



2026 Winter ACC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 5th, 2025, 6:00 pm

Location: BSSEF Team Room, Big Sky, MT/Hybrid

Called to Order, Jessie Lepel, ACC Chair 6:08 pm

Welcome, Identification of Members Present: Jessie, Jeremy W, John, Hilary, Jeremy U, Tal W, Jerry, Erin, Guests: Pick, Dan Henry, Haffey, Kenny, Kyle, Jennifer Rollins, Amanda Carslon, Mike Walsh, Kenny, Kelly, Hannah, Craig, Kristi

Meeting Minutes approved from Fall 2025 ACC Meeting

Club updates- Ueland, BSSEF; Jennifer/Kelly, BHST; Kyle, DSEF; Tal/Craig GDST, Hilary, FVSEF; John, MSEF; Taylor, MARS; Kenny, BSF; Kristi, PMSEF; Jerry, RMC; SRSEF, Jeremy

- Divisional Manager Report
 - ND Race Calendar Season Update
 - Back-up plan for Disco Qualifier- Missoula was discussed but would need urgent homologation. Bridger, Red Lodge, and Big Sky to check with their mountains on availability.
 - If necessary YSL Champs to be moved. No takers for new location. Great Divide will make final call will be made 2/14.
 - Champ Events Update lodging has been secured at each location. Coaches to be selected in the next two weeks. Erin asked for coach recommendations to be sent in.
 - Yellow Dog Academic Awards & AK Rocket application reminder
 - Strategic Planning committee needs to select a next meeting date.
- ACC Chair Report
 - Current Athlete Requests/Petitions
 - Diego Bougard-Duncan: remain on WRJC boards (w/out ND starts) **INELIGIBLE**
 - Ellie Hirn: remain on WRJC boards (w/out ND starts) **ELIGIBLE, contingent on concussion clearance.**
 - Athena Starin: remain on U16 Champ boards (w/out speed start) **ELIGIBLE**
 - Live Timing Rule clarification
 - Clubs were reminded about paper scoreboard for YSL races
 - Handbook Updates
 - Independent Membership Dues discussion- tabled to spring meeting.
 - Development Fund/Rabbit \$ Request clarification & discussion
 - SRSEF & BSSEF requests- See below for proposal from Jerry Wolf. Discussion tabled for spring meeting.
 - ND form to waive team travel for Champ events discussion [Request to Waive Team Travel](#) (draft form) Discussed and denied, team is required without a petition that



reflects a medical reason. Pick jumped in and emphasized importance of team travel- is required at Regional level and should be at divisional level.

- Ski-Up Form discussion- Alpine Development Director (Chip Knight) must approve the form, Head coach, ACC chair, and Divisional Manager are required to sign and submit the form for approval.
- AO Update
 - Paul Mannelin to offer Level 100 & Level 200 Coaches assessments in February/March (and Roger Bay in April)
 - Google form will be sent out to gauge interest- (need a minimum of 6 coaches per clinic.
 - Additional 100s can be added as needed
- New Business
 - 2026-27 Calendar; start earlier planning- at the mercy of the Regional calendar which is created at congress in May, not possible to move move this process earlier.
 - Post-running & course setting standards discussion- TDs/ Jury/ Course setters all follow US Ski and Snowboard course setting rules and regulations as outlined in the ACR; athlete safety is always first priority. Post running done at divisional races when possible.
 - ASR- series registration discussion- Pros and Cons of series vs individual registration discussed. Decided it would be up to the race organizer. If a family is financially unable to register for a series they can contact race organizers or ND Manager. Series registration saves ROC many hours.
 - APEX Perform Better/ND U12/U14 Camp Opportunity, June 2026- BSF Coach Jackson Brown presented an opportunity for ND athletes to attend camp. Coaches to pass this camp opportunity along to their athletes as well as Jackson's contact info.
 - Pick- U16 selections- Athletes that were at Regional or National projects and missed qualifiers to remain in the running for Championship events. This did not apply to any ND athletes this year.
- Proposal from Jerry Wolf regarding college athletes
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KZfbWt-gYXNGDgj-EVOJH6OGajB6laJoCNzmGgg32wg/edit?usp=drivesdk> Tabled- to be discussed in Spring ACC meeting.
- 8:06pm Meeting Adjourned.