

CENTRAL R1 BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2026

Video Conference

Board Members Present: Caryn Jones, Savannah Nelson, Jimmy Beltz, Scott Burns, Tony Olin, Jason Ward, Sean Nolan, Mark Halvorson, Jessica Scherer, Pete Jones Jr., Torey Greenwood, Gunnar Nelson, Trevor Davis, Jon Totushek. Board Members Absent: Ian Taylor, Nick Clingman, Corey Danelski, Pete Jones, Kutter Moum, Brent Moum, Teagan Tessier, Caden Burns, Grace Torgeson. Guests present: Chuck Robb, Patrick Mich, Ryan Fuller, Skip Wipson, Darlene Nolting, Robin Stinnett, Bill Titler, Scott Skavanger

Meeting called to order by President, S. Nelson, at 7:05pm.

Chairman Report: Savannah Nelson - Pres

- Welcome to everyone including our new members
- Had the CR1 awards last Sunday
 - Had a great turn out and everyone really enjoyed themselves
 - Want to create more awards next year
- Affirming the vote in of Tony Olin as Coaches Chair and placement of Nelson Carlson for the High School Rep

M/S/P Scherer/Davis Approval of Minutes with correction of date from May 5, 2026 Meetings

Administrator Report: Caryn Jones

- Just deposited the last of the incoming cash
- I will send a check to Team Duluth for the FIS Mid Am
 - This amount is significantly smaller than 3 seasons ago \$5000 vs \$14000

Equipment Report: Torey Greenwood

- Trailer
 - Being brought to the Team Gilboa office and then Torey, Odin and Oliver will go through it.

Treasurer Report: Gunnar Nelson

- We meet with Caryn to get access to the accounts in July

FIS Report: Nick Clingman

- No Report

Scored U21, 18, 16 Report: Jessica Scherer

- No Report

Non-Scored U14, 12, 10, 8 Report: Jon Totushek

- U12 and younger use of stubby gates – Scott Skavanger

- Has done some research from around the country
 - mixed results in use for U12s
 - Most places running U8-U10 YSL with stubbies
 - Tony has some issues with the ski sticking to the rubber gates with they straddle
 - Skully did a pros and cons list
 - Pro
 - Less intimidating for athletes
 - Easier for athletes to be square
 - Comprehension of turn shape
 - Lower leg engagement
 - Con
 - Harder to see DQs
 - Harder to manage equipment
- Could we use Dec scrimmage as a test event?
- How do we help kids see the stubbies as a real gate and not a “baby gate”
- Maybe we can use Kombi to help integrate it into the system
 - Make sure to make part of Planet Cup
 - Use the clubs and our new social platforms to share the education
- To do a U8-U10, would be hard to staff and have athlete numbers

Coaches Report: Tony Olin

- Fitness test – possibly Sept 13 or 14
- Congress / Rocky-Central meetings
 - U16 JCs
 - R/C decided that all U16 athletes will be invited to attend with time trials and race days
 - Passed unanimously (first time ever for R/C)
 - Time trials will determine which tier the athlete races in, but all will race
 - Central is discussing having a quota since Rocky has less athletes
 - Gives Hosking another layer of need
 - Hosking attendance would be a requirement
 - Jessica and Scott – Creating pathways to certainty is really important, allowing parents to plan makes our sport easier and cheaper

Athlete Report: Sean Nolan

- Village Pictures update
 - Summer content series
 - Athlete spotlight
 - Teams submit boy and girl, younger and older

- Only BKH and DUL have turned in athletes
 - Whatever they do in the summer
- Isaiah is helping with fitness test videos
 - Will also be doing practice tests late summer
- Volunteer Certification series
 - How, what, where for each position
- Story telling session midsummer to plan for what we are doing next winter
- If interested, contact Savannah or Sean

Training Coordinator (Officials) Report: Nick Clingman

- Spring testing
 - 30/32 passed
 - Marci will be contacting everyone with their test scores and will have discussions with the 2 that didn't pass so they can be ready in the fall

High School Report: Nelson Carlson

- State Schedule – bumped up a week
 - Feb 2 – Section 5, 6, 7
 - Feb 3 – Section 4
 - Feb 9 – State Champs
- Nationals possibly in Central (Lutsen, Snow River, Granite Peak, Giants Ridge)

Staff Reports: Nolting / Mich

- Lutsen Spring Series – tradition dates would make is Easter weekend so working on alternate dates
- Working on FIS calendar
 - Worked backwards from Chuck Stone on Dec 23 to get to the date
 - Trying to have 3 GS and 2 SL because of the new 3 results rule that passed at the FIS level
- Additional CR1 FIS races to add to the Central FIS Sched
- National and regional FIS calendars will be finalized soon
- WhatsApp will be used for communication with the whole Division
- Nationals possibly in Central (Lutsen, Snow River, Granite Peak, Giants Ridge)

Old Business

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New Business

- Scheduling Committee
 - Starting in July
- Leadership Summit – Aug 15-16 at Brule
 - Golf and other activities as well as planning for the season
 - U16/U14 JC Prep Camp
 - Trying to get on U16 JC and Nationals or U14 JC venues

- CR1 will help fund clubs to attend
- Bill Titler Registration software
 - \$1.50 plus CC fees
 - Refunding would be more sophisticated
 - Families can sign up without cost because it would hold the cc until the week of the race
 - Questions about restrictions on using something other than SkiReg
 - Outside is a USSS sponsor but we don't need to worry about that because others use other registrations systems
 - Safe Sport checks – not a big deal because I have to check manually everyday
 - Back ground checks
 - API

Selection Future Meeting dates

- Next Region 1 BOD Meeting – virtual at 7:00pm
 - July 8th, 2026
- Scheduling Committee – July 15th – virtual at 7:30pm
- In-Person planning session July 12th – 1:00-4:00pm with dinner

M/S/P Olin/Davis To Adjourn at 8:45pm