

**Annual Spring Meeting  
EFCC Agenda  
May 7, 2017  
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:* In Attendance, TJ Soar, Kalman Heims, Nick Preston,, Larry Titus, Sherry Albert, Deb Newson,,

*Others Present:* Justin Perry, Kris Pepe, Wes Preston, Barney, Stan Pawlik, Tim Massucco, Nathan Mckenzie

*EFCC Called In:* John Kroetz, Sam Tarrant, Mark DePeters, John Kimble,

*Others called in:* Nori Pepe, Mike Saitow, Dean Goodermote, Nate McKenzie, Tamara Allen, Natasha Shuster, Murray Johnson

*Mountains not represented:*

**A. EQS Report – John Kroetz, Sub-committee chair**

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- [Season in Review](#) Killington did a great job at year end. EFCC contributed \$3000 to the the Alex Witt foundation.
- Should the jury have the ability to adjust pace time before the event occurs? Need to be careful Tabled for new business.
- [Combined Results Motion](#) Larry can post Nick Preston seconds Motion carries
- [Top 10 Results at Young Gun and Junior Champ Motion](#) TJ Soar seconds Already in age groups. Amendment made to add top 10 in addition to age groups Seconded by Tim Massucco from Stratton Motion passes with no opposition
- [Team Awards Calculation Formula Motion](#) Nick Preston seconds Amendment team awards will be based on age group and podium results (3 for 1, 2 for 2 and 1 for 1)Most 1st place finishes will break the tie. with place points awarded. Will be written in the EFCC rule book. U7-U15 only. Combined will be included? Will be included in new business and presented after lunch
- [B to A Recommended Guidelines \(Sam Tarrant\)](#) Guidelines for parents and programs. To be included in the handbook. Looking for edits from the community
- EQS Young Gun and Junior Champ Bids Need a lot of volunteers Do the mountains have the support Sunday River - yes Have not been in a scenario with 2 bids before. EFCC will meet off line and determine how to handle and then move forward. It would be good for Sunday River to work the schedule and resubmit. Decision will be made by Friday
  - i. [Sunday River](#)
  - ii. [Waterville](#)
  - 1. [Budget](#)

**B. ECS Freestyle Report – Sam Tarrant, Sub-committee chair**

- [Season in Review](#) About the same # of events as other divisions. 1 event cancelled due to projected low attendance. Eastern represented a quarter of the athletes at JO's
- [Event Survey Report](#) First season this was done - trying to improve the quality of our business and this tool should help.Suggestion for announcer protocol including on deck, on course and announcing the time. We should adjust the event info sheet to project that awards are 1 hour after the end of the comp. Would be good to use this survey in the B's also
- *End of the Season Freestyle Awards*
  - i. *MVP: Jess Mulder - SMS, Kalman Heims - KMS*
  - ii. *Most Improved: Taylor Getz - KMS, Nate Caplan- SMS*
  - iii. *Rookie: Sabrina Cass – Sugarbush/KMS, Caleb Grammas - Gould/SR*
- [USSA Congress Update](#) Proposals that stand out.

- i. New format with 2 qualifying runs - using phases as they do in FIS events.
    - ii. Mogul pace time to match FIS. Dual mogul ties - Overall judge given 4 points and no speed points.
    - iii. US champs criteria also being reworked.
    - iv. Jr Nationals combined proposal.
    - v. NorAm injury clause. Consensus is that eastern skiers have a hard time getting into elite events in the # that other divisions and we should fight for right to get as many skiers into the event as possible.
  - *USSA Coaches Education Clinic Update (Kris Pepe)*
    - i. Looking to hold level 200 clinics in the fall. There will be an aerial clinic in the fall also in Waterville tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in Sept at Waterville.
    - ii. Consensus is that coaches need more opportunities for training.
    - iii. Try to put together a working group for divisional clinics and training.
  - [Age Group Awards Motion](#) Second Larry Titus. This is for A's. Goal is to get B's to move up earlier. Doing this would let the athletes that do move up be recognized earlier. Recognition may keep athletes involved in the sport longer. Revised motion to 3 age group awards U 19,U17, U15 And below and revisit the U13 scenario after A move up guidelines are established. At championship events we will go down to the U13 level? Motion carries.
  - [Housekeeping Motion](#) Move 6.2 to 11.3 which talks about championships so should be in the championship section. TJ seconds . Motion carries.
- C. ECS Freeskiing Report – John Kimble, Sub-committee chair**
  - [Season in Review](#)
    - i. competitor #'s roughly the same.
    - ii. Concerns are # of half pipe competitors. Not sure a HP event should be on the schedule.
    - iii. Should we decrease the # of events since they are not economically feasible for all mountains due to low # of competitors. 4 comps added flexibility but led to lower #'s at the end of the season if competitors had already qualified for championship events.
    - iv. Need more judges that are qualified to judge these events.
    - v. Age group awards? Will talk about for the fall conference call.
- D. Chair Report – Deb Newson, Chair**
  - USSA Freestyle Club of the Year - Buffalo Ski Club Congrats!!!!!! 2 years in the row on the east!
  - Season in Review - hope that the newsletter was hopeful. Event organizer google doc was successful. Radios moved seamlessly.
  - Upcoming Season in Review
    - i. [Schedule Update](#) coming along Deb is keeping the google sheet updated. No World Cup mogul event this year. Bristol double event day should be Sat instead of Sunday.
    - ii. [Championship Rotation Review](#) reminder so mountains remember where they are on the rotation.
- E. Operations Report – Larry Titus**
  - i. Systems Update *System updates* Change in policy to get budget for funding. Anything that is custom dev needs to be approved.
  - ii. Region settings should be a drop down. Once a team is chosen the region is automatically assigned
  - iii. Waitlist per event.
  - iv. Not eastern specific and no funding needed however Larry wants to add automation to the decline process.
  - v. Coupon for refunds.
  - vi. Adding combined results to postings
  - vii. Voicemail - prompts
  - viii. Freeski dues are not collected by USSA. We need to charge dues when they sign up for their first comp.
- F. Office Report – Sherry Albert, Office Manager**
  - Financials
    - i. [Head Tax Analysis](#)

- ii. [Profit and Loss YTD Comparison](#)
- iii. [Profit and Loss Previous Year Comparison](#)
- iv. [Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison](#)

**G. Rules and Technical Report – Mark Depeters and TJ Soar, Sub-committee co chairs**

- [Season in Review](#) Need more TD's. Clinics not well attended. Tried to let people shadow before they attended a clinic so they are ready for the next season. Programs without TD's in the pool. Within the programs coaches should look for people with the skill set and educate parents.
- **Eastern Revised Appeals Process**
  - i. Change verbiage in eastern addendum - coaches only to submit, timeline for deadlines
  - ii. [Appeals Link](#) Need to set criteria for appeals. The form that is in place does help this.
  - iii. Motion for forerunners in B - Second by Larry Motion amended to All EQS and Freeride events at all levels -slopestyle, aerial and halfpipe events. Motion carries

**H. Judges Report – Jack Weir, Sub-committee chair**

[Season in Review](#) Scott Lounsbury is head judge at the Olympics and proctor for the US. Peter Knyazev will be a judge at the Olympics as a representative of Russia.  
Scorecards will be revised to give room for comments  
Do better job when meets do not score too many runs per day. Double event days with 240 runs are tough.  
Clinic in the fall at Whaleback - 25 people attended. Will try to do a combined TD/Judge clinic in the fall at Killington. Will try to do an on snow clinic early in the season also.

**I. Old Business** none

**J. New Business**

- **EQS Team Award for regular season events:**
- **Team awards shall be determined by assigning points to U9-U15 age group podiums for all competitions, as well as overall combined results for the event.**

**Points should be assigned as follows:**

- 1st place - 3 points**
- 2nd place - 2 points**
- 3rd place - 1 point**

**Ties will be broken by the team with the most win's. If this does not break the tie, then athlete representatives from each team will "duke it out" in a round of roshambo**

- **EQS Team Award for State Championships:**
- **Team awards shall be determined by assigning points to the top 10 athletes for all competitions, as well as overall combined results for the event.**

**Points should be assigned as follows:**

- 1st place - 3 points**
- 2nd place - 2 points**
- 3rd place - 1 point**

**Ties will be broken by the team with the most win's. If this does not break the tie, then athlete representatives from each team will "duke it out" in a round of roshambo**

- **EQS Team Award for Young Gun and Junior Championships:**
- **Team awards shall be determined by assigning points to U9-U15 age group podiums for all competitions, as well as age group combined results for the event.**

**Points should be assigned as follows:**

**1st place - 3 points**  
**2nd place - 2 points**  
**3rd place - 1 point**

**Ties will be broken by the team with the most win's. If this does not break the tie, then athlete representatives from each team will "duke it out" in a round of roshambo.**

**Second by Larry Titus**  
**Motion carries**

- **Pace set recalc in B's - working group to report in the fall with how this process could work**

**Adjourned at 3:14 pm**