



# Pacific Northwest Ski Association

## A Division of USSA

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### 2017-2018 PNSA Board of Directors Minutes and Motions

#### Fall Meeting – Oct 7th, 2017

Call to Order 8:14am

**Roll Call** - The following officers and directors were present at roll call. Curt Hammond, Roger Root, Jeff Kray, Chris Kastner, Gillian Esson, Dale Koetke, Dan Henry, Paul Mahre, Colby Howell, Alan Watson, Shelley Moore, Jeff Aden, Rodger Nelson

**Absent** – Vicki Longhini, Stephen Smith, Jason Spadaro, Bill Brooks, Kevin McCarthy,

**Guests** – Claudia Yamamoto

A quorum was present per Article III Section 4 of the PNSA By-Laws.

President Curt Hammond welcomed the new members and asked members present to introduce themselves and give a brief personal background statement.

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #7** – Electronic motion

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #8:** To approve the agenda. Maker: Jeff Kray, second by Dale Koetke. Motion PASSED.

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #9:** To approve the minutes from the June 5th, 2016 meeting of the PNSA Board of Directors. Maker: Jeff Aden, second by Shelley Moore. Motion PASSED.

**Executive Committee Report:** Curt spoke about activities during the summer that the executive committee were involved in. There was a successful “new members” gathering in Spokane which several members joined via telephone. It was an excellent opportunity to present PNSA and all its parts, history and elements. The intent is to continue this type of new board member orientation each spring/summer.

U14 Hybrid summary – following the spring meetings there was a discussion to revisit what had been presented by the ACC and passed by the

board at the spring meetings. The ACC came back to the board with a request to revisit the calendared races and plan. Board agreed and the ACC formed a group to review and represent to the ACC for vote. Chaired by Dan Henry the committee reviewed all options and presented a new plan to the board. The board approved this plan (Motion #7 electronically) to create a hybrid in the south and east zones for U14 qualification races for the 2018 season. Races as calendared in the west zone remain the same as approved. ACC fall meeting in Spokane – well attended with a coach's symposium offered the evening before.

**Presidents Report, Curt Hammond:** Very busy role! It has been a busy summer filled with big plans. Still have grandiose plans, but there is a lot to learn. As president I have been learning on my feet and talking lots to all the different stake holders. New Board orientation was a good idea that will continue.

U14 level: still not happy with a U14 National event.

Development plan coming from US ski and snowboard is asking the Region to make a plan and the region is asking the division to make a plan. Dan Henry asked to summarize the region at this point. Dave Lyon and Mike Graves are tasked with leading the development plan for PNSA. Question to club is are they on board with a division level vision. There will be development meetings over the season at key events to discuss with club stakeholders. Task, define goals of clubs, take to Western region by April. Discussion will be surrounding the National, Regional and Division visions. Goal is a road map/development plan. For clubs, PNSA board and all stakeholders to be educated and involved.

Alan Watsons concern – entire program is top heavy, from US ski and snowboard level down through clubs.

Summary of Attendance at PNSAA meetings in early October – was an excellent opportunity to meet and present PNSA and ski racing to all the area operator/manager in one space. To discuss ski racings needs (snow making and surfaces for quality races) and explain the importance of the relationship with PNSAA and PNSA and how much the elite pass program is appreciated.

Super Club discussion: does PNSA want to be part of that and can it be? US ski and snowboard are endorsing and supporting (as the super clubs are financially supporting US ski and snowboard).

Convention Changes for 2018: ACC and NCC meetings will be moved apart in the fall. ACC meetings in the spring will be moved to a four day format.

Thurs being the open ACC discussion forum, Friday ACC meeting, Sat board meeting and Sunday PNSEF.

Desire and goal: how does PNSA help various groups bridge gaps, information and connection?

Regional meetings are in Vegas in April and National meeting is in May in Salt Lake.

Budget: How does division spent money? Presently 27% is on the athletes.

By Laws: Bill Brooks is still working on revising and combining the two versions of the By Laws and the Articles of Incorporation. It is a long and arduous process.

Discussion of US Ski and Snowboard affiliation. Discussed giving clubs guidance on using PNSA and US Ski and Snowboard logo and wording on clothing and promotional/informational material.

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #10:** Policy for division to use PNSA logo and US ski and snowboard logo together for branding (Decision to put US ski and snowboard logo as well as PNSA on championship coats). Maker: Jeff Aden, second: Jeff Kray Motion: PASSED

**Vice Presidents Report, Jeff Kray:** Primary role is managing and leading disciplinary committee. It is a committee of 4. Summary of incidents from past year. Most important to note that if race committee or jury or host club has handed down a decision and sanction the PNSA discipline committee cannot also add a sanction.

**Treasurers Report, Roger Root:** distributed at meeting

Discussion: biggest expense is staff and office, depreciating bNet and the need to build out a reserve for capital expenses such as bNet. There are approximately 500 nets in division.

Detail: Paul went through line by line questions that members had. Question: should masters be moved out of budget discussion for association. Have a separate account that PNSA manages for them?

bNet discussion – still at issue is housing for net in the Mt Hood/Bachelor region. Mt Hood Academy came back with a suggestion of a modified storage locker (a modified shipping container) to solve some of the issue.

Pace Skier, Dan Henry: Pace skier for NWC – should this continue? Or should the expense come out of the budget?

Entry fees for club races: Wording suggestion/recommendation to be 50% of the head tax. Head tax is \$10 to US ski and snowboard, \$11 to division and \$4 to region.

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #11:** acc, 4184 deficit

Maker: Jeff Aden, second: Jeff Kray Motion: PASSED

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #12:** to designate a capital replacement account of \$25,000 (internal control) for Bnet replacement plan \$10,000 in future Maker: Jeff Aden, second: Jeff Kray Motion: PASSED

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #13:** travel motion for board members reduce reimbursement amount to \$250 per event per member. Objective, to control travel costs for meetings

Maker: Jeff Aden, second: Jeff Kray Motion: FAILED

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #14:** to charge all attendees at convention a fee.

Marker: Roger Root, seconded by Jeff Kray. Motion: PASSED

Discussion: PNSA loses money at convention. Remove the line from the competition guide that states each member club receives one free entry and vote at convention.

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #15:** To raise the membership fee to PNSA by \$5.00. Marker: Roger Root, seconded by Jeff Kray. Motion: PASSED

Discussion: to make coach \$20, U12/& younger \$25, U14 \$35, U16 & up \$45. Official will not have a membership fee.

**Executive Director Report, Paul Mahre:** Covered earlier in minutes

**ACC Chair Report, Dan Henry:** elite pass offered to 280 (153 male, 144 female) plus college racers, goal is to have 270 passes purchased.

Item from ACC fall meeting: Proposed U16 and U19 to move to single board. Motion failed at ACC meeting, will come back to in spring. Looking to have head to head for qualifiers. All parties need time to digest the impact of change and to understand.

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #16:** To approve ACC motions #3 through #8 from ACC fall meeting. Maker: Gillian Esson, second, Jeff Aden. Motions PASSED

**NCC Chair Report, Alan Watson:** NCC had their fall meeting Sept 23 in Spokane.

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #17:** Approve NCC motion #14 changing from 4 to 8 races to read #5 to 8 races.

NCC has received a grant from PNSEF for coaches to attend the national coaches symposium in Salt Lake, 13 coaches will be attending and 8 coaches will be taking the level 200 course.

**Officials Report, Roger Root:** Officials clinic in Seattle to be held Oct 8<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow)

New Rules: All sanctioned races (Scored and non scored) will need to have Jury advisors that are qualified through US ski and snowboard officials programs this year.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Nick Schramik and Jacob Nicoles, athletes from outside the PNSA are requesting Elite passes. Both athletes have established National points profiles to qualify against PNSA elite pass qualification expectations.

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #18:** To allow Mt Hood Academy new athletes (moved from out of division to attend MHA) to purchase Elite Passes for 218 season. Maker: Jeff Aden, second: Shelley Moore. Motion: PASSED

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #19:** To allow a new Crystal Mountain Alpine Club athlete to purchase an Elite Pass. Maker: Jeff Aden, second: Jeff Kray. Motion: FAILED. Discussion: The athlete in question does not have a national points profile to establish his level of skiing with respect to the established criteria for an Elite Pass in PNSA. The material presented for this athlete does not allow board to measure him objectively.

**2017-2018 BOD Motion #20:** Motion to Adjourn 1:42 PM  
Maker: Jeff Aden, second: Jeff Kray. Motion: PASSED.