



**Athlete Development Committee Minutes Nov 13, 2011
Held at FYi Doctors, 1167 Kensington Cres. NW, Calgary**

1. Called to order at 7pm by Maureen Calder. Coaches present were: Leah Fink, Mike Trevor, Kevin Kwasny, Mike Haid, Chip Milner, Scott McKnight, Jay Vaughan, Curtis Sinton, Mario Turcotte, Jason Moseley, Dave Stevenson, Brett McClelland, Chris Ebberrn, Jordie Ellen, Nic Bazin, and Angus Sagan. Also present were Linda Hunter, Al Ulsifer, Mark Bunnah, George Urquhart, Paulo Kapronzai, and Cam Jenkins. Regrets: Elisa Kurylowicz and Donna Hateley.
2. Approval of the Agenda was moved by Jay, seconded by Mario, and carried.
3. Approval of the ADC Minutes of March 31, 2011 was moved by Brett, seconded by Dave, and carried.
4. 2012 Alberta Winter Games technical package and Qualifier information can be found at website albertagames.com. Choose AB Winter Games, then Sport Information, Freestyle Skiing, then the pdf. It is for athletes 11-15 years of age as of June 30, 2011. The Qualifier at Norquay, hosted by Bow Valley Freestyle on Dec 17-18 will have training on the Friday Dec.16 for the slopestyle and the mogul course. Invite will be out shortly. We need to have Best of 2 run format with short December days so athletes eligible to attend the qualifier must be in the same 11-15 years age group. We will also allow the host club athletes outside this age range. Athletes are to compete in both events: slopestyle on Saturday and moguls Sunday as they will at AWG. Deadline to register will be Dec 5. Coaches discussed how the 8 athletes representing each zone will be chosen. Consensus was to select the top three males and the top female in slopestyle, and the top three males and top female in moguls from each zone to become the six male and two females selected to go to the AWG in February. These participants and the 2 coaches plus 1 manager per zone will need to register individually online for AWG after the Qualifier. Maureen will contact those eligible before Christmas.
5. The coaches discussed the Proposed Quota for Provincial Series document which seeds half of the field of 80 from AB rankings and divides the remaining half of the field among registered AFSA clubs. High performance team athletes would be additional; it would be best of two runs. It was changed to include the Canadian Series and Canadian Open Tour events in the calculation for the Alberta Champs seeded spots. In the list of

athletes seeded for 2012 Provincials #1 and #2, it was clarified that Corbin Lefebvre should be COP, and an athlete who moves to another Alberta club this season to ski takes their spot with them, as in the example of Harry Willis now at COP. Some coaches felt too many spots were seeded. This method is similar to our past quota system but more clubs mean fewer spots for club allocation. We will review this in the spring. Moved by Dave, seconded by Kevin, to recommend this proposal for provincial series quotas for the 2011-12 season adding the Canadian Series level events up to March 4 for ranking for seeds at AB Champs. Motion carried.

6. Selection Criteria for 2011-12 will need to be revised to have the AWG section follow the 2012 technical package and the Provincial & Alberta Championships section to reflect the quotas and 2 run format. By consensus, coaches agreed to separate the three Alberta ranking lists for the distinct Mogul, Halfpipe, and Slopestyle/Big Air disciplines. The Halfpipe ranking will no longer include a slopestyle or big air score option. We reviewed the competition weighting for mogul events and suggested that the Canadian Selections event with the national team present should be increased to 90%. This recommendation shall be confirmed with Mogul Head Coach Elisa Kurylowicz. For the weighting of Halfpipe and Slopestyle/Big Air events, it was recommended that the North Face events and NorAms be given 80/85% weighting; that the Youth Olympics rank 80% as the Canada Winter Games do, and that Canadian Series which are 75/80% now be renamed Canadian Open Tour and include Canadian Shield slopestyle events. For the Junior Nationals March 15-18, 2012 in Quebec, Alberta has 18 slopestyle/big air spots and 21 mogul/dual mogul spots which is testimony to our increased athlete numbers and strong medal performance at Junior Nationals last year. The cut-off date for determining the athletes going to Juniors will be March 4, 2012 to include the Canadian Series event at Castle Mountain. The final discussion was to consider what should be provincial team selection criteria minimum skills for halfpipe and potential slopestyle teams. For the pipe team it was felt we should add left and right side tricks; similarly for slopestyle plus add a rail with 270 on and 270 off. In slopestyle they should also be able to execute a switch 7 where they take off and land in switch position. Maureen will draft this and share with coaches Brett McClelland, Marc Shymko and Chip Milner for input before the Selection Criteria is posted on the website.
7. Rules coming out in the new ARQ manual may include new age levels allowing invert jumps, and clarifying where doubles can be performed in Canada. FIS Rules are not yet posted either. We are waiting for word from Bruce Robinson at the CFSA. We discussed how DNF (did not finish) might be applied at our events if an athlete fell and lost a ski. Coaches did not want to encourage athletes to attempt to finish the course on one ski for safety reasons. Rather than scoring to that point they support the DNF in moguls. New rules for slopestyle and the halfpipe reflect the AFP where the max score is 40 out of 100 if an athlete crashes and the max depends how far down the run they are when the crash occurs. Half way through the pipe, the max score is 20. We are still requesting the national selection criteria for Junior World Championships in Italy and for national pipe and slopestyle teams to guide events for our athletes to attend.

8. Coaching Courses are on for November and December. There were only 5 participants in Air 1 and no one for Air 2 Nov 11-12 which is particularly difficult trampoline gym space to book. It will take three or four courses in the new Air pathway to get certification to open air sites for all inverts, so coaches are encouraged to take Air 1 and Air 2 when they can. We will conduct a TSM 2 course during the week in the new year but also try to accommodate those coaches attending university. There are still coach questions about invert and double qualifications that may be answered more clearly following the MLF/LF Air 3and4 training and pilot at Apex at the end of November. Chip Milner, Nic Bazin, Dave Stevenson and Patty Breault will attend.
9. CFSA changes include Katherina Kubenk leaving, and Julie Steggall stepping into coaching development at all levels along with coaching database management. Her email is juliesteggall@freestyleski.com. Maureen reviewed coaching membership registration is through Sporting DNA now and so prior logins and passwords from Karelo will not work. If you enrolled early in the summer during the transition be sure you have made your credit card membership payment in the fall as some memberships have been suspended lately for lack of payment. Coaches are encouraged to use the Jumps and Bumps and Freestylerz resources (stickers, goal books, etc.) in their programs this year.
10. Other Business
 - Mountain Culture skis have been donated for some prizes at provincials. Thanks Jay Vaughan.
 - Mike Haid's doing his flashy knee patches for mogul skiers.
 - Bow Valley will add a March competition to the K-Squad Series for entry level athletes. It has simplified judging and accommodates more athletes easily.
11. Coach concern noted was that water ramp qualifiers like Kevin Kwasny like to see the athletes' coach come out a couple times to the ramp in the summer to observe their athletes. The qualifier assumes the risk of signing off on many athletes' jumps confidently and then other coaches take them on snow. Our new aerial pathway for coach training is one way to improve standards and safety for our athletes. Brett requested that the spring ADC occur after the WSI event to include the pipe and slope athletes season fully.
12. Adjournment moved by Kevin and Leah at 9:35pm.

Next ADC meeting will be in April 2012.