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2011 General Meeting October 20, 2011 Minutes

Participants:

John Lambert (Chair), Borre van Doorninck (BC), Ron Measures (Alt), Tom Tario (Director at Large), Philippe Bernier (ACA), Jim Sidorchuk (SX Officials), Peter Engstad (Para-alpine)

Via conference call 15:00hr – 17:00hr: Monique Chartrand (Que), Jean-Yves Grégoire (Special Member: Translations), Brian Wilson (CanDist), Amanda Shaw (FIS)

Guest: Dick Beare

Regrets:

Peter Mushkat (Director at Large), Terry McLaughlin (Ont)

09:00 Meeting called to order, welcoming and introductions

- Recognitions of John Lambert assuming Chair of the Committee and Tom Tario assuming the Director at Large seat vacated by John L.
- The Committee, with regret, recognizes the retirement of Peter Mushkat, Director at Large, after his many years of valued service. Thank you, Peter. The Canada District will forward its nominee to replace Peter, shortly.
- Agenda adopted, no additions.

National Officials Committee Governance:

Terms of Reference were developed by ACA within the larger documentation of the NSO's governance, as required by Sport Canada. (*National Programs & Athletic Committees Structure & Terms of Reference* (Committee Terms of Reference), attached)

- The Committee is positioned to support the delivery of the officials' program in each of the PSOs.
- The Committee recommends, not makes, safety related rules for domestic ski racing.

Action: Phil Bernier to investigate and report back about rule making process in ACA.

Post Script: See *National Programs & Athletic Committees Structure & Terms of Reference*, sections 4, 8, 9 Annex 1. Section 8 addresses spring recommendation cycle (to be read with Annex 1, and the authority of the Committee to recommend “in-year” provisions to the ACA Director, National Competitions).

Discussion about process / cycle of recommending rules, approval and incorporation into race manual.

Decision: Process will align with ‘spring’ cycle being adopted by FIS. Propositions will be shared with PSOs for feedback during summer, ratified and incorporated for fall update cycle.

Action: Phil and John will investigate resurrecting, or piggy – backing on, the publication of a “Domestic Memo” document each fall. For this fall, the timing would be by December 15.

The Committee identified that Section 4 of the Terms of Reference pertaining to the Committee has omitted, in error, the Committee’s responsibility to make the rules for national points.

Action: Phil Bernier to bring the oversight to the attention of the ACA.

In Year Rule Proposal – National Points- Rule 2.2.2 - SG and GS:

This proposal appears to have first originated in conjunction with the 2009 proposal for PSO conducted safety inspections of SG venues. It was last discussed at the June 2011 conference call meeting of the NOC.

Generally, the current language for National Points for SG under 2.2.2 limits the scoring of such races to FIS-homologated SG and GS venues. The limitation precludes the offering of SG competition under national points sanction in all of Canada outside of BC, Alberta and Quebec (GP in Ontario and Marble Mt in NFLD excepted). Even within those provinces, the number of FIS homologated venues is limited. As such, there is little or no practicable means to ‘race’ K1, K2 and masters competitors in SG events except at some provincial championships or the Canadian Championships.

Decision: Pursuant to Section 4 and Section 8. of the Committee Terms of Reference and pursuant to the NOC’s mandate to make rules for National Points, the Committee considered and adopted the recommendation to amend rule 2.2.2 of the *National Competition Rules* by revoking it and replacing with the following:

2.2.2 National points Super G races should be run on FIS SG/GS Homologated courses. For Super G races calendared on lower elevation slopes, Provincial Sport Organization approval is needed. The Provincial Sport Organization must ensure that athletes’ security be appropriate to the venue.

Timing Manual:

Dick Beare presented changes to the national points software. The software now accommodates entries using FIS and ACA skier cross registration numbers (attached).

Action: Software guides for dTris and SplitTiming are to be added to the distribution of the domestic rules for timing.

ACA Website and Re-brand:

The Website was toured and the new visual identity presented. Discussion about navigation and content ensued.

Action: The Committees products are to be updated with the new logo.

Action: ACA communications will be asked to make navigation to 'officials resources' more visible.

Action: PSOs are asked to establish links to www.alpinecanada.org/officials on their web sites. Position ACA officials page as the 'only source' of ACA domestic race forms, rules, etc., similar to the FIS branding of international racing documents.

Discussion ensued about current documents and the updating of them.

Action: Current materials will continue to be used until replaced. The ACA Chair will look at issuing a 'precision' or 'domestic memo' to identify content that is to be taught to current rules / standards.

Action: PSO course conductors are to track what changes are needed for the manuals and presentations during the fall and send their compilations to John Lambert by December 15.

Common subjects (e.g. single pole slalom) will be determined for incorporation into the officials' level courses.

The PSOs will take ownership of updating one of the levels. BC will update the Level 1 course manual and presentation as soon as possible.

The Nation Competition Rules will be the collaboration of John Lambert and Jean-Yves. Drafts of the updated course manuals and presentations must be ready of peer review by July, 2012.

Action: Tom Tario to send most recent draft of National Competition Rules to Phil (track changes included).

ACA Strategic Plan and Use of Technology

Mandate to develop five videos to enhance official and participant education.

Action: Priorities identified to be 1-Gate Judging, 2-Single pole slalom and giant slalom, 3-b-net deployment / security systems, 4-Start and Finish area set ups (timing and corrals), 5-Para-alpine unique features including righting a sit skier.

Discussion about committee member access to DartFishTV.

Action: Phil and John to communicate to PSOs that volunteers are needed to help with these projects

Posting of NOC minutes, including for past years

Action: Phil and John to connect with ACA communications and facilitate.

Para-alpine Update:

Pete Engstad spoke to the continuing integration of Para-alpine into able alpine.

Action: Pete Engstad to provide 'Para-alpine Special Features' pieces to be immediately incorporated into Level I, II and III course content. PSO course conductors are to speak to these unique considerations for 'safety' and 'gate judging' content. Distribution and posting will be as soon as possible. BC will incorporate into Level I as soon as possible. NOC to arrange for French language translation.

Action: Para-alpine content to be fully integrated into course manuals for next season.

Action: Phil to provide new logos to Pete Engstad, letterheads to be developed.

Pete Engstad reported about preparations to stage the Para-alpine World Cup Finals at Panorama. This event is the major event for Para-alpine this season. The ROC has been active for several months. Promotion of the event and call-out for volunteers by ACA and NOC would be greatly appreciated.

Ski Cross:

Jim Sidorchuk, National Officials Chair – Ski Cross introduced and welcomed to the Committee.

- Roll out of SX officials courses will occur shortly.
- Demonstration events and open camps are planned across Canada, again this winter, to promote the sport.
- Desire to leverage expertise and network of Alpine officials, particularly TDs, for SX. PSO Officials are asked to solicit among national TDs interest in certification for SX.
- A 'grandparenting' strategy for SX TD/officials' certification is being developed involving shadowing opportunities at NorAm level events.

Action: PSOs to ensure SX officials certification initiative is communicated within their jurisdictions [Jim's contact information is on the ACA staff page].

TD Assignments:

The K2 CanAm initiative has replaced the K2 Canadian Championships. NOC is responsible for the assignment of two TDs, one for Panorama, one for Mt. Tremblant.

Alberta and the Canada District are the primaries for nominees for the Panorama event. BC will identify a back-up in the event of a last minute force majeure.

Ontario and the Canada District are the primaries for nominees for the Mt. Tremblant event. Quebec will identify a back-up in the event of a last minute force majeure.

Action: Names of the nominees are to be sent to Phil and John by the end of October. Phil, John, Amanda and Tom will make the selections.

TD Development:

The Canada FIS TD Commissioner is seeking the NOC's assistance to identify suitable candidate alpine officials for FIS TD licensing. Discussion included concerns about 'loosing' National TDs to the FIS system. More information is requested about how many, and when (e.g. how many 2 years out, 5 years out). Requested Canadian FIS roster information.

Action: Information request will be forwarded to the Canada FIS TD Commissioner.

Action: TD development pathways for both national and FIS TDs to be reviewed for integration, overlaps, etc.

Action: Information about the pathways, competencies, perquisites etc. is to be developed and posted on the official's web page.

Action: Chair to communicate feedback to the Canada FIS TD Commissioner and secure desired information.

Small Market Racing:

Discussion about maximizing efficiencies, promotional and developmental opportunities of having national points events integrated with FIS events.

Committee endorses the concept with the following recommendations:

- Assigned FIS TD to be Canadian.
- FIS race to have priority in programming and on actual race days.
- FIS TD is not required to agree to the ROCs desire or proposals to integrate national points events with the FIS events
- ROCs must communicate interest in such dual programs to the FIS TD as soon as practicable (well before the TD arrives for the FIS event).

Action: Chair to communicate feedback to the Canada FIS TD Commissioner.

Next Meeting:

January 17, 2012 at 10:30hrs, Mountain Standard Time - Teleconference Call:

17:00hrs: Meeting Adjourned

Attachments: