



## Western Region Alpine Competition Committee Meeting

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**Date: Thursday, June 22, 2023**

**Time: 10:30 Mountain Time**

### **MINUTES**

1. Welcome and call to order – Dan Henry, Chair
2. Roll call and review of committee membership – Lucy Conklin, Secretary  
**Executive:** Dan Henry, Will Brandenburg, Troy Price, Lucy Conklin, Tim Hinderman  
**Voting Members:** Lara Hildreth, Jenn Danza, Beat Hupfer, Mike Ginsberg, Bridger Call, Kristin Waddle, Roger Bay, Justin Rackley, Sparky Anderson, Roger Root, Brennan Rubie  
**Staff:** Natalie Osborne, Claudia Yamamoto, Carma Burnett, Bill Gunesch, Heidi Voelker, Jeff Pickering, Chip Knight  
**Guests:** LaRue Seitz, Tommy Edkfeldt, Bill Brooks, Jeremy Ueland, Devin Gill, Craig Haaaser, Lester Keller, Gladys Weidt, Seth McCadam, Anika Anna Angirman, Gil Denis, Aaron Haffey
3. Review and approval of agenda and/or additions – Dan Henry, Chair  
**M/S/A:** Mike Ginsberg/Will Brandenburg/Unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes from May 15 and 16, 2023  
**M/S/A:** Beat Hupfer/Mike Ginsberg/Unanimous
5. Western Region Committee Reports and Proposals
  - a. Site Selection Committee – Bill Gunesch  
2024 Competition Calendar Finalized  
The only possible National Movement is one day either direction on the U16 Nationals. Small adjustments possible for rest days/travel days in the January block and the Spring Series Block.
  - b. Development Committee – Jen Danza  
no report. Noted to add to the committee’s workings that the U16 Nationals addition of Ski Cross needs to be discussed.
  - c. Hiring Committee Report– Will Brandenburg  
Report reviewed as shared and background of how the committee came to this conclusion. How to empower the Western Way!  
Motion to approve the hiring of two coaches not one as addressed in the Hiring Committee Report (see attached).  
**M/S/A:** Will Brandenburg/Justin Rackley/Unanimous  
Discussion: keeping control of WR coaching staff for use of the WR athletes.  
Allows WR to keep kids part of their home club along with providing them strong Regional FIS coaching support without them having to ship off to academies or outside the Region.



- i. Head Tax and Entry Fee Proposal (see attached)

**M/S/A:** Troy Price/Beat Hupfer/Unanimous

Discussion – mentioned in the Hiring Committee Proposal, this brings it specific details on HT. Entry Fees increased for Regional races so that OC's do not take a hit.

US Ski and Snowboard still keeping same amount of Head Tax and less support in Regional Coach and Entry process. Why does US Ski and Snowboard still get to take the same amount of HT? WR will be sending a statement to Regional Sub Committee and Alpine Sports Committee regarding this topic.

6. National Committee Reports –

- a. U16 and Older Working Group – Todd Brickson: No report
- b. U14 and Younger Working Group – Jeremy Ueland: No action since Congress
- c. Club Development Working Group – Lara Hildreth: No report
- d. Coaches Education Working Group – Ben Roberts: No action since Congress
- e. Quotas and Selections – Beat Hupfer: No report
- f. Regional Subcommittee – Bill Brooks: No report
- g. Officials Update – Roger Root: Scripted RA update in the Fall, requirement of annual update for RA's. Regional Managers have been meeting regarding new online registration system. Hoping Region will up the game on traveling coaches and their requirements
- h. US TD Working Group – Brian Hartman: No report

7. Old business – none

8. New business

- a. FIS Divisional Quotas proposal – see attached  
**M/S/A :** Justin Rackley/Mike Ginsberg/Unanimous

- b. Championship quotas link [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MCuzyCxD-SKHzdZ\\_g34z6lIcKu6NQA9T](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1MCuzyCxD-SKHzdZ_g34z6lIcKu6NQA9T)

9. Adjournment at 11:25 mountain time: **M/S/A** Will Brandenburg/Troy Price/Unanimous  
Next meeting – August/September 2023