



2025 Northern Division Fall Annual Membership & ACC Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 24, 2025, 12:00 pm (Hybrid)

Annual General Membership Meeting

Called to order at 12:12 pm by Tim Hinderman

Voting Members in Attendance: Jeremy Ueland, Kenny Wilson, Adam Struder (virtual), Kyle Corbin (virtual), Hilary Lindh, Hannah Fitzhugh (virtual), Elliott Natz (virtual), Brandon Duncan (virtual), Jerry Wolf (virtual), Jessie Lepel

Others: Erin Renna, Jim Klug, Craig Krueger, Roger Bay, Vanessa Selby (virtual), Erik Retz (virtual), Kenny Wilson, Evan Weiss, Jennifer Rollins (virtual), John Philips, Chad Sebade (virtual), Tal Williams (virtual), Jeremy Wolf (virtual), Roy Loman (virtual), Mike Walsh (virtual)

Approval of October 2024 Meeting Minutes (motion by Hilary seconded by Roger)

BOD Election- Craig Krueger re-elected as VP, Vanessa Selby re-elected as Treasurer, Erik Retz re-elected as Director-at-Large, Jacob Drake re-elected as Athlete Rep

Meeting adjourned at 12:19 pm

Fall ACC Meeting

Called to order at 12:20 pm by Jessie Lepel

ACC (Voting Members) in Attendance: Jessie Lepel, Roger Bay, Hilary Lindh, John Phillips, Jeremy Ueland, Chad Sebad (virtual), Tal Williams (virtual), Jeremy Wolf (virtual), Jerry Wolf (virtual) and Non-Voting Members, Tim Hinderman (virtual), Erin Renna

Others: Jim Klug, Craig Krueger, Vanessa Selby (virtual), Erik Retz (virtual), Kenny Wilson, Evan Weiss, Jennifer Rollins (virtual), Bill Gunesch (virtual), Roy Loman (virtual), Mike Walsh (virtual), Adam Struder (virtual), Kyle Corbin (virtual), Hannah Fitzhugh (virtual), Elliott Natz (virtual), Brandon Duncan (virtual), Kristi Borge (virtual)

Approval of June 2025 Meeting Minutes (motion by Roger seconded by Hilary)

MEETING SUMMARY (Generated by AI)

Club Reports



BSSEF-

BHST-

BSF- numbers good, 6 FIS athletes, new building

CMR- numbers are good, could use a new chairlift

DSEF- numbers are good, could use another coach

FVSEF- largest group of U14s ever, raffling a heli-trip

GDST- numbers good, hosting YSL Champs, mentioned Showdown hill was homologated

MSEF-

MARS-

MSU- Caleb Unger now on team, hosting NCAA Champs

PMEF- numbers good, could use another coach

RMC-

SRSEF- lot so new sign ups, things are good

Western Region Update, Bill Gunesch

Bill shared the Project Play/US Sport Participation stats with retention data comparing alpine racing to other sports, noting that alpine racing had a retention rate of -5%, similar to basketball. He shared the Fall Western Region presentation, and highlighted changes to elite automatic selections and the implementation of a three-race average for FIS points starting next year. He also provided updates on rule changes, including the requirement for cut-proof undergarments for Nor-am level and higher, but not airbags yet (probably next year). He also talked about the new rule prohibiting live timing during races for U14 and younger athletes, with Bill explaining that this was to reduce distractions and encourage in-person engagement at race finishes. Finally, he talked about how Sean Nurse would be part of the U16 NPS selection process, and each Division would have a quota of 5 per gender.



ACC Chair Report, Jessie Lepel

The official calendar was presented, noting changes to the Predator Cup date (shifted one day forward), qualifiers numbers slightly skewed with more GS qualifiers on calendar, and discussed quota selections for championships, with Dan explaining that selections were based on performance within 10% of the winning time (WRJC quota low, U14 quota low- the same from last year, U16 quota had a women's increase, now 10 spots, Tris stayed the same).

Sean Nurse update- the ACC needs to come up with selection criteria after western managers meeting on Tuesday when more information will be available, although if possible ND will ask for an expanded quota and try to get all interested athletes in.

Roger Bay provided a Sport Education update, as he is now on the National Faculty. He will be able to conduct in-division Level 100 assessments beginning the end of March through April. More info to come about this!

Divisional Manager Report, Erin Renna

2024-25 Financial Report & 2025-26 Budget were presented, and income increases were noted both in Membership Fees and Club Dies. Last year the division ran in the red, an approx deficit of \$6,645 due to head taxes down, gifts to go-fund-me's which were not in the budget, and lack of sponsorship/donations. The tax accountants are currently reviewing the books as the fiscal year taxes are due 11/15 so the final report will be available after everything is formally reviewed and reconciled. The Division moved funds to American Bank of MT (from Wells Fargo), and currently have \$45,000 in a high yield savings account, as well as \$11,000 in a CD at Three Rivers Bank. The BOD will review reallocating funds from the savings account to CDs. The current balance is \$114,000 and the Division is in good financial standing.

Admin Ski Racing has done a major overhaul and worked with a small group of Western Region staff (such as Carma and Lucy) over the summer to make major changes and improvements, and correct the issues from last season. WR voted to keep working with ASR rather than switch to Ski Reg or another platform, as the rates are still the lowest and they believe they offer the best platform. All events hosts/RAs should plan to attend one of the ASR Training sessions prior to any events being set up. ND's will be on Sunday, November 2nd at 3:00 pm.

Strategic Planning Update- the small committee met in September and are moving forward with specific tasks and projects based on the identified short, mid, and long term goals in line with the



new Mission and Vision statements which were updated throughout last year's Strategic Planning sessions. Some immediate action plans and goals are keeping costs down and athlete retention, as well as making races more accessible geographically. Sarah Fricke has set up a 501(c)3 Scholarship Fund for the division to accept funds for need based scholarship donations. More information coming on this soon. Anyone who would like to get involved with this committee is welcome, the plan is to meet quarterly.

AO Report, Erin Renna (for LaRue Seitz-Detorri)

Reminder about Bozeman/Hybrid training weekend November 7-9, registration still open. Confirmed instructors are Lucy Conklin, Larue Seitz, Craig Krueger and Vanessa Selby). There's still a need for more RAs in the Division, and LaRue offered to teach Chief of Course and Chief of Race if needed. Mike Murgatroy is

Whitefish YSL needs an RA and YSL Champs at Great Divide will need T & C and Refs. sProgram Safety and Fundraising Updates

Speed Safety Protocol/Medical Plan Review- this will be reviewed carefully at the TC meeting coaches/volunteers/officials will be reminded of safety protocol. Training camp is currently non-sanctioned, there was discussion about it being sanctioned.

Memorial Events- ideas were discussed for honoring those we lost last year. Suggestions included doing Coach of the Year or Official of the Year in honor of Tony, to be awarded at OHG. Naming the Whitefish YSL race after David Loman was brought up as well. The Division is open to any and all ideas, including a scholarship award in any of their names.

Handbook Items for Review (*language will be reviewed/updated by Jim Klug and Erin Renna for final approval)

1. YSL Team Scoring: U14s and older may be allowed to enter YSL events at the race organizer's discretion and will be awarded within their class, but their scores will not be counted towards team or overall awards.
2. FIS Race Head Taxes: **FIS ND Head Tax: \$3.50** per head/per start (and no rabbit money funds can be requested); this can be re-evaluated annually
3. WRJC Criteria: tabled for now, will remain same (selections based off of USSA Points list and athletes have to have two ND Tech Starts and one ND OR FIS Speed Start); still discussing if a FIS start and/or FIS license should be part of the qualification criteria
4. ACC Description and Event Change P & P: still working on a description of the duties/roles of the ACC (using other Western division's description); we need something in the Handbook. in addition, the Handbook will state the ACC must vote on any event changes when possible (and if not possible or not enough to constitute a quorum, than the ACC Chair has the authority to



make a decision on behalf of the ACC after conferring with Race Organizing Committee & Northern Division Manager)

5. Scoreboard Requirement at YSL Races: the race organizer shall provide a paper scoreboard at YSL races

Proposal: U14 Speed Requirement (proposed by John Phillips)

A proposal was presented to eliminate the speed requirement for U14 tri-divisionals (NOT Western Regions) allowing athletes to qualify through tech events alone. The proposal was presented with athlete safety and participation as the main focus while noting that other Western divisions do not require speed starts for U14s. The group agreed to update the handbook with the new language/policy and see how it goes this season.

Roger motioned to approve and Hilary seconded; Jeremy W was not in favor

Called to adjournment at 3:48 pm