



Pacific Northwest Ski Association

A Division of U.S. Ski & Snowboard

Draft

2017-2018 PNSA ACC Minutes and Motions

Fall Meeting – Sept 23, 2017
Red Lion River Inn – 700 N Division St, Spokane, WA

Meeting Called to Order 8:10 am

Roll Call: Dan Henry, Curt Hammond, Gillian Esson, Billy Farwig, Jamie Landwehr, Ron Bonneau, Shana Sweitzer, Roger Root, Kurt Westman, , Dave Lyon, Matt Morrell, Seth McCadam, Bill Gunesch, Tim Durkin (LPRT), Arron Ruddick,

Absent: Jeff Kray, Rob Cravens, Mike Graves, Nils Eriksson, Pat Robson, Ryan Shorter, Brad Saxe, Alan Lauba, Chuck Holcomb, Athlete representatives

2017-2018 ACC Motion #1: To approve the agenda. Maker: Dave Lyon, second Roger Root.
Motion **PASSED**

2017-2018 ACC Motion #2: To approve the minutes from spring 2017 meeting of the ACC.
Maker: Dave Lyon, second Billy Farwig. Motion **PASSED**

Presidents Welcome: Curt Hammond welcomed all ACC divisional representatives and coaches and thanked all for their commitment to the division. He stated that during his tenure as president he planned to focus on retention, making sure the division and all its member clubs run high quality races with a goal to help areas do a better or their best job, both as venues and as race organizations. The president stated that there were funds available to spent on alpine development for courses, camps and that clubs and coaches need to think through what is important and get proposals written and submitted earlier in the year for budget purposes. He raised a question for the association and the ACC to consider which was are the funds presently spent on NWC spent in the right place or in fact should there be more spent there?

Western Region Report from Bill Gunesch (Director of Western Region): update on region that plans for the winter are going well in this prep period, the website will be integrated shortly with new US Ski and Snowboard website scheduled out Nov 1st. Bill encouraged ACC member clubs to use the WR website, that the calendar for the season was up to date on the WR site, and that there is an addition of a western regional U16 project in Big Sky in mid winter.

The prep period planning for next year is done and that the west team and terrain projects have moved to June.

There are staff changes at WR – Will Brandenburg will be the head coach and Jeff Pickering (Pic) will be a 7 month seasonal coach with more hands on availability to the region and division. Pic will be responsible for the Skills Quest (SQ) program at the regional level. There will be funding available in WR for SQ events in the division.

Summer – WR task force looking to be ready for the new development model that will be coming from US ski and snowboard.

Question from WR, what is division doing to build its development model.

US Ski and Snowboard has a 2026 task force: goal more depth winning protentional.

Dan stated that the division needs to have its development model ready this coming spring 2018. Mike Graves to lead, be the point person, for this development. Meetings will be held during the season at race meetings for the different age groups. The development model will be crafted in line with the PNSA vision, mission statement and values.

Question from Bill G – can the club/project model take an athlete to a Nor Am podium? How does an athlete reach the Cteam, there will no longer be a Dteam. Criteria Cteam top of U21 girls, top of U23 boys, Bteam Europa Cup points, Ateam world cup points. DH has been removed from the criteria.

There is a performance band – FIS points list

Development: panels, helmet regulations. Speed suits – stamped and plumbed valid for 2 more years.

Changes in equipment and course setting designed to make better races in region, allowing U16 and U19 to race in same race

Internal task force on diversity and inclusion and female coaches. Goal to have female coaches on projects even if coach does not have an athlete on the project. Shana encouraged all race organizers to have a female on the jury at all races.

USTART – US Ski and Snowboard has designated high performance centers across the country. These centers have paid to have this status. There are three in the west – sugar bowl, sun valley and squaw valley

US Ski and Snowboard is looking at Athlete Readiness – children need to play to develop good movement patterns (free flow play running, catching, balance). US Ski and Snowboard has developed fitness testing and protocols that will be available to all regions and divisions addressing these areas of development.

SQ questions – how to make/keep consistency and integrity? Goal to have 2 opportunities in division during a season for U14 and U16 for testing.

Dan Henry – ACC report

PNSA calendar discussion: U14 Calendar – Dan Henry presented calendar adjustments that were email voted on to adjust the U14 calendar for U14 qualifiers and evergreen races. CMAC has added a third day to its March race to add an SL race.

U14 qualification current rules – BEST 50% of 3 3 3

NWC finals adjusted to 4 days Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues
Golden Rose set for Memorial Day weekend

Elite Pass – PNSAA agreed to utilizing the Category system to define the Elite Pass list of eligible athletes. Paul Mahre presented the data on elite pass invitations by category.

Discussion on Category Cut offs by discipline: Need data for category cut offs from Dan and Paul – did not record carefully enough for exact detail.

2017-2018 ACC Motion #3: To use US Ski and Snowboard national points list #15 to establish category cut offs for Elite Pass invitations. Maker: Dave Lyon, second: Kurt Westman Motion **PASSED**

PNSA office report for Project trip planning 2018: Claudia has planning for Championships well in hand. Division expects to have \$7000 available for athlete support for U16 champs this year due to Alaska trip (approximately \$200 support per athlete over 35 athletes).

Bnet – storage in Mt Hood and Oregon area still the greatest challenge and concern. Ideas are being generated with a modified shipping container being stated and the best and most economical over building a free standing building or paid commercial storage.

PNSEF Funding to date and planned for 2018: camps, NWC, coaches education
Proposal/idea: work to make divisional speed camp a speed certification with US ski and snowboard

Question to the ACC membership; how best to spend available funding from PNSEF? More camps, longer camps, more funding for championships

Dan and Curt: goal is to have ACC and NCC plan a year in advance for funding, camps and races. PNSA and ACC meetings will be moved apart from each other so that individuals can attend all meetings

PNSA will consider increasing its divisional dues at the board meeting in the fall for presentation at convention spring 2018.

PNSA quotas for 2018 season (women/men)

U14 7/8

U16 17/17

U19 19/20

Elite series will use list #14 women PNSA 9, men PNSA 9

Subcommittee Reports

U14 subcommittee: the hybrid system was adopted by the ACC through email discussion. East and South will race in two combined races, a SG will not be contested.

West will stand alone and with a plan to contest the SG event in Jan.

2017-2018 ACC Motion #4: Hybrid Zonal racing combining East and Oregon zones for 2018 U14 qualifying races. There will be 3 GS and 3 SL races contested, selection will be based on All contested runs for the series counting 50% of the contested runs to earn qualifying points. Maker: Billy Farwig, second: Seth McCadem. Motion **PASSED**

2017-2018 ACC Motion #5: SG seeding will be based on GS results for the East and Oregon athletes. Maker: Billy Farwig, second: Seth McCadem. Motion **PASSED**

2017-2018 ACC Motion #6: zonal quotas for East and Oregon athletes will be combined. Maker: Billy Farwig, second: Seth McCadem. Motion **PASSED**

2017-2018 ACC Motion #7: Quotas are established by the population of second year U14 at the publication of list #15

Maker: Seth McCadem, Second: Jamie Landwehr. Motion **PASSED**

For reference expected quotas are approximately E/O 4/5 and West 3/3

2017-2018 ACC Motion #8: East and Oregon populations will be combined to establish quotes. Maker: Jamie Landwehr, second: Shana Sweitzer. Motion **PASSED**

Request: please place White Pass speed camp on PNSA calendar page

U16 subcommittee: Mike Graves (absent) No report

U19 subcommittee: Jamie Landwehr – positive feedback from camps PNSA should continue Seeing teams working together informally or formally on Palmer Glacier offering camps for all members of PNSA is a positive development that should be fostered and encouraged
Funding at the NWC level – is there a need to change or discuss, should PNSA and PNSEF fund the NWC or more for the athletes at the regional project level
Dave Lyon presented that ACC needs to complete task of developing the model then decide how to allocate the funding

U16 quota discussion: should ACC propose a single board for championship qualification

2017-2018 ACC Motion #9: To move to a single board for U16 qualification. Maker: Dave Lyon, second Shana Sweitzer. Motion **FAILED** 4/6/1 abstention. Discussion: goal, should we follow a step up and preform model for qualification

College subcommittee: Ron Bonneau – 9 schools, UBC Okanogan may be a new school this season.

NWCSC is a member of PNSA paying \$20 per athlete head tax for membership. Benefit – support of PNSA bNet, and other equipment if needed with venue space at member clubs. No further development between US Ski and Snowbaord and USCSA racing for renewal of membership or rejoining association.

Goal/desire for NWSCS – increase number of schools in program, give students at smaller or local schools a place to train with member clubs, help foster schools that desire a team with an adult to lead the effort for students.

Race calendar – established and to be posted on PNSA calendar page – Bbrundage, 49 degrees north, Ski bowl, Grouse Mtn BC, regionals at Winter Park and nationals at Lake Placid

Needs – PNSA website clean up – hotlinks to NCAA schools, there appears to be a parent group interested in compiling information and Ron is also gathering information to keep USCSA page of schools current.

Masters: Rob Cravens absent: No report

PNSA coaches committee: Shana Sweitzer – SL camp Kent written report shared with PNSA board. Excellent camp, good attendance, desire to offer a 5 day camp. Majority of attendees were U14 and U16's

Question: should PNSA add a GS camp, also 5 day camp

Of note – understanding that there is a changing face at Timberline over next few years away from free large spaces dedicated to free ride

All programs and coaches should use resources in division – Bachelor will be more available in May because Vail will not be returning

Coaches Symposium: how does PNSA attract more club weekend level coaches? On line, webinars, zonal, closer to season?

May speed camp – will be either first or second weekend in May (4 days)

Course setters list: needs to be cleaned up and used by race organizers

Rules and Tech: Kurt Westman – ski matrix is available, please review, link is on PNSA website

Officials Subcommittee: Roger Root – All officials' clinics are schedule with the first Oct 8th in Seattle, then Portland and Spokane.

Program directors please check your coaches and parent volunteers – If their US Ski and Snowboard membership states '16 or earlier they will need to renew or update their certification this fall at a clinic or update.

2017-2018 ACC Motion #10: Motion to Adjourn 12:40pm Maker: Dave Lyon, second: Kurt Westman. Motion **PASSED**



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Jan. 23, 2018

Hello ACC EC,

Last weekend the Stevens Pass Alpine Club hosted the first Zonal Evergreen Cup races in the division consisting of two Super G's and Giant Slalom. Athletes from outside of the western Washington Zone entered and participated in this race series.

The current rule regarding the eligibility of athletes (of any age U14 and older) to enter into any Zonal Evergreen Cup is as follows:

“Entry to those Evergreen Cup races noted as ‘Zonal’ is limited to athletes from clubs within that zone.”

This rule was approved by the ACC and the PNSA Board of Directors. The rule is located on page 10 of the 2017-2018 Alpine Comp manual (attached) under the Evergreen Cup Races section which is on the same page as the U16 Series section.

Bill Farwig (U14/YSL Sub-committee Chair) has made the following motion:

That PNSA directs US Ski and Snowboard to purge the results and remove all points from any athletes that participated in any or all of the Zonal Evergreen Cup races hosted by the Stevens Pass Alpine Club between January 19th through January 21st, 2018 that are affiliated with clubs that are outside of the western Washington Zone or reside outside of the western Washington Zone in the case of no club affiliation.

Mike Graves (U16 Sub-committee Chair) has seconded this Motion.

ACC Executive Committee, please discuss this motion as you deem necessary and provide your vote by 5:00pm PST today.

If this motion passes the ACC recommendation will be forwarded to the PNSA Executive Committee for consideration. If the motion fails the floor will be open for additional motions.

I've cc'd the PNSA EC on this email to keep them in the loop in the event that issue is forwarded to them.

Thanks,

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Comments to;

*Zonal concept, is it working ?

Brad MHM, No
Louis MRST, No, limited quota
Chelsea SARS, combine division

There was NO support for continuing the zonal system.

Divisional U 14 series ? Yes by all hands and nods.

*Cat system, Is it accomplishing what it was set out to do?
Recognize advancement, keep kids interested in the sport
Compare ability not age

CSRT, super effective
SSRA, yes it is working

No data to support retention but anecdotally yes from several clubs.

CONS to CAT system;

Brad MRT, cat vs. age class; class award but no recognition to age class winners. "Win your age you should be recognized."

SSRA, awards not collected, \$\$ on awards that no one cares about, just another medal.

CAT 3 seems to be a barrier, kids feel stuck there.
CAT 5 should be more difficult to advance to 4.

Some modifications to advancing are in order.
Encourage clubs to award swag vs. medals

Eric MRT, Colorado system for seeding; random draw day 1, seed for day 2 (??)

Rust MAC, is it possible to use that system?

*WR U14 CHAMPS

Chelsea report comments; SQ top 10's, good results respectable.

BRAD MRT

Saw good ski skills, more depth than what he expected.

Rust, MAC , PNSA was unprepared for speed.

- PNSA quota

Dan SSRA, quota spots have dropped based on results

Why?

FW= U14 series, huge population

IMD mix U14 & 16's during season

Big population

More time on snow

*Selection criteria & scoring, did it work?

Per run vs. per race?

Louis MRST, should choose by discipline?

Paul PNSA, choose specialists at 13?! It will effect PNSA quota down the line.

Louis MRST, the fastest didn't qualify based on scoring system.

Matt WPSC, send JUST top 5

Brad MRT, Is selection consistent with the region?!

BF MBSEF, Do we care? Is U14 WRC now an important event? If so why now and not 2/3 yrs ago.

Curt & Dan; It is here to stay so PNSA should try to send best kids, affects U16's.

Consensus is; go divisional for qualifying
Change board selection SL before GS and SG

U14 qualifying series 3 SL, 3GS, 2 SG

Use World Cup Scoring

Select by discipline or overall ? Discuss at convention.

End of season U14 Championship (BWC?)

Closing question, what is our PNSA, development model/philosophy?



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May 12, 2018

Hello ACC Members,

The convention is approaching and we have several issues to discuss. A few years ago we started meeting as a working group on the day before the ACC meeting to allow more time to discuss topics and formulate quality motions at the ACC meeting. This meeting has proved to be very beneficial and has greatly increased the productivity of the ACC meeting. This year the ACC meeting is on Friday, June 1st. We will again be meeting as a working group on Thursday, May 31st so please try to attend.

We hosted forums this year at first Northwest Cup and the Buddy Werner Championships. Out of these forums and with conversations on the hill, we learned that that the division is relatively united on some issues and not as united on others. For example, most coaches seem to be in favor of creating a divisional U14 race series.

In an attempt to maximize our productivity at the convention and to give the ACC as much time as possible to discuss issues on which we have varying perspectives, I thought it would be beneficial to discuss and vote on some of the issues, where there seems to be widespread agreement, via email prior to the convention. This way we won't have to spend time rehashing topics that most of us agree on and we can give more time to topics where we don't see eye to eye.

My understanding at this point is that motions #1 and #2 listed below are supported by most coaches and program directors in the division.

Motion #3 Involves combining one of our U14 qualifiers with the Northern Division U14 qualifier at Whitefish, Mt.

In order to get the discussion started some of you have agreed to make and second the following motions. The following motions are preceded by a narrative to provide some background information and context to the motions. Please reply all to comment/discuss the motions over the next six days. **You also need to cast your vote for or against each motion. Please vote on the Motions by 5:00pm Thursday May 17th.**

Divisional U14 Race Series

After two years of using zonal or zonal hybrid Evergreen Cup races to qualify U14's to the Western Region Championships, there appears to be a preference by many to have a divisional U14 race series (Similar to the old J3 series). The purpose of this motion is just to decide if our U14's should qualify against all athletes in the division instead of only athletes from within their zone or hybrid zone. The specifics of how many races, which disciplines, etc. will be discussed and voted on at the convention if this motion passes.

**2018-2019 ACC Motion #1: PNSA will establish a U14 only race series that will be used to qualify PNSA U14's to the Western Region U14 Championships.
Maker: Seth McAdam (At-Large)**

Second: Bill Farwig (U14 Chair)

Zonal/Zonal Hybrid vs Divisional Races

Zonal and zonal hybrid races were developed as a means to keep athletes closer to home and to manage field sizes. Over the past two years the races were not well attended and some clubs/athletes chose to race outside their zones, defeating the purpose and intent of the races.

2018-2019 ACC Motion #2: Do not place a Zonal / Zonal Hybrid race designation on any scored US Ski and Snowboard race within PNSA and, do not restrict athlete entry into any scored race by their zone or hybrid zone.

Maker: Mike Graves (U16 Chair)

Second: Bill Farwig (U14 Chair)

U14 Qualifier in Whitefish, Mt.

This motion/topic is the byproduct of several conversations between PNSA and Northern over the last 18 months. Western Montana would like their U14 and older athletes to race with PNSA athletes. Last year a few PNSA clubs participated in what was then a Northern U14/16 WR qualifier at Whitefish. The feedback on that race was overwhelmingly positive. This year Curt Hammond and I worked out a potential schedule that would provide an opportunity for our U14's to race with northern athletes and Northern division U16/19's to race in one of our Northwest Cups as one of their WR Qualifiers. We have confirmed that based off the age group populations in both divisions the field sizes will work. Northern is willing to work around the PNSA calendar and to host the disciplines that we (PNSA) need to make this happen. Whitefish is able to hold the first U14 qualifier over the MLK weekend in January. This race would be a U14 only race that would act as a qualifier for both Northern and PNSA U14's. The WR U14 divisional quotas would remain with each division. If this motion passes we can work out the final details at the convention.

Another thought to support this concept is that it is consistent with the development direction PNSA appears to be heading with divisional vs zonal racing (larger age class fields) and it is also consistent with the national development path.

Additionally, some have suggested that with the WR U14 quotas being relatively small, this may be the only opportunity for many U14's to race at a great area outside of the division.

The downside is obviously the drive time to get to Whitefish. Whitefish is roughly 4 hours from Spokane. Driving from Bend to Whitefish is approximately 3 hours longer than driving from Bend to Sandpoint. Because MBSEF would have the longest drive we approached Bill Farwig (MBSEF U14 Head Coach and U14 Chair) for his thoughts. Not only did he like the idea, he is the maker of this motion. This drive potentially adds an additional travel day to this trip but since the race is over a three day weekend it will hopefully not have as great an impact on school or work.

The cost issue that some will undoubtedly raise should not be significantly greater than many races within the division. Although many bring up cost as an issue every year at convention, if we take an objective look at athlete management and travel, cost does not seem to be a limiting factor below the FIS level.

The Primary reason that we need to discuss and decide on this issue prior to our convention, is that the Northern Division convention is May 18th. Since Northern is scheduling around PNSA and will be making decisions based off weather or not we are attending Whitefish as a division, we need to decide if we support having our first U14 qualifier in Whitefish prior to their convention.

**2018-2019 ACC Motion #3: To use the Northern Division U14 qualifier in Whitefish, Mt. (scheduled in January over the MLK weekend) as the first PNSA U14 qualifier.
Maker: Bill Farwig (U14 Chair)
Second: Curt Hammond (PNSA President)**

PNSA Calendar

I have attached a draft calendar to provide a reference for the above motions. The regional calendar is accurate as of today. A few FIS races may move slightly but it should not impact our divisional calendar. The divisional (PNSA) calendar is just a draft. Nothing has been approved and all of the races can be moved. Also, the draft calendar only includes Western Region FIS and WR Championship races. It does not include Nor-Am's, National Projects, out of region FIS, Canadian FIS, FISU, or college races because we do not schedule around those events.

The goals of the attached calendar are to provide mid-season training blocks, provide an appropriate number of race starts by age, and provide an appropriate level of racing for athletes at different levels/ages. The calendar will hopefully allow U19's to participate at WR FIS races, Northwest Cups, and Evergreen Cups. U16's will have the NWC series and will also have Evergreen Cups available. U14's will have a U14 series and Evergreen Cups to participate in.

In order to accomplish this we need to think of what is best for the athletes in our division as a whole, not what is best for our individual club or zone. Again, we will discuss this at the convention. Please use the calendar for reference and bring your suggestions/ changes to the convention. Please refrain from discussing the details about specific races or dates. We will have that discussion at the convention.

Remember that we are not voting on or approving the PNSA calendar. The attached calendar is just a draft to provide a framework for proposals and motions that may influence the divisional calendar.

Some items you may notice on the draft calendar incorporate the following topics that we will discuss at convention.

A) Use Sun Cup SG's as U14 SG qualifiers.

- B) Buddy Werner Champs back to U10/12 YSL – Division race similar to before age change- Team quota and seeding.
- C) Hold U14 / Evergreen Cup Finals on top of WR U14 Finals. Race would be open to U14 and older.

These topics are convention items. We do not need to discuss now.

Please remember to keep your discussion and comments applicable to the specific motion(s) (#1, #2, #3) we are discussing. When you feel like you have enough information to vote please do so. Once we have a majority vote (for or against) we will pass or fail the motion and remove it from discussion. Hopefully this will allow us be more productive at the convention.

Thanks,
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