

**United States Ski and Snowboard Association
ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION
FREESTYLE/FREESKI COMPETITION COMMITTEE**



**SPRING 2016 BOARD MEETING
Rocky Mountain Division Office
950 Wadsworth Blvd., Lakewood, CO 80214**

Sunday, June 5th 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES

- **Welcome**
 - Adam Leseur (Chair) opened the meeting and welcome attendees in person and on the phone.
- **Roll Call & Quorum**
 - **In attendance:**
 - Adam Leseur, Chair – 1 Vote
 - Dave Lawson, Vice-Chair – 1 Vote
 - Wendy Lana, Secretary – 1 Vote
 - Randy Nunn, Treasurer – 1 Vote
 - Jim Hendry, Judges Rep – 1 Vote
 - Craig Matthews, R&O – 1 Vote
 - Bobby Aldigheri, SSWSC – ½ Vote
 - Kate Blamey, SSWSC – Coach (non-voting)
 - Chris Carson, TS – ½ Vote
 - Laurie Mooney, WPCC – ½ Vote
 - Geoff Henderson, WPCC – Coach (non-voting)
 - Dave McPherson, WPCC – Official/Volunteer (non-voting)
 - Diana Tilley, TS – Official/Volunteer Coordinator (non-voting)
 - **In attendance by phone:**
 - Erin Giaccio, Member-at-large – 1 Vote
 - Olivia Giaccio, Member-at-large – 1 Vote
 - Skyler Nunn, Athlete Rep – 1 Vote
 - Eric Knight, AVSC – ½ Vote
 - Elana Chase, SSCV – Freeski Coach (non-voting)
 - Helena Carpenter, WPCC – Official/Volunteer (non-voting)
 - **In Attendance by proxy:**
 - Mallory Cleveland, Member-At-Large – 1 Vote (Proxy Diana Tilley)
 - Kelly Lawson, Athlete Rep – 1 Vote (Proxy Tanner Lyle)
 - Jeff Yingling, TSSC – ½ Vote (Proxy Randy Nunn)
 - Adam confirmed 13 ½ voting members in attendance satisfying a quorum.
- **Agenda Review and Approval**
 - There being no changes or discussion, the agenda for the meeting was unanimously approved.
- **Chairman's Report**
 - Adam handed out a publication piece from USSA outlining the newly adopted USSA Core Values and Mission Statement which can also be found at USSA.org.
 - Adam discussed membership updates from USSA. There are no changes in licensing for 2016/16 although there are some new membership registration features coming online for the new season.
 - Adam discussed some updates from FIS and possible considerations at the upcoming FIS Congress in Cancun, Mexico in June. Information will be available on the FIS website.

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- **Chairman's Report Cont...**
 - Adam updated the group on the meetings of the various sports committees from 2016 Congress. Items of significance:
 - Freestyle and Freeski are officially two separate sports committees with separate USSA management and leadership.
 - Adam reviewed the newly formed Freeski committee and said it would take at least a year for the committee to begin working together in earnest. As of right now, everything that we do as a "grassroots" competition committee will remain the "status quo."
 - We will need to still program a Rocky Freeski event to provide access to Junior Nationals.
 - There was discussion regarding this programing especially funding for the event, continuing to have a pathway for kids wanting to go to Junior Nationals and the subject of closing park and pipe down on weekends which may continue to force a competition on weekdays. For the record, the event in January this year was fully committed on a Thursday and Friday.
 - Freeski access to the RMD All Star Pass Program:
 - Division dues must be paid. USSA does NOT collect RMD dues for Freeski licenses only Freestyle Licenses. There was discussion of adding a means to paying the dues through the website.
 - There was discussion regarding a Division Freeski Program
 - R&O Sub Committee confirmed changes to the USSA Freestyle Points list for 2016/17.
 - The points list year will commence on July 1 to match other programs and FIS. Points list 5 will close on March 31st. A new points list 6 will start on April 1 and close on June 30th. Points list 6 will carry over to the Fall Points list but will fall off before points list 4 (US Champs List). Points List 3 (Jr.Nats.) will always close the Tuesday after President's Day.
 - This is retroactive to the 2015/16 season.
- **Membership Report**
 - Membership numbers are down over the year before but it is hard to compare statistics due to the USSA change in licensing in 2015/16. It will take a year to be able to have good comparison numbers.
 - Membership \$'s are down 8% due to the licensing changes.
- **Administration/Financial Report**
 - Wendy discussed financials (attached). We are generally to the good although the number does reflect the RMD Gold Medal Initiative grant funding which will either need to be used or handed back.
 - There was discussion on this topic.
 - There was a discussion about GMI Grants for 2016/17
 - In 2015/16 we wrote two grant requests for a Fall On Snow camp and a Spring On Snow camp. Neither materialized for a number of logical reasons.
 - RMFCC is not a 'coaching' organization so it is difficult to compete with existing, established coaching programs at each member club.
 - There was discussion about a Rocky "Young Guns" Style of Camp as a possibility.
 - One suggestion was to use GMI Funds towards a fall Zermatt Camp to help support coaches travel costs.
 - Another suggestion was to have a Rocky Team funding to Junior Worlds.

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- **Administration/Financial Report Cont...**
 - After a discussion, it was determined that the committee should focus primarily on our Rocky All Star Athletes with some dove-tailing into the “next” generation of All Stars.
 - Discussion about an All Star Weekend funding by GMI Grant \$’s.
 - Roll this together with the All Star Physical Assessments
 - Get the dates on the Rocky competition schedule sometime in early June 2017.
 - Suggested dates were the weekend of June 3rd & 4th 2017
 - Athlete representatives suggested a weekend with more acrobatic focus would be helpful to the All Star Team.
 - The committee agreed to prepare a grant request for such a weekend in 2017.
- **Website:**
 - Thank you to Erin Giaccio for re-working the layout of the Rocky website. Everyone commented that it was easier to navigate.
 - We are continuing to make the website a “go to” place for everything Rocky.
 - The registration cart needs to be updated. Craig Matthews will take this on with Erin, Wendy and Justin Patnode to determine the best course of action for the next season.
 - They will update the committee at the next meeting.
 - There was discussion about adding a Volunteer section to the website.
- **Advancement:**
 - There was general discussion about Advancement and fundraising. Adam mentioned to the committee the need to formalize our needs and requests. Potential donors/supporters need more information in an organized format to be able to make an informed decision.
 - Adam is working on a program and will bring it to the board in due course.
- **Rules & Officials Report**
 - Officials and volunteer programming went well in 2015/16. There was discussion about continuing the effort to bring in new interested volunteers who could become volunteers.
 - We are pleased to have Kari Wright back assisting with DEVO/RQS. It made a world of difference to have her expertise and organization at this level.
 - The committee agreed to ensure that Kari was taken care of with lodging and lift access at all events.
 - The committee also agreed to get Kari a portable printer.
- **Competition Report:**
 - 2015/16 Competitions went well and were for the most part well-subscribed.
 - There was discussion regarding scheduling given the NorAm calendar, etc.
 - Adam circulated an email from Josh Himbury with AUSMSA for consideration with regards to the 2016/17 Schedule. Adam thanks AUSMSA for all their support of Rocky and being active at our competitions, not to mention good friends of the division.
 - A DRAFT calendar of major dates and weekends was distributed to the committee for discussion and review.
 - The calendar highlighted the new USSA Points Lists deadlines, proposed NorAm Schedule, Junior Nationals and US Championships.
 - There was a general discussion about the 2016/17 calendar and the various coaches in attendance were asked to go back and discuss dates with their home mountains.
 - A couple member clubs have applied for NorAms which could impact the schedules.
 - Discussions are still on-going about the locations of US Selections.
 - Junior Nationals return to Sun Valley, ID in March 2017.
 - AVSC has applied to bring Junior Nationals to Aspen in 2018 & 19.
 - US Championships are still being decided as to location.

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- **Competition Report Cont...**
 - **NorAm Schedule:**
 - Opener in Killington
 - Val St. Come
 - US Location TBD
 - Finals in Calgary or Apex TBD
 - **These and other considerations will have an impact on the calendar.**
- **Review and approve 2016/17 COMP Guide edits:**
 - **These were discussed and approved as presented with minor changes. Copies will be emailed under separate cover and posted on the website.**
 - i. **DEVO Series – APPROVED**
 - ii. **RQS Series - APPROVED**
 - iii. **COMP Series – APPROVED**
- **All Star Program:**
 - **The committee reviewed and approved the 2016/17 program eligibility and requirements as well as the RMD All Star Athlete Accountability requirements.**
 - **The committee reviewed and approved the 2016/17 Nominees & Alternates. Acceptances are due to the office by July 22nd 2016.**
 - **Performance Assessments are under review and a schedule will be forthcoming.**
- **Elections**
 - **By acclamation, Adam Leseur was re-elected as Chair**
 - **By acclamation, Craig Matthews was re-elected as Rules & Officials**
 - **By acclamation, Diana Tilley was elected as a Member-At-Large**
 - **By acclamation, Tanner Lyle was elected as an Athlete Representative.**

 - **Adam thanked both Kelly Lawson and Mallory Cleveland for their years of service to the board and Rocky.**
- **New Business**
 - **There was a discussion about Awards:**
 - i. **COMP Series Age Class Ribbons**
 - 1. **It was determined that podiums would be recognized for age groups U15 and UP plus top overall 10.**
 - ii. **“Go For The Gold Award”**
 - 1. **There was a discussion about the criteria and selection process for this award.**
 - iii. **Voting For Awards:**
 - 1. **There was a discussion that a process needs to be in place for the awards selection process, therefore, going forward:**
 - a. **Nominations will be sent to the office by email.**
 - b. **Nominations will be based on List 3.**
 - c. **Nominations need to be into the office by President’s Day Weekend.**
- **Next Meeting**
 - **Fall Meeting – RMD Fall Festival and All Star Lunch**
 - i. **Sunday, October 9th @ 2:30pm, La Quinta, Silverthorne**
- **Adjournment:**
 - **There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was subsequently adjourned.**