

**2022 AWSA South Central Region
Membership/ Council Mid-Winter Meeting**

Saturday, January 15, 2022

Minutes

1. Zoom sign in
2. Mark Cohen with Robert Howerton confirms quorum is present in room and with Zoom n
3. Meeting called to order by Robert Howerton at 9:24 AM
4. Appointment of Parliamentarian- Terry Dlugosh, Secretary and Recommendation Scribe
Kelly Koehler
5. Seating of Councilors and Confirmation of Voting Roll- Mark Cohen, Robert Howerton
6. Agenda, call for additions,
Floyd McCreight Add to Grass Roots/Judges Report to request Credit for Officials.
(No Motion)
7. Review of July 2021 meeting minutes
Motion to approve minutes of meeting as published on website: Jeff Lindsey, 2nd Bruce Butterfield
8. Treasurer's Report- Kathy Ives
Discussion of expenditures and increase for 2021 Directors stipend payment prior to events. Open to accept ideas for supporting our Skiers.
 - A. Head Tax still outstanding: please send check (# of skiers at a tournament x \$2.50) made out to SCR. Mail to: Kathy Ives at 219 River Ranch Circle Martindale, TX 78655
 - B. 2021 Financial Report- beginning balance \$24,030.59, ending balance \$21,081.05
 - C. Junior Development support of \$3,000.00 well spent.
 - D. Motion to approve treasures report: Kelly Koehler, 2nd Jeff Lindsey
9. EVP Report- Robert Howerton
 - A. Safe Sport Requirements outlined for active membership.
 1. Free to members, 90-120 minute program with a 20 minute annual renewal.

2. New members have a grace period to complete.
3. On Line Tournament registration (OLR) will meet all Safe Sport requirements for a Local organizing committee (LOC)M
4. Regional Concern regarding membership drop, and participation decline due to the stringent requirement being placed as a result of USOPC affiliation.
5. Clarification regarding the requirements are coming from the US Legislature and driving forces from Insurance Liability Coverages.

B. Background Checks Originally driven from the USOPC/Insurance requiring “All individuals in a position of authority”. Clarity of stringent requirement has been sent out to legal/risk management USAWS team for clarification. To be determined at National BOD Meeting, Jerry Bautsch to attend representing AWSA.

C. USAWS Membership is paid by Credit Card only. (No cash or checks) For special instances SCR could help with accommodation if needed. Headquarters is also looking into alternatives to help with the payment challenges.

D. IWWF License Renewal is available for \$25.00 One-time fee. There will be no individual license offered. It helps significantly funding the World Tournament.

E. Bids are open for ALL international events.

F. SurePath Going Well. Recommendation to use for all ELR events. Studying the deviations for speed and line length for additional tolerances. Good tool to evaluate records and re-rides. Pattern Driving. Scott Greenwood suggested a recommendation to keep end course video (ECV) in addition to SurePath, because it helps with seeing things that actually happen outside the parameters of the course. Such as line-ups and situation that could impact the skier.

G. Reminders:

1. Officials assigned and appointed for Nationals will allow for a split of the 7-day tournament.
2. Watch for rules changes coming out after the National BOD meeting.
3. Be Friendly and Be Friends. These are challenging times in and out of the waterskiing world.

10. Committee Reports

A. Regional Tournament Committee – Nick Drew

1. HOA = small club Asking for Community Involvement. Will be using Constant Comment for communication and will be a key component for soliciting volunteers. Specifically additional officials and trick video recorders.

B. Rules Committee – Danielle Dlugosh, See Written Committee Report

1. Discussion Rule 3.02- To align with IWWF, allowing Age Divisions to Ski up in older class.
2. Discussion – For a National Record to ,is should be under the same conditions of the division. , Example For Class E there will be NO practice fall allowed for a National Record to be set.
3. Rule 11.13F Jeff Lindsey Motion to accept committee recommendation, Floyd, expressed reasons to decline. Wanted to get a straw vote regarding this rule. Agreed Until further information becomes available, we will Take a pole vote.
4. Recommendations to update the judges test to reflect new rules.
5. Discussion defining Disqualification. Rule 11.16B – Video change. (??)
6. Highlight the Balance = IWWF + AWSA! Work at being skier driven!

C. Social Media -Julie Krueger

1. Active Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.
2. Website is updated and current. Looking to be an Information exchange.

D. Skiers Qualifications – Kelvin Kelm. Nothing to report

E. Judges and Scorers – Jane Greenwood, Robert Howerton

1. Recommendation for a fast trac to senior for existing international judge. Includes a Review Session.
2. Notification that the Practical Testing was lost in YouTube but plans to be back in place by March 1st.

F. Jr Development – Lauren Malitz

1. June tournament @ SMRR
- 2 Jr. Clinic planned but TBD. Before or after JD Tournament

3. Sponsorship packet will be going out to the Jr.s Will need support. Plan to hit the social media sites.

G. Boat Drivers – Scott Greenwood

1. Application for Don Butcher for Drivers Emeritas. Scott requested to have a regional plaque made for Don and to present to him this summer season.

Motion from Bruce Butterfield, 2nd Jeff Lindsey.

2. Sure Path Data is available to the drivers to enhance and improve drivers' skills. Open to share the data. Excellent learning and practice tool. Jump data will be collected and analyzed this summer.

H. Towboat – Scott Greenwood

1. Sure Path Perimeter adjustments. Always looking to improve.

2. Regional Recommendation: Mark Cohen. To allow for Grass Roots Credit toward driving credit, (All officials credit)

3. Regional Recommendation: Jerry Bautsch. Discussion regarding compensation for Promotional (Or anyone's boat use) during Sanctioned events. Suggested aligning with the LOC. Get the request in early if you want to have a Promo at your event.

I. Seeding – Danny LeBourgeois Request for replacement

1. Especially for LR tournaments, but for all events, submit the reports 1 time, on time. Promptly get in the TC report and the Scorebook.

J. Technical – Terry Dlugosh

1. Sure Path connect to Water Ski Connect and sends to committee members.

K. Safety – Terry Dlugosh

1. Clinic Instructors – Need New.

2. Contact Terry if anyone needs a clinic.

J. International Activities Committee (IAC) - Sam Greenwood

1. NO changes currently. Selection process is successful.

2. Would like to get Athletes on the Radar for committees and events sooner.

K. By-Laws – Lisa Holland Request for replacement

1. Look for Non- Discrimination Clause to be an issue in the future.

L. Executive (AWSA) Board – Robert Howerton, Kelvin Kelm, Jerry Bautsch

1. Hot Topic, Ball of Spray conversations regarding Safe Sport and Background checks for officials. Regional Recommendations/Take aways

M. Collegiate – Austin Kolodejczak

Ideas for Summer Promotion Program

1. Open the lakes for exposure for a weekend of fun at the tournament lake
2. Request funding for support from the Region
3. Promote 3 venues, Ski League in CenTex, Grass Roots of Tx, Tx St Tournament (as a 1st Grass Roots event)
4. Show and encourage the college kids that events (main ski season) happens all summer.
5. Contact through Social Media – Promote the energy
6. Pick a team, then challenge another team

Thank you to all chair people for your service!.

11. Other Items:

- A. Nationals Update in Maize Kansas
 1. Will Split Judges of needed.
 2. Scott Greenwood - Chief Driver
 3. Plan to attend, and volunteer while your there.
- B. Officials for Regionals and Nationals. Participate in the Survey. Even if you can not commit to the entire time. Remember to get with the Assignment official to volunteer.

12. Review and Approved the SCR Tournament schedule. Get the sanctions in Early! Apply and secure towboats Early!

13. Directors Reports/ Additional Comments

- A. Jerry Bautsch – USA WS operating slim,
- B. Bruce Butterfield – Push for more transparency and communication with the membership.
- C. Kelly Koehler – Volunteer sport, keep “Fun” in the day. BE NICE!!

14. Old/New Business

- A. Regional Entry Fees – per recommendation of LOC – Stay the same.
- B. Regional Recommendations
 - SHARE details with Transparency.
 - Open communication with Membership
 - Todd Leach – Wants to know the pulse of the other regions.
 - Challenge the leadership. It is our responsibility to buck the “our hands are tied” mentality. Go back to the drawing board, Try Again!
 - Make the overall impact be a “Less Negative” impact to the sport.
 - For Officials, include credit in Grass Roots events.

14. Next Meeting: Regional Tournament July 23rd.

Motion to Adjourn Terry Dlugosh, 2nd Danielle Dlugosh