



ATTENDEES

Brian Nelson	St Paul Ski Club	Scott Immens	Norge
Tom Bickner *	Norge	Sheri Schrock	Itasca
Kathy Wallace	St Paul Ski Club	Korey Arneson *	Tri-Norse
Kathy Friberg	St Paul Ski Club	Jon Denney *	Itasca
Paul Jastrow *	Eau Claire Ski Club	Dale Fredette	Ishpeming
Tim Anderson	Flying Eagles Ski Club	Rand Schott	Blackhawk
Girly Gessner *	Blackhawk	Karyl Loomis *	Flying Eagles Ski Club
Scott Smith	Norge	Paul Loomis	Eau Claire/Flying Eagles
Kris Edlund	St Paul Ski Club	Kip Kopelke	Blackhawk
Tom Sodergren	Ishpeming	Tom Petersen *	Ishpeming
Greg Taylor *	Iola	Joe Berens *	Minneapolis
Dave Edlund	St Paul Ski Club	Davey Edlund *	St Paul Ski Club
Martin Erlandson *	Westby		

* Designates Club Delegates

CALL TO ORDER/CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

The 2010 Central Division Panel Meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Smith at 9:28am on Saturday April 10, 2010.

This last year was a pretty good year; most clubs had good snow, it was nice to see a lot of clubs skiing later into the season. Norge skied all the way to the end of February – to be skiing that late was great for us. A lot of clubs were building their programs and more kids wanted to try skiing. The skiers as a division – JO’s central sweep was exciting. Throughout the week of JOs it was obvious to see our Central programs are working and we were the strongest jumping field out there amongst all the division. Steamboat Springs obviously has the strongest NC program.

We recently lost a good friend of Central: Stan DuRose – he was instrumental throughout this division, without him Madison wouldn’t have plastic – they were the first club in the USA to have summer jumping on plastic. Let us have a moment of silence in memory of Stan. He will be missed.

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

The minutes from the 2009 Spring Panel Meeting were distributed and posted on the Central Division website for everyone to view. Along with the minutes also posted was the Chair Reports and the Club Reports.

Paul Loomis commented that it is really nice and convenient to have these notes posted online for quick reference.

A motion was made by Korey Arneson to accept the 2009 Panel Meeting Minutes
2nd by Kip Kopelke
All in favor // no opposed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Central Treasurer, Keith Perry submitted the checkbook credits and debits in advance. Chairman Scott read the balance to the Panel in Keith's absence. The balance is approximately \$4000.00 more than what we had last year at this same time.

Scott also read the resignation letter from Keith. He has decided to step down as Central Division Treasurer effective at the end of this meeting. Scott advised the group that they would go thru potential replacement candidates later in the meeting.

A motion was made by Dale Fredette to accept the Treasury Report
2nd by Kip Kopelke
All in favor // no opposed

COACHING REPORT

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

Rand Schott spoke before the Panel and said from this coaching report the important thing to look at is the re-emergence of the Central Division Devo Program.

OFFICIALS REPORT

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

Matt Laue is currently in Switzerland at an FIS meeting. The committee was advised that Dale Fredette is now the Central Division Official's Chairman.

Dale advised the Panel that the Central Division is short on officials. We have 16 officials currently and definitely need more. Also there was some miscommunication regarding the number of officials needed at the Iola tournament, they were an alternate JOQ that was not needed and no one advised the officials, so their club ended up having to pay for more officials than needed.

Scott Smith asked the panel: how can we stay on top of this better?

Dave Edlund suggested that maybe the clubs should be responsible for this about 1 week before the tournament, on verifying the officials.

Rand Schott added that there is talk of changing the ski length requirements for this next season, we need , so the sooner we know this the sooner we can order skis for our jumpers for next season.

DISCIPLINARY REPORT

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

In Matt's absence, Chairman Scott Smith asked the Panel for any comments.

Sherri Schrock asked: if there was a code of conduct for coaches?

Scott advised that the Central Division code of conduct is for the athletes, if any coaches' conduct issues arise again in the future it will have to come before the committee to discuss.

NORDIC COMBINED REPORT

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

Nordic-combined Chairman, Paul Loomis added: There is an increase in numbers for NC which is good. We threw in a team relay this year and that went good. JO's was challenging, but we have a young enthusiast group which is good. Hope to get more women involved and looking forward to the next year.

WOMEN'S REPORT

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

Women's Chairperson Scott Immens thanked Karla Keck for submitting the report this year.

Scott said Norge has as many girls as boys in the program this year, which is good! Blackhawk is also about 50% girls this year. He would like to get a database of all the girl jumpers from every club within the Central Division: ages and addresses, regardless of hill they jump.

Central E-mail Coordinator Karyl Loomis said she can help Scott with getting this info about girls.

Scott Immens told the Panel there is talk going around about a girl's camp at Norge this summer, similar to the girl's camps that Blackhawk had during the past summers.

Scott Smith added that he just got word from Park City that they would attend a camp at Norge: June 12 and 13. (the weekend of the Norge King of the Hill tournament) We can have the camp before or after the King of the Hill weekend.

Christine (Girly) Gessner said most kids are still in school the week prior to that weekend, so maybe should look at holding this girl's camp after the King of the Hill tournament.

Brian Nelson said Park City is having a girl's camp maybe 2 weeks before the Springer Tournee this summer. There is a possibility that some of the Russian women jumpers will be coming over to participate. I will get specifics later for travel info.

MASTER'S REPORT

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

The 2010 US National Master's was held at Mt Itasca in Coleraine the last weekend of February.

Rand Schott said Blackhawk would host the 2011 National Master's Championships. There is talk of the US holding the International Master's tournament in the future. Probably not 2011, more like 2012.

There about 200 Master Ski Jumpers worldwide!!! It is a big thing!

CENTRAL BOOKLET

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

Chairman Scott advised the Panel that Mark Nalbach is willing to continue the Central Division booklet if we want to keep it going. The Central website hasn't been up to date, the committee did discuss this last night during their meeting.

Kip Kopelke said the website should be updated continuously!!

Jon Denney suggested that we eliminate the Central booklet, make it all online for more revenue.

Dave Edlund said not everyone can do that stuff online – the book is nice. It's easier to hand a potential new skier a booklet, then to tell them to look at a website that they will forget minutes after you tell them.

Kip Kopelke also added that the booklet is nice as you can carry it with you and it may help with recruiting new skiers.

Chairman Scott said he will check w/Mark Nalbach to see how many booklets were printed versus how many we actually need.

CENTRAL DIVISION CLUB REPORTS

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

It was open to the Panel if anyone wanted to add any additional comments about their club reports.

Minneapolis Ski Club

Joe Berens said the Minneapolis Ski Club is getting a club house, it will be little and no plumbing.

Paul Loomis said the potential for Minneapolis to host the next Central Division Junior Olympics is encouraging!

Flying Eagles Ski Club: Eau Claire, WI

Tim Anderson said their club tried something new this year and paid Garrett Denney to coach. There was more structure in the training and the kids just loved him. This was a big boost for the club!

Blackhawk Ski Club: Madison, WI

Dave Edlund asked Blackhawk about the safety of the skiers at the top of their 60M jump. Rand Schott answered that the railings are good, there is some room for improvement, but the skiers are safe.

Scott Smith asked about the talk of Blackhawk getting a new hill.

Rand answered that unfortunately that was Stan's initiative and it didn't really go further.

Christine (Girly) Gessner elaborated on the video station they have installed underneath the 60M jump. This was put into place so jumpers can view their previous jumps prior to going back up again, this will eliminate time to wait after training so the skiers can go over their videos with the coaches. The video training is really important.

Norge Ski Club: Fox River Grove, IL

Scott Smith said Norge formed a committee in the last 2 weeks to discuss the building of a judge's stand. The biggest project last year was the little hills.

Tri-Norse Ski Club: Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Kip Kopelke asked for an update on Tri-Norse regarding their insurance issues. This is a good transition hill for a lot of our kids in our division.

Korey Arneson answered; the club made an offer and the town approved it, now it us up to the DNR. We had problems with the deed. Equal acreage for the top of the hill to the land the club owned at the flats, we are swapping 3.1 acres – making it a pie shape up to the top of the scaffold. The installation of plastic on the 5M & 10M jumps should be done soon. We will get this out to the central.

Snowflake Ski Club: Westby, WI

Marty Erlandson said things are looking up at Westby. The Waldorf school which is close by is really interested in Cross Country, so the club has been updating the grounds, etc. The cross country program grew from just a few kids to over 40 and as they are out on their skis they are eyeing the jumps and wanting to move towards that. So we are re-committed to getting the jumps ready as soon as possible.

Ishpeming Ski Club: Ishpeming, MI

Tom Peterson said the Ishpeming Ski Club has a new junior coordinator! Also has a great parent group that is developing. He reminded everyone that they have been working with Northern MI University to start a collegiate jumping program.

Copper Peak: Ironwood, MI

Scott Immens said Copper Peak is still very much alive – they are out of debt now! They are putting in snow making equipment – every year they keep progressing and maybe the possibility of hosting a tournament in 2012. When the time draws closer they would like to get help from Central during the competition.

Dave Edlund also commented that they just have to add the side boards now and they will be FIS legal.

Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

Jon Denney said there is hope that the Thunder Bay ski jumps will get up and running again. The Canadian government is interested. This will be a long term project. Run by a group of private corporations and the government.

Central Division Club Recruitment

Paul Loomis said recruiting is a common theme we have every year. Maybe we should have some structured Central committee? We might need to form something, to share amongst the clubs within Central.

Kip Kopelke said that he has samples of agendas and fliers to get people into this sport that he can distribute to anyone interested. Maybe we should start some sort of sharing site, this is something that I could help with from home.

Kip also added that Blackhawk hosted an “intro” to ski jumping program this year, instead of a “learn” to ski jump program. Just this small change in the wording could get more kids interested. Our winter program went extremely well and we have some kids interested in a program to learn about summer jumping too.

Rand Schott added that sometimes charging for a program brings more commitment than offering a program for free.

Central Division Skier Retention

Kip said that trying to retain senior jumpers is also an issue.

Scott Smith added that adding the J1 jumpers back into the JO’s is a good start.

Miscellaneous Club info

Scott Smith said he noticed at a few clubs, on their smaller hills, they are lacking a pull out so that the smaller skiers can get help to pull themselves out, so no one tips as they are coming out.

LARGE HILL COORDINATOR

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

Kathy Wallace said we had a really busy year. Lots of kids are traveling out of division. We had 8 skiers travel to Park City and 13 of our younger skiers went to Steamboat Springs for some early snow training.

Scott Smith added that Steamboat is looking at the same time frame again for early snow training.

Kathy said Steamboat worked out well for early snow training, we are just asking that at JO’s we have more parent involvement.

Brian Nelson added that when driving all these kids out of division we need to have more people take turns with their vehicles. The responsibility needs to spread around more, so it isn’t always the same people offering up their vehicles.

Kathy Wallace said the agreement with Norge on their van use, worked well.

Kathy Wallace worked with Chris Broz on some development of numerous camps being held in Lake Placid. The Central Division put in for 6 different camps. Olympic Training Center (OTC) has spots for 6 at these smaller camps and at the big tournaments there are spots for 15.

Scott Smith spoke w/John Farra (US Nordic Director) and Park City will be hosting the Nationals during the summer. There is the possibility of Central hosting the Nationals during the winter. We won’t know anything for sure on this until after the National Meeting that will be held in May. It would be great to get the Nationals back in Central. It would be nice to spread it out more, instead of it always being held out East or out West.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AWARDS

Scott Smith wanted to stress to the voting Panel members that they should look at the results from the entire year, not just one competition! These awards are tough and sometimes they turn into a popularity contest.

During the committee meeting held Friday April 9, 2010, it was discussed to add the word “Junior” to the Therese Altobelli Female Skier of the Year award, by doing this it would bring all the awards into order. This would be the same award, it would just now be known as the “Therese Altobelli Central Female Junior Skier of the Year”.

A Motion was made by Kathy Friberg to accept the committee’s recommendation to change the wording of the Therese Altobelli Central Female Skier of the Year award to the Therese Altobelli Central Female Junior Skier of the Year award.

2nd by Kathy Wallace

All in favor // no opposed

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

Kip Kopelke Nominated Karin Friberg for the Therese Altobelli Central Female Skier of the Year.

Dave Edlund: Brian Wallace was a member of the 2010 Junior World team. He’s committed to ski jumping and he’s had a great year.

Scott Smith: Mike Glasder is right there!! He was 1 Continental Cup point away from making the 2010 Olympic Ski Jumping team. He is a committed skier and he’s got some big goals. Mike was disappointed about the Olympic team – but he was going to Oberstorf for ski flying! Dave Edlund: Mike’s mom (Kathy) told him that he’s committing himself to another 4 years of training.

Korey Arneson: Will Schott is one of the nicest young gentleman he’s ever met.

Christine (Girly) Gessner: when Will is back in Blackhawk – he is always working w/the little kids – he’s a great ambassador for the sport of ski jumping.

Scott Smith: Will doesn’t forget where he’s come from.

Kip Kopelke: I have heard alot of great stuff about Nita this year! She is setting herself up to be GREAT!

Brian Nelson: Elyse Hoffmann has progressed so much this year, it is amazing! She blew everyone out of the water and she’s never competed at the JO’s before. She fell during the Flying Eagles tournament, but got herself back up and out on the hills prior to the JO’s.

Karyl Loomis: Finn Gessner is improving on every jump and he’s only 9!

Scott Smith: the Most Improved Skier is a tough field.

Kip Kopelke added that is a good problem to have!

Dave Edlund: Henry Kavanagh-Beltman was struggling at the beginning of the season, but after watching him each weekend, he showed a lot of improvement and at the JO's he was really excited about his accomplishments.

Scott Immens: I went thru Kevin Bickner's scores and podium finishes for the past season and his average point total was 198 this winter! That's good for a 13 year old kid. He has the highest attendance in the Norge training program.

Scott Smith: it is amazing seeing him go as far as he can go on these bigger hills

Paul Loomis agrees with everyone, but this is not a popularity contest.

Paul Loomis: Nordic Combined athletes we have Tyler Hutchins and he's coming around strong in his jumping. He's a real solid skier.

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD

Scott Smith: I will be giving out two awards this year! I've received a few emails about this couple too. They do a lot for the sport of ski jumping. The 2010 Chairman's Award recipients are: Rand Schott and CC Sheldon!

SKIER AWARDS

Nominations for the 2010 Skier Awards were requested in advance of the Spring Panel Meeting. Explanations of why this skier was being nominated were also requested, as voters we need to be informed as to why this skier deserves this award.

Skier of the Year

Nominees: Mike Glasder, Will Schott, Brian Wallace

Winner: Mike Glasder

Therese Altobelli Award for Best Central Female Skier

Nominees: Nita Englund, Elyse Hoffman, Karin Friberg

Winner: Nita Englund

John R. Lyons Award for Best Central Junior Male Skier

Nominees: AJ Brown, Ben Loomis, Brian Wallace, Will Schott

Winner: Will Schott

Milt Aasen Award for Most Improved Female Skier

Nominees: Elyse Hoffmann, Elizabeth Wallace

Winner: Elyse Hoffmann

Art Knudsen Award for Most Improved Male Skier

Nominees: Finn Gessner, Ben Loomis, Kevin Bickner, Henry Kavanagh-Beltman

Winner: Ben Loomis

Best Nordic Combined Male Skier

Nominees: Ben Loomis, Stig Fjeldheim, Tyler Hutchins

Winner: Tyler Hutchins

2010-2011 – Schedule

The Central Division club schedule requests were submitted prior to the 2010 Panel Meeting.

2010 Central Division Summer Schedule

May 15 & 16: Blackhawk candy competition

May 22& 23: Iola K30 training and competition

June 5 & 6: Ishpeming camp

June 9 & 12: Norge Training Camp & King of the Hill

June 19 & 20: Tri-Norse competition **

June 26 & 27: St Paul training camp

July 3& 4: Lake Placid/Steamboat Springs [out of division]

July 17 & 18: Blackhawk training camp – (style camp)

July 26- Aug 1: Park City Springer Tournee [out of division]

July 31 – Aug 1: Park City US Nationals [out of division]

Aug 21& 22: St Paul training camp

August 28 & 29: Tri-Norse training camp

Sept. 11 & 12: Ishpeming competition **

Sept 18 & 19: Norge competition **

Sept 18: Central Division committee meeting during the Norge comp weekend

Sept 25 & 26: St Paul competition **

Oct 2: Officials Meeting in Eau Claire

Oct 2 & 3: Blackhawk Bash – longstanding only

Oct 9 & 10: Tri–Norse competition **

Oct 9 & 10: Lake Placid Flaming Leaves tournament [out of division]

Oct 23& 24: Blackhawk Halloween fun

Nov 6 & 7: Norge camp

Nov 13: Physical Testing tentative date subject to University of EAU schedule

** designates that officials will be required

2011 Central Division Winter Schedule

Dec 4 & 5: Steamboat Springs early snow training

Dec 18 & 19: Coleraine – Junior & K70 JOQ/NCJOQ **

Dec 30 & 31: Lake Placid

Jan 2: Westby JOQ/NCJOQ **

Jan 8 & 9: Ishpeming - Junior World Tryouts

Jan 15: Minneapolis JOQ/NCJOQ **

Jan 16: St Paul **

Jan 21 & 22: Silvermine (Friday & Saturday tournament) – Start of 4 hills **

Jan 23: Blackhawk & Master's Nationals **

Jan 26: Minneapolis K70 only (Wednesday night) – 4 Hills **

Jan 29 & 30: Norge JOQ - 4 Hills **

Feb 4 & 5: Westby Big Hill (Friday & Saturday tournament) – 4 Hills **
Feb 5: Iola Badger State Games
Feb 6: Iola/Central Championships
Feb 12: Eau Claire Flying Eagles
Feb 13: Tri-Norse
Feb 12& 13: Iron Mountain – Continental Cup Tournament
Feb 19 & 20: Coleraine Jr
Feb 19 & 20: Brattleboro VT 90K [out of division]
Feb 22 – 27: Junior Olympics - Salisbury CT

**** designates that officials will be required**

Junior Olympic Qualifying Tournaments:

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

1- Coleraine 2- Westby 3-Minneapolis 4-Norge

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

1-Coleraine 2-Westby 3-Minneapolis

NEW BUSINESS

Elections:

Chairman, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Women's Chairperson – nominations were accepted during the Panel meeting, voting took place by the new committee after the Panel Meeting.

Chairman nominations – Scott Smith

Treasurer nominations– Guy Larson

Recording Secretary nominations– Kris Edlund

Women's Chairperson nominations– Scott Immens

Coaches Committee:

Current members: Brian Nelson, Chris Broz, Kip Kopelke and the current Central Division Chairman

Kip Kopelke suggested that we consider adding someone from Nordic Combined to the committee.

Scott Smith: That would be Paul Loomis

A Motion was made by Tom Bickner that a Nordic Combined member be added to the Central Division Coaches Committee.

2nd Kip Kopelke

All in favor // no opposed

Officials Chairman now is Dale Fredette from the Ishpeming Ski Club.

Master's Chairman is currently Tom Ricchio and he is willing to remain in this position.

A Motion was made by Joe Berens to keep Tom Ricchio as the Central Division Master's Chairman.

2nd by Scott Immens

All in favor// no opposed

Large Hill Coordinator (LHC) is currently Kathy Wallace, she is willing to remain in this position for another year.

A Motion was made by Kip Kopelke to keep Kathy Wallace as the Central Division Large Hill Coordinator.

2nd by Dan Mattoon

All in favor// no opposed

Engineering Chairman is currently Doc Bland.

A Motion was made by Korey Arneson to keep Doc Bland on as the Central Division Engineering Chairman.

2nd Marty Erlandson

All in favor // no opposed

Current members of the Central Division Disciplinary Committee: the official's chairman, Central Division Chairman, head of coaches' committee, Tom Ricchio and Ray Baran
Tom Ricchio's term is ending this year.

Nominations: Tom Ricchio

CENTRAL DIVISION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

Nominations: Dan Mattoon, Tom Bickner, Christine (Girly) Gessner, Joe Berens, Dave Edlund, Kathy Wallace, CC Sheldon

The Central Division Committee consists of 10 elected members, each of who serves a two-year term. Each 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.

Scott Smith led a vote to elect the new Committee members, per the By-Laws.

Outgoing Committee Members this year:

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

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

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

Newly elected Committee Members:

- Dan Mattoon
- Tom Bickner
- Christine Girly Gessner
- Kathy Wallace
- Joe Berens

First alternate: CC Sheldon

2nd alternate: Dave Edlund

Insurance

It was mentioned to the Panel that Kerry Lynch from Steamboat Springs got their club insurance cheaper thru someone else rather than going thru USSA.

Korey Arneson: to get USSA insurance every club member must be a card carrying USSA member.

Dan Mattoon: Would like alternatives on what other clubs do?

Junior Olympic Qualifying Criteria

Boys Special Jumping Criteria

As discussed in the Central Committee meeting on Friday night April 9, 2010 it is recommended to the Panel to keep the Boy's Junior Olympic qualifying criteria the same as the previous year.

Best 2 of 4 must compete at 3 of the 4 qualifiers – 60% 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 Tom Bickner to accept the Boy's Special Jumping JO Qualifying Criteria as recommended by the Central Division Committee.

2nd Dale Fredette

All in favor // no opposed

Girls Special Jumping Criteria

As discussed in the Central Committee meeting on Friday night April 9, 2010 it is recommended to the Panel to keep the Girl's Junior Olympic qualifying criteria the same as the previous year.

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 Dale Fredette to accept the Girl's Special Jumping JO Qualifying Criteria as recommended by the Central Division Committee.

2nd by Brian Nelson

All in favor // no opposed

Nordic Combined Criteria:

As discussed in the Central Committee meeting held Friday April 9, 2010 it is recommended to the Panel to keep the Nordic Combined Junior Olympic qualifying criteria the same as the previous year.

- 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.

A Motion was made by Kip Kopelke to accept the Nordic Combined JO Qualifying Criteria as recommended by the Central Division Committee.

2nd by Tom Bickner

All in favor // no opposed

Tim Anderson asked that we need to document who can be in the Team Event without qualifying.

Paul Loomis said that typically any one of the kids that qualified for special jumping can participate in the Team Event.

Dan Mattoon: What happens in the event of a mismatched pair?

A Motion was made by Paul Loomis that special jumpers qualifying for the Junior Olympics be eligible to ski in the team relay with priority going to the Nordic Combined athletes.

2nd by Shari Schrock

All in favor // no opposed.

Kip Kopelke suggested that the clubs holding the JO qualifiers get him the results as soon as possible, so he can do the standings and get them distributed in a timely manner.

JO Budget Proposal

This year Kathy Wallace (LHC) asked for \$2500.00 – it came from the coaches' budget.

A Motion was made by Kathy Wallace that the Central Division contribute \$3000.00 to help offset the expenses for the Junior Olympics.

2nd by Dave Edlund

All in favor // no opposed

DEVO TEAM

Last year at this time a handful of people were going to help get the Central Devo Team going again and it kind of fell thru the cracks. This year, Chris Broz and Scott Smith tried to come up with ideas to make it happen. Kip Kopelke, Chris Broz and Scott Smith had 3 different conference calls regarding the start up. Chris B – crunched numbers and some kids that go to all the tournaments ended up paying more than what this Devo Team cost would be.

Kip Kopelke: the Devo Team will have training manuals, team jackets, frequent communication, testing, etc. People are excited are about this team aspect again. We hope to start up where we left off, but to be better than it was in the past. There are 46 different central division jumpers competing in and out of division // of the top 30 athletes at least half are involved in club programs that have coaching, etc. We as central coaches want to encourage the athletes to take responsibility of their training, so they can go up to a coach and say this is what I'm working on. We also want to include more communications between the coaches.

In the event of a skier having a paid club coach, there is a pro-rated fee for Devo Team membership of \$150.00. If their paid club coach is not on a trip, the skier would pay a fee of \$20.00 per day for coaching.

We at least have to cover coaches' expenses and still make some money. We don't want to lose any Coaches.

Scott Smith: for out of division trips, we plan to communicate with the Devo Team coordinator by Tuesday on the previous week and communicate by Wednesday about the upcoming tournament.

Kathy Friberg asked that a Devo team skier list be made available to each club, to help during the registration of skiers.

Kip Kopelke: Any person representing/coaching a kid on a jump larger than 40M needs to be a USSA member.

Scott Smith: Anyone being a coach is required to be a USSA member.

Devo Proposal:

Devo Team fee - \$800.00 per skiers includes: jacket, manuals, testing, regular communication, a Devo coordinator, Devo Team coaches plan to incorporate a coaches clinic to help the clubs.

Devo team member out of division - \$20.00 p/dy - all money would be handled prior to the trip

Non-Devo team member in division - \$25.00 p/dy – pd to devo coordinator or the coach

Non-Devo team member out of division - \$35.00 p/dy – all money would be handled prior to the trip.

Devo Team year: (June 1 – May 31) June 1 - \$200.00 // Aug 1 - \$200.00 // Dec 1 - \$400.00
Athletes with club coaches pay \$150.00 to cover apparel, testing, manual and communication.

Dave Edlund made a Motion to accept the Devo team proposal as recommended by the Central Division Committee.

2nd by Brian Nelson

All in favor // no opposed

Scott Smith: to put the cost in perspective compared to other sports: Traveling baseball is \$2000.00 for my son and I'm a coach.

Paul Loomis: Steamboat Springs is \$2500.00 and that is just for the winter season.

Devo Coordinator nominations: Karyl Loomis

Kathy Wallace (LHC) will continue to organize the out of division trips.

A Motion was made by Brian Nelson for Karyl Loomis to become the Central Division Devo Team Coordinator.

2nd by Tom Bickner

All in favor // no opposed.

A Motion was made by Rand Schott for the Central Devo Coordinator position to be part of the Central Committee with voting privileges.

2nd Christine (Girly) Gessner

All in favor // no opposed

Coach's budget

Last year had \$5000.00 – used for radios, travel, van, video camera, wax & benches

Propose another budget of \$5000.00 to go towards coaching – basically going into the Devo funds. So our coaches don't lose money when they travel when coaching for our kids. Coaches feel they are set with supplies, so this year's money should all be going to the coaches.

Dan Mattoon: we also have to have money for our officials. There is no incentive for the younger guys to become officials because there is no money in it like there is for them if they go into coaching.

A Motion made by Tom Bickner to give \$5000.00 to coaches' fund.

2nd Dave Edlund

All in favor // no opposed

Officials Expenses:

Handouts from Matt Laue were read by Central Chairman Scott Smith. These forms are available for distribution. Central e-mail coordinator will make sure to distribute them to each Central Club.

Hill Tax formula:

Current Tax based on P point, Keith Perry suggested the Tax be based on K point. The Central Committee recommended to the Panel to table it at this time until further discussions.

Yellow/Red Bibs

A suggestion was made by Rand Schott for Mike Grimm from Blackhawk to take over this number crunching. Ask Mike if he's willing to include J5 and J6 in the mix for season standings.

A Motion made by Paul Loomis to donate \$250.00 to be used for awards at the 2011 Central Division Championships that will be held in Iola.

2nd by Rand Schott

Motion passed // 1 opposed

CD safety policy

Can it be incorporated into the code of conduct that each athlete signs every year?

Paul will look into other policies as a guideline.

Kip Kopelke: What about Central having a few basic safety tools that would travel around in vehicles?

A Motion was made by Rand Schott to have Paul Loomis, Judy Hilgers and Kip Kopelke review the medical program

2nd by Christine (Girly) Gessner

All in favor // no opposed

Coach Reinstatement

Shari Schrock made a Motion that Oleg be reinstated again as Central Coach/Devo Coach

2nd Tom Peterson

Motion failed.

Discussion ensued.

Paul Loomis made an Amend to the previous Motion that the decision to reinstate Oleg as a central coach should be up to Central coaches committee

2nd by Dave Edlund

Motion Passed // 2 opposed

A Motion was made by Dale Fredette to adjourn the 2010 Central Division Spring Panel Meeting at 3:45pm.

2nd by Dan Mattoon

All in favor // no opposed