

PARA Annual Spring Meeting – Saturday May 4, 2019 - 9:30a.m.

Ski Roundtop Mountain Resort, Ski Patrol Building

1. Meeting called to order at 9:30 am by Dave Bond, President.
2. Introductions and the following Directors were in attendance:
 - a. The following members were present: David Bond (President), Kurt Zwally (Vice President), Jon Tate (Secretary), Eric Updegrove (Central/TMART), Diann Roffe (Central/SRRC), Rudi Riet (Central/LMRT), Dan Chayes (Central/WTSEF), Rob Lipton (East/BMSC), Scott Book (East/Montage), Amato DePaulo (East/BMSC), Tom Yen (East/BMSC), Erik Backlund (East/JFRT), Patrick Wende (NE Chair/EMSC), Gus Picariello (NE/PASEF), Kristin Cook (NE/PASEF), Bob Hunt (West/HVRC), Charles Donnellan (West/WPRC), TJ Greenier (West/WPRC), Derek Berger (West/DCWST),
 - b. Absent: Chris Klebe (Treasurer), Curt Schramm (Central Chair/SSRC), Kyle Penny (Central/SRRC), John DeLong (East Chair/JFRT), Matthew Riggi (NE/EMSC/Athlete Rep), Bruce Newman (NE/EMSC), Pam Kolba (NE/SMRT), Jim DiBiase (West Chair/WPRC), Richard Fiore (West/BKST).
3. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Review and Approval of Minutes – Chayes– Approved voice vote.
 - b. Peak Presentation – Changes for Snowtime Resorts (Liberty, Roundtop, and Whitetail)
 - c. President’s Report – Accepted
 - i. Timing workshop with Matt Howard
 - ii. Youth Symposium – would like to try again this fall.
 - d. Treasurer’s Report – Accepted
 - e. Membership and Quotas Report – Linda Finnelly – Presented by Dave Bond. Accepted
 - f. Alpine Officials Report – Rob Lipton – Accepted.
 - i. Exploring dropping certification of officials if an update session has not been attended for 2 years.
 - ii. Maybe online updates in off years.
 - g. Gate Judge Report – Sam Ganow to help Carrie Scheetz with program.
 - h. Coaching Report – Bruce Newman – No report, but the following items were discussed:
 - i. Need for Coaches Chair job description
 - ii. Management of FIS invites
 - iii. Need for Level 100 certification
 - i. ACC & ECC Report – Diann Roffe – Accepted
 - i. 2nd year U14s can race for points after March 1st
 - ii. U14 Finals to supplement U14 Championships
 - j. Age Chair Reports – Curt Schramm, Tom Yen, Kristen Ehringer, Tim Brown – Accepted.
 - i. U16 highlights – Blue Mt. is splitting Speed Camp.
 - ii. U12 highlights – The Future Stars Festival continues to receive positive feedback, and it needs to be promoted more.
 - k. PARA B-Netting Grant – Kurt Zwally – Accepted.
 - i. Kelly Bush Foundation grant deadline is June 30th.
 - l. Web Site Report – Carrie Scheetz – Presented by Dave Bond. Accepted.
 - i. Regional Chairs need to send race schedules to Carrie for website posting.
 - ii. Carrie will up schedule changes, but she needs to be notified.
 - iii. Committee Reports are posted on the PARA website (paracing.org) under Membership/Committee Reports.

4. NEW BUSINESS & Discussion:

a.	Kristin Cook will chair a committee to address athlete development, retention, and the qualification process (qualify to qualify). The committee members are: Kristin Cook, TJ Greenier, Tom Yen, Patrick Wende, and Rudi Riet.		Accepted, voice vote.
b.	<p>USSA update ACC/ECC update by Diann Roffe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefits of short course training and age appropriate race course length. • U14 quota calculations for 2020 Eastern Championships. 		
c.	U16 Eastern Racing Procedures review by Divisions	Tom Yen & Patrick Wende	
d.	<p>Proposed PA Cup Schedule -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Race 1 & 2 – SL(2) at Tussey on Jan 18, 19 • Race 3, 4, & 5 – SL(1), GS(2) at Blue Mt on Feb 7, 8, 9 • Finals, Race 6, 7, & 8 – SL(1), GS(2) at Elk Mt on Feb 28, 29, Mar 1 		
e.	<p>State Championship site selection for 2021 & 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U12 Championships – SRRC • U14 Championships - WPRC • U16 Championships - BMRT • PA Cup Finals – Elk Mt. 		Championship bids from SRRC – U12; WPRC – U14; & BMRT – U16. Bids were accepted by voice vote.
f.	Blue Mountain Speed Camp for U14/U16		Accepted, voice vote.
g.	Discussion around U12 Post Season events and U19 Post Season Quotas		
h.	Ability to increase PARA Dues by \$5		Accepted, voice vote.
i.	<p>Budget changes for 2019-2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase total Coaching budget to \$45,000 • Add FIS line item for tracking purposes • Increase USSA Meetings to \$8,000 • Preseason PA workshops to \$2,500 • Add Speed Camp coaching of \$2,000 		Accepted, voice vote.
j.	PA Quota date change to 1/31		Accepted, voice vote.
k.	Coach of the Year – none		
l.	Alpine Official of the Year – Dan Chayes		Accepted, voice vote.
m.	<p>Election of Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice President – Kurt Zwally • Secretary – Jon Tate 		Nominations accepted and passed by voice vote.
	Meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm		
	Regional Breakout Sessions occurred after the meeting.		