



Western Region Alpine Competition Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Time: 13:30 Mountain Time via zoom

MINUTES

1. Welcome and call to order – Devin Gill, Chair
2. Roll call and review of committee membership – Lucy Conklin, Secretary
Voting members: Devin Gill, Bridger Call, Troy Price, Lucy Conklin(non-voting) Sparky, Connor McDonald, Beat Hupfer, Mike Ginsberg, Tommy Eckfeldt, Tim Hinderman, Jessie Lepel, Justin Rackley, Karl Wardrop.
Staff: Erin Renna, Claudia Yamamoto, Tasha Foster, Kayla Wieczorek, Carma Burnett, Will Brandenburg, Jeff Pickering, Chip Knight, Ali Hollum
Guests: Branko Zagar, Karl McDade, Lester Keller, Andrew Becker, Charlotte Gourlay, Ray Tulloch, Alex Anvari, Jim Hudson, Evan, Craig Combs, Leslie Messner, Nate, Dana Keith, Rob Cravens, Lindsay Dowd, Jonathan Puskas, Mats Boehnke, Catherine Harnden, Kristen Cooksey, Ali Spencer, Margaret Slagel, Lindsay Barksdale, Nico Monforte, Jeremy Ueland, Raquel Lindquist, Nick Lewis, Bill Gunesch, Magnus Anderson, Aaron Atkins,
3. Review and approval of agenda and/or additions
M/S/A: Karl Wardrop /Beat Hupfer/Unanimous
4. Review and approval of minutes from June 17, 2026
M/S/A: Karl Wardrop/Mike Ginsberg/Unanimous
5. U.S. Ski and Snowboard Staff Updates –
 - a. Alpine Development Director - Chip Knight
Various projects over the spring and summer, lots of conditioning camps.
Appreciative of high-performance department support.
On snow – Brad NZ with guys, crossover with Europa Cup and World Cup athletes. Women in NZ with Seth. Both groups are heading to Europe in October.
Group of athletes currently in South America.
30m/30w heading to European projects.
Staff – calendar. Excited about new U18 directions. Selection events reviewed.
Defining a U23 series, based around new collegiate age rules.
Calendar – U16s in December to qualify into Alpre Cimbra.
World Jrs are in the US at Whiteface and Lake Placid as a host.
6. Western Region Committee Reports and Proposals
 - a. Executive Committee Report – Devin Gill, none
 - b. Treasurer Report – Troy Price
As of 9.9.26 Wells Fargo Checking: \$157,598.52; Savings: \$160,319.62
Morgan Stanley account:\$160, 614.02



Budget reviewed

Ali thanked for her work

c. Site Selection Committee – Will Brandenburg

i. [WR Calendar](#)

work to do within quotas

Snafu – change of a site, learning experience on the process.

Calendar set up for coaches to have the keys to athlete management.

d. Development Committee (Dev. Com.) – Bridger Call

active in the spring, things have settled down. Proposals will be handed off to this committee for work. Thank you to this committee.

Congratulations to Beat on your retirement and thank you for your 45 years of service.

7. Western Region Program Updates

a. Western Region Director – Will Brandenburg

4 months, understanding the roll. Bill thanked as he really helped in the transition. Loneliness of communication and how things are distributed across the region. Working on how to find ways to get information out.

Use of the website, use of the handbook on the site, etc.

5 different proposals headed to Bridger and to Tristan for review.

Timeline: tasked to review by Sept 28th, in preparation for the October 7th meeting.

WR Newsletter will come out 2nd Tuesday of each month

Chile Project reviewed. Early season speed reviewed.

b. Western Region Youth Development Coach – Jeff Pickering

Will is crushing it, and looking forward to getting on the snow with Will and the crew in South America. Looking forward to U16 project in Big Sky.

c. Western Region Manager – Ali Holum

great working with Will this summer. Revamping the WR website. Prepping La Parva project.

8. National Committee Reports – if any new items

a. Collegiate Report – Sparky Anderson UOP moved up one day to 28/29

b. U16 and Older Working Group – Jess Kelley, Andrew Becker
no report

c. U14 and Younger Working Group – Lindsay Dowd, Bo Majecko- Chair
working through course setting, and U14 and under retention

d. Coaches Education Working Group – Ben Roberts or Forest King Shaw
Jr Coaches addressed on side bar of coaches ed site.



- e. Regional Subcommittee – Bill Brooks
no report
 - f. Officials Update – Roger Root
no report
 - g. TDAG – Rob Cravens or Troy Price
reminder to jump onto updates this fall
U.S. Masters athletes burned out of the hotel in Chile, lost all their equipment.
 - h. Health of Sport – Kristen Cooksey
no report
9. Old business – none
10. New business – Review and Discussion of upcoming proposals
- a. Financial Assistance
 - b. WEST Team Criteria
 - c. RTG Criteria
 - d. FIS Quotas
 - e. U16 Project Gold/Europe selection
11. Motion to adjourn M/S/A: Troy Price/Karl Wardrop
12. Next meeting: October 7th, 2026