

# ALASKA DIVISION ACC MEETING - MINUTES Thursday, July 15th, 2025 at 6:30pm AKT

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

## Chair Report- Jheren Svoboda

Approval of Minutes from June 10th

- Motion to approve: Jen
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark

## Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve: Kevin Stell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Conor Lynch
- Division Update
  - Western Region
    - WR ACC minutes attached from 6/25/25
    - 2026 competition calendar and 2027 U14.U16
    - Championships Approved (attached to email)
  - Admin Ski Racing
    - ASR made a lot of visual and user-friendly updates
      - Able to register for full series instead of one race at a time now.
    - mobile version more responsive
    - Overall more intuitive using for parents and RA's
      - Working through classes for RA's region by region since each one is a bit different.
      - Data is coming from US Ski and Snowboard site, so everyone needs to make sure their data is correct when they register for licenses.
    - ASR meeting video: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\_1IddZQGrc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n\_1IddZQGrc</a>
  - Website Discussion
    - Minutes updated
  - Out of Division Travel
  - Homologations updates
    - Applications in for; (2024) Hilltop: Ptarmigan/Rams Head (GS & SL), Moose Run (GS & SL). (2025) Alyeska Resort: Race Trail SG, Gail's Gully (GS & SL), Glacier Bowl (DH & SG). Eaglecrest; Hillarys SG

- All clubs want to work together to split the travel cost when the official comes up to complete these homologations.
- Head Tax Discussion for 2025/2026 season; USSS is asking for updates.
  - AK Head Tax History Google Sheet attached to email
  - Jen and Tasha will work on a framework by Tuesday, July 29 to send out to members before the next meeting.
  - Have not increased in two years
    - TASK Jen and Tasha work together to create 3-year framework for head tax raises that need to happen.
- Action Item Follow Up
  - Recruitment letter-
    - Sent on June 13, 2025
      - Tasha to send a follow up
        - Add deadline of September 1 for applications.
    - AO Chair for Officials Julie has received a job offer at Burke this might be something we need to think about filling this position and having a conversation with Julie to see what she wants to do. TASK Tasha to discuss with Julie what Julie wants to do.
  - Non-profit application update no update at this time.
- Club Round Table UPDATES
  - o AVST No report. Homologations is the only thing in the works right now.
  - ASC Registration just opened. Dryland is running. Draft schedule is set right now. Ski Swap and Race Fit are scheduled.
  - HART No report.
  - JSC No report. Eaglecrest did lose Black Bear Chairlift (being decommissioned) and no progress on the gondola at this point.
  - FSC No report.
  - UAA No report.
- Official's Report; Julie-Pierre Leclerc No report
- Finance Update; Mary Thomas No report
- Coaches Working Group update; Conor Lynch
  - Next CWG meeting: discuss schedule, review new rules, volunteer platform, WR coach selections & qualifications
    - Busy summer, but Conor will be working on trying to get a meeting set up to work through his task list.
- YSL Update; Luke Clement No report. Will be trying to reach out to Hilberg to see what they are up to this winter.
- Coach Education; Jen Danza
  - Meeting this week on Friday.
  - Itinerary rolled out for Level 300.
  - Better update at the next meeting.

#### Old Business:

- State Champ Award Cost; Discussion
  - o tabled last meeting
    - Discussion: Division support for awards costs

- Proposal is to have the Division split the cost with the Host Club in March 2026.
- This would be for U12 U14 State Champs and U16/U18 State Champs. Budget for 2026 for ACC would be \$1000
- The ACC would split the cost with the Host Clubs for up to a max of \$1000.
  - Mark Moves
  - Bucky 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - No opposition.
- Proposal to subsidize or split award expenses; importance of 501(c)(3) status in securing funds for this initiative.

#### New Business:

• Open floor to any new business – NONE.

Set Next ACC Meeting – August 12, 2025 @ 6:30 PM AKDST \*second Tuesday of every month until September