

CENTRAL R1 BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2026

Video Conference

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

Meeting called to order by President, S. Nelson, at 7:03 pm.

Chairman Report: Savannah Nelson - Pres

- Will start working with Bill on a credit system for volunteers

M/S/P S Burns/G Nelson Approval of Minutes with correction of date from August 5, 2026

Meetings

Administrator Report: Caryn Jones

- Once we approve the schedule, sanction agreements will be worked on and sent out.

Equipment Report: Torey Greenwood

- Trailer
 - Looking for anything that is missing like cheese wedges
- GS Panels are getting old and have an old sponsor on them so we should replace
 - Should we find a sponsor again for new ones?
 - Company sponsor vs “buy a panel” social media program
 - Each side or all red and all blue
- Sponsorship in general
 - Do we want to go outside USSS to other companies
 - Will need a formal presentation to go outside
 - Going to parent companies is hard because they are already spending lots of money
 - Will talk with Village Pictures about posting things about this
 - Caryn will send out the sponsorship levels
 - Master’s has a sponsorship person on their board. Savannah will talk more with Ryan

Treasurer Report: Gunnar Nelson

- Got everything from Caryn so he is in the accounts now

FIS Report: Nick Clingman

- No Report

Scored U21, 18, 16 Report: Jessica Scherer

- Should be starting to work on COR soon

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

- Spirit confirmed dates for CR1 Champs in March
- Do we need more metals for this season?
 - Savannah has some at her house and some are in the trailer that Torey will inventory and then talk to Bill about numbers
- Will start working on CORs

Coaches Report: Tony Olin

- Leadership Summit recap
 - 22 or 23 attendees from all CRs
 - Major discussion was around U16 JCs
 - Discussed retention at all levels but recognize that U14-U16 are critical timeframe
 - Went back and forth on quota vs open to anyone
 - Consensus on Saturday was to have a quota of 75 or so
 - Issues: RMD is open to everyone so it becomes really hard to explain to parents why we have a quota
 - Solution: have participation requirement to be eligible instead of quota out of Hosking: Hosking + 3-5 Central or CR events. This was presented on Sunday and most liked it so a formal proposal has been put together by Pete and Patrick
 - Positive piece: If all the kids are into the JCs, it takes the pressure off the Hosking so it becomes a true Divisional Championship and kids try to ski fast.
 - Next year will be at Ski Brulle August 2027
- How CR1 defines their "Events"
 - Put the wording as 6 starts instead of 3 events because of the weekends that we have gender days with 2 races a day and not races on Sat and Sun
 - Projects could be worth 2 starts
- CASC Proposals
 - U16 JC from above
 - Figure out what was tabled from past CASC meetings
 - Finance proposal from the Spring needs to be sent to the Finance Committee
 - Healthy pace plan in place with money to support it
 - Increase the quality of a race weekend

- Cost effective alternative to going to the East or RMD
- Pace isn't just about creating a lower penalty, it is also about having our athletes participate with higher level athletes

Athlete Report: Sean Nolan

- Village Pictures update
- SQ Fitness coming up in 2 weeks
 - Tee shirts a possibility
 - Social media series leading up to event
 - Need to know times that athletes show up
 - Want more information to share with families
 - Liam Burns, the new Afton Athlete Rep, said hello

Training Coordinator (Officials) Report: Nick Clingman

- AO Clinic Buck Hill October 31 and November 1
 - Trevor, Chuck, and Caryn will do pre-study groups again

High School Report: Nelson Carlson

- Wants HS programing within clubs so he can share with the HS Teams
- HS Nationals – not going to be at Lutsen because March is too busy and they can't dedicate a person that solely deals with the race and they wouldn't guarantee grooming that we needed.
 - Pete suggested to Nathan Springer to split venues between Spirit GS and MDL SL

Staff Reports: Nolting / Mich

- No Report

Old Business

- Still need to connect with Dar on Coaches Clinics
- U12 and under by club when running without U14
 - TRS by Clubs, no 2nd run inspection

New Business

- Coach Volunteer mentorship program
- Speed opportunities
- BOD headshots
- Approval of 2026-2027 Schedule

M/S/P P Jones/S Burns To approve the schedule as published

Selection Future Meeting dates

- Next Region 1 BOD Meeting – virtual at 7:00pm
 - October 7th, 2026
 - CASC Proposal meeting – September 9th, 2026, virtual at 7:30pm

M/S/P Olin/ P Jones To Adjourn at 9:06pm