

**Eastern Freestyle
Spring Meeting
Agenda**

Eastern Freestyle Competitions Committee
May 15 ~ 9am to 4pm
Killington, VT
The Lookout Bar and Grill Restaurant
Top of the Killington Access Road

Chair.....	Deb Newson.....	present
Vice-Chair.....	Larry Titus.....	present
Coaches.....	Glenn Eddy.....	present
Judges.....	John Spottiswoode.....	absent
Rules and Technical.....	Leon Bodzioch.....	present
ECS Athlete Representative.....	Chris Montigny.....	present**
EQS Athlete Representative.....	Jimmy Rohman.....	present**
Selections/Appeals.....	Dick Holmes.....	present
Technology/Scoring.....	Dick Stone.....	present
Programs/ECS.....	Elana Chase.....	present**
Development/EQS.....	Suzi Preston.....	present
Scheduling.....	Joan Dolan.....	absent
Free Ride.....	Nate McKenzie.....	absent
Event Organizers	Jordan Ginsberg.....	present
Member-at-Large.....	Matt Gnoza.....	present
Member-at-Large.....	Nick Preston.....	present
Sponsorship/Marketing.....	Evan Dybvig.....	present**

The meeting was called to order at 9:12 am and a quorum was established.

Proxies –

Evan Dybvig for Nate Mckenzie

Glenn Eddy for Joan Dolan

Roll Call- See above.

1. Chair Report - Deb Newson

Titus Motion: We shall accept the minutes from the fall meeting. N. Preston seconds.

Call to Question: All in favor.

- Presentation of newly appointed positions on the EFCC Committee – see above**
- Wrap-up of the 2003-2004 competition season

1. Propose a ceiling to officials' mileage expenses - withdrawn.

2. Propose a divisional fee for EQS competitors of \$25 to assist in operating expenses – withdrawn.

3. Propose raising divisional fee for ECS competitors to \$50 to assist in operating expenses and to form a "kitty" to supply divisional wear for nationals and juniors - withdrawn.

Newson Motion: Eastern Freestyle will raise divisional fees to \$40 to generate funds for divisional wear for Junior Olympics and Nationals. N. Preston seconds.

Discussion – Ginsberg - Is it necessary to raise fees? Newson - As we are pretty much breaking even – it does seem as though this is necessary. Ginsberg - \$40 seems a little too much. Dybvg - Use excess for banners to advertise eastfree.org. Eddy thinks that things cost too much as it is and that it is difficult for athletes to understand all the costs. Furthermore, people who get jackets should pay for jackets. N. Preston – aren't license fees are being bumped up as well? Deb – A competitor license will increase to \$100 this year and youth licenses to \$30. Stone recommends to delay this increase a year so it can be disbursed with the membership renewals.

Newson Amended Motion: Eastern Freestyle will provide funds to supply divisional wear at Juniors and Nationals. Stone seconds.

Discussion – We don't have enough money to do it according to reports.

Newson - Motion withdrawn.

We will look at this for the fall.

Matt Gnoza and Jean Wry will handle approaching Predator and Forerunner Ski Shop to handle the production and sales of Eastern Freestyle Wear so that we can sell Eastern wear at a profit to fund championship level events to make them cost athletes less money.

2. Vice-Chair Report - Larry Titus

1. Simplify Eastern head tax form to have a base price with add factors for more judges, TD, & Scoring. Head tax is based on number of competitor starting events per day with a minimum number of starts per day with the same form for EQS & ECS.

- Simpler support for multiple events on one day
- Supports combined EQS/ECS competitions
- Current minimum prices do not handle all combinations
- Cost savings to events when full set of officials are not available

Eddy - This gives a financial incentive to have fewer judges. We used to charge a flat rate – which didn't work because little events were using up all the funds.

Titus – We could take out the judge modifier and use the same calculations.

Ginsberg – This provides a buffer against the organizing committee.

Montigny - Coaches shouldn't be the technical delegate at events. They should be coaching.

Titus – The only problem with the form is that it does not handle multiple events.

N. Preston Motion: Events held on the same days should be able to combine the two events head tax to achieve the minimum head tax that use the same officials.

N. Preston Motion: ECS multiple events second event head tax will be 10/9. No second.

Table until after lunch.

2. ECS half pipe events should be open to all competitors (like aerals).

Titus Motion: All aerial and half pipe events in Eastern Freestyle will be open. Stone Seconds.

Discussion: This could result in difficult training scenarios. Training safety can be handled by the organizers.

Call to question – 11 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carries.

Titus Motion: Open events should not require Eastern Divisional Fees. N. Preston seconds.

Discussion: Montigny – It's not fair to other athletes that have to pay divisional fee. Ginsberg – We need to lure these free ride athletes to USSA because they HAVE somewhere else to go. We should not require open event athletes to pay fee.

Call to question: 7 opposed, 4 abstentions. Motion fails.

Eddy Motion: ECS license fee to be eliminated and be replaced with an additional Eastern ECS and Open head tax of \$2 and \$1 EQS head tax with the intent to keep overall revenue neutral. Nick seconds.

Call to question: 11 in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carries.

Discussion: We should assign bibs for all – provide bibs to all - too many. Bibs are assigned to mogul and big air competitors right now.

Ginsberg Motion: Eastern freestyle will no longer purchase bibs if a sponsor provides bibs then the organizers will be obligated to use them. Other than that, mountain organizers will be responsible for providing bibs at their events. Holmes seconds.

Discussion:

Bodzioch - We will lose marketing without Eastern bibs. Jordan -We should provide banners to all ECS TD's to travel with. What does USASA do? USASA doesn't charge a license fee but they do charge an annual fee.

Call to Question: All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Propose a ceiling to championship and regional finals fee structure.

Motion: Event organizers must send meet fees for championships and regional finals to Eastern Chair for approval. Titus seconds.

Call to question: All in favor. Motion carries.

Recommendation to Event Organizers: Make your banquets fun and cheap.

3. Event Organizers - Jordan Ginsberg

Ginsberg Motion: EQS should not be required to award team award unless software determines it. Elana seconds.

Discussion: Rohman small teams do not benefit. It was determined through discussion that the way the team award is determined in EQS needs to be revised.

Sub- Committee formed to revise team award: Chair Nancy Stone with Suzi Preston, Nick Preston, Jordan Ginsberg. Sub - committee to revise team awards this summer and report back to the committee in the fall meeting.

Call to question: 5 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions. Motion carries.

Ginsberg Motion: Propose to limit all awards for EQS and ECS to top three overall combined with no age group awards. Titus seconds.

Discussion: S. Preston speaks against motion because we must keep this developmental level motivational and meaningful.

Motion withdrawn.

4. Office Manager's Report - Heather Moody

Reports were passed out. We still need to work on presentation of reports.

5. Rules & Technical - Leon Bodzioch

Some difficulty with notification and assignments. Jordan: TD needs to notify event organizers. Bodzioch: Out of 36 events only 3 events had difficulty in finding TD's. Okemo half pipe – dangerous training situation with A's and B's, though it was the first such event – seemed to get better as year progressed. Having said that, pipe etiquette should be reviewed with all athletes. The barge situation at ECS Champ duals: Need to propose to FSC that it be specifics regarding the start area construction and rules for barging be included in comp guide.

6. Judges - John Spottiswoode

No report submitted.

7. Coaches - Glenn Eddy

- Nick spoke about his discussion with Alan Ashley with coaches' education – Defining Elite level skiing model.
- Integrating X –qualifier status – Nor-AM Half pipe series.
- Scheduling selection events too early college students.
- Half pipe
- Landon Sawyer Center – in lieu of coaches' award change to a \$5000 coaches' grant.
- Domestic Coach of Year – Steve Kenney.
- International Coach of the Year – Liz McIntyre
- Brian Lake, US C-Team coach – Level 2 Aerial – July 26th arrival 27th – 30th. Coaches' clinic at OTC/Lake Placid.
- Coaches and Judges – cross pollination plan.

8. Selection /Appeals - Dick Holmes

- Presentation of EQS Move-Ups
- Current Appeals Sub-Committee – Dick Holmes, John Kroetz, TBD.
- Discussion about Killington Spring Klassic – Make sure that all regions know that they can schedule meets in April. All meets held in USSA competition calendar will be scored in appropriate calendar year.

9. Technology/Scoring - Dick Stone

- Kudos to Larry for online registrations
- Scorer field is okay – could always use more.
- Eastern office is in charge of assigning scorers.
- Every mtn should have its own scorers.
- Bobbling on EQS with scoring system at beginning of season: judging, scoring problems due to two sets of rules.
- Set bibs by event
- Request refresh every few years
- Coding mogul jump codes – will improve this year – aerial codes for all is being discussed

10. Programs/ECS - Elana Chase

No report submitted.

11. EQS/Development - Suzi Preston

Great Participation. Improve venues. Dependable format.

1. Provide all age groups with awards at all regular season meets and Regional Finals. There was some confusion this season. A notice will be sent to all meet organizers in respect to what awards are required.

Titus Motion: EQS shall use USSA judging system excepting it utilize the former EQS pace set calculation so that time points will not be a non-factor, if jumps are repeated then only the better of the two count, and there are no restrictions on the grab. Newson seconds.

D. Stone Discussion:

- Competitor air capabilities have passed EQS DD format.
- Winfree complexity has caused errors in EQS results.
- Judging problems due to differences in event formats.
- Will provide single score card format for ECS & EQS

Call to question: All in favor 10. (Ginsberg had to leave early). Motion carries.

Motion to sanction EQS events as non-scored by USSA and utilize only the EPL system. Nick seconds.

Discussion:

Will there be athlete confusion as to why they are not going to be scored at the national level? It really should have no bearing on this motion. Education of coaches, athletes and parents easily solves this problem. This will eliminate paying USSA head tax for USSA to produce redundant scoring that is not valid and is not being utilized. We are also investigating a migrate of EPL to one based on the USSA system.

Call to question: 8 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion carries.

S. Preston Motion: EQS air format should be changed from Big Air to Aerials format. Stone seconds.

Discussion:

Eddy: Why do we want to change it when uprights was dying before we changed it to big air?

Call to question: 2 in favor, 7 opposed , 1 abstentions. Motion fails.

EFCC Request to EQS judges: Please include more feedback on score cards and stay for awards so athletes have a chance to ask questions.

Motion to eliminate rule 8, page 26 and replace with... In an EQS mogul event if there are 85 or less skiers the organizing committee should run a two run event. If there are more than 85 skiers, then the organizing committee has the option to run a performance cut according to the ECS rules. Leon seconds.

Call to question: All in favor 10. Motion carries.

1. East Region Report ~ Suzy Preston
-Finals Rotation Schedule
2. Central Region Report ~ Matt Gnoza
-Finals Rotation Schedule
3. West Region Report ~ Mark DePeters

-Western Region held an event organizers meeting at the Regional Finals and will present the meeting minutes.

-DePeters is working on an EFCC By-Laws Update, following CDA and will present at the fall meeting.

Motion all mountains that hold events MUST send a representative to the EFCC spring meeting, have a TD in the Eastern pool and a Scorer in the Eastern pool as of Spring 2005. Lack of participation could jeopardize said mountains' meet scheduling. Elana seconds.

Discussion: Chair should insert this revision of policy on page 23 in comp guide and send letters to event organizers.

Call to question: 9 in favor, no opposition, 1 abstention. Motion carries.

12. Scheduling - Joan Dolan

- 2004-2005 Proposed Calendar. See attached.

13. Free Ride – Evan Dybvig for Nate McKenzie

No report submitted.

14. Promotion/Sponsorship – Evan Dybvig

Newly appointed Chair Dybvig with a sub-committee of Titus, Wry and Chase will formulate a plan to juice up our events over the summer and report back what they have come up with at the fall meeting.

15. Old Business

Sub-committee to determine what to do in Stevek's memory: Dick Holmes, Tony Zazzarro, Bruce Bolesky and Nick Preston.

16. New Business

- Set Fall Meeting Date – Conference call on Wednesday, October 6th at 7pm. Watch for information on the eastern web site.
- Sugarbush had requested to host the EFCC fall meeting. Jean Wry will be able to provide good lodging prices. Since it is a conference call we will look towards hosting the 2005 EFCC Spring Annual Meeting in Sugarbush in their new hotel.

Morgan – Lake Placid Kodak Park Pool report – redoing concrete, better bubble system – bubble control at single kicker, hydraulics on single kicker, 2 new ross beds, extended hours 7:30 -5:30, plastic wall to wall in between skimmer and single, single jump is now wider, redone all plywood on single in run. Camps can stay July 4-19, July 29 - Aug 21 lodging available at NSA...parents can stay there as well @\$24 a night including breakfast.

17. Good, Welfare & Adjournment

Montigny Motion to adjourn. Titus seconds. All in favor.