



**May 6, 2026**

## **AOAC Meeting Minutes**

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**In attendance:** Geneviève Fortin-Robinson, Bob Real, Thomas Trusler, Tori Johnston, Shawn Banfield, Joey Lavigne, Tim Buchanan, Observer – Victoria Fenninger (SX Committee)

**Absent:** Shawn Banfield, Nick Bubela

## **Action Items**

- [ ] Tori to create the rough draft of the 2027 season calendar

## **Outline**

### **Meeting Kickoff and Agenda Overview**

- Tori outlines the agenda; Division updates, CWG/Midwinter selection, Rotation schedule, Coaches survey results, Other business.

### **Division Updates**

- SOD
  - Spring debrief April 24th
- NOD
  - Spring planning
- LSDA
  - Spring planning

### **Canada Winter Games / Midwinters**

- Midwinters

- Victoria spoke on the integration of Ski Cross into the week. Whether we do one day of training or 2 before the race day. Likely Beaver Valley that would be the host. Snow dependent the committee has already put a back-up plan together to still run a race for qualifiers
- Jan 22 week Beaver Valley doesn't have timers available but can pivot to heat based qualifiers rather than timed.
- Canada Winter Games
  - Selection criteria
  - 3 options presented. The option that was voted on and will be used is:
    - Race Winner
    - Best 3 of 4 race results
  - Reduced number of quota spots for the event compared to finals

## Rotation Schedule (U16)

- Since there is no Easterns in 2027 due to Canada Winter Games the rotation schedule will be altered.
- Adding a Mid-Winter Series.
- Rotation Schedule for U16:
  - Mid-Winter host – SOD
  - Finals host – NOD
- Easterns replacement options to be looked at
- Look at finals as the Whistler qualifier

## Survey Results

- Overall, a satisfactory year
- Still not a strong understanding of the start lists
- Biggest comments
- U14
  - Qualifying criteria from finals
    - No single runs, take out dual as a qualifier
  - Conflicting statements still – too many races, not enough races
  - Cost benefit of Can-Ams
  - Remove the Alpine SG
- U16
  - Qualifying for Whistler from Finals and not Easterns
  - Drop to one team for Whistler
  - Smaller quota for finals

## Other Business

- Number of races for next year
  - o U14
    - 3 SL, 3 GS, 1 SG
    - Look at adding a ski cross
    - Finals
  - o U16
    - 3 SL, 3 GS, 1 SG (2 races)
    - Midwinters
    - Finals
- Conversations around the new High School absentee rule
  - o Reached out to Ministry for answers
  - o Waiting on clarity
  - o How is it any different than for ex. OHL players missing school for games and training if it is a PSO and sanctioned activity
  - o Some schools (OLB) have programs set up for this, may depend on the schools.
- Spring Coaches Meeting Friday May 8 at Snow Valley

## **Next Steps and Meeting Schedule**

- Rough draft of schedule
- Tori to send out invite
- Next Meeting June 3 at 8am

**-Meeting adjourned-**