



Alaska Division ACC Meeting Minutes -- 3/15/2021 6pm AKT

Members in attendance: Lara Hildreth (ACC/ASC), Natalie Osborne (Divisional Manager), Amy Guse (ACC), Brian Hartman (ACC), Mary Thomas (ACC), John DeHaven (HART), Luke Clement (Arctic Valley), Jen Danza (Alyeska Ski Club), Kevin Stell (JSC)

- **Approval of Minutes February 23, 2021**
 - Motion to approve minutes from Brian. 2nd by John DeHaven.
 - Minutes approved with no changes.
- **Approval of Agenda March 15, 2021**
 - Addition of Volunteer Membership Costs.
 - Agenda motioned by Luke Clement, 2nd by John DeHaven.
- **Chair Report – Lara Hildreth**
 - Lara is unable to make the meeting. Natalie will be running the meeting and Lara has made Natalie her proxy for a vote on the 2021-22 Divisional Dues.
- **Official's Report – Brian Hartman**
 - No report.
- **Old Business**
 - Lex's Lane Ceremony
 - Went very well and Lex was in attendance.
 - U10 and Under State Champs
 - Event complete with over 80 athletes
 - U12/U14 State Championship, March 27-28, 2021
 - GS and SL days may flip in order to keep Race Trail free on Saturday.
 - Lara and Jen will send out a revised schedule after they meet on Wednesday.
 - Juneau is bringing 5 athletes up
 - Proposal: Selection Boards for FIS Elite/RTG to use FIS points, and then National points [Danza/Conor]
 - Tabled until Spring or Fall meeting
 - U16 Tri-Divisionals / U16 WR Trip Planning
 - Tri-Divisional parent meeting already happened. This trip is already up and running.
 - U16 WR event is into planning already and going well. Trip is a couple weeks out.
- **New Business**
 - 2021-22 Membership Dues - Deadline to USSS is March 22, 2021 [See emails from Natalie w/ supporting Documents]
 - Brian makes a motion for discussion.
 - Historically, the Alaska Division runs very lean. In the last few years, we have made an effort to at least keep some money in the bank, but yet stay fairly lean for the best interest the athletes.
 - Lara recommends increasing the competitors across the board by \$10.
 - Possibility of doing a percentage increase instead of a flat increase.

- We should look at this increase every year. We will move this discussion in the fall for the following season (due in March of the following year). In Fall of 2021, we will discuss for the 2022/23 Season.
- Recommended to do a \$ amount increase this first year with smaller percentage increases in coming years. We are pretty far behind on that fee.
- If we increase our dues, this is a great way to be able to work on some of the projects as a Division. Example is having Division officials to travel to races to have more options for smaller clubs.
- Late fees were discussed and everyone agrees having a late fee is not a good fit for our Division.
- In the fall, even up to Christmas, USSA membership can restructure national membership.
- Brian makes the motion to increase the dues \$10 across the board this year. Then every year going forward, we would increase these dues by a percentage. Leave that number open right now and that can be discussed and agreed upon in the fall each year.
- Lara seconds the motion.
- Motion approved with no objections.
- Volunteer Memberships
 - It is hard to recruit volunteers. Especially smaller clubs, it is hard to get volunteers out when they have to pay to be out there.
 - Possibility of clubs absorbing costs for volunteers when registering.
 - Discussion: These conversations come up in Officials meetings because we are a sport that has to charge a volunteer.
 - Table this discussion for our April end of season meeting.
- U14 WR Project
 - Running this project just as we do WR events. Traveling down as a team with coaches. Waiting on all intents to be confirmed.
 - No discretionary spots available.
- U16 WR Project
 - New opportunity based on results from the U16 WR event.
 - Arctic Valley: Merry Marmot Festival with fun race. April 3
 - JSC – on April 3, running a fun town downhill race.
 - U14 Gates: No other clubs are running with a 60" gate.
 - U14 Go Pro Mounted during speed event – not recommended.
 - UAA – Great Season just finished up. Go Skiwolves!
- **Set Next ACC Meeting – Will wait to pick the date until the WR Mangers meeting date has been decided and we will meet just before that. Natalie will communicate as soon as she knows.**