



## Alaska Division ACC Meeting Minutes -- 10/17/2021 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), Reini Neuhauser (FSC), Jason Young (Hillberg), Mary Thomas (ACC), Kevin Stell (JSC), Michael Radford (Arctic Valley)

Luke Clement (Arctic Valley), Aaron Stiassny (Arctic Valley), Sparky Anderson (UAA),

Topic: Alaska Division ACC Meeting

Time: Oct 17, 2021 06:00 PM Alaska

- **Approval of Minutes September 13, 2021**
  1. Mark motion to Approve
  2. Jen second the motion
  3. Minutes approved.
  
- **Approval of Agenda October 17, 2021**
  1. Approved with no discussion
  
- **Chair Report – Lara Hildreth**
  1. Introductions to Michael Radford from Arctic Valley (new head coach)
  2. Checking in on Summit Workshops and if anyone is participating. Encouraging clubs to either watch the live meetings or go back and watch the recorded versions and participate.
  
- **Official's Report – Brian Hartman**
  1. COVID Committee Update: The policy and document is a living document and could change any time.
  2. Recommending vaccinations prior to traveling to any events.
  3. Any guidance that is more strict, USSS is recommending to use the more strict versions.
  4. Masks are not required outdoors if you are vaccinated, but recommended if you are not vaccinated.
  5. All competitions are required to have a COVID coordinator. Must be a USSS member. Recommended to have a medical background.
  6. Team Captains meetings are required to be attended and recommended to be outdoors. If meeting is indoor, virtual option is required. Recommending anyone non-vaccinated to attend virtually if meeting is indoors.
  7. All awards ceremonies to be held outdoors.
  8. Level 100 – need to do the CO online section first.
  9. November 5 – 7, Tests can be in person and clinics can happen. Indoors need to be masked and/or proof of vaccination. This can be a combination of virtual and in person, whatever is needed.
  10. Brian is working to get Fairbanks finished up (Doug Hall – Main Contact), with homologation to get it completed for this season. Ski Land runs.
  11. U14 and under gate length is 60" above the snow. We were trying to change to 72", but that has been shot down.

- **Old Business**

1. Fall Education Conference: Nov. 5-7, 2021
  - i. In person vs. Virtual opportunities
    1. Brian and Mary need to know what is need (for lectures). Who needs refs, TDs, Chief of Race.
    2. All certs can be done in person (if new). If they are updates, they will just need the lecture, and can be done virtual.
    3. USSS – Vaccination is required, but no specification on what is the proof of vaccination.
    4. For Timing, Mary knows everyone needs to be renewed this year as all are expiring.
    5. Each club needs to let Mary and Brian go through all of their volunteer lists and let them know who needs updates vs recertification vs new officials – DEADLINE: Oct 25 to Brian and Mary about what is needed.
    6. Parent Education section:
      - a. Clubs feel this is valuable. Natalie’s suggestion is to put her portion about the background of USSS and how the Division and how it works on a YouTube video and put it on our homepage so parents can see it on their own terms.
2. [Coaches Level 100 Availability Questionnaire](#) ([See Responses at this link](#) )
  - i. Online course would open up (from GAR)
  - ii. Someone would travel up to certify coaches with new level 100 coaches.
  - iii. On snow component should be ready to go in January and in April the representative could fly up to educate the level 100 and 200 done.
  - iv. Currently, Jen is only trying to coordinate for the Level 100. Doesn’t include the Officials Refs portion.
  - v. If any coaches are going to be in a venue (including Jr. Coaches) who want to be in a venue, they have to do Safe Sport (if under 18, no background check) and all coaches must have a level 100 or they will not be able to be in venue.
  - vi. Wants to focus on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> as the date option.
  - vii. Cost is \$85 for course.
3. [Competition Calendar](#): YSL events?
  - i. Hilltop Ram’s Cup should be confirmed this week.
  - ii. For YSL – there will only be a Hilltop and Arctic Valley Race, no outside competitions will be allowed at Hillberg this year. They are also limited to 75 as opposed to the higher numbers they usually have. Families will not be able to participate in off-base ski races at this point, so they will be limited to stay on their own hill and remain outdoors.
  - iii. NOTE: Please review the split schedule for Alyeska Cup for U16 & U19s
  - iv. Eaglecrest will not be able to host an event again this year.
  - v. Juneau is hoping to host a Freeride comp this spring (March 4 and 5).
4. Status of Lex’s Sign at Hilltop
  - i. Light pole is trenched and hoping to put those poles in this week.
  - ii. John with get with Amy to get some structural integrity for the sign.

- **New Business**

1. COVID Update –
  - i. 2021-22 USSS Alpine Competitions and Non-athletic Gatherings Guidance documents
    1. Reviewed during officials report.
  - ii. Alaska Division's traveling athlete policy
    1. This went into effect after an email vote.
    2. All traveling athletes have to be vaccinated.

3. Non-vaccinated athletes will have to travel independently.
  4. Policy will be fluid as changes are made from USSS or exceptions for medical or religious exemptions.
  5. Athletes right to compete cannot be restricted.
- iii. What COVID mitigation standards our Alaska Division clubs adopting.
1. If clubs can share with the Division, what their policies are so when clubs are visiting, each club knows what to expect and follow.
  2. This will be good for next meeting. Homework for each club to get a COVID coordinator, and share any info with all clubs on the Division.
- iv. Report from Division Managers on what other clubs are doing.
1. A lot of the divisions ACCs are just now starting to meet. Natalie will start to gather info from the other divisions as to what they are looking at adopting for policies. EXAMPLE: State of Montana has passed a law that people cannot be asked about their vaccination status.
  2. Other divisions may eliminate team travel.
- **Set Next ACC Meeting – Monday, November 1 at 6pm**