



Alaska Division ACC Meeting Agenda -- 10/08/19 6pm AKT

Call-in: 435.580.8054 -- Then dial 1, 1, 4

Members in attendance: Lex Patten (ACC), Natalie Osborne (Divisional Manager), Amy Guse (ACC), Brian Hartman (ACC), Jen Danza (ASC), John DeHaven (HART), Jason Young (Hillberg), Reini Neuhauser (FSC), Lara Hildreth (ASC), Mary Thomas (ACC)

A. Approval of Minutes September 10, 2019

- Updating "Club" to "Alaska Division" under Bylaws
- Minutes approved with that change.

B. Approval of Agenda October 8, 2019

- Approved.

C. Chairman's Report – Lex Patten

- Discussions have been happening with quotas and selections for projects.
- Would like to see some consistency in how they are identifying athletes for projects.

D. Administrator's / Financial Report – Natalie Osborne

Reporting on:

- Tri-Divisional Seeding and Quota updates for 2020
 - Will seed by National Points
 - For those that don't have points (1st year U14s that don't have points) will be seeded by head-to-head.
 - There may be a random U16 without a point profile and we will seed them before the U14s and will use head-to-head.
- 2019/2020 Rules and Procedures (still in progress)
 - Still in progress
 - On November call, we will need to divvy up how we are going to do selection boards. All clubs need to be on the call for that process.
 - Natalie can draft and clubs will review.
- WR Team Coat Order (Helly Hansen order was placed)
 - Order placed. Should get to Anchorage in November.
- Divisional Fundraiser
 - Not doing a film this year.
 - Could do a virtual raffle for Majestic HeliSki trip. Or some sort of split the pot.
 - If anyone has any ideas of what we could do for a fundraiser, email ideas to Natalie.

D. Official's Report – Brian Hartman

- Get certificates done for clubs.
- Make sure if you have done your SafeSport, double check that the courses link and that status shows as active. NOT PENDING.
- Make sure to take the REFRESHER TWO. It takes digging to find it.

E. Youth Committee Report – John DeHaven

- Registration Forms for YSL being added to USSA AK webiste

G. Old Business

- A. **2019 Fall Conference (Lara / Natalie)** – Registration is open and relying on clubs to communicate to their coaches, volunteers and parents.
<https://ussaak.org/2019-fall-education-conference/>
- ALL CLUBS NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY GET AS MANY PEOPLE TO ATTEND AS POSSIBLE.
 - Linking registration homepage to link with Officials Page.
- B. **Arctic Winter Games 2020 (Natalie)**
[Refer to website: <https://awg2020.org/>]
Mostly, just a reminder that we will need to incorporate this event into our quota selections rules for 2019/2020, just like we have in the past years. This will be the first year that we've had AWG and Tri-Divisional's occurring at the same time. We need to determine if we prioritize one event over the other, and how we manage resources (coaching staff) and quotas.
- Natalie is in contact with AWG to find out when the deadline is for naming the team.
- C. **Level 100 (John DeHaven)**
Recruit instructor for on-snow component, assess needs and calendar.
- Allie Ace will be doing the in-class portion on the Sunday. Afterwards, Allie is available to for the on-snow portion and Hilltop will provide the space and passes for the coaches in one night, depending on the number of coaches.
- D. **NEW RULES FOR U12 (and under) Age Group** will be published in the 2019/2020 Competition Guide Rule Book (released October 1, 2019). REFER to summary below. As a Division, we can opt to make the recommendation a Divisional Rule, and/or expand these Rules to the U14 age group. Example: Far West Division implemented a rule that U14s cannot use Fluoro. Let's discuss and consider if we, as a Division, would like to propose some rule changes for our season.
- a. U12 and under competitors are only allowed to use one (1) pair of skis per race (inspections and competition). Parents, coaches or technicians are not allowed to furnish additional pairs of skis for use during race day inspections or competition. Non-compliance may result in NPS or depending on circumstance, DSQ (proven violation after start). (U.S. Ski & Snowboard Equipment Rules)
 - b. U12 and under competitors should refrain from using fluorinated wax. In any case, application of any type of waxing solution must not be applied at U12 and under competition venues. Use of ski preparation benches is not allowed at the U12 and under competition venues.
 - c. RECOMMENDATION (not a rule): At U12 and under competitions, it is recommended each division hold two races where speed suits are not allowed.

H. New Business

- A. AVST Status (Lex)
- Lex received and email from Jason Woodward and AVST is going to forego being a USSA club this year and will focus on U12 and Under age levels and will focus on YSL.
 - Arctic Valley has asked to stay in the U12/U14 State Champ rotation and we will leave them in and see how things progress.
- B. WR U16 Project at Mission Ridge on Dec 20-22, 2019
AK has a quota of 2 Men / 2 Women. Need to determine how we will do our selection boards. (Jen Danza)
- How will these athletes be selected?
 - Lex / Jen / Natalie will talk offline and make a decision.

- This is an international trip and all other divisions will be sending their best athletes.

I. Round Table

AVST – No report

HART – New GM. Trevor who used to be with Hillberg will be starting at the end of the month.

Hillberg – New timing system installed this summer. Communications are hardwired now so no radios are needed. Everything is squared away for the season start. Some families are coming back to Hillberg and Jason is changing how he advertises the program this year.

ASC – 140 Junior registered. Freeride is filled to capacity. Mighty Mite and Devo registration is open. ASC Tanaka Plan has been in the works with the resort for quite a few seasons. Things are looking positive for more snowmaking, but takes time to negotiate and work through. Lots of extra education about how valuable the ski clubs are to the mountain.

JSC – No report

FSC – 10 inches up at Ski Land so far. Things kick off in January. Planning to send a group down to Alyeska Cup this year.

UAA –

J. Set Next ACC Meeting - Tuesday, November 5 @ 6pm

K. Adjournment