

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
USSA NATIONAL ALPINE MASTERS WORKING GROUP
held at
The Vintage
Winter Park, CO
April 8, 2002 at 3:00 pm

These are the dates for next year's major events

Nationals	Park City, Utah	March 18-22, 2003
Internationals	Vail, CO	Mar. 6-9, 2003
Western Reg.	Bogus Basin, ID	Feb. 7-9, 2003
Eastern Reg.	TBA	

The Chairman, Keith Thompson, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Chris Katzenberger acted as meeting recorder. Bill Skinner (USSA Alpine Masters Coordinator) distributed meeting packets to each of those persons in attendance. A copy of the contents of the packet and attendance roll sheet is attached to these Minutes respectively. The meeting proceeded to the first order of business listed on the prepared agenda.

1. INTRODUCTION

A. **Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and it was noted that the following divisions were represented: Alaska not represented, Central: (Steve Lindemer). Farwest: (Don Smith) Intermountain: (Ned Dolan) Northern: (Knut Reistad) and PNSA (Will Schmidt) Rocky Mountain (John Whitesel) Eastern (Mark Sertl).

B. **Minutes of Sugarloaf, Maine Meeting**

It was moved (Ned Dolan) and seconded (Steve Lindemer) that the Minutes of the 2001 Annual Alpine Masters Working Group meeting held on March 31, 2001 be approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

C. **Additions to Agenda**

The Chairman asked for any additional items to be added to the agenda for discussion. No additions were made.

2. STAFF AND CHAIRPERSONS= REPORTS

A. Keith Thompson - Chairman

Mr. Thompson acknowledged to the group that there was outstanding snow in the west with a good Olympics. This affected the number of intermountain masters races. Overall good year for masters ski racing. Bill Skinner has done an outstanding job and we all owe him a hand.

B. Bill Skinner - USSA National Alpine Masters Coordinator

1. Bill noted that Keith Thompson is the fastest National Chairman when giving reports. And was at the first meeting in Mammoth and fought the 55 mph rule. And at the controversial meeting here when class 7 was moved to Group B and Keith, a class 8 racer, had to run last in Group.
2. Bill commented that Masters racing should avoid controversy. Everyone should have fun in masters. It should be good camaraderie. Enjoy the experience. Yet not be afraid to face any issues that may affect our sport.
3. Bill asked everyone to go through his or her packets. Right side has temporary membership forms. Masters are the only ones to have temporary memberships. They can get them off the web page. You will find instructions first and then the form when you download it from the website. Not filling out these forms properly voids insurance coverage. Please educate your organizers about this form. The Insurance Co. information must be filled out so that secondary can be affective. Example was a supplemental insurance \$20,000 payment for an injury in Far West due to having the form correctly filed out. Bill has a Risk Mgt. File – TD report and temporary licenses insurance company gets all forms, then covered. Resort has chance of being sued if forms are not filled out correctly. Next page insurance form. We have USSA venues because we go by USSA rules. Person who gets hurt calls USSA office and they will send a form. Race organizer gets forms in their packets. If no insurance get medical exception agreements from USSA. Sometimes there is an in house waiver at resorts, but not the same as the USSA form. Bob Dart mentioned that the TD should get as much information from the injured person, fill out the forms, and then send it with their report. Do not leave the injured to send in the form on their own to USSA.
4. Next form is all the sanctioned races from last season. Bill proposed that he would send out enough schedule agreements for each race. Bill noted that each division chairman should send enough schedule agreements for each race. Bill stressed that a follow up be made to make sure that the races are sanctioned. It was agreed that this would work for each division. Can check races at any time on the website. USSA racers number is the submittal number. Why different numbers for men and women? Different specifications for men and women's races that may be on the same race day. Designed on different databases.
5. Competition guide. Need help from each division to get it done. No CD-rom at this time. Only as good as what is sent to the office. Bill thanked everyone for helping him get information for the competition guide. Turn around time is short and must be done promptly to meet USSA publication deadlines.
6. Fall Newsletter. Over budget on fall newsletter. Sent to all NASTAR gold medal winners. Final newsletter info. due April 15. Highlight the season in each division. Email bits from each division. Olli Larsen writing an article about Bode Miller and Austrian Ski Team education dept. will not meet again till they figure out how he makes the first 5 gates.

7. NASTAR Nationals. Passed out 800 Masters posters in one day. Kid's had something to get autographs from Tommy Moe, and others. Only posters there for participants. Sent out congratulations letter to all that got NASTAR gold's.

8. Bill stressed that Deb Lewis – a lot of help this year. Needed a program that could score master races. Has a program to score National, divisional and combined races in a folder. Can use split second timing to score both masters and youth races. Divisional change request forms are in the packet too. Set up by how your entries were sent in. Must file a form to change divisions in USSA.

9. Speed series discussion. Goal to get good-sized fields for speed venues. Bill Tabar were key to success as sponsor, the divisions did not have to buy awards. Attendance improved as series progressed This was first attempt at putting on National Speed Series by Masters. Need to find 1- first class venues, 2- a good series of events. Need lodging info., background info. Find interested resorts. Keith Thompson went to all the speed events. Aspen Highlands was full with 100 people total, not a lot of women, but that happens. Big Sky and Soldier are stand-alone events. Get a few good races, no shotgun approach. Need to plan, find out resorts that are interested. Rocky and Intermountain will need to provide the race participants. Big Sky Jan. 11 – 12 confirmed.

2003 National Championships will be March 18 – 22, 2003 at Park City Mountain Resort.

Submitted two dates for the Internationals - Masters FIS Cup races will be Keystone Feb. 25 – 28 and Vail March 6 – 9, 2003 for the IMC races next season. Hopefully know by the end of the week.

10. Membership numbers summary. About the same as last year. Didn't pick up very many new, but didn't lose many either. We keep our sport going, with the number of participants we can keep in Membership.

11. Timeline update	June 15	Division section of handbook due.
	August 1	Need all dates and schedules for each division.
	Sept 30	Fall newsletter deadline.

Item B (Voting issue) Mark Sertl (EA). Regionals are a national event. Region championship titles should only go the Region members. Only racers who are registered in that region can take region vests. Central division can go either/or east or west not both. Motion made by Mark Sertl. Seconded by Ned Dolan and approved by committee.

Respectfully submitted,

By:____
Chris Katzenberger, meeting recorder

Attest:

Keith Thompson, Chairman

