



Alpine Sport Committee

Meeting via Zoom video-conference

Monday, May 17, 2021, 3:00p.m. – 5:00p.m. MDT

Agenda

Meeting Chair: Darryl Landstrom Present

Alpine Sport Committee

Darryl Landstrom, Wayzata, MN (Chair and Alpine BOD Representative)	Present
Paul Van Slyke, Lake Placid, NY (Vice Chair and FIS Subcommittee Chair)	Present
Mike Bowman, Winter Park, CO (Rocky Central Region Representative)	Present
Bill Brooks, Spokane, WA (Regional Subcommittee Chair)	Present
John Buchar, Park City, UT (Western Region Representative)	Present
Karen Ghent, Edwards, CO (Development Subcommittee Chair)	Present
Doug Hall, Maryland, NY (Technical Subcommittee Chair)	Present
Tim Hinderman, MT (Western Region Representative)	Present
Jesse Hunt, Park City, UT (U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Director)	Present
Beat Hupfer, Mammoth Lakes, CA (At-Large)	Present
Breezy Johnson, WY (Athlete Representative)	Present
Jess Kelley, Park City, UT (Athlete Representative)	Present
Chip Knight, Park City, UT (U.S. Ski & Snowboard Alpine Development Director)	Present
Karen Korfanta, Heber, UT (At-Large)	Present
Dan Marshall, Manchester, NH (Eastern Region Representative)	Present
Warner Nickerson, Tilton, NH (Athlete and Alpine Athlete Rep to the BOD)	Present
Jon Nolting, Steamboat Springs, CO (Education Subcommittee Chair)	Present
Joe Paul, Bloomington, MN (Rocky/Central Region Representative)	Present
Bill Slattery, Buffalo Grove, IL (Immediate Past Chair)	Excused
Tao Smith, Killington, VT (Eastern Region Representative)	Present
Andrew Weibrecht, Lake Placid, NY (Athlete Representative)	Present

U.S. Ski & Snowboard Staff

Tiger Shaw, Park City, UT (U.S. Ski & Snowboard President/CEO) Present

Honorary (non-voting)

Tom Winters, Tucson, AZ Present

Guests

Morgan Wolfer, Roger Perricone, Carma Burnett, Ron Bonneau, Matt Lemon, Brian Hartman, Arnie Huftalen, G. Mintz, Bill Gunesch, Paige Roberts, Jeff Pickering, Thelma Hoessler, Dan Chayes, Don Stellin, Diann Roffe, Pat Callahan, Jeff Weinman, John Manderfield, Lindsay Mann, Jenni Holdorf, Torey Greenwood, Kris Champeny, Brewster McVicker, Doug Lewis, Eric Webster, Ronald Rupert, Mike Finch, Ben Roberts, Patrick Mich, Mike Ginsberg, Kristina Revello, John Norton, Peter Dodge, Fletcher McDonald, Morgan Hayman, Tommy Eckfeldt, Jaka Korencan, Joe Paul, Leanne Smith, Kaia Moritz, Jeff J. Kathy Okoniewski, Josie Brownell, Sheryl Barnes, Dan Henry, Sam Damon, Gladys Weidt, Alice Mckennis, Jay Moyer, Jennie Holdorf, Andy Locke, Tory Amorello, Shannon, Angie Brown, Justin Rackley, Edward Wipson, Andy LeRoy, Darlene Nolting, Sam Damon.

1. Welcome and call to order
Darryl Landstrom called the meeting to order at 3:05p.m. MDT.
Welcome everyone. Despite the daunting start to the 2020 – 2021 season for the organization due to COVID challenges, we came through it and provide our athletes with a competition season by adhering to the CDC guidelines and following the policies and principles published by the COVID Commission. But none of this could have happened without the support of our athletes, coaches, parents, leadership, and those of you with boots on the ground. Feedback will give us cause to reflect on what we might continue to carry forward into the 2021 – 2022 season. Important to not become casual about COVID, we still need to air on the safe side as we continue forward. Thanks to all of you for joining this meeting.

2. ASC roll call conducted by Darryl Landstrom and confirmed a quorum.

3. Review and approval of agenda: *one change (Sport Education) Gar Trayner presentation moved to Thursday May 20th ASC Agenda 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.*
Motion: Hall; Second: Bowmen; Motion carried unanimously

4. Review and approval of the October 23, 2020 minutes
Motion: Brooks; Second: Gent; Motion carried unanimously

5. Review of the 2021 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Congress schedule
 - 5.1 Darryl Landstrom reviewed the Congress schedule for the week.

6. Staff Reports
 - 6.1 President and CEO – Tiger Shaw
Good afternoon, fun to be here. Wow, what a year! Echo what Darryl said, thanks to everyone for your efforts and what you were all able to pull off. Incredible to see so many people rally to make a season happen, between the stress, the unknown, the schedule changes, travel challenges to name a few. Despite it all we had a success in Alpine worldwide, Jesse and his staff had a great season; from Mikaela's success at World Championships to Ryan Cochran-Siegel's breakthrough, to Tommy Ford and Breezy Johnson turning it on, to a number of new young athletes scoring World Cup points.... just incredible and very cool to see. We were in and out of about 15 countries, endured about 5,000 COVID tests, had some COVID cases, encountered quarantine mandates in some places, despite it all we perceived and pulled off more than we imagined possible. Moving forward, we are in a strange hybrid place with a lot of folks vaccinated but not all, anxious to see what the new normal will be. We ended up with a good financial year, 2 rounds of PPE helped a lot. Thanks to our sponsors and partners for all of their support. I learned a lot this year, would love to hear feedback from all of you. We are coming out the other end in good shape and look forward to a successful year.

Darryl Landstrom – Thank you Tiger for your comments and being at this meeting.

6.2 Alpine Director – Jesse Hunt

I echo a lot of the comments Tiger just made. This was an incredibly challenging year, looking back we were not sure how we were going to move forward. But everyone's attitude to take on the challenge, kept the sport alive and kept the athletes competing from the National teams, down to the club programs.

We had a strong athletic season in spite of all of the challenges. We were able to support 3 levels of programming: World Cup, Europa Cup and NorAms. Though no NorAms were held this season, we had these athletes competing in Europe in FIS races as well as Europa Cups. From the top down we had a great results from the World Championship with Mikaela winning four medals, in addition to a lot of really strong results outside of that. Having five different athletes on the podium at World Cups was a big step for us, with three new athletes breaking through: Ryan Cochran-Siegle, Paula Moltzan and Breezy Johnson. What was really encouraging to me was not just World Cup podium results but having athletes move onto the World Cup and score points, as well as having success on the Europa Cup level across a number of different disciplines which we have not had in years. Feel our strategies to support these levels of racing are paying off and will continue with this approach with the goal to create a clear pathway of achievement for athletes. World Juniors had some exciting results with Ben Ritchie winning a Gold Medal in Slalom and AJ Hurt winning a Bronze Medal in Slalom. We have not had a Gold Medal in Men's Slalom at this level in 19 years, very exciting.

Unfortunately, we had a number of injuries this year, feel that the stress of the year may have contributed to some of the injuries. We are currently evaluating how we can mitigate injuries moving forward. We have a number of athletes in the COE Gym right now working out and getting healthy with a lot of support.

There were three notable retirements this year with Ted Ligety, Alice McKennis and Laurene Ross. Congratulations and thank you all for your unbelievable success, commitment, and energy to the sport.

We named 44 athletes to the US Alpine Ski Team this spring. One more athlete than we had last year. All athletes fit into our three levels of programming (WC, EC, NorAms). Focus is the Olympics for this coming season, excited to have depth as we head into this Olympic year. Unfortunately, we did not have an opportunity for test events in Beijing, so there is a bit of uncertainty in that and what COVID challenges/hurdles may bring. However, seeing how we all rose to face those challenges this past year, believe we are ready to take it on.

We have some staff changes to share and are excited to be able to evolve our incredibly talented staff. Forest Carey moves into the Men's Alpine Head Coach role; Ian Garner will move into Head Tech Coach role. Forest and Ian have worked together for the last few year and have been the backbone for the Men's team bringing consistency for athletes and the ability to deliver on strong and familiar programming over time. Max Lamb moves up from Europa Cup to assist at World Cup level. Mike Bansmer will move onto the Europa Cup level. On the Ladies side the majority of staff remains in place bringing constancy, one new hire is Coley Oliver who will assist Casey Puckett on the Europa Cup Circuit. One staff departure is Men's Development coach Sasha Rearick, who has decided to move on. We are currently looking to replace him.

We are currently working on finalizing Olympic, World Junior and Nomination criteria for the next cycle. These will be worked on through the summer approved and posted in the fall. We had a new process this year initiated by the Athlete Culture Committee giving athletes and programs outside the National Team circle the ability to put in requests for nominations for athletes just outside the bubble. There were about 30 requests that were sorted through, thanks to Chip and Warner for helping in reviewing the nominations and organize the effort. Believe the process in the end was successful in creating an outreach and avenue for those athletes just outside the criteria. Darryl thanked Jesse, Chip and Warner for this groundbreaking and rewarding opportunity.

6.3 Alpine Development Director – Chip Knight

Good afternoon, wow what a year indeed. Remarkable to think back on what has transpired in the past 12 months. Thanks, and congratulations to the COVID commission for setting the roadmap and guidelines to lean in and make this past year happen. Especially would like to thank Darryl for all his efforts on the COVID commission as well as all the time he has put in through his term as ASC Chairman which expires next year. Darryl played a huge part in the success of the past year. Thanks to Tiger for his help and advocacy in getting our athletes and staff to Europe late last August, he put the athletes first. He worked tirelessly through seven years and our organization is in a great place due to his leadership. Kudos to Troy Taylor and Gillian Bauer for their help behind the scenes for how we could activate our teams and our sport domestically. Thanks to our Development Coaches Sasha and Marjan as well as Regional Coaches and Club Coaches who were boots on the ground making it happen for our young athletes. Thanks to Regional Directors and Managers, as well as J.J. Ehlers in recreating calendars multiple times to make the season happen.

We had remarkable success despite it all. With no NorAms the World Juniors were our only high-level benchmark to measure internationally. We won two medals, (Ben Ritchie Gold and AJ Hurt Bronze in SL) with three additional top 10 results, our athletes shined. We shifted our P26 development model this year so Sasha and Marjan were managing a core group of the NorAm athletes. To keep the spirit of the P26 Model alive and to touch a broad band of athletes we ran parallel projects which were led by our Regional Coaches and were extremely successful. We reached 35 athletes in Copper and kept that theme going with 20 athletes gaining European exposure.

An unexpected benefit of the season was shifting from Regional to Divisional races resulting in robust and successful Divisional FIS racing across the country. With this shift we saw a 30% growth in our National Development population pool. So, in a year when we lost NorAms and did not have too many athletes qualify for the C Team, we saw big growth in our National Development pool of athletes. Would like to build on this with tiers of competition moving forward with development and elite tiers in each Region. One more unexpected benefit to the season is when we moved away from Regional Projects, we shifted to a club facilitated model where we invited clubs to come in and participate in our environment on the hill. We did this in Copper with speed project programming and touched 200 athletes, home coaches benefited as well by being able to be on the hill with their athletes. With the loss of U16 Nationals we shifted to regional skill development projects and reached 200 athletes compared to a regular year where we would reach 100. In spite of the pandemic, we found a way to reach more athletes with productive content for the long term. Would again like to thank

everyone in the field for their hard work and collaboration together to make this season happen.

Question: Darryl asked Chip and Jesse to please comment on your outreach to the collegiate community programs this past year, feel it was an incredibly positive step. Chip – we spent a lot of last summer reaching out to each of the collegiate program communities to see how things were going for them in being part of our system. It was tremendous to build connections, one big take away was the need to communicate more and establish criteria and access in the pipeline for this group of athletes. We are also looking to activate on summer projects.

Jesse – It was great being able to communicate with this group, it was extremely helpful and informative.

Question: Breezy – With no NorAms how did younger FIS athletes move onto D Team? Chip – Due to more race access availability for 1st and 2nd year FIS athletes, along with limited field sizes it was an easier for these YOB athletes to make gains. With no NorAms this year, we saw little D Team to C Team development movement.

6.4 Western Region – Bill Gunesch

The biggest impact from COVID on our season, was the loss of our Regional training projects for our U14, U16 and FIS athletes. Due to our geographic size, we rely on these to bring athletes and coaches together. We ended up splitting the competition season into 2 zones to address limited field size and get access for as many athletes as possible and reduce travel. We were able to resume Regional racing at the end of the race calendar that ran through April. Like many other regions, we conducted a survey of wins and losses from the season, we received over 130 responses. There will be a link on my report of the results.

Regarding Development and Performance, the markers that we were able to track this year are the number of athletes nominated to the D Team each year, this year we had 6 athletes nominated to the D Team. This is in large part a testament to our regional clubs stepping up huge this year. We had several athletes attend the National NGB Europe Projects some highlights include Mary Bocoock placing 3rd in a SG in Garmisch and Benny Brown winning the GS at the Italian National Championships in Pila. Another marker we were hoping to win was the Regions Cup at US Nationals but came in second.

Participation numbers at U12 and younger level were down 14% when looking at Membership data provided - however in talking to many clubs in the WR there numbers were up in this age group and had to close their registrations down around the holidays. This leads us to believe that there are many young families who started participating with our clubs that we need to capture in US Ski & Snowboard membership going forward. U14 participation rebounded a bit this year and U16 participation jumped up a bit this year. FIS Junior age numbers were slowly declining the past few years but jumped back up this year.

We had 50 calendared FIS races this season (44 Tech, 4SG and 2DH), typically we have 34 calendared FIS races. There was more racing in the Region, keeping kids closer to home. This was a great boost that provided solid training at home. It was a good year for our 1st year FIS athletes – they were able to get a decent point profile going.

A big thank you to Branko Zagar and the Jackson Hole Ski Club who hosted the first Regional FIS race in the country in December. There was a lot of concern in going forward with the race series, but Branko was confident they could do it and they did a fantastic job in adhering to and enforcing COVID protocols and setting a great example on how to get it done.

Our elite series in the spring were in the Tahoe basin, fantastic events. Thanks to J.J. Ehlers, for being so flexible and capable in making the myriad of changes to the race calendar. We had an awesome U16 Championships at Mammoth Mountain, thank you Beat.

We ended the season with a U14 Regional Camp at Squaw with 92 athletes attending along with former US athletes Darren Rahlves and Marco Sullivan coaching. The feedback on this project has been fantastic. Thanks to Jim Hudson who imagined the project in lieu of Championship. We then moved right into a U16 Regional Project at Squaw utilizing the same terrain build with 40 athletes attending. We added a Skill Quest component to collect data on the athletes, again great feedback. Many thanks to Squaw for their efforts in making these projects happen.

A special thanks to the Western Region staff Angie Brown, Fletcher McDonald and Jeff Pickering for stepping up to help with National Projects domestically and internationally.

6.5 Rocky/Central Region – Darlene Nolting

We had a long difficult year, but a successful year thanks to the RCN community working really hard. A lot of good pluses came out of this season. We had great success with our higher-level athletes this season with seven being named to the D Team. We had 11 Men and 11 Ladies named to the National Development Group, as well as 4 athletes qualified to World Juniors. RCN one the Tom Garner Regions Cup at US Nationals 2020 at Copper and 2021 in Aspen. Congratulations to all those athletes, coaches, and clubs. Thanks to Copper and Aspen for providing great venues.

We did not have any Regional ski racing this year. We did have two tiers of limited field size FIS racing this year which proved to be positive. We had many Canadian athletes participating in RCN races this year. The tiered racing proved to be successful for our 1st and 2nd FIS year athletes. Central added some additional races to their calendar to encourage their athletes to stay local which included a 3 run FIS Slalom at Buck Hill that proved to be a win.

National scored racing saw us come together for the U16 RCN Championships at Steamboat with a smaller field size. We had a successful 2nd level of championships, with athletes racing to their best results ever and ending up on podiums. Feedback on this 2nd level of Championships was positive. There were no Regional U14 Championships, Rocky and Central conducted their own.

The majority of our non-scored races were conducted mid-week which put a strain on our volunteers and officials. We added more races to accommodate athletes with reduced field size.

We had one U16 Regional Camp at Breckinridge for 35 qualified athletes, the focus was on terrain and head-to-head training and skills quest. Athletes were psyched to be together. Thanks to Breckinridge for putting on a great event.

Central Division held a phenomenal U14 Camp at Bridger Bowl with 25 athletes and 3 coaches with a focus on fundamentals.

Rocky Mountain Division held a U14 camp at Breckinridge that mirrored the U16 project, again feedback was positive.

We are planning Slalom summer camps at Mt Hood for both U14, U16 and FIS.

Big shout out, Chip Knight and all other Regional Directors. Great collaborative group. Shout out to Rocky & Central Staff, Clubs and Coaches, Volunteers, and Parents, along with our Regional governance.

6.6 Eastern Region – Sam Damon

We had a rather good year in the East. On the competition front there were some interesting entry fees, some were up, and some were down. We are working with clubs and ski areas to bring these all into alignment with some consistency. We had more races this year to gain more access for athletes due to smaller field sizes and travel restrictions. Usually we have about 100 FIS races in a year, this year we calendared 200 with about 183 conducted. We had the same number of starts per athlete with the addition of races. As mentioned earlier the smaller field size was great for 1st year FIS athletes providing a better bib number with quicker path to a point profile. New York was able to host a SG event, the only state in the region.

The main challenges we faced this year were travel and quarantine restrictions which were all over the place, so we ended up racing FIS at the divisional/state level. Smaller field sizes and better access turned out to be a positive and will continue to pursue and balance with Regional racing in the future. All U16 racing was conducted in state, a bit of a bummer not getting this group together regionally for performance projects and championship races. A number of states had a hard time racing due to local governance at this level. U14 and younger racing went pretty well overall, there were fewer events per athlete due to field size limits. Overall, adaptability was key this year to keep athletes competing. Echo what everyone has expressed in thanking the ski racing community for adapting and a special thanks to Paige Roberts for keeping everything on the rails and J.J. Ehlers for her tireless efforts in adapting the calendar to the changes we kept throwing at her. Another positive was that local race organizers took a greater level of control over their events than they normally would do and that was great. Look to keep this going as we move forward to deliver a high level of race product.

Moving into next year, we are looking to continue 2 tiers of racing thinking of the dynamic of the smaller field size and better access for younger FIS athletes. We are creating an Eastern Team to help facilitate junior athletes pursue their goals. On the Skills Quest and Fitness front we are looking forward to getting back on track this summer. Looking forward to getting back to be able to get the athletes back together on a broader basis.

Question from Warner: Sam, how can we continue with smaller field sizes?
Warner, we will do our best to continue with the two tiered Divisional and Elite Regional FIS racing where all athletes can have good access. This is a bit tricky to balance out with race organizers wanting a bigger fields.

6.7 Membership Report Update – Jenni Holdorf for Sheryl Barnes

Overall Membership for this year was down by 9%, with General Membership up by over 9%.

Important reminders moving forward:

Membership renewal deadline returns to October 15, FIS Registration will be activated once all US Ski & Snowboard membership requirements are successfully completed.

Members turning 18 at any time during the season (July 1 – June 30 annually):

- > Must register for screening at their 18th birthday
- > There is a 45-day window for screening to be completed and for US Ski Snowboard to receive a green light determination.
- > On the 46th day the member will be placed on pending status and prohibited from participating in US Ski & Snowboard events and **will be dropped from any points list occurring during the pending status.**
- > All Adult members, excluding some alpine masters and short-term foreign members, are required to undergo background screening every other season (subject to change).
- > Allow several weeks for the screening process to be completed; Foreign screenings may take a month or more.
- > **Screening must be completed to activate FIS License.**
- > All coach members, excluding those Certified Level 100 or higher, are required to complete Coaching Fundamentals every two seasons. A final exam score of 70% or higher is required. Members have 30 days to complete the course or members access will expire and will need to repurchase the course for \$10. Completion of this course is a prerequisite in order to be certified as a level 100 Coach.
- > SafeSport Course, Refresher Schedule and Platform registration reviewed.
- > Registration requirement to Avalanches Course (BRASS Foundation) reviewed.
- > Club Registration Process and Club Minimum Requirements reviewed. **All club coaches regardless of participation in US Ski & Snowboard events must be members.**

6.8 Sport Education – Gareth Trayner – presentation moved to Thursday ASC meeting.

7. ASC Reports – Action Items highlighted

7.1 Board of Directors – Darryl Landstrom

The BOD has two initiatives: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, along with the USOPC putting emphasis on athlete increase participation on committees by 33.3%, Warner will touch a bit more on this in his report. And with Tiger's departure after Beijing, a CEO search is underway using a third party, the Spenser Stewart Agency to help facilitate the search. They are currently in the process of interviewing all BOD members individually for input on what and who they would envision to fill Tiger's big shoes. In a note of interest, the latest estimate of what the organization spent on COVID this year is in excess of one million dollars. So not only did we put a lot of sweat equity into managing COVID there was significant dollars invested as well to make our competition season happen.

7.2 Awards Committee – Darryl Landstrom for Bill Slattery Meeting tomorrow, with recipients being awarded this week

- 7.3 Judicial Committee – Darryl Landstrom for Bill Slattery
There was nothing that surfaced to the Judicial Committee.
- 7.4 Nominating Committee – Bill Slattery
Beat's At-Large expires, will take nominations at Thursdays meeting.
- 7.5 Alpine Education Subcommittee – Jon Nolting
Thanks to Tami Strong and Stacey Gerrish for a great job leading their Working Group meetings last week. Appreciate the efforts of Gar Trayner, Ellen, Chris, and the crew at Sport Education for leading a successful Club Excellence, they are just wrapping up.
Clubs Working Group talked about Clubs coming through with a successful year despite COVID. Sport Education continues to a good job bringing clubs into Club Certification. On the Coaches Education side, the main focus for the 2022-2023 season is that Level 100 Coach Certification will be required to activate a coach membership. Implementation and logistics of this and how it will be applied from a membership perspective will be discussed at Wednesday morning's meeting. We hope to have this ironed out by the fall meetings. The coaches Pocket Guide has been completed and have sold over 1,000 this is an incredibly positive and important resource.
- 7.6 Alpine Development Subcommittee – Karen Ghent
Will be meeting tomorrow at 10am and again on Wednesday. Will be splitting up the agenda over the two days. U16 and Older will be covered on Tuesday and Wednesday U14 and Younger and Quotas & Selections will be covered.

Collegiate Working Group is working on wording clarifications, NCAA report, World University Games criteria along with a Membership structure and head tax proposal going to the ASC and a proposal to create new Working Group across all collegiate sports.

U14 and Younger proposals include the use of 72" gates for U14 events and eliminating U14 access to U16 Championship event. There is also some wording in the course setting specs being clarified.

U16 and Older will be proposing: Single Panel SG; to move back into a U18 designation, 2 proposals to bring back U18 Nationals, to calendar two tiers of competition, to limit field sizes to 140 to align with the FIS ICR.

Quotas & Selections will be presenting their findings on the U16 NPS Quota, U18 Nationals Quota, US Nationals Quota providing equal access for Men & Women and World University Games.

We have asked Warner Nickerson to report to this group, believe it will be of interest to this group. Jesse and Chip will also address the group.

Old Business will include test event feedback, minimum penalty for races under VD and Health of Sport update.
- 7.7 Alpine FIS Subcommittee – Paul Van Slyke
Thanks to all the Working Groups for all their hard work at Congress and throughout the year, Carl Gunzel (FIS TDs) Doug Hall (Courses) and John Jett for filling in for Rules. Thanks to Regional Directors along with Jeff, Chip & J.J.,

together we do make a good team and got through a difficult year. I am very proud of the work our FIS TDs did this year, they did an incredible job with all the restrictions, changing calendars and travel restrictions. At the top of the FIS TD leaderboard from the winter was Mike Brown with 32 Codex's, Doug Hall and Roy Powell with 28, Karen Gent, John Jett and Gary Wright with 24. It was a huge amount of effort that these people put in this winter.

FIS Subcommittees proposals will include: Criteria for National Homologation Inspectors, On-Line Team Captains Meetings and Notice Boards, Single gate SG, and Helmet Mounts.

7.8 Alpine Technical Subcommittee – Doug Hall
Thanks to all working groups within the Alpine Tech Subcommittee which include AO Education (Lucy Conklin & Laura Sullivan), Timing (John Jett), Classifications (Dave Waller) and US TDs (Chuck Hughes) appreciate everything you have done. Thank you Tiger for your leadership over the years, we will miss you. I believe Paul covered all of our proposals as they have bubbled up between both groups this year. Would like to mention that in the Alpine Technical Subcommittee and all the working groups under it we are having elections this year, it is the end of our 1st 4-year term under the new by-laws. Also, Classification Working Group will be following up at tomorrow's meeting with two possible exceptional races.

7.9 Alpine Regional Subcommittee – Bill Brooks
Our Committee meets tomorrow, the groups that report through us are the ACCs for each of the three regions and the Masters, can report there are no proposals from the Masters.
Our assignment was to gather data on the costs of ski racing across the country in terms of entry fees and head tax. We have collected all the data and it has been turned into a form that we can look at and will present and analyze numbers at tomorrow's meeting. In a snapshot it is interesting how varied and surprising it is across the country and how differently parts of the country operate.

Darryl commented that he has had the opportunity to look at the data, very comprehensive and interesting.

7.10 Athletes – Warner Nickerson
No proposals. Thanks to athlete liaisons, thanks to Jesse for the quarterly meetings it has been a nice sounding board for everyone involved. Culture is exceptionally good with totally funding down to the C Team. Jess Kelley's term ends at end of this congress, Leanne Smith will take her place. Thanks to Jess for everything you have done.

USPOC by-laws are moving from a 20% athlete representation to 33.3%. Right now, it looks like the two committees that will be affected are ASC and AS Exec Committee. We are excited but a bit nervous to see how will work. It is a bit complicated with a few moving parts on how these changes will be implemented and exactly which committees will be affected. We do have a bit of time as this needs to be implemented by 2022.

8. Old Business

8.1 COVID Commission – Chip Knight and Darryl Landstrom

We were in a good place due to this commission. We had one debrief meeting this spring and will have another this summer to determine if we need to make further adjustment and guidance for the coming season.

8.2 Health of Sport Task Force – Karen Ghent

We were tasked to figure out ways to bring cost down, provide more access, retain athletes, to make the sport more attractive, create clear paths, and make it more user friendly. We have been meeting for two years and met again this past March, the task force realized that we were making small baby steps, so we tasked out topics this spring to working groups including U16 Older, U14 Younger, Quotas and Officials Education to filter through their working groups in the hopes of getting feedback to help jump start these initiatives.

Darryl -Thanks to Karen for all of her efforts in trying to get this Task Force moving.

8.3 Reports on action items from Fall ASC Meeting

8.3.1 Fluorinated Wax Ban – Chip Knight

FIS level was not activated due to the testing machine and thresholds not being ready. For now, non-FIS events will continue with the regulations we set out last fall. Hoping this FIS will be able to activate on their end very soon.

8.3.2 Additional comments - none

9. New Business

9.1 Proposals reviewed and vetted and will be followed up by Subcommittee meetings over the next few days and reported back to the ASC on Thursday.

10. Discussion and Comments – Guest comments and feedback via chat

West – nothing

RCN – nothing

East - nothing

11. Recess – Darryl, thanks to everyone who joined us, participation appreciated.

11.1 **Next Meeting Thursday May 20, 2021, 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. MDT**

Respectfully submitted: Gail Barber