

**Annual Spring Meeting  
EFCC Agenda  
April 30, 2016  
Hampton Inn and Suites  
Lake Room  
25 Lake Avenue  
Saratoga Springs, NY  
9:00am – 3:00pm**

Meeting will be available via conference call:

**Call in Number: 877-317-3059 pin 3322** Please remember to mute your phones when not speaking.

*EFCC Present: Deb Newson (Chair), Mark DePeters (TD), Johnny Kroetz (EQS Programs), Sam Tarrant (ECS Programs), John Kimble (Freeskiing), Larry Titus (Member at Large), Nick Preston (Member at Large), Sydney Shaffer (Athlete Rep)*

*Others Present: Sherry Albert (Office manager), Mike Lynn (NYSEF), Justin Perry (NYSEF), John Powers (Whiteface), Keith Young (Buffalo), Kris Pepe (Killington), Paul Miles (Mt Snow), Thach Pham (Mt Snow), Stan Pawlik (Holiday Valley)*

*Called In: Michael Saitow (Loon), Joey Normandin (Sugarbush), Nori Pepe (Killington), Rob Reihle (Buffalo), Nate McKenzie (CVA), Jack Weir (Judges), Phil Lidlow (Hunter)*

*Mountains not represented (May not be accurate if participant did not announce themselves on conference line): Stratton, Seven Springs, Sunapee, Holimont, Okemo, Whaleback*

**1) Chair Report – Deb Newson, Chair**

- a) Season in Review
- b) [Schedule Update](#) shows the schedule document in working form. EQS –Coaches requested a weekend off between events; schedule reflects this. Killington is hosting the NorAm opener Feb11-12. Killington would like to go earlier for A meet. Hoping the National meeting will push out the date of list 3 for 1 week to include Waterville.
- c) Hunter Mtn request - Host “special” double B meet days with limited quota of 50. Over the years Hunter has had a problem with meet attendance – under attended. *Would like to table their request until the schedule is firm and then determine whether there will be conflicts that would affect attendance. If so would determine quota at that point.*
- d) Whiteface request - Resume place on A Champ rotation. At this point they are added and will host in 2022. If a mtn cannot handle champs on the year assigned, they could be asked to host sooner.
- e) [Championship Rotation Review](#) Buffalo would like to hold B NY/PA champs – Buffalo duly added to that rotation schedule in Bristol’s place.

**2) Operations Report – Larry Titus**

- a) Systems Update System updates – real time USSA membership link
  - i) Age category changes and added a temp category
  - ii) Bib #'s at A level are imported after each event.
  - iii) Duplicate registrations fixed so decreased.
- b) Organizational Restructure Update – Part 1 (Larry)
  - i) Board of Directors, bylaw updates and organizational changes
    - (1) Board of Directors of 5 has been determined. They will be the governing body and EFCC will be the operational body. Bylaws have been approved by BOD. BOD is separate from what we do at this meeting.
    - (2) [Bylaws, Conflict of Interest Policy, Whistleblower Policy](#)
- c) Organizational Restructure Update – Part 2 (Deb)

- i) [Management and Governance](#) This document, approved by the Board, mandates how the organization should be structured and managed.
  - ii) [EFCC Member](#)
    - (1) John Kroetz nominated and Mark DePeters seconded Sydney Shaffer as one of the athlete reps. We need another athlete rep to be compliant. Deb will put out a message for athlete reps to the community, including roles and responsibilities.
    - (2) A resignation letter was received from Glenn Eddy resigning EFCC due to his national job for the US ski team. Glenn was recognized for his many years of service to the Eastern community. It was voiced that EFCC should do something to commemorate this.
  - iii) [Community Handbook](#)
  - iv) [Event Organizer Guide](#)
  - v) [Eastern Rules Addendum](#)
    - (1) Should we eliminate the 95 quota for A's that does not let B skiers participate if the A's are at quota. We will move the discussion to the committee and see where we stand.
- 3) Office Report – Sherry Albert, Office Manager**
- a) Financials
    - i) Profit and Loss and Balance Sheets for YE 2014 and 2015 were presented as well as a profit and loss that shows results for our operational year June 1 – May 31. Discussion ensued about the fact that for the last few years' head taxes collected by EFCC were in most cases not sufficient to cover the costs that EFCC incurs when the meets are held so we are subsidizing many mountains or programs.
    - ii) Annual Head Tax Review An analysis of head tax for the 2015 -2016 season was presented that showed the net income or loss from every meet held. 3 different scenarios were presented to increase head tax to help return EFCC balances to a more comfortable working level.
  - b) MOTION: Column L in Head Tax Analysis document – EFCC shall raise head tax at the A level to \$18.50 with a reduced rate of \$15 for double event days and at the B level to \$16 with a reduced rate of \$12 for double event days. Seconded. Motion carries with 1 opposition and 1 abstaining.**
- 4) Rules and Technical Report – Mark Depeters, Sub-committee chair**
- a) Season in Review
    - i) All reports in 6 accidents and 2 jury decisions.
    - ii) 2 yellow cards given for a snowball fight that escalated into a fistfight.
    - iii) TJ Soar will be helping Mark with A TD assignments next season.
    - iv) 2 clinics are planned again for this year.
    - v) Will be working on the rules addendum to ensure accuracy.
    - vi) Need better access to TD forms on website.
    - vii) Need to clearly define what an open event is. We should encourage all B aerial meets to be open meets.
    - viii) 1-day membership could help encourage participation.
    - ix) TD report card was not used consistently this year. Need to look at the report card and determine how to better utilize it to give better feed back to the mountains. Need constructive feedback that can go back to the mountain. Coaches' input into the report card? Thach Pham will work on a new report card format.
- 5) Judges Report – Jack Weir, Sub-committee chair (Mark Depeters)**
- a) Season in Review
    - i) 25 certified, 3 world cup
    - ii) Focused on education. 16 eastern judges attended the FIS clinic in Canada. Scott Lounsbury now a proctor for FIS clinics.
    - iii) Thought the new scoring system worked well. Aerials a little slower due to the math involved.
    - iv) Feels that eastern judges are well regarded nationally.
    - v) Need new judges and TD's. Maybe try to recruit ex-athletes in college – may be fast tracked on an individual basis.

- vi) *Regional clinic Sep 24-25. All judges working in the East must attend a judges clinic at some level.*
- 6) **ECS Freestyle Report – Sam Tarrant, Sub-committee chair**
- a) *Season in Review*
- i) *Thanks to the judges for their help throughout the season. Congrats to KMS for being named USSA Freestyle Club of the Year and Nori Pepe for being named USSA Freestyle Domestic Coach of the Year.*
- ii) *There were 7 mogul events and 5 dual events held in the east this past season. Averaged 71 competitors per meet.*
- iii) *44 eastern athletes went to Jr Nationals.*
- iv) *Urge mountain to increase length and pitch of courses to compare more favorably to NorAm specs.*
- b) *Motion (ECS 9.3) made to increase female final round to 16 to 1. This increase would allow Eastern to match the national standards. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously. Will impact Winfree.***
- c) *End of the Season Freestyle Awards - Congratulations to:*
- i) *MVP: Hannah Soar – KMS, Abe Studler - KMS*
- ii) *Most Improved: Emily Szabo - Bristol Mountain, Peter Tiktinsky - SMS*
- iii) *Rookie: Jamie Loyst – Stratton, Jake Melnik - SMS*
- d) *Housekeeping List 5 from the previous season (updated since meeting as List 1 includes events in December and Spring events) instead of the fall list from the current season will be used going forward to determine end of season awards.***
- e) *USSA Congress Update*
- f) *USSA Coaches Education Clinic Update (Kris Pepe)*
- i) *Proctors' training program held at Killington in November '15 – new proctors for the eastern division will be Kris Pepe and Wes Preston.*
- ii) *Level 200 Mogul clinic was held at Killington in November '15 – attendance was moderate.*
- iii) *Level 200 Aerial clinic was held at WVV in late September '15*
- iv) *Both clinics will be repeated again this fall – watch USSA and/or EFCC emails and websites for details when they are scheduled.*
- g) *A long discussion was held about allowing B's into A events. Pepe argued that we need to move skiers through the ranks earlier, so they can make the National team by 18 or it will get harder later. In order to do this a discussion was held about eliminating registration rules for 1 time move up for B skiers. Discussed a 140 cap and a maximum number or move-up 2 singles 1 dual. But is this fair to the A skiers, especially in seasons like this past one where there were less opportunities and allowing B skiers into these meets can impact potential for 2<sup>nd</sup> run, scoring issues due to the spread of ability and course wear and tear. Many opinions on this topic. **Discussion tabled – Kris Pepe will head up a working group with John Kroetz and Sam Tarrant will be on the committee and come forward with a proposal in the fall.***
- 7) **ECS Freeskiing Report – John Kimble, Sub-committee chair**
- a) [Season in Review](#)
- i) *3 comps instead of 4. Numbers slightly up. Was this due to 3 events instead of 4?*
- 8) **EQS Report – John Kroetz, Sub-committee chair**
- a) [Season in Review](#)
- i) *Average field size 84 east 81 central (w/o Hunter, 65 west*
- ii) *Time points – aim for 14-16 time points. 3 mountains had athletes max out time points. 2 mountains had meets with no time points*
- b) *2018 Young Gun and Junior Champ Interest from the Eastern region - no bids received*
- (1) *Waterville*
- (2) *Sunapee*
- (3) *Sugarloaf*
- c) *Items submitted by the community:*
- i) *Awards – currently it is mandated that all U11 and younger athletes receive a participation*

*award. Some athletes do not want to receive these (specifically 10 year olds who may be in their 3rd or 4th year competing). Should this policy be altered?*

- ii) Motion to eliminate mandated participation awards – made by John, Second by Larry – motion carries.**
- iii)** There is a strong feeling throughout all regions to try and set up the competition schedule to allow for ample training time – ideally a training weekend between each competition. This scheduling process is being worked on in each region. ***Schedule set up that way for 16-17***
- iv) In Slopestyle could we somehow combine with USASA southern VT series at the B level (USASA age groups under 13)? USASA Southern VT series slopestyle events typically fill up fast leaving many kids out of events. Having separate ski events with the younger skiers will free up space in the other USASA comps.
- v)** Is there a way to introduce Dual Moguls at the B level? ***Working group that is looking at b move ups will explore this and report back in the fall***
- vi) Can the water ramp age be lowered at the Lake Placid venue? *Liability insurance at the pools starts at age 10 so this is not possible.*

**9) Old Business – no old business**

**10) New Business – no new business. Adjourned at 2:15.**