



ALASKA DIVISION ACC MAKEUP MEETING
August 13, 2026 at 5:30pm AKT

Tasha Foster (ACC), Jheren Svoboda (ACC), Amy Guse (ACC), Rob Carte (ACC), Bucky McDonald (ASC), Kevin Stell (JSC), Kara Norby (Arctic Valley), Conor Lynch (ACC)

- Approval of Minutes from July
 - Jheren motion to approve, Kevin 2nds
- Approval of Agenda for August 13
 - Bucky motion to approve, Conor Lynch 2nds
- Chair Report; Jheren Svoboda
 - Read through minutes and heard and acknowledges that he hasn't been available and present at meetings. Says he can do better. Admits he is not good about email communication. Would like to try a text thread because that is a more instant source of responses. Will make sure there is a Chair Report submitted for meetings that can't be attended.
 - Does want to do better and do the right things for the kids and skiers in the Alaska Division.
 - Appreciation for Tasha and all the work she has done.
 - Nonprofit update – is on his agenda and will make it a priority. Needs an IDme. Is happy to have someone work with him to help get this done. He has two IDme accounts which is causing some trouble. Still needs to link up with Chris Maynard.
 - Conor L. and Boda spoke and wants it noted that yes, he is busy, but yes, needs to be more present and would like to see reports when someone is missing a meeting. This will help keep the flow of information continue.
- Finance Update; Chris Maynard
 - No report.
 - Quick note from Tasha, they are working together to finalize a budget before the next meeting.
 - Reconciliation with Conor Lynch for Congress. Checks and Checkbook are with Chris Maynard, so he can get that reimbursement to Conor. (check signers are Tasha, Chris, Boda and Luke)
- Division Update
 - Website Discussion
 - Tasha and Conor will connect and get the verbiage changes done.
 - Bank- officially out of Wells Fargo and into Northrim- YSL account needs follow up since Tasha never had access to that account.
 - Mary and Luke need to pop in to Wells Fargo to get that account closed up.
 - Divisional Race Calendar- need to create the first draft. ASC has drafted their calendar at Alyeska ([ASC Calendar](#)).

- Need to get this going. Updated the excel sheet from last year that Conor had started and has roughly put in the ASC calendar and still needs to update the school calendars and off days.
 - Rob will look at it more in depth and will take it to the Coaches Working Group to get the input from all the coaches in the Division.
 - Conor Notes – would like to see a consistent schedule year after year to see how that works. Doesn't need to be exact, but consistency helps with qualifications.
 - Amy note: don't have qualifiers too late so families have time to plan.
 - WR and TriD races are already calendared.
 - ASC sanction agreements are already submitted.
 - See if we can incorporate one of the 3-run SL in somewhere.
 - HART would like to push for a night race again this year. January 8th would be the proposed date.
- [Y2027 CWG working Race Schedule](#)
- New inquiry for the secretary position
 - Someone has reached out. Ashley Becks (parent of Hilltop athletes)
 - Bucky mentioned Amy transitioning to interim Division Manager to allow Tasha to transition out and then Amy can either apply for the job or train a new Division Manager.
 - Tasha will post the job description next week to see what interest there is in the Division Manager position.
- Action Item Follow Up
 - Non profit status - See Chair Update Above.
 - Division Manager job description review. [Alaska Division Manager - Position Description](#)
 - Tasha is looking for Chair review of the description. Boda will review and get back to her.
 - Reviewed the edits with the group on the job description.
- Club Round Table – UPDATES
 - AVST – No updates currently. Luke does want to have a YSL committee meeting sometime in September.
 - ASC – Hot weather in Europe, and kids skiing over there now but glaciers ended up closed. Summer drylands are coming to an end. Taking two weeks off. Starting up new fall on September 1. Sanction agreements are already in. FIS U is back this year! Registration is open for ASC. Will reach out to Conor or Boda – missing a bundle or two of gates and think they are stashed at Hilltop. 27's and 27 shorties are the ones missing. Might be in the top shack.
 - HART – Boda and Ryan will be running the program this year. Starting drylands.
 - JSC – New General Manager at EagleCrest. Starts at the end of August. Has been involved in the past and is not new to Juneau. Will touch base with her on the calendar to provide feedback. Club registration opens September 15. Most of the coaching staff is coming back this year! Drylands starting mid-October.
 - FSC – No report.

- UAA – No report.
- Official's Report; Conor Lynch
 - Threw some ideas to Hilltop for more officials clinics in conjunction with Hilltop and Special O. Trying to get more people involved. Collab with USASA would be another thought.
 - Will talk to Jen about the PSIA clinic or abilities to get people involved and certified.
 - Fall Officials Conference needs to be scheduled.
 - Working on getting certs that came through and will update with Jeff. Bucky hasn't seen it and had gotten a question from one of the TDs. Paperwork is all there and just needs to have that update done with Jeff Weiman. Conor will work on pushing that out in the next couple of days.
- Coaches Working Group update; Rob Carte
 - Nothing new but will study up on the calendar and will get some talking points together for a CWG meeting. Will have that resolved the the next ACC meeting.
- YSL Update; Luke Clement
 - Would like to have a meeting in mid-September
- Coach Education; Jen Danza – No Report
 - NOTE: will get info out about Coaches Level 100 dates.
- Old Business:
 - Non-profit application status – See update in Chair Report
- New Business:
 - Divisional Race Calendar- need to create the first draft. ASC has drafted their calendar at Alyeska (ASC Calendar).
 - FISU & Master's Nationals head tax waive
 - Amy will dig up meeting minutes to see what the discussion was in Feb – April 2025 (last FISU race that was hosted)
 - Would like Jen to speak on this matter to elaborate on needs
 - Y2027 head tax was confirmed with USSS in April- we increased by a dollar going into Y2026.
 - This has been confirmed. This cannot be changed again until next year. This is done Feb – April and confirmed for the season.
 - Tasha did research with the other Regions and we are pretty on par, but might want to increase instead of head tax, the membership portion of the yearly dues. IMD does their YSL through US Ski and Snowboard. Just an example.
 - WR U14/16 refundable bookings for coaches.- Jen Danza
 - Talked through and when the Division has a line of credit, this will help alleviate this situation.
 - Tasha is putting in her 30-day notice. This has been too tough. September 13th will be her last day.
 - Everyone appreciates her work and effort and giving the Division a deadline.

*Upcoming Meeting
September 8, 2026 @ 6 PM AKDST*

Motion to adjourn: Bucky motions, Conor 2nds – 6:53pm