

**USSA, Eastern Division - EFCC Meeting
Saturday, May 20, 2006, 9am – 3pm
Killington Mountain School**

Pre-Meeting – Friday, May 19th: There is no official pre-meeting scheduled this year. I have spoken to a few people though and recommended The Nightspot/Outback as a nice place to meet for those coming into town.

2006-2007 EFCC Committee Members

Chair	Deb Newson	In attendance
Vice-Chair	Larry Titus	In attendance
Coaches	Glenn Eddy	In attendance
Acting Judges	Scott Lounsbury	
Rules and Technical	Leon Bodzioch	In attendance
ECS Athlete Representative	Chris Montigny	In attendance
EQS Athlete Representative	Jimmy Rohman	
Appeals	Larry Titus	In attendance
Technology/Scoring	Dick Stone	
Programs/ECS	Mike Macomber	Proxy – Wes Preston
Development/EQS – Western Region – Mark DePeters Central Region – Matt Gnoza Eastern Region – Suzi Preston	Suzi Preston	In attendance
Scheduling	Joan Dolan	In attendance
Sponsorship	Dean Goodermote	In attendance
Free Ride	Nate McKenzie	In attendance
Event Organizers	Jenna Ginsberg	In attendance
Member-at-Large	Matt Gnoza	In attendance
Member-at-Large	Nick Preston	In attendance

Meeting was called to order at 9:15am. A quorum was established.

I. Chair Report:

Proposal Number:	2006.01 – Tabled until Fall
Description:	On the national level, a J6 age group has been requested and is waiting further approved from the USSA Board.
Change:	We should adopt J6's for EQS events whether or not it passes at National level. Rocky Mountain Division uses this age group and it is already in the Winfree Rocky Devo scoring program. Dick could easily add it to the EQS scoring features.
New Text:	J5 is 9 and 10 years of age, J6 is 8 and under.
Discussion:	This will require adding a new age group for awards. This could eliminate the need for participation ribbons for J5's? 5% of boys field were 7 and 8 year olds and 10% of the girls field were 7 and 8 year olds last year.

Proposal Number:	2006.02 – Withdrawn – Ginsberg will put together a check list for organizers.
Description:	Mountains must submit event bids for championship level events to the Eastern Office by April 1 of the season prior to the season when the requested event is scheduled.
Change:	No rule, but something similar is in the minutes.
New Text:	Mountains must submit event bids for championship level events by April 1 of the season prior to the season when the requested event is scheduled.
Discussion:	Events are not following through with providing a quality event, and we must pay closer attention. I recommend a number of us get together and discuss a check list for championship level events.

- Competition Guide revisions will happen over the summer again. I welcome your input.
 - Need to add: awards policy for EQS, refund policy, correct performance cut explanation, start order procedure for regional finals – same as eqs champs, clean up awards section for both finals and champs, delete line on page 27 in reference to ratios, what else?
- Nominations for the Chairs of the following Sub-Committee positions - Judges, Rules and Technical, Coaches positions and Chairperson are due by June 1st to the Eastern Office. Ballots will be sent out by USSA in the summer of 2006. Any new elected offices will start as of the Fall Conference Call.

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Vice-Chair/Office Report:

1. Registration

- Discussion of any issues
- New event list format last year – any problems?
- New Offline Form
- Active.com costs complaints
- Should discounts for pass holders be offered online?
- Download errors caused by active.com

2. Head Tax

- EQS TD payment to change to a discount for local provided TD
- Revision of head tax amounts and minimums – **Larry to ask Dick if we can Eastern Head Tax forms to Winfree to automatically produce the information for event organizers at least in respect to # of participants and basic head tax costs.**
- Form update to improve entry on computer

3. Discussion of online/smart form

- Head tax forms must be submitted to office

4. Official pay

- Proposal to restructure pay to Judges and TDs with elimination of Per-Diem – **Withdrawn, but will make form easier. Office will also update officials' contracts to be clear of expectations and benefits.**
- For events canceled on the day of the event, officials will receive travel expenses and ½ of standard pay

5. EQS Points list

- New online system for past season
- Addition of Team assignment to support Team Awards for next season – **Larry will create three letter code for each mountain that will be in Winfree.**

II. Coaches Report:

Level II Aerial/Slopestyle Clinic at Lake Placid on June 17-18. Contact Nick Preston. Two week deadline.

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Insert New Business motion 1 & 2

III. Judges Report:

Nothing submitted.

Insert R & T motion 11, 18, 19

IV. Rules and Technical Report:

Leon gave a report in reference to the Eastern TD's. He plans to hold a clinic in the Fall.

V. Selections/Appeals Report:

- Appeals filed this season – **one filed, one early move-up granted.**

VI. Technology/Scoring Report:

Nothing submitted.

- Need to re-haul website, give it a facelift and make it cool.

Insert R & T motion 12

VII. Programs/ECS Report:

1. Wes to present National meeting motions passed last week. Mike prepared the report but is unable to attend.

Insert R & T motion 9, 13, 21, 22

Insert DEV motion 1 & 5

VIII. Development/EQS Report:

Proposal Number:	2006.03 – Tabled until the Fall. Nick, Larry and John Kroetz to examine.
Description:	Change the way we figure the EQS points list.
Change:	EQS points list is based on the average of an athletes' best two results which are scored on a 100 point system.
New Text:	EQS Moguls points list will be based on the average of a competitors' best 2 result scores.
Discussion:	I have a lot of confidence in our scoring system, criteria, and in our judges. I think it will work beautifully. This system provides an accurate profile of an athletes skill level and of their competitive standing with accuracy and simplicity. Parents, athletes, fans, coaches, all know how skilled any athlete is and how well they compete equally by seeing it for themselves or by reading it off the points list, no difference! Ultimately it doesn't impact how a meet is conducted at all. It is only a paper change.

Proposal Number:	2006.04 Deb seconds motion. Motion carries.
Description:	Change the air format for EQS
Change:	EQS air format is Big Air.
New Text:	Return to Aerial scoring for EQS BIG Air, and call the discipline <u>Aerials</u> .
Discussion:	The EQS points list operates exactly to the methods of the USSA Aerial Points List. This discipline now reflects the athletes' exact skill and they are ranked. Same outcome as in proposal above. As in aerials, the points list is almost more by skill than by results, not a bad quality, especially compared to the current list, which says little about skill.

Proposal Number:	2006.05 Wes seconds. Motion carries.
Description:	USSA Eastern Freestyle introduces to the EQS schedule the 3rd discipline of <u>Freeride</u> .
Change:	EQS air format is Big Air.
New Text:	EQS disciplines are moguls, aerials and freeride. The Eastern Points List will run lists for all three.
Discussion:	This scoring and points list directly reflects USSA Slopestyle or Newstyle scoring, with a points list essentially as it now is in Big Air and in USSA Halfpipe. All Freeride competitive activities are included or can be offered by organizing committees under this "freeride" event. Rail Jams, Halfpipe, Big Air, Slopestyle, (maybe even, Ski Cross). The EQS Championships would include a "freeride" event in addition to moguls and aerials. EQS Championships Combined, whether or not held on the same weekend or location should crown a Mogul/Aerial/Freeride male and female champion.

Discussion:

- Combined Awards and Team Points should remain. They should be determined based on a final tally of whatever events are part of the competition scheduled.
- Performance Out results

- Spread vs Kossak.
- **Suzy Preston will develop a freeride series and look for sponsorship.**
- **Suzy Preston proposed that Freeride is added to the EQS Championship schedule. Nick seconds. Motion carries.**

IX. Scheduling Report:

1. Tentative calendar
 - a. Need confirmation
 - b. Need host areas for regional "B" championships
 - c. Addition of a half pipe/big air event in early April??
2. Championship Rotation
 - a. Review of current procedures/form
 - b. Addition of new areas into rotation
3. Update of contact information for where USSA sanction agreements should be sent when they become available in the fall.

X. Free Ride Report:

- Discussion about the attendance of all the eastern programs at the USSA A level freeride events. It is apparent that some programs attend more USASA events than USSA. How can we improve USSA events and get more participants?
- What programs/mountains can hold Slopestyle format events vs traditional Slopestyle - Big Air format events?
- Mount Snow should hold an A level freeride event!!!! (It has a great venue and one of the biggest programs.)
- I would like to see a clinic for all Judges at Lake placid during 8/21-25. The huck and tuck is directly after these dates and the judges could probably practice judging at this event. Deb would need to see if we could get space for the judges at the OTC.
- Judging using the FIS format vs USSA format.

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Insert DEV motion 7 - 11

XI. Event Organizers Report:

Discussion: small field sizes, cancellation of meets, and payment of head taxes.

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XII. Sponsorship Report:

Questions and Topics – May, 2006

- 1) Other than bibs, do we need to raise money?
 - a. How much?
 - b. What would it be used for?
- 2) Can sponsors make use of:
 - a. Pictures of individual skiers?
 - i. With their permission?
 - ii. Without their permission?
- 3) Can Sponsors place banners at all our mountain/club events, including on the jumps?
 - a. Do some sites restrict this due to their own commitments?
 - b. Are there size limitations?
- 4) Can sponsors use the USSA logo?
 - a. Do they need further approval?

Possible Sponsorships:

(Thinking these should have jump names, rather than Gold, Silver etc, for example, "D-Spin Sponsor," "Cork 7 Sponsor," etc.)

- 1) Bib Sponsor
- 2) Jump Sponsor (1-4 jumps and special placement at HP/Air Events)
- 3) Banners at events.
- 4) Web site acknowledgement. (For all sponsors)
- 5) Sponsor of special awards:
 - a. Championship Trophies
 - b. Team Trophy
 - c. Most Improved Trophies
 - d. Others

XIII. Old Business

Discussion about what we (EFCC) should keep doing, what we should stop doing and what we should start doing.

XIV. New Business

- Discussion regarding Dual Mogul Draws at Eastern events
- Schedule 2 judges for EOS events to reduce meet costs for organizers

- Discussion of p. 26 rule 9.3 under ecs where boys go first **Nick Preston Motion (Deb seconds): Girls will go first in the East unless there is a compelling reason voted on by the Jury for men to go first. There will be no changes one hour prior to the start.**
- Discussion Eliminate run order production for second run – print only results...save paper....
- Glenn - Explain 9.8
- Add on p. 30 about the eastern combined champ as an automatic for all “combined events” at JO’s
- Judges – It says in the rulebook we only need 2 judges at B meets. Could mountains designate a “just in case” judge if a judge cannot make it? The only reason Spot scheduled 3 was to account for that. We need to lower prices of B events. If mountains give us a name, then we could go with 2 judges scheduled and they would know that they only needed one room of lodging...potentially. Always schedule same gender??
- We should have 5 judges for A meets, but have worked with 4?? 3??
- I think, overall, we “out-official” ourselves...compared to other divisions...compared to other sports. We are not deciding US Team status at the B level, just education-level. If a child is good, then they will make it to the next level.
- With the need for only 3 judges, and possibly a TD from the mountain at half pipe and slopestyle events – we should be able to lower the prices for these events significantly.
- TD’s – TD’s at events are not supposed to be from home mountain. What if we change it to unless they are a certain level of TD?? I bring this up again.
- Housing in reference to Officials – What should be the expectation? Definitely, sharing is to be expected. No children may accompany an official unless discussed with event organizer prior to event.
- If we line up officials earlier (Deadline Nov 1), will it make it easier for event organizers to commit to new prices???
- What price is fair...for B events, for A events, for B regional events, for B championships, for A championships??
- What is expected at a championship banquet?
- What is expected for awards? For souvenirs at championship level events?

Next Meeting: June 13th – EFFC Only Conference Call at 7:30pm. We will discuss marketing efforts, prize money for events, etc. Dick Stone, Please set up.

Fall Meeting in conjunction with Eastern Fall Extravaganza: October 21, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm.