



**Alaska Division ACC Meeting Minutes -- 11/05/19 6pm AKT**

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**Members in attendance:** *Lex Patten (ACC), Natalie Osborne (Divisional Manager), Amy Guse (ACC), Brian Hartman (ACC), Jen Danza (ASC), John DeHaven (HART), Lara Hildreth (ASC), Mary Thomas (ACC), Randy Bates (JSC), Tony Naciuk (Arctic Valley), Allie Ace (ASC – Guest)*

**A. Approval of Minutes October 8, 2019**

- Change title from “Agenda” to “Minutes”
- Minutes approved with that change.

**B. Approval of Agenda November 5, 2019**

- Add under new business: timing of agenda and proposals
- Approved with that additional discussion topic

**C. Chairman’s Report – Lex Patten**

- No report

**D. Administrator’s / Financial Report – Natalie Osborne**

- 2019/2020 Rules & Selection Qualifiers for WR Events (still in progress, pending the 2 new business items)
  - Draft is on hold until after discussion items under new business items are discussed during meeting.

**E. Official’s Report – Brian Hartman**

- Officials conference had a large turnout.
- Brian is still going over exams and grading them.
- A few coaches who took T&C will take a ref cert in December.

**F. Youth Committee Report – John DeHaven**

- U10 and Under State Champ for being finalized and will be sent out this week.

**G. Old Business**

**A. 2019 Fall Conference**

- Total participants was 102.
- Everyone agrees it would be good to have this annually.
- Brian and Mary agree it is easier to get everyone in one room and get everything updated at once and not spread out over a longer period of time. Much more efficient use of time and resources.
- A survey will go out to participants and presenters to gain feedback for any changes needing to be made for next year.

## H. New Business

### A. Proposals from Parents Education Forum (Natalie)

- a. **Proposed Rule:** When traveling as a Divisional Team to WR Championships, all athletes must train together on the hill. (Need someone to propose in motion.)

**Discussion:**

- Lex would like to see this left up to trusting the coaches and their management of the athletes while at Divisional Races.
- There is always a lead coach and those decisions need to be finalized by the Divisional Lead Coach.
- Suggestion is to have a Coaches Code of Conduct for traveling Divisional Coaches to sign to follow the expectations.
- Randy Bates has offered to help draft a proposal and will discuss with Natalie.
- Proposal is to table this discussion so the Coaches from each club can think about a way to navigate this situation.

- b. **Selection Boards for WR Championships** will be posted online for parents/coaches to see throughout the qualifying events.

**Discussion:**

- Parents would like to see boards as races move along.
- Some of the discussion is concern for publishing boards that are inaccurate due to lack of time to ratify results.
- There is agreement that publishing them at Coca-Cola could completely flip between Coca-Cola and Alyeska Cup.
- Discussion: Discretionary Vote – needs a disclaimer “20% of any quota can be discretionary...”
- Suggestion is to publish boards after a race series has been completed and results have been ratified. This will be a pilot program this year to see how it works.

- B. **Proposal for U19/21 WR Championship Selection Process (Jen Danza)** Would like to adjust the 2019 selection process to the following for 2020. Selection from race results should be kept in account even though we are only for example hosting 2 SL and 3 GS FIS races. On the original process the selection from race performance was based on 3SL and 3GS FIS races only. Selection board from races will be the first to choose from (left side of all boards). In the event that AK does not host a FIS race for some reason then the race that will be considered will be Alyeska Cup. These changes would give the chance to have a head to head competition and it will not solely rely on FIS points.

- Suggestion: Lex will get with Jen and redraft some language and get it out to the committee for discussion with the committee.

### C. Proposal for U16 WR Championship Selection Process (Jen Danza)

Automatic Status to U16 Western Regional Championships on the AK Division quota: Any AK Division athlete that is invited to, and attends, the U16 NDG projects (January 23 - February 2, 2020 - Folgaria, ITA - Alpe Cimbra Children's Cup and February 3-14, 2020 - Baqueira-Beret, SPA - OPA Cup), representing the USST at international level competitions throughout the 2019-20 2020 season, will be an automatic in the AK Quota to the U16 Western Regional Championships. Athlete must attend all AK qualifier races that they are in-state for within 48 hours of travel. Their seeding spot will be determined by National Points.

- Suggestion: Lex will get with Jen and redraft some language and get it out to the committee for discussion with the committee.

**D. Discussion: Timing of Agenda and Proposals (Randy Bates)**

- Would like to see solicitation of agenda items a week before the meeting to then have any proposals brought forward 3 – 4 days prior to the meeting to be able to have more time to prepare for the meetings and share information in advance.
- Coaches working group used to take care of a lot of proposal details prior to calls and come to the meetings with proposals already being agreed upon.
- Randy will take a look at the U12/U14 State Champ rules and U14 WR selections and will get changes/suggestions to Natalie to distribute.
- Arctic Winter Games does effect U14 and U16 ages. Needs to be mentioned in the selection process.

**I. Round Table with all Clubs**

AVST – Welcome Tony! Looking forward to working with the Division.

HART – No report

Hillberg – No report

ASC – Drylands are moving along. FIS athletes are headed out on 11/9 and on 11/26 the U16s are headed to camp.

JSC – Mountain support is good. JSC is not planning to host a U16 qualifier. There are no U16s on the roster. JSC will send Natalie their calendar to add to the Divisional Calendar.

FSC – No report

UAA – No report

**J. Public Forum Comment**

- No guest comments

**K. Set Next ACC Meeting: December 10, 2019, 6pm next meeting**

**L. Two week deadline for proposals: November 19, 2019**

**M. Adjournment: 7:10pm**