



Alaska Division ACC Meeting Minutes -- 04/06/20 6pm AKT

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

A. Approval of Minutes November 5, 2019

- Minutes approved. Updated date of previous meeting from October 5 to November 5.

B. Approval of Agenda April 6, 2020

- Approved with two additions to New Business

C. Chairman's Report – Lex Patten

- Feels 2019/20 season went very well, despite the abrupt ending, it was a great season
- Lex is retiring from the Alaska Division. This will be his final meeting.
 - i. Lex opened the floor for nominations to replace him and has nominated Lara Hildreth, due to her knowledge of the Division, her attendance at many different USSA meetings and connections, and her understanding of the rules and regulations of the Division. Lara is accepting of this nomination.
 - ii. Lara Hildreth will be the new Chairman of the Alaska Division.
 - iii. Timeline of full change over of roles will be discussed off the call.

D. Administrator's / Financial Report – Natalie Osborne

- Financial Report
 - Need to budget more \$ for Team Alaska athletes. We have more athletes than ever before in Team A.
 - Would like to see a Team Alaska committee to form to brainstorm this line item and see if there are some new ideas how to recognize the Team A, B and academic athletes.
 - There was no fundraising event this year. Goal is to have a fundraising event for 2020/21, but it will not be surrounding the ASC Warren Miller series.
- Recap of Trip Reconciliations / Refunds
 - Arctic Winter Games is only refunding \$1000 to parents. Parents are getting back less than ½ of what they paid (total was \$2200).
 - 2 years from now – The ACC might want to think about not collecting Arctic Winter Games money and having the families pay direct, but late – due to timing of when our teams/selection boards are finalized. Natalie is still working through the situation with PayPal and some of the families. Payments may need to come directly from the athlete family to Arctic Winter Games, but not through the ACC.
 - There was a delay in processing refunds to Tri-D and WR races because of the hold up with our PayPal account, but Natalie now has access to our account as of Sunday, April 5. Will be processing refunds quickly.

E. Official's Report – Brian Hartman

- Meetings for Official's start tomorrow and through the next few days.
- Brian will go through Homologations and be certified, but cannot do FIS yet. Will need to schedule that differently. Brian will be able to work on Level 4 next year – passed written Level 3 TD test – WITH A 94% FIRST TRY!!

F. Youth Committee Report – John DeHaven

- YSL went well, considering the base access issues this year. Should be cleared up by next season.
- Numbers were sitting around the 200 range for the race series and just under 100 for the U10 and Under State Champs.

G. Old Business

H. New Business

- **AK Proposal to WR ACC re: seeding method used for U16 Automatics to Regional and National projects.** Current seeding method puts these athletes just after the first seed. Need a volunteer to draft proposal if we want the U16 Automatic to appear higher in the start order.
 - There will be automatic bids going forward.
 - If we want to change the way seeding happens, we need to have a proposal in to the WR by April 15.
 - Jen Danza, Lara Hildreth and Natalie to discuss if they want to make a change. Jen is writing a quick proposal and will discuss with the Development Committee, get it approved and will forward to the Western Region.

- **2021 U16 Nationals** – ASC Placing Bid to host. HOLD OVER UNDER OLD BUSINESS.

- **U12/U14 State Champs** – This was lost to ASC this year due to COVID-19. ASC already put in all the money for the awards and the schwag. Awards have not been subscribed. Schwag does already have 2020 date. ASC would like to host again, but can't do both if they win the bid for the U16 Nationals. Bid for U16 Nationals will be decided not long after the Congress in May. HOLD OVER UNDER OLD BUSINESS.

- **Summer Homologation** – Most of Alyeska Homologations are due on November 1, 2020. Lara has been discussing with Scott Young and Brian Hartman and are re-homologating, also a few upper mountain venues (at the Resorts request). Lara would like to know who else in the state needs homologation and would like to share the expenses and plan all of them around each other's needs. If anyone has any homologations that need to be done, it is better to share the cost. (Juneau has Hillary's upper and Hillary's lower that needs to be done (Super G, GS and SL) – and possibly two other runs Scott Young and Randy have identified.)

Any clubs who need homologation done – send Lara and email so she can start coordinating with all the clubs. Would like to submit before the May Congress. Applications are on the USSA website.

Broader question – Historically, has the Division ever jump in and share some of the cost of getting these done. Natalie and Lex confirmed the Division has never jumped in and funded, it has always fallen on the resorts and clubs.

- **RTG Athletes (Jen Danza):** 2007 athletes, could have at least a minimum quota 1 female/1 male at a minimum from each division – Jen would like to see AK Division represented in the RTG. Should be a minimum quota for each division since Championship races didn't happen. Northern and AK are both in the same situation because we don't score U14s.

I. Round Table with all Clubs

AVST – Arctic Valley had great snow conditions for the 2019/20 season. Had a successful season. Talks of a spring camp at Arctic Valley, but everything is on hold for now with the current situation. Tony is planning on staying with Arctic Valley for the 2020/21 season. Tony will get in touch with Brian to talk about 2 homologation runs he is interested in.

HART – Good season. Looking to do several hill projects this summer/improvement. 2000 cubic yards of dirt coming.

Hillberg – No report.

ASC – Alyeska Resort looks wonderful, best snow conditions in years. RTC is clean and organized and ready for the season to start again! Club is very busy with virtual/zoom dryland sessions with Juniors and Freeride. Still in discussions about dryland camps and fall dryland for older age groups. Working on RTC updates and upgrades. Social Media outreach campaign in the works – lead by Allie Ace. Working on end of season budgeting and 2020/21 budgeting.

JSC – Great athlete year, incredible snow year. Lots of progress with the athletes. Randy Bates is stepping out and bringing in Kevin Stell (adding his contact to the ACC list). Randy will stay on to administer the program next year, but Kevin will be head coach.

FSC – No report.

UAA – Everything is allocated for 2020/21. UAA is hosting the Regional Championships. Will get with Lara/Jen about dates. Should be in late February.

J. Public Forum Comment

K. Set Next ACC Meeting. Monday, April 20, 6pm

Natalie proposes that we schedule the next ACC Meeting for anytime between April 14 and April 19, so that our AK ACC has time to review the WR ACC Proposal and discuss prior to the April 21 WR ACC Call.

Adjournment: 7:49pm