

USCSA Board of Directors Meeting 2010

USCSA Full Board

Park City, UT
Saturday June 5th, 2010

Attendees

Mark Sullivan	President
Andy Rangen	Executive Vice President
Kim Bownes	Alpine Coordinator
Christi Boggs	Cross-Country Coordinator
Bill Hartman	Snowboard Coordinator
Greg Lyons (Jesse Lindemer)	Student Athlete
Marie Cartwright	Student Athlete
Katie Kernan	Student Athlete
Sarah Geiger	Conférence Coordinator (Allegheny)
Bolan Bigelow	Conference Coordinator (Eastern)
Robin Dzubay	Conference Coordinator (Midwest)
Jeff Egan	Conference Coordinator (Mideast)
Branko Zagar	Conference Coordinator (Northern California)
Ron Bonneau	Conference Coordinator (Northwest)
Patrick Wilcox	Conference Coordinator (Southern California)
Yuri Kobziar	Conference Coordinator (New Jersey)
Jerry Wolf	Conference Coordinator (Grand Teton)
Paul Roszypal	Conference Coordinator (Rocky)
Christi Boggs	Executive At Large
Eric Millbrandt	Executive At Large
Jenna Bergin	Treasurer

Non-Voting BOD members

John Jacobs	
Paul Wojick	Immediate Past President
Laura Sullivan	Executive Director

Guests:

Kevin Walsh	Co-Conference Coordinator (Mid-East)
Jerry McMurty	Mike LeBlanc
Terry Leonard	Scott McPherson

Meeting Called to order: Mark Sullivan

Motion: Mark Sullivan

Approve agenda

2nd AndyRangen
Discussion

Unanimous Voice

Motion: Patrick Wilcox

Approval of Minutes
2nd Christi Boggs
Discussion

Unanimous Voice

Committees

Academic Affairs Committee

Andy Rangen

Proposals withdrawn and no specific rules change.

No proposals moved to full Board

Agenda Committee

Paul Wojick

Motion: AC-5 Rotation of Elections of the Board of Directors(**Approved - Move to full Board**)
Article IV - Officers

4.02 – Election And Term of Office

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Treasurer 2012

Proposed Change:
Article IV - Officers

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Treasurer 2011
Executive At Large 1 – 2012
Executive At Large 2 – 2013

4.13 – Executive-At-Large. The Executives-At-Large will be representatives elected from the USCSA at-large pool, to the Board of Directors by the full board. These positions will be two (2) (3) year terms and they will rotate in election. The Executives-At-Large will be the primary advisors and administrators for the Student Athlete Representatives. The Executives-At-Large are also members of the Executive Board of Directors.

The staggering of the Executive-At-Large position, will be as follows:

- 1. Voting for both Executive-At-Large positions in 2011. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes will be elected to the 2-year term. The nominee with the second most votes will be elected to the 1 year term, with each subsequent election happening on 2 year terms (alternating).*

2nd Christi Boggs
Discussion

Motion to Amend
Treasurer Position incorrect on Proposal. Change

Unanimous Voice

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Alpine Competition Rules:

Kim Bownes

No proposals specific to Alpine brought to the Full Board. Recommendations regarding Proposal NC12 below (National Championship Committee)

USSA is proposing to raise the collegiate-scored race head tax from \$125 per race currently, to \$6 per athlete in the near future. (The exact timeline has not been disclosed as of the writing of this proposal but it has been indicated it will be no later than the 2013 season.) This will increase the cost of the alpine events at the national championship by ~\$2300 or 460% based on the current field size of 115 athletes per gender.

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At this time, USCSA is granted two spots to the US National Championships for the top male and female athlete from our national championship which would be forfeited if our championships were not run as a scored event with USSA.

Propose: Should the USSA race related fees increase by more than 20% over the existing level in one year, the alpine events of the US Collegiate National Championships will not be run as an USSA scored event.

Approved from this committee to bring to the full board with Alpine Committee Support

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Business and Legal Committee
John Jacobs for Darryl Landstrom

Motion: BL-3- National Membership Fee (Approved - Move to full Board)
SUBMITTED BY: Mark Sullivan

Proposal: All USCSA fee structures, except insurance, increased by 3% annually to keep pace with cost of living and inflation. USCSA last addressed the amount of membership dues in 2000 and current rate was set in 2001. Defined institutions and teams split dues into \$125 and \$125 respectively. No discussion or adjustment has been done since. We are currently still fiscally solid because we increase our membership 3% each year, which coincides with inflation and cost of living. We have also increase technology. We are now seeing flattening of growth and are anticipating financial issues. We need a financial due structure that considers inflation. Increasing dues by larger amount every several years is painful to the membership to adapt. Purpose is for a slow increase in dues to reflect slow increase in inflation, similar to the Executive Director salary. Average team impact next year would be \$3.75 per school, per team. Amounts just up to under \$11.00 next season. This will help cover 3% increase cost in executive director salary without relying on increase in membership. This should begin in 2012 because operating budgets for next season are already in place.

Amendment to the proposal that 3% increase in team and institution fees. Amount rounded to the nearest dollar

2nd Paul Wojick

Discussion:

John: Truncating the cents and rounding to nearest dollar will keep us close to 3%.

Move to Full Board

Unanimous Voice

Motion: AC, BL -10 - Add Nordic Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined as USCSA disciplines for Men and Women (Approved - Move to full Board)

SUBMITTED BY: Darryl Landstrom and John Jacobs

The USCSA shall adopt Nordic Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined, men and women, in the 2011 USCSA National Championships. Athletes must meet all of the current academic eligibility requirements. Outside funding shall be sought for the initial startup costs. Governance shall fall under the Nordic committee.

2nd Paul Wojick

Discussion

Unanimous Voice

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Marketing Committee

Bo Bigelow for Collin Casper

No proposals moved to full Board

National Championships Committee

Mark Sullivan

Proposal NC-12, Mark Sullivan (Approved - Move to full Board)

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Motion - Bill Hartmann

2nd Greg Lyons

Discussion

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Proposal NC-13 Andy Rangen (Approved – Move to Full Board)

This proposal is to set an evaluation method and timeline for the National Championship Berth Allocation for Alpine. The outline is meant as a guideline to evaluate the process and provide a mechanism for getting feedback on the process.

We have now been through 1 iteration of implementation of the new calculation for Nationals Berths. Evaluation will commence on the following schedule.

2010/2011 Season – Executive VP puts together a survey for evaluation by conference coordinators, student athlete representatives and VP of Alpine. 2011 BOD Meeting – Results of the survey are presented to the National Championships Committee at the annual BOD meeting.

Based on the results of the survey and the findings of the National Championships Committee, the process may be evaluated and a committee appointed by the President to do a more formal review and evaluation of the process.

Motion - Bill Hartman

2nd Christi Boggs
Discussion

Andy: One year on execution of the berth allocation process for nationals. Would like to evaluate the current process. Survey conference coordinators and athletes for further review.

Ron: NC-14 is also to offer critique. Performance berths are currently awarded based on both genders.

Mark: Poor performance of region at Nationals of one gender could negate the positive results of the other gender.

Andy: Gather consensus, do analysis. Feedback using constructive set of questions. Have consistency in what we are getting as responses. Calculations can also be run.

Unanimous Voice

Proposal NC-20 (Ron Bonneau) (Approved – Move to Full Board)

Proposed:

To hire a press agent for the USCSA National Championship responsible for writing a daily new story about the events of the day, collecting and verifying all daily results from each venue, and distributing a news story with results and All-Americans to all team email press contacts and major news markets. USCSA website and Facebook updates to be done daily and in a timely manner.

Motion - Bill Hartman

2nd Christi Boggs
Discussion

How to pay for this expense, Housing at Nationals is not free – suggested to draw it somewhere even if it is in the Marketing Budget

Motion: Amendment to have the cost come out of the Marketing budget: Bill Hartman

2nd - Kim Bownes
Discussion

Amendment Voting

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

Abstentions

Proposal Voting

In Favor 5

Opposed 0

Abstentions

Nominations and Awards Committee

Jeff Egan

Did not meet

Nordic Competition and Rules:

Christi Boggs

XC 25 - Rationale: (Approved - Move to full Board)

The fundamental purpose of sprint racing is head-to-head competition. As such it is imperative that the results are ultimately determined by head-to-head competition. The current setup for taking 10 athletes to the finals worked well for many years. However, recently the depth of the competition has improved drastically, as seen by the percentage back over the past few years. It is no longer a fair representation of the top racers in the field to take only 10 athletes on to the rounds and it puts athletes who qualify for the rounds at a disadvantage for the race the next day. If 20 athletes are taken to the rounds it provides a better opportunity for all athletes to reach the rounds and levels the playing field for the next day's race.

Current Wording:

The sprint race will consist of an individual start qualification at 30-second intervals. The top 10 will then compete in 2 semi-final heats consisting of 5 racers each (Semi-final #1 – Racers 1, 4, 5, 8 & 9, and semi-final #2 – Racers 2, 3, 6, 7 and 10 based on qualification ranking). From the semi-finals, the top 2 finishers in each heat will qualify for Finals #1 (to determine finishers 1 – 4) and the next 2 finishers in each heat will qualify for Finals #2 (to determine finishers 5 – 8). The 5th skier in each semi-final will be ranked in 9th and 10th place based on their qualification time. All skiers not in the top 10 will be ranked based on their qualifying time.

Proposed Wording Change:

The sprint race will consist of an individual start qualification at 30-second intervals. The top 20 will then compete in 5 semi-final heats consisting of 4 racers each (Quarter-final #1 (Q1) – Racers 1, 10, 11, 20; Quarter-final #2 (Q2) – Racers 4, 7, 14, 17; Quarter-final #3 (Q3) – Racers 5,6,15,16; Quarter-final #4 (Q4) – Racers 2, 9, 12, 19; Quarter-final #5 (Q5) – Racers 3, 8, 13, 18 based on qualification ranking). From the Quarter-finals, the top 2 finishers in each heat will qualify for Semi-finals in this order. Semi-final 1 – Racers Q1 #1, Q1 #2, Q2 #1, Q2 #2, Q3 #3 2, Semi-finals 2 – Racers Q4 #1, Q4 #2, Q5 #1, Q5 #2, Q3 #1. From the Semi-Finals the top 3 finishers from each Semi-Final Heat will advance to the A Final(to determine finishers 1 – 6) and the next 2 finishers in each heat will qualify for the B Final (to determine finishers 6 – 12).

Amendment: For final rounds if it possible to time a lucky loser then top 2 go to the rounds +1 lucky loser. If timing for lucky loser is not possible then top 2 from each semi-final will go to the A Final (4) and the next 3 from each semi-final will go to the B Final (6).

Motion - Christi Boggs: Explanation of amendment. Set up via USSA rules, more consistent.

2nd Andy Rangen

Discussion

Christi: Athletes desires.

20 Approved

0 opposed

1 abstention

XC 27 – Skate Fraction Guidelines (Approved - Move to full Board)

Rationale:

There have been several occurrences in the past few years of athletes skating in the classic race as well as skating in the classic leg of the relay. Guidance for how to deal with these infractions should be added to the rule-book.

Current Wording:

None

Proposed Wording Change:

If the jury determines that an athlete was skating in an individual race using the Classical Technique (defined by USSA Nordic Rulebook 314.1) the athlete will be disqualified for that event.

If the jury determines that an athlete was skating in the Classical Technique (defined by USSA Nordic Rulebook 314.1) leg of a relay race the athlete will receive the time of the slowest athlete in the race for all legs utilizing the Classical Technique.

Motion Christi Boggs - Penalties for skating in a classic race, both individual and relay.

2nd Patrick Wilcox

Discussion

Christi: was voted unanimously in committee.

Unanimous Voice

XC 28 - Individual Combined Tie Breaker (Approved - Move to full Board)

Rationale:

There is no guidance in the scoring rule book for breaking ties for the Individual Combined Award.

Current Wording:

None

Proposed Wording Change:

The Individual Combined is scored by using Place Points for all three events. (Individual World Cup Points will be used to break a tie. If a tie still exists, it remains a tie.)

This proposal is based on the USCSA Snowboard Scoring 4.03

Motion Christi Boggs - Tie breaking options for Nordic events. Used Snowboard rules for breaking ties.

2nd Yuri Kobziar

Discussion

Christi: was voted unanimously in committee

Unanimous Voice

AC, BL -10 - Add Nordic Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined as USCSA disciplines for Men and Women

OR DISCUSSION BY: USCSA BOD

SUBMITTED BY: Darryl Landstrom and John Jacobs

This motion will revitalize ski jumping and Nordic combined in the U.S. Collegiate endorsement of Nordic competition will support recruitment and retention of our athletic community. The U.S. has multiple active Nordic venues that will compliment USCSA Regional and National events.

Christi - Nordic committee strongly is in favor of this proposal.

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Regional Championship Committee

Sarah Geiger

Motion: RC-23 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATIONS (Alpine and Nordic)

(Approved - Move to full Board)

Submitted by: Ron Bonneau

Current Wording

1.00 REGIONAL QUALIFICATION PROCESS TOWARDS ATTENDANCE AT NATIONALS

1.01 Team and individual attendance to the 'United States Collegiate Skiing and Snowboarding Championships'(TM) **can only** be achieved through participation in a conference and regional qualifying process. All teams must have completed the required USCSA team registration and USCSA eligible forms.

1.02 The USCSA **mandates** that each designated region hold an end-of-season regional championship with the qualifying teams advancing to the national championships. *The regionals should be completed ten days prior to the national championships.* All participating members of a regional championship team attending the national championship must have proceeded through the qualifying process as members of that team.

All USCSA teams and individuals meeting qualification requirements for the National Championship will be invited to attend. Nordic teams, Nordic individuals, Snowboard teams and Snowboard Individuals **must** compete in a regional event to be eligible to qualifying for the National Championships. If they **cannot**, they must petition the National Championship Committee.

Proposed wording changes or impose sanctions for non-compliance. The qualification process for snowboard and Nordic to the USCSA National Championship needs to comply with the rules as they are written or the rules need to be changed to accommodate the needs and/or wishes of snowboard and Nordic.

Can only to “may”
Mandates to “suggests”
Must to “should”
Cannot to “cannot or choose not to attend”

Motion to accept verbiage and send to full board by Sarah
2nd by Robin

Verbiage changed to include the use of a template as to what is being help at the specific region events and the way to petition for a team/individual in Snowboarding, Freestyle and Nordic through first the conference co-coordinator then through the National Championship Committee

Unanimous Voice

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Student Athlete Committee

Katie Kernan

No proposals moved to full Board

Katie: Topics discussed included are a student athlete coordinator. Would like someone to help guide us about expectations, meaning and background of proposals. An unbiased individual would be good. We discussed having someone appointed or ex-officio president. Like to have a forum earlier in the weekend, possibly during Thursday night during conference coordinators meeting to get to know each other and mentoring from people who have been here before. Discussing the vote issue. We do have a sway in the votes. We would consider decreasing our votes, but would ask for a chance for us to get together to combine our opinions prior.

Kia: Instead of having 8 representatives, reducing to 4 representatives would be fine, but one per discipline. Get rid of the male/female distinction.

Katie: Importance of having regional distinctions. Not having all reps from one region. Felt that it is very important for student reps to be at national event. Most hope they will qualify anyways. If representatives do not qualify for nationals, possibly have 2 spots designated for representatives for volunteer work. Its hard to represent the athlete when you aren't in touch with your athletes. Brief discussion on extending length of term to 3 years. Majority was fine with 2 years.

Greg: Student reps need to be at the BOD meeting. We need athletes there to represent the athletes because it is for the athletes. Possibly if you don't attend, your spot is vacated.

Mark: Selection criteria is the President and current student athletes unless there is a lack of applicants.

Katie: Discussion about us being a standing committee instead of a working committee.

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Snowboard Committee

Bill Hartman

Motion: SB-24 Snowboard & Freestyle Ski Combined Results Calculation/Eligibility

(Approved - Move to full Board)

Bill Hartman

- a) I propose that a snowboard/freestyle ski athlete must be registered (starting and registering is an important difference) in exactly or at least 50% of the offered events of a competition in order to be eligible for the combined results.
- b) I propose that a snowboard/freestyle ski athlete who does not register before the start of the first event of a competition is not eligible for the combined results.

If an athlete does not meet the above criteria, they will be removed from the results before combined place points are assigned and results will be calculated as normal...excluding "not fully registered athletes". If no members of a team meet the above criteria, then the team is not considered in the overall team results.

The individual results and awards of the event are not affected.

2nd Collin Casper
Discussion

Unanimous Vote

Motion (no proposal number or entry) Ron Bonneau

Motion-

I would request \$1000 from the national championship budget to provide SB training for USCSA support staff.

2nd Bill Hartman

Discussion

What level of judging training are we looking for? How many judges do we need?

Four judges trained at an entry level for a minimum.

Friendly Ammendment

Motion: The Snowboard Committee requests \$1000 from the national championship budget to train 4 USCSA support staff to Level 1 (International Judging Commission) judging criteria.

2nd Collin Casper

Vote: Unanimously in Favor



Technical Committee:
Eric Millbrandt

No proposals moved to full Board

FULL BOARD

Motion: AC-5 Rotation of Elections of the Board of Directors

2nd Bo Bigelow
Discussion

With Amendment

20 Approve 1 Oppose 0 Abstentions

Motion – AC-7 Conference Name Change

Get approval from the Full Board to give the authority to the Executive Board to vote on this after captains have been contacted in this region

No Vote

Motion: BL-3 National Membership Fee

2nd Andy Rangen
Discussion

John Jacob: No fees increase since 2001. Mark: Goal is to save 15% per year and try to get our balance in the bank up to two years of operating budget. Finally closer to our goal.

21 Approved 0 opposed 0 abstention

Motion: AC, BL -10 – Add Nordic Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined as USCSA disciplines for Men/Women

2nd Bo Bigelow
Discussion

20 Approved 0 opposed 1 abstention

Motion – NC -12 Discontinue sanctioning the alpine events of the USCSA National Championships with USSA if fees increase by 20%

2nd Jenna Bergin
Discussion

11 approved

2 opposed

8 abstentions

Motion: NC-13 National Berth Allocation Review

2nd Patrick Wilcox

21 Approved

0 opposed

0 abstention

Motion: NC-20 Press agent for National Championships

2nd Greg Lyons
Discussion

Mark Sullivan: Propose to make an amendment. Amend it to replace “to hire a press agent for USCSA National Championships” with “to provide a press agent responsible for creating documents to assist teams, coaches and student athletes at the USCSA National Championships in writing daily news stories about events of the day, collecting results and distributing through electronic media ie. Facebook, twitter etc.”

2nd Jenna Bergin - For amendment
Discussion

Mark: We would provide guidelines and tools to provide assistance to every team with their electronic distribution about what is going on. General press release that Bo prepares would be included. Welcome letter to encourage you to take full advantage of this tool while you are there. There is a section of National Championships Capital category for things that will benefit us for years to come

20 Approved

0 opposed

1 abstention

Motion: RC-23 National Championship Qualifying Process

2nd Andy Rangen
Discussion

Sarah: Unanimously agreed upon in the committee.

Paul: Have we reached the point where we expect ALL athletes compete in a regional qualifier.

We do still have snowboarding athletes in some regions that don't have access to a regional event.

Ron: The previous verbiage said "must" for all regions for all disciplines. We elected to opt out to either host or attend. If a certain region is not able to host a particular event they are not required to. Shouldn't be a variable for freestyle.

Mark: This is not a significant rule change. Putting petitions to the local level prior to ascending to the National level.

20 approved

1 opposed

0 abstentions

Motion: SB-24 Snowboard & Freestyle Ski Combined Results Calculation/Eligibility\

2nd Andy Rangen

Discussion

Andy - They only have to register for the event, not start.

Bill - They need to be registered as full freestyle athlete. If they only started one event they could still be in the overall results. In order to be considered for combined, individual must compete in 50% of events offered. Unanimous decision by committee.

Patrick - If there wasn't a start they would not impact the ghost time. Alpine athlete from Midwest who is very supportive as well.

21 approved

0 opposed

0 abstentions

Motion: XC-25 Sprint Race Format Change (3 rounds) with Amendment

2nd Andy Rangen

Discussion

20 Approved

0 opposed

1 abstention

Motion: XC-27 Skate Infraction Guidelines

2nd Patrick Wilcox

Discussion

21 Approved

0 opposed

0 abstention

Motion: XC-28 Break tie Options for Nordic Events

2nd Yuri Kobziar
Discussion

21 Approved

0 opposed

0 abstention

Motion Budget, Jenna Bergin approve proposed 2011 budget -

2nd Ron Bonneau
Discussion

21 Approved

0 opposed

0 abstention

3:43 pm

Motion: To Adjourn- Eric Millbrandt
2nd Jerry Wolf

Unanimous Approval