

2010 AWSA Summer Board of Directors Meeting
Waters Edge, Wilmington, IL
August 7, 2010
2:00 pm

- 1) **Opening and Call to Order:** Chairman of the Board Doug Robbins called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.
 - a. Doug thanks the Surdejs for the opportunity to hold the board meeting at their home and we are looking forward to a great event this week.

- 2) **Introduction/Roll Call:** President Gene Davis (S – outgoing EVP), Chairman of Board Doug Robbins (E), Secretary Kate Knafla (MW), Carey Zimlich (S - Treasurer) Jim Grew (S – Executive Comm., Coaches), Pat Byrne (E-EVP), Hutch Haines (E), Jon Thatcher (E), Jeff Surdej (MW-EVP), Dean Chappell (MW), Tom Danford (MW), Jeff Smith (MW), Bob Archambeau (S – incoming EVP), Chris Eller (S), Lyman Hardy (S), Leon Larson (S – alternate ND), Bob Mayhew (SC – EVP, ProAm Taskforce), Jerry Bautsch (SC), Gordon Hall (SC – incoming ND), Ron Ives (SC – outgoing director/alternate ND), Barry Young (W – EVP), Mike Hayes (W – alternate ND), Tad Scharf (W), George Lindy (MW – Towboat), Don Bucher (MW – Grassroots), Jeff Clark (S – Bylaws, WSTIMS Windows Taskforce, HND), Jim Babcock (MW – Safety), Hank Longo (S – Announcers), Erik Kosney (- Skiers Qualifications), Janet Piercy (MW–HND)

- 3) **Appointment of Parliamentarian/Agenda Review** – Jeff Clark is appointed Parliamentarian by Doug Robbins (COB).

Action Report #1 – Pat Byrne motioned to allow non-board members to sit in on the meeting, seconded by Jon Thatcher. Motion carried.

Action Report #2 – Pat Byrne motioned to accept all recommendations presented to the AWSA BOD in committee reports as motions with an automatic second. Seconded by Jon Thatcher. Motion carried.

- 4) **Announcement of Quorum** – There was a quorum of 19 by 2:20 pm.

- 5) **Review and Approval of January 2009 Board Meeting Minutes**

Action Report #3 – Tom Danford motioned to approve the Winter BOD minutes, seconded by Leon Larson. Motion carried.

Action Report #4 – Tad Scharpf motions to ratify the 2010 AWSA BOD electronic ballot report requesting Mary Gail Holcombe be granted emeritus status, seconded by Tom Danford. Motion Carried.

- 6) **Nominating Committee – (Barry Young)**

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- a. Doug Robbins thanks the outgoing directors, Gene Davis, Ron Ives and TC Boice. Certificates of appreciation are presented to the outgoing directors.
- b. It was clarified that Carey Zimlich is AWSA Treasurer and Tom Danford assists as the AWSA bookkeeper.
- c. The incumbents for the officers have agreed to run for another term. Doug Robbins asks for any nominations from the floor.

Action Report #5 – Tom Danford motions that nominations be closed, seconded by Pat Byrne. Motion Carried. AWSA officers are re-elected.

- d. New directors join the Board Meeting.

7) Presidents' Report (Gene Davis)

- a. 2 Task Forces have been formed since the winter meeting.
 - i) Windows Based Scoring Program – Chaired by Jeff Clark. A report will be given later in the meeting.
 - ii) Team Fundraising – Chaired by Carey Zimlich. This Task Force is to raise fund for all of our teams that represent us at National and International events. Steve Rayburn and Roger Boskus have some unique ideas in raising money. Letters will be sent out to specific people asking for donations. All USA-WS members have the opportunity to donate to the teams when they renew their membership.
- b. Jeffry Armstrong has requested that AWSA form a Women in Sports Committee similar to what IWWF has formed. It was discussed that a Task Force should be formed initially where it can be reappointed each year, since a standing committee is permanent and needs its own set of bylaws/policy and procedures. Gene will form a task force and recruit a chair person this week while at Nationals. There will be a representative from each region on the Task Force. The goal of this Task Force is to promote women in sports.
- c. Gene Davis requested all committee chairs create a policy and procedures manual for their committee.

8) USA-WS Executive Director's Report – (Bob Crowley/Jim Grew) – Review written report.

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- a. Bob will be here Thursday evening for the Junior Awards Banquet and the General Membership meeting. He has been working at headquarters full time for the last month. He is formulating a strategy for Membership development and Sponsorship development. He is working with Dave Clark on the Affinity Program and Brandi Hunt on the Grass Roots Series. He feels that there needs to be something below the Grass Roots Series for example a “Skier Awareness Program”.
- b. Value of a USA-WS membership – USA-WS does have a well written explanation of what the value of a membership is and it is located on the website, but we should have the clubs formulate a written explanation of the value of a club membership.
- c. www.wakescout.com – is a website that lists clubs, dealers and ski schools around the world. It is a resource to find places to ski and dealers for equipment. It is a new website and there is a link on USA-WS website. At this time there is no fee to list your club, dealer, or ski school on the site.

9) **Treasurer’s Report – Carey Zimlich**
Action Report #6 – Leon Larson motions to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Tad Scharpf. Motion carried.

10) **Executive Committee Report – Gene Davis**

- a. **National Championships** – There are 750 entries. There will be dinner at 6:30 for the officials and the board of directors and families. A number of the officials have opted to stay onsite instead of in hotels which has helped Waters Edge financially.
- b. **2011** – Waters Edge intends to host the 2011 Nationals. Waters Edge will notify Headquarters in September of their final decision.
- c. Jeff Surdej questions why USA-WS gets so much money from the LOC of Nationals. Gene explains USA-WS is the sanctioning body of the sport and that it is a question that should be asked of the USA-WS executive committee.
- d. **2012 and beyond** – With Waters Edge hosting this year and it turns out to be profitable, other 2 lake sites may consider hosting Nationals in the future.

11) **Athletic Advisory Council Report (Brandi Hunt): No written report**

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12) Committee Reports

- a) Awards (Sherm Shraft): Review written report**
- b) Bylaws (Jeff Clark): Review written report**
- c) International Activities (Sherm Shraft/Jeff Smith): Review written report**

Action Report #7 – Jeff Smith has motioned to approve Mike Meek as coach and Frank Harrison as manager for the 2011 PanAm Games, seconded by Tom Danford. Motion carried.

- i.** Jeff mentions that periodically the committee hears complaints that the IAC promotes the interest of the committee members. Jeff's response is that the committee would love to have more volunteers step forward.

d) Judges & Scorers (Gene Davis): Review written report.

Action Report #8 – Committee motions to approved Brenda Hargis as Senior Scorer Emeritus, automatic second. Motion carried.

Action Report #9 – Pat Byrne motions to approve Regis Mahoney for Senior Judge Emeritus, seconded by Jeff Smith. Motion carried.

e) Rules (Scott Snape): No written report/No action items

- i.** Turn and Burn format – Joe Darwin is collecting data regarding this format and an update will be given at the winter meeting.
- ii.** Division classifications at Nationals – As of April 1, 2010 IWWF will not accept rankings from a Class E tournament. All performances must be in a Class L or R. Currently we have skiers in Women 6 and below and M7 and below and Girls/Boys 1 & 2 that need that Class L tournament to get on the IWWF ranking list to ski international events.

Action Item #10 – Dean Chappell motions to have divisions W6 and below, M7 and below and Boys/Girls trick/jump, Boys 3 slalom be classified as Class L for this Nationals, W7 and above, M8 and above and Girls/Boys 1, 2 slalom be classified as Class E, seconded by Bob Archambeau. Motion withdrawn by Dean Chappell. Referring back to Rules for inclusion in next years rules.

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f) Technical (Jerry Jackson): Review written report

- i. Rule 8.04 Youth towlines – this will be referred back to the Technical Committee and ask them to get the necessary equipment to assess
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how much pull the youth towlines can withstand at the Boys 2/Girls 2 level.

g) Coaches Advisory (Jim Grew): Review written report

- i. Effective this year background screening will be performed on all team staff members.

h) Junior Development (Charlene Brown): Review written report

i) Safety (Jim Babcock): Review written report

j) Seeding (Laura Johnson): No written report

k) Skiers Qualifications (Erik Kosney): No written report

l) Boat Drivers (Jerry Bautsch): No written report

m) Towboat (George Lindy): Review written report

- i. There are concerns about using a non-promotional boats at a USA-WS sanctioned event. If the boat owner does not have the Global Insurance coverage and/or don't list USA-WS as an additional insured on the policy then that boat owner and the LOC are at risk.

n) Cable (Sherm Schraft): Review written report

o) Grassroots (Brandi Hunt/Don Bucher): Review written report

- i. The Grassroots Nationals will be a 2 round tournament held on September 18, 2010. September 17 will be practice day and September 19 will be Ski with the Pros. Looking to have 30-40 skiers. Need to have help from the regions to get skiers entered.
- ii. Brandi wants to get the Grassroots ranking system up and running. She will accept scores on paper and they can be entered by hand.

p) Announcers (Hank Longo): No written report

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- i. The Announcers Manual is complete and available online.

q) Pro/Amateur Task Force (Bob Mayhew): Review written report

- i. The report in the packet is outdated. Currently looking at if an elite skier who is qualified in an event will have the option to move up to the elite division. If s/he exercises that option, they will stay in that elite division until their performance qualification no longer keeps them in that elite division and they have to drop back to their age division 12 months after that. Basically if the skier exercises the option, the skier stays there until they are no longer qualified.
- ii. Skiers who ski international events or try out for international teams are automatically classified as elite skiers. Further review required.

r) Windows Scoring Taskforce (Jeff Clark): Review written report

- i. Concern for future support of DOS based WSTIMS was expressed. Windows WSTIMS has been in beta test mode the past several months. Task Force will know in January if the Windows WSTIMS is ready for implementation in 2011.

13) Regional Recommendations

a) East

- i. *Recommendation to the Towboat Committee:* Continue to explore ways to address the shortage of Promotional Boats. Specifically, consider granting towboat credit to the towboat manufacturers only when a Promotional Towboat is used in a Sanctioned Tournament. Under this recommendation, Promotional Towboat credit would NOT be granted when a Towboat was used that is NOT a Promo Towboat.
- ii. *Recommendation for the Rules Committee:* Review what appears to be an improper interpretation in the scoring of Overall Results. Presently, the first time a skier skis, that result is considered Round 1. So, for example, if conditions are not favorable on the first day of a two day tournament, a skier can opt to NOT ski on the first day of the tournament in the first round. If skiing conditions are more favorable on the second day and the skier chooses to ski on that day in Round 2, those results are included in Round 1 for

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b) Midwest

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- ii. *Recommendation to Drivers Committee and Judges and Scorers Committee:* Update the regular and senior tests for drivers, judges and scorers.

c) South

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d) South Central

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e) West

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14) Any Other Business

- a. Bob Mayhew suggests that the BOD meeting at next years Nationals be held on Wednesday night if Nationals are held at Waters Edge. This will be tabled until the winter meeting.
- b. The General Membership meeting is on Thursday at 8:30 at Inwood Athletic Club.

15) Action Report #11 - Lyman Hardy motions to adjourn at 4:34 pm, seconded by Dean Chappell. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted;
Kate Knafla, AWSA Secretary

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Summary of Action Items Sent to Committee

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	Motion	Seconded	A/O/AB	P/F
1 Allow Non Board Members to sit in on Meeting	P. Byrne	J. Thatcher	A	P
2 All Committee reports have an automatic second	P. Byrne	J. Thatcher	A	P
3 Approve Summer BOD minutes	T. Danford	L. Larson	A	P
4 Ratify 2010 Electronic Ballot	T. Scharpf	T. Danford	A	P
5 Close nominations for AWSA Officers	T. Danford	P. Byrne	A	P
6 Accept Treasurer's Report	L. Larson	T. Scharpf	A	P
7 Approve M. Meek-coach/Frank Harrison-manager for 2011 PanAm Games	J. Smith	T. Danford	A	P
8 Brenda Hargis Senior Scorer Emeritus	Committee	Automatic	A	P
9 Regis Mahoney Senior Judge Emeritus	P. Byrne	J. Smith	A	P
10 W6 & Below/ M7 & Below/B & G Trick/jump/ B 3 S - Class L 2010 Nats	D. Chappell	B. Archambeau	Withdrawn	
15 Adjourn	L. Hardy	D. Chappell	A	P