count against their team's quotas.

The JIV Olympics team will be selected based on JIV World cup points earned in these races. JIV World Cup points will awarded only to those JIVs who finish among the top 15 JIIIs in a race. The top JIV will receive 25 points, the next 20, then 15, etc. JIVs who do not finish among the top 15 JIIIs will not receive JIV points. Each racer's JIV points in a discipline will

be his/her best result in the discipline. Ties will be broken as for the other JO selection boards.

A JIV who qualifies for the JIV Olympics team will be eligible to apply to Ski Up on JIII courses.

JII and JIII Olympic Quotas

It is possible that there will be a combined JII-JIII event this year. We need to allocate the total quota between the classes in the event that this is the case. There were 22 JII girls and 58 JII boys who were eligible for quota teams this season and who were active – they participated in at least one race. The number for the JIIIs was 39 girls and 72 boys. In the event of a combined event our anticipated quota is 19F/36M

Proposal

In the event of a combined JII-JIII Olympics, the quota will be split between the classes in proportion to the number of active and eligible racers from this season. The JII girls' quota will be $39/(22+39)=63.9\%$ of the total for girls and the JIII boys' quota will be $72/(58+72)=55.4\%$ of the total for boys.

South JO Series Quotas

Proposal

Each team will have a quota for both the slalom and GS races equal to their average for the two disciplines (rounded up).

A's and JIs in JO Series Races

Proposal

The organizer will accept names of interested and eligible athletes and will pick the ten athletes who will contribute the most to the caliber of the race.

AO Certification Committee

Proposal

That IMD establish an AO certification committee of three people. The AO Chairman, a coach and a Level IV (or higher) official.

The AO chair would continue to collect and maintain officials' work histories in IMD and make increases to Level I and II based on the already-established guidelines.

The committee would award Level IIIs in IMD and nominate Level IVs to the USSA Alpine Officials committee.

The committee would also make demotions and eliminate certifications (something we may have to do for the first time this fall in the case of TDs who have not attended an AO update or seminar in two years.) A mailing will go to all of the IMD TDs in the near future, explaining the situation, in case they have forgotten or been so out of touch that they just don't know about the rule.

The committee will meet once a year during the first two weeks of May.