

2009 IMD ACC Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2009
Jackpot, Nevada

Present:

Troy Price, Carma Burnett , Kenny Corrock, Mike Hammer, Rueben Macaya, Chuck Harris, Todd Brickson, Shannon Carrell, Tami Strong, Kevin Chaffee, Steve Bounous, Becky Stone, Ray Miller, Chip Bailey, Scott McGrew, Scott Mathers, Bridger Call, Pat Revellier, Gail Barber, Ben Sinclair, Jesse Hunt, Nate Schwing, Bret Troyer, Bruce Birk, Sarah Fisher, Chris Warren.

9:15 Meeting called to order by Chairman Steve Bounous.

Approval of the Minutes of the ACC Meeting of May 2008

MSP(Carrell/Corrock) To approve the minutes of the meeting on May 31, 2008.

Approval of Agenda

MSP(Macaya/Hammer) To approve agenda.

Reports

Chairman's Report- Steve Bounous - (see attached)

Director's Report- Carma Burnett - (see attached)

Western Region ACC Report- Troy Price- (see attached)

USSA Alpine Officials Committee Report- Mike Hammer –(see attached)

USSA Alpine Courses working Group- Evert Uldrich-(see attached)

Treasurers Report- Shannon Carrell-

YSL Chairman's Report- Becky Stone(see attached)

2009 IMD Scholar Committee- Chip Bailey, Rueben Macaya and Troy Price

Approval of Reports

MSP(Hunt/Rueben) To Approve Reports

Old/New Business

ENL Races converted to FIS Races

MSP (Macaya/Price) Turn current tech ENL races into Divisional FIS races. Must guarantee a protected quota of 110 IMD athletes in the men's field. DH's will revert back to USSA races.

J4 Derby

MSP (Price/Macaya) IMD will not support support a J4 Derby. This falls in line with the termination of the Western Region J4 Festival.

FIS Independents

MSP (Carrell/ Macaya) All Independent athletes must become member clubs of IMD as a condition of participation in IMD races.

J3 Participation in IMD Champs

MSP (Price/Hammer) IMD will utilize the same selection procedures/events as the J3 Olympics and will simply expand the quota to include the 2nd tier athletes. The proposed quota would reflect the Western Region J3 quota for J3 JO's. Selection will simply be a continuation of the J3 Olympic board. An athlete could only race in either the WR J3 JO's or the IMD Champs, not both. No alternates.

J4 Championships Perpetual Trophy

MSP (Price/ Sinclair) IMD will institute a perpetual trophy for the overall champion in both boys and girls from the Intermountain Championships.

South Series Finals/YSL Finals Eligibility

MSP (Stone/Price) Participation in the South Series Finals does NOT affect eligibility for the YSL Finals, but *does* affect next seasons eligibility. The athlete can compete in the South Series finals, but the "starts" do not disqualify him from participating in the YSL finals, but the starts *DO* count for next season, possibly making them ineligible for YSL racing in the next season.

Rotation of YSL Finals

MSP (Strong/Corrock)_YSL Finals will rotate, being hosted by different resorts each season.

Clarification of Gate Usage in North and South events:

J5's must use USSA approved stubbies in all SL events using an outside gate in all vertical combinations. Stubbies should not be altered from manufacturers specifications

It is recommended that Race Organizer provide additional gate judges for all stubbie events. One gate judge per a max of 5 stubbies

J4's should use 25mm USSA approved gates. If an organizer is unable to to hold an event with these gates, other USSA approved age appropriate gates can be used (27mm)

J3's must use 27mm USSA approved gates.

Approval of the Calendar (see attached)

MSP (Corrock/ Macaya)

Approval of the Budget (see attached)

MSP(Price/ Macaya) Approve the budget with the amended changes

New Business

IMD Equipment

IMD will purchase a perpetual trophy for the overall champion in both boys and girls from the Intermountain Championships. No additional equipment will be purchased for the 2009-2010 season

2009/2010 ACC Members

MSP (Bailey/Macaya) ACC members are: Troy Price, Todd Brickson, Rueben Macaya, Jesse Hunt, Ken Corrock, Chuck Harris, Brett Troyer, Bruce Birk, Bill Hicks and Bridget Call
Appointed ACC members are: Steve Bounous, Mike Hammer and Becky Stone.

2009-2010 ACC Chairman: Steve Bounous

2009-2010 ACC Vice-Chairman: Rueben Macaya

Athlete Representative: Nate Schwing

Elected Judicial Committee- Todd Brickson- Chairman, Rueben Macaya and Bruce Birk

Grant Committee- Rueben Macaya, Todd Brickson, Steve Bounous- 2 members TBD

Development Committee- Troy Price, Scott McGrew, Chuck Harris, Ben Sinclair, Scott Mathers

Motion to Adjourn

MSP (Stone/ Carrell) Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm

Next Meeting: May 22nd in Jackpot, NV.

*Minutes subject to ACC approval May 2010

ATTACHED REPORTS

2009 IMD ACC Chairman's Report
Submitted by: Steve Bounous
May 28, 2009

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as ACC Chairman. The Intermountain Division is one of the strongest divisions in the country. In addition to the great racing programs and ski resorts within IMD, perhaps our greatest asset is the fine coaches and organizers who are so willing to work together for our common goals as a division.

IMD successes this season included athletes being named to the USST, medalists at every Regional and National level including US National Jr's, J2 Nationals, J3 Olymics and the J4 Festival, and participation at the World Junior Championships. The IMD Grant Program awarded \$12,500 which enabled athletes to attend these events that they otherwise may not have afforded.

Weather was a challenge, with low snow early in the season, and too much snow later in the season. But this is the test Mother Nature gives us in our sport. Organizers made every effort to avoid cancellations and to pull off fair and high quality events. Many times, it was a combination of the athlete and coaches efforts from all of the teams who worked together to make an event happen. This is another great example of IMD teamwork, and one that we should continue to foster in our division.

One area of concern I have was our big hole in the race schedule for the lower tier J1/J2 group. Athletes who did not qualify for WR Jr Champs did not race from the end of February until early April. These lower tier athletes are a very important part of our division, and we should provide opportunities for them to feel successful and stay motivated.

Our Intermountain Cup FIS ENL's were successful, although the limitations on vertical drops and the penalty adders were unfortunate. There is a Western Region proposal that will allow divisions to calendar 8 FIS Open starts and enable us to change the ENL's into regular FIS races.

A special thank you to our volunteers: Mike Hammer as Alpine Officials Chair, Troy Price as the Development Committee Chair, Becky Stone as the YSL Committee Chair, Ruben as the Grant Committee Chair as well as all of the members who serve on IMD and WR committees. The volunteer time and energy that go into these committees is remarkable and very much appreciated.

Lastly, I thank Carma for all her efforts as IMD Director. Her many years of experience both as a coach and administrator has developed her into an incredible divisional leader.

I am honored to serve as your Chairman and look forward to another successful season next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Bounous

2009 IMD ACC Meeting Carma's Report

The 2008-2009 season was successful for the Intermountain Division. The snow was good and we were able to get most of our races. The cancelled races were primarily due to stormy weather and/or lack of snow. Go figure. Intermountain continues to be a dominating force in the Western Region. The division has tremendous depth right now. Many IMD athletes had outstanding performances this year. The strength in Intermountain reflects how well the clubs are training and managing their athletes.

Membership

IMD licenses were down from 1487 in 2006-2007 to 1446 in 2007-2008 to 1394 in 2008-2009. We had 23 IMD registered teams in 2008-2009, which is an increase of 3 teams from the 2008-2009 season. However, the new teams are returning members from past years who did not participate very much within the division. Overall membership decreased. IMD membership fees will remain the same again this year due to the financial stability of the Division. USSA membership rates are on the rise. Alpine Competitors membership will increase from \$125 to \$140. Non-scored memberships will increase from \$80 to \$90 and Youth memberships will increase from \$60 to \$70. Alpine Competition Guides will be mailed out to coaches and officials. Athletes will need to reference the Comp Guide online. USSA membership cards will also be digital and can be printed off of the USSA website.

Financials

The division is doing well financially however, we are not doing as well as we have in past years. After all of the accounts receivables are in and a few payables are sent we will finish the season with \$93,000

dollars in the checking account. We have \$25,467 in a 10 month CD for the Alaska Subsidy. This year I propose we do not contribute to the Alsaka Contingency Fund because of the economic unknown regarding membership next season and to help with our budgeting. IMD lost about \$42,000 in our Fidelity account. That includes both the ACC account and the BOD account. This is the second year in a row we have suffered a loss. The balances in those accounts are: \$57,658 in the BOD account and \$61,859 in the ACC account. In addition, IMD spent \$12,500 on our Grant Program. We also subsidized FIS sanction fees for ENL races, reimbursed clubs for their T.D. per diem, and subsidized coaches to attend clinics. These new programs have been great and I fully support helping clubs and athletes.

Divisional Projects

All of our divisional projects went very smoothly. There were no disciplinary actions for the 4th season in a row. All of our athletes behaved themselves and acted responsibly. This season IMD only had one "Cooperative Project" which was the JIII Olympics. I received feedback from several coaches on that project and it worked exceptionally well. The McCall Ski Team hosted this event and even though there were some weather issues, the event was fantastic and very well ran. The staff worked together as a cohesive unit and the kids had a great time getting to know other kids in the division. Ben Sinclair did a great job heading up that project. The Head Coach per diem increase helped a little bit in getting head coaches to volunteer for projects. Kevin Chaffee has taken over the duties of keeping the IMD radios in good working order and helping me get the radios where they need to be. I have been impressed with the quality of coaches and their availability to me when they are on the road. The staff seems to work well on the hill and has developed a cooperative system. The communication with several IMD FIS Independent athletes is becoming more of a problem. I would like to see all FIS age Independent athletes to become member clubs. It would be helpful to have all of their contact and coach information throughout the season.

Volunteers

Mike Hammer has done a great job tracking the Alpine Officials. It is a tough job to track officials as well as assign T.D.'s for all of the IMD events. I would also like to thank Becky Stone as the YSL Chairman...another equally tough job. We have 3 ACC members who will be retiring. I would like to thank Dave Galusha, Mark Wedeking and Todd Travis for all of their hard work over the years.

Finally...

I would like to thank everyone for making this season a success. The administrators, coaches, race organizers and volunteers were all great. Steve Bounous did a great job as the IMD ACC Chairman. I am very excited to work with him for another season. Additionally, I was able to get out and watch races at the J3 Olympics and the J4 Super-G's in Snowbasin. Next season my goal is to get out and check out a J3 Qualifier and IMC. It's a great way for me to stay personally involved with coaches, athletes, administrators and parents. I feel very fortunate to be involved with such a great organization and a great group of people. Thanks and I look forward to another great season.

Carma Burnett
IMD Director

YSL Report
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Becky Stone, Chairperson

The South YSL is holding strong in size and enthusiasm. It seems our size has leveled off, but we are proud to report another fantastic season. We reinstated the Bye schedule, decreasing the impact on host resorts, and increasing the number of medal winners throughout the season. This mix of competition is awesome. We are continuing with the one run race. This is proving to provide a wonderful introduction to ski racing, and allows teams to train and explore resorts.

Our “Finals” race at Brian Head was incredibly sunny this year, and a success as always. We had fewer athletes making the trip South, the economy definitely played a role. The YSL committee has a proposal for the ACC to have a rotating schedule of host resorts for the YSL Finals, starting next season in 2010.

The committee continues to meet once a season, fall, winter and spring. It is a struggle sometimes, especially for me, as life just keeps getting busier! Hopefully my demanding schedule doesn't interfere with the success of the YSL, it is a balancing act some days, but one that is worth every effort. I encourage all input, assistance, and ideas to help feed the success of our youngest, largest series in the Intermountain Division, in maintaining the vision of the YSL Committee to introduce athletes to ski racing, promoting fun and athlete development.

One important item the YSL committee is hoping to bring home to our teams: proper helmets. It was brought to our attention by a few TD's this season that kids are racing in the YSL with soft ear-style helmets, which is not legal for GS. We are going to require all parents to purchase proper helmets for the 2009-2010 season.

Thank you in advance for considering the YSL proposals, and helping us to shape our growing Youth Ski League. We are striving to provide a wonderful introduction to ski racing, hooking kids on this wonderful sport that we all love!