

Annual Spring Meeting - EFCC Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2015
Hampton Inn and Suites
25 Lake Avenue
Saratoga Springs, NY
9:00am – 3:00pm

Present: Deb Newson, Larry Titus, John Kroetz, Mark Depeters, Glenn Eddy, Paul Miles, Abby Miles, Justin Perry, Stan Pawlik, Sean Crotty, Wes Preston.

- 1) Organizational Restructure – Larry Titus, Vice-chair**
 - a) Recommendations made for updates to by-laws, including:
 - i) Request to include “Conflict of Interest”
 - ii) Add an athlete to the board
 - iii) Nomination Committee
- 2) Office Report – Sherry Albert, Office Manager**
 - a) Office Update
 - b) Financials
 - c) Head Tax Review
 - i) Minimum event fee
 - ii) Small events
 - iii) Increase head tax for double days
 - iv) EASTFREE Tour
 - v) P & L on each event
- 3) Operations Report**
 - a) Revisit USSA online registration for freeskiing and ECS regular season events
 - b) Direct access to ussa.org membership data for online registration
- 4) Chair Report**
 - a) Season in Review
 - b) USSA Update
 - c) Communications
- 5) Rules and Technical Report – Mark Depeters, Sub-committee chair**
 - a) Air scoring may change at USSA Congress - will need to address for EQS.
 - b) Winfree reports
 - c) Website
- 6) Coaches – Glenn Eddy, Sub-committee chair**
 - a) USSA Coaches Clinic Summary of 2 Eastern Clinics in 2014-15.
 - b) Stay tuned to USSA Coaches Education for clinic information for 2015-16.
 - c) Level 300 Mogul curriculums are awaiting edits and approval from USSA Education Office.
 - d) Discussion about USSA Congress and what to expect
- 7) Judges Report – Jack Weir, Sub-committee chair**
 - a) We are increasing the number of B-level judges in the East.
 - b) We would like to add a scoring clinic.
 - c) New scoring system in 2014-15 ended up working well, once the judges got their feet wet.
 - d) We ran our first AFP EASTFREE Tour event, which was a learning process, but worked out well and we will continue to move in that direction.
- 8) ECS Freestyle Report – Sam Tarrant, Sub-committee chair**
 - a) Schedule Update
 - b) Report attached
- 9) ECS Freeskiing Report – John Kimble, Sub-committee chair**
 - a) Schedule Update
 - b) Report Attached
- 10) EQS Report – John Kroetz, Sub-committee chair**
 - a) Schedule Update
 - b) Annual review of pace times – Motion to maintain current pace times, Kroetz. Seconded, Depeters. Vote: Unanimous.
 - c) Review of bids for 2016 and 2017 EQS Champs
 - i) Killington bid reviewed and approved.
- 11) Old Business**
 - a) Motion: Hunter, Windham and Whiteface to join Central Region, Kroetz. Seconded, Titus. Motion carries unanimously.

12) New Business

- a) "Weekend Warrior Award" – Coach Miles introduced the concept to award a weekend skier in the A's that shows dedication and good attitude. It was met with positivity in that it would be nice to award said skier, but ultimately difficult to determine who is REALLY a weekend skier.

2015 - ECS Freestyle Report

2015 Number of Events:

	Moguls	Dual Moguls
Regular Season	10	8
Championship Season	1	1
TOTAL:	11	9

2015 Event Locations & Statistics

		Length (m)	Pitch	Female	Male	Total
1	Sunday River, ME	192	24	33	54	87
2	Sugarloaf, ME	226	26	18	28	46
3	Bristol, NY	235	23	22	31	53
4	Stratton, VT	198	26	41	61	102
5	Whiteface, NY	235	26	25	48	73
6	Killington, VT	240	25	42	65	107
7	Waterville, NH	209	22	25	45	70
8	Waterville, NH (Champs)	243	28	29	51	80
9	Bristol, NY (Spring)	194	24	18	29	47

2015 Event Statistics (Averages)

Average Length: 219m

Average Pitch: 25

Average # of Female Competitors: 28

Average # of Male Competitors: 46

Average # of Total Competitors: 74

2015 Eastern Region - Winners List

Female

Savannah Forehand

SJ Grundon

Grace Holestein

Christina O'Brien

Macy Putnam

Sofia Robinson

LuLu Shaffer

Hannah Soar

Male

Leo Cyker

Rylan Evans

Noah Fournier

Myles Frendel

John Lauria

Alex Lewis

Jesse Lowell

Konrad Mitchell

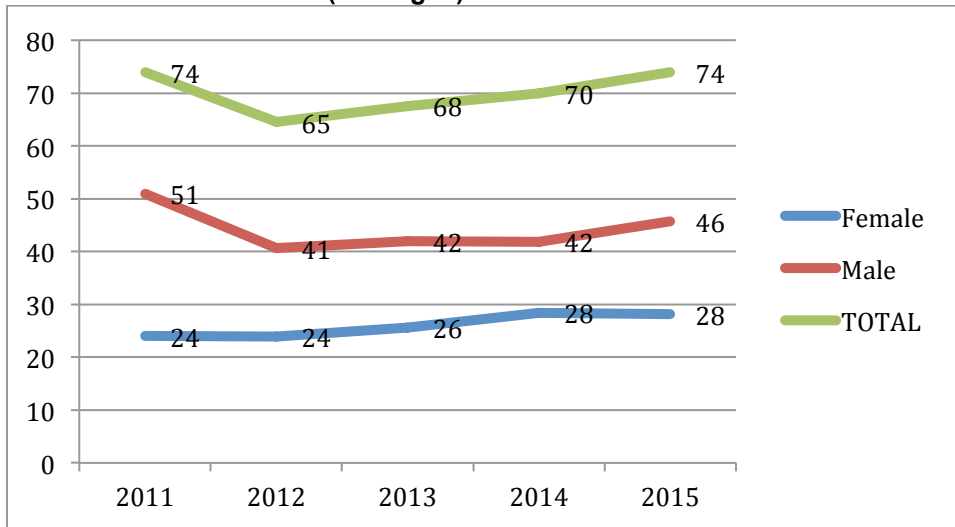
Skye Mossbrook

Stewart Olson

Harrison Schunk

Abe Studler

5 Year Event Attendance (Averages)

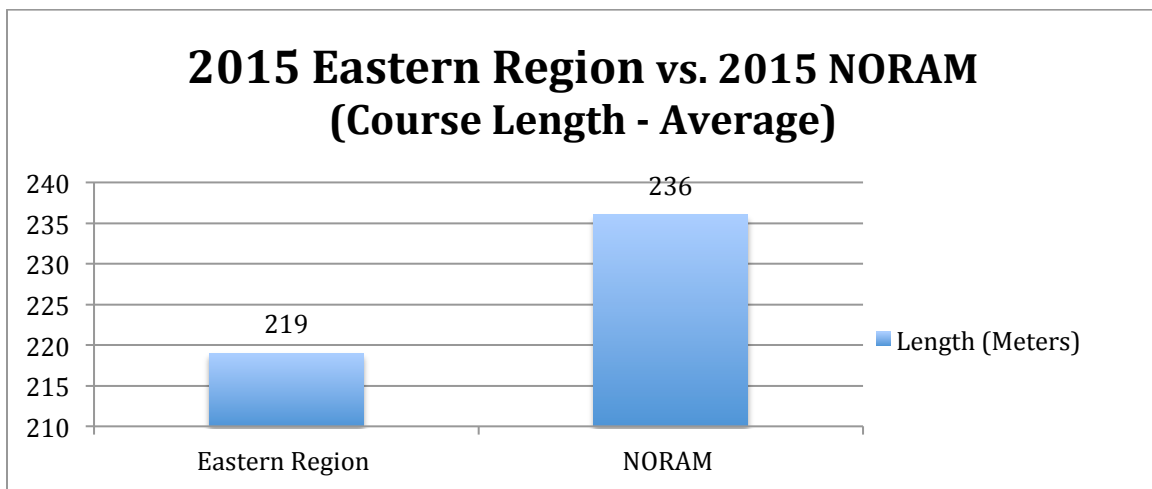


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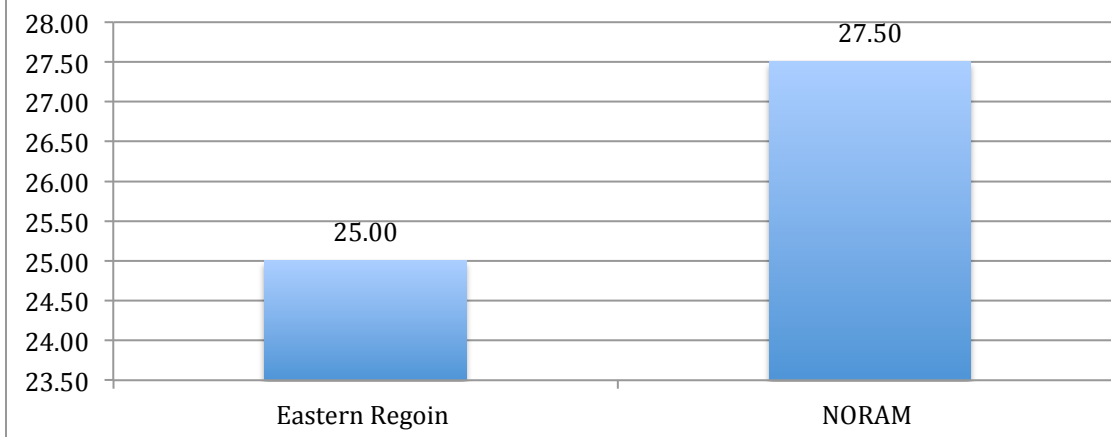
2015 Junior Nationals Attendance (Park City, Utah)

19 Females
16 Males
35 Total Athletes Eastern Division
25% of the Mogul Event - Eastern Division Skiers

2015 Eastern Region vs. NORAM



2015 Eastern Region vs. 2015 NORAM (Course Pitch - Average)



2014-2015 Eastern Freeskiing Report

*Competition Numbers

-2015

15 Okemo SS 2F 57M
 15 WV SS 2F 41M BA1 14M BA2 13M
 15 SR SS 0F 39M HP canceled
 15 SL SS 0F 37M USSA/AFP Sanctioned

-2014

14 Okemo SS1 3F 48M SS2 3F 48M
 14 WV SS11F 40M SS2 1F 34M BA1 16 BA2 8
 14 SR SS 2F 40M HP1 0F 8M HP2 0F 8m
 14 SL SS 2F 41M

-2013

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

- Roughly same attrition pattern as the season progresses
- Decline in females athletes
- Slight increase in Big air event competitors

*Halfpipe

- We need to try and keep hosting events otherwise halfpipe skiing will die
- Possibly host mini-pipe events to get younger athletes hooked on it
- Lower requirements/expectations for pipe specifications/size

*Slopestyle

We are in a good place with course designs/specs/technical appropriateness

*Big Air

- Other Mountains are interested in hosting Big air events: Mt Snow/Killington/Whiteface

*Venue rotation

We have been discussing a tour hosting mountain rotation
 (The below schedules are for **EXAMPLE** only).

2015-2016

Move Okemo to Killington
 Waterville
 Move Sugarloaf to Whiteface

Sunday River

2016-2017

Mt Snow from Killington

Waterville

Sugarloaf from Whiteface

Sunday River

(Above rotations based on responding programs)

Wynn Berns - Killington

Justin Perry- Whiteface

Scott Lafferty- Mount Snow

*Heat Format criteria

We moved to the heat format this season. It took a bit of extra work to get it going, especially with Winfree. We used it at three of the four stops. Sugarloaf was the exception due to the low number of competitors and a weather-induced time crunch.

*Sponsor

We are in the process of trying to increase sponsorship of the tour.

Fischer?/Swix?/Dalbello?/ Skullcandy/ Marker/ Volk/ Google companies/ local shops and business/ Dunkin' Donuts etc.

We are hoping to entice more sponsors through adding a banner bag that follows the tour with bibs and radios). Each hosting Mountain would be expected to set up banners on freeskiing venues.

*Education

Coaches are going to be encouraged to attend the 2015 fall judges clinics to get a jump start on the 2015-2016 Judges' expectations and to share some video to drive the discussion.

We are hoping to continue to host/add freeskiing clinics level-100, level-200, *level-300/ (gold camp coaching opportunities).

*Communication

An eastern freestyle coaches Facebook group page is going to be created to help improve the freeskiing coaches communications network.

*AFP Sanction

In 2014 we identified that we want our championship event AFP sanctioned and we were able to find enough sponsorship to have our Eastern Freeskiing Championship event Sanctioned by the (Association of freeskiing professionals) at the bronze level.

*Working Group

An eastern freeskiing working group is in the process of being organized to get momentum going on the above topics

-sponsorships WB

-media JM

-venue rotation JK

-education DS

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kimble

EASTFREE TOUR, sub-committee chair