



## Alaska Division ACC Meeting Minutes -- 9/13/2021 6pm AKT

**Members in attendance:** Lara Hildreth (ACC/ASC), Natalie Osborne (Divisional Manager), Amy Guse (ACC), Brian Hartman (ACC), Mark Dehertough (Arctic Valley), Jen Danza (Alyeska Ski Club), John Dehaven (HART), Luke Clement (Arctic Valley), Sparky Anderson (UAA), Aaron Stiasny (Arctic Valley), Reini Neuhauser (FSC)

Topic: Alaska Division ACC Meeting

Time: Sep 13, 2021 06:00 PM Alaska

- **Approval of Minutes April 12, 2021**
  1. Motion to approve by Brian Hartman
  2. Approval to approve by John Dehaven
  
- **Approval of Agenda September 13, 2021**
  1. Question about Covid committee, but will not add to the agenda. Approved.
  
- **Chair Report – Lara Hildreth**
  1. May Congress (
  2. At the U19 FIS DEVO level race. Alyeska will be hosting the last one in March 2022. It will be a 2-tier FIS race system.
  3. Calendar is much fuller than last year. Particularly with tech and speed camps.
  
- **Official's Report – Brian Hartman**
  1. Reluctant to make any suggestions on how we are running anything this fall and winter until the COVID committee has met and, but we could try to plan a fall education conference and then adapt when there is guidance.
  2. There will be a TD workshop with a video (either at the conference or online).
  3. Notable Changes:
    - i. Helmet Changes with Camera Mounts
    - ii. U14 gate change (Brian confirming what change went through)
  4. Hoping to be able to meet
  
- **New Business**
  1. Fall Education Conference: propose Nov. 5-7, 2021
    - a. Can be hosted at either Hilltop or Arctic Valley
    - b. Dates are good for everyone.
  
  2. Coaches Level 100 needs to completed for all coaches by Spring 2022. Should we bring up an instructor and have a Division hosted class this season?
    - a. Jen Danza – Jen and Lynch are both capable of completing this level 100 course last season, and it does get a bit time consuming because of the portfolio coaches have to complete, but the on snow portion is a 1-day event.
    - b. It could be done in early November, but Jen thinks someone coming up from USS will be less of a burden on ASC.
    - c. Natalie – there is room in the budget for the Alaska Division to do this and best if it is a week day, early season. Best to do before everyone starts traveling.
    - d. Reini is hoping they could come up to Fairbanks. He has all new people and some have level 100, but none have done the on-snow portion. Moose is usually open before Thanksgiving.

- e. Arctic Valley – weekend course would be better.
  - f. Online class work HAS to be complete before the on-snow. Everyone will need to commit to making sure the online work is done. Start now.
  - g. Lara – start an email chain with each club to find out when each mountain could host their on-snow day and then the Division can secure an instructor to come up.
  - h. Natalie will start an email and Google form to try and get dates going. Jen working with ASC coaches.
  - i. John not back until December 1
  - j. Arctic Valley open Saturdays and Sundays.
3. Competition Calendar: ASC has a draft calendar. Need dates from HART, JSC & AVST, as well as YSL.
    - a. YSL – Hillberg will have calendar in mid-October
    - b. One change is dates for Alyeska Cup
    - c. HART – Northstar Series – January 21<sup>st</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> – or a Friday night race?
    - d. Arctic Valley Cup – Northstar Series – March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – U12-U19s (pull race results from series) – Weather and snow depending, Super G March 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - e. Alyeska Cup – Specified races will be used for North Star
    - f. Fairbanks or Juneau? Do they want to host a race for the series?
      - i. Juneau Board still needs to meet to see if they are set up to host a race.
        1. Will reach out to Kevin to try and calendar a race.
    - g. Fairbanks will host U12/U14 State Champs!! End of March calendaring. April 2 – 3, 2022.
    - h. Thursday nights in Arctic Valley after March 1<sup>st</sup>, picking up town league.
  4. Alyeska Freeride Team has a proposal for JSC to host a second AK Regional Comp. the weekend after Alyeska's Regional Comp.
  5. Race Fit Weekends and appointment schedule.
    - a. Ski AK has already put out their appointment times for sizing.
    - b. PowerHound has not put out dates yet.
  6. Winter Gear and Ski Swap at UAA Oct. 22 – 24
    - a. ASC voted last week to not be involved in a ski swap this year, due to being Covid cautious.
    - b. Sparky and his team are working on coming up with something. It's still on the calendar and trying to figure out if they can pull it off with their own volunteer base.
  7. Status of Lex's Sign at Hilltop
    - a. The sign will be installed this fall.
    - b. Amy working with John to get the sign attached to a Board backer for hanging.
  8. The 2022 Arctic Winter Games rescheduled to Jan 29 – Feb 4, 2023. Wood Buffalo.

HART – adding dirt to start mount.

Fairbanks – maintaining around 30 athletes. Planning to be able to send athletes down to Alyeska Cup this year.

Juneau –

Arctic Valley – Sold both cats and will have two new winch cats coming this fall.

Alyeska – Camps are open to all division athletes. U12 – U19 (Nov 17 – 25) at Big Sky and then U16 – 19s (Nov 25 – Dec 2) will move on to Copper. Will want vaccination from all that can be vaccinated or negative Covid test within 72 hours prior to departing.

- **Set Next ACC Meeting – October 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm**