



## **AFSA Board Meeting Minutes for Thursday March 31, 2011 Yellowhead Museum, Jasper AB**

1. Call to Order at 7:45 pm by Chair Al Ulsifer. Present were: Treasurer Neil Orr, Patrick Breault (COP), Dan Bowman (Director at Large), Bob German (SAFSC), Linda Hunter (Vice Chair), Cam Jenkins (Jasper Freeride), Doug Lefebvre (Northern Extreme), Harold Hendrickson (Calgary Freeriderz), Rhonda Oczkowski (Castle Mtn.), Mark Bunnah (for Head Judge Donna Hateley), Mario Turcotte (Bow Valley Freestyle), and Maureen Calder. Regrets were sent from Dan Jefferies (CAFSC), Liz Soper (Director at Large) and Jim Francis (CFSA rep).
2. Bob German moved and Dan Bowman seconded approval of the agenda. Carried.
3. Rhonda Oczkowski moved and Patrick Breault seconded approval of the circulated Minutes of Jan 11, 2011. Carried.
4. Treasurer's Report – Neil reviewed the financial statement revenue and expenses to date. The December 23-24, 2010 casino revenue was \$66,000. Our membership revenue is up with the increase in skiers. NorAm proceeds are expected to be around \$10,000. No major issues. We are finishing the year in good shape. Moved by Dan and seconded by Harold to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.
5. Chair's Report – Al has reviewed our Strategic Plan and we have accomplished many of the targets. It needs to be updated and he will attempt that draft and bring it back to the board. The budget will be presented at the next Board meeting. Plans for our Alberta mogul team are being made. The Can West team concept with BC has ended. There still is no word about the Whistler Mogul Academy program which could impact our team numbers. Coach Elisa has done well with our team and Alberta was strong at Senior Nationals. On the park and pipe side we tried a unique plan for this transition year with coaching allowances for our elite skiers and support for Brett's COP Team. It worked well and we will likely do something similar partnering with COP next season. We are waiting on the Olympic announcements and a new CFSA national team to know which athletes we would be developing in Alberta. At the ADC meeting earlier, the coaches requested that we go back to using provincial competition quotas next season. We can set up a quota for 75-80 competitors where half the field is from the rankings and the rest are spots allocated to each club. The suggestion was to add any Alberta team members beyond that quota number when they compete at provincials. This would allow us to

return to two run mogul events and ensure those attending are ready for the provincial level of competition. There was consensus in the room that this could be in place for next season's provincial competitions. Details would be confirmed at November ADC and Board meetings. The next board meeting was set as a conference call on Tuesday evening May 24<sup>th</sup>; and the AGM date selected was Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 11- 4 which includes a Board of Directors meeting.

6. The World Cup /NorAm report was given by Linda Hunter. We were better the second time hosting the World Cup. Our recruitment of 140 vollies astounds the CFSA. There was much positive feedback from sponsors, athletes, coaches, FIS, and volunteers. Concern would be burnout for course workers and the organizing committee especially with the NorAm held immediately after. Linda's recommendation, like Maureen's, would be that we not host a mogul and aerials NorAm next season. We will be hosting the World Cup again the final weekend in January 2012. We are trying to match and mentor new persons for organizing committee roles.
7. Executive Director's Report – Maureen had sent out a written report that is attached. She went over the NorAm Moguls/ Aerials financial summary showing revenue of \$45,392 and expenses to date at \$34,661. For the 2012 Alberta Winter Games, the coaches at ADC supported changing the gender ratio to 6 male and 2 female athletes per zone and focusing on the Learn-to-Train and Train-to-Train M3/F3 Juvenile and M4/F4 Youth age categories. The CFSA Super Coach program to fast track coach training at Whistler this summer was discussed. Did we have candidates AFSA might support? Southern Alberta Freestyle submitted Curtis Sinton; Jasper Freeride endorsed Angus Sagan. Both were described by their clubs as dedicated coach candidates. Moved by Neil Orr and seconded by Dan Bowman that AFSA provide a \$2000 bursary each for Alberta Super Coach candidates Curtis Sinton and Angus Sagan. Motion carried.
8. Round Table Reports
  - Patty Breault reported there were 170 freestyle skiing members in their programs at COP including Brett McClelland and Chip Milner's teams. They are talking about partnering with Southern to operate an airbag this summer with the former water ramp remodeled for airbag use.
  - Dan Bowman reported that WinSport's new CEO is all about improving training facilities for elite athletes. Would clubs utilize earlier December open training in the halfpipe? Response was positive.
  - Bob German said Sunshine has re-established its hill leadership and relations are very positive. Southern Alberta Club expects growth in numbers again next year based on the enquiries now. They will be seeking more coaches.
  - Cam Jenkins saw a growth in girls and Marmot is happy to host Jenn Heil's Girls Camp next weekend. Hosting Junior Nationals was a big undertaking. There were leadership and drama issues with CFSA support lacking and poor policy guidelines for host committees. It was a financial success because of the local Decore hotel and Subway sponsorships that helped offset high judging costs.

Jasper believes that we need more trained Alberta officials to put on good events at the provincial and national level, without the few who do becoming weary.

- Doug Lefebvre reported a good year at Northern Extreme with a new head coach Dustin Foreman. Their numbers increased slightly to 45. They held a successful club comp that included a halfpipe event. Now they are advertising for a water ramp operator for the summer.
- Harold Hendrickson said Calgary Freeriderz had 20 athletes and 4 coaches training at COP and Lake Louise with good support from Louise. Success at the Canadian Series Halfpipe and Slopestyle event at COP inspired their athletes early in the season. Their athletes are leaning toward slopestyle; just 3 are in moguls at AB Champs. The experience is engaging parents to be involved at the provincial level, and volunteering at events.
- Rhonda Oczkowski reported that Castle Mountain has had great snow this year. They will revamp the mogul site jumps to the new specs. Their skiers are interested in water ramp opportunities this summer. The Castle Mountain ski hill relationship continues to be very positive.
- Bow Valley Club trained very hard to make a good impression at Norquay and they did. Mario Turcotte hopes the club will grow to 20 next year. The athletes had a good season with improved skiing evident. Parents took a regional judging clinic to learn more about freestyle.
- Fernie had a good season and a real boost in numbers. Expect that more will be competing next year.

9. Adjournment moved by Dan at 10:15pm when the beer was done.