

2007 IMD ACC Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2007
Jackpot, Nevada

Present:

Troy Price, Dave Galusha, Carma Burnett Carew, Kenny Corrock, Mike Hammer, Rueben Macaya, Chuck Harris, Todd Brickson, Shannon Carrell, Tami Strong, Kevin Chaffee, Becky Stone, Ray Miller, Chip Bailey, Mike Collaer, Scott McGrew, Bruce Birk, Leslie Soderquist, Mark Wedeking, Scott Mathers, Todd Travis, Galen Webster

9:53 Meeting called to order by Chairman Troy Price.

Approval of the Minutes of the ACC Meeting of May 2006

MSP(Corrock/Brickson) To approve the minutes of the meeting on May 20, 2006.

Approval of Agenda

MSP(Bailey/Hammer) To approve agenda.

Reports

Chairman's Report- Troy Price - (see attached)

Director's Report- Carma Burnett Carew- (see attached)

Western Region ACC Report- Troy Price- (see attached)

USSA Alpine Officials Committee Report- Mike Hammer –(see attached)

USSA Alpine Technical Delegates Working Group Report- Evert Uldrich-(see attached)

USSA Alpine Courses working Group- Evert Uldrich-(see attached)

USSA Education Working Group- Richard Conroy- (see attached)

Treasurers Report- Shannon Carrell- (see attached)

YSL Chairman's Report- Becky Stone(see attached)

2007 Scholarship Committee- Rueben Macaya, Todd Brickson and Bruce Birk.

Approval of Reports

MSP(Galusha/Rueben) To Approve Reports

Old/New Business

Additional Discussion Items

IMD named a Development Committee to discuss issues and report to the ACC. - The Committee will consist of 2 coaches from the North, 2 Coaches from the South and the ACC Chairman. The 2007 Committee will consist of Troy Price, Scott McGrew, Chuck Harris Tim Ross and Scott Mathers. 2007 action Items to include developing a consistency in racing with stubbies, decide whether the North/South cross-over be a stubby slalom, address the Combi event and look into 1 run races in the South YSL and discuss content for course setting clinics. The Development Committee needs to report back in September at the Fall Conference Call.

Physical Assessment- IMD would like to comply with the Western Region and their support of Physical Assessment Testing on a division wide basis. However, it is thought that it is too late to do a spring/early summer test. For the 2007 season, IMD will suggest that all teams do their own Physical Assessment testing and IMD will do a division wide test on October 21st and October 28th in Park City. We will contact Lester and Jen and arrange testing at the US Ski Team facility. We would like to get Jenn's assistance in the testing. IMD also feels strongly that the genders should be separated during the testing. It is IMD's goal to arrange for an AO Clinic while the test is being administered. There was a discussion on providing a TD update at the Brighton and Sun Valley clinics.

2007-2008 Clinic Schedules-

Nov. 17-18	Level 100 Brighton
Nov. 25-25	Level 100 Sun Valley
Dec. 1-2	Level 200 Sun Valley
Dec. 3	Course Setting Sun Valley
Spring 08	Level 200 Snowbasin
Spring 08	Course Setting Snowbasin

North/South Crossover Invite- The North/South Crossover invite will separate the J4's from the rest of the field in order to make the qualification system fair. The organizer will decide the best way to do this and report back at the September Conference call.

North Champs/South Champs- Change the name of the North Champs to North Finals. Change the name of the South Champs to South Finals. This helps with homologations of race hills.

IMD Coaches Coats- IMD will buy coaches coats for the staff at the JIII Olympics only. It will not be reflected in the cost of JIII Olympics. IMD will not buy coaches coats for WRJC or Finals.

J4 Festival Athletes

MSP (Galusha/Corrock) To allow kids who attended the J4 Festival access to the North and South Finals.

Protocol for Cancelled IMD races

MSP (Galusha/Macaya) Any change in schedule needs an ACC vote. If a race is in jeopardy of being cancelled, the Race Organizer needs to make it public 2 weeks before the event. In the event that the race is cancelled, it must be done 10 days before the scheduled competition for Speed events and 7 days before the scheduled competition for Tech events.

YSL Bibs

MSP (Stone/Corrock) -Purchase a second set of YSL division bibs that are numbered 201-350, to assist clubs and the division in completing the bib requirement of the growing YSL field in the south. Also, we would replace the missing bibs in the current set. Re-approve the \$1 additional head tax in the South YSL (approved in 2005) to pay for the additional set of bibs, asking the Division to cover the initial costs until our head tax will repay the division, approximately over 2 years.

Third Start South Series Limitation

MSP (Stone/Macaya)-End the transition year voted upon years ago by the YSL committee, updated last year to 3 starts to distinguish the transition to South Series. Amend the rules to provide that once an athlete starts their third South Series race, they are immediately at that time ineligible to compete in any future YSL races.

South YSL Awards

MSP (Stone/Galusha)-_Require race hosts to provide awards through 10th place for each age category, each gender. Change the wording in the IMD handbook to read “require” award to 10th place, replacing the word “suggest.”

Hartlauer Race

MSP (Stone/Hammer)- Brighton would like to host the Hartlauer Memorial Giant Slalom races opposite the Sun Valley Invitational or just a week prior to the IMD Championships, open to all South Series competitors and upper level YSL racers.

Intent to Compete

MSP (Price Hammer)- Coaches must submit a FIS Roster of any athletes wanting to compete in WR FIS races. The roster needs to be submitted to the IMD office by November 15th. The boards will only have athletes on it whose names have been submitted to the IMD office

Quotas

MSP (Galusha/Hammer)Quotas for JII National qualifiers will at least select 50% J2's. Quotas for the Western FIS race will select 12 A-JI's and 13 JII's. Quotas for the WR Elite races will select 6 A- A-JI's and 7 J2's, plus automatics. If someone is pulled off the board the next selection will be the next athlete in line irregardless of age.

Alpine Educators Subsidy

MSP- Hammer/Price) Subsidize clubs the \$50 per day fee for T.D.'s at scored USSA/IMD races. Subsidize clubs for per diems for T.D.'s at scored USSA/IMD races and non-scored North/South races. All Clubs will fill out a reimbursement form and send it in to IMD to be reimbursed. In the event a T.D. waives the fee, the club cannot ask for payment from the Division. Subsidize Alpine Officials clinicians for their travel expenses. Incentivize coaches to attend a fall course setting clinic by subsidizing lift tickets and pay course setting mentors to run a divisional clinic.

ACC Investment Fund

MSP (Hammer/Bailey) The ACC Investment fund control will be transferred from the BOD to the IMD ACC. The fund will require 2 signatures for transfers. The eligible signatures will include the President, IMD Director and the Treasurer.

Need-based Scholarships

MSP (Hammer/Bailey) Up to 75% of the interest earned in the ACC investment fund can be used for need-based scholarships. A Scholarship Committee consisting of Dave Galusha, Steve Bounous, Rueben Macaya, Todd Brickson and Todd Travis will come up with guidelines on how to apply for scholarships, the amount of scholarships and how they are distributed.

Team Registration

MSP (Price/Hammer) It is mandatory for all IMD Teams to become IMD Club members and pay the Team Registration fees before they can enter their athletes in USSA sanctioned races.

Combi Event

MSP (Price/Corrock) Add a Combi event to the J4 Super-G's. The Development Committee will define how the course is set.

Approval of the Calendar(see attached)

MSP (Carrell/ Price)

Approval of the Budget (see attached)

MSP(Price/ Hammer) Approve the budget with the amended changes for equipment and bibs.

New Business

IMD Equipment

Approved IMD Equipment expenses are:

B-nets- \$4000 worth from Snowbasin

2 radios

YSL Bibs

ACC Members to remain the same as 2006-2007 Season

MSP (Price/Macaya) ACC members are: Steve Bounous, Todd Brickson, Rueben Macaya, Dave Galusha, Ken Corrock, Chuck Harris, Mark Wedeking, Bruce Birk, Bill Hicks and Brad Saxe Appointed ACC members are: Troy Price, Mike Hammer and Becky Stone.

Elected Vice-Chairman: Steve Bounous

Athlete Representative Nominations- Nate Schwing, Nora Nieminski and Brandon Purnell

Elected Judicial Committee- Todd Brickson- Chairman, Rueben Macaya and Bruce Birk

Motion to Adjourn

MSP (Hammer/Stone) Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: May 31st in Jackpot, NV.

*Minutes subject to ACC approval May 2008

ATTACHED REPORTS

2007 IMD ACC Chairman's Report

By: Troy Price

June 2, 2007

Once again our Division succeeds. Our success as a Division was reflective in athlete accomplishments including, but not limited to, athletes being named to the 2007-08 USST, Top Juniors at US Nationals, sending athletes to Topolino and Whistler, just to name a few. I am pleased to be an active member of our Division.

We were able to overcome the challenges of a low snow year. Our programs were supportive to one another to assure that the athletes received the needed races. On a season that most would claim as the worst snow year, we moved 2 races and cancelled 2 others. It was unfortunate to lose our Downhill's, yet I was proud of the joint effort by programs trying everything possible.

We filled our quotas in all Western Region Championships events; WR Champs, WR FIS Finals, WR J3 JO's, and WR J4 Festival. I strongly believe that our selection procedures are extremely effective, implement a standard, and are easy to understand. One caution that may arise is within the J1-2 age class. With growing quotas and athletes electing not to attend we may need an alternative selection method to secure the tail end of our WR FIS Finals quota.

Eric Hays and the Snow Cup/Last Chance races proved to be great point races for our Division. Hosting these Open Series events allowing for our older athletes to give back and serve as an opportunity for our upcoming athletes within the pipeline. Not to mention the quality of FIS events in our Division; the West Tech Series at Park City and Snowbird as well as the Wild West FIS Series in Jackson. We should be proud of the opportunities we have within our Division. Special Thanks for these programs for hosting our key events on an annual basis.

Mike Hammer continues to be a key player in our Alpine Officials area and to assure each organizer has a qualified TD for their events. We will need to continue to recruit/train more TD's within our Division to reduce the cost and to simplify the TD assignments. We will be hosting several AO Clinics in the Fall throughout the Division.

Becky Stone, in her 4 year as YSL Chairman, continues to manage the continuous growth within the YSL field size. She is very knowledgeable about IMD policies and procedures. She conducts 4 meetings a year to assure constant communication and to allow for each program to take an active role in the development of our YSL series.

Carma has become the back bone of our Division. She has shown a true passion for her position and constantly keeps our long-term interest in mind. She has a great knowledge of our sport and maintains a professional relationship with our Regional and National contacts. She makes every effort to maintain effective communication. She is a great asset to our Division and a pleasure to work with.

I am honored to serve as your Chairman and look forward to another successful season next year.

Submitted,

Troy D. Price

2007 IMD ACC Meeting Carma's Report

The 2007-2008 season was successful for the Intermountain Division. Even though we had a less than optimal snow year, we still managed to get most of our races off. Unfortunately we lost the divisional DH's and an open race due to poor snow conditions. Intermountain continues to be a dominating force in the Western Region. The division has tremendous depth right now. Some highlights include Hailey Duke being named to the National Team and Jennifer VanWagner and Andy Phillips were named to the US Development Ski Team. Many IMD athletes had outstanding performances this year. The strength in Intermountain reflects how well the clubs are training and managing their athletes.

Membership

The Intermountain Division is in very good shape overall. IMD licenses were up from 1,080 in the 2003-2004, 1,232 in 2004-2005, 1330 in 2005-2006 and 1487 in 2006-2007. The growth was at all levels. Competitors licenses were up 28, Students licenses were up 22 and Youth licenses were up 112. We had 22 IMD registered teams in 2006-2007, which is an increase of 4 teams from the 2005-2006 season. I'd also like to welcome the Alta Ski Team and the White Pine Ski Team to the division. Overall the steady growth has been a positive thing. The area where it has had the biggest impact has been at the South YSL level. The YSL committee has met and has some great solutions for the over-crowding problem in the south.

Financials

The division is doing very well. After all of the accounts receivables are in, we will finish the season with \$118,000 dollars in the bank. We have \$85,000 in our checking account and \$16,000 in an interest bearing CD. Last summer I moved \$32,000 into a CD for a few months until we needed it for the Alaska subsidy. I pulled out \$16,000 for Alaska DH's and rolled over the remaining \$16,000. I will transfer an additional \$4000 for the Alaska Contingency fund. Last season Intermountain subsidized the Elite DH held in Alaska. IMD sent every athlete who attended the DH's a check for \$265.00. The total amount IMD spent was \$15,000 in subsidies. I received a few responses from parents and it was very much appreciated. In addition to the bank accounts, IMD did very well with the Investment accounts. The BOD and ACC accounts combined made over \$20,000.

Divisional Projects

All of our divisional projects went very smoothly. There were no disciplinary actions for the 2nd season in a row. All of our athletes behaved themselves and acted responsibly. This season IMD only had one "Cooperative Project" which was the JIII Olympics. I received feedback from several coaches on that project and it worked exceptionally well. The staff worked together as a cohesive unit and the kids had a great time getting to know other kids in the division. The only drawback regarding the JIII Olympics was the cost. It was insanely expensive. The FIS races ran very smooth as well. The coaches did a great job in volunteering to be the Head Coach on all of the projects. The staff seems to work well on the hill and has developed a cooperative system. There are two areas where I/we have difficulties. The first is the size of the staff we send to races. On a few races we had 13 coaches attending. The problem with this is coaches' tickets. There were a few times where we were charged for coaches tickets. The second area is the problem of late pulls off the board. This can be aggravating for two reasons: it makes it hard to fill the end of our quota because kids don't have the time necessary to plan for the trip and secondly, it requires many phone calls and emails to the race organizers because it constantly changes. I would like to come

up with an incentive for coaches to not have last minute pulls. This past year seemed much worse than other years.

Alpine Officials

Mike Hammer has done a great job tracking the Alpine Officials. I would like to congratulate all of these IMD Officials who have been upgraded to Level 4 status: Francesca Hammer-TC, RA, Sue Bybee-TC, RA, Kenny Corrock-TC, RF, Mark Wedeking-CR, Meri Stratton-TD, RA, Mike Hammer-JA, CO, Richard Conroy- CO, JA, Ruth Nielson-DM, Troy Price, CO.

Finally...

I would like to thank everyone for making this season a success. The administrators, coaches, race organizers and volunteers were all great. Troy Price did a great job as the IMD ACC Chairman. He is knowledgeable in IMD policies and procedures and he really makes an effort to get out and communicate with other coaches in the Division. He is also becoming active at the Regional level and is a WR representative on the Quotas Committee. Mike Hammer also stepped up to the plate and kept track of all of our officials. I appreciate all of the time Mike takes to keep our Officials program going strong. Becky Stone also does a great job keeping the ever-growing YSL in the South on track. Everyone keep up the great work and I'm looking forward to next season!!!

Carma Burnett Carew
IMD Director

2007 IMC AWARDS

Men

2007 Intermountain Cup Slalom 1st place Andrew Phillips	2007 Intermountain Cup Giant Slalom 1st Place Nate Schwing	2007 Intermountain Cup Super-G 1st Place Ryan Wolosyn
Slalom 2nd place Nate Schwing	Giant Slalom 2nd Place Mitchell Brower	Super-G 2nd Place Charlie Reynolds
Slalom 2nd place Will Stewart	Giant Slalom 3rd Place Brandon Purnell	Super-G 3rd Place Andrew Phillips
	Giant Slalom 3rd Place Justin Samuels	

Women

2007 Intermountain Cup Slalom 1st place Melissa Gill	2007 Intermountain Cup Giant Slalom 1st Place Jamie Dupratt	2007 Intermountain Cup Super-G 1st Place Stephanie Peters
Slalom 2nd place Jamie Dupratt	Giant Slalom 1st Place Chirine Njeim	Super-G 2nd Place Trine Vik
Slalom 3rd place Trine Vik	Giant Slalom 2nd Place Karen Bell	Super-G 3rd Place Alexis Vest-Burton
	Giant Slalom 2nd Place Stephanie Peters	
	Giant Slalom 3rd Place Laurie Huff	

**Men's 2007 Overall
Intermountain Cup
Brandon Purnell**

**Women's 2007 Overall
Intermountain Cup
Stephanie Peters**

**Steve Schowengerdt Volunteer of the Year
Ralph Keith**

**Nick Lewis Coach of the Year
Marie-Michel Tasse**

**Alan Hayes IMD Scholar
Michael Chen**

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 2, 2007
To: Intermountain Division Spring 2007 Meeting
From: Mike Hammer, AO Chair
Subject: USSA Spring 2007 Congress – Alpine Officials Working Group

Attached is the report I made to the AO Working Group at the 2007 Congress.

The Working Group paid considerable attention to the education, tracking and certification of Alpine Officials.

USSA under the supervision of Jeff Weinman is adding non-scored races to the work history database. AO histories were entered from about 63% of last season’s non-scored races. Jeff will add clinic history information in the coming year. (Clinics are also tracked on the IMD AO history.)

Decertification was a major topic of discussion. Most of the divisions are purging inactive AOs from their lists. IMD, I reported, is still catching up with back records. TDs, RFs, and JAs are to attend update clinics every two years or be decertified. TDs also have a biannual work requirement to maintain certification. JAs and RFs do not have a minimum work requirement.

The ICR/ACR provides for the reinstatement of TDs who retake the appropriate tests, attend appropriate updates, etc. The working group recommended amending the text of the ICR/ACR to provide for reinstatement of JAs and RFs on a similar basis.

Required decertification may be somewhat troublesome in the case of JAs. JAs are typically parent volunteers and often hard to come by. Decertification sends the wrong message to a stock of officials that may be involved just short term but whom we need to encourage to continue on through the system.

IMD needs to focus on clinics next fall, particularly for TDs, RFs and JAs. RA attendance should be encouraged. Curriculum should include Timing & Calculation as well as homologation reports.

Other topics that were covered by other working groups included (1) a new \$50.00 per diem for USSA TDs on scored events, (2) requirement that USSA technical courses be homologated, starting with technical courses for 07-08 championship events, and (3) certification and mentoring of course setters.

Nine IMD officials were upgraded to Level 4:

Name	USSA #	Category
Francesca Hammer	5558432	TC, RA
Kenny Corrock	4542197	TC, RF
Mark Wedeking	4704201	CR

Meri Stratton	4266243	TD, RA
Mike Hammer	5424197	CO, JA
Richard Conroy	5574959	CO, JA
Ruth Nielsen	4871992	DM
Sue Bybee	5558416	TC, RA
Troy Price	4758462	CO

REPORT TO
USSA ALPINE OFFICIALS WORKING GROUP

Date: May 17, 2007

To: Ingrid Simonson, Chair
USSA Alpine Officials Working Group

From: Mike Hammer
IMD Representative

Snow conditions in the Intermountain presented challenges for the IMD ACC, exposing the need for more timely recognition of the need for race schedule changes, dates and venues, and the need to improve communication and the processes for implementing changes. The race organizers at the new venue arranged for the necessary alpine officials. There was some confusion, however, about rescheduling TDs.

Recruitment and retention of alpine officials continues to be of concern. We're working to bring our records current and to promote and thereby reward our volunteers. (The division will be recommending nine officials be advance to Level 4. That's eight more than we recommended over the past two years!)

IMD TDs are aging, although scheduling TDs for sanctioned races has not proven difficult to date (except when the schedule – both dates and venues – changes). The current challenges are to spread the work around more evenly and to bring in and mentor younger TDs.

IMD is trying to use “local” TDs for non-scored YSL races to keep down the costs for the race organizers. Generally, these are one-day events.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that recruitment of officials, especially Competition Officials and Jury Advisors, continues to be a problem especially for weekday races. Factors besides the workday conflicts that might contribute to the problem are (1) races held at venues where “perks” such as lift vouchers are unavailable or undervalued, (2) limited pool of potential parent volunteers particularly for race organizer clubs with few athletes in the race.

Scheduling clinics, including bi-annual clinics for TDs, Race Administrators, Referees and Jury Advisors, will be a focus. We are cognizant of Charlie Burnham's reminder last summer to include Timing & Calc in clinics for TDs especially.

Ski lengths and radiuses presented issues in USSA speed events for younger athletes, e.g. first year J-3s.

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2007 Western Region Report

By: Troy Price

June 2, 2007

Director's Report- Lester Keller

Lester's report begins with a Statement of Purpose and then goes on to recap the season in review, competitions, training projects, 2007 training plans, staff and finishes with thanking the volunteers in the Region. The highlights include the success of the Region. Athletes ascending the "the USSA Athletic Pipeline" via Western programs had success at all levels. The West won the Regions Cup by the largest margin in history at the US National Alpine Championships. The WR has identified six characteristics for sustained success at this level: Cooperation, Consistency, Excellence, Honesty, Leadership and Dedication. It was reported that competitions this season were mostly good. There were weather issues and a few lost races but all in all it was great. A big thank you goes to all of the venues for their efforts. While everything was mostly positive, Lester and the WR are gearing up to take the athletes to the next level in the coming season. There will be a renewed emphasis on conditioning and fitness levels. For the younger athletes there will be a renewed focus on fundamental technique and the volume of racing to training to free-skiing. The Region believes that between these two components, the bar can be raised at all levels. For a full report see pg. 111 in the 2007 USSA Congress book.

NDS Report- Walt Evans

Congratulations to Western Region on an evolved structure within the Region. The athlete's results from the West confirm that there is strong leadership. Next season a pilot program will start where Lester Keller will do club visits and clinics. In order for that program to be successful, it is critical that an assistant is hired for Lester. NDS projects are on the website as well as the minutes. Go to www.ussa.org/legal

Calendar Changes

J3 Junior Olympics

As of our WR meeting in 2006, this event was placed back onto a rotation between divisions. For 2008 this event was scheduled to be held in the Northern division. Upon our working group session Northern announced that they would not be able to host this event. Then during our ACC meeting there was a proposal to advance the rotation, thus moving our year from 2009 to 2008. We were successful in declining this proposal and opening bids for the 2008 event to the entire region. IMD will continue to have a spot in the assigned rotation for 2009. In addition, we have 3 clubs bidding for the 2008 event (McCall, Bogus, and Jackson).

J2 Classification

It was approved to add an event for J2's (a pace team on J1's for points) to help our J2's establish a FIS point profile. At the J2 Nationals there were noticeable variances in current rankings vs ability. This event will be held in Mammoth on Dec 19-22.

Open Class FIS in December

It was determined that athletes had a high demand to compete during December. Out of Region request were out of control. This event will be open to all and quota selections will be determined by each division. This event still needs a site!

FIS Finals

This second tier of Regional Championships will remain on the calendar. This event has served as the opening FIS race for several athletes and has assisted in retaining older athletes in our sport. Park City will host this event on Mar 27-30.

Rule Changes * Please review WR ACC meeting minutes and current WR P & P for details.

WR FIS Series

1. 50% of the quota must be reserved and offered to the age qualifying. The only event this change effects is the Series at Mammoth/Sugarbowl to be held January 3-6.
2. Restrictions will be placed on Automatics in order to compete in the Devo Series. This is to promote the Elite Series and to allow for others to compete in the Devo Series.

Access to Out-of-Region events

No Western Region USSA member, other than named members of the US Ski A, B, C, or Development teams, who has achieved automatic status, may attend a FIS competition that conflicts with a scheduled Western Elite Series race and use a Western Region quota slot to the NorAm Cup, the US National Alpine Championships, or the J2 National Championships unless attending such a race as part of a USST invitational competition trip or as a Member of an NDS group named to a competition project.

Discussion Items

Course Setting

WR will develop a list of approved course setters for all WR events.

Physical Conditioning

Athletes' physical conditioning is below par and as a Region we need to take an active role to improve this area.

WR Admin

Lester and Walt are actively searching for fill the position as WR administrator. In addition, they are also looking into an internet service to assist with tracking intents.

The Western Region dominated at the US Nationals winning the Regions Cup with more points than the other two regions combined. Lester stressed that even though things are good, we, as a region, have several areas to improve upon. He thanked Race Organizers, Ski Clubs, Ski Areas, and Divisions for supporting our regional efforts. He believes that the Western Region is operating as the best sub-national team program in the world. We should all take pride in our part. The overall mission here was to be a Team behind the Team.

Submitted,

Troy D. Price

USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Technical Delegate Working Group

May 17, 2007
Park City, Utah

This is my report of the above meeting. Robert Calderwood chaired the meeting. Divisional reports were given. Again this year, it was emphasized that specific annual updates for TD's should be given. In some Divisions it is recognized that there are few TD's that are geographically spread out. In those cases, the Divisions need to do whatever works for them.

The measured vertical drop portion of the USSA TD Race Report Form was discussed. All TD, Race Report Forms were reviewed by the chairman. Many were not correctly completed. This is a training issue, which should be addressed at the annual refresher training. The TD is responsible for correct, consistent race results and an accurate, race report form. All sections of the TD Race Report Form must be completed for every race! The TD must review the course homologation report (not just look at the cover sheet) prior to the race. For speed events this includes review of the protection plans.

Per Diem for the TD was discussed. It was voted upon and approved that USSA TD's should receive a \$50 per day per Diem for scored races. They should also receive ½ day per Diem for each travel day. It was recognized that this will increase the cost of the TD to the race organizer. It was suggested that the division could establish a TD expense budget item. Thus the TD cost could be partially shared by the Division, where all licensed racers in the Division would contribute. The race organizer's portion may have to be obtained through increased race entry fees or sponsorships or other means. It was also recognized that the TD could donate these funds back to the organizer.

On another note, in an attempt to reduce TD expenses, it was recognized that for non-scored races, local TD's should be used. However, it was recommended that the local TD should be from a neighboring club or town. Also, it was recommended that race events be planned so that one TD can sufficiently cover the races.

For Downhill and Super G races, the training runs should be conducted as the races are conducted. That is with forerunners, gatekeepers, electronic timing, hand timing, and all safety features in place. The forerunners must participate in all training runs, so that they can adequately and safely fore run on race day.

Course setting by inexperienced coaches was discussed. Too few gatekeepers was also discussed. If jury members are used as gatekeepers, then they cannot fulfill their jury duties.

Dr. Robert Calderwood was re-elected as Chairman of the Alpine Technical Delegates Working Group.

In executive session, IMD had no nominations for Level 3, 4, or 5 Technical Delegates. However, two Divisions had several nominations. In the IMD, the usual procedure for nomination to an advanced level is to submit a resume to the Alpine Officials Chairman. He then forwards the nominations for technical delegates to me and I submit them to this committee for approval.

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USSA Congress 2007

USSA Alpine Courses Working Group

May 17, 2007
Park City, Utah

This is my report of the above meeting. Ted Sutton Chaired the meeting.

Again a discussion, lead by Tom Johnston, was held on Safety Fencing. Basically you need to have enough fencing. For GS, the length of fence needed is the length of the course times three. For Super G and Downhill you need more. Appropriate spacing between rows of fencing is extremely important – 3 meters. The Jury must do an inspection of the course and they are ultimately responsible for all Safety Provisions.

Course approvals have been requested for USSA Slalom and Giant Slalom Courses. This coming race season, all championship race series shall be held on approved courses. This would include the North Champs, the South Champs, the IMD Champs, the YSL Champs, and the J2 and J3 Olympics. (Several years ago, I did a course inspection at Brianhead. If the YSL Champs are still held on that course, it is done.) It is anticipated that in the next year or two that this requirement will be extended to all scored races and the YSL Champs.

In another discussion, the contents of all new and re-inspection homologation reports were listed. The reports should be neat and clean. Hopefully, soon, these reports will be in a Microsoft Word format so that they can be completed on a computer.

Here is a summary of the IMD courses that were approved last year and the ones that are due for re-inspection.

Approved in 2006:

8274/010/06	Sun Valley	Hemm/Cozy/Greyhawk	SG
8273/010/06	Sun Valley	Warm Springs/Greyhawk	SG
8272/010/06	Sun Valley	Warm Springs	SG
8282/010/06	Tamarack	Olala GS	GS
U323/11/06	Tamarack	Olala SG	SG
8279/010/06	Tamarack	Olala SL	SL
8280/010/06	Tamarack	Serenity SL	SL
8281/010/06	Tamarack	Tango GS	GS
U324/11/06	Tamarack	Tango SG	SG
8278/010/06	Tamarack	Tango SL	SL
8276/010/06	Jackson Hole/Teton V.	Moran/Lower Werner	SG
8275/010/06	Jackson Hole/Teton V.	Moran/Lower Werner	DH
8277/010/06	Jackson Hole/Teton V.	Moran/Lower Werner	GS

Approved in 2007:

U334/03/07	Brundage	Sidewinder/Alpine	DH
U333/02/07	Snowbird	White Diamond Downhill	DH

Expired Homologations in 2006:

U255/02/01	Grand Targhee	Sitting Bull Ridge	DH
U256/02/01	Grand Targhee	Sitting Bull Ridge	SG

These were inspected in March 2007. The reports have not been sent to Ted Sutton.

Expiring Homologations for 2007:

6849/10/02	Brundage Mountain	North	DH
6850/10/02	Brundage Mountain	North	SG
6851/10/02	Brundage Mountain	Sidewinder/Alpine	SG

The two North courses are being abandoned. The Sidewinder/Alpine course has been inspected and the report has been forwarded to Ted Sutton

Expiring Homologations for 2008:

5185/126/98	Canyons	Badlands/Sunrise	GS
5184/125/98	Canyons	Sunrise	SL
5186/127/98	Deer Valley	Know You Don't	SL
7271/010/03	Snowbasin	Grizzly	SG
7270/010/03	Snowbasin	Grizzly	DH
7273/010/03	Snowbasin	Wildflower	SG
U272/10/03	Snowbasin	Wildcat	SG
7272/010/03	Snowbasin	Wildflower	DH

Obviously, in the above listed courses, the USSA SL and GS courses requiring inspections (for championship race series that involve either SL or GS) have not been listed. The Divisions need to either schedule their championship race series on previously approved courses (either FIS or USSA) or submit a request for approval of the proposed race sites.

If there appear to be any discrepancies in the above listing, please contact, either Bruce Crane, Ted Sutton, or myself. Also, should there be a need for a new inspection, please contact, either Bruce Crane, Ted Sutton or myself.

A listing of approved courses is on the USSA web site. The path is Alpine, Officials, Resources, Course Homologations.

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Date: May 24, 2007

To: IMD Spring 2007 Meeting

From: Richard Conroy

Re: USSA Congress 2007
Alpine Officials' Education WG Report

I represented Intermountain Division at the annual 2007 AO Education Working Group on May 17, 2007 at Deer Valley. Approximately half of the committee members changed this year. I took Tami Strong's position, representing IMD. Thelma Hoessler will continue as chair for another two year term, which she announced would be her last. Gary Wright was re-elected vice-chair for another two year term and indicated he is not the heir apparent to Thelma.

- The group voted to add the chair of the Timing Working Group as an ex-officio member to this committee.
- During Divisional reports, it was noted that some regions maintain a firm policy of "downgrading" an official's certification if they do not participate and meet the bi-annual clinic attendance requirements. These regions keep officials on the role/roster, but will reduce the certification level.
- Anticipate that in this year's teaching materials, there will be an increased emphasis on issues such as due process and appeals.

USSA Staff Comments/Issues

- New rule changes should be out by late June this year.
- Staff is working on an online, web based renewal process.
- Background screening for officials last season involved 5,700 persons. The average turn around was seven to eight days. Twenty-four were "red-flagged". Of those, 10 were dropped from renewal for failing to meet USSA criteria on the background and 14 voluntarily choose not to renew after the background was completed. Overall, the initial implementation of background screening was successful.
- If an official's license is "PENDING" awaiting the results of the background screening, they are not eligible to participate in a USSA event.
- On-site applications can be sent in by fax, but must include a "rush" fee. Do not send on-site applications in along with a race packet.
- For the 2008-09 season, staff is working on development of a new membership category for Multi-Sport Youth.

Old Business

- Be prepared that for the coming season, ALL FIS forms are being addressed for possible revision. All,

some or none of the forms may be revised. The issue at hand is that SL, GS, SG and DH are now called events instead of disciplines and the forms need to reflect those changes/distinctions.

- The time table for distribution of the annual AO educational materials historically has been Labor Day each year. This will be changed to October 1st for the 2007-08 season, in order to allow a little more time for any last minute updates or changes.
- All AO examinations will be updated this year.

New Business

- At AO clinics, it is not permissible to use old, outdated examinations as practice material. Calculators are permitted for examinations, but computers are not permitted.
- At AO clinics, it is required that a written list of attendees be kept in addition to the written listing of those sitting for examination.
- There will be a strong push over the next two years to require all Jury member referees to have at least a RF1 certification. Statistically, last season approximately 48% of jury referees were either coaches or persons who did not hold a referee certification.
- TD's are reminded to use the most qualified person(s) available as referee or assistant referee.
- Team captain's meetings are not permitted to be conducted online.
- Race administrators are reminded to proof XML files before submission. Avoid mixing snowboard data in an alpine XML file.
- Electronic seed boards are permitted, but only if the entire field can be displayed at once, in a font size that is readable.

AO Educational Discussion Items

What constitutes a "legal entry"?

A legal race entry is one that is supported by some form of written documentation or paper trail. This could include an email or a coach initialing/signing written changes to a team entry form. Liability issues arise if an athlete is injured and it can be determined that verbal entry was allowed without a paper trail of some sort.

What constitutes an "official time"?

In its simplicity, an official time is recorded when an athlete crosses the finish line. There were a number of instances this past season that caused confusion related to "official time", where an athlete missed the last gate....crossed the finish....then hiked back to the last gate and re-crossed the finish line.

What constitutes a Downhill?

A downhill consists of an event that is "race ready" from the first day of training until the last day of competition. Race ready should be interpreted that everything is the same for training and competition. This includes officials, forerunners, flags, fencing, etc. i.e....a forerunner who shows up for the first time on a race day, but has never trained the hill, should not be allowed to forerun.

YSL Report
IMD ACC Meeting
June 2, 2007

Becky Stone, Chairperson

We continue to grow in the South. We have just about reached our max (350-400), and have adapted some new ideas to restructure things to better suit our competitors. Our proposals outline some of our exciting changes, including splitting off the J6's, to create separate events for them that will better match their needs. The J6's who wish to compete in the regular YSL series are welcome to race as J5's, as identified by national USSA. We are still working on host resorts for these fun events, looking at safe, fun terrain that will promote racing skills for these little speed demons. This will be reviewed by the YSL committee at the conclusion of the year, to review it's impact on teams, families, and most of all, the racers.

The J4-5 YSL Series will remain relatively the same, deleting the Bye schedule that has worked so well over the past few years. We have proposed a change in the gate count, to better fit the athletes and the technology of their ever-changing equipment.

Our Championship race weekend at Brianhead was GREAT this year! Brianhead really stepped it up and made some huge changes, which improved the experience of the event for everyone: parents, athletes, coaches, resort and race organizers. The weather cooperated for a change, too, which was very appreciated. We will continue to host our Championships at Brianhead, as voted upon by the YSL Committee.

The committee continues to change and grow. We are consistently meeting each season (Fall, Winter, and Spring), and keeping in touch via email. We have voted in new members, Christina Babilis-Guay (Summit Ski Team), Scott Mathers (Alta), and Rick Edmunds (Brianhead), most replacing retiring members. Troy Price has finally retired from the YSL committee, and we will miss his leadership and guidance. We have representation from most of the larger teams, which is a great accomplishment, and strive to keep each team active in the YSL.

To the ACC, thank you in advance for considering our proposals, and helping us to shape our fast-growing Youth Ski League. We are striving to provide a wonderful introduction to ski racing, hooking kids on this wonderful sport that we all love.

INTERMOUNTAIN



DIVISION

2007/ 2008 IMD Calendar

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	REGIONAL/FIS	INTERMOUNTAIN CUP JI/JII QUALIFIERS	JIII QUALIFIERS	OPEN SERIES (A-J3)
DEC.						1	2				
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Western FIS- TBD 2 SL/2 GS (6-9)			
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				2 SL/2 GS PC (13-16)
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	J2 Classification Race- Mammoth-2SL/2GS (19-22)			
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30				
JAN.	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	Western FIS- Mammoth/Sugarbowl SL/GS (3-6) Topolino Shootout- Park City (2-4)			
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	WR Elite Tech Series- PC/SB SL/GS (7-10) FISU- Park City (12-13)			3 SG JH (11-13)
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	ENL- FW 2 GS(TBD) ENL- FW 2 SL (TBD)	3 DH SM (14-16)	2 SL (19-20) JH	3 DH SM (14-16)
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27				
FEB.	28	29	30	31	1	2	3		1SL/3GS SV/SM (31-3)	2 GS SBN (2-3)	
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	WR Elite Speed/Big Mtn./ DH/SG (4-11)			
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	ENL-FW 2 SG (TBD)	3 SG MC (15-17)(JI-3)(Women)	3 SG BB (15-17)(JI-3)(Men)	
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	WR Elite WWC/Snowking SL/GS (21-24)			
MAR.	25	26	27	28	29	1	2		2 SL (1-2) SB	SL/GS PC (1-2)	
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Western FIS- Schweitzer SL/GS (6-9) JII Nationals-Rocky (3-9)			
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16				SL/GS (15-16) SB/SBN
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	JIII Olympics- TBD- (TBD) US Nationals (18-25) Sugarloaf			
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	WRJC-Mt. Bachelor SL/GS/SG/DH (26-1) WR FIS Finals- Park City SL/GS (27-30)			

APR.	31 1 2 3 4 5 6		2 SL/GS SB (4-7)		2 SL/GS SB (4-7)
	7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Spring Series- Mammoth 2SL/GS/SG (9-14)			