



ALASKA DIVISION ACC MEETING - MINUTES

Wednesday, February 27, 2025 at 6pm AKT

In attendance: Tasha Foster (ACC), Amy Guse (ACC), Julie-Pierre Leclerc (ACC), Jheren Svoboda (ACC), Conor McDonald (ASC), Kevin Stell (JSC), Conor Lynch (HART), Luke Clement (Arctic Valley), Mary Thomas (ACC),

Approval of Minutes January 21, 2024 (see attached from email)

- Motion to approve Luke Clement
- 2nd from Bucky McDonald

Approval of Agenda February 27, 2025

- Motion to approve Luke Clement
- 2nd from Julie-Pierre Leclerc
- Chair Report– Jheren Svoboda
 - Challenging season to say the least but pretty happy with the way everyone is working together on and off the hill. Glad to see decisions being made to benefit the athletes.
- Club Round Table – UPDATES
 - AVST – Nice YSL race, first of the season. Barely enough snow, but made it work. Boda came the night before to help get set, so it was a huge help. Snow pack is dwindling. Arctic Valley Cup is slated for the 15th/16th, but will delay the cup to March 22/23rd. SL in the am and GS in the PM. Sunday the 23rd. Boda, Kevin and Luke were discussing to host State Champs on March 22nd.
 - ASC – Hosting a lot of events these last few weeks. Challenging winter to say the least. Alyeska Resort has been amazing and flexible, very appreciative. Deep in freeride comp. Had to postpone the event yesterday, but pulled it off today. Speed series starts on Tuesday. Clearing venue with resort Friday. Thank you to everyone for rolling with the punches.
 - HART – SkiCross this weekend at Hilltop. Lots of working together on training space. Shout out to Bucky and Sparky for pulling off the FISU races. Heard lots of good things. Appreciate the speed races going off next week. Looking forward to it.
 - JSC – Warm and rainy, unfortunately. No freeride comp, moving YSL State Champs, the GS and SL. Operating on a day by day basis at this point. Tough season. 5 athletes coming up for the Super G. Looking grim.
 - FSC – No Report.

- UAA – Note from Sparky – thank you to all the coaches and volunteers. Everyone was so incredible. Race series was a huge success!
- Official's Report – Julie-Pierre Leclerc/ Brian Hartman
 - Certified a new REF (Boda) in the last month. Congrats!
 - Following up with Juneau to see about Homologations. Julie will keep this on her radar.
 - Couple people need to do their Ref follow in fall. Any shadowing at Arctic Valley Cup would be great. U12/U14 State Champs is another shadow opportunity.
 - Bucky – with a level 300 – they can have 2 shadows, so we can do as much as 3 at a time shadowing.
- Finance Update – Mary Thomas
 - Working to get an additional account for YSL only funds so those can be managed to stay with YSL.
 - Wells Fargo – not ideal since we know AK Airlines card would be better, need to just go with Wells Fargo to get a credit card.
 - The DNO insurance that was voted on, but it was an \$850 premium, just making sure that is reasonable within our budget.
- Coaches Working Group update – Conor Lynch
 - outcome of meeting 2/23/25:
 - Debriefs after every race is good. Doesn't let things build that don't need to. Been working great.
 - Recap of Alyeska Cup: saw U14s competing with U16s. Is a U16/U18 qualifier – so need to make sure we are not hindering field size or tracks, etc.
 - Schedule is continuing to be challenging for younger athletes. Make sure there are warmups and good inspections. 1 race vs. 2 races.
 - Always trying to find the balance of racing and training.
 - Eaglecrest and snow conditions are not good right now. Everyone wants to always keep Eaglecrest as an option to travel instate.
 - Speed Races: set to having the races with the original schedule. But also talked about moving the venue.
 - Summer Camp training at Alyeska
 - U14s contingency plan #2: If we lose the Super Gs, should meet back up to decide if we are going to go best 5 tech events of 6, or just leave at best 4 tech events. Meet in person to confirm this 2nd backup plan the day of the Super Gs if they don't go off.
 - U14 qualifications contingency plan #1: Missed Juneau, and had Arctic Valley and Coke Cola SL, but since Arctic Valley was too close to cutoff, so went with Coke SL and BEST GS Run across the board.
 - Motion to approve 1st contingency plan: Conor Lynch
 - 2nd: Bucky McDonald

- Approved. No discussion.
- YSL Update – Luke Clement
 - U10 State Champs, Arctic Valley or Hilltop are both prepared to step up and host the U10 and Under State Champs. Need to make sure it is appropriate 3 event race for little kids.
 - Might work well to have both events at Arctic Valley on March 22. We can be flexible with venue, and Hilltop can be a back up venue.
 - YSL race on March 1 is at Alyeska. Bibs and medals are with Bucky. Lower mountain is super sugary right now. Hoping they get some moisture to help. ASC can help with some salt.
- Admin Ski Racing – No report.
- Coach Education – Jen Danza
 - Looking at end of April for Coaches 100 & 200.
 - **Action Item:** Tasha – talk to Jen and discuss snow conditions. Will we have snow end of April?
- Division Update
 - any divisional/ regional info or issues to bring to WR?
 - Recent managers meeting with the WR region folks. Asked to put on any Divisional or Regional issues that we want to bring to the WR, get a collective input to Tasha.
 - April 16 is WR meeting.
 - ASR? do we want to switch to Ski Reg? will be WR choice at end of day, but they are looking for input.
 - Would like to keep things consistent. Let's try and stay with what we are using. We are just now finally getting everyone trained.
 - WR ACC meeting scheduled for April 16th 10AM via Zoom
 - Need to confirm if it is 10am AST.
 - Congress is scheduled for May 12-16 in Park City, UT.
 - Discuss funding of trip.
 - Julie and Tasha would like to attend in person. Boda as well, possibly. Table discussion until next meeting.

Action Item Follow Up

- CWG -
 - volunteers from all clubs at races: how do you feel it's going? what can we do better?
 - Overall goal is to have a platform so everyone can see what everyone has available.
 - Need to make sure to link in Sparky.

- Boda and Jen: DNO Insurance; Jen sent Boda all the data and he is now working with Mary completing it
 - Update noted above in Treasures Report
- Academic & Athletic Team Alaska
 - presented at Alyeska Cup awards; Saturday and Monday.
 - 46 athletes between, ASC, HART & JSC
- U16/U18 AK State Champs
 - awards for each discipline and overall
 - splitting bill with ASC; \$315 each, \$630 for 8 awards. submitted receipt and reimbursement request to ASC.
- WR Championship trip planning
 - Coaches tentatively going: U18; Bucky & Moro. U16; Nick, Brenna and *Conor*. U14; Kjersti and *Conor or Duffy?* Tri D's; Kevin, Rob Carte, Rae Lemon, *Tasha**.
 - A lot of discussion about having a better way for coaches selection. choose coaches who go to these Regional races. Some way to have equal representation and giving more people chance to experience these high level races.
 - Tabled to discuss after Super G.
 - Team coats; ordered and paid in by Mary and Tasha- will be reimbursed through athlete dues and sponsorship (Zimmer AK, Skip Bartow).

New Business:

- Tri Division's travel; team travel vs day camp style?
 - Not feasible. Needs to be day camp.
- Open floor to any new business

Old Business:

- Amy and Mary – Coming to the end of term-limit. Need to discuss.
 - Term up on June 30.

Standing Items:

- Homologations updates
- Website Discussion
 - results to all races are posted so far
 - working boards are up, as of Coca Cola. calculating per run results for potential of contingency plan.
- Out of Division Travel
 - ASC:
 - U16's went to Laura Flood tech series at Sun Valley. Solder speed camp was canceled. Going to Schweitzer at the end of the month.
 - U18's went to Bachelor and Utah.
 - U12 / U10's went to Monroe Cup at Rotarun (Sun Valley)
- Becoming a 501 (C) 3

- Updating signatures
 - See above Bylaws Discussion/Finance
- DNO Insurance status update –
 - Payable via check.
 - American Specialty Insurance recommended by USSS: https://www.amerspec.com/usskiandsnowboard_cov/
- Fundraising Chair initial discussion
 - Tabled until Bylaw Discussion is done/ become 501c3
 - Brainstorm who would be a good fit for this role so we can have them ready when we become a c3.
- Education Report (NEW) – Each Board member delivers some form of education on a rotational basis. Topics can range from club development to athlete development to parent education.
- tasking action items

Set Next ACC Meeting – Wednesday, April 2, 2025 @ 6:30pm
Motion to Adjourn: Bucky McDonald
2nd: Julie