

**2018 IMD ACC Meeting Minutes**  
**May 24, 2018**  
**Jackpot, Nevada**

Present:

Carma Burnett, Mike Hammer, Todd Brickson, Kevin Chaffee, Steve Bounous, Scott McGrew, Gordon Perry, Troy Price, Mark Wedeking, Jason Lance, Gail Barber, Scott Mathers, Fletcher White, Tyson Henrie, Tami Strong, Drew Southworth, John Buchar, Kevin Keane, Darren Michael, Stephen Schowengerdt, Adele Savaria, Ben Roberts, Will Brandenburg, Bill Gunesch

8:40 Meeting called to order by IMD ACC Chairman, Gordon Perry.

Approval of the Minutes of the ACC Conference Call 10/24/2017

**MSP**(Bounous/Price) To approve the minutes of the meeting on 10/24/2017.

Approval of Agenda

**MSP**(Brickson/Bounous) To approve agenda.

## **Reports**

Chairman's Report- Gordon Perry- (see attached)

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

Western Region ACC Report- Bill Gunesch

IMD Official Committee Report- Steve Schowengerdt (see attached)

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

Development Committee Report- Troy Price (see attached)

USSA Timing Working Group- Tami Strong

Approval of Reports

**MSP**(Wedeking/Price) To Approve Reports

Old/New Business

Review Proxy Votes- John Buchar votes for Jesse Hunt, Kevin Keane votes for Branko Zagar

### Intermountain Scholar

Steve Schowengerdt, Drew Southworth and Bill Gunesch volunteered to review the IMD Scholar Applications. Both applicants were exceptional. The 2018 Alan Hayes Intermountain Scholar is Elsie Childress- Bogus Basin

### Website Update- Steve Schowengerdt

Steve showed the ACC the different aspects of the website and has requested input on what the ACC would like to add. Some ideas were to link the website to Live Timing and USSA Live Timing, have an RA section of the website and have a timing forum on the website. Steve will report back at the September Call.

### Governance Update- Mike Hammer

See BOD Minutes on the IMD Alpine Website

### US Ski and Snowboard Club Update- Tami Strong

Tami reported that the Club Committee has many, many resources for clubs, large and small to take advantage of. She would be happy to answer questions for IMD clubs who are interested in becoming a certified club or for clubs that need some resources to help them become better clubs.

### USCSA Alliance- Carma Burnett

A Committee has been formed to help IMD clubs and coaches identify opportunities for IMD athletes once they have graduated highschool. Ron Bonneau, C of I Head Coach, has agreed to consult with this committee. In addition, Bill Gunesch has agreed to give us any information to help the division develop a relationship with USCSA. The Committee members are: Steve Bounous, Nate Schwing, Kevin Keane, Gordon Perry, Jason Hey and Sarah Getzeman. This committee will meet over the summer and provide feedback at our September call.

### Code of Conduct Policy Update- Carma Burnett

The IMD Alpine Code of Conduct Policy is up for review. The ACC Executive Committee will review and update over the summer and report back at the September Call.

### CzarQuest Discussion- Scotty McGrew

A committee has been set up to see how IMD can best utilize SkillsQuest in IMD. Possibly offer SkillsQuest education in conjunction with the North and South races. The committee consists of: Scott Mathers- Chair, Ben Roberts, Craig Hossell, Troy Price and Lindsay Mann.

### Race Entry Process

**MSP**(Perry/Bounous) It is up to individual race organizers how they wish to take entries for their races, whether it be online or emailed. It will be announced on their race announcements.

Discussion- Tami Strong will create a "Best Practices" document for race administrators for taking online registration.

### Junior IMC Team Scoring

**MSP**(Perry/Buchar) The ACC has voted for team scoring for the JR IMC series. The Development Committee will work out the details.

### Entry Fee Increase

**MSP**(Wedeking/Perry) Raise IMC SG entry fee from \$39 to \$40. Raise JR IMC SG entry fee from \$36 to \$37. Raise North/South Series entry fee from \$20 to \$22.

### YSL Entry Fee increase/ afternoon activity

**MSP**(Wedeking/Perry) The YSL entry fee will raise from \$14 to \$20. With this entry fee increase, clubs will provide an afternoon ski related activity for all of the competitors. This could be duals, Skill Quest, etc...

### Leader Bib for IMC Races Discussion

IMD will purchase Leader Bibs for each IMC SL/GS/SG and will also purchase an overall Leader Bib for each gender. Results will be updated after each IMC Race.

### YSL Head Tax

**MSP**(Perry/Price) YSL Head tax will raise from \$3 to \$4.

### YSL Weekend Racing

**MSP**(Price/Bounous) The YSL will split their field size by having a portion of the group race on Saturday and a portion of their group race on Sundays. The group split will be decided by the YSL Committee.

### Jr. IMC Gate Size

**MSP**(Price/Wedeking)(Buchar voted no) JR IMC races will use the 60" of the snow gates. This will fall in line with the WR U14 Championships.

### Tabled Proposals for September Conference Call

Volunteer Recognition/ Jackets Proposal- Tabled- Executive Committee

IMD Championships Proposal- Tabled-Development Committee

U14 SG Seeding- Tabled- Development Committee

Dual Panel Slalom Discussion- Tabled- Development Committee

### Recommendations

- a. Allow U16 and U14 boys to run first in 1 of 3 of the GS Qualifiers if conditions allow.
- b. Recommend that athletes use back protection in GS/SG/DH.

### 2018-2019 Calendar

**MSP**(Price Wedeking) Approval of the Calendar. The Calendaring Committee proposed the calendar. The ACC voted on sites for divisional championship events.

2018-2019 Budget

MSP(Bounous/Perry) Motion to approve budget. Additional equipment purchase request is for radio maintenance and to purchase two more radios

2018 End of the Season Awards

Nick Lewis Coach of the Year- Adele Savaria- Sun Valley  
Steve Schowengerdt Volunteer of the Year- Becky Stone- Snowbird  
IMD Official of the Year- Scott McGrew- Sun Valley  
Alan Hayes IMD Scholar- Elsie Childress-Bogus Basin  
Special Lifetime Achievement Award- Mike Hammer- Outgoing BOD President

Athlete Representative

Brennan Rubie was nominated as the Athlete Representative for the IMD ACC. Bill Gunesch informed IMD that the Athlete Representative should sit on the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee Vote

Gordon Perry- ACC Chairman, Scott McGrew- ACC Vice Chairman, Todd Brickson, John Buchar, Brennan Rubie- Athlete Representative

2018 ACC Members

Gordon Perry, Chairman	John Buchar, Park City
Scotty McGrew, Vice Chairman	Mark Wedeking, Bogus Basin
Todd Brickson, Rowmark	Brennan Rubie- Athlete Representative
Steve Bounous, Snowbird	Scott Mathers, Alta
Drew Southworth, Brighton	Troy Price- Development Committee
Tyson Henrie- Sundance	Branko Zagar- Jackson
Will Brandenburg- Sun Valley	Shannon Carrell- Finance Chair
Fletcher White, Teton Valley	S. Schowengerdt- AO Chair/BOD President

Next Teleconference- September 12, 2018 at 12:00pm

Spring Meeting- May 23-24- Wendover, NV

Motion to Adjourn at 3:06 pm

**MSP**(Bounous/White)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carma Burnett- IMD Director



## **IMD ACC Chairman's Report 2017-18**

Submitted by Gordon Perry 5.21.18

It's been my pleasure to be IMD ACC chairman this past season. I think we can all agree that this division continues to have a unique strength through its positive and exceptional cooperation amongst all the member clubs. This cooperation was apparent once again early in the season with a very a fluid venue situation due to poor snow conditions. But in true IMD fashion we were able to re-site and work the calendar to accommodate our needs.

It was a very challenging beginning to the 2017-18 campaign with very little snow to accommodate not only quality races but in many cases training. Again, thank you to everyone for being so accommodating and helping us get through our schedule pretty much unscathed.

As I've mentioned previously, I have concerns over our ability to sustain and deliver this aggressive schedule each season given the difficulty of hosting races. With that said, it's been very encouraging to see venues like Sundance and Grand Targhee stepping up and delivering quality events. I believe we need to work towards more venues and more host clubs to spread the burden of delivering all of the events on our calendar.

It was once again an exceptional year for IMD athletes. This all stems from what I believe is a good development path that we have in place. A path however that needs continuous refining and creative ideas to move it forward. This will be very incumbent upon us now as we work to align with US Ski and Snowboarding's Project 26 and the new development pathway.

There were many outstanding achievements by Intermountain athletes this season. I would like to highlight a few. IMD/SVST athlete Ryder Sarchett for his double-double, with gold's in GS and Sl at both the Western Region U16 championship and the U16 National Championships. Also, congratulations to IMD's Rowmark athlete Mary Boccock with her gold medal in the U16 Nationals Super G.

There were a number of takeaways from the 2018 US Ski and Snowboard Congress. From my seat here, the biggest takeaway was the continuing emergence and initiative of Safe Sport. We as a division and as member clubs must work diligently to embrace Safe Sport measures and use the tools provided to ensure a Safe Sport culture throughout. Also at this year's congress we saw IMD coach, Troy Price named US Ski and Snowboarding Domestic Development Coach of the Year. Congratulations Troy.

I would like to thank the Western Region staff for all their hard work. From creating a functional calendar to providing outstanding projects while continually working to improve the development pathway for our Western region athletes. Thank you Bill, Will, Pick and Gwynn.

I would like to offer a big thank you to Carma Burnett for keeping us all on track and managing our division so very well. Also, thank you to the IMD ACC and all the committees that work hard behind the scenes in the spirit of athletic development for our IMD athletes. In addition, thank you Jesse Hunt for all

your contributions to IMD over the years and good luck as you reassume the Alpine Director position with US Ski and Snowboard.

Finally, I'm looking forward to a very productive 2018 IMD convention. With our continued culture of cooperation, I see only positive steps forward as we continue to make IMD the very best division it can be.

Sincerely,

Gordon Perry



## **2018 IMD ACC Spring Meeting Carma's Report**

The 2017-2018 season proved to be a great year for IMD athletically but was a challenging year due to snow conditions. The athletics in IMD is getting better and better. The athletes performed very well at the WR U14 and U16 Regional Championships. They also went on to perform well at the U16 Nationals as well as Whistler Cup. The coaches and parents should be very proud of all of the hard work that these kids have put forth. In addition, participation at the Tri-Divisional Championships was awesome with both Alaska and Northern participating. IMD had calls coming in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to see if anyone had pulled from the board because alternates were vying to get into the race. This second tier race proves to be a valuable race. I had the chance to go to IMD Championships this year. I am happy to report that there was some dynamite skiing by the U12's and U10's and I look forward to seeing how they perform as they get older.

The snow conditions this year was almost unbelievable. The lack of snow in Utah and Idaho at the beginning of the season was a challenge to say the least but with a little ingenuity IMD managed not to lose a divisional race. Thank you to Jackson, Targhee and McCall for stepping up to the plate and hosting when other resorts were lacking snow.

I don't think we can look back on the season without mentioning the accident following the Snowbasin SG's. A couple of kids were skiing fast on a closed run during the fence tear down following the last race. Coach, Brennan Rubie from Snowbird, was hit and suffered serious injury. What followed after the accident during the Jury Meeting was disturbing because of the actions of the athletes. The IMD Judicial Committee was brought in to discuss disciplinary actions. They worked with the club coach and came to a resolution. It eventually got resolved. Aside from this being a terrible event, this also brought to my attention the need to revamp IMD Alpine's Code of Conduct Policy. It is outdated in that it was written exclusively for travel and quota teams. Since IMD has gotten away from team travel with a few exceptions, we need to amend the policy to include IMD athletes competing in IMD sanctioned races.

### **Membership**

IMD licenses were down a little this year. Our alpine memberships were at 1368 participants, which is a decrease from 1425 last year. 2018 had 322 U16+ licenses and 1046 U14, U12 and U10 licenses.

However General Memberships rose from 192 to 303. We had 22 IMD registered teams in 2017-2018, which is the same as the prior season. IMD's licensing fees will remain the same. IMD licensing for this coming season will be: U10 and under- \$20 IMD, U12- \$20 IMD, U14- \$20 IMD, U16 and older-\$50 IMD.

### **Financials**

We are doing great financially. After all of the accounts receivables are in and a few payables we will finish the season with approximately \$120,000 in the checking account. In addition, IMD continued to support the athlete Grant Program by providing \$12, 500 in IMD Championship Grants. IMD supported our Junior Team members with \$500 each for a total of \$10,000. We continue to believe in the TD Update and spent \$3600 to subsidize it. Last season IMD sent our U16's up to Alyeska for the WR U16 Championships. In an effort to control the cost, we did not pass on our coach's expenses to the athletes and subsidized that project by \$14,500.

Over the last few years, IMD Alpine has paid governance expenses for the entire division to get Intermountain into compliance. We got reimbursed this year from the BOD investment account and transferred \$17,920 to the IMD Alpine checking account. A BOD checking account has been opened and moving forward, the divisional expenses will come out of that. IMD had an increase in our Fidelity investment account this past year. The 2017 balance for the BOD account was \$121,606 and the ACC account was \$147,932. As of May 23rd, the account balance for the BOD account is \$100,647 and the ACC account has a balance of \$164,757.

### **Volunteers**

I would like Thank Mike Hammer for all of his work over the years with Intermountain. Mike became the Intermountain BOD President in 2007. He has been actively involved at the US Ski and Snowboard level as well as the IMD Alpine level. Mike's tenure is up BUT we will have him on the IMD Board for two more years as the past president. Steve Schowengerdt has been elected as the new IMD Board President. I want to thank him for stepping into this position. He's been a cornerstone for IMD alpine with his work as the AO Chair and our webmaster. I also want to give a big thanks to Becky Stone. She took over for Troy Price as the YSL Chairman back in 2004. She is passing on the reigns this year to Patrick Rice. Becky has led the YSL and has formed it into what it is today. She has put smiles on thousands of kid's faces and is very much appreciated. I would like to congratulate Troy Price, IMD's Development Committee Chair, who received the honor of being US Ski and Snowboard's Alpine Development/Domestic Coach of the Year. This was a well-deserved honor. In addition, Jesse Hunt has moved on to once again be the Alpine Director of US Ski and Snowboard. He was a great voice for IMD and will be missed.

I am honored to be able to work with all of you and be part of IMD. This job is hugely rewarding and it is due to all of the great folks that I get a chance to work with. Many, many thanks!

Carma Burnett -IMD Director



## **2018 IMD Alpine Officials Committee Report 5/24/2018**

Alpine Official training clinics in IMD this past season took place at Jackson, Park City, Rowmark, Snowbird, Boise and Sun Valley. The numbers:

- 217 alpine officials attended
- 54 tests were given
- 53 tests had passing scores
- 34 Online Competition Official tests were submitted, corrected and returned with helpful feedback.

The annual IMD TD Roundtable in Sun Valley was among those training opportunities. This year Tami Strong and Vince Romney showed up with timing equipment and gave us a deep dive into how to do it right focusing on recent changes from the FIS timing group.

Four IMD officials were recommended for Level 4 upgrades and all were approved by AOEWG.

- Scott McGrew CO 4, JA 4, CR 4, RF 4 and CC 4
- Fritz Wood CO 4, JA 4, CR 4, RF 4, and CC 4
- Mark Wedeking CO 4, JA 4, and RF 4
- Shannon Carrell JA 4, RA 4

It was a difficult snow year in IMD and the one resort receiving snow, Jackson, just happened to have the greenest race crew because of staff changes. Jackson ran the gauntlet for us and did an admirable job. Race organizations that had to move their events to Jackson also provided workers to ensure that the events were well staffed and good experiences for the competitors. This race season showed that IMD is a strong, thriving community.

I reviewed race packets this past season. The Alpine Officials Education Working Group requested this of all regions. Was not able to complete all races because I got a late start, but for the most part, the required documents were there. Problems I found: race packet that was emailed but could not be found, capital 'O's instead of zeros in race codes, unsigned minutes without protest and multiple race codes in a single file. The IMD AO Committee will make it a part of our training next fall and cover race packet construction in the new Alpine 101 blog/forum. Race packet review will continue next season.

U.S. Ski and Snowboard has a new program, the Safe Sport Initiative, that includes an additional round of screening for coaches, officials and member volunteers. An online course must be taken that generates 4 certificates that prove course completion. The fourth certificate is submitted when renewing membership. The course takes 90 minutes to 2 hours to complete. I spent some time over two evenings after work completing the course. The course stresses mandatory reporting of suspected and known sexual, physical or mental abuse. I'll put notices about the new requirement up on the IMD website shortly after the spring meetings.

U.S. Ski and Snowboard has set the minimum age of 18 for coaches, officials and club volunteers.

A motion before the AOEWG to require updates annually was defeated. Instead, language will be added to the Certification Matrix that recommends updates on a yearly basis and requires attendance every other year to maintain certification.

After decades of service, Mike Hammer is retiring from amateur ski racing. We hate to see you go, Mike. You will be missed. Scott McGrew has agreed to fill the IMD AO Committee seat opened up by Mike's departure.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Schowengerdt  
IMD Alpine Officials Chairman

# YSL Committee Meeting Notes

## Attendance:

- BH - Keith Brower
- SOL - Dana Heck
- RM - Megan Hanarahan
- ART - Scott Mathers
- PCSS - Kurt Almond
- PCFT - Mike Sussman (Patrick Rice on text)
- SB - Becky Stone
- IMD Dev - Troy Price (joined at 7:00)

## Topic #1 - Racing Saturdays and Sundays

### Comments:

- Scott - Alta liked it, they trained on Saturday and raced on Sunday, giving their racers an additional training day to gear up for the race
- Megan - Rowmark liked racing on Sunday
- Dana - Solitude has more racers on Sunday, so they would like to race both days possibly
- Kurt - PCSS likes the two days of racing
- Keith - BH likes racing Sunday, they can drive up on Saturday, and then drive home Sunday afternoon (to Vegas)

Decision - We will go to Brighton and Sundance and look for two days of racing. Park City and Snowbird have both verbally said they could host two days of racing.

Suggested race dates: January 26-27, February 9-10, February 23-24, March 9-10.

## Topic #2 - Kombi in YSL

Proposal: We should run a Kombi in YSL!

### Comments:

- Everyone is interested in doing this event
- A standardization would need to be set: starting with slalom and ending with GS per ACR
- More discussion would need to take place about gate types we would use (stubbies or panels for slalom)
- Scott, Megan and Dana all agreed this would be beneficial to our racers
- The second race of the season would be a great place to do this, so our season would be GS, Kombi, SL and then Finals
- The host resort will need to be "on board" with this, a Kombi will replace the GS for the YSL second race weekend (February 9-10)

## Topic #3 - Duals after racing

- We would love to see more resorts hosting a fun dual race so the kids have something to keep them skiing. We would also love to see more participation in these events, so that a full day on snow at a new resort is resourceful

## Topic #4 - Skillsquest

Who is using it? Everyone. It is used as an evaluation pre and post season, as a guide for progressions, and as a tool to help new ski coaches. It was great to hear how many teams are

still using Skills Quest.

- We would like to propose that IMD or USSA help us post a Skills Quest competition after the Slalom races, the February 23-24 weekend in our schedule.

#### Topic #5 - YSL Chair

Patrick Rice has expressed interest in taking over the YSL chair position, which Becky has had for more than 12 years (does anyone have that date?) and specifically in agreement with this decision: Mike Sussman, Megan Hanarahan, Scott Mathers, Kurt Almond, Troy Price (my notes may not be full on this one). We think Patrick will bring new ideas and great leadership to the YSL. No one else is interested in taking over, and Becky is ready to step down for the good of the YSL -- new ideas and fresh thoughts are needed to keep ski racing fun!

Absent from the meeting:

- Brighton - Drew Southworth
- Sundance - Sarah Flinders/Tyson Henrie/?
- OVST -
- Cache Valley
- Peak

Ok, I think that is a wrap! Let me know if you need me to add anything. I'll send the YSL race dates to the calendaring committee. Brighton - Park City - Sundance - Snowbird -- let the calendaring committee know which weekend will work for your schedule to host a race (if you want). Brianhead - do you still want the Finals? We forgot about that topic! Yikes! But great job on hosting the finals this season!

Cheers!

-- Becky Stone

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## IMD Development Committee Report

IMD ACC Convention – May 24, 2018

### Committee Members

Chair – Troy Price

- U14 – North – Kevin Keane (JH)
- U14 – South – Jason Lance (PC)
- U12/10 – North – James Tautkus (SV)
- U12/10 – South – Tyson Henrie (SD)
- YSL – North – Mark Wedeking (BB) shift to Ben Roberts
- YSL – South – Becky Stone (SB) shift to Patrick Rice

Purpose: To maintain a small committee of coaches who work directly with younger athletes allowing for professional input in making recommendations to the ACC for decision that impact U14 and younger athletes.

### **Notes from U14 and younger National Working Group**

- To allow race organizers to run single pole dual SL events that score to the SL points.
- Established a working group to develop new panel dual slalom category for National points system.
- Whistler Cup continues as a WR project.

### **Skillsquest**

- WR will not longer host Skillsquest at U16 Regionals. This responsibility has now shifted to each division.
- We currently host a Skillsquest Comp at the Spring Development Project.
- We encourage YSL host to set-up a Skillsquest area.
- We should host a Divisional Clinic to certified more coaches as Skillsquest evaluators. IMD/WR could share this expense. Hosted one in 2017. How about hosting this the day after IMD Champs?

### **U14 Projects**

- Both IMD Projects were successful
  - Speed 56 and Spring 39 – Goal 60 and 40
- Need to improve our online registration
- Need to enforce a cancellation policy

### **U14 Series**

- SG Qualifier – Seeding – Rotate in 3<sup>rd</sup>'s
- Open discussion regarding U14 SL gates
- Summer Camp?
- Soda League races – How did it go? What improvements can we make?

### **IMD Champs**

- Seeding based on qualifiers?
- Stay with a Dual or change to Kombi?

- Should IMD Champs be for U12's only?

### **North/South Series**

- Can we include a single pole SL dual with independent timing systems?
- Future ideas that we are exploring:
  - Single run format – to encourage sense of urgency
  - SL Kombi – to challenge adaptability
  - GS Dual – to increase a fun competitive spirit

### **Championship Quotas**

- Quotas:
  - IMD Champs:
    - 10 U10 and 40 U12 per gender per series
  - Tri-Divisional
    - U16 Female and Male:
    - U14 Female and Male
  - U14 Regionals: Hosted by Big Sky
    - Females and Males
  - U16's Regionals: Hosted by Sun Valley
    - Female and Male
  - WRJC's: Hosted by Alpine Meadows
    - Female and Male
- Quotas/Selection Notes:
  - U14 athletes must have a win as well as another Top 3 result at WR U14 Champs to qualify for U16 Nationals.
  - U14's to Whistler Cup is top 6 per gender.

### **YSL Series**

- Defer to Becky Stone's notes
  - Continue to have host run multiple days to capture a different group of athletes each day.
  - Offer Skillsquest or Fun Dual after standard race.
  - Increase entry fee to \$20 to assist the ROC with expenses, no change in head taxes.