

Annual Spring Meeting
EFCC Agenda
May 11, 2014
Stratton Mountain School
9:00am – 3:00pm

Meeting called to order at 9 am. In attendance at SMS – Deb Newson, Larry Titus, Sherry Albert, Ed Albert, Matt Gnoza, Mark DePeters, Dean Goodermote, Nick Preston, Suzi Preston, Dan Petteys, Jesse Mallis, Sam Tarrant. Dialed in via conference call: Glenn Eddy, Jack Weir, John Kimble, Phil Ludlow, Richard Duncan, Shawn Crowdey, Corey Hacker, Wes Preston, Matt Ellinger, Michael Saitow, Jim Mitchell

- 1) Chair Report
 - a) Season in Review
 - b) Nominations are now being accepted for the following elected positions on the Eastern Freestyle Competition Committee. Nominations should be sent to office@easternfreestyle.org no later than July 1, 2014. An election from the appropriate Eastern Freestyle membership of constituents will be held over the summer, and the new positions will take office on September 1, 2014.
 - i) Chairperson
 - ii) Rules and Technical, Sub-committee chair - will help thru Nov stepping down
 - iii) Coaches, Sub-committee chair
 - iv) Judges, Sub-committee chair
 - c) Schedule Update – will be updated after the National meeting when we know FSC closing list and NorAm dates.

Phil from Hunter thinks B meet schedule needs to be changed A meet at Hunter can not be the same as another mountain. How to minimize costs of parents at the B level?
There will be 4 East Free tour
Discussed the idea of having Duals in B's?
Holiday Valley hosting Young Gun/Jr champs for 2nd year. Central scheduled to host after Holiday Valley. Currently no bid for Young Gun champs in Central – however Stratton has said that they will put in bid.
Discussion followed about regions, number of meets, travel for some mountains
Does age group and no true eastern champ diminish the value of the meet. Could we layer the champ title to it?
Do we need Young Guns?
Working group to figure out the best way to handle the end of season
John Kroetz will head up the committee with Mike McGuire, Corey, Wes and Matt. Need proposal by July 1st. Comments/ideas should be sent to the committee.
 - d) Updated Community Handbook – is posted on line. Conference call to be scheduled to finish editing and updating.
 - e) Communications – weekly updates worked well and kept everyone informed. Make sure that you sign up
- 2) Office Report – Sherry Albert, Office Manager
 - a) Office Update
 - b) Financials
 - c) Head Tax Review for the first year the amount contributed to the operating budget of EFCC has decreased from the \$20k range to \$5k. This was due to salary increases for officials put into effect for this past season and lower registrations at some meets that were either:
 - further distance to travel
 - freeskiing event

Motion – Increase head tax to \$15.50 for A's and \$13 for B's with minimum event days staying at the current rate. Passed Unanimously

- Deb will schedule a conference call to talk about the schedule issues that arose during the financial report about the schedule and the implication of it
- 3) Operations Report – Larry Titus, Vice-chair
Larry presented operations report. Larry will check with USSA to see if there is a way to merge files and take advantage of the USSA registration system. This system was developed for Alpine and is missing many features that we currently have using HT Tech – most importantly the WinFree upload capability. Discussed servers and capabilities and other registration issues.
 - 4) Rules and Technical Report – Ed Albert, Sub-committee chair
Ed was thanked for his contribution to EFCC. Great recruiting year: 5 new TD's. Covered 42 events. 15% fewer injuries
Objectives – recruiting – especially eastern region
Continue training with organizers attending. Need flexibility in our TD's
Rule changes coming up:
Change from J system to U system – need to look at the implications in running events if it passes.
4800 series – Big air has specs for A's but not B's. East will need to put in specs for B's. Wes would recommend that we continue to keep aeriels in B's.
NorAm team selection rule changes
Nordic combined lost their funding – will only fund 2 or 3 athletes, no coaches. Can freestyle be the next cut? Discussion will be held. Rules and officials meeting at congress – freeskiing will be having a discussion to see if they would rather be aligned with snowboarding.
60/20/20 scoring will be in effect beginning this year. Have agreed to it but not sure how to do it. Will be competing and scored at World Cup, NorAM, Nationals & Selections this way.
 - 5) Judges Report – Jack Weir, Sub-committee chair
Fall clinic Sep 27 & 28
Open to comments and question
 - 6) Coaches – Glenn Eddy, Sub-committee chair
Meetings to re do curriculum and books for coaches education
6 participants at the clinic in November. East only division running coaches clinic.
 - 7) ECS Freestyle Report – Matt Gnoza, At-large
 - a) Review of coaches' meeting that was held at Sunday River
 - i) National Mogul Committee Review
 - ii) Should we do J3 Awards at A events? Will have to see where the U decision is.
Rocky does top 10 and J3
 - iii) Schedule discussion reflected in Schedule Update want to lengthen the season and give breaks in the season for training.
Does not think we will see major changes in the NorAm selection process. Foreign athlete issues will be cleaned up.
 - 8) ECS Freeskiing Report – John Kimble, Sub-committee chair
 - a) Review of coaches' meeting 40 – 45 athletes participating in events
- Issues/Questions
- Judging consistency- clarity - natural to unnatural rotation
 - Scheduling Conflicts Rev vs USSA event, USASA vs USSA
 - Not having revert rolls/zones/etc
 - Slopestyle numbers and Halfpipe numbers and that no team seems to have anyone interested in Pipe - Do we still keep running pipe events?
 - Big Air events how many are interested and do we add more?
- Come up with recommendations and schedule a conference call to determine what to do about HP and how to promote things through scheduling etc Should have discussion after the US congress
- Ideas for USSA from John
- Find more sponsors ...gear, swag, cash.
 - Push all slope athletes to USSA. USASA athletes and EQS Athletes, Etc.
 - Add new stops or Start rotating stops to mix things up

- Add a fifth stop to the tour (When, Where?) and just run one of each event at each stop, no more double events? Thought, start running training and/or Big Air and/or Pipe on Saturday and Slope on Sunday. Saturday's events will be determined by host.

Eastern USSA Freeskiing

-USSA Eastern Spring Meeting May 11th @ Stratton Mt School
-USSA Slopestyle Clinic @WV Level II, Level III Dates TBA

Competition Numbers

14 Okemo SS1 3F 48M SS2 3F 48M
14 WV SS11F 40M SS2 1F 34M BA116 BA2 8
14 SR SS 2F 40M HP10F 8M HP2 0F 8m
14 SL SS 2F 41M

13 Okemo SS 6F 44M HP1 3F 15M HP2 3F 12M
13 WV A110F 26M A2 10F 25M SS 7F 35M
13 SR SS12F 36M SS2 2F 33M HP canceled
13 SL SS1 3F 20M SS2 3F 21M HP1 1F 12M HP2 1F 11M

- 9) EQS Report – John Kroetz, Sub-committee chair
- a) Annual review of pace times – looked good for this year
 - b) Review of bid proposals for EQS Champs
 - c) Review of coaches' meeting
 - i) Region alignment - this is a big problem for Hunter and Whiteface and we need to do something to help those programs out
 - ii) Increase program participation - how do we help mountains that are not participating to field a team. How can we help programs like Windham (who have 100 USASA skiers) get more involved in moguls and USSA
 - iii) Cost of B champs - next year recommend the organizers move to an a la carte system or find other ways to minimize the cost
 - iv) Revisit the whole young guns/junior concept for B Olympics. Participation for Young Guns was very light this year - especially for SS and Aerials. Maybe we just do this for Moguls? maybe we run Aerials and SS on the same day?

10) Old Business

11) New Business

Need elections for Board of Directors for compliance oversight. Dean & Dan will be on the board of directors.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Albert
Secretary
Eastern Freestyle-Freeskiing