

2020 IMD ACC Spring Call Minutes
May 21, 2020
Conference Call

Present:

Carma Burnett, Todd Brickson, Bridger Call, Will Brandenburg, Lester Keller, Troy Price, Mark Wedeking, Drew Southworth, John Buchar, Stephen Schowengerdt, Chris Costa, Darren Michaels, Kevin Chaffee, Branko Zagar, Becky Stone, Troy Callentine, Kevin Keane, Erik Fisher, Bridget Misch, Jason Lance, Tyson Henrie, Scotty McGrew, Mark Wilder, Riley Berman, Scott Mathers, Shannon Carrell

10:00am Meeting called to order by IMD Director, Carma Burnett.

Approval of the Minutes of the ACC Conference Call 10/30/19

MSP(Schowengerdt/Price) To approve the minutes of the meeting on 10/30/19.

Old/New Business

COVID 19 Update

At this point, the clubs are all trying to move forward because of the Coronavirus. We really don't have an idea if participation in ski racing is going to wane. A conservative model would predict that ski club's participation will be down 15-20%. Clubs are revisiting their refund policies in case COVID 19 impacts our race schedule next year. In addition, clubs are researching Tuition Insurance to see if it could apply to another COVID outbreak. Becky Stone will report back with her findings with USA Soccer regarding their injury/illness/tuition insurance. Scott McGrew shared some documents regarding the stimulus PPP. Many clubs have applied and received stimulus loans. Scotty's documents will be sent out with the minutes. Everyone is in the mindset of "wait and see" as the pandemic progresses.

Western Region Update

Will Brandenburg gave a WR ACC update. Western Region has gotten rid of one Development Race Series. The only Devo race will be the December Development race in Jackson. In addition, the rule of not using fluorinated waxes and wax benches inside the race arenas have been extended up to the U14 age group. IMD will need to discuss how we will implement this at our full ACC meeting this summer.

First Year FIS Athlete Discussion

There was a long discussion regarding the development path for first year FIS athletes. We are trying to figure out how to make the IMC race series more enticing for U19's. Since most first year FIS athletes will not qualify for the WR Elite Series, IMD needs to make a plan for those athletes. IMD will put forth a proposal that will allow for quota expansion at the WR Elite FIS. It will be submitted at the WR summer ACC call. This discussion will continue on our next call.

High School/Recreational Racing in IMD

Clubs have been asked to go back to their constituents and see if a race series for U14 and older athletes might serve their membership. The idea is to provide four evening races to U14 and older athletes who might otherwise have quit the sport. This series would only apply to the southern part of the division and will be modeled after Sundance Ski Team's Soda League. This is an effort to retain athletes and provide a fun, less expensive and less time commitment track. This discussion will continue on our next call.

North/South "Friendly" Race

There was discussion about adding a race to the U12/U10 calendar that would not be a qualifier for IMD Champs. The timing and details of this race were discussed briefly. Clubs are asked to check with their U12/U10 coaches and get feedback and report back at the next call.

Calendaring

Mark Wedeking will be sending out a google doc with the 2020/2021 calendar blocks to the IMD ACC. Please email him and the Calendaring Committee with your thoughts and preferences for races you would like to host. The Calendaring Committee consists of Mark Wedeking, John Buchar, Branko Zagar, Will Brandenburg, Lester Keller and Bridger Call.

IMD Champs, Tri-Divisionals and IMD Finals will be sited at the same sites for 2021 **MSP(Wedeking/Price)**

The next IMD Call is scheduled for 6/4/2020 at 10:00am MST via a Zoom Call

Motion to Adjourn at 12:40

MSP(Call/Brandenburg)

Respectfully Submitted,
Carma Burnett- IMD Director