

2021 IMD ACC Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2021
Wendover, Nevada

Present:

Carma Burnett, Todd Brickson, Kevin Chaffee, Scott McGrew, Troy Price, Jason Lance, Fletcher White, Tami Strong, Drew Southworth, Ben Roberts, Will Brandenburg, Bridger Call, Bo Maciejko, Branko Zagar, Jason Smith, Alicia Smith, Kailey Reed, Lester Keller, Bradyn Beus, Dave Hall, Erik Fisher, Nick Foster, Tommy Eckfeldt, Scott Hoffman, Craig Haaser

9:00 Meeting called to order by IMD Alpine Director, Carma Burnett

Awards Presentation for the Bryce Astle IMC. Overall winners are Jonathan Brain- PCSS and Elisabeth Bocock- RM (award recipients attached)

Reports

Chairman's Report- Will reported on all of the new changes happening in Western Region including the two-tier FIS racing schedule including the process for qualifying to the Elite Series. and the age change from a U19 Classification to a U18 Classification- (Western Region minutes attached). Will also thanked the clubs and coaches for all of their hard work in this difficult year. The CoVid Committee, which Will led was acknowledged and thanks for their hours and hours of meetings in order to deal with the constantly changing environment last season.

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

Club Development- Tami Strong- (see attached)

IMD Official Committee Report- Steve Schowengerdt (see attached)

YSL Chairman's Report- Patrick Rice- N/A

Development Committee Report- Troy Price (see attached)

Approval of Reports

MSP(Price/Call) To Approve Reports

Old/New Business

Review Proxy Votes- Kailey Reed for Tyson Henrie, Tommy Eckfeldt for John Buchar and Craig Haaser for Brandon Koress

YSL Discussion- It is agreed that the South should have a YSL Series. It would include 1 race in January, 1 race in February and 1 race in March. It was also decided that the YSL Series needs to be revamped to make it more exciting for the participants.

Race Formatting Discussions-
North/South Series

- North Clubs voted to gender split the North Series next year. This would require race hosts to run 2 races in a day.
- South Clubs voted to gender split the South Series next year. This would require race hosts to run 2 races in a day. The South will need to develop parameters for the South Series to address field size issues. South Series races will be calendared for 3 days to possibly include a "special day" for the U14 South Series athletes, if needed.
- Intermountain Champs will be gender split
Girls-2 runs of GS followed by 1 run of Kombi
Girls-2 runs of SL followed by 1 run of Paneled SL
Boys-2 runs of GS followed by 1 run of Kombi
Boys-2 runs of SL followed by 1 run of Paneled SL

U14 Series Discussion- The Speed Project will be put back on the calendar. Will Brandenburg will explore options to host it at Soldier Mountain.

MSP(Price/White)-2nd year U14's will once again have access to the Open Series including the Sean Nurse, the Wes Baron Open/U16Q SG's and the tech events at the Snow Cup.

MSP(Brandenburg/White)-The U14 SG's will be gender split making the event a 4day event.

MSP(Call/Brandenburg)- The U14 tech qualifier containing 2 SL's and 1 GS will be a hybrid split. 1 gender will race 2 slaloms on day 1, day 2 will have a traditional GS and day 3 will have the other gender racing 2 slaloms.

U16 IMC Series/Open Series Discussion- The tech races in the U16 IMC Series and the Open Series will be traditional races with both genders racing on the same day.

MSP(Brandenburg/Zagar)- The U16/Open SG's will be gender split making the event a 4day event.

2021 End of the Season Awards

Nick Lewis Coach of the Year- Graham Flinn- RM

Steve Schowengerdt Volunteer of the Year- Rich McDowall- JHSC

IMD Official of the Year- Jason Smith- Sundance

Alan Hayes IMD Scholar- Melissa Umble- Snowbird

Steve Bounous Award- Ryder Sarchett- SVSEF and Mary Bocock- RM

Distinguished Service Award- Branko Zagar- Honoring his commitment to IMD and Western Region.

Athlete Representative

Foreste Peterson was nominated as the Athlete Representative for the IMD ACC.

Executive Committee

Todd Brickson ACC Chairman, Bridger Call- ACC Vice Chairman, Branko Zagar, Will Brandenburg, Foreste Peterson- Athlete Representative (must have at least 2 from the North or South)

2021 ACC Members

MSP(Brandenburg/Price)

Todd Brickson, Chairman
Bridger Call, Vice Chairman
Craig Haaser- Snowbasin
Drew Southworth, Brighton
Tyson Henrie- Sundance
Will Brandenburg- Sun Valley
Fletcher White, Teton Valley
Erik Fisher- McCall

Tommy Eckfeldt, Park City
Branko Zagar- Jackson
Foreste Peterson- Athlete Representative
Troy Price- Development Committee
Lester Keller-Solitude
Shannon Carrell- Finance Chair
S. Schowengerdt- AO Chair/BOD President
Nick Foster- Tamarack

Standing Committees

- Judicial Committee- Todd Brickson- Chair, Will Brandenburg, Tommy Exckfeldt
- Grant Committee- Will Brandenburg, Branko Zagar, Todd Brickson, Bridger Call, Tommy Eckfeldt
- Calendaring Committee- Bridger Call- Chair, Branko Zagar, Will Brandenburg, Ben Roberts, Criag Haaser, Tommy Eckfeldt
- Development Committee- Troy Price- Chair, Charlotte Gourley, Becky Rigsby, Bo Maciejko, Patrick Rice, Fletcher White
- Officials Committee- Steve Schowengerdt- Chair, Becky Stone, Tami Strong, Will Brandenburg, Branko Zagar (2 South/2 North)

Motion to Adjourn- 12:48pm

MSP(Carrell/Brandenburg)

Next Meeting- mid-June 2021 (calendaring)

2022 Spring Meeting- Jackpot, NV

Respectfully Submitted,
Carma Burnett- IMD Director



2021 Bryce Astle IMC Awards

Men's SL

1st Place- Finnigan Donley- Alaska

2nd Place- Austin Aten- PCSS

3rd Place- Jonathan Brain- PCSS

Women's SL

1st Place- Elisabeth Bocoock- RM

2nd Place- Paige Dehart- SVSEF

3rd Place- Reagan Harrison- SBN

Men's GS

1st Place- Scott Bocoock-SVSEF

2nd Place- Cole Potter- PCSS

3rd Place- Ian Hanrahan- RM

Women's GS

1st Place- Elisabeth Bocoock- RM

2nd Place- Paige Dehart- SVSEF

3rd Place- Arkie Lennon- PCSS

Men's SG

Women's SG-

1st Place- Jonathan Brain- PCSS
2nd Place- Cole Potter- PCSS
3rd Place Martin Wilcox- JHSC

1st Place-Elisabeth Boccock- RM
2nd Place- Carly Hamilton- PCSS
3rd Place- Arkie Lennon- PCSS

Men's Overall
Jonathan Brain- PCSS

Women's Overall
Elisabeth Boccock-RM



2020-21 IMD ACC Spring Meeting Carma's Report

First and Foremost, I would like thank each and every one of you for your patience and understanding this year. It's truly amazing that this past season went as well as it did. I especially want to thank the Covid Committee which consisted of Will Brandenburg, John Buchar, Todd Brickson, Troy Price, Mark Wedeking and Brando Koress. This committee met once a week from August through March. I want to thank all of the Clubs and Resort Partners for making ski racing happen this year as well. The clubs were diligent with their Covid protocols and very little was traced back to IMD's ski races with regards to spreading Covid. I believe Branko Zagar and the JHSC were instrumental in proving that if Covid protocols were adhered to that we could run a safe race. Branko and his crew held the first FIS race in Western Region last December and pretty much set people at ease with regards to hosting races. In addition, the JHSC hosted several WR FIS races along with a very busy IMD calendar. A big thank you goes out to the Branko and his crew!

The 2021-2022 season proved to be a good year for IMD athletically. Congratulations goes out to Mary Boccock- RM, Dasha Romanov- SV and Ryder Sarchett for making the US Development Team. The IMD U16 ladies had a very successful trip to U16 WR Championships. The ladies swept both SG's and the SL. The charge was led by Elisabeth Boccock- RM, Paige Dehart- SV, Carly, Hamilton- PC and Sofie Neff- PC. All of these girls got at least 1 top 3 result. Unfortunately, there was no U14 Regional Championship contested last season. In addition, we only lost 2 races due to too much snow. Both of these races were qualifiers which put a little more pressure on the qualification process. Everything else went off as calendared.

One of the positives from last season was being able to do Alpine Officials updates virtually. This worked fantastic. Next year we are hoping to be able to offer referee certifications via Zoom as well. The exam will have to be proctored in your local club. The one area that IMD can be stronger at is recruiting new TD's. In the last few years, we have had a few TD's that have retired or have been injured. This has made scheduling TD's a little challenging. My goal is to get 5 new TD's in the pipeline for next season. Please look throughout your club for people that might be interested in becoming a TD.

Membership

IMD licenses were down this year...not surprisingly. Our alpine memberships were at 1,199 participants, which is a decrease from 1455 last year. 2019 had 306 U16+ licenses and 893 U14, U12 and U10 licenses. We had 19 IMD registered teams in 2020-21, which is the same as the prior season. PEAK was not able to operate last season due to Covid and restrictions in Australia and it looks like they will not be able to operate next 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 good financially. We will finish the season with approximately \$105,000 in the checking account. This is better than anticipated but the increase in head tax kept us from losing money last season. In addition, IMD continued to support programs in IMD including the TD reimbursement stipend, the IMD Junior Team, the Speed Venue subsidy and IMD need based grants.

The IMD Fidelity Investment account has done well since our 2019 meeting. The 2019 account balance in the BOD account was \$101,577 and our account balance in the ACC account was \$162,020. The 2021 balances are \$134,743 in the BOD account and \$231,903 in the ACC account.

Volunteers

I would like to thank Will Brandenburg and John Buchar for serving as the IMD ACC Chair and Vice-Chair. They've done an amazing job representing IMD at the Western Region level. In addition, this past season they helped IMD stay on track as the curveballs of Covid were thrown at us. A big thanks goes out to Steve Schowengerdt who is our Alpine Officials Chair, webmaster and 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. Thanks Troy. And lastly, thanks to Mark Wedeking and Gail Barber for your contribution to IMD over the last several years.

As always, I am honored to be able to work with such a great group of people.

Carma Burnett -IMD Director

IMD Development Committee Report

IMD ACC Convention – June 2, 2021

IMD Development Committee

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 decisions that impact U14 and younger athletes.

2019-2021 IMD Development Committee Members:

- U14 IMD Jr Series – Kevin Keane (Park City)
- North Series – Josie Brownell (Sun Valley)
- South Series - Bo Maciejko (Snowbird)
- YSL South – Patrick Rice (Park City Resort)

Club racing in the North – Mark Wedeking (Bogus Basin)
Chairman – Troy Price (Rowmark)

2021-2022 IMD Development Committee Members:

U14 IMD Jr Series – Charlotte Gourlay (Sun Valley)
North Series – Becky Rigsby (Bogus Basin)
South Series - Bo Maciejko (Snowbird)
YSL South – Patrick Rice (Park City Resort)
Club racing in the North – Fletcher White (Grand Targhee)
Chairman – Troy Price (Rowmark)

Our meetings are open to guest. Frequent guest are Ben Roberts, Ben Reeder, Jason Lance, and Becky Stone.

Congrats to BBSEF. National Development Club of the Year!

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

U14 and younger National Working Group

- This group once again analyzed the SL gate sizing for U14 athletes. AK/WR put forth a proposal to allow the ROC to decide, this proposal was declined. The 60" gate will remain a requirement if the oldest athlete in the event is a U14.
- This group help define the helmet ruling. Nothing that protrudes from the helmet is allowed.
- U14's will not be objectively selected for U16's Nationals as in years past.
- Level 1 RF will now require 2 days of shadowing
- All coaches are required to complete as least level 100 certification by May 2022.

Skillsquest

- We did not host a sanctioned Skillsquest in IMD. We typically have one at the IMD Spring Project at Grand Targhee. Then we typically have one at WR U14 Champs, neither event happened this season.
 - We should keep this going.

U14 Projects

- Special thanks to Squaw Valley for hosting a WR project.
- The Devo Com wants to see the IMD U14 speed project return for 1st year U14's.
- The Spring Project content was revised
 - We invited 20 2nd year U12's 10 per gender.
 - Hosted a dual single pole SL. Then organized a bracket regardless of gender.
 - Hosted a Kombi we super fun course sets.

U14 Series

- We would like to see 2nd Year U14's have access to the open races as in years past.
- Having 2 races in a day was successful. Splitting by gender made this a viable option.
- We want the WR U14 Champs back.
- Do we want to keep the U14 CO project?

IMD Champs

- We stayed with our original plan of events at Bogus Basin for the NS Champs and would like to have this become our schedule of events for the 2022 IMD Champs.

- Girls – 2 runs of GS followed by 1 run of Kombi
- Girls – 2 runs of SL flowed by 1 run of Paneled SL
- Boys – 2 runs of GS followed by 1 run of Kombi
- Boys – 2 runs of SL flowed by 1 run of Paneled SL

North/South Series

- We prefer to have the same format for both North and South, yet we understand the vast challenges that logistics create.
 - The North Series is reviewing the option to split race days by gender.
 - The South Series is reviewing the option to split races days by gender or even create 2 team assignment groupings.
 - The South Series would like to offer a day dedicated to U14 and older athletes in effort to retain athletes in our sport.

YSL Series

- We only held one event this season.
 - YSL Finals held at the UOP in March. Nearly 200 athletes attended.

2020-21 IMD Alpine Officials Report

Even though no specialty training and testing were allowed this past season because of the pandemic, IMD still had a successful Alpine officials training season.

- ● Seven online Continuing Education updates were held.
- ● 114 Alpine officials attended online CE updates in IMD.
- ● Seven Alpine officials instructed at those online clinics.
- ● 147 IMD AOs completed the new online Competition Official course.
- ● 12 upgrades were given, all based on recommendations and days of service

In total, 285 training and upgrade opportunities were given during the season. A few notes from the Alpine Officials Education Working Group meeting:

- ● TD Workshop was well received. It will be updated each year and continue as an online training tool,
- ● Online CO training was seen as an opportunity for coaches to initiate and continue their AO training. There were several report challenges that were discussed that will be addressed this summer. Eastern Division needs to see results broken down by state chair. The date the test was completed was also a request from the divisions, to make record keeping easier and quicker.
- ● The Online Review and Update will continue as a training option.
- ● While the AOEWG plans on resuming in-person training and testing for the coming season, several proposals were passed that allow online training and team captains' meetings to continue.
- ● Also passed by the AOEWG was U669.3 — The Jury along with the support of the

Organizing committee may opt to not use Gate Judges for DH, DH Training, SG, SG Training & GS, provided they take measures to cover the entire course with sufficient jury members, jury advisors, eyes of the jury and connection coaches.

I'd like to thank the IMD AO Committee members and Carma Burnett for their help and efforts during the past season.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Schowengerdt
IMD Alpine Officials Chairman

Club Development Report
Tami Strong – Chair Alpine Club Working Group
US Ski & Snowboard
IMD Spring Meeting 2021 June 2, 2021

The Alpine Club Working Group (ACWG) met at the US Ski & Snowboard Spring congress 2021. One of the major discussions centered around the continuation of mid-week racing for the younger athletes and the long-term impact that could have on our sport. Some resorts want to keep the mid-week racing and not allow racing on the weekends. As Covid-19 restrictions lift and parents go back to work and kids go back to school, mid-week racing will become difficult for families to maintain long term which may cause a decline in participation. The ACWG has put together a task force to research this issue. The task force will look at tools to help clubs to put together an economic impact study that will show the economic benefits to the resort with weekend racing. The USSS Club Excellence staff will continue holding Town Hall meetings in the fall to update clubs with relevant information as Covid restriction lift and clubs conform to the transitioning conditions.

I would like to recognize Bogus Basin for advancing from Bronze to Silver in the podium club certification. Congratulations Mark, Shannon, BBSEF Board and Club for your outstanding achievements.

Respectfully submitted,
Tami Strong
ACWG Chair US Ski & Snowboard