**AWSA Winter Board of Directors Meeting**

**Saturday, January 29, 2022, 8:30 a.m. ET**

**2701 Lake Myrtle Park Rd, Auburndale, FL 33823**

***See meeting invite for meeting link.***

1. Call to Order – 8:30
2. Introduction & Roll Call
3. Announcement of Quorum – 22 out of 27
4. Appointment of Parliamentarian – Jeff Clark
5. Review & Adoption of Agenda - **Jim would like to move TC after Rules**

**Robert / Kirby – Ralph / Lyman – None opposed**

1. Administrative Motions – /
2. Presentation of Service Awards –
3. Review & Approval of the August 2021 Meeting Minutes (See separate attachment) – **Lyman / Bob H – None opposed**
4. Ratification of BOD electronic ballots since last Meeting - **None**
5. USAWSWS Executive Director’s Report – Nate Boudreaux – See report
   1. *Working with Jim and Mark now,* ***would like to loop in a couple of AWSA people.***
   2. *Issues with sanctioning L&R tournaments, EMS is implementing things that are not working.*
   3. *Duplicate tournaments showing cancelled, need to get them removed.*
   4. *Need to invest in sanctioning because we will have a big issue when Jim and Mark leave. System is too old and need updated.*
   5. *Not going to get the High-Performance grant again from USOPC*
   6. *Adaptive grant for clinics and equipment – for adaptive athlete that is a veteran.*
   7. *SafeSport and background check update.*
      1. *History - USOPC background check policy changed, and officials were mentioned, but officials mean something different to us than other sports. When sent to them it came down to judges. After more communication it has come down to only National, IWWF, and PanAm Officials. Will get the final wording from Jeff during bylaws.*
      2. *Feel there are questions that still need to be answered. USAWSWS should develop a very clear policy of what is and isn’t ok. What does it mean if SafeSport decides to take action against you? What are you disqualified from? Want to know the personal data risk.*
      3. *Nate has an extensive background check FAQ that he is going to send out.*
      4. *AWSA Recommendation – do the due diligence to get the questions answered.*
6. AWSA President’s Report & Executive Committee Report – See report
   1. *Nationals at Mystic*
      1. *Chief Judge – Kate Knafla*
      2. *Chief Scorer – Judy Stanford*
      3. *Chief Driver –*
      4. *Chief TC – Terry / Peter*
      5. *USAWSWS contributing $5000 to webcast – need to set up the GoFundMe for the rest. Need to get price from TWBC. Dennis will get the info. If can’t do all 7 days will at least do Open events and America’s Cup.*
   2. *Nationals 2023 - West Palm*
   3. *Nationals 2024 - Open*
   4. *Jr US Open – 2023 – Mystic*
   5. *Jr US Open – 2024 -* 
      1. ***Kirby / John – None Opposed***
   6. *World Games event – Birmingham lacking funds – Lyman will be the backup site.*
   7. *Ski companies to include free membership with each ski*
7. AWSA Treasurer’s Report – See report - Motion to accept (Auto) – **None opposed after the following changes.**
   1. *Budgeted to be in a deficit but are a positive $7400*
   2. *Teams all have positive balances*
   3. *Risks in the budget include –*
      1. *litigation is not directly affecting our budget but there could be a “drop-down” and affect us. (If their budget is reduced, ours could be.)*
      2. *Suggests that we change our $5000 in membership to sanctioning expenses.*
      3. *Need to look at how we are going to fund the webcast,*
      4. *how team funding is handled. Need to continue to find good people who can front those teams and be responsible for accounting for them. Discussion on how we spend the restricted funds. Teams need to absolutely know what is funded. Jeff as chairman of the IAC, has felt like there is no direction as to how much is available to them. Intent is not for independents to be funded…only team members. $14K of restricted funds and $20K for elite and PanAm.*
      5. *Exec Committee will put a proposal together on how to spend those funds for the board to approve. Doug suggests Jeff as chairman of IAC participate.*
   4. *Got a budget from JR Development this year. There can be a timing issue with funds and* ***Cindy / Robert H would like to make a motion for the President to be able to spend up to the budgeted amount for the National JD program. – None Opposed***
   5. *Budget for IT item, Sanctioning, Scoring, Membership and Programming are similar.* ***Mike / Robert recommends that we increase Programming and Scoring Website to $3000K each and reduce the Membership item to $3000. – None Opposed***
8. Nominating Committee Report
   1. *Kate has someone for the committee from* ***every region except the West as Barry would like to step down. The committee also needs a committee head and Kate will continue until that person is found.******Please let Kate know of any committee changes so they can be accurately listed on the website.*** *EVP’s appoint people to the committees from their region and then the President appoints the chair. USOPC requires that NGBs have1/3 athlete representation in* ***designated******committees****. An athlete is defined as an athlete who has participated in an Open team position 14% in the last 10 years and 10% 10+ years.*
9. PanAm Report – See report – main points listed
   1. *US will maintain control of our judges rather than letting.*
   2. *Can ask for an exemption on use of alternative boats in slalom and jump. Dana will help prepare.*
   3. *Jump ramp surface changes. Are allowed a dish 2.5cm over entire dish (within tolerances)*
   4. *Two skis cannot be attached*
   5. *Brook Baldwin set a U21 overall record*
   6. *Tighter selection process for selecting drivers and using athlete input*
   7. *Participation in the PanAm games is not at the level they would like.*
   8. *Need to put the managers and coaches in place sooner so they can do what needs to be done, like buy practice.*
10. Standing Committee Reports
    1. Announcers Committee – See report
       1. *Tommy Bartlett award – changing how the award is given.*
       2. *Rules for announcing – Available online*
       3. *Bios*
          1. *Require info in OLR*
          2. *How to get access – Announcing login*
          3. *Check at registration*
    2. Awards Committee – See report
       1. *Recommendation – to establish criteria to win the awards - Doug / Karen M – None Opposed*
       2. *Recommendation to have the committee to define and create awards as appropriate for the year - Robert / Doug – None Opposed*
       3. *Travers will be recognized at the banquet tonight for their hard work hosting Worlds.*
    3. Bylaws Committee – See report
       1. **Action item 1 – Changing the committee designations (Designated and Special) – None Opposed**
       2. **Action item 2 – Revisions to East Bylaws – None Opposed**
       3. **Action item 3 – Revisions to South Bylaws – None Opposed**
          1. **Defining the policy will be discussed at the next meeting.**
       4. **Code of Conduct and Ethics, Conflict of Interest and Gifts policies – None Opposed**
       5. **Supplement – Southern Region Bylaw change – None Opposed**
       6. **Officials selected and approved to work Nationals**
    4. Drivers Committee – See report
       1. **Approve the new process for drivers to be able to get an USA rating based on their IWWF rating to be able to apply – None Opposed**
    5. International Activities Committee – See report
    6. Judges & Scorers Committee – See report
    7. Junior Development Committee – See report
    8. Rules Committee – See report
       1. East – Proposal #3, 4, 9 and 12
       2. MW – None
       3. South – None
       4. SC – Covered by East
       5. W – None
       6. **Proposals 1-2, 5-8, 10-11 – None Opposed**
       7. **Proposal 3 – Motion to table until the summer meeting Doug / Karen (Approval of the concept, to be revisited at the summer meeting so that Mark can check programming) - None Opposed**
       8. **Proposal 4 – Motion to send back to the Rules / TC committee Doug / Karen – None (except Richelle 😊) Opposed**
       9. **Proposal 9 – None Opposed**
       10. **Proposal 12 – None Opposed**
    9. Safety Committee – No report
       1. James Cawthern – new chair -
    10. Seeding Committee – No report
    11. Skier’s Qualification – No report
    12. Technical Committee – See report
        1. ***Proposed #5 – Class E should have the same skiing criteria as Class L for tricks (No more than 6 flips scored and no practice fall) (L means you have purchased IWWF license, Class E you have not.) – Call the question Jim / Keith – None Opposed Proposed #5 – 4 Opposed – Motion Passes***
        2. ***Proposal #3 – 1 Opposed – Motion Passes***
        3. ***Proposal #4 - Reword 14.02 – None Opposed***
    13. Towboat Committee – See report
        1. **Action item - Added Weight – None Opposed**
11. Regional Recommendations
    1. Eastern Region –
       1. AWSA Judges, Scorers, and Drivers Committees get revised Nautique hydrogate default settings in Jump from AWSA Towboat Committee, as agreed upon with Nautique in August 2021. These revised settings should be included in clinic materials and policy manuals, as well as communicated to all officials.

Rationale: Current default hydrogate setting on the Nautique in Jump makes the wake too hard especially for many skiers. Default for Junior divisions especially needs to be the Slalom setting, not Jump. Not all officials and skiers have exposure to the Nautique in Jump and thus are unaware of the current default setting. When skiers unfamiliar with the boat are asked on the starting dock, they defer to the Jump default setting. Crashes have resulted from this lack of awareness and confusion.

* + 1. USOPC Background Screen Policy - Add the words “who are appointed or assigned to work National Championship and/or IWWF sanctioned World or Confederation Championship events in their respective sports discipline” to the section on who needs to be background screened in the P&P (pg. 88) and within the Safe Sport Handbook. USA-WSWS judges that are 18 and older who are appointed or assigned to work National Championship and/or IWWF sanctioned World or Confederation Championship events in their respective sports discipline.
    2. Safe Sport Training Clarification - Update pg. 90 in the P&P and within Safe Sport Handbook on who needs to be SS trained:
       1. All USA-WSWS active members 18 years old and older who compete or participate in sanctioned tournaments or events or have regular contact with any amateur athlete or other . . .
    3. Towboat Committee – request status update on Towboat manufacturer’s promo teams.

Rationale: two ER members reported that they tried unsuccessfully to get on promotional teams by purchasing promo boats. What programs are available? Manufacturers?

* + 1. Safety Committee – request status update on Eastern Regional recommendation from January 2021 meeting, requiring a handle guard for AWSA sanctioned slalom events.
  1. Midwest Region –
     1. Move the meeting around to other areas
  2. Southern Region –
     1. The USAWS BOD needs to do their due diligence to protect the Personal Identifiable Information (PII) of any individuals required to complete a background check.
  3. South Central Region –
     1. Take care of the seasoned AWSA participants. Don’t alienate by not accepting check or cash for payment. Protect the Retiree’s
     2. Tech Committee: SurePath recommendation of discontinuing ECV  Scott Greenwood recommends to Continue End course video because things happen out of course that can be observed by the video.
     3. IWWF License to annual only
  4. Western Region –

1. Old Business –
2. New Business –
   1. Jeromy with web page idea
   2. **Motion to only allow annual IWWF license – None Opposed**
3. Time & Date of Next Meeting
   1. August 6, 2022 – Maize, KS TBD
4. Adjourn – Lyman / Bob – None Opposed