

2021 AWSA South Central Region
Membership/ Council Mid Winter Meeting
Saturday, January 16, 2021
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Minutes

1. Zoom sign in
2. Van Parker confirms quorum is present
3. Meeting called to order by Van Parker at 9:07am
4. Appointment of Parliamentarian- Bob Mayhew, Secretary and Recommendation Scribe Jennifer Parker
5. Seating of Councilors and Confirmation of Voting Roll- Mark Cohen, Van Parker
6. Agenda, call for additions, hearing none, motion by Robert Howerton to approve agenda as published, Bob Mayhew second, motion carries
7. Review of July 2020 meeting minutes
Motion to approve minutes of meeting as published on website: Robert Howerton 1st, Kelley Koehler 2nd, motion carries
8. **Treasurer's Report-** Kathy Ives
 - a. Need head tax from 6 sites; please send check (# of skiers at a tournament x \$2.50) made out to SCR to Kathy Ives at 219 River Ranch Circle Martindale, TX 78655
 - b. 2020 Financial Report- beginning balance \$25,000, ending balance \$24,030 account is in good shape, still need to pay directors expenses and stipends
 - c. After additional deposits, we will be back to \$25000Motion to approve budget as presented: Mike Aurora 1st, Rich Dyer 2nd, motion carries
9. **EVP Report-** Van Parker
 - a. Mission Statement
 - b. National sanctions down 25%, but events held were full, nationals entries down 20% (junior entries the same)
 - c. From HQ- Jeff Surdej running again for AWSA president, going to drop NCWSA obligations. Jessica Osak is new business operations at USAWS. USAWS received \$132,000 from USOPC, expect \$100,000 for 2021. In return, USOPC requires athlete representation to be at 33.333% plus independent (outside of sport) member on board.
New database (similar to hockey and cycling) with integrated systems for testing, clinics, courses, background checks, communications should launch around April.

Open Bids: 2021 CanAm, 2023 Nationals, 2023 Jr Us Open.

d. Growth Initiatives-

1. Partnership with businesses for free supporting memberships
2. Practice scores to achieve class F scores
3. Development of virtual slalom app is ongoing
4. Ski league- funds leftover from 2020 for free sanctions and free guest memberships
5. Team Skiing- Krista Butterfield is new regional commissioner, thank you to Danny LeBourgeois for your service.
6. Social media is doing great!
7. wheretowaterski.com- Matt Paige taking over, joint effort with Ball of Spray
8. Member Recognition- PB stickers, 100', 200' club, most improved, etc.
9. Competition Task Force- will need SCR committee member soon
10. Training Video- library of tips and videos for members only
11. Programming- reprogram/ update current rankings list

Get on the water week July 2-11. Lots of incentives to participate.

2021 Membership Contests- Be sure to check out perk-spot to get benefits of membership

e. IWWF Competition License- anyone who skis in L or R event must have license
Single tournament \$7, Annual (Jan-Dec) \$25

Regionals and Nationals will still have E, L,R/ license for L/R required. Need a license to ski outside US in non title event. Team members will need a license.

License can be obtained and paid online. Email comes from EMS-info watch for email in spam. License will be tied to WSTIMS

Without a license, scores at L,R tournament will count as E score. Skiers skiing E can ski in same order as L,R skiers.

Send questions to Robert Howerton: robert6262@aol.com.

f. Sure Path- Jim Thompson

Sure path required for R tournaments in 2021, required for L/R in 2022

All data in boat can be uploaded to WSTIMS, still want in course video as backup.

Tech committee is recommending data be sent within 7 days.

Direct questions to Jerry Jackson or Will Busch.

g. Reminders

1. Send scorebooks to Danny LeBourgeois

2. Send head tax to Kathy Ives

3. Send End Course video to USAWS dropbox

3. Senior driver needs to request video from TC 30 min or 6 skiers for maintenance of rating annually

4. Take safe sport if you have contact with junior skiers, free one time course with yearly refresher. There are currently 4 open cases and 11 closed cases with USAWS.

5. No alcohol by officials or contestants until duty is done for the day

10. **Committee Reports**

Thank you to all chair people for your service!

Retiring: Jerry Bausch as boat driver representative, replaced by Scott Greenwood.

Abbi Grathwohl as CenTex co-captain for team skiing, looking for replacement to serve with Mariah Fields, CenTex co-captain.

a. Ski League- no report

b. Social Media- Kathleen Woodhead, requests content, pictures, pb's
to post on region's social media sites to share good news of our region

c. Rules- Bob Mayhew

Proposed Rule Changes are published on USAWS website. Bob explained each proposal and there were no changes recommended by the region.

1: Changed examples fo AWSA administrative vs skiing conditions between AWSA and IWWF

2: No penalty on class E score at L,R tournament

3: Escalation process for incident in your region

4: Elimination of L10 for all divisions/ all events

5: Removal of rating for Qualifications Judge at National Tournament

6: Disagreements among judges settled before next contestant begins

7: Add one minute to each scratched skier at dock

8: Protests

9: Eliminate rule 9.08F about meter readers and master board operator, moved to TC

10: Scoring ties are allowed only with scores above zero

11: Removal of redundant language in communicating jump scores

12: Removal of redundant language

13: Clarification of slalom runoffs with ZBS

14: Chief judge (not LOC) can use shore judge

15: Removal of backup timer

16: National records set at World Championship/ IWWF tournaments

17: Move toward approved boat path measurement system (BPMS)

18: Remove diagrams from page 101, duplicates of rule 10

19: Change allowable boat adjustments, skiers can still add weight to boat

20: Nationals qualification chart

Questions/ Comments:

Will TC rule changes be communicated effectively and timely? Answer: TC and Rules Committee will work together to make sure things don't get lost. Working to be efficient with TC changes.

Have BPMS deviations long line skiers/ slower speeds been discussed? Answer: Not yet, rules committee will need input from drivers. Recommendation: open up ranges for deviation.

d. Skiers Qualification- Kelvin Kelm no report

e. Judges and Scores- Jane Greenwood no report

f. Junior Development- Lauren Malitz

Congratulations to Alana Jones and Zach Butterfield named to 2020 National Team
2021 National Team announced very soon

10 new regional competitors, 5 new national competitors

16 juniors earned national medals, great representation at nationals!

No JD tournament in 2020. 2021 JD tournament will be at Ski Texas on June 12-13.

Possible clinic for level 5 skiers and below in May, more info to follow

Skiers on regional team will receive \$150 stipend toward coaching or training weeks

Team week at Bennetts June 7-11 and Pickos May 31- June 4

Starting balance \$4700, ending balance \$5600

Need new sources of income to celebrate achievements, subsidize coaching

Considering baskets to be raffled at Regionals

Comment: Take some surplus from regional account to use on junior development, will have surplus from virtual meetings/ no travel for 2021 Board Meeting

Motion to resume \$3000 yearly grant to JD: Bob Mayhew 1st, Julie Krueger 2nd, motion carries

g. Towboat/ Speedboat Control- Mike Hamilton

Proposals

1. Tournament boats are approved for 3 years. Proposing that older boats with ZO be approved if previously approved boat

2. Boats that have been tested do not have to be retested

3. LOC to pay Promo boat owners \$25 per hour for use during a tournament. Does not apply to regionals or nationals. Suggested that LOC add \$5 to entry fees. Comments; good deal, boat owners that do not have to accept, unclaimed fees set aside? Is the fee negotiable? Suggestion to drop the word *year* on Proposal C

h. Seeding- Danny LeBourgeois

This year saw difficulties with switch to new system. Check to make sure your credits and scores are correct. Comment: work needs to be done to ensure grassroots credits

i. Technical- Jim Thompson, new video jump measurement and trick timer to run on Windows 10. Free download available, developed by Chip Shand

j. Boat Drivers- Jerry Bautsch

Committee discussing changes to boat path monitoring systems requirements, use of drivers at two lake sites, selection of drivers for Nationals, growth of online clinics for drivers, drivers policy manual

k. International Activities (IAC)- Sam Greenwood no report
IWWF dates are posted on IWWF website. Many awaiting approval.

l. Safety- Terry Dlugosh

500 people nationwide need a safety clinic in 2021. If your area needs a clinic, please contact Terry Dlugosh as soon as possible to schedule. SMRR hosting a safety clinic on Feb 27.

m. Bylaws- Lisa Holland

Two major changes:

1. AAC seating on council- elite skiers will now represent 33.3% of council
2. Change in bylaws to include Title 7 protections

n. Executive (AWSA)- Bob Mayhew, Van Parker, see notes above on EVP Report

o. History- Elgin Faulkner no report

p. Regional Guide- Julie Krueger

Regional guides are no longer subsidized by USAWS, USAWS now be using DigiMax- requires a higher resolution photos than cell phones. Our region will use its own digital platform. Julie will send out information soon. Please send pictures and content to Julie by February 1.

11. Other Items:

a. 2021 Regionals Update

July 23-25 Regionals- San Marcos River Ranch

Regionals will most likely be similar format as last year

b. Officials for Regionals and Nationals

Officials for Regionals and Nationals- nominations are due by end of this weekend

c. Nationals Update- 530 skiers over 1000 pulls, no decline in Jr. entries,

Aug 8-14 Nationals in Chicago, SCR will send 2 judges, 1 scorer, 2 drivers

Probable night jump event

70,000 views on webcast last year, would like to webcast again this year, Jeff Surdej requests \$500 donation from region for webcast instead of regional tent, hopes that webcast will become part of budget. Motion Julie Krueger, Second Jerry Bautsch, motion carries.

2022 Nationals Kansas (Wichita)

2023 Nationals bids are open

12. Review and Approval of Tournament Schedule for 2021

Tournament Schedule is uploaded on website

May 22-23 Gordon Hall Celebration

3 event, 1 round class C, signup ski times available, Saturday night River Park celebration with dinner and band, participants will receive event t-shirt, everyone please trick to celebrate Gordon's contributions to our sport and wear LSF development t-shirts

NCWSA Schedule Update- Jackson Driggs

Officials and sites are always invited to participate. Thank you to our supporters! No events for 2020 allowed to sanction, thank you to sites for accommodating collegiate skiers. Bailey Austin, Jackson Driggs, Danny LeBourgeois are regional representatives on NCWSA national board.

Collegiate dates will be decided by March 1

April 30- May 1 Regionals to be hosted by University of Louisiana Lafayette, sites that are willing to host a collegiate tournament, please reach out to Jackson Driggs at driggs.jackson@gmail.com

May 13-15 Nationals (and All Stars) Laku Landing, Colorado

Sept 11-12 Collegiate tournament, location possibly Frame Switch

October 2-3 Collegiate Regionals, site tbd

October 21-23 Collegiate Nationals at Bennetts- plan to attend since it is in our region!

LATC changed form 9/11-12 to 9/4-5

Motion to approve schedule for 2021 with LATC amendment but as otherwise published: Kathy Ives 1st, Julie Krueger 2nd, motion carries

13. Directors reports/ comments:

Julie: be sure to watch webcast of Nationals- awesome!

Kelly: please feel free to send any questions/ comments

Comment:

When are regionals 2022 bids due? Answer: Summer meeting 2021

Way to charge for nationals webcast/ pay per view? Answer: will discuss at national meeting

14. Old/ New Business

Old Business: none

New Business:

Comments:

1. Regional entry fees- wait to see what happens with promo boat, keep current fees
2. Directors' feelings on coordination between IWWF and AWSA rules- Kelley and Julie committed to balance between grass roots and elite
3. Concern for potential for three separate (and long) rule books

15. Motion to set next meeting for Friday, July 23, onsite at Regionals 30 minutes after events conclude: Van 1st, Julie Krueger 2nd, motion carries

16. Motion to adjourn at 1:11pm: Robert 1st, Jeran 2nd, motion carries