



Athlete Development Committee Minutes from March 31, 2011 Held at the Yellowhead Museum, 400 Bonhomme St., Jasper AB

1. Call to Order at 5:45pm by Maureen Calder with the following coaches present: Jeremy Batchelor, Kevin Kwasny, Dave Stevenson, Leah Fink, Mike Trevor, Patty Breault, Brett McClelland, Chip Milner, Mike Richards, Marc Shymko, Jordie Ellen, Angus Sagan, Dustin Foreman, Jay Vaughan, Scott McKnight, Curtis Sinton, Mike Haid, Preston Smith, Mario Turcotte, Elisa Kurylowicz. Also present were AFSA Board members Al Ulsifer, Dan Bowman, Cam Jenkins.
2. Motion to approve the Agenda by Jer Batchelor, second by Mike Trevor. Carried.
3. Motion to approve the ADC Minutes of November 12, 2010 by Dave Stevenson, second by Jer Batchelor. Carried.
4. Maureen did a brief season review referring to the full range of events held this season and the most coaching courses offered and filled with Alberta coaches. Skier growth of over 30% this season and demand at the club comp level means we will need to focus there next year.
5. 2012 Alberta Winter Games discussion focused on altering the gender ratio for zone athletes to better reflect our overall participation numbers and to target Learn to Train and Train to Train club athletes. The consensus was to change the gender ratio to 6 male and 2 female athletes per zone. This gives an adequate field of 16 females competing and mirrors our participation levels at most competitions. The age groups we will use are M3 and F3 juvenile and M4 and F4 youth categories with a single younger year added to the youth group. Maureen will analyze the registration data from this season and allocate the new clubs Bow Valley and K-Squad to the smallest zone of eligible athletes to get a fair distribution. AWG freestyle moguls and slopestyle events will be at Tawatinaw Valley Feb 10 and 11 along with snowboarding. The host community is Spruce Grove/Stoney Plain. The qualifying mogul and slopestyle competition will need to be mid December.
6. The discussion regarding Can West Pass allocation for next season recognized the need to include our slopestyle athletes as well as halfpipe ranked athletes. In the past we took the top 10 male and top 4 female athletes on our mogul and halfpipe ranking lists. We will request passes for all our athletes with NorAm membership licenses and points as well as those placing high on our ranking lists. Current CWSAA rules make it difficult to obtain passes for coaches. However coaches, clubs and athletes would benefit financially

- if they were available for club coaches as they travel to competitions and train in western Canada. Only Elisa and Brett got passes this past season due to injured athletes not claiming their passes in October.
7. CFSA Super Coach program information was shared. The program will run from mid June to mid July in Whistler with an approximate cost of \$6000 less a Canada Post national sponsor bursary of \$1000. 3 Alberta candidates were interested and 1 withdrew at the end of the meeting. Maureen will request at the AFSA Board meeting an AFSA bursary to support our coaches who would benefit from this fast track training and mentoring opportunity.
 8. Discussion about coaching courses and needs for next season followed. We can quickly put on a Club Coach course in Jasper April 8-10 with Dustin Foreman facilitating if there is enough interest. Available gymnastics space for the Air 2 freestyle trampoline course that specializes in inverts is holding up that course but we will offer it this spring somewhere. TSM 1 & 2 are also proposed for April and may happen at Nakiska. The CFSA has announced a Comp Dev (level 3 moguls) course in Whistler right away. Our coaches need more advance notice to go there. Coaches asked what it takes to be able to qualify their athletes for inverts. LF's Jeremy and Chip said you still need the Level 2 Air with evaluated Qualifier status. Qualifying doubles is on a case by case individual approval and you should have film to submit to John Pomeroy at CFSA. You can qualify now on air bags. Chip explained he is working with CFSA to develop the new Air 3 module that will take the tramp skills to the water ramp and air bag, and then on snow for Air 4. We need to continue to focus on coach training to safely guide our athletes through the progressions they need to develop in our advancing tricks sport culture.
 9. Coaches debriefed the 2010-11 season and felt we need to return to a quota system for provincials to ensure appropriate skilled athletes are competing and that numbers are not too large to officially train safely. The quota system used in the past could be reinstated that had half of the spots seeded from the previous year Alberta ranking list using the ratio of field for males and females and the remainder half of spots divided among all the clubs and the Alberta team equally. We could also encourage a few athletes who had done well at club comps in the season to attend the AB Champs. This quota system will be finalized at the ADC meeting in the fall when the Selection Criteria is determined for 2011-12. Allocations of Alberta spots for Junior Nationals were last minute but fair for alternates. Maureen will take the following recommendations to the CFSA meetings at the end of the month: that hybrid air judging at the Canada Winter Games be changed; that the minimum age for CWG athletes be clarified; and that the quota for big air and slopestyle or halfpipe at Junior Nationals be increased from 60 to 80 athletes; while moguls/dual moguls quota may be reduced from 100 to allow for more training on the competition days at Juniors.
 10. The provincial mogul team program for 2011-2012 under head coach Elisa Kurylowicz is looking strong with renewed interest from athletes aspiring to make this team. Exposure to the AB team at AB Champs is good for all Alberta athletes. The details about the Whistler Mogul Development Academy for the NorAm level competitors from Alberta

and BC is not yet out. It may draw 3 of our top athletes. Our Alberta Mogul Team program invites will be out by the third week of April with a training camp scheduled in early May. The Park and Pipe team for next year may be structured similarly to this season with Brett McClelland's team at COP but striking a team from the top of our ranking list and supplementing coaching costs for this team more significantly. Much will depend on the pending announcement about halfpipe and slopestyle in the Sochi Olympics and whether a national team is formed by the CFSA that captures our elite halfpipe skiers. The program this past season was intended to fill the gap till the national team came about. The partnerships and coaching support was appreciated by athletes.

11. Round Table comments included mention to have inappropriate comments after events from parents to coaches or athletes be addressed with the parent's club coach to ensure professional conduct.
12. Meeting, pizza and beer adjourned at 7:45pm

Next ADC meeting will be in November 2011.