

**USSA, Eastern Division - EFCC Annual Meeting**  
**Sunday, May 2, 2010**  
**8am - Noon**  
**Killington Mountain School**

2009-2010 EFCC Committee Members - In Attendance

Chair Deb Newson  
Vice-Chair/ Appeals Larry Titus  
Secretary Sherry Albert  
Rules and Technical - ECS Ed Albert  
Programs/ECS DJ Montigny  
Development/EQS Johnny Kroetz  
Sponsorship/Eastern EQS Suzi Preston  
Free Ride Nate McKenzie  
Member-at-Large Matt Gnoza  
Member-at-Large Nick Preston  
Member-at-Large Dean Goodermote

Committee Members unable to attend: Event Organizers/Vinnie Lewis, EQS Rules and Tech/Mark DePeters, Scoring/Dick Stone, Athlete Reps Bryan Zemba and Brian Kroetz, Coaches/Glenn Eddy.

Other in attendance:

Matt Ellinger - Coach/Stratton  
Sarah Taymore - TD/Parent  
Christopher Kasper - Coach/Judge/NYSEF  
Stan Pawlik - Program Director /Holiday Valley  
Brian Broderick - Coach/Sunday River  
John Kimble - Program Director/Sunday River  
Chase Morisey - Events/Killington

The agenda for this meeting has been posted on Eastern Freestyle

**I. Chair Report: Called to order 8:10**

- Congratulations to all of Eastern Freestyle for a great season.
- Divisions Cup at both the Junior Olympics and US Nationals.
- Several former competitors in the Winter Games in Vancouver with one gold medalist, Hannah Kearney.
- Chair, Coaches, R & T and Judges positions will be voted on again next summer (2010). Nominations should be sent to the Eastern Office by May 30<sup>th</sup>. If nominations are not received, then the current officers will hold their positions through 2012. If no nominations received positions will be retained

2010 ACTION ITEMS:

- We will develop an updated TD Report Card (Ed Albert).
- J5-J6 Fun Tour in all regions will be created as an option versus the regular competition schedule.
- An aggressive Eastern Freestyle Marketing Plan (Suzi Preston and Deb Newson) will be pursued.
- Create a survey monkey to send to the general membership.

- Create a survey monkey to send out after each event in season.

## **II. Office Report:**

- Financial Report

### 2010 ACTION ITEM:

- Operations Guide
- Update the By-Laws and post them.
- Update Event Organizer Emails.
- Create a Weekend Program Guide Page.

Registration issues – will track mountains that athletes are from, try to categorize email addresses to improve communications through emails.

## **II. Technology Report:**

- Online Registration
- Web Site forms will be updated on the site in word documents

### 2010 ACTION ITEM:

- MUST register with mountain affiliation and bib number.
- 2009 Motion: Import e-mails from online registration to create an Eastern e-mail list. There will be an opt out button. Suggestion was made to do the import 2 times at the beginning of the season and after first event. Suggestion to make several qualifiers so we can send out list specific emails.

**III. Development/EQS Report:** Johnny Kroetz reported on B's. Had 7 events sell out but every athlete at each event had the option to get 2 runs at all B meets this year.

### 2010 ACTION ITEM:

- Recommendation to improve aerial participation. Nick Preston to write up an aerial/acrobatic development pipeline to post on web site.
- **Team awards** - Registration process will allow us to bring back the team award. These awards will be optional for event organizers. Request to Dick to create this option in Winfree.

2010 Motion: To allow a one-time visit to ECS to compete in a mogul and dual mogul event. 2nd by Deb. One mogul start and one dual start. An EQS competitor cannot currently move up to A's and then go back down to B's. If you have gone to more than one ECS event you will not be eligible for B Champs.

#### **Amended Motion:**

2010 Motion: To allow a one-time visit to ECS to compete in a mogul and dual mogul event You can maintain B champ eligibility if you do not compete in more than 1 A mogul and dual result during the season. This would help B skiers to determine whether to move up.

Passed unanimously 11 in favor.

2010 Motion: To allow rotations up to 900 in EQS slopestyle. Will try to get the national office to back off on requirements. Nate McKenzie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Needs to be qualified. If national goes to making 900's unqualified we would change the rule to only non-qualified jumps in EQS. If we vote to 900 we are not in conflict with nationals. An athlete that wants to compete the 900 must be on the qualified list.

Passed unanimously – 11 in favor.

#### **IV. Judges:**

2010 MOTION - Increase reimbursement for officials for portal to portal miles and pay a mileage rate 5 cents below the IRS rate as of Dec 1 of the competition season. Second Ed Albert. 1 opposed 2 abstentions. 8 in favor.

Passed

2010 MOTION - Limit distance from lodging to mountain to 10 miles. Any event organizer that books lodging further than 10 miles, must increase per diem to \$50 a day. Second Ed Albert. Some events did schedule lodging over 20 miles away. Increasing per diem will not hurt event organizers but will help compensate the judges for time and mileage. Nick believes judges should work with event organizers to have available appropriate lodging. Judges point of view is that you have moved them to save money.

Amended Motion:

Event organizers that reserve lodging over 15 mile away, may incur additional mileage surcharge added to their head tax at the discretion of the eastern office..

2<sup>nd</sup> by Johnny Kroetz Message to event organizers is to respect officials time.

2 opposition

4 abstains

5 in favor - motion carries

Passed

2010 ACTION ITEMS:

- Request potential names from mountains to create a list of candidates to pursue. Schedule clinics in each region in the fall, discipline specific judges, getting in touch with former competitors on Facebook, creation of online course, communication with each mountain's park crew. Will try to schedule 2 additional site sessions in early to Dec; one in NY and one in ME to accommodate those that can not make it to the fall festival where a clinic will be held in the fall. Ways to recruit judges to eastern freestyle. Current rule in eastern freestyle should have 1 TD, Judge a scorer in the pool

**V. Rules and Technical, ECS:** A good season for officials and TD's. Can be better and that is what we are trying to do. Thanks to the officials. We had 19 different TD's, 9 at multiple events. Every meet covered. 2 cancelled meets and several cancelled days. Clinic 26 attendee. Shadows in both A and B's. Several TD's are working toward higher level FIS TD's 10 years ago we had 8 TD's that covered all events.

12 accidents

9 juries

2 protests both went in favor of the athlete.

Discipline 1 yellow card

Report cards are becoming more valuable. Range last year was 4.6 to 5.0. This year the range went from 1.9 to 5.0 so it is becoming a valuable tool.

Action Item: Need to forward a copy of the completed report card to the Event Organizers and to have the Head Judge complete the TD report card as well.

#### **VI. Rules and Technical, EQS:**

- Speed point calculator approved for 10-11. Pace set times worked this year and will remain in place for next year.

National initiatives

Update competition guide. Rules & technical, safety, jump shapers, FIS precisions, aerial jumps and some new initiatives.

Chris Seeman is working on the 30/70 rule - Coaches certification process for USSA Congress.

Consolidation initiatives do not modify rules. Just consolidates. Will make book smaller.

Ed Albert published a comp guide light that just has rules that are appropriate to running the event.

Ultimate goal is to merge FIS and USSA rule book, so that you just need to carry 1 book to all events.

Recommendation is going to National Rule & Tech from eastern for aerial site specs.

## **VII. Coaches**

- There will be an aerial clinic at Lake Placid this summer. 7/30 & 7/31
- Need to be on the USSA coaches' mailing list to receive notification.
- Check your coaches' card to make sure the certifications are accurate.
- Changes in coaching levels are posted on the USSA website.
- There will be more clinics in the fall, probably in the November.
- Is there an official form for coaches to log their certification hours? Glenn will follow up on this.
- There will also be refresher requirements

## **VIII. Event Organizers**

2010 Motion: To award age group awards at the A level in freeride, and top 3. 2<sup>nd</sup> motion

How do we avoid not over ordering awards? Maybe top 5 and then top 1 by age group.

Awards in ECS freeride will be for the top 5. Seconded

2 oppositions

Withdrawn.

New motion - Award top 5 overall in freeride & aeriels events in ECS .

1 abstain, 10 in favor

Passed

2010 Motion: To increase the level of commitment to producing scores at events in real time with more radio support, tyvek score sheets, etc.

Motion seconded

Try for sponsors and label on the tyvek sheets.

Eastern 11 recommends posting scores.

Scores should be prominently posted on a large scoreboard within walking distance of finish line in a timely manner.

Withdrawn - to be included in competition manual.

2010 Motion: To allow mountains to postpone their event on the championship rotation schedule, if the mountain that follows them is willing to hold off for one year. If the mountain for the following year is unable to move their scheduled year, then the mountain in need of postponing loses their turn.

Seconded

Should we negotiate or have protocol in place so that we have a plan in place so mountains know what their commitment is. Guidelines should be that we hope to host all 5 disciplines but should not dictate their ability to host the event.

Withdrawn Policy will be written for the handbook with guidelines.

## **IX. Old Business**

## **X. New Business**

- Set dates for USSA clinics for coaches, scoring, TD and Judges clinics in the fall.
- Fall Conference Call, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Motion to Adjourn
- Eastern TD clinic November 21&22.

### Sponsorship

Double take is our bib sponsor. And has continued to be.

We are looking for a Bib sponsor

Salomon and Jenny gave us equipment and other gear. Have participated and partnered with the freeride tour. On board again for the 2010-2011 season.

Noah and Nate brought on Orage.

Eastern gave out \$3000 in cash awards for championships. Nate thinks that going to top 3 is not necessary. Prize not purse.

Deb thinks that the money was appreciated.

Are the awards equitable?

Cash makes championships special and different.

Keep our \$3000 commitment to awards.

Meeting adjourned.