



ALASKA DIVISION ACC MEETING
Thursday, May 8th, 2025 at 6:30pm AKT

In attendance: Tasha Foster (ACC), Amy Guse (ACC), Jheren Svoboda (ACC), Nick Foster (ASC), Kevin Stell (JSC), Conor Lynch (HART), Jennifer Danza (ACC), Mary Thomas (ACC), Luke Clement (Arctic Valley)

Approval of Minutes April 2, 2025 (see attached from email)

- Conor motion
- Jen Danza 2nd

Approval of Agenda May 8, 2025

- Conor Motion
- Julie 2nd

Chair Report– Jheren Svoboda

- Won't attend congress in person, but will attend when possible online.
- Wants to set some deadlines for upcoming fall events so we get caught up in the summer so it isn't all crammed into the fall.
- Will come up with a list with Tasha of tasks to try and tackle earlier than fall.

Club Round Table – UPDATES

- AVST – stayed open into May. Have salt leftover for last year. Has people interested in officials training and coaches 100 in the fall. Fundraiser was successful at 49th State Brewing. Raised \$6000 and will be applying for a matching grant. Excited to see a lot of new faces in the crowd.
- ASC – Camp is looking great. Lots of snow. 10,000 pounds of salt sitting around. Camp has been shortened to 1 week from 2 due to low participation the 2nd week.
- HART – Summer plans will start moving forward soon.
- JSC – Nothing new going on. End of season bbq and awards last weekend. Some parents have been asking questions about camp at ASC.
- FSC – No report.
- UAA – No report.

Official's Report – Julie-Pierre Leclerc / Brian Hartman

- Not much to report at this meeting, until after May Congress is over next week.
- Julie is still working on JSC homologations. Expires July 2025. Do not want to let that date pass without having the renewal done.
- Arctic Valley homologations are expiring in 2025 and 2026.

- ASC has homologations up for renewal too.
- Hartman can do the homologations renewals in state as long as nothing major has changed in the venue since the last homologation was done.

Finance Update – Mary Thomas

- Account Balance: \$2369.95 (savings and checking)
- YSL Account Balance: \$5520.00
- Fiscal yearend reporting, stick with June 30 so everything from the season can be wrapped up. Tasha is actively working to get money collected from families, sponsorship and ASC when reconciliations are done.
- Mary can draft a 2026/27 budget for the next meeting so it can be reviewed and adopted before fiscal end.
- Discuss Head Tax (FISU) (email from Kaleen at ASC): ASC took a \$2500 loss hosting the races and is wondering if the Division could reduce the head tax by 50% to offset some of the loss.
 - Jen would support the reduction to keep this event. Support from Boda, Conor and Nick. This would be just for this year, and Mary has spoken with Sparky to look for some sponsorships in the future to offset the costs to ASC for this race.
 - The Division would still break even this year, which is a positive considering the cancelled races and snow conditions.
 - Motion by Nick to approve this for this year.
 - 2nd by Conor.
 - Approved with no further discussion.
- New signer for the YSL account? Luke will be the other signer on the account. Mary and Luke will coordinate.
- State Champ Award cost – need to discuss who is responsible for that cost. When it is a WR race, the WR provides the awards, just for a bigger picture outlook in the discussion.

Coaches Working Group update – Conor Lynch

- Last meeting was Monday, April 14.
- Arctic Valley Cup, 2 races per day worked, but made for long days. Goal to work on reducing athlete fatigue.
- Positive team travel with West Regions and TriDivisionals.
- U12/U14 State Champs was a good event.
- Hope to see the spring speed series attempted again next season.
- Discussed WR qualifiers options.
- Working on volunteer Division platform.

YSL Update – Luke Clement

- Season went really well.
- Goal for next year is to have a race at every venue.
- More Mighty Mites participated, but Mighty Mite weekend was same weekend as State Champs so they couldn't participate. Would like to coordinate schedules better, and to include SkiCross.
- Julie and Boda would like a YSL debrief. Luke will coordinate.

Admin Ski Racing –

- WR ASR working group meeting 5/7/25, will report at the meeting.
- Decision made this far, is that we do not want to switch for the WR at this point. Want to move forward and will keep working out kinks in the system and they have been responsive.

Coach Education – Jen Danza

- Flying out tonight to help host a level 200 in Snowbird. Looking forward for input on new ways to run the on snow.

Division Update

- Master Schedule: [2025 Congress Schedule](#)
- [2025 May Congress Proposal](#)

Action Item Follow Up:

- Amy to draft a job description for Secretary and Treasurer.
 - Will send out to group to begin reviewing week of May 12. Amy will have Mary review before it goes to the full group.

New Business:

- AK Membership; conversation on how to increase revenue should start now (summary sheet: [AK-Membership-Master-Summary.xlsx](#))
 - Tag this on to the budget discussion at the June Meeting.
- Open floor to any new business

Old Business:

- Amy and Mary – End of term on June 30, 2025. Need to discuss.
- Coaches selection for Divisional travel – Tasked to coaches working group, remove from Old Business.
- Volunteer platform – Tasked to coaches working group, remove from Old Business. We do want this listed on the Division website.

Standing Items:

- Homologations updates – discussed earlier.
- Website Discussion – Tasha is continuing to update and clean up website during downtime.
- Out of Division Travel
 - Flight School at Palisades Tahoe, U14 speed camp.
- Becoming a 501 (C) 3
 - Where are we with this?
 - Boda has the paperwork and needs to start filling it out. Would like to have Mary review before the application is submitted.
 - Mary wants him to reach out to make the process as easy as possible.
- DNO Insurance status update – \$850 premium

- Payable via check.
- American Specialty Insurance recommended by USSS: https://www.amerspec.com/usskiandsnowboard_cov/
- What's the status of this payment? This needs to be completed. Mary needs the address to write the check out. Boda need to complete the application and get it paid for. Can be paid with the card.
- 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.
- Volunteer Platform to be hosted on Division website.
- tasking action items

Set Next ACC Meeting – Tuesday @ 6:30pm - June 10 / July 8 / August 12 / September 9

Motion to adjourn: Conor

2nd: Julie