



## **ACC (ND) Meeting Minutes**

*June 3, 2024*

### **MEETING DATE and TIME**

**Date of Meeting:** June 3, 2024

**Time of Meeting:** 10:30 – 12:30 PM

### **MEETING LOCATION**

**Location:** Bozeman Public Library

### **MEETING ATTENDEES**

Erin Renna (Division Manager)

Tim Hinderman, Craig Krueger (Zoom) Vanessa Selby and Jim Klug (ND Board)

#### **ACC Attendees:**

LaRue Seitz (BSF)

Lisa Dinsmore Ballard (Masters Rep) - Zoom

Roger Bay (MSU)

Hilary Lindh (FVST)

Bill Metzler (MARS) - Zoom

Chad Sebade (Black Hills)

Jeremy Wolf (SRSEF) – Zoom

Jerry Wolf (Rocky) – Zoom

Jeremy Ueland (BSSEF)

Aaron Haffey

Kenny Wilson

Evan Weiss

Pam Tucker

Kenny Manchester – Zoom

Adam Studer – Zoom

Rodney Cowling – Zoom

Kristi Borge – Zoom

Elliot Natz – Zoom

Brandon Duncan – Zoom

The meeting was called to order by LaRue at 10:35 AM, and review and approval of meeting agenda.

Jeremy Ueland made a motion to approve minutes from winter meeting. Chad Sebade seconded motion to approve. Motion

### **Program Status and Club Reports:**

BSSEF – Summer camp update for Mt. Hood, new job postings, Big Sky fall camp is a go and info has been released, six graduates from BSSEF this year. Numbers of new kids entering program and club growth is strong.

BLACK HILLS – Club is in a good place. A lot of younger and new athletes. Board changes are taking place with a lot of new members. Ted Jones will be taking over as head coach. New snowmaking capabilities are being installed at mountain.

BSF – Summer camp is planned for Mt. Hood with decent sign-up numbers, but space remains for younger kids. A couple of athletes headed to South America this summer. Numbers are very strong for younger races, but thin on U16 and FIS. Internally they are hiring for a few key positions.

RED LODGE – Will be attending summer camp at Mt. Hood with BSSEF. Vanessa announced that she will be moving on from her head admin position, and the club is currently looking for her replacement! Fall camp is planned with Big Sky. No FIS athletes at all in the program for the coming year. Numbers for club / athletes are looking to be the same as last year.

WHITEFISH – Registration opened in early June. Planning for 3-5 FIS athletes. YSL numbers are very strong but also creating some coaching challenges. Working on sorting that out. Coaching staff for the older kids will largely remain the same as last season. Will be attending the BSF summer camp at Mt. Hood. Fall camp is planned for Panorama.

DISCOVERY - No major changes in program. Planning on fall camp participation at Big Sky. No major coaching changes.

MARS – Losing some of the older skiers, but the club is still growing. Devo program and younger kid numbers are strong. The club is working on building a new race and event volunteer squad with new parents.

MAVERICK – Last season was tough with very little snow. They have a solid number of young racers and look forward to being more of a presence for the season ahead.

MISSOULA – Quite a few younger racers in the program. Changes include the development of a developmental team for U8 and U10 combining alpine race and free ride. Low snow last year was a problem, but club is healthy. New coaching positions will be posted soon.

GREAT DIVIDE – Low snow was tough for the club last year. Lost one older racer to graduation, and they will have 2-3 FIS racers for the coming season. All mountain membership numbers will be close to 250. Younger kid numbers are strong. Only staffing change is Eric Gomes will be stepping aside and Hannah Fitzhugh will be taking over as president of the ski foundation.

CASPER – Club is strong and new staff has been added to deal with the growth. Adam expects that more families will travel this year and more athletes will participate in division races.

MSU – Lost some of their graduating athletes. US and Canadian athletes are now training with national teams, so that leads to a higher focus on European athletes.

Tim Hinderman gave his Northern Division Board director's report via Zoom. Tim's big focus for the year ahead is re-doing and updating the Division strategic plan (last updated in 2018).

Financial report was delivered by ND Treasurer Vanessa Selby and ND Manager Erin Renna. P&L report and discussion of developmental fund.

Erin Renna delivered her Northern Division manager's report. Discussed the 2023/2024 season review, athlete results for regionals, nationals, etc. and membership trends.

LaRue delivered her ACC Chair report, including Western Region updates and projects, and a report on the USSA congress. Jeremy Ueland gave a report on Congress' U14 working group.

Development Committee update on Roy Loman's work, including feedback from coaches. Shared comments on U14 races, gates, separate events, etc.

The board discussed the Super G situation for U14s – Qualifiers and boards and how this impacts kids that don't want to race speed or (for whatever reason) cannot.

Jerry Wolf talked about the "Pathways to College Skiing" and the opportunities that exist for ski racing beyond high school.

Under new business, the Division is in need of a new Masters Rep for the ACC, as well as a New Alpine Officials Chair. Discussed rabbit fund and development fund requests from SRSEF and RMC.

Calendar discussion for 2024/2025 season. ACC reviewed the calendar and narrowed down dates and locations. Erin Renna will send out revised working version of calendar.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.