



**Alberta Alpine Ski
Annual General
September 24, 2016**

ALBERTA ALPINE

**Association
Meeting**

**RedTail Landing
Edmonton, Alberta**

In attendance: See attached list

Staff: Nigel Loring, Alied ten Broek, Cam Stephen, Erin Gellhaus

Meeting called to order at 10:07 am by Chair, Bob Leitch

MOTION: *Gilbert Wall moved to approve the agenda Seconded by Doug Airey. All in favour. Motion carried*

Welcome and Report from the Chair – Bob Leitch

- Welcome all and thank you for attending. This is my 3rd year to chair and it is an honor to work alongside dedicated people. Dedicated crew you will often find on the side of race hills. Board rooms are active throughout the whole ski community. Thank everyone personally for time and contribution to the sport.
- Thank you the Alberta Alpine staff for their continued hard work.
- Our biggest challenge is fundraising. In order to maintain strong programming, the new board will be tasked to look for new fundraising initiatives. Thank you to existing sponsors and partners for their support and sticking with us during these trying times.
- ACA has achieved a balanced budget over few years but not without cuts in programming for athletes. ACA is working hard to realign with the PSO GM and Athletics. This will take time and communication before it gets better.
- I will be stepping down from Chair this year and will serve as past chair for my remaining year. Thank you for the Boards support through these past years as we looked/found resolutions to hard situations. This is an awesome team and it is a pleasure working with you. Thank you to staff for patience. Most importantly thank you to the volunteers who enable AA to support alpine skiing and its athletes in the province.

Roll Call - Member Services

- Delegates attendance and voting rights

Adoption of Minutes of 2015 AGM – Bob Leitch

MOTION: *Gregg Ferguson moved to adopt the minutes of the 2015 AGM. Scott Wallace seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.*

Presidents Report - Nigel Loring

- Welcome all. Thanked Bob for his kind word, to the board for their support this year and to his fantastic team of dedicated staff. We have a plan going into year 3 of strategic plan developed in 2014. There are 3 major pillars but most importantly it is our athletes at center.
- Nigel's presentation is posted on the website. Headlines:
 - Sponsorship and financing - with a tough economy in AB we recognize we need to be agile in how we look at things and need to shift with the economic times in all areas from Legends club to individual projects. Instead of waiting for the big package we need to diversify. Great sponsors that have moved on have not been due to a negative relationship but other financial pressures. Loosing Fidelity has left a big half a million-dollar gap for ski race programming in Canada.
 - We want Alberta Alpine staff to be more closely aligned with our clubs. Ongoing support with officials, athletes, coaches. We need to strengthen our relationship with our member clubs to create opportunities for development and advancement.
 - A big challenge has been on the funding side.
 - Corporate sponsorship is down by $\frac{1}{3}$
 - Legends contributions down 20%
 - AB Sport Connection funding has not increased funding in over 10 years with grant opportunities reduced or eliminated.
- Refocusing Legends Club programming – Making sure everyone understands that this program will reach a large number of Alberta athletes. In order to keep these programs running we need to increase donations here.
- New Racer Levy - \$5/day/racer assessment managed by the RA for. The amount of money that can be charged by entry fee has been increased by \$5. The \$5 fee will go to help Alberta Alpine support our domestic race programs.
- Hall of Fame event – Scheduled for November 8 at the Petroleum Club. We are looking for nominations for 4 main categories. The Deadline is October 1. We are at 300 people last year we are hoping to grow. It is free with fundraising initiatives around it. The real object of the evening is to celebrate alumni and people who have put in years of years of dedication to our sport in AB.
- New partnership with Sporting Life – They are our official retailer. AA members will be receiving a mail out invite to the grand opening of South Center store.

Financial Report - Scott Wallace

- Collins Barrow of Canmore was our auditor again this year.
- Scott presented the 2015 draft audited financial statements as posted on the website.
- Management presented a very clear audit report to Collins Barrow. Thank you Allied and Nigel.
- Item of note - Happy to report a small surplus of \$41,000.

MOTION: Mitch Soetaert moved to adopt the audited financial statements as presented; Dave Lawson seconded; all in favour. Motion carried.

MOTION: Greg Ferguson moved to appoint Collins Barrow as auditors for F16. Robb Beeman seconded; all in favour. Motion carried.

Athletics Director Report – Cam Stephen

- Cam's presentation is posted on the website. Headlines:
 - Announced the ratified ABST with 3 women and 10 men. Excited about the team and blend of rookie and veteran talent.
 - AST staff grown by one. Brett returning as Head Coach. Tom Penney as coach and leading the management of equipment. JM is returning for his 4th year leading Strength and Conditioning. Sue Schwartz is the new AST coach with primary role as scouting and integration. Her new role to further efforts on integration with clubs
 - Calendar - We are on version 5 and there has been limited changes since Draft 3. It is not yet posted online – We expect the new calendar program to be launched in the next week or two.
 - Concussion policy - 3.6. Posted on website. Objective is to protect athletes in long-term.
 - Coaching Education - Not new unless clubs have employed CSIA certified coaches in past. The CSIA does not have important emergency planning procedures that are a part of CSCF. Gliding start to move to an online webinar. There is an expectation for all coaches in Canada that each year a coach should participant in some form of continuing education. It is important to make sure you are covered in case things go wrong.

Nigel – In addition to CSCF fees, clubs still need to be registering coaches through Alberta Alpine. Fees have been decreased from \$30 down to \$15. It is important for us to know who our coaches are and be able to contact them.

Questions:

Bob- Is the no fly list being managed by AASA? If an athlete shows up with a note from doctor to a team captains meeting but has not been released by AASA can they race?
Cam – Athlete MUST be released by AASA.

Scott Souter - Physical testing is new. What are the logistics for that? **Cam** - With the date change move away from mandatory attendance. will be pushing out more information to clubs on Monday. We need to communicate to our athletes that physical fitness is important. We hope through this testing to get some clearly defined fitness parameters to help our coaches/programs to make better athletes in the long run.

Subcommittee Reports

North and South Zone Chair Reports –

Doug Airey

- Welcome to the North. Thank you for all those who travelled to be here
- Communications is my single biggest goal - keep every club aware of what is going on in this sport. Thank you Nigel, Erin, Cam and Sue for their work - their presence in the North was so beneficial. North challenge is geography and staff went above and beyond to make us feel closer.
- Officials' training is at the top of the list. If you have a volunteer working a ski race (parents) they need to have their level 1. Course is only 3 hours long. Work hard to ensure that every volunteer at club is an official.

- Education and comfort
- Liability protection for the club, official and ROC.
- Timing and RA - we need to get our parents more involved to those two important functions. Challenge all clubs in North to have well attended RA and timing seminars
- All coaches/clubs have CSCF certification
- Helmet rule is changing this year - U16/U14 if racing GS you must have FIS race sticker. Slalom not required.
- Key Dates:
 - Oct 13 - First NZ meeting at Percy Page. Call in available
 - Oct 29/30 - FIS TD Update - Open to all people interested
 - Nov 6 - NZ Officials Update
 - Nov 8 - Petroleum Club event in Calgary

Sandy Webster -

- Welcome all.
- South Zone clubs are proactive this year with emails about courses coming in in August.
- Key Dates
 - SZ Alpine Chairs - Oct 4 at Winsport
 - Level III course - Oct 22/23
 - Officials Update - Nov 5 - All Welcome!
- Certification - to get inside the fence you need to be certified. It is important for clubs but for SZ we are seeing requests from mountains that all workers are certified.
- Events: front loaded with events in AB (FIS, NorAm, WC). All ROCS are looking for volunteers. Great opportunity to see high performance in action.

Abby Award - David Wunsch

- David Wunsch spoke about the Abby Award and the Abby Award Foundation created in memory and recognition of his daughter Abby Wunsch who passed away in a skiing accident last year.
- Requesting club participation to help support this award.

Nominating Committee Report - Gregg Ferguson and Mitch Soetaert

- The quality of nominees forwarded to us with the intent to join the board has been great. The Board would like to support the following nominees:
 - Rob Beeman
 - Trevor White
 - David
 - Greg Sylvestre
 - Terry Mix
 - Todd Rutter
- Nominees in attendance (Robb Beeman, Terry Mix and Todd Rutter) stood up and gave brief statements on their qualifications.
- Gregg and Mitch read statements from 3 nominees not in attendance (Greg Sylvestre, Trevor White and David Chen). Statements of each individuals attached.

MOTION: Joanne Gray moved to forego the election and accept these six nominees as new directors. Gilbert Wall seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

- **Election of Directors** – Welcome Robb Beeman, David Chen, Trevor White, Greg Sylvester, Terry Mix, Todd Rutter

Concluding Remarks – Bob Leitch

- **Recognition of Retiring Directors:** Bob recognized retiring board members Janet Russell, Mitch Soetaert and Gilbert Wall.
- Congratulations to our newly elected directors. I look forward to working with them in the season to come.

Adjournment

MOTION: Robb Beeman moved to adjourn; Sandy Webster seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm

Submitted by Erin Gellhaus

AGM Attendance 2016

Nigel Loring, Alied ten Broek, Erin Gellhaus, Cam Stephen, Joanne Gray, Gregg Ferguson, Sandy Webster, Doug Airey, Scott Wallace, Mitch Soetaert, Gilbert Wall, Bob Leitch, Todd Rutter, Terry Mix, Chris Holoboff, Bev Holoboff, Andrew Walker, Curtis Duffy, Dave Lawson, Chad Mansell, Mark Sharp, Dom Kriangkum, Scott Souter, Chris McEwan, Gregg Ferguson, Robb Beeman, Charles Gushaty, Kelly Stadler, Lyle Johnson, Cory Brightwell, David Wunsch.