



# Pacific Northwest Ski Association

A Division of US Ski & Snowboard

## PNSA Convention

### ACC Spring Meeting

Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @1pm PST

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#### 1. Roll Call

Meeting Called to Order 1:05pm PDT

Moderator/Leader: Justin Rackley

**Roll Call ACC members** - Justin Rackley, Dan Henry, Curt Hammond, Gillian Esson, Roger Root, Jamie Landwehr, Shana Sweitzer, Dave Lyon, Seth McCadam, Roger Taggart, Mike Graves, Kent Towlerton, Alan Lauba, Matt Morrell, Nils Ericksson, Tim Durkin, John Rust, , Lindsay Davidson,

**Executive Director:** Claudia Yamamoto,

**Gallery Guests:** Chris Lowey, Sue Schwartz, Rachel Urban, Danyell Cortopassi, Ted McNamara, Ron Bonneau, Jeff Pickering, Bill Gunesch, Karl Wardrop, Rich Myklebust, MacKenzie Green, Carson Rudd

**Absent:** Jeff Kray, Chuck Holcomb, Scott McCartney

1.1 **Motion #8:** Approval of the 2020 ACC Fall Meeting Minutes (October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

1.2 **Motion #9:** Approval of the Agenda

#### 2. Opening comments:

2.1 **PNSA President** – Curt Hammond

Short comments – thank ACC and ROC for running races under difficult situations. To Claudia and Roger Root for financial responsibility. Looking at new options, Bnet, new website, and growth forward Stepping down

2.2 **Director of Alpine** – Dan Henry

Thank you Curt, for strong leadership at a critical time. We shall keep leaning on you for advice and guidance as we move forward. Thank you to all for helping to get season off .

Regional side – moved to zonal season for Covid, allowed access and get races off. Prived to be very effective and valuable, will be incorporating at regional level moving forward. And because no U14 and U16 were half size – region hosted camps for U16 and U14 at squaw in April, very successful and will continue. At FIS level will be a 2-tiered system for devo to elite, Bill G. wish we had thought of this over ability class, appears to be much smoother and stronger functioning model. May be a model for divisional in future. U14 camp had 92 athletes, value was clear and will be incorporated.

Pic – lets do it again. 92 athletes is a large number, but cut in half may be too small, will

Nationally from congress – to keep on horizon, one Level 100 for all coaches for 2023 season. Some logistical issues, but may impact entry to racing and club membership. How can division support and help this move forward. U19 age classification and U19 national are gone – back to U18 age class.

Has taken U14 out of national U16 qualification (objective qualification) so unless using a ski up U14 will not be at U16 nationals.

Gate judges for GS SG and DH will consist of jury, roc and coaches – upping quality and taking pressure off ROC for gate judging volunteer pool

2.3 **ACC Chair** – Justin Rackley

Thank you Curt for time served. Thank you Bill and Pick for joining us.

2.4 **PNSA Executive Director** – Claudia Yamamoto

Formal report on website – as are all reports. Thank you all for efforts to make ski racing happen this

year. Parents were extremely thankful for efforts and that events actually happened. Roger Root was given the True North Award – the consummate volunteer and most knowledgeable race official we have in our arsenal. Curt – thank you for being a great mentor. Highlights – memberships were up, athletes had fewer other choices, school sports were cancelled or suspended and PNSA ended up with additional athletes. Now on to summer

### **3. Reports:**

#### **3.1 ACC Chair Report – Rackley**

Report on line, thank you to all the players! ACC, ACC exec, ROC's that hosted races (especially the clubs we leaned on early and as various county rules changed), we now have objective data from race surveys, thank you coaches for completing. PD weekly meetings – very beneficial and community participation. BWC champs meeting – Justin chaired as YSL chair had stepped down. Good participation and input – younger, newer or other representation in division were present. Very productive meeting. Summary – BWC belongs at U12. Report for BWC is at back of Justins report on website. Calendar – Dan provided a succinct report.

#### **3.2 U12/YSL Chair Report – Davisson – no report. Watching and learning.**

#### **3.3 U14 Chair Report – Morrell – first, thank you Lindsay**

No champ event – was a camp – it was spectacular. U14 races worked well – weather cooperated all three weekends. For next season recommendation is zero changes for how U14's qualify for champ events.

#### **3.4 U16 Chair Report – Graves**

U16 report, published on website, season started late, dec small fields due to restrictions. Despite apparent constrains season was successful and competitive. All qualifying races were contested. Population of U16's was stable for this season, slightly increased, can we keep this population up?

Lost the sun cup in division – looking forward to having speed back next year. Thank you to Schweitzer for picking up SG in Jan. Mid-week and gender specific racing was successful – may not be possible next year and athletes are back in school.

Race series – all good, thank you bachelor fun to race in Eds gardens, only lost one race and it was in the time when we were trying to do 4 races in one weekend and that was a lot in full winter

U16 selection – moved to head to head selection but still using a single board selection style. WR is using a ranking model. For this year plan it to stay with selection process. Champs was good, quota was smaller, fields smaller, PNSA athletes skied stronger (better than past couple of years) highlight 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Is there objective data on performance field. Question are we moving the needle? WR has information to respond to this interest. Next year back to U16 regionals and U16 nationals.

#### **3.5 U19/U21 Chair Report – Landwehr**

Limited report due to overlap with other age groups, committee make up covers three zones and we do communicate regularly. Club numbers were up, race fields were up, with successful running of races. Good information for learning, and how we can take the positives forward from year.

Performance level at FIS has slipped, even from 5 years ago. How do we keep these athletes engaged and in the sport and achieve results?

#### **3.6 Masters Chair Report – Cravens**

7 days post knee replacement – things going well. Report posted, membership numbers were down, members making choices to other sports or retired. Masters racers had a challenge COVID season, only one race off, attention was on youth races. Thank you Bachelor for taking on one and only race. Thank you Roger Taggart for the masters camp – they were a success. Financially masters were not in a positive year but were still able to offer their cash gift to one male and female FIS PNSA athlete. Idea to move from cash gift to camp tuition

Masters nationals in on at Mt Hood. Encourage coaches to attend. Fun, good swag and you can get a

coaching credit.

### 3.7 Coaches/Ed. Chair Report – Sweitzer

Chair organizes staffing for Champ events, U14 and U16 this year. Events went well, details in report. Chair also organizes staff for camps – Speed and SL. Last summer was high attendance, this summer is almost full now (June). Staff in place. If white pass is not able, other venues are being investigated, feel speed event is important to offer by division. For moment plan is to have speed camp at white pass – but if changes to calendar and Golden Rose moves up in May, this may impact ability for speed camp.

Education chair – past couple of years Exec dir has taken on, this year in discussion with division to offer some physical training education and support to clubs and coaches.

### 3.8 Rules/Tech Chair Report – Rust

Thank you Curt. Report online. For this year many rules came from WR and US ski and snowboard and there were a huge number of rules to follow and comply with. Changes were numerous and we made it work. Thank you to all players for that success.

### 3.9 Officials Chair Report – Root

Thank you all ROC and coaches – pulling together mid-week races was not always easy

Numbers – we retained our officials, which was important for growth and support in division

For next year hopefully training will continue online but there may need to be a in person testing component. In addition there may be a requirement for new referees to have 2 days of shadowing required for certification (not clear where this rule or presentation is in the pipeline). Comment that this may impact clubs with the level 100 certification requirements

#### 4. Old Business:

No old business from fall meeting

#### 5. New Business/Motion Items:

##### 5.1 Motion #10: U12 Licensing – Davisson

Motion attached – discussion/concern how will this impact clubs, driving force for supporting division with increase in quota within WR. Rational – this is a decision for the strength of the division. It may affect individual clubs and how program directors being the information forward to their clubs. This is the path to being an athlete into the governing body and expecting to participate with their athletes as first year U14 at regional events. How does this wording affect large clubs with more entry level participation programs.

Motion amendment – participate in Interclub racing – Dan Henry, Dave Lyon. Amendment failed 4/12

Discussion – does this support or impeded athletes to be in the sport or try racing. **Motion passed 15**

##### 5.2 Motion #11: U14 Northwest Cup Quota – Morrell

Rational – effort, desire to encourage additional athletes to keep racing longer and increase exposure.

Does this leave some U16 out of possible racing. Thinking that field sizes will return to 140 next season, if this does not occur ACC can revisit at fall meetings. **Motion passed 16/1**

##### 5.3 Motion #12: WR U16 Champs Selection Procedures – Graves

Language clarification for comp guide so that if races are not contested there is clarity. If even number of events take 50%, if odd number round up to 50%. Not a perfect world – may weight a particular event or race more heavily. **Motion Passed 16**

##### 5.4 Motion #13: Age Class Awards – Landwehr

Discussion – matching what is happening at US ski and snowboard level. Will foster/follow tiered system

Award level – how to manage awards in age levels with small numbers or specific levels and ideas

Support is to move to age class racing but details are concerning for several members. Motion passed 11/5

##### 5.5 Motion #14: PNSA Event Structure – Landwehr

Rational – forced this year to race gender specific, quality of races were good, courses held up, should this be a pattern to follow for quality of racing. Is quality racing the pinnacle that pnsa strives for – if so than this is the direction. Are we looking at the health of sport, why athletes stay in sport, teams traveling

as full teams? Does this provide rules or guidance for ROCs – a resolution providing guidance. Rational – motion is to get ROCs and ACC to think outside the norm and do things differently as we were “forced” to this year. To help calendaring committee see bids as different beasts – apples and oranges (not all apples). **Motion passed** 12/4

Following motion: discussion – may be appropriate for some bids to be reworked or resubmitted. There is room for ROC’s to resubmitted and reworked – deadline is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

**5.6 Motion #15: ACC Voting Motion** – Henry – withdrawn

Motion to limit clubs to one vote at time. Desire to limit club to one appointed member to club

Present rule – ACC chair could appoint all at large from one club.

Target – working for best of division and athletes. Concern for block voting on issues.

- ACC Voting Motion Option B – Sweitzer

Second vote to go to sorting if vote is Staff member or associated with club

Motion – to refer motion as presented to committee. Motion passed out to committee 14/2

**5.7 Motion #16: PNSA Project/Championship Staff Selection Procedure** – Henry

Rational – to present even representation of all participating clubs/athletes at event. May make coaches chair position/job easier. Discussion – allocated appointment is subject to the approval to the coach’s chair and head coach. Additional wording added to motion for clarity and strength of project. **Motion**

**Passes** 18

**5.8 Motion:** PNSA Team Travel – Towleron

Withdrawn motion – discussion – should/could/would the division go back to required team travel at the FIS level

**5.9 Motion #17:** PNSA FIS Race Pace Fund – Towleron

Rational – how does division bring pace into division. Is it better to bring pace in rather than going out and looking for it. Golden Rose is a good example for the past couple of years – nationally.

Suggestion – request grant from PNSEF to bring in the correct pace for the correct race. Bring Rocky Mtn (as an example) good school but not too strong a school. This is an option to bring in pace for NWC – to help U16’s build within division. Can we request this without having specific races and goals? Yes but will need to give monetary amounts. **Motion Passed** 16

**5.10 Other new business** – categories for Elite pass awarding

Executive committee will make a suggestion with details to Board, taking into consideration the numbers for the ski area operators.

**6. Calendar Blocks:**

**6.1 Motion #18:** Motion to Approve Calendar Blocks as presented. Maker: Dave Lyon, Second: Kent Towleron. **Motion Passed** 16

Dan presented a grid for race bids to streamline submission and review for race selection committee. Example used Bachelor requests. Presented blank with blocks, does have dates on them but dates not set in stone, blocks is a window (Feb for example).

Desire to keep it simple and straightforward requesting information that helps committee make decisions. Review of blocks – set as discussed last week.

Defining blocks with disciplines – NWC#1 1gs/2sl, NWC#2 2gs/1sl, NWC#3 2sg2dh, finals 1sg,1gs,1sl U14#1 2sl2gs U14#2 1tr3sg, finalsU14# 1sg,1gs,1sl - discussion on how to select best team of athletes for championship in March. BWC 1sq,1gs,1sl

Golden Rose

**6.2 Motion #19:** Motion to approve calendar as presented, discussed and updated: Maker Mike Graves, Second Dave Lyon **Motion Passed** 11

**6.3** Roc’s may submit race bids now through Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Corrected to Bids date June 15, review on 16<sup>th</sup>, site by 17<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Adjourn** 6:07pm PDT

**7.1 Motion #20: adjourn** Maker Jamie Landwehr, Second Kent Towleron