

**2023 IMD ACC Meeting Minutes**  
**May 24, 2023**  
**Jackpot, Nevada**

Present:

Carma Burnett, Todd Brickson, Kevin Chaffee, Troy Price, Shawn Smith, Will Brandenburg, Bridger Call, Kailey Reed, Lester Keller, Erik Fisher, Tommy Eckfeldt, Becky Stone, Kristin Waddle, Shannon Carrell, Anika Angriman, Charlotte Gourlay, Gil Denis, Stephen Schowengerdt, Sean Hines, Bill Gunesch, Jason Lance, Parker Acosta, Scott Hoffman, Leland Bauck, Lucas Brown, Drew Southworth, Arsen Harutyunyan, Adele Savaria, Bo Maciejko, Dave Hall

10:05 Meeting called to order by IMD Alpine Director, Carma Burnett

**M/S/P** (Keller/Denis) Approval of the Minutes from 10/11/22

Reports

Chairman's Report	Todd Brickson-Attached
Director's Report	Carma Burnett- Attached
IMD Alpine Officials	Stephen Schowengerdt- Attached
Development Committee Report	Troy Price- Attached
Western Region Report	Bill Gunesch

Bill talked about the WR Race calendar. At this time the calendar is pretty much set with a possibility of a few things shifting slightly. Bid packets have been sent out and the sites should be selected in two weeks. The Development Committee of the Western Region will start the interviewing process to hire a new coach. The funding for this new coach will come from the Region and all 5 divisions. The exact formula has not been decided but the information will be forthcoming in the next week. The discontinuation of the USSS race registration portal was discussed. It is the goal of the Western Region to have all divisions use the same platform.

Old/New Business

Race Registration Committee- A committee was formed to help in the effort to find/test a new race registration platform for IMD. This committee will meet after the WR Director's meeting in early June. The IMD committee members are: Becky Stone, Shannon Carrell, Tommy Eckfeldt and Troy Price.

IMD BOD Update- Gil Denis has taken over as the IMD Board President, replacing Steve Schowengerdt. Steve has worked tirelessly on IMD's behalf and we have been lucky to have him. He will still be involved in a lesser capacity as the IMD Past President for 2 more years. This year, the new IMD ACC Chairman, Bridger Call will become the alpine representative to the IMD board.

Membership Presentation- Becky Stone  
The Powerpoint presentation will be posted on the IMD website.

Coaches Education Update- Shawn Smith will head up a new IMD Coaches Education Working Group. This group will come up with a comprehensive plan for coach's education in IMD. The working group members are Shawn Smith, Bo Maciejko, Lester Keller and Troy Price.

Clarification on Referee Shadows Assignments-

- 1.1 referee shadow assignment is required in IMD to become a referee.
- 2.The referee shadow must pass the written referee exam before the shadow assignment.
- 3.The tenure of the referee shadow assignment is from the Team Captain's meeting until the protest period has passed and the paperwork completed.
- 4.The referee shadow must request a shadow assignment on IMD's google doc. The google doc link will be sent out in the fall.

5. The TD will be made aware that there is a "shadow request" and after looking at the coaches list, the TD will grant or deny the request.
6. The "mentor" referee must complete paperwork for and the RA will submit it to the IMD Alpine Officials Chairman.

High School Racing- A need for an alternative to USSS racing for high school aged athletes was discussed. We need an alternative reward for athletes that do not want to FIS race. Everyone seemed to agree that we should explore some options to try and retain athletes. A committee was named to explore some possibilities. Committee members are: Lester Keller- Chair, Tommy Eckfeldt, Kailey Reed, Will Brandenburg, Luke Brown, Gil Denis and Drew Southworth.

Connection Coaches in Slalom- Gate judges are required in slalom. Race organizers should assign a couple connection coaches to help in gatekeeping in slalom races. The start ref, finish ref, TD, referee and a couple of connection coaches should be able to cover a slalom course. Gate judge cards should be completed to help the Referee complete an accurate Report of the Referee.

Regional Team Lodging at U14 Regionals

**M/S/F** (Price/Keller) Implement mandatory IMD Team lodging at U14 Regionals. Motion failed

Seeding at U14 Regionals

**M/S/P** (Price/Denis) U14s will be seeded based on World Cup Points at U14 Regionals. Each run in the U14 qualifiers will be scored.

Qualifying for U14 Regionals

**M/S/P** (Price/Fisher) IMD will score each individual run in U14 qualifiers to qualify for U14 Regionals. We will use the best 50% of runs contested for a grand total.

Approval of IMD Calendar

**M/S/P** (Brickson/Call) The events that were calendared were approved. We are still looking for a site for the U16 qualifying SGs. The YSL races will be calendared by the YSL Committee. The Calendaring Committee Chair will always be the ACC Vice-Chair.

The Finance Committee will look into the funding of the Western Region coach after the Region comes up with the amount that will be assessed to each division.

Approval of the 2023-24 Budget

**M/S/P** (Price/Denis)

2023-24 IMD ACC Vote

**M/S/P** (Keller/Southworth) Appoint the existing ACC for next season. Kristin Waddle was voted in as the IMD ACC Vice-Chair.

2023 End of the Season Award Winners

IMD Coach of the Year- Charlotte Gourlay

Steve Schowengerdt Volunteer of the Year- Sean O'Connor

IMD Official of the Year- Roger Paulman

Alan Hayes IMD Scholar- Townsend Mikell

Steve Bounous Award- Finnigan Donley-SVSEF and Madison Kaiserman- PCSS

Bryce Astle Overall IMC Winners- Jack Hoffman RM and Dyllan Guay- PCSS

2023-24 Standing Committees

- 2023-2024 Executive Committee- Bridger Call, Kristin Waddle, Todd Brickson, Will Brandenburg, Anika Angriman
- 2023-2024 Judicial Committee- Todd Brickson-Chairman, Will Brandenburg, Tommy Eckfeldt

- 2023-2024 Finance Committee- Shannon Carrell-Chairman, Troy Price, Fletcher White, Will Brandenburg, Lester Keller, Bridger Call
- 2023-2024 Grant Committee- Will Brandenburg, Tommy Eckfeldt, Kristin Waddle, Todd Brickson, Bo Maciejko
- 2023-2024 Calendaring Committee- Kristin Waddle-Chairman, Bo Maciejko, Will Brandenburg, Shawn Smith, Troy Price, Tommy Eckfeldt, Drew Southworth
- 2023-2024 Officials Committee- Steve Schowengerdt-Chairman, Becky Stone, TBD, Gil Denis, Susan Torres

2023-2024 Development Committee

Chairman: Troy Price

U14 IMD JR Series: Charlotte Gourley (SV)

North Series: Chuck Harris (SV)

North Club Racing: Fletcher White (GT)

South Series: Bo Maciejko (SB)

YSL, South: Craig Haaser (SBN)

2022-2023 Youth Ski League Committee

Craig Haaser (SBN), Chairman

Jason Stone, (SB)

Drew Southworth (BR)

Lester Keller (SOL)

Megan Hanrahan (RM)

Tyson Henrie (AST)

Lisa Segal (PCFT)

Ange Birkner (CV)

Mike Sussman (PC)

Dani Hoagland (AST)

Grayson Davis (Alta)

Jason Lance (PCSS)

Arsen Harutyunyan (PST)

Troy Price (RM)

Motion to Adjourn at 1:00pm

**M/S/P** (Price/Denis) Motion to Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Carma Burnett

## **Intermountain Division Alpine Discipline Report 2022-23 for IMD ACC Meeting**

May 24, 2023. Submitted by Todd Brickson

The IMD Alpine discipline is doing well. Our leadership remains strong and consistent with Carma Burnett at the helm for 21 years, Shannon Carrell as our Treasurer, and our IMD ACC meets every fall and spring with thoughtful discussion, decision-making and planning in a sincere effort from committee members to improve each year.

We currently have 17 clubs. The 22-23 athlete population was #1240, which is a slight decrease from 21-22 at #1293 and 20-21.

Our annual budget is balanced at approximately \$106,000. There is \$218,000 in our Fidelity investment account.

We have a healthy grant system including:

- Annual IMD Grants of \$10,000 to subsidize need-based qualifying athletes to championship events. ~10 athletes per year.
- Annual IMD Junior Team Awards of \$10,000
- End of season awards- Alan Hayes Scholarship, Overall IMC, Steve Bounous-\$5,000
- TD per diems subsidies for clubs of \$7500
- Club Mentorship Grants of \$3,000
- Super-G Safety Subsidy of \$3,000

We have a well-constructed race schedule from December to April with appropriate size fields and excellent race venues, and 21 USSA and FIS events in 2022-23, with professional and hard-working Race Organizing Committees throughout IMD.

The record snowfall this season was a challenge causing cancellations, postponements, sometimes difficult race conditions and a lot of extra b-net work, but we remain flexible, adaptable and resilient aided by lessons through the pandemic and herculean, committed efforts from our ROC's.

IMD continues to be the strongest division in the Western Region in terms of results generally and has 11 of the 55 members of the 2023-24 U.S. Ski Team, which is 20% of the national team.

Our current challenges include ever-increasing cost of participation in our sport and pushback from resorts to host events especially on the weekends and holidays.



## **2022-2023 IMD ACC Spring Meeting Carma's Report**

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of the clubs and coaches. I believe Intermountain Division's strength comes from the cooperative and supportive nature of our clubs. We're very fortunate to have a lot of knowledge and expertise in this room and a willingness to share knowledge with one another. We have several IMD coaches representing IMD at the Regional and National Levels. I believe this helps greatly with keeping IMD informed and making our philosophical positions known. This season, Will Brandenburg was named as the Vice Chair of the WR ACC, Troy Price has been the Treasurer for several years and of course our 2 representatives, Todd Brickson and Bridger Call. In addition to this group representing us well, our athletes did equally well. IMD won the Western Region Alan Hayes Divisions Cup this season.

As for the season... WOWZER! It's pretty crazy to think that one of our Sean Nurse races got canceled because of frigid temperatures and then... the snow wouldn't stop. Even during some brutal snowfall at races, there were always reports from parents, coaches and kids of how good the pow was...so that was the upside. Unfortunately, we lost 5 open Tech Races for boys and girls between the Sean Nurse and the Snow Cup. In addition, we lost 2 Open SGs for the boys and girls and the GS at Tri-Divisionals. The rest of the calendar went well. IMD hosted the U14 Regional Championships, the U16 Regional Championships, the Tri-Divisional Championships and US Nationals. We've got some exceptional Race Organizers and Race Crews in IMD that are able to consistently produce great events.

The 2022-2023 season proved to be a good year for IMD athletically. Here are some highlights from the 16 Regional Championship:

U16 W SG- 6 in top 10- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Dyllan Guay  
U16 M SG- 5 in top 10- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Liam Logan  
U16 W GS- 6 in top 10- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Dyllan Guay  
U16 M GS- 6 in top 10- 1<sup>st</sup> place Jack Hoffman  
U16 W SL- 5 in top 10- 1<sup>st</sup> place Dyllan Guay  
U16 M SL- 4 in top 10- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jack Hoffman

The U14 had a great Championship as well. Here are some highlights from U14 Regionals.

U14 W SG- 3 in top 10- 1<sup>st</sup> place Taryn Moe  
U14 M SG- 4 in top 10- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Ford Jensen  
U14 W GS- 4 in top 10-  
U14 M GS- 5 in top 10- 1<sup>st</sup> place Tucker Reimond  
U14 W SL- 4 in top 10- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Brooke Goldberg  
U14 M SL- 4 in top 10- 1<sup>st</sup> place Ford Jensen

The U12's at IMD Champs also showed us some phenomenal skiing and finally some great weather! The winner Snowbird had a lot of depth in this group, especially in the boys. The winners this year were Samantha Eden- SB in the GS and SL and Lila Tyler-PC in the Kombi. In the boys it was Brody Eaton-SB in the GS and Cedric Sullivan-SB in the SL and Kombi.

### **Membership**

IMD licenses were down this year. Our alpine memberships were at 1240 participants, which is a decrease from 1293 last year. 2022-23 had 325 U16+ licenses and 968 U14, U12 and U10 licenses. We had 17 IMD registered teams in 2022-23. IMD's licensing fees will remain flat this season. The late fee will remain the same at \$15. This season there will be a \$5 IMD fee for Alpine General Memberships. IMD licensing for this coming season will be: Alpine General \$5, U10 and under- \$35, U12- \$35, U14- \$35, U16 and older-\$65.

### **Financials**

We are doing good financially. We will finish the season with approximately \$123,000 in the checking account after all of the payables and receivables. In addition, IMD continued to support programs in IMD. Last year IMD Alpine spent \$10,000 for need-based grants, \$5,000 on the IMD Junior Team, \$2000 on the Bryce Astle Winners, \$2000 on the Steve Bounous Winners, \$1,000 on the IMD Scholar, \$3000 on the Speed Event Subsidy, \$8,000 on TD reimbursements for clubs, \$1000 for awards and trophies and \$400 for golf subsidies ☺. In total we spent \$31,000 on programs to help athletes and clubs in IMD.

The IMD Fidelity Investment account has taken a hit since our 2022 meeting. The 2022 balances are \$122,108 in the BOD account and \$206,819 in the ACC account. The 2023 balances as of 5/22/23 are \$126,383 in the BOD account and \$218,147 in the ACC account.

### **Volunteers**

I would like to thank Todd Brickson and Bridger Call for serving as the IMD ACC Chair and Vice-Chair. They've done an amazing job representing IMD at the Western Region level. A big thanks goes out to Steve Schowengerdt who is our Alpine Officials Chair, webmaster and former BOD President. He put together the AO updates last fall and made sure we were able to get everyone who needed an update... updated. Troy Price has done a great job with the Development Committee and really kept that committee active and involved. I would also like to mention Gil Denis, who is an IMD TD but has also stepped into the role of IMD BOD President. Thanks Gil.

And finally, I would like to take a moment to mention Mike Hammer. "Hammer" was our BOD President for at least 10 years. He started as a parent to ski racers and then became actively involved in IMD and the JHSC. He never missed a meeting and was always eager to help when it came to IMD Governance. He passed away last fall. Gone but never forgotten.

As always, I am honored to be able to work with such a great group of people. I'm constantly amazed by everyone's passion for the sport and everyone's willingness to make it better.

Carma Burnett -IMD Director

## **2022-23 IMD AO Report**

It was a good year for AO training, recruitment and advancement in Intermountain Division.

In addition to five well-attended online Update & Review sessions via Zoom, in-person clinics were held at Park City, Sun Valley, Snowbasin, Snowbird, Salt Lake City (Rowmak) and Jackson Hole.

We had 171 attendees at IMD AO clinics that breaks down further to 61 for Referee, 7 for TC1, 2 for Chief of Race, 7 for RA and 5 for Chief of Course. The remainder would be Continuing Education attendees.

Forty six online Competition Official quizzes were completed, 50 Ref exams were given, 2 CR exams, 6 TC1 exams, 6 RA exams and 5 CC exams. We had one failing test score in TC1.

We had 13 attendees at our TD Workshop on 12/3/2022.

Thirteen IMD Alpine Officials served as instructors across all of our clinics.

Eleven RF candidates completed their shadow assignments and were upgraded to RF 1.

Across all AO categories, 66 IMD AOs were upgraded during the year. Three IMD officials advanced to TD 1 -- Kevin Chaffee, Chip Knight and Peter Acosta.

One recurring theme from IMD AO get-togethers is changing the Referee Powerpoint to focus on the actual job of Referee and leading the instructor into that kind of presentation that covers the day-to-day requirements of the job and correctly performing the tasks of completing the job.

There are no Level 3 and Level 4 upgrades from IMD this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Schowengerdt  
IMD AO Chairman

# IMD Development Committee Report

IMD ACC Convention – May 24, 2023

## IMD Development Committee

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

2022-2023 IMD Development Committee Members:

U14 IMD Jr Series – Charlotte Gourlay (Sun Valley)

North Series – Chuck Harris (Sun Valley)

South Series - Bo Maciejko (Snowbird)

YSL South – Craig Hasser (Snowbasin)

Club racing in the North – Fletcher White (Grand Targhee)

Chairman – Troy Price (Rowmark)

Our meetings are open to guest. Frequent guests include Kristin Waddle, Ben Reeder, Jason Lance, and Becky Stone.

Special thanks to all our host sites and clubs for making this season a success. Every event had some challenges and created additional work. The RA's deserve a round of applause.

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

- U14 SG Training run – verbiage update.
- Updated guidelines for out of division/region racing.
- Tabled decision to revise vertical drop for U10 events.

### **Western Region**

- No change to U14 Regionals.
- Spring U14 Speed Camp will be pushed back by 2 weeks.
- Team USA won the Nations Cup at Whistler Cup.
- Potential increase in head taxes by \$1-\$2/start.

### **U14 Projects**

- IMD Speed Camp was a success with 56 athletes (room for 70)
- The Spring Project has been converted to a competition.
  - All 2<sup>nd</sup> year U12's that qualified for IMD Champs
  - All 1<sup>st</sup> year U14's
  - Any 2<sup>nd</sup> year U14 or older may choose Snowcup or Spring Series