

Ski Mountaineering Competition Canada

Monday, April 9, 2018 - Committee Meeting

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Time: 7pm Pacific / 8pm Mountain

Location: Call-in.

Committee Members Present:

David Dornian	SMCC Chair	ddornian@telusplanet.net
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Nick Elson	Athlete Ranking	nicksethelson@gmail.com

Committee Members Absent:

Travis Brown	Coach, Team Camps	wtbrown@gmail.com
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Previous Minutes:

The minutes from both February 12, 2018 and March 19, 2018 (no quorum) were reviewed. Motion to approve by Dave Dornian, all in favour.

New Business:

1. **Review of season rankings**
 - a. **Team selection ranking**
 - b. **Canada up ranking**
 - i. **awards**

Nick has compiled initial results, and is waiting to confirm details such as additional weighting for Lake Louise, etc. Americans athletes are not included in the ranking system at this point. No exceptional or skewed races were noted. Nick will send out draft rankings shortly.

Arnaud has asked for race weighting to include skimo east rankings, this may be possible as he raced here, however there are only two data points to use. At this point the rankings will not include Skimo East. The SMCC committee will continue to think about this, and it will be revisited in the future.

Separate discipline rankings – this will be available next year. Nick has not attempted for this year, but sees no issue completing it for next year, if the fine details are formalized.

!Reminder! The SMCC committee has committed to the following for this season:

“The Selection Committee will invite each of the athletes selected to a position on the Teams in the order of their Athlete Ranking, before the end of April. Athletes will be expected to notify

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the SMCC of their acceptance, in writing, before 15 May, such that the Teams may be announced by 01 June.”

To achieve this, the following schedule has been established:

- Nick to send out ranking draft by April 10.
- 1 week for SMCC committee to review and comment.
- Dave Dornian to begin sending invitations by April 17.
- Dave to send list to Lori for publishing by June 1.

Team selection process will be reviewed in June meeting.

Canada Cup ranking: Nick will complete. Dave has had feedback that these results are important to a group of people. The SMCC will endeavor to release the final rankings along with the athlete survey.

Noted that delayed presentation of Canada Cup awards was an issue this year. For the 2018/019 season, the SMCC will develop a list of Canada Cup official races, with results updated throughout the year, so that final rankings can be easily determined and presented at the final race of the season.

2. Team clothing update and plan for next season

Lori is sorting out invoicing right now along with final clothing size swaps. Lori is putting together a package for athlete review in terms of desired items, sizing, etc. Discussion on how to include for potential late additions to team – SMCC will budget for and plan to order a few extra suits and complete kits.

3. Review of schedule for 2018/2019 team selection

Reminder of review process to choose selection races for 2019 world championship team (as per published schedule, to be done in October). Anticipate adding more races as world championships will be later in the year.

4. Review of years finances

Not yet complete. Dave to send out draft to SMCC committee via email on committee members request. Final version will be distributed to all within 10 days.

5. Canada Cup races review

a. SMCC committee feedback for March races

More emphasis should be pushed on Canada Cup awards, Canadian podiums for all races at Canadian championships.

Work towards cheaper races to attract more people.

Possibly look at running sprint, vertical races at locations other than ski areas to save cost. General consensus to look into this idea.

Sprint racing to have better scheduling to allow athletes to warm up the way they want to, better understand qualifying process, etc. Action item – come up with firm criteria to structure these races (look at ISMF manual). Kylee to assist.

Trail breaking on courses. Suggest spending more effort finding forerunners.

Courses have been long this year. Suggest dialing it back to match ISMF specs.

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Timing. Suggest continuing to look at alternatives to paper. Nick has seen some accuracy issues as he reviewed results.

b. Design of survey to go out to all participants

Kylee will circulate tentative questions. This survey to focus on racer experience, satisfaction with the circuit, etc. ("Consumer satisfaction"). Another survey in future to address athlete satisfaction with sport governance.

6. 2018/19 SMCC season at home and overseas. How to schedule the same race load we had this year (12 races at 8 venues) + WC March 9-16/19 with current resourcing limits.

Proposed date for race organizers to get together for further discussion. April 24th.

Races next year - calendar is very full.

7. Continental Referees course

Tentatively Nov 8,9,10 at ACC in Canmore. Would like to have lots of referees, to shadow Dave and Brent next year. Aiming for 8-10 trained referees by end of next year.

8. Review of Fischer support and other sponsorship opportunities.

Matt noted that Fischers prizing donations have been appreciated, but athlete sponsorship and rep engagement has been lacking. The SMCC committee will continue to look for support. Matt will follow up with Dynafit's offer.

Delayed until Next Meeting:

9. Follow up from Pan American Championships, ISMF licensing, and Continental topics. (Dave Dornian)

10. Review of SMCC bylaws draft (Dave Dornian)

11. Update on communications with Canada Olympic Committee. (Dave Dornian)

12. Review of Open Items

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Open Items Summary (items marked as <complete> will be removed if no feedback is received)

Item	Task / Notes	Action By <due date>
Ranking System	Canada Cup ranking, international ranking system explanation added to website. Tentative ranking system for Sprint distance released to committee	Lori Donald <Dec 10> <pending> Nick Elson
2019 Team Selection Policy	Documents added to website Dave to forward information on ISMF youth selection Waiting on COC. Dave to send out notice.	Lori Donald <Dec 10> <pending>
Website and Social Media	ACC site changed link to skimocanada.org	Dave Dornian <pending>
Standardization of Race Director Practices	Creation of document to include standard nomenclature, recommended advertising channels, recommended registration systems, and advice on strategies to maximize attendance. Document to identify which races will be used for national ranking systems. Sprint Racing guidelines (review ISMF manual, adapt to Canada)	Travis Brown <Jan 29> <pending> Matt Reid Kylee Ohler
Team Clothing and sponsorship	Standardization of colour scheme, clothing requirements. Watch, goggles pro deal requested. Pending. Dynafit team support follow up	Lori Donald <no timeline > Matt Reid

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Season Rankings update + Team Selection	New Tab on skimocanada.org to hold current and past results Draft of season rankings released for review Review by SMCC committee Invitation process begun Invitation process complete Formal Announcement for publishing	Lori Donald <Mar 31> Nick Elson <April 10> All <April 16> Dave Dornian <April 17> Dave Dornian <April 30> Dave Dornian <May 30>
SMCC Finances	Final version sent to SMCC committee	Dave Dornian <April 20>
Athlete Survey	Survey questions to focus on racer experience, satisfaction with the circuit, etc. distributed to SMCC committee for review Survey sent to all Canada Cup Racers	Kylee Ohler Kylee Ohler