

Meeting Minutes
Alaska Division – ACC
Alaska Telecom, Anchorage
October 10, 2006

Roll Call

Attending : Sparky Anderson, Carl Swanson, Darcy Davis, Martin Stewart, Andrew Gannon, Reinhard Neuhauser, Russel Sell, Jeff Rust.

VIA PHONE: Doug Whato / Bill Hauer

Approve Agenda - Add: Divisional Dues to Treasurers Report; Add Divisional Race Calendar to New Business. Approved

M/S/C – No Objections

Approve Minutes – Approved with Revisions – Revise previous meeting minutes – Edit Section C under New Business regarding JO Jackets and discussion if coaches jackets should be paid for by division or athletes. Darcy recalls discussion, but no mention of it in minutes. Bill Hauer noted that he was attendance via phone at February meeting.

M/S/C – No Objections

Treasurer's Report - Darcy submitted treasury report dated 10/10/06 and gives a general report on balances. Total Divisional dues collected last year were approximately \$2,700 and \$3,700 in head taxes were collected. She notes that there are two athletes with outstanding balances from last year (approximately \$1K). She reports that there are still some bills due for coaches travel but she is awaiting further information and receipts from coaches. This leads into discussion regarding the need for procedures for coaches submitting for reimbursement. Darcy is having a hard time reconciling coaches bills with the appropriate trip. Darcy did not have any suggestions to make it better other than getting approvals for expenditures ahead of time. She asks that coaches categorize expenses and provide some explanation for the receipts. Darcy reports that she has been contacted by USSA and had been asked if we have any changes to our Divisional Dues. Darcy reminds the group that if we want to change our Dues structure that it must be accomplished by February or March of the previous season. We should add "Divisional Dues" to the Agenda as a continuous reminder.

Officials Chair Report – Carl reports on Spring USSA Congress. He reports Officials upgrades submitted to the officials working groups for Doug Whato and Martin Stewart. Reports on progress of combining the ACR and FIS ICR under one rule book. Timing report for Alaska Division received by Carl from PNSA representatives noting anomalies with some races in our division. Carl says he will get copy to Doug. (Note: it was determined after this meeting that that report was already sent to Doug previously.) Carl noted new background checks required for coaches and some officials and this could hold up coaches and officials certification until completed (online at USSA). Carl reports that there are some TD's in need of T&C Clinic and USSA is aware of who they are. Carl has sent out previous notes in this regard. Carl suggests that we bring Thelma or Kurt Gleason from PNSA to give a TC and RA Clinic and we ask if Juneau and Fairbanks would like to attend. Carl makes a motion that ACC approve up to \$1,200 to bring someone in for the clinic.

Motion: ACC approve up to \$1,200 to bring someone in for the clinic.

Second: Sparky

Discussion: None

Vote: Unanimous

Carl notes that he will be giving a CO1 clinic this fall with the date yet to be determined.

Doug notes that he will also be doing some clinics this fall in Juneau.

Sparky announces that he will be giving a Level 100 Coaches Clinic at Alyeska on November 18th and 19th. Bill H. asks about doing a coaches clinic in Fairbanks when Birch Hill opens. Sparky notes that his schedule is full in November. There is further discussion about Level 100 Format.

Coaches Working Group

Andrew G. reports that there is not much to report, but request clubs look at their rosters and give him an idea of athletes to be listed on the “Boards”.

a. Alaska Divisional Van Report – No report

b. JO Qualifying Procedure Report – No report

c. Coaches Travel Update – No report

d. Divisional Camp – Andrew invites all clubs to Join ASC at a Mammoth camp in November. Doug asks about price and Andrew informs all that information and pricing is on the ASC website.

There is some discussion on regarding a Divisional Van for this season. Andrew report that he did turn in a report to the (ACC?) last spring. He has not received any feedback on it. Ability to do something similar this season is unknown. Andrew estimates that we saved somewhere around 40% compared to the standard airport rental operation.

Youth Race Committee Report

a. Progress report on 12 & Under rules: Sparky asks Bill H. if he published the 12&Under dates. (did not get response?) No other committee members present and all further discussion is tabled.

b. Start Order Determination: Tabled

c. Procedure for Non Divisional Athletes: Tabled

d. YSL Schedule: Tabled

Old Business

a. Divisional Travel Procedures and Policies:

1. Shared Staffing – Sparky reports that there will be some “split” venues at some of the FIS races this year making it more difficult to staff. He would like to utilize JSC and MMSC coaches at these outside races this year. Bill H. says he will let Sparky know who might be available. Andrew says that he would like to know which club/athlete intend to travel this year so he can develop a staffing plan.

***** At this point in the meeting Sparky indicates that he must leave the meeting and has the following announcements and comments:

Sparky notes that he has the calendar developed for ASC and Regional races but has not yet incorporated JSC of MMSC races.

Sparky indicates that he would like to step down as ACC Chairman and would like to recommend that someone from outside the “South Central” area be nominated. He indicates that he will continue to serve if necessary. He recommends that someone outside the “normal ski leadership role” would be a good choice. There is some discussion about possible nominees including Chris Bataille and Martin Stewart. Carl indicates his desire to retire his secretary position.

Sparky leaves at this point in the meeting. Doug chairs the meeting at this point.

2. Timeline for Quota Selection / Fulfillment and Payment – Darcy begins the discussion by reviewing past procedures. Coach and athlete would normally get together and notice would then go to Darcy who would then “post the boards”.

Andrew states that this would be the norm but he requests the clubs be more proactive and provide a list of eligible athletes ahead of boards being posted.

General discussion about need to have a standard method for qualifying, indicating intent and publishing boards. There is discussion about need to Abide by Divisional rules and when to publish the ‘boards’.

Andrew emphasizes that it is important to get athletes on board early and tracking athletes.

There is much further discussion regarding possible procedures for managing the process better. It is determined that the current ACC rules already reflect much of what was discussed, but that it needs to be followed through (publish and update).

There is discussion about using credit or debit card services for receiving payments for trips (Pay Pal etc...) Darcy says this is a work in progress and will look into it further.

b. High School Ski Racing Update: Reinhard reports that there is not much to report on. He had submitted 3 different race format proposals to Chris Armstrong last spring, but has received no feedback.

Reinhard is unsure of status and suggests that Chris Armstrong, Chris Bataille, Duffy Daniels and Christy Ingram, take on this task. There is still considerable interest from the schools on our proposals.

c. Calendar update – 12 & Unders: Bill reports that all clubs have been notified of this years series in Fairbanks on March 9 through March 11.

d. JO Jackets: Bill reports that Fairbanks will be arranging this, this year. Bill says that he does need numbers, sizes and suggestions.

e. Fairbanks Homologation – Bill reports that Tom Johnson came and inspected. He reported that he understood that Chris Bataille and Scott Young will now be USSA course inspectors. Doug reports that the SG at Eaglecrest needs recertification, but has not been contacted. Bill reports that Chris Bataille will do the homologation at Moose Mountain

New Business

a. Divisional Van Proposal: See above

b. Divisional Travel Procedures: Discussion about need to get “better” estimates out to the athletes in a timely manner. Discussion about utilizing parents on outside trips.

Andrew will propose a “Coach to Athlete Ratio” plan for travel and will give to Sparky to email to the ACC for review, comment and vote.

c. Vote on new 06-07 ACC Board Members: Sparky and Carl have indicated that they would like to step down. Carl recommends that clubs come to next meeting with nominations and that we vote then.

d. Team Alaska Deadline: Darcy reminds everyone that Team Alaska A/B is based on results and grades from last season

e. Divisional Calendar & Youth Calendar: Darcy has been asked by Lester Keller from USSA for a Divisional Calendar. Darcy requests that all clubs get their calendars to her for the Alaska Division Website and submission to USSA. Discussion about upcoming Juneau races, JO qualifiers and weather issues.

Round Table

Andrew G. – This seasons travel for older athletes should be easier in terms of trip costs and “overload”

Reinhard – Is still planning a summer camp for this upcoming summer and to get the word out.

Jeff Rust – All UAA racers have USSA licenses. He is not sure how many will be at the Coca Cola Series, but will try to encourage as many as possible. Jeff reports that he has (1) US Male who may need to be shown on the boards and will coordinate this with Darcy. There may also be (1) US Female (Lacy Saugstad).

Next Meeting

Next meeting TBA – Most likely November 18th at Alyeska (Coaches Clinic)

Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn

M/S/C – All/All/No Objection