



ALASKA DIVISION ACC MEETING

January 12, 2026 at 6:30pm AKT

In attendance: Tasha Foster (ACC), Jheren Svoboda (ACC), Amy Guse (ACC), Rob Carte (ACC), Bucky McDonald (ASC), Kevin Stell (JSC), Conor Lynch (ACC), Jennifer Danza (ACC), Reilly Buck (Arctic Valley), Reini Neuhauser (FSC)

- Approval of Minutes from Dec 8 meeting
 - Motion to approve – Jheren Svoboda
 - 2nd – Bucky McDonald
- Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to approve, Conor Lynch
 - 2nd – Kevin Stell
- Chair Report; Jheren Svoboda
 - Happy to see the Divisional teamwork at the Ram's Cup
 - Would like to see some officials having people shadow so they can get an idea of what it takes to do the position and get people excited for stepping up for more officials.
- Finance Update; Chris Maynard
 - Licensing, business name & banking institutions update
- Division Update
 - Need to order coats for WR Champs/TriD's; need a credit card for order.
 - [AK-Team-Coat-Master.xlsx](#)
 - Looking for a sponsor!
 - One has reached out, but if anyone knows of anyone else, let Tasha know.
 - Embroidery will be done locally.
 - Ordering medals for AK State Champs
 - [AK State Champs](#)
 - U12/U14 = 40 medals
 - Keeping the award counts the same as in previous years.
 - U16/U18 = TBD (6 or 24 medals)
 - Much more cost effective option. Caroline Aherns is helping facilitate getting wood laser engraving for the awards.
 - Academic Alaska; Print certificates, can we get something else to hand out?
 - Lists received from 3 clubs.
 - Will get certificates printed.
 - Would like to get something simple to hand out with the certificates.
 - Western Region
 - Adding FIS starts in CA 1/26-29/26 after losing Mammoth starts.
 - New open Devo series since the one race was lost.

- Calendar is really in limbo right now with races being lost and rescheduled.
- Admin Ski Racing
 - Any issues entering races?
 - Feedback?
 - Races being grouped together for Coca-Cola is different for U16/18s.
 - Seems to be easier this year for everyone.
 - Easier to register as a coach or official seems to be easier this year.
 - Admin Ski Racing is going to flag coaches that are not active and they will not be able to register for races.
- Website Discussion
 - Updated minutes, "Officials Resources", Team/Academic Alaska
 - Will be updated this week for Team/Academic Alaska
 - Brian Russell scholarship application deadline January 20, 2026. Application on the website
 - No applicants as of yet.
 - SSL set to auto-renew, charged on 1/19/26
 - Renewal fee is about \$120/year.
- Out of Division Travel
 - Only approved out of division races ASC; FIS, 16's
 - If you have teams looking to go out, please remind them they need approval from other Division and needs to go through AK Division Manager
- Action Item Follow Up
 - Bank transfer process
- Club Round Table – UPDATES
 - AVST – Not much to report. Arctic Valley IS scheduled to be open on Saturday for opening day. Have been training at Hilltop waiting to get open.
 - ASC – Has some FIS crew in Snow King, Wy currently. Thanks to Boda and Hilltop for hosting a good race. Coca-Cola is looking good on race trail. Proposal to Coaches working group to change up U16/18 State Champs calculations and will then propose to ACC.
 - HART – Trying to get in some laps on GS skis. Happy the Ram's Cup went off so well. Had a couple of athletes step away and when they saw the Ram's Cup, they are back to training, so hoping we can keep that momentum going.
 - JSC – Record Cold, record snow, 7" of rain, hurricane winds predicted. Not sure where to start! General Manager resigned on Thursday and Board of Directors resigned on Thursday. Ptarmigan Chair Lift has not been opened. Still going through inspections to reopen. Lodge has been without running water for 3 weeks now. Porta Potties in the parking lot. Tough to be optimistic about state champs right now. Winch Cat is in the shop and mechanics don't know when they can get it repaired. There is only 1 working Cat right now. Lost the Black Bear Chairlift with no plans to fix it. Erin Lupro is the acting General Manager (she is also the head of ski school, pro shop, etc.) Bringing a crew up for Coca-Cola! Would like a

rough idea from each club how many will be coming down for U12/14 State Champs for ordering swag.

- FSC – Came down on Wednesday last week to train Wed – Friday and then raced the Ram's Cup. So surprised and happy to see the improvements at Hilltop. Not coming down again until Alyeska Cup.
- UAA – No report.
- Official's Report; Conor Lynch
 - Continuing Education is now annual, not bi-annual. There are some opportunities via zoom to do some other updates so everyone can get up to date. If they do it this week, and Conor has an attendance sheet, it will be considered current for Coca-Cola. PNW and Lucy are doing more updates and Lucy will do an additional if needed for AK but would like as many to jump in on the already scheduled options first before trying to schedule that.
 - Change from bi-annual to annual was made to make it easier to track when people are up to date.
 - Concern is that it is tough to get people outside of those who work outside of ski racing to put in more effort to be an official if there are so many layers to be able to be involved.
 - Maybe a survey at the end of the season to see the pluses and minuses to this and if Divisions are struggling to get people and keep people up to date readily. And how this rule change affected volunteer officials.
 - From the experience so far, Divisions are following this rule.
- Coaches Working Group update; Rob Carte
 - Meeting again on January 20.
 - Will get proposal out to the ACC for U16/18 State Champ calculation changes.
- YSL Update; Luke Clement
 - No Update
- Coach Education; Jen Danza
 - The updates are being enforced.
 - A lot of training for jobs outside of skiing can be used for cross-training hours that will count towards continuing education.
 - Will send out a message to see how much interest there is in a level 100 or 200 in the spring.
- Old Business:
 - Non-profit application update
 - Update is Boda needs to get with Mary on a couple of things. But should be able to catch up with her at Coca-Cola.
- New Business:
 - Open floor to any new business
- Note on Coca-Cola – there are discrepancies in the number of kids signed up in GS and SL. Have everyone check the lists to make sure people are signed up or not if they are intentional in this action of only doing one or the other.

Set Next ACC Meeting –

February 9, 2026 @ 6:30 PM AKDST

Meeting adjourned – 7:53pm (motion to adjourn, Boda – 2nd Bucky