

PARA Annual Spring Meeting – Saturday May 6, 2017 - 9:30a.m.

Ski Roundtop Mountain Resort, Ski Patrol Building

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by David Bond, President.

Roll call of voting members. The following members were present: David Bond (President), Kurt Zwally (Vice President), Jon Tate (Secretary), Chris Klebe (Treasurer), Curt Schramm (Central Chair/SSRC), Eric Updegrove (Central/TMART), Diann Roffe (Central/SRRC), Liz Dailey (Central/SRRC), Rudi Riet (Central/LMRT), Dan Chayes (Central/WTSEF), John DeLong (East Chair/JFRT), Rob Lipton (East/BMSC), Scott Book (East/Montage), Amato DePaulo (East/BMSC), Tom Yen (East/BMSC), Patrick Wende (NE Chair/EMSC), Matthew Riggi (NE/EMSC/Athlete Rep), Bruce Newman (NE/EMSC), Gus Picariello (NE/PASEF), Jim DiBiase (West Chair/WPRC), Eric Hessinger (West/HVRC), Charles Donnellan (West/WPRC), TJ Greenier (West/WPRC), Derek Berger (West/DCWST), Richard Fiore (West/BKST).

Absent: Andrew Backlund (East/JFRT), Pam Kolba (NE/SMRT), Rob Friedrich (NE/PASEF)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and Approval of Minutes – Lipton/Riet – Voice vote approval.
2. President's Report – Voice vote accepted.
3. Treasurer's Report – Lipton/Chayes – Voice vote accepted.
4. Membership and Quotas Report – DiBiase/Lipton – Voice vote accepted.
5. Alpine Officials Report – Newman/DiBiase – Voice vote accepted.
6. Gate Judge Report – no report
7. Coaching Report – Lipton/Riet – Voice vote accepted.
8. ACC Report – Newman/Lipton – Voice vote accepted.
9. ECC Report – PARA now a voting member. – DiBiase/Wende – Voice vote accepted.
10. Age Chair Reports –
 - a. U19-U21 Report - Post season events spots are hard to fill with firm commitments. Chayes/Wende – proposal to require \$100 deposit to hold spot. Approved Voice vote.
 - b. U16 Report - Two speed camps held in 2017. Wende/Riet – proposal one U16/U14 speed camp for 2018. Approved Voice vote.
 - c. U14 – 3 boys made it to CAN AMs
 - d. U12 – Filling slots for Future Stars was difficult due to minimal training before the event.
11. PARA B-Netting Grant – Kurt Zwally – PARA awarded one award. KBF due date is now June 30. PARA grant application dates will be adjusted to account for the new KBF due date. Up to 50% funding. Applications due to PARA Executive Board by May 31st, for announcement by June 15th. New PARA B-netting grant applications take priority over previously rewarded clubs.
12. Web Site Report – Carrie Scheetz

1. NEW BUSINESS & Discussion:

a.	Reminder for Regions to select an Athlete Representative - notification		
b.	PARA member athlete requirements – must have competed in non-Master event within the last 10 years - notification		
c.	Equipment Guidelines, Problem Statement and Protest Procedures Kurt Zwally reviewed the equipment issues. ROC are required to announce they are following the USSA equipment inspection protocols. – Roffe/Picariello – Voice vote accepted	Jim DiBiase & Tom Yen	
d.	Race late fees – up to 150% of original fee may be charged - notification		
e.	U10 end of season festival – Test event with 2 events with 1 GS, one Kombi, or Skills Quest. Maybe weekend of March 3/4. Voice vote approved.	Gus Picariello	
f.	U12-U14 Combined races - tabled	Gus Picariello	
g.	U16-U19 Race together and Intent to Qualify for post season events - tabled	Gus Picariello	
h.	U16s automatic qualification to U16 championships Top 3 U16 men and women from all completed PA Cup races before U16 Championships will receive automatic bids to the U16 Championships. The automatic qualifiers will not count against regional quotas. The field size of the Championships will need to increase by 6 to accommodate this process. – Riet/Newman – Passes 12 to 7.	Jon Tate	
i.	PA racer requirement – out of state racing and training – committee of Riet/Roffe/Bond to study the issue.		

2. Selection of Derby/Championships sites –

a. Locations for 2019 and 2020 – tabled.

i. U12 –

ii. U14 –

iii. U16 –

b. Field Size – Currently

i. U16 – 50% of population, with minimum field size of 70 and maximum field size of 90. This includes 5 discretionary athletes.

ii. U14 – 40% of population, with minimum field size of 70 and maximum field size of 90. This includes 5 discretionary athletes.

iii. U12 – 40% of population, with minimum field size of 70 and maximum field size of 90. This includes 5 discretionary athletes.

c. Scoring format changes - tabled.

d. Back up sites for each Championship locations – tabled.

3. Speed Camp –
 - e. U14/16 Speed Camp – Feb 5/6, 2018
4. Regional Breakout Sessions - (Request for regions to explore qualifying procedure for Championships)
5. Coach of the Year – Nomination – Matty DePaulo. Newman/Lipton – Voice vote approved.
6. Alpine Official of the Year – No nominations received.
7. Budget – Chase/Riet – Voice vote approved.
8. Election of Officers
 - f. Vice President – Kurt Zwally – Voice vote approved.
 - g. Secretary – Jon Tate – Voice vote approved.
9. Meeting adjourned – 2:15 pm.