



Western Region Alpine Competition Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Time: 10am Mountain Time

MINUTES

1. Welcome and call to order at 10:00 Mountain Time – Devin Gill, Chair
2. Roll call and review of committee membership – Devin Gill, Chair
Members: Devin Gill, Bridger Call, Troy Price, Dan Henry, Connor McDonald, Mike Ginsberg, Kristin Waddle, Jessie Lepel, Justin Rackley, Karl Wardrop, Roger Root, Hilary Lindh
Staff: Tasha Foster, Kayla Wieczorek, Carma Burnett, Erin Renna, Claudia Yamamoto, Bill Gunesch, Ali Hollum, Jeff Pickering, Randy Pelkey, Brad Saxe, Chip Knight
Guests: Jim Hudson, Lindsay Dowd, John Rust, Branko Zagar, Cat Harnden, Jess Kelley, Jamie Landwehr, Ben Roberts, Ray Tulloch, Aaron Atkins
 - a. Confirmation of Divisional Alternates for 2026 season
IMD - Carma Burnett and Jess Kelley
AK - Nick Foster and Tasha Foster
FW – Aaron Atkins and Branko Zagar
PNW – Kent Towlerton
NO -
3. Review and approval of agenda and/or additions
M/S/A: Carl Wardrop/Mike Ginsberg/Unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes from September 17, 2025
M/S/A: Troy Price/Mike Ginsberg/Unanimous
5. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Staff Updates – Chip Knight
 - a. Alpine Development update: (slide presentation distributed with minutes)
NGB Supported Training = Regional Development Program (RDP)
-goal to broaden the reach of the development program
-outlined full season or programming
-50% funding support for named athletes (approx. \$15k support)
 - b. U18 National Series – utilizing existing races in the calendar
-head-to-head series, smaller quotas
-calendar shared in the ppt
-tied to RDT criteria for 26-27
 - c. Advanced planning of NorAm Calendar, criteria and preparation period plan
Questions – New FIS points and Cut Proof Undergarments
FIS Points – tracking of new category adder during 26 and internal lists in January. New



lists will become valid with 27 season.

Cut Resistant undergarments, lowers, at Nor Ams and higher. 3 stars or higher logo. Start referees will be checking for that emblem.

6. Western Region Committee Reports and Proposals

a. Executive Committee Report – Devin Gill

no activity, no report

b. Treasurer Report – Troy Price

shout out to Ali for continued work on accounts receivable.

i. Budget approval

-purchased a timer for Regional Projects, did not transfer into savings this season in order to purchase the timer.

M/S/A: Mike Ginsberg/Dan Henry/Unanimous

ii. Balances:

Wells Fargo Checking: \$130,055.12

Wells Fargo Savings: \$154,518.55

Morgan Stanley brokerage account: \$136,753.90

c. Site Selection Committee – Bill Gunesch

Calendar confusion discussed as FIS and National calendars are being cleaned up.

d. Development Committee – Bridger Call

met a few times over the summer, notes were distributed from these meetings prior to the WR meeting.

Regional coaches and staff thanked for attending and being part of the Development Committee meetings.

e. Online Reg Task Force – Lucy Conklin

this is the final report of this task force, unless need to reconvene in the Spring Remaining with ASR for 2026 season

All beta tests completed. Knowledge base documents are being finished and will be reviewed by our members. Ccoaches' knowledge base to be available mid-November.

All divisional trainings have been scheduled and shared amongst the managers

7. Western Region Program Updates

a. Western Region Director – Bill Gunesch

Presentation that was shared at ASC meeting reviewed during this meeting and shared with these minutes.

Coaches forums – presentations by Regional Staff and these have been well received. Two more forums.

Regional staff held a planning meeting in Hood River.



- b. Western Region Youth Development Coach – Jeff Pickering
U16 and U14 projects reviewed
Speed calendar – how we get kids loving speed
 - c. Western Region/Tri Regional Coach – Brad Saxe
Spring and Summer projects reviewed
 - d. Western Region/Tri Regional Women’s FIS Coach – Seth McCadam
Brad provided a quick report on Spring and Summer projects for Seth.
 - e. Western Region Coach – Randy Pelkey
supplemental programming of National level of Regional Support
Reviewed Chile camps and races
Randy in charge of forerunners for Beaver Creek, will run a project to prep for this.
 - f. Western Region Manager – Ali Holum
nothing to report
8. National Committee Reports –
- a. Collegiate Report – Sparky Anderson
Calendar has been approved
 - b. U16 and Older Working Group – Jess Kelley
nothing new to report
 - c. U14 and Younger Working Group – Lindsay Dowd or John Rust
will touch upon the gate size for Regionals. Looking for further study on this Nationally in the spring
 - d. Coaches Education Working Group – Ben Roberts or Forrest King Shaw
nothing new to report.
 - e. Regional Subcommittee – Bill Brooks
nothing to report
 - f. Officials Update – Roger Root
annual update and review
Lucy has created a google sheet for National AO clinics
U.S. Ski & Snowboard – lots of pending AO members
 - g. TDAG – Rob Cravens or Troy Price
TD exchange across the Region
 - h. Health of Sport – Kristen Cooksey
upcoming meeting 10.16.25. Reach out to Kristen for info on the meeting link.
 - i. Who is the 2nd Regional Rep to Health of Sport?
Lindsay Dowd is the



9. Old business –

- a. Athlete rep nomination – still searching!

10. New business –

- a. Elite Automatics Proposal

M/S/A: Mike Ginsberg/Justin Rackley/Unanimous

Discussion: none

- b. U16 NPS Selection Race Proposal

M/S/A: Carl Wardrop/Troy Price/Unanimous

Discussion: Clarification from Chip – 7 per region/gender

Lindsay – athletes that each Division submits are starred or noted somehow for the H2H.

- c. WR U14 Regional Slalom Pole Proposal

M/S/A: Justin Rackley/Mike Ginsberg/Unanimous

Discussion: none

11. Motion to adjourn 11:19 mountain time

M/S: Bridger Call/Troy Price

12. Next meeting: April 2026 via zoom