



Western Region Alpine Competition Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 17, 2024

Time: 11:00 – 12:00 Mountain Time

MINUTES

1. Welcome and call to order – Dan Henry, Chair
2. Roll call and review of committee membership – Lucy Conklin, Secretary
Members: Dan Henry, Devin Gill, Troy Price, Lucy Conklin, ~~Tim Hinderman, Jheren Svoboda, Connor McDonald~~, Beat Hupfer, Mike Ginsberg, Bridger Call, Kristin Waddle, LaRue Seitz-Detorri, ~~Roy Loman~~, Justin Rackley, Karl Wardrop, Sparky Anderson(excused), Roger Root(excused), Hilary Lindh, Brennan Rubie
Staff: ~~Tasha Foster~~, Kayla Wieczorek, Carma Burnett, Erin Renna, Claudia Yamamoto, Bill Gunesch, Jeff Pickering, Randy Pelkey, Brad Saxe, Chip Knight, David McCann
Guests: Cal Laurent, Aaron Atkins, Lester Keller, Jim Reilly, Bill Brooks, Todd Brickson, John Rust, Andy Hare, Bo Maciejko
3. Review and approval of agenda and/or additions
M/S/A: Karl Wardrop/Devin Gill/Unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes from June 12, 2024
M/S/A: Troy Price/Karl Wardrop/Unanimous
5. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Staff Updates –
 - a. Alpine Development Director - Chip Knight No Report
 - b. Competition Services – Margo and Jeff No Report
 - c. Coaches Education – David Mc Cann No report
Town Hall on Thursday, September 19th regarding the coaches ed requirements
6. Western Region Program Updates
 - a. Western Region Director – Bill Gunesch
Still no Regional Manager, yet in process. SQ Fitness dates have been released and the registration form will go out today or tomorrow. Truckee dates: October 6th and 10th, Portland October 12th, COE and October 20th
 - i. Quotas for FIS races in the WR
Links shared in the chat bar. Reviewed via screen sharing.
 - ii. Copper Speed project deadline end of October. FIS SG project targeted towards early season Nor Ams. FIS DH project must have 120 points or better in any event to register. Must complete reg via skireg.
 - iii. U16 Copper Speed Project – ranking list of WR has been distributed.
 - iv. Sending out another draft of Elite FIS Automatics, request eyes for collegiates or those moved out of Region.



- b. Western Region Youth Development Coach – Jeff Pickering
 - i. Deadline for U16 project intent is November 15th. Total of 60 kids per Region. Would like Region to work together to create a cohesive project for the coaching staff and athletes during this National Project.
 - ii. U16 Thanksgiving project
 - c. Western Region Head Coach – Brad Saxe

Would like to create the Regional Cohesion during the National FIS SG and DH Projects too. Please complete intents early to allow the Regional planning to take place. Allows smaller programs to attend without the high cost. The West is way it in front of the rest of the country on working together as a Region.
27 athlete and 6 coaches headed to South America later this week for project.
 - d. Western Region Elite FIS Coach – Randy Pelkey

has booked extra lane space in Copper to allow for supplemental training.
Report shared via chat bar and via screen share
Looking forward to South American project later this week. Working side by side with other Nations.
Bill pointed out that Randy brought in 3 World Cup athletes and their servicemen during the August project allowing great mentorship.
Brad pointed out that the Region has the #1 ranked 07
 - e. Western Region Manager – TBD

Devin Gill reported a follow up about the meeting with Anouk and Chip. The funding is set up to support one Manager for the West and Rocky for the 2025 season. Bill hopes that the hiring process will start this upcoming week as it is getting busier.
7. Western Region Committee Reports and Proposals
- a. Executive Committee Report – Dan Henry

No action.
 - b. Treasurer Report – Troy Price

Current Checking is \$59,367 and Savings is \$154,501.
Shout out to PNW for hosting the investment account for many years.
Balance is \$112,557 balanced between different investments.
 - i. Budget approval for 2025 season

Notes that we have less project support to the athletes, 75% of the budget is supporting our Regional Staff.
M/S/A: Devin Gill/Karl Wardrop/Unanimous
comments about budgeting towards zero instead of negative. Goal is to bring net to zero as some projects do not need full support. Still in transition with the PG team as athlete count grows, too.



Bill pointed out that we are allowed to tag onto the Elite teams accounting through the NGB to help cut down the cost of processing through online registration for high level projects.

- c. Site Selection Committee – Bill Gunesch
Calendar has been in place most of the summer. Last minute concern about going to Mission Ridge back-to-back. Will continue to discuss with the committee and bring back any further report.
Pick pointed out the U14 Project is scheduled for April 17-20 at Palisades
 - d. Development Committee – Devin Gill
Still looking for someone to chair this committee. Reach out to Gill if you are interested in taking this on.
8. National Committee Reports –
- a. Collegiate Report – Sparky Anderson
No report.
 - b. U16 and Older Working Group – Todd Brickson
no activity since Congress, no report.
 - c. U14 and Younger Working Group – Jeremy Ueland
A few items to address throughout the winter. No meetings over the summer.
 - d. Coaches Education Working Group – Ben Roberts
No report. Town Hall meeting September 19th via zoom.
 - e. Quotas and Selections – Beat Hupfer
No meetings, no report.
 - f. Regional Subcommittee – Bill Brooks
Proposed changes in the operating procedures. Realignment and Working Group structure changes. Regional representative to the ASC would become one instead of two members. Proposed operating procedures will be distributed to the WR ACC members.
 - g. Officials Update – Roger Root (Lucy in place of Roger)
AO Materials will not be available until the end of October.
Lucy thanked Steve Schowengerdt for his years of service to IMD and WR. His passing is a hit to the Regions AO leadership.
 - h. US TD Working Group – Brian Hartman
No report
9. Old business
- a. Still waiting for bids for the 2026 U14 Regional Championships. Deadline for bids is updated to November 30th. Divisional Managers please distribute to Organizing Committees.



10. New business

a. Health of Sport Report – Bill Gunesch

In the proposed operating procedures this Working Group will report to Regional Sub Committee. Joe Paul was appointed as the Chair in the last meeting.

b. Performance Task Force – Brad Saxe

Several subgroups created. Looking to use subcategories (ENL) for the 2 tier FIS system. Healthy discussion on how to make the system more transparent, inclusive and push top athletes in the correct direction.

October 10th is the next meeting.

11. Motion to adjourn

M/S/A: Devin Gill/Troy Price

12. Next meeting – October 8th 10am Pacific Time