



ALASKA DIVISION ACC MEETING- MINUTES

August 12, 2025 at 6:30pm AKT

In Attendance: Tasha Foster (ACC), Jheren Svoboda (ACC), Jennifer Danza (ACC), Julie-Pierre Leclerc (ACC), Bucky McDonald (ASC), Kevin Stell (JSC), Conor Lynch (HART), Steve Mashburn (Arctic Valley)

Approval of Minutes from July 15

Bucky McDonald moves, Kevin Stell second's

Approval of Agenda

Jen Danza moves, Bucky seconds.

Chair Report– Jheren Svoboda

- Thanks all for their work and time committed to this Board and ski racing in Alaska.
- Expresses optimism for the upcoming season

Division Update- Tasha Foster

- Western Region
 - September 17, 2025 Fall WR ACC Meeting; 10AM Mountain Time.
- Admin Ski Racing
 - Latest update from ASR & WR working group:
<https://youtu.be/rfmtliVlmvk>
- Website Discussion
 - Minutes updated
- Out of Division Travel
- Homologations updates
 - Schedule for upcoming homologations by Carl Guenzel:
 - Arrive in Anchorage on Sunday 17th in the evening
 - Monday 18th - Alyeska first thing Monday morning
 - Tuesday 19th - Finish Alyeska if needed and drive back to Anchorage and do Hilltop in the afternoon.
 - Wednesday 20th - Finish Hilltop if needed and do Arctic Ridge Wednesday afternoon.
 - Thursday 21st – Travel to Juneau and do Eaglecrest
 - Friday 22nd – Finish Eaglecrest if needed and depart Alaska in the evening.
- Head Tax Discussion for 2025/2026 season; USSS is asking for updates.
 - Head Tax proposal sent out
 - Proposal to increase AK Head Tax by \$1, ROC portion by \$2 making a \$3 total increase to entry fees.

- Motioned for discussion by Conor Lynch, second from Kevin.
- Board votes to approve \$1 increase to AK Head Tax and \$2 increase to ROC charge, creating a \$3 total increase to entrance fees. Passed unanimously.
 - Will continue discussion to set a year trend plan.

Action Item Follow Up

- ACC Treasurer position interest from Chris Maynard
 - Proposal to vote Chris in; motion from Jen second from Bucky.
 - Discussion: who are we to turn help away. Kevin is confident in him in the role.
 - Vote: Any opposed? None. Chris Maynard approved as new Board Treasurer.
 - Bucky will reach out to Ross Wardrop to see about the secretary position. Jen likes the idea.
- Recruitment letter-
 - Re-sent on August 7, 2025 for Board Secretary
 - Didn't get any interest again
- Non-profit application update
 - Boda needs to link up with Tasha to go over form; can't do the EZ form, will meet up this week.
 - Jen asks about insurance.
 - Was done in

Club Round Table – UPDATES

- AVST – Mash filling in for Luke. Tbar fixed! Spring boxes redone, cables up. Maintenance on chair 2. Approval for new shop, 5 years down the road. Moving land to help with grooming. John was happy with how last year went, and wants to continue building relationships this coming season.
- ASC – finished final interviews for ED tonight. ASC made a deposit on fall camp. Going to Big Sky, MT Nov 11-23. Dry land starts up at the end of month for the season. Registration is open, numbers are low. Getting ready for the season.
- HART – Conor is figuring his future role with HART. Full Transparency. Happy to lead CWG for now. Jon booked training space at Copper, not sure when, though. Boda reiterates his gratitude for Conor's time. HART representative is getting figured on their side with the interest of the Division.
- JSC – not many updates, looking good for coaching staff, all returning staff plus 1-2 new YSL coaching staff. Lost Black Bear Chair at Eaglecrest. Planning on getting registration going mid September. Looking at going to Mt. Sima, Whitehorse CAN, during Thanksgiving. Ready for Carl for homologations.
- FSC – not present
- UAA – not present

Official's Report; Julie-Pierre Leclerc

- Competition Official test is available online
- With Julie's upcoming move to Vermont, she feels it wouldn't be realistic—either for her or for the division—for her to continue in the role at full capacity. She's

happy to support however she can, whether that's serving as co-chair or helping with a smooth transition.

- Leaving late October- ideally month long transition period and potentially after?
- With her move she will not be in town for Fall Officials Conference and will need someone to host. Maybe Brian will be available to help?
- Fall Officials Conference: Jen thought to make it more of an event and welcoming event as was done a few years ago. Had a panel for questions, a coach explaining full progression. Maybe an introduction/explanation meet and greet and then the officials conference after Nov. 1. Ideally set meet and greet a minimum three weeks before officials conference-plan to schedule at September 9th's meeting for meet and greet in October. Jen will reach out to Mary and Julie will reach out to Brian- group text.

Finance Update; account balance \$14,084.71

- \$292 in membership dues as of 8/1/25

Coaches Working Group update; Conor Lynch

- CWG meeting was on 8/11.
- Draft 1 of 2025/2026 Competition Schedule: The group agrees to use the proposed calendar as a starting point, with the coaches working group tasked to finalize 2025/26 Competition Calendar. The board aims to approve a final calendar at the September 9th meeting so families can plan accordingly.
 - 📅 2025/26 CWG working Race Schedule
- Discussed
 - Adapting to new rule changes:
 - 60 / 72 inch SL gate for U14's. Scored vs nonscored events.
 - No live timing for U14's and below
 - High vis colors allowed in sanctioned races
- WR qualification criteria: would like to make this consistent year to year.
 - CWG will determine qualifying criteria for U14/ 16/ 18 WR Champs/ Tri-D's.
- U12/U14 AK state champs in Juneau this year- proposed for March 28-29, 2025.

YSL Update; Luke Clement via Steve Mashburn

- Hopes to get a meeting scheduled within next month

Coach Education; Jen Danza

- Put down Level 100 12/13/25 and L200 12/20-21/25 At Alyeska . 8 spots for L100, 4 for L200, maybe squeeze in more. 1/2-1/4/26 L100 and L200 in Juneau.
- Changed L200 criteria to be more course setting than free skiing/ drills. Mash would like shadow L100.

Old Business:

- NONE.

New Business:

- Open floor to any new business- NONE.

Action Items:

- Tasha to send out new HT amount to competition services
- Bucky will reach out to Ross Wardrop to see about the secretary position
- Jen will reach out to Mary and Julie will reach out to Brian- group text, to see if they are available to instruct the Officials Conference.
- Boda & Conor will talk to Trevor (@ Hilltop) if we can host meet and greet there sometime in October.
- CWG: tasked to finalize the 2025/26 Competition Calendar and determine qualifying criteria for U14/ 16/ 18 WR Champs/ Tri-D's.
- Tasha to continue conversation with Gordon for officials conference location.
- ALL Members: proposal for new Alpine Officials Chair by September 9, 2025.

Set Next ACC Meeting –

September 9, 2025 @ 6:30 PM AKDST

**second Tuesday of every month until September*

Motion to adjourn Julie-Pierre Leclerc, Kevin Seconds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.