



Alaska Division ACC Meeting Minutes -- 09/02/20 6pm AKT

**1. In Attendance:**

Lara Hildreth, Jason Young, Natalie Osborne, Mark Dehertogh (AVST), Jen Danza, JP (HART), Sparky (UAA), Mary Thomas

**2. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2020**

Motion: Sparky / Second: JP

No Discussion

**3. Approval of Agenda for September 2, 2020**

Nothing to add, approved as is.

**4. Chairperson's Report – Lara Hildreth**

- Update from Sparky re: UAA's Ski Team status. He shared his strategy of proposing new legislation which may persuade UAA to keep Ski Racing. Over 20 callers who participated at the open testimony last Monday. Strong letter campaign, as well. Sparky feels confident, but there's still a lot of work to do.

\* Action Request: Natalie Osborne asked to send in a letter on behalf of Alaska Division.

- WR ACC Calendar Committee Meeting is tomorrow. The UAA FISU race is still on the calendar. Lara will provide an update from this meeting, and the next WR ACC Meeting as well.

**5. Divisional Manager's Report – Natalie Osborne**

- Nothing to report at this time. Financial Report will be provided in September.

**6. Official's Report – Brian Hartman [absent]**

**7. Old Business**

- Homologations Reports from Clubs

- i. ASC Report (Lara Hildreth): Paul Mahre will be here next and Brian Hartman will be with Paul while they are doing the work. Paul will bounce between AVST and ASC. If Paul doesn't pass his COVID test upon arrival, there is a work around that Lara has discussed with JJ Ehlers at US Ski and Snowboard
- ii. JSC Report - we have not heard from JSC regarding their homologations. Natalie sent email to Randy and Kevin asking for an update.
- Fall Education Conference + ACC Retreat
  - i. Has USSA discussed doing anything online – webinars – for in class portion, and then doing a proctored test? **Natalie to follow-up with Lucy and Brian Hartman re: this.**

## 8. New Business

- Review of US Ski & Snowboard's 2020-21 COVID-19 Alpine Domestic Competitions Guidance [see your email]
  - i. Discussion regarding logistics involved with hosting races. There will be a need for the club to work with local venues to determine specific local rules. ASC will most likely close the RTC to the public, but it will be open for officials and coaches and meetings.
  - ii. U14s not traveling – focus more on development and how to keep them motivated.
  - iii. Jen Danza – **concern regarding the FIS quota and calendaring, which we need to raise at the next WR ACC Meeting.**
  - iv. Mary Thomas inquired about what the obligations and accountability will be for the ROC / Club to execute the rules.
- Naming Hilltop's new SL run after Lex Patten
  - i. At our last meeting there was a suggestion to name a ski run after Lex Patten at Hilltop. JP is in agreement. Will form a committee for this – email was sent out inviting/recruiting committee members [Natalie]
- Race Fit weekends at SkiAK and Powder Hound - new format
- UAA Ski Swap canceled
- Division's new URL: <https://alaskaalpine.com>
- Calendaring Divisional Races
  - i. JP asked Lara about the Coca Cola Classic – Lara thinks it will most likely be scheduled the second week of January.

- ii. JP/Jason have been discussing the YSL calendar and will most likely consolidate their schedule. Trying to keep 250 small kids socially distance will not be practical. Reducing YSL down to one race, and having a championship race.

## 9. Roundtable

- **AVST** – Just opened their registration. Neither Tony or Luke were able to attend.
- **HART** - Hired Steve Mashburn as their head coach.
- **Hillberg** - They are currently working with JBER to see if they will be able to open Hillberg. Jason will keep us posted on how this turns out. This will potentially impact how many kids they can accept into the program. They will try to keep their older kids on the hill – somewhere else if they need to.
- **ASC** – Has been very active throughout the summer despite COVID. Hosted two camps at Mt. Hood with great attendance with good outcomes and a lot of time on snow. Homologations starting next week with Paul Mahre. New program: Alpine X (hybrid between Ski Cross and Freeride). Their participation numbers are on track to meet their goals, despite COVID. Conducted their first Activity Camp this past summer – with up to 19 athletes for a five-day program. In-house proctoring system that will provide help for Girdwood residents with school tutoring and tie into Dryland (pilot program). They've had to cancel all of their fundraising events that have had a social component to it, and replace it with an online auction – which is a tough just because the Warren Miller Film Nights and the UAA Swap are institutions for the Anchorage area.

## 10. Set Next ACC Meeting

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 6pm via Zoom