



Ski Jumping & Nordic Combined

2009 SPRING PANEL MEETING MINUTES
March 28, 2009 * Eau Claire, Wisconsin
Compiled and Submitted by Kris Edlund

ATTENDEES

Matt Keuler	Westby	Mike Thompson *	Westby
Korey Arneson	Tri-Norse	Ray Baran *	Tri-Norse
Ingvar "Ole" Arneson	Tri-Norse	Mark Nalbach	Tri-Norse
Kathy Wallace	St Paul	Kathy Friberg *	St Paul
Dave Edlund	St Paul	Jon Denney *	Itasca
Brian Nelson	St Paul	Ed Waters	Norge
Scott Immens *	Norge	Dan Mattoon	Eau Claire
Tim Anderson	Flying Eagles/Eau Claire	Don Dahl *	Eau Claire
Paul Jastrow	Flying Eagles/Eau Claire	Paul Loomis	Flying Eagles/Eau Claire
Matt Laue	Minneapolis	Chris Broz	Minneapolis
Martin Erlandson	Westby	Paul Johnson	St Paul
Karyl Loomis	Flying Eagles/Eau Claire	CC Sheldon	Blackhawk
Rand Schott	Blackhawk	Christine "Girly" Gessner *	Blackhawk
Dave Maraccini *	Kiwanis	Mike Hammill	Kiwanis
Joe Berens *	Minneapolis	Oleg Glyvka	Ishpeming
Dale Fredette *	Ishpeming	Tom Ricchio *	Iola
Kris Edlund	St Paul	Scott Smith	Norge
Denise Pauley *	Flying Eagles		

* Designates Club Delegates

CALL TO ORDER/CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

The 2009 Spring Central Division Panel Meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Smith at 9:27 am on Saturday March 28, 2009.

Thank you for coming. It was different coming back into the chairman position as compared to past years. It's a good thing as I got to see all the things there were done and accomplished. Everyone has done an awesome job!! I only got to a few tournaments this year! The Silvermine tournament was awesome! Watching the young kids fly to the bottom of the hill ~ What a sight! The Central coaches have done a fabulous job. I have heard nothing but good things about this year's Junior Olympics. I heard from other divisions that the Central kids were all respectful and well behaved. We have good things happening within Central and the other divisions know that; we may not have the facilities like Steamboat Springs and Park City have, but with the group we have we do great and we can even do better. A Good job to everyone here in Central. The kids appreciate all your hard work and we are looking forward to bigger and better things.

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

The Minutes from 2008 Spring Panel Meeting were posted and available online for everyone to view. Along with the Minutes, also posted were the Chair Reports and the Central Club Reports.

A motion was made by Tom Ricchio to accept the 2008 Panel Meeting Minutes.
2nd by Korey Arneson
All in Favor // No opposed

TREASURER REPORT

Central Treasurer, Keith Perry submitted the checkbook credits and debits in advance. Chairman, Scott Smith read the balance to the Panel in Keith's absence. The balance is approximately \$13,000.00. Which is pretty normal, give or take a couple thousand dollars. That is saying that every club is paid up with booklet fees, head taxes, etc.

COACHING REPORT

(Requested in advance – the detailed report is under separate cover within the Committee Reports)

Central Head Coach Chris Broz gave a run down of the past year. It was a good year overall, but we also missed on a lot of things. The big thing this year is getting that Devo team fired up again. We can all come together with a better program.

The Five Hills Comps were phenomenal!!! From a coaching prospective, everyone stepped up there game. It was fun to watch.

For the coming ski season we need to start coaching tutorials down at the club levels – so everyone knows what the skiers can expect from a division standpoint.

CENTRAL DIVISION CLUB REPORTS

(Requested in advance – each club's detailed report is under separate cover within the Club Reports)

It was open to the floor to add anything additional to their reports – no one stepped forward.

OFFICIALS REPORT

(Requested in advance – the detailed report is under separate cover within the Committee Reports)

Central Official Chairman, Matt Laue recapped his report:

It was a busy year once again! Highlights: Dan Mattoon and Matt Laue passed test for FIS and TD. Steve Sydow is a potential candidate for FIS judging. Dan did his first official FIS judging this year. The other Central officials had a busy year too. We have sixteen officials and one trial judge. We lost two officials over the last two years. We are ALWAYS in need of judges and officials. It's tough and we get stretched when we have a busy weekend: SuperTour and JOQ. This past year: 195 positions over 44 event days, that takes into account two judges and a TD. We are very, very busy with the number of officials we have. The main thing today is – adding more officials – which would be GREAT! Our annual officials meeting will be this fall.

NORDIC COMBINED REPORT

(Requested in advance – the detailed report is under separate cover within the Committee Reports)

Central Nordic Combined Chairman Paul Loomis summarized his report for the year. NC went well this year with lots of races, held in Ishpeming, Itasca, Blackhawk, Eau Claire and Minneapolis. Our Numbers are down a bit, but on the other hand, there is some increasing interest in Nordic Combined. A good example is all the Junior Olympic kids participated in the team sprint. That is very encouraging to see!

WOMEN'S REPORT

(Requested in advance – the detailed report is under separate cover within the Committee Reports)

Central Women's Chairperson, Blair Tomten submitted her resignation for the position via email received on Friday March 27, 2009. Blair recommended as her replacement, Karla Keck.

Central Chairman Scott Smith added, moving forward we are looking for a new Central Division Women's Chairperson. Keep in mind this does not have to be a former jumper/coach. It can be any central member. Nominations for the position will be taken during our elections part of the meeting.

MASTER'S REPORT

(Requested in advance – the detailed report is under separate cover within the Committee Reports)

The report submitted in advance mainly revolved around the National Master's Championships held at the Tri-Norse Ski Club in Wisconsin Rapids on February 15, 2009.

The floor was open for additional Master's comments:

Ole Arneson said the event went very well and a nice banquet was held and well attended. Two of Central's own skiers: Tom Ricchio and Bob Keck were inducted into the Master's Hall of Fame. The conditions of the tournament were good. We would have liked more skiers, but we had some insurance problems, so we were limited and required those competing to have current USSA memberships. It won't happen again as the insurance problem has been solved.

Joe Berens said to Tri-Norse – it was really a fun tournament and you did a great job! Tom Ricchio also added that Tri-Norse did a great job hosting the event and the banquet was incredible. We (all the Masters) really appreciated it. He also sent out a request for any club that would want to host the National Master's Championships in 2010.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Central Chairman, Scott Smith read a letter addressed to the Central Division from Danielle Rodgers (mother of skier Kyle Rodgers who was injured in one of Central's tournaments this past winter season).

March 16, 2009

Dear Central Division,

Kyle and I are home now, nearing the end of a long ordeal. He is doing great and will have no long lasting effects. He plans to ski again in the late fall.

There are many to which we owe a great deal of gratitude. It is difficult to list everyone who helped, prayed, sent cards, donated time, money, gifts and those who came to visit and those who were just present with us. Also thanks to those who physically took care of Kyle on and off the hill. Thanks to all of you, you are outstanding folks and we are honored to know you.

Thank you cards just do not do justice to all who played a part in this. I would like to mention a few people who really stand out in my mind. Number one on my list is Jon Denney. Jon, you called me minutes after the accident, I am sure a call you really did not want to make and certainly one no parent wants to hear. If you were scared, I never heard that in your voice, you kept informed and calm, when I could not be there. You were rock solid for me and Kyle. You stayed with Kyle through the night until I arrived and I know that Kyle knew you were there and appreciated that. I heard that you said "I'm not good at this" referring to being at the hospital with Kyle, you are so wrong, you were great at that. We are forever grateful.

To Harry and Sue, thanks for picking me up at the airport, not quite knowing where you were going. Good navigational skills.

To Mr. Bill Arneson, to whom I had never met before the accident. You offered me your home, car, anything I needed. How selfless of you and your wife. You made it your job to take care of me and see to it I was taking care of myself. Your presence was so comforting, in a place where I knew no one. I am proud to call you my friend.

Sue Denney, for all the updates sent out, encouragement and late night calls. Your support has been super. Kyle soon will be calling in his cookies for life order.

Karyl, for the suit collection and posting all the updates.

I know that there are others who I am sure that I missed. Please know that we are grateful. Central Division is the best. See you all soon "On the Hills".

Danielle Rodgers and Family

Jon Denney gave a recent update on Kyle. Kyle was at the Itasca Ski Club Banquet this past week. He's back running track this spring and seems to be doing really good and is happy. Kyle said he will be back jumping in the fall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AWARDS

Nominations for the 2009 Central Division Skier awards were requested in advance of the Panel Meeting. A handout of the nominees and a brief description of why they were being nominated was distributed along with a voting ballot in the folders to those with voting privileges as defined in the Central Division By-Laws. Votes were tallied by Scott Smith.

Chairman, Scott Smith asked the Panel for additional nominations and comments on the current nominees:

No additional nominees were suggested.

Central Coach Jon Denney: For the Most Improved Junior Male Skier there is only one person that stood out at the Junior Olympics for this award and that was James Cady. He was on the top of his jumps and he was the one that came from as far back over the course of this past year.

Scott Immens: We have a lot of great kids who have improved this year. The dedication Kevin Bickner has shown is something. He trained six days a week this summer and he had a breakthrough that was amazing!

Skier of the Year

Nominees: AJ Brown, Kris Kowalczyk, Mike Glasder, Tom Ricchio

Winner: Mike Glasder

Theresa Altobelli Award for Best Central Female Skier

Nominees: Karin Friberg

Winner: Karin Friberg

John R Lyons Award for Best Overall Central Junior Male Skier

Nominees: Zack Hammill, Brian Wallace, Mike Glasder, Nick Johnson,
Christian Friberg, AJ Brown, Will Schott

Winner: Christian Friberg

Milt Aasen Award for Most Improved Junior Female Skier

Nominees: Nita Englund, Jessie Taylor, Kailey Bickner,
Elizabeth Wallace, Elyse Hoffman

Winner: Jessie Taylor

Art Knudsen Award for Most Improved Junior Male Skier

Nominees: Ben Loomis, James Cady, Trevor Edlund, Kevin Bickner

Winner: James Cady

Best Nordic Combined Male Skier

Nominees: Tyler Hutchins, Adam Loomis, Ben Loomis, Stig Fjeldheim

Winner: Adam Loomis

Best Nordic Combined Female Skier

Nominees: Nita Englund

Winner: Nita Englund

Scott Smith presented this year's Chairman's Award to: Kris Edlund

ELECTIONS

Scott Smith asked if there were additional nominations for any/all the Officer/Committee Chairpersons positions within the Central Division.

Chairman Position: No other nominations – Scott is willing to stay in this position for another year.

Treasurer: No other nominations – Scott advised the Panel that Keith Perry is willing to stay in the position for one more year, but we will need to think of an eligible replacement come next year.

Coaches Committee: Central Head Coach Chris Broz said we have a good committee of coaches. (Chris Broz, Brian Nelson, Kip Kopelke) There was no opposition to keeping this committee as is for another year.

Officials Chairman: Matt Laue (2 year term in this position) the Officials will have their meeting in the fall.

Recording secretary: No other nominations – Kris Edlund is willing to stay in this position for another year.

Engineering Committee: Currently chaired by Doc Bland.

Paul Loomis asked if we really needed to have this committee.

Scott Smith said no.

Matt Keuler added that Karl Evenstad has been working with Doc and doing some research on hill construction, etc and may want to step up in this position.

Women's Chairperson: Current Chair – Blair Tomten has resigned – this is a vacant position that needs to be filled today. A voting ballot has been included in the folders for those with voting privileges in accordance with the Central Division By-Laws.

Nominations were open to the Panel. Dave Edlund nominated Scott Immens.

Scott Immens accepted the nomination being a parent of two daughters and that he goes to a lot of the tournaments. He said he knows what is going on for the younger girls and feels that Karla would be a good resource for him on what is happening with the older girls within the division.

The two nominees for Central Division Women's Chairperson are: Karla Keck and Scott Immens. The winner of the election: Scott Immens.

Master's Committee Chairman: Currently chaired by Jim Mylander. Nominations were open to the Panel. A nomination was made for Tom Ricchio to hold this position. Tom accepted the nomination and was voted in as the new Central Division Master's Committee Chairman.

Large Hill Coordinator (LHC) – no other nominations – Kathy Wallace is willing to stay in this position for another year.

Committee Elections

The Central Division Committee consists of 10 elected members, each of which serves a two-year term. Every year five new members are elected to start their two-year term, five second year members “retire” from serving their terms and the remaining five members finish out their last year on the committee.

Scott Smith read an email from a Central Division member asking that during the nomination/voting process that we try to remember to have more clubs represented, so that not one strong club is represented on the committee.

Outgoing Committee Members this year

- Pat Lyons
- Matt Keuler
- CC Sheldon
- Tim Anderson
- Tom Ricchio

Committee Members completing the first year of their two-year term:

- Dave Edlund
- Dan Mattoon
- Kathy Wallace
- Mark Nalbach
- Rand Schott

Nominations were taken from the floor and voting via ballot ensued. Votes tallied by Dan Mattoon and Paul Loomis.

Newly Elected Committee Members

- Tom Ricchio
- Matt Keuler
- Ray Baran
- Kathy Friberg
- Tim Anderson

First alternate: Julia Newton
2nd alternate: Mike Thompson

NEW BUSINESS

Junior Olympic Qualifying Criteria

Boys Special Jumping Criteria

As discussed in the Central Committee meeting held Friday March 27, 2009 it is recommended to the Panel that the Boy's Special Jumping Junior Olympic Criteria be changed to:

Best 2 of 4 must compete at 3 of the 4 qualifiers – 60% back of the average of the top 4 athletes at each individual qualifier with a 110 average point being the floor.

ANY COACHES DISCRETION MUST GO THRU THE COACHES COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Matt Keuler to accept the Boy's Special Jumping JO Criteria as recommended by the Central Division Committee

2nd by Chris Broz

All in favor // No opposed

Girls Special Jumping Criteria

Jon Denney commented that it was unfortunate that Central didn't have a girl's JO team! Steamboat Springs was the only division with a full team of girls. Park City had a couple girls and the East had only one girl. If we are going to make an effort to promote Women's Ski Jumping, we should try to send a women's team to the Junior Olympics. I understand we want them to be safe, but it would be nice to have a girl's team.

CC advised that we took out the 60% back – then it takes out one shining star who would throw it off for the girls.

A comment was made from a panel attendee that “We have a lot of girls coming up in the pipeline – they aren't just 14 and 15 years old – they are 12!”

Matt Keuler added that we need to try to be consistent over the years and this is just a tweak to the current criteria.

As discussed in the Central Committee meeting held Friday March 27, 2009 it is recommended to the Panel that the Girl's Special Jumping Junior Olympic Criteria be changed to:

Best 2 of 4 must compete at 3 of the 4 qualifiers with a 110 average point being the floor.

ANY COACHES DISCRETION MUST GO THRU THE COACHES COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Rand Schott to accept the Girl's Special Jumping JO Criteria as recommended by the Central Division Committee

2nd by Dave Maraccini

All in favor // No opposed

Nordic Combined Criteria

Discussion ensued amongst the Panel attendees regarding the Team Sprint Relay.

Jon Denney said his observation from the Junior Olympics was – we had 10 athletes compete in the sprint!!! Moving forward it would be a good way for the kids to get in better shape and work as a team. If not have mandatory participation be the rule, just recommend it for all kids going to the Junior Olympics.

Tim Anderson said we need to promote this relay throughout the season.

Matt Keuler added that there is no reason to set a criteria for this race, offer it as an option.

Dave Edlund added we have to remember that only those in Nordic Combined should have the top priority.

It was brought up that the criteria is best if you can use two jumps instead of just 1 jump and the NC Chairman Paul Loomis would also prefer to use two jumps. The NC Criteria was tweaked to include the wording ...110 points average of two jumps.

As discussed in the Central Committee meeting held Friday March 27, 2009 it is recommended to the Panel that the Nordic Combined Junior Olympic Criteria be changed to:

- Qualifying events will be held at 3 of 4 possible venues: (Sites able to host NC races: Ishpeming, Coleraine, Blackhawk, Minneapolis and Iola). Athlete must participate in at least 2 of these events. Races have typically been 5 Km in length, using Gunderson format (race start times staggered, based on jump points- 4 seconds per point). However, mass start format may also be used (xc race before jumping). In addition, for at least one of next year's qualifiers, I plan to hold Team Relays, similar to the 3 x 1Km races held at JO's. Not only will this give a taste of what the competitors might see at JO's, but it could be fun for both racers and spectators.

- Athletes must be able to safely jump on K68 AND be competitive in the cross country race, as determined by 2 objective measures: (Both must be met.)

1. Jump point totals must be within 60% of the top *nordic combined* qualifying athlete, with a minimum of 110 points average of two jumps. (Same as jumping criteria, but based on the top NC athlete).

2. For the cross country skiing component, the athlete must finish within 130% of the NC leader, using Gunderson method. (example, Joe finishes race in 15 min, so Bill must finish in 15 x 1.3 or 19.5 minutes) This represents a significant change from last year.

- Coaches discretion and the discretion of the women's committee may apply to criteria and JO NC team selection.

Ray Baran asked about just going by the top two athletes and Paul Loomis answered that in the calculations it hasn't made much of a difference.

A motion was made by Chris Broz to accept the Nordic Combined JO Criteria as recommended by the Central Division Committee
2nd by Matt Keuler
All in favor // No opposed

Nordic Combined Equipment

Paul Loomis brought it before the Panel that he has an opportunity to purchase some JIB skis (trick cross country twin tip skinny ski) made by Fischer from a place in St Cloud for \$99.00 plus bindings. Fischer is quitting their distribution in the US. These skis are adequate to use as racing skis for the juniors. If people are interested ~ Paul will order a bunch of them.

Re-establish the Central Division Devo Team

Chris Broz – we have the coaches' schedule and will be filling spots. The LHC coordinator helps. What we need for re-establishing the Devo Team is someone to help w/behind the scenes stuff for Central. Example: accounting and secretary type stuff – a Manager. We would prefer that this position not be filled by a coach!!!

Who would be on this team? It would be the same criteria as before with some tweaks – more to come as it will be a work in progress.

Kathy Wallace (LHC): This is basically so we have a structured program for training and coaching.

What about non-Devo Team members and what they pay for coaching? We want this to encourage those skiers to become a part of the Devo Team.

There are liability issues – we need to have accountability on the hill for those skiers that are not part of the Devo Team. Maybe if the skier is not part of Devo Team they need to pay the coaching fees to the host club.

We have a pretty full list of those that say they want to coach and everyone is required to have a current USSA coaching card.

Description of the 2006/2007 Devo Team as written by Kip Kopelke read by Paul Loomis

The Devo Team was designed to be a developmental team that can provide regional coaching and overall guidance on physical and mental training. It will remain to be a step above the club level and is open to anyone that can ski a 40m and is interested in traveling the Midwest on a more regular basis.

The cost will be \$600 for the season and will cover any and all coaching fees at scheduled regional events and tournaments. Athletes are responsible for their own travel and hill fees. Coaches will be assigned for every weekend and will cover all hills larger than a K40.

Those athletes working and training with a club coach will also be able to join the Central Ski Team for \$100. They will receive clothing and will participate in physical testing throughout the year. In April and November, the team will be testing at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and benefit from having the head of the Sports Physiology department conducting the testing.

The coaches will receive payments on a monthly basis. Based on the percent contribution throughout the year, if there are any monies left over at the end of the ski season, it will be divided amongst the coaches using their percent contribution.

The Devo Team will have the opportunity to travel some out of division events throughout the jumping calendar year (June through May). Any out of division travel will result in additional coaching fees of \$20 a day per athlete. All other expenses will be the athlete's responsibility.

Secretary's Note: The above description is only verbiage used to describe the 2006/2007 Central Devo Team eligibility, criteria and program. This is not in any means the rules that have been set forth for re-establishing the 2009/2010 Central Devo Team.

Central Devo Team Information, eligibility, pricing and guidelines are TO BE ADVISED.

Matt Keuler was nominated by the Panel to fill this new position as Manager of the re-established Central Devo Team. Matt accepted the nomination for the first session (summer). Kathy Wallace and Chris Broz will offer assistance.

The Devo Team committee will consist of the Devo Manager, the Coaches Committee and LHC.

More info to come!!!!

Hill Preparation

By Jahn Sandman and Mark Nalbach

** Jahn was not in attendance at the Panel Meeting so Mark did the presentation

We need to pay close attention to hill preparations/conditions/safety/regulations.

Weather played a factor this year. We need to make sure that we as old/current members of our clubs take our new members under our wing and show how to prepare hills for upcoming tournaments.

Some items that were noticed this past winter:

- Profile boards on in runs to level off inrun.

- Guard rails on inrun – some can be simple fix — some have a sharp end they should be flared out and tapered down.

- Landing hills try to keep as smooth as possible – keep obstructions off to the side.

Mark said we should “Look at a hill and assume the worst – to foresee any unfortunate incident.”

Idea – have a small talk about hill preparations and safety – so the new members can know what they are looking for.

Jon Denney - Our TDs do a great job at our meets. The information the TDs find about hills prep and suggested improvements after each meet – where does this info go – it would be good to know this.

Matt Laue – the feedback he hears is things are improving. It's always been a step in the right direction. Everyone is making an attempt to do all these improvements.

Dave E – Central does a good job with the tracks on their in runs – and making sure the landing hills are hard.

Matt Laue – the officials can put something together – here are the rules and here is what we see. So everyone sees it!

Mark – would be happy to put something together about what works best for each club. Whether the clubs will look at it and use it is another story.

Tom R - weather is a major factor and everyone does the best we can.

Scott Immens – Noticed that at the top of some towers the kids don't have anything to hang onto when starting down the inrun – this already puts some kids off balance! I suggest that clubs put a couple pole bars so kids have something to push off of so they are more stable in the inrun.

A good suggestion for days leading up to a tournament is e-mail hill condition, as people are making travel plans. Be realistic and honest!

We also need to create a more inviting environment where the skiers don't feel so bad if they can't ski a hill due to conditions.

2009-2010 Schedule

The Central Division club schedule requests were submitted prior to the 2009 Panel Meeting. Scott Smith and Chris Broz came up with a schedule guideline for upcoming season.

2009 Central Division Summer Schedule

June 13 – Norge Ski Club “King of the Hill”

June 24- 27: Blackhawk – training camp week and tournament

July 2: Ishpeming 40M

July 4: Lake Placid

July 18: Iola

July 19: Tri-Norse

July 25 & 26: Itasca [tentative dates]

**Springer Tournee in Park City: Possibly the 2nd week in August, but could also be the end of July. We won't know for a few more weeks.

Sept 13: Ishpeming

Sept 20: Norge

Sept 27: St Paul

Oct 3 & 4: Blackhawk Bash (non-sanctioned)

Oct 10 & 11: Lake Placid Flaming Leaves

Oct 24: Blackhawk Halloween Bash

The winter schedule was quite a bit more challenging this year because of it being an Olympic Year. They are also trying to put together a US Nationals in Park City the weekend prior to the start of the Olympics; Feb 6 & 7, 2010. However if there is a men's and women's COC, they might not do the Nationals. FIS meetings are in a week, but it still might not be finalized then.
** This could have an affect on some Central tournament dates that would be moved around

Central Head Coach Chris Broz has been contacted about forejumpers for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, BC. That would take a lot of the top tier Central Jumpers out of the Central schedule for most of February.

Iron Mountain would like to be a part of the 5 Hills tournament schedule this year, even though they are having a COC tournament.

2010 Central Division Winter Schedule

Dec 19 & 20: Itasca Big Hill only - JOQ/NCQ – NC Sprint
Jan 2 & 3: Ishpeming Junior
Jan 9: Minneapolis – JOQ/NCQ
Jan 10: St Paul
Jan 15 & 16: Silvermine
Jan 17: Tri-Norse - JOQ
Jan 20: Minneapolis – Big Hill only
Jan 23 & 24: Norge – JOQ
Jan 30 & 31: Westby Big Hill only
Jan 31: Madison Junior – NC Sprint
Feb 6: Iola – Badger State Games
Feb 7: Iola – JOQ (alternate) / NCQ
Feb 13 & 14: Iron Mountain COC
Feb 13 & 14: Eau Claire Flying Eagles
Feb 20 & 21: Westby Junior
Feb 27 & 28: Ishpeming Big Hills only
Feb 27 & 28: Itasca Junior
** Question for this weekend if Cloquet will be back in the mix?
Mar 3-6: Junior Olympics – Steamboat Springs, CO

Junior Olympic Qualifying Tournaments:

For Special Jumping it was decided to have four tournaments with one alternate. (JOQ)

1- Itasca 2- Minneapolis 3-Tri-Norse 4-Norge 5-Iola is an alternate

For Nordic Combined it was decided to have three tournaments (NCQ)

1-Itasca 2-Minneapolis 3-Iola

Recruitment

Every club should have the recruitment CD that Mike Holland created. If not the video can be accessed off the website via the link below:

www.skijumping.wikispaces.com/recruiting

Ole Arneson – Tri-Norse has a wonderful club but no skiers!! We’ve tried fliers thru the school and got nothing. I love ski jumping and it’s close to my heart. We would like to see, as any club would, more recruiting. Eau Claire did a terrific job. I know summer skiing will help.

Dan Mattoon – you have to get the parents in and involved.

For the Eau Claire Flying Eagles - Recruiting the parents!!! The Flying Eagles fliers said “Learn to Ski”. We are not bringing them in to learn to ski jump, but learn to ski first and if we have some kids that see the jumpers and want to give it a try – GREAT.

The St Paul Ski Club has a “Year in Jumping Memories” DVD that airs on the local public access channel for a few months each year. Maybe host small club tournaments each week and

offer an end of the year banquet with season standings trophies for ALL the kids! St Paul has been doing this for years.

USSA doesn't back ski jumping. This comes up every year! Discussion ensued.

Disciplinary Committee

Matt Laue went over the Central Division Disciplinary Policy verbiage changes. It was more of a tweak to the existing policy that was originally written 5 years ago.

Disciplinary Sub-Committee Members:

- Officials Chairman acts as chair
- Coaches committee
- Central Division Chairman
- Two additional members

Athlete Code of Conduct/USSA Code of Conduct

A signature is now the responsibility of each club – this must be added to the club's membership forms. It will be the club's responsibility to get this information to Kris Edlund. We will need the skier's name; birthday and the date they signed the Code of Conduct. We will work on getting all this information into a database from the Central website that everyone will have access to. Only one person will maintain this site.

Infraction documents are kept in an electronic file. Any infractions will be turned into the chair of the disciplinary committee and forwarded to the new chairperson at the end of their term.

A motion was made by Dale Fredette to accept Matt Laue's revision to the existing Central Division Disciplinary Policy.

2nd by Chris Broz

All in favor / no opposed

Officials

Central had sixteen officials this year and we will have seventeen next year. We are in need of officials. We don't have very many in the southern area of the division. When scheduling officials for tournaments we try to assign them to the closest tournament to their home, but unfortunately it doesn't always work out that way, because seniority plays a factor in their assignments too.

Matt Laue handed out:

Expense Guidelines for Central Division Officials for Hosting Clubs

The following is an explanation of the expenses that clubs are responsible to pay to Officials that are assigned at their meet. The following is a minimum standard that is required. The Officials may elect to forego part of or any of the expense reimbursement.

Junior Meets

Mileage: Up to the club to offer a stipend at their own discretion

Board/Food: Food and beverages supplied while at the competition arena

Room: Offered to all officials, paid or reimbursed by club

JOQ Meets

Mileage: Club to offer a fair stipend

Board/Food: Food and beverages supplied while at the competition arena

Room: Offered to all officials, paid or reimbursed by club

Senior Meets

Mileage: Paid in accordance to the USSA J/NC Officials Expense Report

Per Diem: Not required at this time, clubs may pay at their own discretion

Board/Food: Food and beverages supplied while at the competition arena. Sites with back to back events need to reimburse officials for at least dinner and one breakfast (this applies to the TD and TDA at all events where they arrive a day prior)

Room: Offered to all officials, paid or reimbursed by club

National Meets

All expenses paid in accordance with USSA/FIS guidelines

Mileage or Airfare: Paid in accordance to the USSA J/NC Officials Expense Report

Per Diem: Not required at this time, clubs may pay at their own discretion

Board/Food: Food and beverages from time of arrival until departure including traveling as well

Room: Properly arrange and paid by the Organizing Committee

Insurance

by Dan Mattoon

What is our true policy from USSA on insurance? It took about 3 years to obtain this information from USSA. They are building a website soon if not there already – about what we get for our insurance – it is very specific for ski jumping events.

The \$1 Million liability policy only covers jumping event.

Ray Baran from Tri-Norse contacted West Bend Mutual Insurance for an investigation into a possible policy and general liability price quote. The application required the following questions be filled and include a copy of their club's By-Laws with their submission.

1. Address of club house

2. If you want us to look at property coverage for the club house include building construction type, square footage, # of stories, age of construction, if age over 30 years has plumbing, electrical, heat & roof been updated; is electrical all circuit breaker, type of heat-do you have fireplace or wood burning stove, what is the distance to the nearest fire station as I assume there are no hydrants, any claims in the past 3 years, estimated replacement value unless you are wanting to insure for actual cash value

3. If you want coverage for the plastic you put down let me know when it was installed, manufacturer, length, type of plastic, cost of materials, cost of installation

4. We will also need a copy of the waiver form you have members sign, if you have any thing different you use for participants in your tournaments include that

5. Include list of activities for next 12 months: you indicated 18 tournaments from January-March with one being sponsored at your location. We will need estimate on the number of club members participating in jumps (please indicate those under 19 and over 19). Would the rest volunteer to help with the event. Do you have volunteers that are not club members? Also for the event at your location please indicate the number of jumpers participating/how many clubs

represented. If you will sponsor any camps include estimated participants and number of days-if you have dates include

6. Please include any membership or affiliation with any state, national or international association/organization

7. What equipment if any does the club provide to members, for events

8. Are there any type of bleachers for spectators at your event or is the spectator area roped off?

9. Do you have concessions for your event? If so what is estimated annual sales?

10. Do you have members trained in first aid/cpr on site for events, are first aid kits available? What is closest hospital or clinic?

West Bend Mutual will be back in touch w/Ray regarding a potential policy for the Tri-Norse Ski Club. If this works out – they might be able to help some other clubs throughout the division.

Silvermine purchases 2dy Event Policy: Dan can send that information out to anyone that shows an interest in it.

To be a Member Club of USSA for insurance – EVERY club member must be a card carrying USSA member!

Central Division Booklet Report

By Mark Nalbach

This year the division made a \$1,600.00 plus profit on the booklet. There were 11 clubs participating. If the clubs did not get back to Mark with their information, he used the previous year's Ad and changed the dates.

Everyone still shows an interest in keeping the Central Booklet for another year.

**A motion was made by Rand Schott that we continue the booklet as is
2nd by Dave Maraccini
All in favor // No opposed**

Website

Mark Nalbach advised the Panel there was some confusion at the beginning as Central lost the domain site for awhile. The yearly cost was \$58.07 for the site. The new site name is:

www.centralskijumpingusa.com

Kris Edlund reminded everyone about the Central Smugmug photo gallery site. This site is a purchased site and all clubs should try to contribute photos from their tournaments. The kids love to look at the photos of themselves and others. This site offers unlimited photo storage and also small video clips. You can contact Karyl Loomis for information on adding your photos.

A call for the new committee member's meeting to take place after the conclusion of the Panel Meeting.

**Dale Fredette made a motion to adjourn the 2009 Central Division Panel Meeting at 254 PM
2nd by Mike Thompson
All in favor // No opposed**