



Pacific Northwest Ski Association A Division of U.S. Ski & Snowboard

(DRAFT) Board of Directors – 2026 Spring Meeting Thursday, March 19, 2026 7:00pm Virtual via Zoom

Karl Wardrop welcomed all members to the PNSA board of directors for term 2025 – 2026 Spring meeting of the 2025 – 2026 PNSA board of directors @ 7:05pm

Roll Call: The following officers and directors were present at roll call. Karl Wardrop, Malcolm Ash, Justin Rackley, Colin Quinn-Hurst, Mark Stapleton, Reitler Hodgert, John Rust, Karen Lundgren,

Not present: Molly Dennehy, Annie Elgee, Courtney Altringer, Jeff Kray, Tim Durkin, Lily Eriksen

Claudia Yamamoto – PNW executive director

A quorum was present per Article III Section 4 of the PNSA By-Laws.

Karl presented agenda, Malcolm Ash moved to approve Second, Mark Stapleton – **all in favor**

2025 – 2026 PNW BOD Motion # 21 To approve BOD minutes from January 7th meeting
Maker: Karen Lundgren Second: Malcolm Ash **Motion Passed**

REPORTS:

Treasurer: Malcolm Ash – Malcolm shared financials, and we are in good shape. About 665K in liquid assets. 180K in our checking account, a little bigger than normal due to trip income and elite pass revenue. Those funds will get dispersed in the next month or so. We should have enough cash with what's left and due to come in through the end of this fiscal year without having to draw too much into our reserves. We will move into the next fiscal year with a depleted cash position, so we will likely be using money from the money market or savings account to cover run rate expenses like salaries, rent, telephone and insurance through the next quarter (July-Sept) until membership dues and club dues start rolling in to refill the checking account. No real severe risk here. We should net out to a break even this year. With our reserves, we could lose \$20K and still be able to operate for the next 20 years without making any money, so we're in good shape thanks to all who came before in this position. Head Tax Income: \$22,487 has been deposited and 2 more deposits coming \$5,247 and \$5600, so that gets us to \$28K and change for races held to date. There are 3 more races - Evergreen cup finals went away today and we're still not sure about where NW Cup finals. Buddy's looks pretty solid for next week down at Mt. Bachelor, and Golden Rose – we'll have Karen speak to that. TBD on Golden Rose – we

always want to get that race in if we can, but we'll see if we get a bigger or a smaller field. There's always a chance that we lose a race and can't get all four in. With all of those races – head tax would arrive at about \$42.5K and our budget was \$67,400 so that shows a loss of about \$24,700. PWSEF grants are \$31,500 and none of those are in the actuals yet. He would like to get a read as to whether that is revenue we can count on or is there some shortfall that we don't know about yet. Net operating income budgeted at \$11K, but with the head tax loss we'll land at -\$14K. Interest revenue is already above budget and will probably go to \$13-14K before end of June. Credit card rewards will stay about where it always is. All in all we could be somewhere between -\$1,000 and \$1,000 at year end so likely to pull out a break even at the bottom line.

Karen – inviting John and Karl to comment on Golden Rose. Directors met last week about it, and having it down on Poochie is an impossibility. Having it up on the Mile is questionable. Karen will be up there this weekend and the coming week to get some additional info. Putting it on Palmer (even though Timberline has said no), could be pretty risky this time of year – the chance that weather closes Palmer is quite high. Essentially the same with the Mile. John offered that there could be a possibility of putting on a couple of the races at Meadows, though the discussion around that was whether they could hold the load or not. By April 6, we'll post out some decision about what we're thinking about doing. It depends on how things go in the next week or so. John asked for clarification that Timberline said “no” on Palmer. No is the answer for now, but doesn't mean that Karen will stop asking. Justin added that we've had it on Palmer, Poochie, the Mile and Celebrity in the past. He would rather see us get weathered out on the Golden Rose than to cancel altogether. Karen agrees, and somehow the rest of the division is quite down on the cancellations in the Mt. Hood area. Lateness of weather is the tough part. Palmer could be better if the race were later as April this year can be tough to put off. People are more understanding with the cancelling given the weather situation everywhere. Trying to not pivot with less than a 10 day window except to push it out. Summer camps are in jeopardy too. John added for awareness to everyone that they are really trying to attract some points to come to the race. Kids that are moving to the next level - USSA points are used for selections, and we haven't had many points opportunities this season. So we are going to really work hard to get low point holders in.

Karl wrapped up finances pointing out that we may have reported a little off on head taxes coming in, and we should be closer to \$32K as opposed to \$28K.

TD update: Malcolm Ash – it's been a challenging year, and they were glad to take the organizing off Roger's plate. Rob, Malcolm and Steve have been working together as races have changed dates and venues. The biggest positive is they completed certification of 2 new TDs:

Jessie Scroggins from Mt. Hood. He did a great job with Malcolm at Crystal and then jumped right in to take over at U14s at Mission – he had to deal with some timing issues and other things but did a great job overall.

Cat Harndon from Mt. Spokane got through certification thanks to Steve Maynard and Karl. She is signed up as TD for one of the Golden Rose races with Rob Cravens.

A couple more people are in the funnel to get certified for next year so we'll see how that goes.

Hoping we can talk about referee shadowing for candidates so we can improve upon those officials

Executive Director: Claudia Yamamoto – Looking at Malcolm’s numbers here, Claudia did want to state that there is still a chance that Evergreen Cup finals may happen. Still up in the air, but there is a chance. The good news is that we did get all of our qualifiers in and we did send to kids to championships on both the Nordic and Alpine sides. We had some real challenges at the U16s with some severe accidents and scared kids who saw those happen. It seemed to have a big impact on the U16 results. Kids who were injured are now home, and the skier from Crystal who was airlifted is ok and made it to the banquet the final night. All have good progress reports moving forward. U14s are currently at Sugarbowl and it’s really hot – skied at the beginning of the day and then went swimming. They were off the hill by 11:30 so all starts are happening really early in the morning. The FIS series are continuing to move – Speed series scheduled for Mt. Bachelor is now at Mammoth. Palisades Elite FIS is moving somewhere else because of no snow. Again our final races are up in the air. Roger Taggert said NWcup finals will not be at Mission Ridge, so we just keep shuffling. There’s a lot of red on the calendar as things have been cancelled and changed, but hats off to all of you who are making this season happen on both the Nordic and Alpine side. It’s been challenging, but the efforts of every club and all coaches helped get kids training and racing when possible – so thank you!

Karen added if the Evergreen Cup finals are changed, can we get the announcement out ASAP? Claudia did say that it would not occur the same weekend with a venue change. Looking at Easter weekend as that is about the only option.

John Rust – Thank you to everyone that has been juggling all the races, being flexible, and working hard to pull them off.

Three athletes from our division who qualified for U16 nationals – Trae Pettet – CMAC, Canyon Osborn – CMAC, and Tieghan Kuzel – SARS. We also had several athletes (another 3 or 4) that were on the alternate list. Cooper Rust qualified for US Nationals, however he has decided not to go and will race at Sun Valley instead.

Alpine West Update: Justin Rackley –Thanks to Claudia for really summarizing what my report would be – all about adjusting and being flexible to the calendar and making races happen. This is Justin’s 7th report to take to the ACC, and as he’s reflected on what to report, he notes that we miraculously got ski races off. However, it’s the case that not one single event that was scheduled last June occurred as it was planned. Either races were cancelled or postponed, the dates changed, the disciplines changed, or the location changed, but we are still alive and kicking. It continues to be wild from the FIS perspective as well. It looks like SunValley is going to happen, so that is great, and it should be a good devo race with a points bonanza. A great opportunity for our athletes. Evergreen cup finals – one other possibility is to hold it at Crystal since they have snowmaking possibilities on QuickSilver. Uros is doing the legwork to speak with the mountain and club, but if that does not happen, we’re looking to NW Cup finals to be held at Bachelor. Nils is working through his channels to work on that and possibly open a codex to the U14s so we could do a sort of divisional finals of the combined age groups. We continue to pivot and we’re not done yet, so hold on tight.

Malcolm noted that QuickSilver at Crystal is a great venue. It was not hard to protect around the snow guns and everyone was fine with the hike up to the GS start. No interruption from the public with lift access, etc, so it was great. Justin is pushing for Crystal for Evergreen Cup finals because he thinks it's a great venue for U14s, so he'll keep pushing for it and support Uros' effort.

Nordic Update: Colin Quinn-Hurst –

Jr. Nationals – Colin was not there, but the kids all had a great time and the coaching staff was amazing. He deferred to Reitler since he attended. Jr. Nationals went well – we brought home the small region championship. A big week for the athletes and coaches as we got every snow condition imaginable. Racing was in the mid-40s and then moved to the mid-20s/mid-30s, which worked well for the PNW athletes. Every athlete, aside from one that had an equipment issue, improved on their times and moved up through their heats. All 3 of our U16 girls that started toward the back of the qualifying field moved up into the top 10 by the end of the day. As we got to Friday it got colder and then down into single digits, so we were able to use all the wax in the wax box. Wild week with all kinds of different temperatures and teams did really well, and we had a lot of all-Americans.

Colin - When we bring the NCC back together, we'll want to talk about adding a contingency plan for our race bids with backup weekends and venues to create possible options in advance. We also want to talk about continuing to develop the Pacific NW Cup for the U12s and U14s as a development race and achieve the goal to keep this as an on-ramp to higher level racing. We are also emphasizing getting to the race venues early so there is plenty of time for staging and and test waxes. Can we set some guidelines around that? Those are the 2 big things. We may also need to get a TD working group going like Alpine, as we currently only have 2 certified TDs. We need to get a pipeline of people set up for training.

President: Karl Wardrop – We are trying to get the bylaws updated, and Karl sent out a red-lined version of the bylaws for the group's review. There are number of different items in the bylaws that need to be brought up to 2020 standards since now some are obsolete as written. Karl may take a swing at this by putting the document into AI for updating efficiency. It's tough to compare a brand new written document to the old document to ensure we have all the needed elements in there. It would be great to try so we can simplify it. Karl would like to have a finished document that we can vote on in the May time frame for convention. It's imperative that we are running the business in compliance with the guidelines to make it all work.

John Rust asked if it was possible to edit the document with changes or suggestions out to the side. Karl says yes you can do that and he will see who made changes or comments. We also need to add the ACC section to it as well. Hopefully AI will streamline this.

PWNSEF update: Karl is giving since they don't have representation tonight. PNWSEF is having a good year, but they are struggling in some areas. The demo days fundraiser that they have was scheduled for Stevens Pass last weekend. It had to be cancelled because Stevens could not open due to excessive snow causing a road closure and Stevens losing power. They may try to reschedule to April, but they may have a hard time actually pulling

it off. They are looking at doing something along with Golden Rose to sell PNW logoed items.

Claudia mentioned that \$21,000 in grants will come from the foundation to the division to help fund the U14 Speed camp (\$10,000) and the Nordic Jr. Nationals (\$11,500). The speed camp that they were going to support at Mt. Bachelor this spring may not happen, and if it doesn't that money won't come to the division. Malcolm mentioned that there are additional funds for B-Net, coaches, and development, so Claudia will make sure we are getting that. PNWSEF is thinking of tapping into Nordic and alpine alumni still in the PNW to give to the foundation, so we will look into ways to identify and contact those folks.

Old Business : none

New Business: none

Karl Wardrop –

- Next BOD meeting will be our annual meeting May 30/31st in Everett. Probably not necessary to have a BOD call before that, but if something comes up and we need to meet, Karl will send out date information with at least 7 days notice. Does anyone feel strongly that we need to?
- Claudia – we do have some regional meetings that are coming up on the alpine side. Western Region ACC will be meeting on April 22nd. US Congress is May 11-15. Those schedules have been published. Claudia will put them up on the website, so that those of you that don't go to congress can follow along if you're interested in some of the meetings that are happening in Alpine or Nordic.
- Malcolm will start working on budgets in May, so please reach out with any input you have to the budget, including Colin from Nordic regarding numbers that might be different for next year. Jr. Olympics will be at Tahoe so flight budget should be cheaper.
- There will be a dinner on Saturday night at convention and awards. One honoring Alan Lauba on his retirement and service to racing over many years. Another for Curt Hammond and all his contributions and service to the ski racing world in general.
- Mark asked about year end meetings. Do we want to organize the U12 working group meeting at Buddy's/Bachelor next weekend? We don't have a leader for the U12s and that's who runs that meeting. Justin will not be at Buddy's. Claudia asked if they put together an agenda, would Mark be willing to lead that meeting in person or via Zoom? Yes Mark said he could do that. Claudia will work that out with Teresa Cravens and Mark to set something up.

2025 – 2026 PNW BOD Motion #22: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Maker: Malcolm Ash Second: Karen Lundgren **Motion Passed**

Adjournment: meeting adjourned at 7:59pm