

we have had in the recent past. I think we did a pretty good job for the athletes and coaches who participated in this year's event.

We continue to cultivate strong relationships with our sponsors and with Reliable Racing in particular. Reliable provided the medals for this year's National Championship once again. Reliable provided the gates that we used at this year's Championships as well. Thanks, very much, to John Jacobs.

Thank you, again, for the time and energy that you devote to this organization and its members.

Paul Wojick
USCSA President

G06-03

Reports of the Officer's

Treasurer - Robin Dzubay

We are fiscally stable due to careful tracking of the school teams. The first year of online registration has been successful. This has helped USCSA keep track of their memberships and finances.

<u>Budget</u> <u>2005/2006</u>							
		<u>0405 Prop</u>	<u>0405 Actual</u>	<u>0506 Prop</u>	<u>0506 Actual</u>	<u>0607 Prop</u>	
<u>Revenue</u>							
	Dues	56,000.00	57,306.00	57,000.00	59,505.00	59,000.00	
	Surcharge	3,750.00	3,818.00	3,800.00	1,001.00	3,800.00	
	Sponsorship	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total	59,750.00	61,124.00	60,800.00	60,506.00	62,800.00	
<u>Expense</u>							
	Executive Director	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	29,000.00	
	Telephone/ Internet	1100.00	795.00	835.00	1,248.00	1,250.00	
	Office Expenses	3,200.00	83.00	500.00	450.00	500.00	
	Equipment	0.00	2,364.00	3,000.00	690.00	700.00	
	Computer Service	350.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	
	Accounting Services	500.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	
	Board Meeting - General	9,000.00	10,112.00	10,250.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
	Marketing	7,500.00	4,050.00	7,500.00	4,745.00	7,500.00	
	US National Championships	2,000.00	1,965.00	2,000.00	2,345.00	2,500.00	
	Misc Contingency	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
		54,650.00	50,884.00	55,600.00	51,993.00	53,965.00	
	<u>Surplus</u>	1,000.00	10,240.00	5,200.00	8,573.00	8,835.00	

	<p>Robin Dzubay Motion</p> <p>The BOD propose the 2006 – 2007 Budget</p> <p>2nd (Dave Gyger) Discussion</p> <p>Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>
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G06-04	<p><u>Vice President of Cross Country – Amy Lane</u></p> <p>Membership: Approximately 15 teams, numbers stable from past years. It is anticipated that there will be at least 4 new programs next season.</p> <p>Regular Season: Membership numbers suffered due to poor skiing conditions. One concern from the season is to clean up the intra-conference racing. Some conferences do not offer cross country competition, so the teams race in a nearby conference that offers competition. There is a proposal to address this concern.</p> <p>USCSA Nationals: Numbers at Nationals were on par with recent events. There was one concern at the Nationals event. In the sprint races, 10 athletes starting in a mass start is too many and not creating a fair opportunity for each athlete to win. After discussions with athletes, a proposal has been drafted for this meeting.</p> <p>2005 Action Items: Insurance for the Nordic Nationals has begun. The cost of insuring the event by the USSA is not cost effective, it would require each athlete to purchase a USSA membership and require USSA officials to run the race. The more viable option would be to insure the event through a private insurance company. Communication has begun with a private insurance company.</p> <p>In general, the season was productive, and we are hopeful for more snow and increased numbers next season.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <p>Amy Lane V.P. of Cross Country</p>
G06-05	<p><u>Vice President of Snowboarding - Sam Bachhuber:</u></p> <p>Across the country participation in snowboard competitions at the regional level has grown. There are several exciting opportunities on the horizon for USCSA and snowboarding.</p> <p>The most intriguing and recent development is the possibility of increased cooperation between the USCSA and the USASA. The United States of America Snowboard Association is a grassroots organization dedicated to providing a quality snowboard competition experience for athletes across a wide range of age groups. The USASA has sanctioned the USCSA National Championships for the past five years, providing insurance and allocating bids to their championships.</p> <p>Initial conversations have begun and will continue in an effort to create a mutually beneficial relationship</p>

	<p>between the two organizations. The emphasis of the relationship will be to offer more opportunity for college age athletes to compete against their peers in USCSA local, regional and national events.</p> <p>2006 USCSA Snowboard National Championships</p> <p>The snowboard events at the national championships were highly successful. Beginning with the men and women's giant slalom, the competitors were treated to great snow conditions and a great course set. A special surprise was having Seth Westcott, Boardercross Olympic Gold Medalist, fore run the event.</p> <p>Competition at the half pipe event improves dramatically each year. Team's geographic locations and weak snow years can limit the amount of training the teams get before heading to the championships.</p> <p>This year's boardercross event was the best in several years. Implementation of rule changes from the past year's BOD meeting helped in the smooth and timely running of the event. Sugarloaf groomers put in some extra time to ensure the course was exactly what we wanted. Extra effort was required due to a freezing rain event that pasted through the area the night before the finals.</p> <p>The national championships were attended by 75 athletes that primarily participated in all three of the events. Feedback was generally positive and the athletes were unanimously eager to attend future year's events.</p> <p>Respectively submitted by Sam Bachhuber Snowboard Vice President</p>
G06-06	<p><u>Vice President of Alpine - Kim Bownes</u></p> <p>The 2005-2006 season seemed to go well across the country. There were no significant issues brought to the attention of the VP of Alpine.</p> <p>The National Championships which were held at Sugarloaf USA in Maine went extremely well from the alpine side of things. Conditions could not have been better for a fair race of the entire field. The race crew at Sugarloaf did a great job and all of the events were held without issue.</p> <p>Brendan Brousseau (CMC) & Eliza Hawkins (UMass) represented the USCSA at US Nationals. They did a great job and represented our organization well. I attended the US Nationals and Sugarloaf and once again they executed the events without a hitch. We should look to the future and examine how we will handle our representation to US Nationals.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,</p> <p>Kim Bownes VP Alpine/USCSA</p>
G06 - 07	<p>USSA Collegiate Committee, Park City, UT <i>In attendance: Mark Sullivan, Paul Wojick, Ron Bonneau</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>USSA/USCSA Collegiate Working Group</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Submitted by Mark Sullivan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USSA will not recognize the EISA vote to limit access to FIS-U events ▪ Proposal to revise collegiate quota to US Alpine National Championships ▪ USCSA selection criteria for top American ▪ Scheduling USCSA and NCAA National championships ▪ 50 percent of the incoming class of the US ski Team is coming out of the collegiate ranks this year. Recommendation in the Alpine Education and Development Subcommittee from Peter Dodge to consider sweeping revisions to the National Development Team. <p><u>Scheduling Subcommittee</u></p>

	<p>No major date conflicts USCSA and NCAA will work together to coordinate scheduling formula</p>
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Conference Coordinator Reports

<p>G06-08</p>	<p>Written Reports provided by the following Conference Coordinators: (Please see reports attached at end of minutes)</p> <p>Eastern Conference – Mark Sullivan Northwest Conference - Ron Bonneau Allegheny Conference - Bill Hetrick Rocky Mountain Conference - George Thomas Southern California Conference - Collin Casper Grand Tetons Conference - Jerry Wolf Mideast Conference - Jeff Egan - Midwest Conference - Robin Dzubay</p> <p><i>Not in attendance:</i></p> <p>New Jersey Conference - Bonnie Bartowski Northern California Conference - Ryan Rodante Southeast Conference - Lari Garren</p>
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Championship Sites

Elections

G06-E-01	Elections New Officers 2006
	VP Alpine Kim Bownes
	Executive at Large Jim Pietrovito
	Executive at Large Andy Rangen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALPINE COMPETITION AND RULES

ALP-06	Alpine Rules Committee: Kim Bownes (Chairperson), Bill Hetrick (Allegheny Conf.), Mark Sullivan (Eastern Conf.), Jerry Wolf (Grand Teton Conf.), Jeff Egan (Mideast Conf.), Robin Dzubay (Midwest Conf.), George Thomas (Rocky Mt. Conf.), Dave Gyger (Eastern Representative), Betsy Pantazelos (Female Alpine Student Rep), Jim Peitrovito (Male Alpine Student Rep)
GENERAL	The Committee submitted meeting minutes to the Board. See below.

OLD BUSINESS

APL-04	<p>George Thomas</p> <p>Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ That USCSCA designates the participation of the two athletes selected to US Nationals as a USCSA project.▪ That USCSA selects from within its ranks a coach to serve as project manager.▪ The project manager is tasked -- in consultation with the athletes and/or their home coach -- to represent the athletes, to acquire lodging, coordinate transportation from the arrival airport(s), arrange or coordinate training for the two athletes, represent the athletes at the team captain's meeting and attend to any other details pertinent to best athletic performance on the part of the athletes▪ That direct reimbursement of athlete expenses should be contingent upon participation with the USCSA US Nationals Project, and given comprehensive logistics and administrative care, athlete or home program reimbursement should therefore be limited to transportation to/from their nearest airport and airfare to the venue.▪ That the project manager be adequately compensated by USCSA for attending to these tasks. <p>No Action taken</p> <p>The committee will take note of this situation. Prior to the US nationals we will consult with the coaches the plans</p>
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NEW BUSINESS

ALP-06-01	<p>Kim Bownes</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>Any athlete who qualifies to NCAA Nationals is not eligible to race at a USCSA Regional competition therefore helping to qualify their team to our Nationals.</p> <p>Amendment to section 8, 712: Install an interpretation added to the code of conduct (IO)</p>
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	2 nd (Dave Gyger) Discussion		
	Motion	Approved	Unanimous Voice

ALPINE RULES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

ALP-06	Alpine Committee Meeting 6.2.06
	<p>Present: Brandon Clifford, Betsy Pantazelos, Jim Pietrovito, Kim Bownes, Bill Hetrick, Laura Sullivan, Paul Wojick, Mark Sullivan, Mike Dzubay, Andy Rangen, Jesse Lindemer, George Thomas, Kevin Walsh, and Jeff Egan</p> <p><u>Proposal Discussed: #15 as proposed by Kim Bownes</u></p> <p><i>Any athlete who qualifies to NCAA Nationals is not eligible to race at a USCSA Regional competition therefore helping to qualify their team to our National event</i></p> <p>Discussion of Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern was offered by Laura Sullivan regarding whether or not a USCSA rule exists that prevents athletes from qualifying the team for a USCSA regional or national event with no intention of partaking in an NCAA regional event • Jesse Lindemar suggested that once the decision is made by the individual athlete to attend the required NCAA event, he or she cannot then return to USCSA national competition • Jim Pietrovito suggested writing a similar rule to the NCAA rule that mandates participation at USCSA nationals if he or she qualifies • Mark Sullivan contributed that he felt it should be handled at the coach level with the athlete as an aspect of sportsmanship rather than as a USCSA mandate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The problem then arises with the matter that NCAA skiing would not have enough teams to deem it an NCAA sanctioned sport. This could result in the loss of NCAA skiing as well as funding for these teams from NCAA. • This issue of qualifying a racer to NCAA nationals, while not frequent, does happen once every five years or so. • Jim Pietrovito asked what would happen if a racer were to qualify for NCAAs and not attend. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mark Sullivan explained that they would sanction the school that she attended. • Paul Wojick suggests that a bylaw be incorporated to consider such scenarios as unsportsmanlike and therefore sanctionable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mark specified that the rule would be broad and encompass various scenarios, not just NCAA Championships, that found someone who participates while knowingly being unable of proceeding in violation of the USCSA bylaws <p><u>Proposal Discussed: #18 as proposed by Amy Lane</u></p> <p><i>Resulting from Section 8 of the bylaws in section 7.02 Conference Jurisdiction the following proposal arises:</i></p> <p><i>Currently there is no organized Nordic division in the Mid-Eastern Conference, so the schools from throughout New York state compete at ECSC races throughout the season. I would like to petition for these schools to have full membership into the ECSC including all rights and privileges associated with membership.</i></p>

Discussion of Proposal

- Amy Lane clarified that the proposal requests approval for Nordic teams to cross regional and conference boundaries in order to have a critical mass in order to race. Additionally it will give the conference the ability to charge dues to teams participating from other conferences to help pay for the services that the out-of-conference teams also enjoy.
- Paul Wojick suggested that the transition be done on a temporary basis.
- Kim Bownes called for a vote on the proposal as proposed: 7 votes in favor, one opposed

Proposal Discussed: #20 as proposed by George Thomas

1. *That USCSA designates the participation of the two athletes selected to the US Nationals as a USCSA project.*
2. *That USCSA selects from within its ranks a coach to serve as project manager*
3. *The project manager is tasked—in consultation with the athletes and/or their home coach—to represent the athletes, to acquire lodging, coordinate transportation from the arrival airport(s), arrange of coordinate training for the two athletes, represent the athletes at the team captain's meeting and attend to any other details pertinent to best athletic performance on the part of the athletes.*
4. *That direct reimbursement of athlete expenses should be contingent upon participation with the USCSA US Nationals Project, and given comprehensive logistics and administrative care, athlete or home program reimbursement should therefore be limited to transportation to/from their nearest airport and airfare to the venue.*
5. *That the project manager be adequately compensated by USCSA for attending these tasks*

Discussion of Proposal

- George Thomas provided a particular anecdote regarding a student who qualified as an individual to Nationals and could not be supervised and assisted by his coach at the event.
 - George ultimately requests someone to supervise/chaperone the racer through the logistics of the event
- Mark Sullivan suggested that the intention is more for the home coach to attend the event with the racer.
- George Thomas also adds that having a project manager could be more cost effective based upon the \$1000/athlete reimbursement policy currently in place.
- Mark suggested that if it is strictly based upon finances, it could be handled on a situation by situation basis that incorporates the needs of the individual racer.
- Paul Wojick suggested that we may have to leave it that USCSA can help to defray expenses but that the logistics must be organized by the individual.
- Kim Bownes added that perhaps it needs to be the responsibility of the athlete's conference to arrange support from within the conference that is attending the event.
- Mark asked that a stipulation be made regarding an established amount for the USCSA budget.
- George Thomas also requested that a jacket or other USCSA identifier be provided for the athlete.
- Kim Bownes moved to amend the proposal to include the current \$1000 budget per athlete and to remove point number five in the proposal.
- Paul Wojick suggested that rather than including this in the rulebook to instead keep it as a privilege rather than an entitlement.
- Bill Hetrick asked that we make some administrative ruling that reflected this discussion in the committee's minutes.
- Paul Wojick offered that the minutes reflect that this discussion occurred and suggested that rather than writing new rules regarding the matter that USCSA would make a sincere effort to look out for these athletes.

Meeting adjourned

	<p>Replace with this: 0.00 USASA rules shall govern USCSA snowboard competition in all areas not specifically covered in the USCSA Rule Book. USASA rulings are referenced with (USASA) brackets. USASA rulebooks are available for download at www.USASA.org. USCSA competitions shall be governed first by the USCSA rules; second, in all areas not specifically covered, the USASA Competition rules shall be used.</p> <p>Remove this: 3.01 All courses must comply with standards set by USSA and FIS.</p> <p>Replace with this: 3.01 All courses must comply with standards set by USASA and USCSA.</p> <p>Remove this: 10.06 9b 1. 3-6 judges can be used at USSA Halfpipe events.</p> <p>Replace with this: 10.06 9b 1. 3-6 judges can be used at USASA and USCSA Halfpipe events.</p> <p>2nd (Jim Pietrovito) Discussion</p> <p>Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>
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SNOWBOARD MEETING MINUTES

SB-06	<p>Meeting Minutes Snowboard Committee</p> <p>Sam Bachhuber/Collin Casper Formulation of proposal from USASA is as follows:</p> <p>The Snowboard Committee proposes the adoption of the formation of a new relationship with the USASA for snowboard competition. This entails many aspects of competitive structure as well as a trial relationship for 1 year.</p> <p>In keeping with the existing structure of the USCSA, there will be a formation of 5 regional competition series under the USASA. Each of these series will have a USCSA appointed regional collegiate series director (RCSA). USASA will grant the addition of these 5 positions to the USASA Full Board of Directors.</p> <p>Five regional collegiate series directors will be expected to attend the fall USASA training seminar closest to their geographic area to learn software and policies at no admission charge. Nominal charge to be approved to take the ‘judge training’ seminar.</p> <p>Five regional collegiate series directors will be given free entry into the USASA national competition as per existing USASA policies.</p> <p>There exists an annual USASA Sanctioning fee \$250 for each series. This cost might go to \$300 per collegiate series in the future. Based on this model, the cost for the formation of the 5 series would equal \$1250 per season.</p> <p>In keeping with existing structure of the USASA, the USASA Creates 5 new series in their system (R-</p>
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values). The local series hosts competition for his R-value and also the region series R-value for Collegiate. After competition, these results are split based on R-value coding. USCSA results would then be isolated under the unique R-value for each of the 5 USCSA geographical regions.

USCSA snowboard conference competition will take place in conjunction with USASA series that are in closest proximity.

Understanding Conference/Series Structure

Hierarchy: 5 Regions, 11 Conferences, 38 Series (USASA)

Language Clarification – Series is a local, conference event. Regional is a sanctioned regional event, but there could be multiple regional championships within one region prior to the establishment of critical mass and as a result of geographical restrictions within an given region.

Refer to section 7.1 of goldenrod rules

Region 1 – West (Rocky, NW, Grand Teton)

USASA: Inland Northwest (Washington), Hood Series, Enter the Dragon (Oregon), Payette (Idaho), Intermountain (Utah/So Idaho/Wyoming), Aspen, Southwest Colorado, Coppermountain (Colorado) Experience (New Mexico)

Region 2 – Far West (NCCSC, SCCSC)

USASA: No. Tahoe, So. Tahoe, Vans/Unbound, Central CA, So Cal Conf, San Gabriel

Region 3 – Midwest

USASA: Frozen Chosen, Uppermidwest (Minnesota), Iowa (Iowa), Raging Buffalos (Illinois) Midwest Best, Tirol Basin (Wisconsin), Superior, Middle Earth, Huck Fin (Michigan), Snow Ohio (Ohio)

Region 4 – Eastern (Eastern, Mideast Conference Adirondack)

USASA: Western NY, Catskill, N. NY (New York), N. Vermont, C. Vermont, S. Vermont (Vermont), New Hampshire (NH), Maine (Maine), Massachusetts (Mass)

Region 5 - Midatlantic (Allegheny, Southeastern, N. Jersey, Mideast Conference Empire Division)

USASA: Midatlantic (E. Penn, Jersey), MasonDixon (W. Virginia, N. Virginia), Edge of the World (NorthCarolina)

Regarding regions, a college must choose which region they want to have as their home region for competition. Within this region, they will be required to choose the conference/series that they will participate. Reference Conference Jurisdictional Proposal for additional clarification.

Scheduling of USCSA conference Competition

As soon as USASA posts 2006-2007 schedules, USCSA conferences would discuss where they want to compete during the competition. As a current guide to weekend placement, a schedule should be produced in advance of posted 2006-2007 schedule which is modeled based on 2005-2006 season so as to gauge critical mass issues within USASA competitions.

USCSA Birth Allocation to USASA competition

Nationals Starts to USASA will be provided based on the following:

Top three male and female finishers from each individual competition held at the USCSA nationals would then receive invitation to attend the USASA nationals in only those individual events. The top 1 male and female overall USCSA national champion will be provided an invitation to attend all three events at USASA nationals that mirror the events held at USCSA national competition. These competitors will compete in either their USASA age division or the open class and this must be determined at USASA nationals registration.

Marketing Aspects

	<p>USASA offers web page for each of the 5 regions. Have to abide by USASA template. Can direct competitors to USCSA site from USASA site for registration.</p> <p><i>Non-competitive agreement concerning Collegiate Competition</i> USASA would not seek to host their own “Collegiate National Snowboard Championship” event now or in the future when critical mass might be achieved. Collegiate National Snowboard Championships will be limited to only the USCSA.</p> <p>USASA will work to produce exported results that correspond at the region level which are based on the USCSA team and individual scoring results. USASA will initially compile all results for team and season awards.</p> <p>Sam Bachhuber Proposes that the board authorizes funding to sending 1 RCSD to the USASA national competition.</p> <p>Discussion between Sam Bachhuber, Collin Casper, Bill Hartman regarding the need for representation. Proposal changed to reflect the following and agreed upon by committee members present at meeting.</p> <p>Sam Bachhuber Proposes that the board authorizes travel funding to send RCSD representation to the USASA Board Meeting not to exceed \$1500. Approved by Committee.</p> <p>Proposal 11 Continental Cup vs. Place Points Committee members agree that place points will be used as the primary method for determining our national overall champions.</p> <p>Proposal 13 Tie breaking method for snowboarding overall combined will be based on World Cup Points. Committee is in agreement with this method.</p> <p>Proposal 12 Shift order of events at nationals based on proposal. Committee is in agreement.</p> <p>Conference Jurisdiction Proposal The committee proposes a blanket exemption to the no crossing of boundaries rule for snowboarders. Therefore if there are no opportunities to compete in a USCSA competition on the basis of proximity and convenience in your region, you are eligible to cross regional and conference boundaries. This exemption is to be granted for one year (for the 2006-2007 competition). Your team must declare that they are to become a full member of that region and that region only. Dues will be paid to that region and to the chosen conference of participation. Attendance at regional championship will be within that region. Attendance at all regional meetings will be mandatory. You do not have the ability to switch regions mid-season. Statement agreed upon by committee members.</p>
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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND REGIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE

AA-06 RG-06	Bill Toof (Chairperson - absent), Jeff Egan (MidEast Conf.), Bill Hetrick (Allegheny Conf.), Mark Sullivan (Eastern Conf. & WPI) Andy Rangen (Midwest Conf)
GENERAL	

	<p>2nd (Jim Petrovito) Discussion</p> <p>Snowboarding would not be open to anyone. SB have to compete through a regional competition no longer an open invitation. (open invitation will go away, same as the cross country that if you do not have a competition of the discipline then you can petition to come)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approved Unanimous Voice</p>
RG-06-04	<p>4) The cost must include necessary race and hill fees, not of the following: T-Shirts, Awards, Banquet</p> <p>2nd Kim Bownes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approved Unanimous Voice</p>

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MEETING MINTUES

AA-06	No Report
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BUSINESS AND LEGAL

BL-06	<p>Jeff Egan (Chairperson, Mideast Conf. & Syracuse Univ.), Bill Hetrick (Allegheny Conf.), Paul Wojick (President & St. Olaf College), Ron Bonneau, (Northwest Conf., Albertson College), Amy Lane (VP Nordic & WPI), Betsy Pantalzelos (Alpine Student Representative & BU), Andy Rangen (Midwest & Member at Large)</p>
GENERAL	No Report

OLD BUSINESS

BL-05-03	<p>Paul Wojick Motion: Institution fee</p> <p>To increase \$25 on the institutional fee form \$100 to \$125 for 2007-08 (After Nov. 23rd Late fee will be \$175)</p> <p>2nd (Dave Gyger) Discussion</p> <p>Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>
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NEW BUSINESS

BL-06-01	<p>Sam Bachhuber Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$1500 to finance the 5 regional directors to go the USASA to attend the BOD directors <p>2nd Dave Gyger Discussion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Approved 18 Opposed Abstentions 2</p>
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insurance under NSSP out of Montana. Stuck as to where they can go with limited options. NSSP originally ski school/ski patrol – underwriter expanded to include ski racing programs. Costs are minimal for each conference, roughly 2-3K. Asked to have a proposal for all nation asked of Jack Lawson. Covers officials, volunteers, and all on-hill/off-hill functions in that assignment. Covers board meetings, conference meetings. Involves public, involves course setup, involves against racer claims as well. Umbrella policy – he proposed a policy that would cover each conference, not an umbrella policy. Have national purchase policy that would cover nationals and the 5 regions since these are the current events. Based on the info given, it would cost \$3000 - \$3500 to cover all aspects of nationals and 5 regionals. Currently we fund through membership of either USSA membership or USASA membership. If purpose in joining these organizations is for insurance, this would offer a new viable option.

Jeff Egan - Numbers given for Allegheny, \$3k, So Cal \$2k. How is this tabulated?

Bill Hetrick – It is based on the number of racers in conf, number of officials, and number of volunteers. Basic fee, person fee.

Jeff Egan

If we have a formula for this and really understand, what I would like to see is this. Conversation based on Ithaca college communications. Risk Management person concerned because Ithaca college is one of schools that holds meet in conference. Goes back to Eastern series (Dartmouth winter carnival) Benefit to the school is that they are allowed to make small profit off of event. Does this USCSA provide insurance? No, currently the event site (mtn) liability covers this facet. However, since Ithaca college name is on this, sense of this, the USCSA needs some liability coverage. If there infact is a lawsuit, and I'm not a lawyer, if the USCSA is served legal papers to Paul Wojick of the USCSA, and to Laura Sullivan Exec Dir, the USCSA has no liability coverage. Current speculation, assumption is that some events are scored by USSA, does the USSA name the USCSA as additionally insured?

Laura Sullivan - No

Jeff Egan

Simply ask for proof of insurance, they are accepting the liability. Some will give in heartbeat. When ski area goes to shopping center, they carry insurance. Someone from Glens Falls... The real point here is that the argument is the issue is there is this organization after 25 years in existence, do we want to protect with some liability coverage.

Laura Sullivan

Issues want to bring up. Having a school name the race is liability. Demise of school under Western New England College carnival. Because Ithaca hosting, first to be sued is the university. Some divisions still name after school, should change. From another legal point of view, the national organization needs to cover board of directors, at nationals and I completely agree 100%. Only thing we can control is to protect ourselves. Beauty of USCSA is each has their own system. Some want to be part of USSA, some want no part of USSA.

Jeff Egan - Would like to address this issue separately from USSA.

Laura Sullivan

Can not force each conference to be c uniform on all accounts. BOD is not covered, it should be.

Andy Rangen - National Championships is our biggest issue

Mark Sullivan

USSA insurance covers competitors, area, race officials. Does not cover Ex Dir, coaches, or any of the USCSA BOD. Does cover some aspects, but does not protect organization from lawsuit.

Andy Rangen

Scared because regionals is a USCSA event, does not score as a USSA event, so is not covered by

insurance. Since regionals is USCSA event, where does the coverage come from

Jeff Egan

Is it your understanding (to Bill Hetrick) would this policy solve the issues of protecting the USCSA Nationals and Regionals? Why would it have to be limited to these, why not to all nation regarding 'staff'. If we have this number, which Bill Hetrick has, now covered for 'x' amount of dollars, now go back to Allegheny conference, how much will this cost. Go to each conference and add the people from each conference to cover USCSA. Then go back to Midwest, it will cost 'x' amount. There would be looking at all officials and names.

Andy Rangen

In that a lot of conferences already have existing coverage for races, should we consider consulting legal expert to give guidance about double-coverage through USSA and NSSP.

Bill Hetrick

When I talked regarding Umbrella coverage, all conferences need to have insurance. Reason that they need to have it is that we cannot escape the fact that the conference races affect. Each conference's cost would additionally insure USCSA. Had discussion of what it would cost to insure individually each conference. Provide to USCSA only \$3500. If go back to cover everyone, it would be \$25-\$30k as an estimate. Cost savings in here just by the scale talking about. Cheaper to do under umbrella way than to have 11 different approaches and nationally. Recommend that we also get competing bids. Been good over the past few years, cheap, and easy to work with NSSP.

Laura Sullivan

It's nice to say we have insurance, but must have details. Don't know what happens when we have actual claim.

Bill Hetrick

Not bargain basement policy, costs have come down because zero claims to liability. Thing that the institutions must know, we don't cover racer on the hill. Racer must be covered by institution itself, homeowners policy, or USSA membership. Does USSA membership cover when not at USSA competition. Not our responsibility to cover the racers at competition. We are at point where we need to go out and get a few other insurance policies to compare. How will we cover cost?

Laura Sullivan

Are you proposing two items. Cover BOD at Nationals, or all USCSA.

Bill Hetrick

Looking to have the entire umbrella policy.

Laura Sullivan

Do we have any option for conferences?

Bill Hetrick

That's a policy that we can't deal with because the insurance must cover the entire USCSA. When conference runs race, it is still a USCSA competition. We will be named in claim regardless.

Andy Rangen

Might this be something that the lawyer could tell us?

Paul Wojick

Can get advice as what we need to get for sure. What we need to have put through is if this is something that the BOD is interested in seeking out. Paul can take exactly what have in mind, specifically covered, should have legally. Don't have to put down exact details, must just put direction forward.

Mark Sullivan

If conference has USSA race, they are covered for that group. We need to require by USSA, must require the upper chain of coverage to support USCSA operators only. Must provide proof of that insurance and at that event. I will pay as a conference the upward insurance coming out of this USCSA insurance that we decide.

Paul Wojick

Unless we buy blanket policy.

Tom Collins

USASA does not pay for additional insurance for the BOD meeting.

Jeff Egan

Want to task to the committee direction moving forward. My sense of step number one is that we need to protect USCSA. Recommendation is that this committee takes necessary steps to solicit information from multiple insurance cover policies to cover USCSA, BOD and employees. Might change based on lawyer discussion. Then to allow each conference to add on their officials to add on at whatever the cost may be. The other option is such that if you are buying through USSA or USASA, that is proof of insurance. Liability coverage USCSA, every conference should supply policy for conference activity. Does this make sense Bill

Bill Hetrick

As long as it is understood, that whatever conf chooses, the USCSA is additionally insured on their choice of policy.

Laura Sullivan

It's like naming the school. Gives you option of going after organization in lawsuit.

Jeff Egan

Notify every conf coordinator that risky business to name event as an individual school event. Tasked Bill Hetrick to put language together for the board. **Intent to provide liability coverage for the USCSA and to allow each conference to participate in this, and do we want the third step to say each individual conference must provide some proof of insurance at this point for their events.**

Bill Hetrick

I think so. As long as each conference is stating that each conference add USCSA additionally insured.

Mark Sullivan

Absolutely! Animated response with enthusiasm not to be matched. No insurance, out the door.

Jeff Egan

Must consult liability attorney. Looking at other ways to do this, allow ski resort to put on event. They provide insurance. Must have them additionally insured conference and USCSA. Must propose how to pay for this, or will this cost conference x dollars. Financially we are in good shape.

Laura Sullivan

Can you also go ask where something happens when we can't host nationals. Is there an insurance we could have that would help cover the cost. Would like to know if this is something that we can have happen.

Jeff Egan

Let's look at USCSA coverage first, then address Laura's National Comp issue. Intent is Liability for USCSA to allow each conference to join in and add people at their cost and thirdly, that we require proof of insurance for every USCSA event. Assuming at the moment only alpine events?

Bill Hetrick

No, all events

Jeff Egan

What are we doing with snowboarding.

Laura Sullivan

USASA covering only national championship. But it could change. Consider USASA similar to USSA.

Sam Bachhuber

To a greater extent, we are going to create 5 regional conferences under USASA. Not only is it a USASA comp, and entity this conference.

Jeff Egan

I'm hoping that we might save everyone money. Hoping

Sam Bachhuber

If effort nationwide is to start freestyle SB events at that level, and don't want to be USASA, then you would have to take a close look at if/weather you are able.

Jeff Egan

Calling an end to the meeting. Three things covered prior. Will require some type of insurance across the entire nation. Most importantly, the USCSA will have a liability policy by start of race season this year.

Laura Sullivan

Do we have a deadline for insurance policy?

Jeff Egan

Let's go with December 1 for each year. Looking for costs that might go across country for this. This is end of discussion. Bill, are you satisfied.

Bill Hetrick

Would like to see what happens with the board.

Paul Wojick

We will get it done.

Deadline for insurance bids at end of August.

Next Topic

Proposal 8

Collin Casper - Read the proposal and basic ideas.

Paul Wojick - We can make short order, all proposals would be put to full board. Proposal, recommend

Jeff Egan - Approve concept of soliciting the boards.

Robin - Try 3M and duct tape.

Next Topic

Paul Wojick

Do we want to do anything with dues? Concerned with the impact of insurance on budget. Two things worth considering. 1. Do we want to build something into dues structure? 2. Do we want to begin to defray small portion of national competition through dues.

	<u>Jeff Egan</u> - Want to talk budget after Marketing. We will address these concerns with budgets.
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MARKETING

MKT-0	Paul Wojick (Chairperson), Jeff Egan (Mideastern Conf. Coordinator), Collin Casper (SCSSC Conf. Coordinator) Amy Lane (ECSC Nordic), Skip Ravel, Bill Hartman (SB Student Rep.)
GENERAL	Paul state that all issue of Marketing for 2006 will be itemized under one proposal for this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

MKT-06	<p>Marketing – Move that the BOD propose the 2006 – 2007 Budget:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All Races need to be named “USCSA” 2) Re-approve \$2550 – Live Timing 3) \$2000 brochures – Reliable Racing annual fall and beyond –X , catalogue 4) Will send the cross country VP to USSA Congress with the funding. 5) Miscellaneous contingency <p>2nd Dave Gyger Discussion</p> <p>Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>
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MARKETING MEETING MINTUTES

MKT	<p><u>Marketing Subcommittee</u></p> <p><u>Jeff Egan</u> Marketing chair and committee members read.</p> <p><u>Paul Wojick</u> Two business items. 1. Recommending the approval of continuing the advertising with SplitSecond. \$2500 cost. And that we keep in budget the funds that we already have for brochure which is almost complete.</p> <p><u>Jeff Egan</u> Are we ready to go with Brochure? We have flyer. Are they printed yet?</p> <p><u>Laura Sullivan</u> Did not have all software, want to have Jeff Egan approve before sending out. Now have software. Cost of printing is \$1600. Going to every shipment from Reliable Racing.</p> <p><u>Paul Wojick</u> Want to put in catalog. John Jacobs says catalog is good for this activity.</p>
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Jeff Egan

Propose doing something in addition to what we currently do. Our first major step with brochure and to let people know who we are and what we do. Want to take important next step. Do, at least for this first year, for every team that goes through qualifying process, that we actually (since we have media form in existence). What I want to ensure that we do this activity and send press release. Important to let students know that they indeed have team. Can help with ensuring funding. Second thing, send letter of congratulations to the highest official on the campus (Chancellor and/or Ads). Generic letter that comes from Pres or Exec Dir. Congrats on performance of ski team etc at current nationals comp.

Paul Wojick

From financial side of this, should have enough money to write articles in professionally qualified position. Higher a publicist of sorts, journalist major. Recommendation from committee through promoting

Laura Sullivan

Do this already in ECSC that has structure to do press release every week. Must submit these articles. Also have professional photographer. Suggest that new student rep Betsy is here. Can we get her to nationals?

Paul Wojick

Would like to recommend sending her to Nationals.

Collin Casper

SCCSC does this already, newsletters, letters to administration.

Laura Sullivan

Would like to recommend Betsy

Bill Hartman

Concerned – his experience was such that there was not necessarily any publicity regarding the organization.

Jeff Egan

Shocked at the fact that it could be detrimental.

Paul Wojick

Should we recommend that we don't want to publicize

Mark Sullivan

Allow checkbox about communication to/from universities.

Jeff Egan

Confirm with these teams regarding the marketing pros/cons. Thought was to do this for regional and national. Wanted to give credit where credit is due.

Utilize popular social websites

Collin Casper

Cost prohibitive to get proper impression level.

Brandon Clifford

Did attempt to do this with season pass sales, and was not worth the investment.

Laura Sullivan

Pricing to advertise on website.

	<p><u>Mark Sullivan</u> Had direction to Split Second – see logo. Not necessarily the direct click-through rate, but the visibility on the site.</p> <p><u>Paul Wojick</u> Number of races posted on splitsecond increased exponentially. Should see this for the next few years.</p> <p><u>Laura Sullivan</u> Uniformity with posting. “USCSA and then the conference” Would like to propose this to board.</p> <p><u>Paul Wojick</u> I would like to make this a directive from all conference coordinators.</p> <p>All in agreement – group vocalizes a ‘YES’.</p> <p>Paul requests that Laura reminds him about</p>
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STUDENT ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

NEW BUSINESS

STD-06	Student representative will be hosting a new newsletter that will be published three times during the year. The Newsletter will be e-mailed and posted to the USCSA web site. They will follow pre-season,
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OLD BUSINESS

STD- 06	No Report
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STUDENT ATHLETIC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MKT-06	<p><u>Student Athlete Committee: (Meeting Minutes)</u></p> <p>Present: Ava, Betsy, Bill, Jesse, Eric, Amy, Jim, Andy, Gordon</p> <p>Amy – This committee is trying to take an active role at Nationals Ava – reception? Amy – there’s a reception at the beginning, and the awards banquet at the end Amy – How would you like to help out at Nationals? Ava – If there’s someone there, it would be nice if you were there. Jim, Bill will probably be there Andy has a question about who will be up for election again – Ava and Bill will Jim – Talked a lot last year about the website. Forum? Andy – People look at the forum a lot – 1000 a day. Probably big spikes in Sept. – Nov. Trouble is getting people to make posts and general discussion. Maybe the student reps can start discussions on there. Also maybe there’s some information we can provide about smoothing out the registration process. Also need to keep up moderation in order to make it smooth. Betsy – advertising? I’d never heard about the forum before this weekend Jim – add to general discussion – equipment discussions – have you tried out this ski yet? Also, however, be cautious about what you post – make sure you don’t inadvertently give false information. Betsy – how do we disseminate this information about the forum? Laura – mass e-mail? Amy – bring it up at conference meetings about student athlete positions and forum information Laura – How can we make it more esthetically pleasing? Betsy – a little more streamlined, easier to find information</p>
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	<p>Amy – I tried to look up my information. Need Contacts, Results, How to start a team, rulebook Laura – By next Thursday, come up with a list of what you would like to be changed, email to Laura. Ava – can you send us an e-mail to remind us? Laura – yep. We really need to get feedback from your age group Jim – Need elected people to have uscsa e-mails Gordon – Unrelated comment – do you guys use Face book or my space? Can we use it as a recruitment tool? Affirmative response Laura – Vests, Newsletter – student athlete rep writes an article once a month or so Amy – Newsletter pre-season, in-season, post-season. Coach’s poll, new students Betsy has English degree, so could work on that. Jesse – Probably don’t want this too early in the year, like during the summer when nothing happens Gordon - Could link topics to the forum – discuss this topic further on the forum Amy – Preseason info: coach’s poll, team fun trips, training tips, etc. Gordon – Editorials one per article – Nordic one letter, Alpine another, Snowboard another Betsy can take the lead on putting it together – maybe just a template Jim – Colin has a template for their area. Could probably piggyback off his. Amy – last thing that Laura wanted to bring up was networking with younger folks like highschoolers. What’s Facebook and myspace? Table explains how it works.</p> <p>Immediate Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Betsy is going to put together a template for newsletter - Reps are going to work on website updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of information we’re looking for - Esthetically - Search feature - General date updates - Start posting information on the forum
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NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

NA - 05	Jeff Egan (Chairperson, Mideastern Conference, Empire Division) Kim Bownes (VP Alpine), Ava Bell (Cross Country Student Athlete Rep.)
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NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

NA-06-01	<p>Holger Petersen Volunteer Award</p> <p>The Recipient of the 2006 Holger Petersen Volunteer Award is Mark Sullivan</p>
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MEETING MINUTES

NA-05	No report
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REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NA-06	<p>Meeting Minutes Regional Committee</p> <p>History Proposal 4 yrs ago – standardizing regional omps, none existed Did not recognize regional events as national events</p> <p>Reading of current rules from USCSA rule book 7.1</p> <p><i>Side note, but to be addressed:</i> Problems with teams not going, teams going, but not sending full contingent – affect budget</p> <p><u>Bill Hetrick:</u> Include snowboarding at regional competition, not for qualification, but for merely participation, confirming desire to compete at National level. – Any snowboarder who wants to compete and nationals, must compete at regional comp. Hosted at same time as alpine or at different venue as such ‘blessed’ by USCSA.</p> <p>Write into policy</p> <p><u>George Thomas:</u> Concern – Logistics’ of transportation, have SB event in location where they are located.</p> <p><u>Brandon Clifford:</u> If agreed upon, can have regionals if hosting conference, otherwise, not have to do so if it does not fit the region.</p> <p><u>Bill Hartman</u> Midwest – SB regionals, attempted to mirror, can change based on agreement with USASA. Problem was needing someone there to run the event – not possible for the existing crews at mountains in region to be able to offer both at same time.</p> <p><u>Sam B.</u> Proposal not there to create barrier to get to nationals. USCSA owns rights to regionals and nationals. USASA will provide only the event, not ownership of the regionals.</p> <p><u>Eva Bell</u> Take regular race and then calls it regionals. What about having 1 team in conference, do they still have to go to regionals? Detrimental to participation.</p> <p><u>Tom Collins</u> Overwhelm the event if the numbers are so large as terms of competition. Would have to have second event through USASA. Will have to look into what will work</p> <p>Bill Hetrick Can’t write anything exclusionary</p> <p><u>Bill Hartman</u> Proposal one – what does happen to qualify? It’s invitational “quotes proposal” No reference to SB qual process.</p> <p><u>Collin Casper</u> Do not have a regionals, must have an event that you sanction as a regional event.</p> <p><u>Ave Bell</u> Can we have exception for first year teams?</p>
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Bill Hetrick

Not saying “no”.

Sam Bacchuber

Might be looking at the chicken before the egg problem. Not yet time to make the rule because structure does not exist.

Bill Hetrick

Conf coordinator so involved can have it for region, even if not hosting conference during season.

Andy Rangen

What if conference has regionals, could host if participation. Issue facing – SB want to go to nationals without going to nationals.

Sam Bacchuber – can sanction event with agreement of all conference coordinators. SB committee meeting to address the structure at national level. Part of structure is to have USCSA person operate USASA competition, communicate and coordinate regionals and local events.

Amy Lane – pink rules 2.00 (a) paragraph 2. Minimum is have to have raced at regional championships. Always have regionals in region. If extenuating circumstance, then can write protest to allow if can’t make the comp.

Bill Hartman – yellow rules 4.01 Would have to be revised – linguistics of text unclear, do SB follow under. Sections include 4.01 a, b, c, d, e, f.

Bill Hetrick

Section 7 2.00 third paragraph to provide model for language.

Proposal would include “to revise text of previously noted” and require all competitors at nationals to come through a USCSA sanctioned regional event, utilizing XC language of section 7” Passed

Bill Hetrick

Accept the following that there be a 4-day format outlined in the proposal 5.

Bill Hetrick talked Ron Bonneau out of the notion of having a stated 4-day competition. Cost burden unacceptable. Ron Bonneau did not want to make this a rule that it is a 4-day competition.

George Thomas

Provided text of his position regarding Rocky Mountain. Looked at cheapest venue for calc of 4-day, looking at roughly \$216 per person. Costs

Brandon Clifford

Regionals costs astronomical in Colorado – should use second tier areas to host the competition to reduce the costs of the venue. Rocky Mountain does not want to host at second tier, because of lack of staff

Bill Hetrick

Rules say that all conf coordinators must agree on the venue.

Collin Casper

Nor Cal and So Cal issue same as Western Regional conference. Suggested a different rotation to fit the Western Region structure.

Bill Hetrick

Have 2-day events, put 150-168 get them through without daylight or time issues. Have comp on Friday/Saturday.

Brandon Clifford

No issues with Slalom, Issue is with GS. Time constraint with length of course.

Jesse

Midwest problem – regionals are so close to nationals – the issue is such that students don't get excused. One week of nationals creates a full week loss of learning and catchup game. 4-day is not a good solution for Midwest based on time, money and academics. First and foremost, school is priority. 300 racers in a day.

Bill Hetrick

Summarizing 4-day. Should not be part of this decision. It should remain as a regional decision. Unless, national can stipulate the number of days if want. Nationals could not dictate 2-days. **Recommend drop this 4-day from the proposal. Calling vote to drop both 4-day and \$180 cap of cost.**

George Thomas

Keeping costs down is essential, this is something that should be worked out between the coordinators

Ave Bell

Change text to reference "keeping cost as low as possible"

Bill Hetrick

Suggests that we alter section 1.03 d Pink section. Add "cost" to list of items to be discussed between coordinators

Voting:

Agreement to drop both 4-day and \$180 cap of cost. Unanimous

Bill Hetrick

Call to discussion on feeling of requiring items such as banquet, awards, goodie bags, t-shirts. Have banquet on night of first day of event.

George Thomas

Had banquet, did awards, all on final evening. Having banquet on night prior to last day of events, but undue burden on coaches, routine. Breaks up flow of preparation. Should be left up to the coordinators of conference. National governing body should not be able to dictate. Ok if conference wants to do this activity.

Ave Bell

Should not be dictated to have these soft-cost periphery. Do not offer these items. Mimic nationals as much as possible.

Bill Hetrick

Do all regions offer awards?

Tom Collins

Suggests standardized awards that USASA produces with USCSA logo. Roughly \$2 per award cost with ribbon.

Jeff Egan

Asks for clarity when discussing each regions regionals (SB, XC, ALP)

Bill Hetrick

What do we want to include in guaranteeing uniformity. Should include necessary passes and entry fees.

George Thomas

Want to put on the best event possible. But asking for use of common sense and to not dictate uniformity.

Bill Hetrick

Show of hands to state “cost per athlete is to include the daily lift pass and daily race entry fees”

Andy Rangen

Does this mean that we have to pay everything to the regional coordinator?

Bill Hartman

Clarifying Andy’s question

Bill Hetrick

All asking for is that the proposed cost includes the two aforementioned items. Does not dictate the way and whom shall collect monies.

Voted Section 7, 1.03 d

Majority to include “cost per athlete is to include the daily lift pass and daily race entry fees”, which is taken to mean the bare minimum of attempting to mimic the national championship.

Bill Hartman

Shall we dismiss the entire proposal

Bill Hetrick

Saying, not dismiss, but finished work through the items that came out of this discussion. Asked Brandon if missed any of Ron Bonneau’s topics. Paul Wojick to handle for now how to deal with Proposal 6. Discussion moves to this topic. How do we address this issue.

Bill Hartman

Penalty for not being able to go to the national event is such that it is either a cost issue or a conflict of education issue.

Mark Sullivan

Fine if you can’t go, but must notify in a timely manner.

Bill Hartman

Felt vibe that this was stating sports came before education.

Bill Hetrick

Working on responsibility.

Brandon Clifford

Colorado College Women could not attend, did not notify.

Mark Sullivan

Who pays fine, who’s at fault?

Brandon Clifford

Suggests a timeframe to provide an answer. Suggested 48 hours.

Mike Dzubay

Sometimes cost benefit. Pay money to nationals, individuals don’t see the costs and decide to not go forward to nationals since they don’t see the outcome. If don’t mention, is it fare to penalize them for next season.

Bill Hartman

Should maybe it fall on the alternate teams to make sure that they communicate with those who qualify.

Collin Casper

Agree with Bill Hartman, does not see it as a one-sided issue.

Bill Hetrick

Concerned about financial policy. Potentially large amount of loss if communication is not shared amongst all conference coordinators and teams.

Brandon Clifford

Suggest that confirmation of attendance should be given to national office in 48 hours.

Andy Rangen

This model does not apply to Nordic and SB athletes.

Mark Sullivan

Budget right to the line for Alpine competition at nationals.

Andy Rangen

Qualified teams for alpine only. Understand the clarity.

Mark Sullivan

New Division entering into conference. Want to be able to give some ability for them to have representation for entry to nationals. 84 per sex, total of 168 exists. As event organizer, feel can add 12 more to field, pushing to 100 per sex. Need another birth for men and women to re-allocate births to regionals. Looking for direction from committee as to how to re-allocate based on discussions with Willy Steinrotter and Mark Sullivan. One comes through expansion of field and one comes from ECSC or Willy's region. Gray area as to how to do this activity.

Bill Hetrick

Committee supports Mark's recommendation that Mark and Willy Steinrotter will work out amicable solution to re-allocation of regional births between conferences now that Maine has been added to the mix.

Amy Lane

Proposal 18 – rule book goldenrod section 7.02 Regional boundary issues. For her league, want to officially ask that all teams in NY are officially associated with the ECSC conference (Nordic Only). And should reap all benefits, as well as make payments to conference. Concerned about loss of Nordic programs with expansion of Maine and with NY. No conference coordinators in those regions currently.

Mike Dzubay

Questions the holding of insurance.

Amy Lane

States there are currently no insurance policies held for the Nordic competitions at the conference and regional level.

Mark Sullivan

Teams jump both conference and regional boundaries. This is the concern.

Bill Hartman

7.02 read rules. Affects all three divisions.

Bill Hetrick

This goes on beyond the text of 7.02 and we need to move forward.

Amy Lane

Wants to treat them all as ECSC teams. This is for the entire season competition. Get benefits but don't have to attend the meetings.

	<p><u>Bill Hetrick</u> This committee supports concept of Amy's recommendation. Rules Committee should address this in more detail.</p> <p>Coming up in Full Board 7.01 3 d: Length of time to stipulate in writing the regionals competition. Proposal made out of discussion at Full Board regarding a 60-day written notice of costs, schedule, etc.</p> <p><u>George Thomas</u> Thinks that 60 days too long, 30 days would be fine. The suggestion of communication.</p> <p><u>Jeffy Wolf</u> Attempting to describe the situation in Western Region regarding not knowing when the event would take place.</p> <p><u>Paul Wojick</u> Stick to merits of proposal.</p> <p><u>Jeff Egan</u> Trying to understand. 60 days in advance – the conferences agreeing or letting know to all teams at the 60 days.</p> <p><u>Bill Hetrick</u> Clarifying,</p> <p><u>Paul Wojick</u> Point of order – expanding duties of executive director. We should be aware of this situation.</p> <p>Bill Hetrick Motion: That item 7.1.03 d of the rulebook The details regarding the regional event be completed by at least 60 days in advance of the event. (add to end of section and remember that 'cost' was also approved to be added to body of event).</p>
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NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

NCC-06	<p>Paul Wojick (Chairperson), Kim Bownes (Alpine Coordinator), Amy Lane (Cross Country Coordinator), Sam Bachhuber (Snowboard Coordinator), Laura Sullivan (Executive Director), Bill Hartman (SB student Rep), Jim Peitrovito (Male Alp Student Rep), Betsy Pantelos (Female Alp Student Rep), Mark Sullivan (VP USCSA. ECSC chair) (All Ex- Officio members)</p>
GENERAL	<p>Paul Wojick thanked all of the help from the VP of USCSA at the National Championships. Special thanks to Sam Bacchuber who kept the Snowboard from failure.</p> <p>Paul will change the wording for this group to eliminate school as representation to this group and replace it with VP's and one Student representatives from each discipline.</p> <p>2007 Bid discussion: Collin Casper submitted a bid from Mammoth Mountain, Ca., which is too much. Collin will go back to the organizers there with this problem and see if they can renegotiate the price.</p>

	<p>Mark Sullivan is working with Snowbasin in Utah for a price and commitment. Will have an answer within a few weeks.</p> <p><u>Student Representatives</u></p> <p>Ideas to convey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Webs site accessibility, a forum for students; ▪ we fully support a professional photographer for National Championship ▪ . In regards to Nationals, We like all daily awards together, push back later in the day and schedule for 4 pm. ▪ Awards Banquet, like to still have it have the dress code a semi formal and have it distributed and have it in the registration packets. ▪ Have Academic all American help with Awards,. ▪ To have consistent awards the executive board approves. ▪ Quality awards, indicative of the area. ▪ Team awards could be the same year to year. Individual awards could be different. ▪ Student athletes need to be more involved with the events. Like the parade of the teams at National, help the student athletes help with opening ceremonies, increase the visibility let other athletes. ▪ Consider a T-Shirt or vest that designates them as student athletes
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OLD BUSINESS

<p>NCC-02 -01</p>	<p>Ron Bonneau</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SITE SELECTION</p> <p>If you have a specific proposal pertaining to this topic that you would like considered, please write full text of a proposal below. NOTE: If you are proposing a Rule or By-law change, include: The current wording of the item, the proposed change, and the proposed new wording, including the change;</p> <p><u>Section 7, 3.00</u></p> <p>It is very clear that the Championship will be rotated east and west and that site approval will be made at the annual Board of Directors meeting two years prior to the date of that competition.</p> <p>It is not clear who is in fact responsible for identifying sites and bids for the National Championship.</p> <p>The National Championship Committee be charged with the task of identifying sites in the respective geographical areas which meet the criteria of 3.01 (b). The Committee membership would need to define roles and responsibilities amongst themselves to meet the expectations outlined in the By-Laws.</p> <p>Proposal; assign the championship committee to seek bids. Charge put upon the committee to do so. If it is one designated to one</p> <p>2nd (Mark Sullivan)</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Paul W. Is it the event coordinator or someone of body of (committee) who should be looking for a championship site should entail? It is written that we should be 2 years out with our bids. It is difficult to get this in between meetings during the year. I suggest at this point that until we have an event coordinator, Laura is our point person at this time. Locate the responsibility in the position of our executive</p> <p>Ron – Have the committee choose who the designated person is to be the point person. Unfortunately no one has done the job because we are reacting to a lack of action. The committee needs to take ownership. Want this committee to take ownership.</p> <p>Jeff - we should fill the position with the person who we believe can do the job. I think the Executive Vp (Mark) position should be responsible for this job. Always try to fill this position with the best</p>
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	Approved	Opposed 2	Abstentions 5
	<p>3) Change to Section 7, 200 a Third paragraph “ all USCSA teams cross Country teams must compete in ...</p> <p>Motion Add Snowboarding to this section so that snowboarding is not just open to anyone, SB have to compete through a regional competition no longer an open invitation. (open invitation will go away, same as the cross country that if you do not have a competition of the discipline then you can petition to come)</p> <p>2nd (Jim Pietrovito) Discussion</p> <p>Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>		
	<p>Motion 4) The cost must included :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Race fees and ticket ▪ T-Shirts ▪ Awards ▪ Banquet <p>2nd (Kim Bownes) Discussion Approved Opposed Abstentions 1</p>		
NCC-06-03	<p>Collin Casper Motion</p> <p>To alleviate some of the stresses around the national competition regarding scoring and daily awards, I propose that the daily awards ceremony be moved from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm.</p> <p>Accept the suggestion by acclamation</p> <p>2nd (Amy Lane) Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>		
NCC-06-04	<p>Ron Bonneau Motion</p> <p>Quotas as outlined by the championship committee need to be followed as well as notice to selected teams that they have in fact qualified. Any qualified team not attending the national championship w/o notice shall be banned from that event for one year and the host conference shall be liable for financial losses to the USCSA for forfeiture of fees from the missing team(s) to the national event.</p> <p>2nd (Kim Bownes) Discussion:</p> <p>This proposal is to identify those team / region that do not attend and go back and charge those regions. The burden or responsibility</p>		

	<p>Mark – My concern is the responsibility of who gets charged. I don't disagree with the concept. I believe that we need to leave the burden to the national office...bigger authority!</p> <p>Ron Bonneau Motion</p> <p>Withdraw this motion</p> <p>2nd Kim Bownes</p> <p>Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>
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NEW BUSINESS

NCC-06-01	<p>Kim Bownes Motion</p> <p>Any athlete who qualifies to NCAA Nationals is not eligible to race at USCSA Regional competition therefore helping to qualify their team to our Nationals</p> <p>2nd Amy Lane</p> <p>Discussion Amendment to section 8, 712 – install an interpretation added to the code of conduct (an O I)</p> <p>Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>
NCC-06-02	<p>Collin Casper Motion</p> <p>In light of our continued learning curve surrounding the Snowboard competition, currently the competition ends with the BoarderCross event. Since the BoarderCross event is time-consuming and requires a day of time trials followed by a day of bracketed competition, the bracketed competition lands on a Saturday. Since Saturday tends to be the most crowded day for ski resorts, chair-lift lines pose a threat to the speed with which we can run the BoarderCross Event.</p> <p>I propose that BoarderCross take place on Thursday and Friday of the National Competition. I also propose that Giant Slalom takes place on Wednesday and that the HP/Slopestyle event takes place on Saturday.</p> <p>Amend; <i>The current bids that have been accepted, will be permanent come 2009 bid</i></p> <p>2nd Dave Gyger Discussion Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>
NCC-06-03	<p>Kim Bownes</p> <p>Motion Move day of Banquet at the National Championships. If the athletes had to go through competition</p>

	<p>the following day there might be less risk of alcohol use.</p> <p>2nd Sam Bachhuber Discussion: Problem still exists regardless of schedule to some degree. The last night without a construct schedule might provide more opportunity for problems</p> <p>Approve 0 Opposed 10 Abstention 2</p>
NCC-06-04	<p>Paul Wojick Motion</p> <p>Suggest security and sanctions to address the problems</p> <p>Provide hired outside security for banquet instead of moving the schedule of the banquet</p> <p>2nd Sam Bacchuber Discussion</p> <p>Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>
NCC-06 -05	<p>Collin Casper Motion</p> <p>Determine Snowboard Scoring Method for Individual Combined Results</p> <p>At the 2006 Nationals, when the calculation to determine the individual snowboarders for overall results took place, there was some confusion as to which method should be used to calculate individual overall scores. Continental Cup Points are used as the primary method for determining our national overall champions. However, in every other section of snowboard competition, the place points are used as the determining factor for the results.</p> <p>I propose that the place point finish from each of the three events held at nationals be summed together. The racer with the lowest sum is the overall individual snowboard champion. <i>For the procedure for tie-breaking, please reference an additional proposal also submitted at the 2006 BOD Meeting.</i></p> <p>2nd Dave Gyger Discussion</p> <p>Motion Approved Unanimous Voice</p>

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

NCC-06	
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ITEMS OF THE FULL BOARD

FB-06	<p>Paul Wojick (President & St. Olaf), Mark Sullivan (Exec. VP & Eastern Conf.), Robin Dzubay (Treasurer & Midwest Conf.), Kim Bownes(VP Alpine & Plymouth State University), Amy Lane (VP Cross-Country, WPI), Sam Bachhuber (VP Snowboard & WPI), Andy Rangen (Executive at Large, UMD), Jeff Egan (Mideast Conf. & Syracuse), Bill Hetrick (Allegheny Conf.), George Thomas (Rocky Mtn. Conf. & Colorado Mtn. College), Jerry Wolf (Grand Teton Conf.), Collin Casper (Southern California Conf.& UCSD)), Mike Dubzay (Midwest Conf), Eric Millbrandt (Cross Country Student Rep. & WPI), Jim Peitrovito (Alpine Student Rep. & WPI), Betsy Pantezelos (Alpine Student Rep. & Boston University)Ava Bell(Cross Country Student Rep. & Wyoming University),Hartman (Snowboard Student Rep & Western Mich. Univ.)Dave Gyger (Plymouth State University, ECSC Rep),</p>
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	Laura Sullivan (USCSA Executive Director)
GENERAL	2007 Board of Directors Meeting <i>Bill Hetrick and Paul W are working on the location for next years BOD meeting. Next year the meeting will be June 7th and 8th, 2007</i>

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

FB-06-01	<p>Amy Lane Discussion: Attendance at BOD meetings</p> <p>I am not sure what we can do to be sure that we have know legible and qualified representatives attending the board meetings, but I would like a general discussion about what we can do to increase the participation. I think this issue is two-fold. I would like to get each region to send a representative and use their vote (perhaps there should be a penalty to a conference that does not send a voting member). Additionally, I feel that the Nordic and snowboarding disciplines in specific, are not represented well, and it is difficult to get an idea of what the entire organization wants based on the attendance at the BOD meetings (perhaps creating a few voting position on the BOD to ensure we have cross country and snowboarding voices at the meetings).</p> <p>I am not sure a solution, but I would like to have the Board discuss options.</p> <p>Paul Wojick - (Executive Board Meeting)</p> <p>Motion If a conference is not represented at one meeting, they will receive a warning, as will the coaches/captains of their programs (which will be affected should their conference not be represented at the meeting the following year). This warning will outline the penalty (described below) associated with missing the next meeting. If a conference is not represented at the meeting which immediately follows the receipt of a warning, the conference will be fined \$1,000.00, to be paid before the beginning of the next season of competition. If this fine is not paid, the Board reserves the right to suspend one or more of this conference's berths to that year's National Championship. These berths will be awarded to teams from other conferences wishing the region. If the conference is not represented at the Board meeting in the subsequent year (or subsequent years), the fine will increase to \$2,000.00. Provisions regarding payment and berths to the National Championships will remain the same. Exceptions will be made when unexpected events prevent a conference's representative from attending the meeting.</p> <p>2nd Bill Hetrick</p> <p>Discussion It is crucially important for all Conference Coordinators, who are by virtue of holding these position members of our Board of Directors, to attend the annual Board of Directors meeting. This meeting is our sole opportunity to exchange information, discuss problems, forge new ideas, and to learn first-hand about new policies, regulations and ules. It is detrimental to the organization, and all of the athletes that our Board represents, when Conferences are not represented our annual meeting. It is also important</p>
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The Conference has a Conference Coordinator. He oversees all functions of the Conference.

Race Schedule 2006

Jan. 14-15	Snowbasin, UT	GS, GS	Weber State University
	Jan. 27-29	Red Lodge, MT	GS, GS, SL Rocky Mountain College
Feb. 3-5	Snow Bowl, MT	SL, SL, SL	University of Montana
	Feb. 22-26	Steamboat Springs, CO	GS, SL Regionals

The Conference operated according to USCSA rules. Scoring was as outlined in the USCSA manual scoring procedure. USSA scoring was also used for USSA licensed athletes. Individuals who won berths for Regional Championships are scored by World Cup Points.

All events were fully sanctioned by licensed USSA alpine officials. The Intermountain and Northern Divisions, of USSA, assign the Technical Delegate at each venue.

All events were well organized and ran well without any major problems. The second GS at Snowbasin was cancelled due to too much snow, bumper, powder day, and epic. This GS was made up at Red Lodge, during the Rocky Meet.

Financial

The Conference sets an operational budget in the spring and operates from that budget. Funds for the budget come from team dues.

Conference Meetings

The Conference holds a spring meeting in April and a fall meeting in September. A representative from each team: (preferably the coach) and / or the team advisors are required to be at the meeting. Organizational and operational agenda items are discussed, voted upon, and placed into action. Race Schedule for the following season is tentatively set at the spring meeting and finalized at the fall meeting. Due to long distances, conference meetings over the phone sometimes replace meeting in person.

Tentative Race Schedule 2007

Jan. 13-14	Snowbasin, UT	GS, GS	Weber State University
	Jan. 26-28	Red Lodge, MT	GS, SL, SL Rocky Mountain College
Feb. 3-4	Silver Mountain, ID	GS, GS	Grand Teton / Northwest
	Feb. 9-11	Snowbowl, MT	SL, SL, SL University of Montana
	Feb. 22-26	Red Lodge, MT	GS, SL Regionals
March 6-11	Bogus Basin, ID	GS, SL	Nationals

USSA Registered Events

All 2006 races were registered with USSA, and operated according to USSA rules.

Regional Championships were held at Steamboat Springs CO, hosted by the Rocky Conference.

Conference and Team Fundraising

There are no fund raising activities at the Conference level. Individual teams do, however, have their own fund raising activities and those monies are used for their own team operation.

Nordic

There are no Nordic events held in the Conference at the present time.

Snowboarding

There are no Snowboarding events held in the Conference at the present time.

Summary

The Conference had a very successful and rewarding year. Progress in Conference Operation and in competition was significant and looks promising. The conference will continue to make strides in bettering all phases of operation. Grand Teton and

Northwest Conferences team up in Idaho for our the first joint venture in 2007. This will also add a GS & SL to our conference race schedule at only four total venues.

Jerry Wolf, Grand Teton Conference Coordinator, respectfully submits this year-end report.

MIDEAST CONFERENCE

Mideast Conference 2005-2006

The Mideast Conference has 22 schools participating in two Divisions, Adirondack and Empire. Each division has four races, comprised of a GS and slalom, and one combined race with all schools invited. Races are hosted by member schools at local facilities. The total of the best four weekend results are used to determine the teams that qualify for Regionals. Members of the Adirondack division participate in the Eastern Regionals, and members of the Empire division participate in the Mid-Atlantic Regionals. The top fifteen finishers, who have placed in the top ten each weekend, are named as an All-Conference Team. The top individual whose team is not proceeding on to the regionals is invited to attend the regionals as an individual.

The Empire Division hosted the Mid-Atlantic Regionals this year at Swain Ski Center. The picture was returned.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

2006 Summary

Rocky Mountain Conference

USCSA

Submitted by

George Thomas

Rocky Mountain Conference Coordinator

5.28.2005

Overview

The Rocky Mountain Conference is comprised of nine colleges:

US Air Force Academy, University of Wyoming, Fort Lewis, Colorado College, Colorado Mountain College, Colorado State University, Colorado School of Mines, Denver University, University of Colorado

During the 2005 season, RMC staged four weekends of racing hosted by four different hools:

January 7-8 Beaver Creek SI/SI Colorado Mountain College

January 21-22 Winter Park GS/GS Denver University

January 28-29 Telluride GS/GS University of Colorado

February 4-5 Loveland Valley SI/SI Colorado School of Mines

Three of the four races for the 2006-2007 season have been scheduled with the Rocky Mountain Division Competition Coordinator, however, due to the academic calendar creep, we are going to reschedule our first race of the season to the 20-21. Our last race will be on February 10-11. Moving a traditional race date from the beginning of January to mid-February is very difficult in RMD, as there are so many other competing events and holiday exclusions. Negotiations are ongoing, and it is expected that a site will be confirmed in the next few weeks. The Western Regional Championships was held in the Rocky Mountain Conference on February 24-25, with a training day held on February 23. Both GS and slalom races were held on Mt. Werner, the Steamboat Springs resort mountain. The GS races were set on Concentration, which was the site for this year's NCAA National Championships GS this past year.

Event Penalty Athletes

M GS 31.66 83

W GS 71.05 71

MSL 44.14 83

W SL 62.32 72

Finances

The conference remains fiscally solvent. The conference started the season with a balance of \$3866.68. Including Regionals revenues, the conference brought in \$55,123.06 As of 5.28.2006 it had spent \$53,566.66. The balance as of 5.28.2006 is then \$5423.08.

Opening Balance \$3866.68

2005-2006 Revenues \$55,123.06

\$58,989.74

2005-2006 Expenditures \$53,566.66

Balance \$5423.08

10/04/05 \$3866.68 2005-2006 Season Beginning Balance

05/28/06 \$5423.08 2005-2006 Season Balance To Date (end of May)

Difference **+\$1556.40** (end of fiscal year is October 1)

For the 2006 season, conference dues remained the same at \$300 per team, as it has for the previous four years, regardless of athlete numbers. Three of the four weekends of racing, Winter Park, Telluride and Loveland, were profitable. RMC returned a major percentage of the profits to the host schools, and retained approximately one-third the profit from these races for its general fund. Beaver

Creek continues to cost much more than it makes, and the losses are made up out of the RMC account.

Regionals Finances

The requirements to host the Western Regional Championships resulted in an on paper profit of \$318.47. However, as the University of Washington Ski Team still owes \$225, and the University of \$41.36, actual net income from the event was \$52.11. The biggest drain, however, is a slight reduction of the number of participating athletes at each race. In 2004 RMC provided a total of 1185 race starts. In 2005, RMC started 1007 athletes. The overall loss of around 160 athletes (discounting comped athletes) meant that in 2005 RMC and its host schools lost approximately \$3500 relative to the 2004 season.

Race Results

All RMC races are sanctioned and scored by the USSA. In keeping with its philosophy of trying to provide a better product for its athletes, RMC continues to try and upgrade its race events. We are in our fourth season of using a leader bib to spotlight our dominant race series athletes, and this continues to be a valued carrot. This year, the male series winner was Brendan Brousseau, who also took the USCSA quota spot to the US Alpine National Championships, and Caitlin Wall of the University of Colorado took the women's series. RMC provided prizes in the way of product to the top three men and top three women valued at over \$600, such as poles, goggles, gloves, etc. Colorado School of Mines organized an all-athlete and coaches pizza dinner, held in Silverthorne, Colorado. Approximately 150 athletes attended. A complimentary t-shirt was also given to all athletes and coaches. RMC also comped a number of race entries for its lowest point holders. Criteria was the top two men and top two women on the points list for each race. A few athletes declined being comped as their entries were also paid for by their respective school. RMC still endeavors to procure and comp rabbits to help bring down the penalties, however, on the men's side, the penalties have finally gotten into a very good zone, which demonstrates the competitive nature of our series. The women's side continues to lag in terms of penalty reduction; consequently, RMC will focus more effort on attracting low-point female rabbits for the 2006-2007 season. RMC keeps track of the penalties applied at all four GS and slaloms for both men and women, which is a good indicator of the quality of the top athletes in the series. As shown, the penalties on the men's side continue to drop, which puts the conference in a very good position to draw other athletes from around the division who are looking for high-level competition.

Men's GS Avg. Penalty (4 races) Men's SI Avg. Penalty (4 races)

2002 72.06 2002 83.03

2003 68.74 2003 68.50

2004 60.21 2004 52.19

2005 55.09 2005 50.49

2006 45.59 2006 43.70

On the women's side, in slalom the average penalty declined. On the women's GS side, the average penalty increased, however, between 2004 & 2005, it declined 24.35 points, which is above a normal decline, which puts the 2006 average penalty statistically on par over the five years covered.

Women's GS Avg. Penalty (4 races) Women's SI Avg. Penalty (4 races)

2002 102.33 2002 97.87

2003 83.30 2003 98.12

2004 85.39 2004 88.66

2005 71.99 2005 64.31

2006 60.25 2006 72.76

Athletes, Penalties & Net Change From 2005 Season

RMC saw better growth in athlete numbers over the 2005 season, and again, a reduction in penalties at most of its races over 2005.

Date Event Competitors Change Penalty Change

1/7 BC Men 75 +3 47.84 -4.47

BC Women 48 +6 70.45 -6.42

1/8 BC Men 67 -2 44.29 -15.24

BC Women 43 0 76.73 **+8.03**

1/21 WP Men 93 +2 44.47 -6.83

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WP Women 66 +14 63.15 -8.87

1/22 WP Men 88 0 36.54 -14.43

WP Women 66 +14 61.98 -2.72

1/28 Telluride Men 77 +10 45.44 -11.12

Telluride Women 55 +11 76.87 **+0.04**

1/29 Telluride Men 78 +11 55.89 -5.65

Telluride Women 54 +12 63.15 -11.25

2/4 Loveland Men 95 +10 44.03 -7.87

Loveland Women 64 +15 68.57 **+0.54 ***

2/5 Loveland Men 108 +17 38.66 **+0.46**

Loveland Women 74 +19 68.57 **+24.95 ***

* In 2005, five men and four women University of Colorado varsity NCAA athletes attended as rabbits at Sunday's race. They were not present this year, which makes the men's small difference in both men's races and one of the women's races all the more significant.

2007 Outlook

Challenges

- o At the time of the 2006 USCSA BOD meeting, one more race venue remains to be confirmed.
- o The decline in women's penalties is not keeping up with that of the men's. Recruitment of women at all colleges is always difficult, and attracting low point holders to serve as rabbits is also difficult.
- o Numbers are increasing, however, racing continues to be very expensive in the division, and costs will only continue to increase. Each program needs to take a hard look at their projected seasonal costs and try and come up with a better dues structure, after accounting for contributions from their athletic or sports club departments..
- o There is a broad range of program organization from one school to another within the conference. It is important that the athlete organized programs within the conference be well informed and officers are able to fulfill the basic requirements of managing and fielding teams.

Positives

- o Colorado had a near-record snowfall in 2005-2006, which brought many more college skiers to the slopes.
- o RMC is financially stable, athlete numbers have grown at a modest pace, and the race penalties continue to trend downwards, which are all strong indicators that USCSA ski racing is doing well in the Rocky Mountain division of USSA.



**Southern California
Collegiate Ski & Snowboard Conference
Spring 2006**

Report to the Board of Directors

SCCSC Membership Statistics:

- **10 Alpine Teams (5 male/5 female)**
- **15 Snowboard Teams (7 male/8 female)**
- **360+ Athletes (70% Snowboard, 30% Skier)**
- **26 Alpine Events (36 scheduled, 10 cancelled due to weather)**
- **18 Snowboard Events (28 scheduled, 10 cancelled due to weather)**
- **1200+ Racer Starts in 2005**

Conference Organization:

The SCCSC now has an executive staff of a President, Marketing Director, Snowboard Marketing Director, Treasurer, Database Manager, and Newsletter Editor. They collectively oversee all facets of the organization. All SCCSC member teams are run solely by student athletes and thus experience officer turnover quite regularly. The SCCSC has refined its software tracking system to monitor racer entries, bib allocation, and seed for upcoming races online. Online seeding has been a huge success this past season and allows for ease of race seeding virtually anywhere in the world.

Race Schedule 2005-2006:

Six race weekends were scheduled; each to include an Alpine GS and Slalom, a Snowboard GS, a BoarderCross and a SkierCross. Two Halfpipe competitions were also held this season as we continue to expand the number of events offered to our racers. Five of the race weekends were held at Mammoth Lakes, CA where all aspects of each event are provided by Mammoth Mountain. One race was held at June Mountain combining our efforts with the California State Games organization. Three race weekends of the season some aspect of weather thwarted our competitions, causing the SCCSC to forfeit a total of 10 skiing events and 10 snowboarding events. However, the cancelled races did not cause any severe scoring problems as we were able to accommodate a necessary amount of competitions for adequate season results. The Conference operated in accordance with USCSA rules and ran without any severe problems during the race season.

Philanthropy – Boarding For Breast Cancer (B4BC):

This season was the second season that the SCCSC held a fundraising even to support Boarding For Breast Cancer. The SCCSC hosted an on-mountain fundraiser during the last race weekend of the season where proceeds from race entry fees for each participating racer went to the grassroots breast cancer foundation. This organization was started by professional snowboarders who were touched by a close companion who was diagnosed with and passed away from complications arising from breast cancer. B4BC is a youth-focused education and awareness foundation; their mission is to increase awareness about breast cancer, the importance of early detection and the value of a healthy lifestyle. Our racers raised \$1500 in one day to support Boarding For Breast Cancer.

Financial Situation:

The SCCSC sets an operational budget in the spring and operates from the budget guidelines in accordance with SCCSC policy and California non-profit corporation policies. Revenue is solely from member team dues. Dues are calculated based on two criteria, an individual membership cost and a per-racer cost for race entry fees. Fundraising and sponsorship are sought out by our marketing team and are currently underway for the 2006-2007 season to reduce member dues. Team fundraising does occur and all monies are used internally for their own team operation at their discretion. The SCCSC is financially strong.

SCCSC Banquet & Team Awards:

The annual SCCSC awards banquet was held on a luxury yacht out of Newport Beach, California. This event includes Italian buffet dinner, dancing, and an awards ceremony to honor the top athletes of the season. UC Santa Barbara took the first place combined ski and snowboard team, followed by UC San Diego in second place and CSU Long Beach in third place. The top three ski teams (UCSD, UCSB, and USC) and top three snowboard teams (CSULB, UCSB, UCSD) were also awarded. The top individual athletes were awarded trophies for each discipline for each sex and were awarded combined trophies.

Moving Forward:

The SCCSC outlook for the 2006-2007 season looks very promising as we are anticipating two more colleges to join in

our conference. We are currently projecting our membership to grow back to 450 members during this upcoming season. The race schedule for next season will include 6 weekends of competition with 66 race events and multiple training opportunities for the student racers. Snowboard competitors are seeking more race events to include 3 Halfpipe competitions and expand to include Slopestyle. Mammoth Mountain is in negotiation to host these additional events for our conference.

During this past season the SCCSC brought back our alumni competition in combination with the B4BC fundraising event. Expecting low numbers due to a long hiatus since the last alumni competition was held, attendance was at a mere 20 alumni; however, the SCCSC intends to grow the alumni competition with an online database and email communication. We expect that this will draw a much larger crowd in the upcoming seasons. The purpose of the alumni competition is to remain in contact with a group of working professionals who are interested in promoting the growth of collegiate skiing and snowboarding. Alumni support through corporate contacts or personal contribution is a viable future revenue source to help offset the ever-rising costs to our current athletes.

The SCCSC hopes to work with the Northern California Conference to develop a snowboard division for the Northern California Universities mirroring the established and successful SCCSC model. The SCCSC strongly encourages any interested snowboarders and snowboard teams in Northern California make contact with the SCCSC in hopes of establishing the Northern California Collegiate Snowsport Conference in the near future.

Snowboarding, as a competitive sport, has the greatest growth potential out of the three disciplines in the USCSA and should strongly be encourage within every region. The SCCSC hopes to be able to share our success in making snowboarding a profitable entity in competition with any interested conferences throughout the USCSA. We have already gone through the learning curve and realize that snowboarding is pivotal for the growth and success of the USCSA in the future.

**Additional Information is available at our website
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NORTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

NW COLLEGIATE SKI AND SNOWBOARD CONFERENCE

SPRING REPORT 2006

The Northwest Collegiate Ski and Snowboard Conference had another successful year. We had 10 teams participating in alpine and snowboard events. The NWCSC hosted three of our four alpine qualifying events and this proved to be very effective. The NWCSC owns or rents all of the equipment necessary to support an event while the athletes provide all of the on-hill maintenance and gate judging. Mt Hood Ski Bowl, OR, Crystal Mountain, WA, and Silver Mountain, ID provided race arenas for the NWCSC for the 2006 race season. Mission Ridge (WA) Ski Club hosted the final event for the year. The NWCSC was represented at the USCSA National Championships in two disciplines (alpine and snowboard) and realized varied levels of success.

Data for the 2006season:

Alpine:	Gender/ Event	# Participants	Penalty
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NWCSC	WGS	32	92.79
(Average)	WSL	36	74.03
	MGS	49	75.53
	MSL	50	65.34
Regionals	WGS	71	71.05
Steamboat, CO	MGS	82	31.66
	WSL	71	62.32
	MSL	82	44.14
Nationals	WGS	97	55.92
Sugarloaf, ME	MGS	107	38.43
	WSL	97	56.29
	MSL	107	31.22

Two schools represented the NWCSC in alpine at the National Championship, Albertson College and University of British Columbia.

		UBC	ACI
Overall finish	W	6	8
	M	3	8
All American	M/W	7	2

Cross Country: The NWCSC did not actively participate in PNSA events. We hope to incorporate more involvement in the 2007 PNSA schedule as well as identify more schools that have athletes looking for an opportunity to participate via our proposed conference advisor program.

Snowboard: The NWCSC participated in several USASA events in the NW with the Idaho Winter Games and at Tamarack Resort, ID as well as the USCSA National Championship at Sugarloaf, ME. The cooperative relationship with USASA has allowed easier access to events and event planning. The NWCSC hopes to further develop the relationship with USASA by broadening the opportunities for NWCSC athletes to be able to participate in multiple series events sponsored by USASA.

Three NWCSC schools represented the NW at the USCSA Nationals at Sugarloaf, ME were Albertson College of Idaho, Whitman College and University of Idaho.

		<u>Overall Finish</u>		
		ACI	WHT	UI
Giant Slalom	W	5	3	2
	M	8	1	2
Halfpipe	W	6	8	1
	M	1	4	2
Boardercross	W	10	6	2
	M	5	6	4
All American	M/W	10	11	27

Academics: The NWCSC was well represented in the classroom with 21 Academic All Americans.

Albertson College	7
Univ of British Columbia	2
Univ of Idaho	6
Whitman College	6

New Business for 2006:

- Purchase Timing Equipment
- Continue To work towards establishing a website for

- General Information Distribution
 - Race Schedule
 - Rankings
 - How to get involved for new schools and/or individuals
 - Establish high school guidance counselor and University Events
 - Establish NWCSC team advisors to assist new and existing programs with
 - Representation at college fairs and university events
 - USCSA/NWCSC/USSA paperwork
 - Advise teams on club development methods for new program and for continuity from year to year
 - Support inter-team relationships and communication (e.g. co-team training, transportation, shared equipment, etc)
 - Encourage and develop a working relationship with USASA and NWCSC clubs for enhanced snowboard opportunities and events
- Respectively Submitted:**
Ron Bonneau
4/26/06

EASTERN COLLEGIATE SKI CONFERENCE



Eastern Collegiate Ski Conference

Spring 2006

Report to the Board of Directors

ECSC Membership Statistics:

- 30 Alpine Teams
- 2 Snowboard Teams
- 2 Nordic Teams (6 Mid-East teams)
- 5 Separate Divisions (3 Alpine, 1 cross country)
- 5,200 Racer Starts in 2005
- 34 USSA sanctioned events, of which 24 were USSA Scored Events (2 Divisions Regular Season Races and Regionals)

2006 Season Highlights:

- Maine schools still on track to form new divisions
- ECSC Alpine and Nordic Regional Championships at Waterville Valley
- Hosted the 2nd annual college fair in October
- New Alpine Division for 2007 in Maine
- New XC Division for 2007 in Maine
- Membership Budget survey continued

The future continues to look positive for the ECSC. With the addition of two new Divisions in Maine the ECSC is anticipating adding 6 new alpine programs and up to 8 new Nordic programs.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Mark Sullivan
ECSC Chairman

ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

ALLEGHENY COLLEGIATE SKI CONFERENCE REPORT

USCSA Board Meeting

June, 2006

The 2006 racing season in the mid-Atlantic area presented weather challenges, with a January that was more like November. Still, the year was very successful for the Allegheny Collegiate Ski Conference. The support and cooperation of our ski area operators was excellent, even in the face of the challenging winter, and played a large part in our success. Almost all of our teams continue to experience very good support from their school administration, which is excellent at a time of financial stress and the fact that most all of the teams are “club” sports.

The ACSC scheduled 10 separate races on five weekends, running from mid-January through mid-February. We had an average of 144.7 racers at each race, for a grand total of 1447 registrants for the season. These numbers are down slightly from 2005. This can be attributed to Super Bowl weekend, when some Pittsburgh Steeler fans chose SB parties over the racing weekend (no surprise!). Our high weekend was 156 racers.

The ACSC includes the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. We conduct our races at venues that are geographically distributed in a manner that results in equitable travel demands for all schools involved. This year we held our five race weekends at the following locations:

January 14-15 – Ski Roundtop, PA; January 21-22 - Elk Mt., PA; January 28-29 - Timberline Resort, WV;
February 4-5 - Wisp Ski Resort, MD; February 11-12 - Tussey Mt., PA (Conference Finals)

The Allegheny Collegiate Ski Conference added a new team in 2006, Carnegie Mellon University (Pittsburgh, PA).

This gave us a total of ten teams competing in the 2006 racing season:

Bucknell University (PA), Carnegie Mellon University (PA), Davis & Elkins College (WV), Penn State University (PA), University of Maryland (MD), University of Pennsylvania (PA), United States Naval Academy (MD), Villanova University (PA), West Chester University (PA), and West Virginia University (WV). A grand total of 280 racers were enrolled on these teams for the season, which included 168 men and 112 women (in 2005 it was 178 men and 109 women - in 2004 this was 190 men and 92 women).

The 2006 Mid-Atlantic Regional Championships were held at Swain Ski Area, NY, hosted by the Empire Division of the Mideast Conference. Participating were ACSC, NJ Conference, Southeastern Conference, and the Empire Division. The Mid-Atlantic Regionals are hosted on a rotating basis (each four years). The Allegheny Conference will host in 2007.

All ACSC races are run under USSA/USCSA rules and regulations, with USSA qualified officials in all key positions. We have several USSA qualified course setters on staff who share the setting each weekend with qualified mountain staff. We provide all officials for each race. We utilize our own timing equipment at all of our races. We maintain a website. We annually purchase a liability insurance policy.

The ACSC is administered through the Conference Office in State College, PA. We have a Board of Directors made up of a representative from each of the participating schools. We hold two Board Meetings per year. We operate on an annual budget of just over \$24,000 (not including the “pass through” lift fee monies each weekend), with annual revenue coming from institutional registration fees, individual athlete administrative fees, and daily race fees. The ACSC is in solid financial condition. We have a set of Bylaws, and a Conference Competition Guide.

Our ongoing goal is to consistently run a business-like and professional operation in support of the National USCSA

organization. We have received strong support and service from the National office, which is very much appreciated. Our first priority is to look after the interest of each individual student athlete, and to maintain solid relations with the sponsoring schools and our host ski areas.

If there are questions or comments regarding the ACSC operation, please feel free to contact me. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
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