

ACA Slalom Committee Meeting



01 May 2018 / 9:07-10: PM Eastern

Attendees

Slalom Committee Members: Adam Van Grack, Paula Saaf, Brian Fike, Karla Westcott, Rok Sribar, Harriet Rollins, Silvan Poberaj, Nate Lord

ACA Invitees: Zuzana Montagne

Agenda

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- Age Group Nationals
- Disciplinary action concerning Spencer Huff and future SafeSport policies

Notes on 5/1/18

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- An email to the athletes about behavioral expectations was proposed
 - Emailing coaches and allowing them to convey the expectations for behavior was also proposed
- Zuzana will work on SafeSport clarifications

ACA Slalom Committee Meeting



05 March 2018 / 10:12-11:14 PM Eastern Standard Time

Attendees

Slalom Committee Members: Adam Van Grack, Brian Fike, Karla Westcott, Harriet Rollins, Silvan Poberaj, Nate Lord, Rafal Smolen

ACA Invitees: Zuzana Montagne

Agenda

- Approve the Minutes
- Chief Judge & Officiating at 2018 US Senior/Junior Team Trials
- Scheduling of Nationals (October) and Age-Group Nationals (August)
- Ted Stevens Act Compliance -- Athlete Representation
- Fundraising Task Force
- Regional Slalom Teams
- Committee Vacancies
- Slalom Committee Policies and Procedures
- Selection Criteria

Notes on 3/5/18

- Approve the Minutes
 - Amend Karla's last name
 - Minutes from 03.01.2018 are approved
- Chief Judge & Officiating at 2018 US Senior/Junior Team Trials
 - Danny Groeneveld is available to officiate team trials
 - Danny needs travel expenses covered
 - Danny would like an Assistant Chief Judge, Eric Lokken was mentioned as a possibility
 - Conflict of interest policy needs to be kept in mind since Danny and Eric may have racers participating
 - Rafal Smolen mentioned the ACA and USOC don't specify Conflict of Interest Policies for racing
 - He expressed concern with the current Conflict of Interest Policy the Committee is following
- Scheduling of Nationals (October) and Age-Group Nationals (August)
 - Nationals, October 2018
 - Zuzana said it is not realistic to hold Nationals in OKC in 2018
 - NOC would work for a National's race on October 18th
 - Age group nationals, August 2018
 - Karla is checking if Durango is available
 - The Ocoee was mentioned as another option for Age-Group Nationals
 - Bakersfield, Kern River is an option
 - Postpone finalizing age group national's location
- Ted Stevens Act Compliance -- Athlete Representation
 - The committee is currently not compliant with the Act for athlete representation
 - Tyler Smith and Ashley Nee have both expressed interest in serving as athlete reps
 - There is only one spot currently open, but that can be changed to two spots with committee approval

- Athletes should be asked directly to join
 - Rafal to ask the athletes
 - Must be at least eighteen years old and an ACA member
 - Skill level does not matter as long as the person has competed in a national competition in the last 24 months
- Maximum number of voting members on the council is fifteen
- Fundraising Task Force
 - Nate Lord proposed finding people with connections to raise funds
 - Finding sponsorships for the team
 - Grants
 - Corporate sponsorship
 - Individual sponsors
 - Events will be sponsored by the ACA
 - Conflict arises when outside corporations sponsor events
 - Foundational programs would benefit from sponsorship
 - Jamie McEwan created a foundation for the slalom sport
 - When Jamie got sick, the funds in the foundation were donated to the USACK
 - Scott Shipley may know what happened to the foundation itself
 - There may be a link on the ACA for people to donate to the slalom committee
 - Goals:
 - Find people willing to commit time to the task force
 - High performance and development goals
 - Perhaps start another foundation if Jamie McEwan's is gone
 - What can be offered to cooperate sponsors
- Regional Slalom Teams
 - Three races are needed to rank regional athletes
 - Clubs should be made aware of the requirements
- All Committee members should review the selection criteria and make comments as soon as possible

ACA Slalom Committee Meeting



12 March 2018 / 9:05-10:45 PM Eastern Standard Time

Attendees

Slalom Committee Members: Harriet Rollins, Adam Van Grack, Brian Fike, Rok Sribar, Silvan Poberaj, Paula Saaf
ACA Invitees: Rafal Smolen, Zuzana Montagne,

Agenda

- Administrative Items (Meetings, Minutes)
- Scheduling of Nationals/AGN
- Selection Criteria/Rules
- Team Trials Details (incl. judging, planning)
- Athlete Representative to the Committee

Notes on 3/12/18

- Approve the Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - Nate Lord had corrections emailed prior to the meeting on the attendees
- Discussing Future Meeting Times
 - Tuesday evenings work well for the regular meeting times
 - Tentatively schedule regular meetings at 8:00 or 8:30 PM EST or 9 PM EST on Tuesdays
 - Zuzana wants to make sure that people on the west coast can make the meetings times
- Scheduling of Nationals/AGN
 - Age Group Nationals
 - AGN could possibly be held on the Payette during the Payette River Games in August according to Paula
 - AGN would have to be held on a Friday if it was held on the Ocoee River due to scheduling issues, according to Zuzana
 - Brian has looked at the Kern river as a venue, and is talking with Eric Giddens
 - Durango for AGN is not a good option due to lack of water
 - The committee should find out if Dickerson is available sometime later this week, according to Silvan
 - Kelly's whitewater park (which is the location of the Payette River Games) was floated as an option to look at as a western race to have a race in the West
 - Nationals 2018, October 6-7
 - NOC is still available as a venue
 - Dickerson would be a good place for Nationals if it is approved
 - Dickerson must be confirmed by Tuesday, March 20, otherwise NOC should be used due to time and scheduling restraints
- Selection Criteria/Rules

- Junior Criteria and Rules
 - Nate Lord sent out an email earlier today asking for clarification on parts of the junior team selection criteria
 - Percentage will be calculated like it has been for the past few years
 - Brian Fike asked for clarification from Rafal Smolen on the selection criteria, and will send an email with his questions
 - Percentages will be called Class Adjusted Percentages (CAP)
 - An abbreviation section at the end of the selection criteria document to clarify acronyms
 - Rafal proposes that overall results will be posted immediately after the competition and eligible athletes will have a set amount of time (1-2 hours proposed) to commit to the Junior/U23 World Championships
 - Changes and clarification made on regarding start intervals for C1W and C2MX versus the other classes
 - ACA does not have a budget to help athletes pay for expenses
 - An unofficial estimated budget will be published to let athletes know of projected costs
 - Deposits are not due until a week after team trials and which athletes compete will affect the budget
 - Replacement athlete clarification needed so replacement athletes can know if they are eligible and know to commit quickly
 - If someone is outside the top three and does not make percentage, then they should not be invited to the world championships as a replacement athlete
 - ACA staff will notify replacement athletes as soon as possible, and they will have a week to confirm
- Senior Criteria and Rules
 - Clarification on Chief Judge (CJ) versus Chief Official (CO)
 - CJ is concerned with rules
 - CO is concerned with the entire race
 - One person can be both CJ and CO
 - They are separate people that are needed for course approval, according to Brian Fike
 - Eliminating the CO as a position for this year's competition was proposed
 - Thus, course will be approved on according to the ICF rules, rather than using a CF and CO for course approval
- C2MX qualifications for national team eligibility should be clarified
 - If a C2MX team comes in top three, they are eligible for the World Cups and World Championships, but teams do not have to be replaced if one team chooses not to go
 - C2MX is still considered a developmental event
- Team Trials Details (incl. judging, planning)
 - Conflict of Interest Policy has been clarified
 - Family members should not be judges of the athlete they are related to
 - It is not expressly written in the rules that the CJ cannot be a family member of an athlete
 - A foreign CJ would be much more expensive
 - Danny Groeneveld has been decided as the CJ, and Eric Lokken as ACJ
- Athlete Representative to the Committee
 - Four athletes are willing to be on committee
 - Jordan Sherman
 - Michal Smolen
 - Ashley Nee
 - Tyler Smith
 - Maybe Casey Eichfeld, he is still deciding

- Currently there is only one position open for an athlete rep (max two representatives), and Adam Van Grack wants to increase the number athlete representatives to three athletes.
 - An election would take place to increase the number of athlete representatives
- A proposal was put forth for for the Slalom Committee, in its authority under the Competition Counsel OP, to add an additional voting member, as an additional Athlete Representative (which would increase the total Athlete Representatives to the Slalom Committee to three).
 - Brian Fike moved to support the motion, Karla Wescott seconded the motion
 - By a voice vote, the Committee unanimously approved the motion
 - Adam Van Grack will instruct the ACA to hold an election for each potential athlete representative, to decide whom to appoint to the two vacant Athlete Representative positions on the Slalom Committee

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12 March 2018 / 9:05-9:59 PM Eastern Standard Time

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ACA Invitees: Morgan House, Zuzana Montagne,

Agenda

- Athlete Representative Vacancy Appointments
- 3/12 Minutes Approval
- Slalom Selection Criteria Discussion and Approval
- 2018 AGN/Nationals Site Selection Approval
- 2018 Race Officials Update
- 2018 Youth Olympic Games Update
- Fundraising Task Force

Notes on 3/20/18

- Athlete Representative Vacancy Appointments
 - The two vacant spots for athlete representatives have been filled by Casey Eichfeld and Michal Smolen
- 3/12 Minutes Approval
 - Minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously
- Slalom Selection Criteria Discussion and Approval
 - Selection Criteria was reopened for discussion for additional edits by the board
 - Additions to extreme slalom criteria were suggested by Michal to clarify selection and eligibility for competing in the World Cups
 - Zuzana mentioned that the appendix has clarification for extreme slalom eligibility
 - Rok said that the criteria could be clarified or added outside the appendix
 - Adam suggested that Zuzana makes a draft of the extreme slalom criteria to be added distributed to the committee and approve the criteria in an online vote
 - The 2018 slalom selection criteria were approved by the committee during the meeting with no opposition
 - The 2018 junior slalom selection criteria were approved by the committee during the meeting with no opposition
- 2018 AGN/Nationals Site Selection Approval
 - Silvan has relayed that Dickerson is open to hold Nationals on October 6-7
 - Questions about public access at Dickerson were raised by Casey
 - Concerns over the time it takes for manual timing was also an issue brought up
 - Committee approved holding Nationals on October 6-7 at Dickerson
 - AGN has been confirmed as an available option during the Payette River Games
 - Concerns about housing availability near the Payette River have been voiced
 - Cascade, Idaho has limited accommodations for athletes
 - Bridge gates could be an option at the NOC for AGN in August also, but Nantahala Falls gates would not be available
- 2018 Race Officials Update
 - Brian has been in contact with officials for the 2018 ACA slalom races
 - 3-4 ICF officials and 2 nationals officials will be available as judges at Charlotte for National Team Trials.

- 2018 Youth Olympic Games Update
 - Rok reported that the selection races had only four athletes
 - Athletes are leaving for Barcelona between April 3-10
- Fundraising Task Force
 - Adam tabled the task force meeting until Nate is able to attend

Doodle poll for people's availability will be sent out for next week by Adam.

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01 May 2018 / 9:07-10:13 PM Eastern

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- Zuzana will work on SafeSport clarifications
- Progress about making a fundraising taskforce was discussed
 - Nate Lord and Adam Van Grack are planning on meeting and putting together the goals and tasks for the taskforce to focus the discussion about future fundraising
 - Caroline Coggan has recommended that a professional fundraising company should be used to raise funds
 - Tyger Vollrath will be contacted about fundraising too

ACA Slalom Committee Meeting



21 May 2018 / 9:06-9:51 PM Eastern Standard Time

Attendees

Slalom Committee Members: Adam Van Grack, Karla Westcott, Harriet Rollins, Silvan Poberaj, Casey Eichfeld, Rok Sribar, Rafal Smolen, Nate Lord

ACA Invitees: Zuzana Montagne

Agenda

- Safesport / ACA Code of Conduct Update/Status
- 2019 Junior Trials
- Fundraising Task Force
- Europe Training Camp Report
- New Business

Notes on 3/5/18

- Safesport / ACA Code of Conduct Update/Status
 - All staff, volunteers, athletes and parents that are traveling with the team that are 18+ must be SafeSport certified. All clubs that are
 - Athletes can hire coaches abroad that are not SafeSport certified
 - All coaches hired by the ACA, as well as coaches working for ACA affiliated clubs will be SafeSport certified
 - The ACA can suspend any athlete for violations of the code of conduct.
 - There is a new page on the ACA website outlining the disciplinary procedure for code of conduct violations
 - All adults traveling with the US team in 2018 will sign a Volunteer Code of Conduct
- 2019 Junior Trials
 - 2019 Junior/U23 World Championships will be held in the beginning of May
 - Holding combined Junior/Senior team trials the first week of April was mentioned as a possibility
 - Either held March 30-31, or April 6-7, or mid-April
 - Concerns over holding combined team trials due to lack of significant races available domestically
 - Canada may join or combine their team selections with the US team trials and Olympic trials for 2020
- Fundraising Task Force
 - Nate, Rok and Adam will hold meetings to get the fundraising taskforce started
 - There are no guidelines currently about how the taskforce should be run
 - Tyger Vollrath has experience with fundraising and Nate recommends continuing to reach out to him
- Europe Training Camp Report
 - Training camp held recently was used as a “pre-World Cup tour” to spend time on the water where the competitions will be held and also give athletes the opportunity to compete between team trials and the World Cups
 - Athletes competed well at the competitions
 - Most athletes have stayed in Europe and are continuing to train there until the World Cups
- New Business
 - Questions about the budget and timing system for AGN were asked

ACA Slalom Committee Meeting



5 June 2018 / 9:06-10:21 PM Eastern Standard Time

Attendees

Slalom Committee Members: Adam Van Grack, Harriet Rollins, Silvan Poberaj, Rok Sribar, Rafal Smolen, Nate Lord, Brian Fike, Casey Eichfeld

ACA Invitees: Zuzana Montagne

Agenda

- ACA Code of Conduct/Safe Sport Update (incl. Spence Huff)
- Open Sub-Committee Positions -- Possible Member Appointments
- Fundraising Task Force Update
- 2019 Trials Dates -- March 30-31 / April 6-7 -- Potential Conflicts
- 2018 National Slalom Event Planning Update
- New Business

Notes on 3/5/18

- Updates about the ACA Code of Conduct and Safe Sport
 - Spencer Huff requested permission to race in ACA events in the US in extreme kayaking, but he is banned from all ACA sanctioned events during his probation.
 - The ACA, not the slalom committee, can decide where and when he can race.
- USACK Issues
 - Problems with assimilating USACK into the ACA, as well as access to USACK emails are arising.
 - There are fees and liabilities that need to be dealt with, but it is not clear exactly what they are.
 - USACK is being legally shut down
- Open Sub-Committee Positions -- Possible Member Appointments
 - Eric Lokken and Tren Long have expressed interest in joining sub-committees.
 - Eric Lokken expressed interest on being on the officials sub-committee, but there is concern there would not be enough work for having another committee member.
 - There is also concern about how few judges that are currently available working in the US.
 - There are mixed feelings from various committee members concerning the appointment of Eric Lokken to a sub-committee.
 - Brian Fike has offered to call Eric to invite him to the committee and be upfront about concerns.
 - The events committee has requested having more members.
 - If the person is a sanctioned club president, then they can be appointed to the committee at large.
 - The ACA is not currently helping out in athlete development.

- It was proposed each sanctioned club could have an appointed person on the subcommittee to be the club's representative.
 - There is a cap of 15 people on the slalom committee currently, and 5 open spots in total on the committee.
- Fundraising Task Force Update
 - The task force committee is being put together.
- 2019 Trials Dates -- March 30-31 / April 6-7 -- Potential Conflicts
 - There are conflicts with the Pan-American Championships and team trials.
 - It would be difficult to have team trials prior to the Pan-American Championships.
 - It was suggested combining junior/senior trials during the second week of April.
- 2018 National Slalom Event Planning Update
 - Tren Long perhaps wants more help from the ACA for planning and executing AGN.

ACA Slalom Committee Meeting



10 July 2018 / 3:03-4:02 PM Eastern Standard Time

Attendees

Slalom Committee Members: Brian Fike, Casey Eichfeld, Harriet Rollins, Karla Westcott, Adam Van Grack, Nate Lord
ACA Invitees: Zuzana Montagne, Morgan House

Agenda

- Date of 2019 team trials
- Update on fundraising taskforce
- Discussing OKC as a venue for competition
- Current situation for athletes and coaches in Europe and future action items

Notes on 3/5/18

- Date of 2019 team trials
 - Freestyle wants to put together their team trials and preventing crossover is important for multi-disciplinary athletes
 - Current possible dates include -
 - March 29-31
 - April 5-7
 - April 12-14
 - The most ICF officials and chief judges are available for April 12-14
 - The weekend of March 29th, or the weekend of April 12th may be the weekend of the Pan American qualifiers
 - The slalom committee will tell the freestyle committee that any of the three weekends stated are possible for slalom team trials
 - OKC is available for team trials in 2019
- Update on fundraising taskforce
 - The easiest way to raise funds is through cooperate sponsorships
 - Dave Kurtz is willing to match funds up to \$50,000 for slalom development
- Discussing OKC as a venue for competition
 - The idea of joint team trials for slalom and sprint in OKC was proposed
 - Holding multiple discipline team trials would increase exposure for all disciplines
- Current situation for athletes and coaches in Europe and future action items
 - Rafal is currently overworked and athletes are under-supported in Europe
 - Fundraising and development is necessary to help support athletes and coaches in upcoming years
 - Current action items being covered
 - Karla is setting up another meeting for the fundraising taskforce
 - Brian is in contact with Tren Long for organizing age group nationals
 - Inviting Eric Lokken to the committee to join the officials committee for the next meeting is proposed, and Tren Long has been proposed for the events committee

ACA Slalom Committee Meeting



2 October 2018 / 6:10-7:15 PM Eastern Standard Time

Attendees

Slalom Committee Members: Michal Smolen, Harriet Rollins, Adam Van Grack, Casey Eichfeld, Karla Westcott, Nate Lord
ACA Invitees: Rafal Smolen

Agenda

- Senior Nationals/AG Nationals
- 2019 Schedule/Races
- Judges/Training
- Funding/Fundraising

Notes on 10/2/18

- Senior Nationals/AG Nationals
 - The water is currently very high on the Potomac
 - Nationals could be held at the training camp if it is cancelled at Dickerson due to high water
 - Casey would prefer holding Nationals at OKC over the feeder canal
 - There would be logistical issues with holding Nationals at OKC because races may not be allowed there, and chief judges may not be available
 - Projections at that Nationals will be able to be held at Dickerson or feeder canal
 - National team athletes will be invited to a Thanksgiving training camp
- 2019 Schedule/Races
 - The Pan-American Championships may be held in Lima in April. They are not finalized at this point however
 - Various members of the committee have heard conflicting information about the dates of the Pan-American Championships
 - Team trials are scheduled for the last week of April in Oklahoma City, but cannot be finalized until more information about the Pan-American Championships are finalized
 - Canadians want to have joint team trials as of now
 - Rafal Smolen wants team trials to be no later than the end of April of next year
 - Rafal Smolen wants this to be finalized by the end of October because of deadlines set by the USOC for qualification criteria
- Judges/Training
 - Brian Fike will be training other judges during Nationals and has sent out information about judge training
- Funding/Fundraising
 - There is still little information from the ACA about what restrictions the slalom committee has in terms of fundraising, but it appears that large scale corporate partners are permissible
 - Nate is in the process of scheduling meetings with a contact that may be used in future fundraising
 - Adam Van Grack is also talking to various DC companies about fundraising

- Canoe Slalom Award
 - Nate Lord mentioned the existence of a canoe slalom award and proposed instigating it for this year and announcing it at the competition council meeting
 - It was asked whether it should be a national nomination process or through the slalom committee
 - It was decided that a national nomination process would be appropriate

ACA Slalom Committee Meeting



26 November 2018 / 8:35-10:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

Attendees

Slalom Committee Members: Brian Fike, Harriet Rollins, Adam Van Grack, Casey Eichfeld, Rok Sribar, Michal Smolen, Silvan Poberaj, Karla Westcott, Nate Lord

ACA Invitees: Rafal Smolen

Agenda

- Committee's role after Morgan House's resignation
- Competition calendar for 2019
- Olympic Selection Criteria
- ICF Slalom Official Renewal
- Spencer Huff suspension revocation
- Fundraising and the ACA

Notes on 11/26/18

- Committee's role after Morgan House's resignation
 - Rafal Smolen currently does not know whether the ACA is planning on hiring a replacement for Morgan House
- Competition calendar
 - The official competition calendar is due in January and
 - Team trials are set from April 12-14
 - The Pan-American Championships have been canceled in Lima and are now scheduled in Brazil, however the Canadians are going to protest having them in Brazil for a third year in the road
 - Combining Pan-American Championships with US Team Trials in Oklahoma has been offered as an idea
 - Two weeks between Team Trials and Pan-American Championships has been requested
 - Having the Pan-American Championships combined with US Team Trials may help with the judging issue, and sharing Team Trials with Canadians will also aid in having enough officials
- Olympic Selection Criteria
 - If Olympic selection procedures are not finalized by Team Trials 2019, then there could be issues with having World Cups count for Olympic selection
 - Measures should be taken to prevent ties between athletes. Using percentages would make a tie extremely unlikely
 - There was an issue in 2016 for K1W for Olympic Selections, but the challenge fell through. Having non-ambiguous rules about selection criteria will prevent protests
 - Comments on selection criteria should be forwarded to Brian Fike by Saturday, December 1st
- ICF Slalom Official Renewal

- Most ICF official judges from the United States are currently coming up for renewal
- There is a lack of participation of ICF judges actively participating in races
- The policies sent out by Brian Fike by email would ensure judges are participating in national level races
- Rok Sribar feels that there are too few national races to require people to do two national level races per ICF period
 - Officials will be required to work a national level race the year prior to going to judge internationally
 - Other committee members disagree and think the policy is reasonable
- Gaining more judges in the United States and encourage participation is important at this point due to the lack of judges currently
- Revisions to Brian's policies can be sent to him or the group for discussion at the next meeting
- Spencer Huff suspension revocation
 - Spencer is still listed as suspended on the ACA website, but he is no longer suspended, so measure should be taken to remove his name from that list
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- Fundraising and the ACA
 - There is frustration about the ambiguity of what the committee can do for advertising corporate sponsors
 -