



ALASKA DIVISION ACC MEETING- MINUTES

September 10, 2025 at 6:30pm AKT

*In Attendance: Conor Lynch (HART), Luke Clemet (AVST), Reilly Buck (AVST),
Conor McDonald (ASC), Seth Wilson (FASC), Kevin Stell (JSC), Chris
Maynard (ACC), Mary Thomas (ACC,guest), Tasha Foster (ACC)*

Approval of Minutes from August 12; Luke motions, Bucky seconds

Approval of Agenda; Kevin motions, Seth seconds

Chair Report– Jheren Svoboda. Not present

Finance Update; account balance as of 9/10/25; \$13,513.4, YSL account \$1,224.18.

- Issue with our Name; Wells Fargo account business name is ACC Alaska Division USSA. The name w/ the state and IRS is United States Ski Association Alaska Division. The name per bylaws is US Ski and Snowboard Alaska Division.
- In the past Mary has been able to write 'Minutes doing business as ACC Alaska Division USSA' but that is no longer acceptable.
- The account is so old, we frankly do not have the documents they are asking for.
- Luke motions; allow Mary and Chris to update paper work and licensing, so the name is congruent on all platforms with our official name being what is stated on the bylaws. Chris seconds.
- Vote: no opposition, motion passes.

Division Update- Tasha Foster

- Western Region
 - WR champs/ tri d quotas; U18 M:4 W:4, U16 M:4 W:4, U14 M:4 W:4, TriD 16 M: 5 W: 5, TriD 14 M:9 W:7
 - Burke NPS: Jan 19-23, 2026
 - U14 Flight School: April 23-26, 2026
 - Development Subcommittee; Bucky & Jen
 - Bucky has been on this committee for a couple years, nominated Jen recently as she's the new ED for ASC.
 - FIS CWG being created; need to nominate reps
 - Bucky will sit on this working group
 - Working to reduce the automatics list from ~40 to ~30
- Admin Ski Racing
 - have two more beta tests on different sections of the site still (event close out, and event management).
 - Mary is participating in ASR beta tests.

- RA's hold on setting up their races in AdminSkiRacing until the 1st of November while all beta testing is finalized. Still complete schedule agreements prior to that time so that any training will be successful for the RA's.
- We need to find a date or two that we could do an online training with the division and ASR.
- WR RA training will be in November
- Parent training in December, date TBD.
 - can't register for races until December
- The following statements are posted to website, and will be followed:
 - *All Entry Fees will have a 6% processing fee through Admin Ski Racing Portal.
 - *Processing Fee will not be refunded in the case of a race cancellation.
- Website Discussion
 - Minutes updated
 - Unfortunately, no one qualified for Team Alaska based on the 2024/2025 Competition season.
 - Academic Alaska; "To be considered for Academic Team Alaska, athletes must submit their transcripts or both semesters' report cards to their club leadership and the club must submit the list of qualified scholars/athletes to the Alaska Division Manager by December 15th each year. Independent athletes should submit their grades directly to the Division Manager."
 - Tasha will send out info to all clubs before November 1, 2025.
 - Volunteer platform/ race announcements..
 - "All host clubs will be responsible for sending out pertinent race information such as the schedule, field size limits, lift fees and area releases to all USSS Alpine clubs within Alaska, no less than 30 days prior to the scheduled event. "
 - Tasha is more than happy to keep sending out RA's and creating the volunteer platform- she would like all clubs to still honor the above procedure stated on the website.
 - All clubs will send Tasha their 'SignUp Genius' or other platform for volunteer registration, along with their race announcements when time comes.
- Out of Division Travel
 - Tasha would like to propose that if any athlete has an unpaid balance from a division trip, they are not allowed to go on any future divisional trips until that balance is paid.
 - Tasha motions, Kevin seconds, Vote; no oppositions.
- Homologations updates
 - All updated

Action Item Follow Up

- Non-profit application update
- AO Chair nominees: Bucky nominates; Nick Foster, he has the experience, and Cristiano Mergozzi who has a good relationship with the mountain. Thinks all three would be a good fit.

- Bucky confirms that Boda nominated Conor Lynch.
- Conor Lynch is no longer working at HART, passing along HART rep and CWG but would like to still stay involved in the sport.
- Luke; thinks all three have the criteria; would like all three to write/submit bios to board.
- Luke motions to have slate of Nick, Cristiano, and Conor write/submit bios to board for the position of AO Chair with the deadline of 9/24/25 for submission. Chris seconds.
- Fall officials Conference;
 - Firehouse confirmed for training/updates November 7-9, 2025
 - Mary is available Nov 8-9 for T&C and RA. Brian is available Friday, Nov 7 in the evening for Referee and JA. TD update will be held at a later date at his house.
 - Kevin mentions their ski swap is the same weekend; will try to log on. Tasha will reach out to other divisions to see if they/ other coaches who can't make it can log into theirs.
- Meet and greet at Hilltop; Tevor is up for letting us use the venue for no cost, if we want catering there will be an additional charge. Dates that will not work; mostly Saturdays, Conor will confirm those dates. Looking at a time before 10/24/25.

Club Round Table –

- AVST – Luke; opens registration on 9/15, having help from Reilly sending out communications. Luke names Reilly Buck as his new proxy. He wants to find where the AV cup fits into the schedule.
- ASC – Bucky; up and going, registration numbers are looking good after September 1. Open fall camp in Big Sky registration next week. Admin working with UAA for ski swap the first weekend in October internal swap the next week. New nomination from ASC for their ysl rep- Bre.
- HART – Conor; Josh is the proxy but out of town. Him and Cole will figure out a new rep for HART.
- JSC – Kevin; homologations done with Carl, SG is current and hopes to host a SG race there this year. Registration opens next week. Eaglecrest is unfortunately going through some tough times and has new management. However, new management is showing good support for snow making and hosting events. Taking a group of kids to Mt. Sima for fall camp.
- FASC – Seth; gearing up to host a race this season, season registration opening October 1st. They're looking for coaches!
- UAA – Sparky; ski swap drop off is 10/3, sales on 10/4/25. They're in the prep period, excited to get on snow in the Yukon in November.

Official's Report; Julie-Pierre Leclerc

- Not present

Coaches Working Group update; Conor Lynch

- Competition calendar proposal:  2025/26 CWG working Race Schedule

- The 2026 Competition calendar is approved contingent on the Arctic Valley cup. Kevin motions, Bucky seconds.
- Vote; no oppositions. Passed.
- The group also agrees on gate progression for U14 SL races: 60" at Ram Cup, 60" at Alyeska Cup, 72" at Juneau. Which means with this gate progression, according to new rules, the U14 SL in Juneau must be a scored race.
- JSC would like to combine U14 qualifiers w/ AK state champs; only GS/SL for state champs.
 - From the recommendation of the CWG the board agrees to combine U12/U14 AK State Champs with the SL & GS qualifiers being held in Juneau. Chris motions, Kevin seconds.
- Qualifying criteria for U14 discussion;
 - SG events at Alyeska and Juneau; Pros/cons having another venue for SG qualifier.
 - Having two SG qualifiers vs one at each series/ venue
 - Is it a problem to have more speed opportunities at the U14 level than the U16/18 level in AK?
 - What's the best decision developmentally for this age of athletes?
- Conor would like to nominate a new CWG chair- they need to be a part of ACC (ex. Club representative).
 - Bucky would like to nominate Kevin, he also thinks Ryan from HART would be a good contender.
 - Kevin appreciates the nomination, but needs time to consider. Will have a decision by the next meeting.

YSL Update; Luke Clement

- Will order medals soon- meet with Tasha to use card, and Mary will help transfer funds from the YSL account.
- Luke would like to schedule YSL races asap without double ups from other the AK calendar, as well as events in Alaska (ie Ski Cross races).
- Fairbanks is interested in hosting a YSL race this season

Coach Education; Jen Danza

- Has coaches ed call 9/11/25 and will update after.
- Encourages coaches to sign up for L100 (12/13/26, 8 spots) and L200 (12/20-21/26, 4 spots) as soon as registration opens. Registration TBD

Old Business:

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New Business:

- Jen would like to invite Drew Petrie and Morgan Haymans to the next meeting if members are okay with it.
 - Conor confirms that he does send CWG meeting invites to them.

Action Items:

- Mary/Chris to update the organization's name with the State/IRS and Wells Fargo to match the bylaws.
- Chris to research alternative banking institutions and present findings
- Nick, Cristiano, and Connor: Submit bios to the board for the AO Chair position by September 24, 2025.
- CWG;
 - Work with Luke to get AV Cup scheduled.
 - Revisit qualifying criteria for U14's, U16's, decide on what option to use for SG criteria for U14's.
 - Nominate a new chair for Coaches Working Group
- Luke to order medals for YSL with help from Tasha. Mary will then transfer the appropriate funds over to the main account from the YSL account.
- Jen to send registration for L100 and L200 to Tasha to send out to the division via Mailchimp platform.
- Tasha to create and send out registration for the AO conference once we get time confirmation for 11/7/25.
- Conor to follow up with potential dates for meet and greet at Hilltop.
 - Tasha to create invite and send out to division

Set Next ACC Meeting –
October 14, 2025 @ 6:30 PM AKDST

Motion to adjourn; Bucky, Chris seconds.
Meeting adjourned; 8:20pm