



ALASKA DIVISION ACC MEETING
Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 6:30pm AKT

*In attendance: Tasha Foster (ACC), Amy Guse (ACC), Jheren Svoboda (ACC),
Conor McDonald (ASC), Kevin Stell (JSC), Conor Lynch (HART), Mark
DeHertough (Arctic Valley), Reini Neuhauser (FSC), Jennifer Danza (ACC)*

Approval of Minutes February 27, 2025 (see attached from email)

- Motion to approve – Mark
- 2nd - Kevin Stell

Approval of Agenda April 2, 2025

- Motion to approve – Kevin
- 2nd – Conor Lynch
- Chair Report– Jheren Svoboda
 - Wants to thank everyone for trusting him in filling the chair role.
 - Feels we have come a long way from where we were a year ago.
 - Let's keep moving in the right direction.
- Club Round Table – UPDATES
 - AVST – UAA practiced on Monday, snow held up well. They are a go for this weekend. Can use any help they can get on Friday for set up. Coaches working group has been top notch this year! HART has 3 volunteers going up on Friday.
 - ASC – Thank you to all coaches during the championship season. ASC, very low attendance for the spring speed series. Hard to close off half of the upper mountain for 16 athletes. May need to shorten the series into 2 days. Will have an updated answer by Saturday. Thinking maybe these late races are a little hard to pull off moving into the spring. Summer Camp is a go on the upper mountain, May 26 – June 6.
 - HART – HART is training at Arctic Valley next few days and then U12/14 State Champs are this weekend. Looking at camp options. Ups and Downs at champs, but good experience. Coaching teams were great. Weather was a challenge at both Mammoth and Schweitzer.
 - JSC – Things are hanging on in Juneau with a little bit of snow. Had a spring break training camp. Nothing below, but have been able to ski the upper mountain. 6 kids coming up for U12/U14s. This next weekend is it for the season for Juneau. Has passed the word on about the camp at Alyeska. Both Freeride and Juniors.

- FSC – Down to the last 2 weeks. Coming down for U12/U14s this weekend. Seth will be down Friday to volunteer. Had good training the last couple of weeks. Would like to get on a more regular schedule of hosting races in Fairbanks. Arctic Valley Cup was a great race experience.
 - UAA – No report.
- Official's Report – Julie-Pierre Leclerc/ Brian Hartman
 - Decisions need to be made about May Congress.
- Finance Update – Mary Thomas
 - Bank Balance is: \$11,444.21 (checking) / \$6,224.08 (savings)
 - YSL Account has been created. Current balance: \$5,520.00
 - YSL needs another signer on the account. Mary is currently the only one.
- Coaches Working Group update – Conor Lynch
 - Last meeting was March 12. Minutes were sent.
 - Debrief on Alyeska Cup Speed. Hopefully we can get the next series going again next week.
 - More opportunities if the mountain allows.
 - Scheduling a weather contingency day.
 - U12/U14 State Champs Updates.
 - Need to set another meeting, probably after the Speed Series next week.
 - Need to discuss how the Division wants to look at the Summer Camp opportunity at Alyeska.
- YSL Update – Luke Clement
 - Thanks to everyone for knocking everything out of the park over the Arctic Valley Cup and U10 and Under State Champs.
 - Need to replace a couple of bibs.
 - Needs to order 3 years of medals.
 - Would be happy to be the other signer on the account since he is not going anywhere.
- Admin Ski Racing – Tasha will take notes to see what is going to happen and will report back.
- Coach Education – Jen Danza
 - "Preparation for 2025-26 Coach Certification Rule Summary: All U.S. Ski & Snowboard Coach Members will be required to hold an ACTIVE Coach Certification status in order to register for U.S. Ski & Snowboard sanctioned competitions. **This requirement will go into effect at the start of the 2025-26 season, 07/01/2025.**

Any not-yet-certified Coach Member has the duration of two full seasons to earn their Level 100 Coach Certification. This two-season timeline begins during the 2024-25 season, meaning: any not-yet-certified Coach Member with a 2024-25 season membership has until the end of the 2025-26 season (06/30/2026) to obtain their Level 100 certification.

Note that coaches who are working towards their Level 100 certification may

earn the IN PROGRESS certification status, which is regarded as an "active" status for competition registration for the duration of two seasons." from USSS SEA.

- Ideal times for Level 100 is April 19. Level 200 – April 26-27. These courses are posted and open already.
- This truly will be an assessment. Need to be prepared.
- Need to be 18 years old to get a Level 100.
- Division Update
 - Congress; May 12-16, 2025 in Park City, UT. The Westgate Resort & Spa
 - Master Schedule: [2025 Congress Schedule](#)
 - flights are roughly \$670; ANC to SLC 5/11-16 - Move vote to email on this topic so we can get some decisions made. Suggestion is Tasha, Julie and Boda.
 - WR ACC meeting Date: April 16th. 8:30 to 11:30 am pacific time. Zoom will be sent out with the agenda.

Action Item Follow Up:

- Boda and Jen: DNO Insurance; status? No Update.
- Tasha and Jen: Coaches Education in end of April; 4/19-20/25 and 4/26-27/25
- Volunteer platform:
- Coaches selections for Divisional travel – Should discuss during coaches debrief in the next meeting. Need to lay out a plan how the decisions should be made.

New Business:

- AK Membership; conversation on how to increase revenue should start now (summary sheet: [AK-Membership-Master-Summary.xlsx](#))
- Open floor to any new business – NONE.

Old Business:

- Amy and Mary – End of term on June 30, 2025. Need to discuss.
 - ACTION ITEM: Amy to draft a recruitment email for the positions.
- U16/U18 AK State Champs – This topic should shift to coaches working group.
 - presented SG and Overall (for the first time) at the Alaska Airlines Speed
 - Same rules as Alyeska Cup; "The winner of the first event in each discipline at the Alaska Airlines Speed Race and Alyeska Cup tech events for the U16 and U19 age classifications, will be designated the Alaska state champion in that discipline, as well as the overall champion. World Cup points are awarded for each of three races (1SG, 1GS, 1SL), and only athletes that finish all three events will be eligible to win." Should we change?

Standing Items:

- Homologations updates – No updates
- Website Discussion
 - results to all completed races are posted – Arctic Valley going up.
 - Web hosting, PHP extended support & SSL purchased: \$355.75
 - Natalie was charging for this service in the past and transferred it to GoDaddy in the fall. Her fee was roughly \$500.
- Out of Division Travel

- WRJC, U16, U14 & TriD's
 - Division Wind Blades made; \$392.28
 - after sponsorship, jacket cost is \$92.92 each
- Becoming a 501 (C) 3
 - Updating signatures
- DNO Insurance status update – \$850 premium
 - 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.
 - should prepare a position description that can be sent out via Mailchimp email campaign

Set Next ACC Meeting – May 7, 2025 – 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned @ 8:04pm.