

**AWSA Summer Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Capital Park Museum**  
**660 North 4<sup>th</sup> St.**  
**Baton Rouge, LA. 70802**

**Monday, August 3, 2020**  
**8:00 a.m.**

- 1) Call to Order (See page 3 for virtual access information)
- 2) Introduction & Roll Call

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Present</u>
Jerry Bautsch	Director	SC	
Brad Corbin	EVP	West	
Peter Dahl	Director	MW	
Delaina Downes	Secretary	MW	✓
Dennis Downes	EVP	MW	R
Scot Ellis	AAC		
Hutch Haines	Director	East	
Ralph Hall	Director	East	
Lyman Hardy	Director	South	
Brad Hartwell	Director	West	
Jim Jaquess	Director	South	
Freddy Krueger IV	AAC		
Julie Krueger	Director	SC	
Alex Lauretano	AAC		
Keith Lindemulder	EVP	South	
Cynthia Logan	Treasurer	South	
Bob Mayhew	Past Pres	SC	
Richelle Muhlitner	Director	West	
Michael O'Conner	Director	MW	
Van Parker	EVP	SC	
Jim Powell	EVP	East	
Rob Rhyne	Treasurer	South	
Doug Robbins	Director	East	
Kelly Stumph	Director	SC	
Jeff Surdej	President	MW	
Roy Surdej	Director	MW	
Karen Truelove	AAC		
Corey Vaughn	AAC		
Kirby Whetsel	Director	South	
Barry Young	Director	West	
Doug Robbins (interim)	COB*		

- 3) Announcement of Quorum

- 4) Appointment of Parliamentarian & Agenda Review
- 5) Confirmation of Voting Roll

<b>VOTING ROLL</b>				
<b>AWSA Board of Directors Meeting - August 3, 2020</b>				
	<u>Position</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Votes Allowed</u>
Jerry Bautsch	Director	SC		
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Peter Dahl	Director	MW		
Delaina Downes	Secretary	MW		
Dennis Downes	EVP	MW		
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Barry Young	Director	West		
Doug Robbins (interim)	COB*			
	Total Votes Possible:			
	Majority:			
* COB is non voting unless vote could change outcome (break tie)				
Blacked out vote columns are non voting positions				

- 6) Administrative Motions
- 7) Adoption of Agenda
- 8) Presentation of Service Awards
- 9) Review & Approval of the January 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- 10) Ratification of BOD electronic ballots since last Meeting
- 11) Ratification of Voting Roll from May 23, 2020 Emergency Meeting
- 12) Nominating Committee Report
- 13) Election of Officers for next year
- 14) USA-WS Executive Director's Report
- 15) AWSA President's Report & Executive Committee Report
- 16) AWSA Treasurer's Report
- 17) Standing Committee Reports
  - a) Announcers Committee Report
  - b) Awards Committee Report
  - c) National Drivers Committee Report
  - d) Bylaws Committee Report
  - e) International Activities Committee Report
  - f) Judges & Scorers Committee Report
  - g) Junior Development Committee Report
  - h) Rules Committee Report
  - i) Safety Committee Report
  - j) Seeding Committee Report
  - k) Skier's Qualification Report
  - l) Technical Committee Report
  - m) Towboat Committee Report
- 18) Special Committee Reports
  - a) Membership & Marketing Committee
  - b) Social Media Committee
  - c) Ski Rec League Committee
  - d) Team Fund Raising Committee
- 19) Regional Recommendations
  - a) Eastern Region
  - b) Midwest Region
  - c) Southern Region
  - d) South Central Region
  - e) Western Region
- 20) Old Business
- 21) New Business
- 22) Time & Date of Next Meeting
- 23) Adjourn

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**Monday, August 3, 2020**  
**8:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CDT)**

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**American Water Ski Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**2701 Lake Myrtle Park Road, Auburndale, Florida 33823**  
**Saturday, January 25, 2020 8:00 a.m.**

1. Opening & Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Gordon Hall, Chair. Roll Call was via introduction. Present in person were the following:

Voting Members  
and Officers

<u>Position</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>Others</u>	
Alex Lauretano	Ath Rep	AAC	Mark Crone HND
Freddy Krueger IV	Ath Rep	AAC	Bill Wenner HND
Scot Ellis	Ath Rep	AAC	Jeffrey HND, IWWF PanAm Confed. Pres.
Karen Truelove	Ath Rep	AAC	Bob HND, USA-WSWS Board Member
Jim Powell	EVP	E	Don Bucher HND
Hutch Haines	Dir	E	Floyd HND
Doug Robbins	Dir	E	Hank Longo Cmte Chair-Announcers
Ralph Hall	Dir	E	Greg Badal Cmte Chair-Drivers
Dennis Downes	EVP	MW	Jeff Clark HND, Cmte Chair-Bylaws
Peter Dahl	Dir	MW	Jeffrey Smith HND, Cmte Chair-Intl Activities
Mike O'Connor	Dir	MW	Jerry Jackson Cmte Chair-Technical
Roy Surdej	Dir	MW	George Lindy Cmte Chair-Towboat
Keith Lindemulder	EVP-S, VP	S	Nate Exec. Dir., USA-WSWS
Kirby Whetsel	Dir	S	Ron Koenig Special Cmte Chair-Team Fundraising
Lyman Hardy	Dir	S	Tim Cullen USA-WSWS President
Jim Jaquess	Dir	S	
Van Parker	EVP	SC	
Jerry Bautsch	Dir	SC	
Julie Krueger	Dir	SC	
Kelly Stumph	Dir	SC	
Connie Bergmark	Alt EVP	W	
Barry Young	Dir	W	
Richelle Muhlthner	Dir	W	
Brad Hartwell	Dir	W	
Gordon Hall	COB		
Jeff Surdej	Pres		
Delaina Downes	Sec		
Cynthia Logan	Treas		

2. Announcement of Quorum – A quorum was declared present by Chairman Hall.
3. Opening Administrative Motions
  - a. **Motion** for all Committee Chairs and invited guests to attend the meeting, with voice – Motion (by Barry/Second by Jim J). **Motion carries.**
  - b. **Motion** (Barry / Jim J) for action items in Committee Reports to be treated as automatic motions with second. **Motion carries.**
4. Appointment of Parliamentarian – Jeff Clark was appointed Parliamentarian for the meeting by Chairman Hall.
5. Confirmation of Voting Roll - Members constituting the voting roll for the meeting were confirmed. All voting directors were present, except AAC Director Corey Vaughan, and Brad Corbin, EVP-W, who is being replaced by Connie Bergmark, Alternate EVP for the Western region, for this meeting. Thirteen affirmative votes will be required to guarantee a simple majority.
6. Adoption of Agenda – The published agenda was presented. **Motion** (by Jim J / second by Keith) to move Rules and Technical committee reports as the first committee reports. **Motion carries . Motion** to approve the agenda, as amended. **Motion carries.**
7. Review and Approval of Aug. 8, 2018 BOD Meeting Minutes - **Motion** to approve, as published in meeting package (Jim/Kirby). **Motion carries.**
8. Ratification of BOD Electronic Ballots since last Meeting - **Motion** to approve, as published in meeting package: (Doug/Ralph). **Motion carries.**
9. Nominating Committee Report - Barry Young, Chair. Nothing to report. All officers will be elected at the summer meeting.
10. AWSA President's Report \* – President Jeff Surdej presented the written report as attached in the board packet.
11. AWSA Executive Committee Report \* - See report in packet, combined with President's report.
  - a. Action Items:
    - i. Award bid for 2021 Jr. US Open to San Marcos River Ranch (Gordon / Lyman) – **Carries**
    - ii. Award bid for 2022 AWSA Nationals to Mystic Lakes (Barry / Jim) – Carries
    - iii. Allow LOC's to add more rounds to a sanction, without EVP approval, up to the allowed maximums – **Carries**
    - iv. New methods for skiers to achieve ranking list scores
      1. via Performance Sign-off, up to Class F maximums. **Motion** to approve (Jeff S/ Connie). **Motion carries.**
      2. via video performance submission. **Carries**; clarification that this was part of #1 motion above. Jeff to work out details of video submission and approval process.
      3. via VSS (Virtual Slalom Skiing) app. No action; encouraged regions to pursue at this point.

- v. Ski Leagues
    - 1. Jeff to form a committee to organize events. Want to offer free sanctions to clubs that host, and offer a free membership for first-time skiers.
    - 2. **Motion** to use funds in the AWSA membership budget (\$7000 budgeted for 2020) to pay for these incentives. **Motion** to call the question; fails. **Motion amended** (Keith/Jeff) to roll over any unused funds in this budget category, to the next year. **Call for vote. Motion as amended carries.**
  - b. Nominations are now open for AWSA's representative on the PanAm Tournament Council. Will be voted on in the summer meeting.
  - c. Need dedication to efforts to increase our social media presence.
1. AWSA Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Cynthia Logan presented the financial reports, in the board packet. We are in the black this year. The 2020 budget report was reviewed as well. **Motion** to receive the Treasurer's reports (Barry / Roy). **Motion carries.**
  2. USA-WSWS Executive Director's Report. Executive Director Nate Boudreaux presented the report and slideshow. Notes and highlights:
    - a. 2019 Year in Review – Several challenges
      - i. Challenges with database project and other IT issues
      - ii. Building/Office issues
      - iii. Several different accounting issues due to illness of key staff member
      - iv. Sudden passing of Dave Goode
      - v. Sponsors pulling support
      - vi. SafeSport investigation
    - b. Membership
      - i. USA-WSWS – down a bit overall
      - ii. Benefits, added:
        1. MemberDeals
        2. Lake On Company
        3. Sport disciplines specific monthly e-newsletter w/targeted content
    - c. Sponsorship
    - d. Marketing
      - i. People not flocking to the \$19.95 as hoped for
      - ii. Continuing to do what we can to promote
    - e. Create a positive experience in the sport
    - f. Information Technology
      - i. Completed first phase
      - ii. Next steps
        1. New front facing website
        2. New membership database system
        3. Other systems (event management, online learning system / LMS)
    - g. Key events
      - i. Goode US National Water Ski Championships
        1. 700 skiers (2<sup>nd</sup> largest in last 10 years)
      - ii. IndMar Show Ski Nationals
      - iii. PanAm Games (Lima, Peru)

- h. Sanctioned Events and Programs
    - 1. 537 tournaments
    - 2. 39 Grassroots
    - 3. 124 Basic Skills Clinic
  - i. Website – over 137,00 unique visitors in the last year. Most visited page: Rankings
  - j. Social Media – 20,000 followers on Facebook
    - i. Part time social media coordinator
    - ii. Need cool content
  - k. US Center for SafeSport
    - i. 1,646 have been certified
    - ii. 4,369 members have taken the course
    - iii. Since inception 11 total SafeSport cases w/ USA-WSWS
  - l. USOPC
    - i. Worked to strengthen the relationship with USOPC
    - ii. Received a grant from USOPC to assist with finance (3<sup>rd</sup> party) and compliance
    - iii. Entering into a digital media agreement to move our website to the USOPC platform
  - m. Team USA Support
    - i. Created a website
    - ii. Promote via donation email to membership ad social media
    - iii. Raised \$1,496 so far
  - n. 2020 plan
    - i. New front facing website
    - ii. New membership database system
    - iii. Membership growth
    - iv. Sponsorship growth
    - v. 3<sup>rd</sup> party merchandise partner (TEAMIP)
  - o. Get on the water week – June 27 – July 3, 2020
    - i. Increase awareness and participation
    - ii. USA-WSWS is covering the cost of sanctioning and guest memberships for all clubs who participate, details to follow.
  - p. Merchandise – website up within the next two weeks
    - i. Updated designs
    - ii. 25% revenue
    - iii. Sport Division to directly receive 20% on all sales of SD-specific merchandise
    - iv. \$500 credit
    - v. Branding consistency
3. PanAm Confederation IWWF Report \* See report in packet. No action items.
  4. PanAm Tournament Council Report \* See report in packet. No action items. Discussion item: Is movement of the trick release rope allowed now by IWWF? – It seems yes, but is made difficult by limiting the length of the release rope.



5. International Activities Committee Report \* See report in packet. Committee Chair Jeffrey Smith presented the report and discussion.
  - a. Key topics
    - i. Uncertainty of our athlete pipeline
      1. Moving towards single event skiers
      2. Funding to support the development of two- and three-event skiers coming from the Junior ranks. Discussion on board support.
    - ii. Increased athlete participation on the IAC-3:37
  - b. Action Items:
    - i. **Motion** to vote on all 4 action items at the same time (Jim / Lyman). **Motion carries.**
      1. Approval of the Qualifications and Procedures for the 2020 Junior World Championships, Pan American Championships, and 35+ World Championships.
      2. Approval of the nominations for officials, scorers and drivers for these events.
      3. Approval of the revised "Team and Independent Athlete Agreement. Subject to USA-WSWS IAC final approval
      4. Approval of the revised "Team and Independent Athlete Code of Conduct. Subject to USA-WSWS IAC final approval
    - ii. **Motion** to approve all 4 action items above (Jim / Lyman). **Motion carries.**
6. Athlete Advisory Council Report – Chair Alex Lauretano says nothing to report.
7. USOPC Report – No report
8. Other Committee Reports
  - a. Rules Committee \* See report in packet. Discussion waived and vote to consent to approval of all committee-approved proposals, save and except:
    - i. S – Proposals #2,3,18
    - ii. E – 2,11, 14, 20
    - iii. SC – nothing additionally
    - iv. MW – nothing additionally
    - v. W – nothing additionally
    - vi. **Motion** to approve all Rules committee approved proposals, except those listed above (#2, 3, 11, 14, 18, 20). **Motion carries.**
    - vii. Proposal 2 - 2.06E – Nonplacement to ski prior to placement skiers, in the running order
      1. **Motion** to call the question (Jim / Lyman). **Motion fails.** Discussion continues.
      2. **Motion** to call the question (Julie / Barry ). **Motion carries.**
      3. Vote to approve Proposal 2. 13 Yes / 10 No – **Motion carries.**
    - viii. Proposal 3 – Split B4 / G4 into 2 divisions
      1. **Motion** to call the question (Jim P / Freddy). **Motion carries.**
      2. **Vote** to approve Proposal 3: 16 Yes / 6 No – **Motion carries.**
      3. **Motion** to make this effective now (Barry / Jim P). Discussion. **Motion carries.**

- ix. Proposal 11 – 10.03A&B – Match IWWF wording for gate v. turn buoys. **Motion carries.**
- x. Proposal 14 – 11.1C – Trick release, limit length of rope to 1 m.
  - 1. **Call of the question – Jim P / Kirby – Carries.**
  - 2. **Call for vote to approve Prop. 14. Motion carries.**
- xi. Proposal 18 – Class E/L at Nationals, per below. **Motion carries.**

Divisions	Slalom	Trick	Jump
B1/G1	E/L*	E/L*	--
B2/G2	E/L*	E/L*	L
B3/G3	E/L*	E/L*	L
<b>B4/G4</b>	L	L	L
<b>B5/G5</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>L</b>
M1/W1	L	L	L
M2/W2	L	L	L
M3/W3	L	L	L
M4/W4	L	L	L
M5/W5	L	L	L
M6	L	L	L
W6	L	E/L*	E/L*
M7-8	L	E/L*	E/L*
W7-8	E/L*	E/L*	E/L*
M9-10/W9-10	E	E/L*	E/L*
MM/MW	L	L	L
OM/OW	R	R	R

*Trick divisions that may expect scores of 10,000 points or higher should be run as an "R" classification. **Skiers must request Class R for an IWWF World Record in U17 or U21 divisions.***  
**\*Class L** At the option of the skier

- xii. Proposal 20 – Boats, class C and higher must use AWSA approved tmt towboats; F does not. **Motion carries.**
- b. Technical Committee \* See report in packet. Jerry Jackson, Committee Chair presented the report.
  - i. All rules accepted and posted
  - ii. Action items:
    - 1. B2 National Record Benchmark – Use the highest score set after the 2019 Nationals, through the 2020 Nationals, and establish a new B2 Slalom National Record Benchmark. If the B2 2020 Nationals winning score is the highest score up to that point, then that will become the new B2 Slalom National Record. **Motion carries**
    - 2. National Record Benchmarks for new divisions (B5/G5)– **Motion –** (Gordon / Keith) The board authorizes and directs the Technical Committee to establish the new record benchmarks. Jerry will review the last 10 years of performance data, and create the new

- benchmarks. Once this is done, the Technical committee will begin accepting applications for new records. **Motion carries.**
3. U17/U21 World Records. No action taken.
  4. Tow ropes – **Motion** to:
    - a. Allow two different types of tow ropes to be offered
    - b. Breaking load of 1800# min.
    - c. Masterline Optimum 2 to be used at the 2020 Nationals.**Motion carries.**
  5. Jump ramp settings – last year used the old settings, for Nationals options for each division will be posted. No action.
- c. Announcers Committee. Verbal report given by Hank Longo, Committee Chair. No action items.
  - d. Awards Committee
    - i. **Motion** to expand Junior awards to include Jr Slalom, Jr Trick, Jr Jump and Jr Overall (Keith / Lyman). **Motion carries.**
  - e. Boat Driver’s Committee \* See report in packet. Greg Badal, Committee Chair.
    - i. The committee is looking for direction on how to implement, monitor and discipline the End Course video rule. After discussion, board recommends Driver’s committee gets with TC committee and come up with a recommendation, if they feel that working in the guidelines already established is not enough.
    - ii. **Motion for** Sr. Driver’s Emeritus for Dave Nichols – (Van / Gordon) – **Motion carries.**
  - f. Bylaws Committee \* - See report in packet. Jeff Clark, Committee Chair.
    - i. Action items:
      1. Reconstructed section 3.2 of the P&P Manual to clarify the election procedures and chart reflecting USA-WSWS Director seating – **Motion carries.**
      2. Article XII word change, change “grievance” to “complaint” – **Motion carries.**
      3. Article XIII change name to “Complaint Procedures” and insert the mandatory language. New article XIII – **Motion carries.**
  - g. Judges & Scorers Committee \* - See report in packet. No action items.
  - h. Junior Development Committee \* - See report in packet
    - i. Action items:
      1. Approve revised Q&P for National Junior Team, and add B5/G5 – **Motion carries.**
      2. Approve revised Regional All-Star Teams Criteria – **Motion carries.**
  - i. Safety Committee \* - See report from Committee Chair James Babcock in packet. No action items. Discussion items:
    - i. Alex working on Jim’s request for new ACC representation.
    - ii. Bob A working on a consolidated Power Point presentation for a maintenance clinic, to be followed by a practical segment done at a tournament. That should be done by the end of February.
  - j. Seeding Committee – Committee Chair Kirby Whetsel, says nothing to report.
  - k. Skier’s Qualification Committee – See report from Committee Chair in packet. One action item:

Due to the Class F tournaments and the level 5 criteria, need to make sure every division has a Level 5.

**Motion:** For any division/event that does not currently have a Level 5, the percentiles from the lowest active level will be proportioned equally down to assure at least 5% of skiers are in L5. For example, if Level 6 is 0-19 %, the change would be to make level 6 11-19 percent and level 5 0-10 percent. **Motion carries.**

- I. Towboat Committee \* - See report in packet. George Lindy, Committee Chair
  - i. Less than 90 promo boats in the field this year, may need the board to consider mandating some type of surcharge or incentive to keep having boats. No action.

## 9. Special Committee Reports

- a. Team Funding – Ron Koenig
  - i Raised over \$23K in 2019
  - ii Need to form a committee to continue the project
  - iii Need to be saying thank you to those that give to the cause
  - iv Need to be more connected with WSIA

## 10. Regional Recommendations

- b. East – EVP Jim Powell
  - i Find a better solution at a lower cost than the \$300 per region for Constant Contact that is being provided by USA WSWS for communication with our members.
  - ii Convert the Assistant Judge / Scorer / Driver applications to an online process. No more paper or PDFs.
  - iii Convert the clinic registration form into an Excel version that can be easily uploaded to the database – reduce effort at HQ.
  - iv Explore an online method to collect state federation dues – similar to what is being proposed with IWWF licenses.
  - v Explore the cost – as we eliminate Regional Guides and membership cards, for new members, we should still send them something physical in the mail.
- c. Midwest – EVP Dennis Downes
  - i Safety – need the ability to have more training, sounds like this is getting addressed.
  - ii Provide or require some level of safety training for judges, since we are putting judges in the boat expecting them to serve as primary safety.
- d. South – EVP Keith Lindemulder
  - i Eliminate Level 10 for all divisions/all events – Or at least eliminate from M6/W6 and up
  - ii Change PanAm and IWWF rules to better represent where the majority of the activity takes place. Most record tournaments are held in US, yet the PanAm region uses a “one country/one vote” governance process.
  - iii USA-WSWS needs to develop and communicate the value proposition and benefits of membership.
- e. South Central – EVP Van Parker

- i Develop value proposition for the basic membership
  - f. West – Connie Bergmark
    - i No recommendations
- 11. Old Business - None
- 12. New Business - None
- 13. Date & Time of Next Meeting – The next board meeting will be the Annual meeting held August 3, 2020 in West Palm Beach, FL.
- 14. Adjournment
  - a. **Motion** to adjourn meeting (Lyman / Jim). **Motion carries.** Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

\* Supplemental information provided in Board Package

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Status: Unapproved

- Circulated for comment 2/1/2020
- To be considered for approval at next regularly scheduled board meeting (8/3/2020)

## May 23, 2020 Emergency Meeting Minutes

### AWSA Emergency BOD Meeting Minutes - May 23, 2020 11:00 a.m. EDT

1. Call to Order - 11:01am EDT / 10:01am CDT
2. Roll Call

Doug Robbins\*  
Jeff Surdej\*  
Jerry Bautsch  
Brad Corbin  
Peter Dahl  
Scot Ellis – NP  
Hutch Haines  
Ralph Hall  
Brad Hartwell  
Jim Jaquess  
Freddy Krueger

Julie Krueger  
Alex Laurentano  
Keith Lindemulder  
Bob Mayhew  
Richelle Muhlitner  
Mike O'Conner  
Van Parker  
Jim Powell  
Kelly Stumph  
Roy Surdej  
Karen Truelove

Corey Vaughn – NP  
Kirby Whetsel  
Barry Young  
Jeff Clark\*  
Dennis Downes  
Delaina Downes\*  
Cynthia Logan\*  
Jim Grew\*  
Kate Knafle\*  
USAWSWS\*

\*Non-voting Attendees

#### Extra info

Sr Worlds move to next year in September 13-19, 2121

Jr US Open – June 19-21, 2020 @ Mystic Lakes

Let your skiers know to get their scores in and register before the end of the month.

3. Announcement of Quorum
  - a. Quorum present
4. Appointment of Parliamentarian
  - a. Jeff Clark
5. Procedure Review
  - a. We are unsure how much discussion there will be on the first two items. So, we will call on each region for any questions or comments during the discussion phase. Then we will proceed to a vote. Since this is not an in-person meeting, all three of the action items will be a roll call vote.
6. Bylaws Article X, Item B - Motion to waive 30-day notice requirement for this meeting
  - a. Motion - Barry / Jim P – **None opposed - Passes**
7. Official Rating Maintenance Pass for 2020  
Giving all AWSA officials a pass for this year by adjusting the number of credits needed by reducing the number required by one. Safety will need to be handled by USAWSWS. **None opposed - Passes**

East – in favor  
MW – in favor  
SC – in favor  
S – in favor  
W – in favor

## 8. Rope Rule Revision

Jerry – Yes  
Brad C – Yes  
Peter D – Yes  
Dennis D – Yes  
Scot – Not Present (NP)  
Hutch – Yes  
Ralph H – Yes  
Lyman – Yes  
Brad H – Yes  
Jim J – Yes  
Freddy – Yes  
Alex – Yes

Keith – Yes  
Richelle – Yes  
Mike O – Yes  
Van – Yes  
Jim P – Yes  
Kelly S – Yes  
Roy – Yes  
Karen – Yes  
Cory – NP  
Kirby – Yes  
Barry - Yes

### **None opposed - Passes**

## 9. National Bid Review & Selection

The 2020 Nationals Bid Review and Selection will be handled a bit differently. We need all board members to have the opportunity to address any questions to the LOC's, however we need to avoid multiple people trying to talk on the call simultaneously. In the interest of clarity, and time.

- As usual we will begin with the discussion phase.
- Each of the LOC's who have submitted a bid will be on the call for the discussion phase to answer any questions.
- Each board Member present will have an opportunity to ask questions and/or provide comment.
- Voting members of the AWSA BOD will be called on for discussion in alphabetical order. We will recognize each board member, and you will have up to 2 minutes to ask questions to each bidding LOC.
- Please organize your questions by identifying which bid(s) the question applies to. Please state that at the outset.
- The representative(s) from Bennett's, Boskus/Pickos, and/or Travers will have the opportunity to respond to those questions.
- When you are recognized for your discussion time if you have no questions regarding the bids, or if the question has been previously asked and answered, just state so and we will move on in the interest of time.
- The last three voting board members that will be recognized for discussion are Cory Vaughn, Kirby Whetsel, and Barry Young. We will allot time for any follow up questions after each board member has the opportunity to question or comment. So, if anyone has any open questions after Cory, Kirby, and Barry, you will have the opportunity to ask during follow up. Please use the hand raising button on the go to meeting screen to be recognized, or send me a text message at 724-816-1995.
- When discussion has ended, non-voting members will be invited to leave the call, so the board can move to a vote.
- We will hold two votes with three bids. The first vote will determine our finalists, disqualifying one bid. The second vote will determine the 2020 Nationals site.

Jay Bennett is on for Bennett's bid

Leilani on for Traver's bid

**Questions: (If board member not listed below it is because they did not have a question.)**

**Jim J** - whether LOC can give free entry vs hotel since part of that goes to USAWSWS and AWSA. With split option will sponsors need to support both, including tow boats. Hotel rooms \$200 a night, even in September. Doug spoke to Masterline who said they would prefer one national.

**Jerry** – Leilani - How many lakes available? Have 3 lakes available if needed, if not would use the 3<sup>rd</sup> lake for just practice.

**Brad C** - Established entry fee acceptable + \$40 practice fee, is this mandatory. Traver's needs to make sure workers get paid since skiers have the option to go elsewhere for practice.

**Hutch** - for split nationals will some skiers have to ski 2 sites because of the open issue. Would have to be worked out, probably with the under-25.

**Ralph** – Leilani - How many passes for practice? Whatever Charlotte did. Officials staying at Missions would need to pay a resort fee, how much? \$15 fee for the Wi-Fi

**Jim J** – Jay - Night Jam at the end of Nationals? No. Leilani – skier rate at Mission Inn is \$104 a night, for double, 3 restaurants on site. Package for activities. Did an email blast to her clients and based on those results were expecting 500-600 skiers. Reduced number of officials plus right to appoint 5 of the 15 judges and a trick panel. Leilani wants to be able to add 5 more judges to the trick panel so well covered. Questioned Chief TC choices...Vendor tents – Jay - requirement 40' x 200' so can go down center. Leilani – can do on center as well, just concerned with how to handle social distancing. Jay – should be in phase 3 by the time we get to Nationals, which says something to the effect of not being in big crowds for a long period of time.

**Julie J** – Leilani has no problem with the number. Jay plans on 400 skiers...could extend to Tuesday if needed because of numbers.

**Bob M** – how will skiers be able to be separated...Leilani – pro-shop put in storage and downstairs will be for scorers and trick judges and upstairs for officials, office with ac for slalom officiating, mark dock in 6' increments...looking at system out of Italy...

**Keith** – Jay - how to determine officials? Won't need as many since 2 lakes and probable lower turnout.

**Van** – onsite camping capabilities...Jay – 30 – 30amp, ample space for those not needing electricity. Company servicing port-a-john will also be able to service motorhomes. Leilani – 15 acres for non-electric and company could service them as well when doing port-a-johns

**Jim P** – Spacing out of judges...Leilani – pro-shop is 40x40, with a 24x24 area for officials to do what they need to. Jay – 2 floors 25x25, top for officiating, bottom for refreshments, will bring in motorhomes or other options if need be. If necessary, to separate in separate rooms would use house...lot of buildings and space to utilize. Jim - Concerned with the age of many officials putting them at greater risk and we should think of this...



**Roy** – vendor tents...Leilani – boat mfg between her office and villas, food vendors on right as you come in, other vendors will be in separate tented area and hopefully each region can have a tent down the center, Jay – following requirements from USAWSWS...can spread out if need be...Officials – Jay – how will they be put up – 5 cottages on the lake and individuals and the official hotel (close enough to bike to lake) Chiefs will have first choice and then appointed. Leilani – private villas on site or hotel nearby...requirements on size of gatherings...Leilani – Sporting events are open if you can guaranty social distancing. Working with comp, Title Basin (?) to create a plan, Jay – LA is following the National protocol. Is Leilani willing to negotiate the \$40 and she is not.

**Barry** – Where would board meeting be / how handled if we split Nationals. Could potentially be a remote meeting.

**Dennis** – Qualifications – keep current or let anyone come? Wants to make sure LOC doesn't take a hit due to lower numbers. Leilani feels we should still have qualifications of some kind. Jay – feels we need to have a nationals and doesn't want to lower qualification unless it comes down to numbers. Keith – clarification on whether LOC would be willing to make adjustments, if needed, on qualification.

**Jeff** – Leilani – 3 judges outside of the trick panel and 1 would be used for the trick panel. America's Cup – Leilani not opposed, would want some control over drivers; Jay not opposed. What about split officials? Jay not opposed; Leilani not opposed as long as she has enough time to organize housing.

**Jim P** – Jr's party, can it be outside? Jay – yes, no problem, pool and award stand available. Leilani – could do outside, also there is a fun spot with bowling, games, stage, etc.

**Jay** – feel they are in a good spot as far as the virus goes...

**Jim J** – If someone has over 50% would we need to go to the second round?

**Jeff** – Following the plan Doug set is the fairest way to go.

**Roy** – Concerned with the mandatory \$40

#### Round 1 Voting

Jerry – Bennett's  
Brad C – Bennett's  
Peter D – Bennett's  
Dennis D – Bennett's  
Hutch – Traver's  
Ralph H – Traver's  
Lyman – Bennett's  
Brad H – Bennett's  
Jim J – Bennett's  
Freddy – Bennett's  
Julie – Bennett's  
Alex – Bennett's

Keith – Bennett's  
Richelle – Bennett's  
Kelly S – Bennett's  
Mike O – Bennett's  
Van – Bennett's  
Jim P – Traver's  
Roy – Bennett's  
Karen – Bennett's  
Cory – NP  
Kirby – Bennett's  
Barry – Bennett's  
Peter – Bennett's

Due to the overwhelming vote for Bennett's and no vote for the split option there is no need for a second vote.

**Bennett's will be the location for the 2020 USAWSWS Nationals**

10. Old Business

- a. None

11. New Business

- a. **Jeff** – What do we do if a region cannot hold their regionals due to state mandates? Something we will need to consider.

12. Adjourn

- a. Keith / Brad H

AWSA Board of Directors - 2020 Emergency Meeting								
NAME	Position	Region	Present	VOTE 1	VOTE 2	VOTE 3	VOTE 4	VOTE 5
Jerry Bautsch	Director	SC	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Brad Corbin	EVP	West	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Peter Dahl	Director	MW	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Delaina Downes	Secretary	MW						
Dennis Downes	Director	MW	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Scot Ellis	AAC							
Hutch Haines	Director	East	1	1	1	1	Travers	
Ralith Hall	Director	East	1	1	1	1	Travers	
Lyman Hardy	Director	South	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Brad Hartwell	Director	West	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Jim Jaquess	Director	South	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Freddy Krueger IV	AAC		1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Julie Krueger	Director	SC	1				Bennetts	
Alex Lauretano	AAC		1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Keith Lindemulder	EVP	South	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Cynthia Logan	Treasurer	South						
Bob Mayhew	Past Pres	SC						
Richelle Muhlitner	Director	West	1	1		1	Bennetts	
Michael O'Conner	Director	MW	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Van Parker	EVP	SC	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Jim Powell	EVP	East	1	1	1	1	Travers	
Doug Robbins	Director	East						
Kelly Stumph	Director	SC	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Jeff Surdej	President	MW						
Roy Surdej	Director	MW	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Karen Truelove	AAC		1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Corey Vaughn	AAC							
Kirby Whetsel	Director	South	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
Barry Young	Director	West	1	1	1	1	Bennetts	
			22	21	20	21		N/A
23 present = 12 = Majority								
Vote 1 - Waive 30 day requirement for notice = PASSED								
Vote 2 - Official Rating Maintenance Pass for 2020 = PASSED								
Vote 3 - Rope Rule Revision = PASSED								
Vote 4 - National Bid = 19 Votes for Bennetts / 3 Votes for Travers								
Vote 5 - National Bid Selection = Not necessary								

# USA WS American Water Ski Association Budget vs Actual June 30, 2020

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	AWSA General		35 * Fund (RTF)		Elite Team Fund (RTF)		**U14 (RTF)		U17 Fund (RTF)		U21 Fund (RTF)		America's Cup		*Other Team Restricted Funds	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Begin Balance 1/1/20	54871.97		244.79		5606.92		7261.70		9458.84		2965.16		-45.12		0.00	80364.26
<b>Income</b>																
Contributions		576.00	265.00		50.00		175.00		200.00		95.00		750.00		0.00	1361.00
Unrestricted Fund Dist 12/31/18																0.00
General Support	27000.00	14680.00 *													0.00	14680.00
Interest Income	50.00	26.73													0.00	26.73
National Entry Fee	13500.00														0.00	13500.00
Regional Support	1500.00	300.00													0.00	300.00
Team Support - Auction Items															0.00	
Fund Consolidation															0.00	
MW General Fund															0.00	
**\$1150 to Membership															0.00	
**\$1150 to Yr 2019 Programming															0.00	
CanAM															0.00	
World Games															0.00	
U21 Worlds															0.00	
<b>Total Team Support</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	42050.00	15582.73	0.00	265.00	50.00	175.00	0.00	175.00	200.00	0.00	95.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	17117.73
<b>Expense</b>																
Awards/America's Cup Expenses	7000.00	682.18													0.00	682.18
Membership/USAWS	7000.00	1750.00													0.00	1750.00
Directors Insurance	600.00	537.40													0.00	537.40
Officials Maintenance	500.00														0.00	
Meeting Expenses	2000.00	790.66													0.00	790.66
Travel	1500.00														0.00	
Scoring Website	1000.00	1765.00													0.00	1765.00
Bank Service/Credit Card Fees	0.00														0.00	
Uniforms	0.00	500.00													0.00	500.00
Fundraising Expenses	0.00														0.00	
Team Expenses	0.00														0.00	
Elite PA World Team	21025.00														0.00	21025.00
Programming	1500.00														0.00	1500.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	42125.00	6025.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6025.24
<b>Net Income</b>	-75.00	9557.49	0.00	265.00	50.00	175.00	0.00	175.00	200.00	0.00	95.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	11092.49
<b>Ending Balance 01/31/20</b>		64429.46	509.79		5656.92		7436.70		9658.84		3060.16		704.88		0.00	91456.75

**Notes:**

\*\*Other Team Restricted Fund Balances 03/31/20  
3,463.24

	Accounts Receivable	USAWS-WS	Eastern Region	MW Region	SC Region	SD Grant-Nate B.	Natts Webcast	Natts Webcast	Natts Webcast
Physician		\$ 14,680.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00				
Can Am Team									
MW Genl Team									
World Games									
Unallocated Team Funds									
PanAm Funds									
<b>Total</b>									

NOTE\*\*Accured Exp - Membership \$7500

**\*\*\*\*Junior Development Funds held in AWSA Bank Accounts**

Balance Dec 31, 2019	18,717.51			
Income	-			
Expenses	(1,880.96)			
Balance Jun 30, 2020	16,836.55			

Net Inc Above	11092.49			
JD Net	-1880.96			
Net Inc OB	9211.53			



# USA WS American Water Ski Association

## Budget vs Actual June 30, 2020

	Development t ed Funds
Begin Balance 1/1/20 Income	Actual 18717.51
Contributions	
Unrestricted Fund Dist 12/31/18	
General Support	
Interest Income	
National Entry Fee	
Regional Support	
Team Support - Auction Items	
Fund Consolidation	
MW General Fund	
**\$1150 to Membership	
**\$1150 to Yr 2019 Programming	
CanAM	
World Games	
U21 Worlds	
Total Team Support	0.00
Total Income	0.00
Expense	
Awards/America's Cup Expenses	1880.96
Membership/USAWS	
Directors Insurance	
Officials Maintenance	
Meeting Expenses	
Travel	
Scoring Website	
Bank Service/Credit Card Fees	
Uniforms	
Fundraising Expenses	
Team Expenses	
Elite PA World Team	
Programming	
Total Expense	1880.96
Net Income	-1880.96
Ending Balance 01/31/20	16836.55
<b>Notes:</b>	
**Other Team Restricted Fund B	
Physician	
Can Am Team	
MW Genl Team	
World Games	
Unallocated Team Funds	
PanAm Funds	
<b>Total</b>	

## **Announcers Committee Report**

Verbal

## **Awards Committee Report**

No report

## National Drivers Committee Report

July 2020

### Planned activities for next 12 months:

- **Online Drivers Clinics (Classroom):** Virtual drivers' clinics (classroom portion) have been held this year. The feedback has been positive. We will continue to host the virtual clinics throughout the remainder of the year especially given our inability to bring our drivers together due to Covid 19.
- **Drivers Testing Program:** The Committee will review the current drivers' tests, including the qualifications for each level, and make recommendations to the Board.
- **End Course Video:** IWWF Rule 14.15 End Course Video requires for the slalom event all passes at 11.25m and shorter shall be recorded. The video file shall be forwarded to the Confederation Tournament Council for monitoring immediately after the tournament. The results may be cancelled that do not conform to the rules. The Committee will continue to be focused on this issue.

### Highlights of Committee Accomplishments in 2019:

- **Fast track to a Regular or Senior Tricks Driver (Adopted 8/19 by Board):** Policy was adopted & process to fast track has been shared with the Drivers Committee and USA Water Ski for implementation.
- **Online Drivers "Classroom-portion" Clinics:** Committee endorsed "piloting" online drivers' clinics (for the classroom portion). The first pilot was conducted by Will Bush in April 2019. Bob Harris & Will Bush conducted a second clinic on Saturday, December 14, 2019. The online clinic was successful and there were over 12 participants. The process to conduct an online drivers' clinic has been published and shared with the Drivers Committee and USA Water Ski. Note that BEFORE an online clinic can be conducted that the Chairperson of the Drivers Committee must approve the hosting of this clinic (instructor, number of participants, curriculum, etc.).
- **Distracted Boat Driver Policy:** The Committee submitted a policy to the Board on the use of cell phones while driving a boat. The Board approved the proposed "Distracted Boat Driver" policy at their 8/19 Board meeting.
- **Single Event Drivers for Regionals & Nationals for 2020:** The Board approved a "pilot" for the 2020 Nationals as follows: 1-Appointed Driver AND 2-3 Assigned Drivers PER REGION. ONE of the Assigned Drivers can be a SINGLE eventer, if there are 3 Assigned Drivers from that Region.

**Changes to Committee Membership: None.**

**Awards & Other Recognition: None.**

**Other Issues: None.**



## **Bylaws Committee Report**

July 8, 2020

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Jeff Clark, Chair AWSA Bylaws Committee

Re: 2020 Summer Report, AWSA Bylaws Committee

The committee members Jeffry Hardin E, Lisa Holland SCR, Bill Murbach MW, Ryan Nason W, Brian Detrick AAC, Karen Truelove AAC, and I would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to serve the organization.

The AWSA Bylaws Committee has not had any issues to consider since the January meeting of the board.

We remain open to the membership and the Board of Directors for issues to consider.

I will not be attending the meeting in Baton Rouge, but will be available for electronic participation if it is available.

## **International Activities Committee Report**

### **AWSA Board Report**

**August 2020**

International activities have been suspended for the 2020 skiing season due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, including:

The 2020 Junior World Championships are to be rescheduled in 2021, with the dates to be determined. Pickos Ski School will still host the championships. The rules of the championships (eligibility for skiers who otherwise would have aged out, independent athlete eligibility requirements, etc.) have not yet been determined.

The 2020 35+ World Championships have been rescheduled to September 13-19, 2021, still to be held in France. The rules of the championships (eligibility for skiers who otherwise would have aged out, independent athlete eligibility requirements, etc.) have not yet been determined.

The 2020 Pan American Championships have not been scheduled. No announcement has been made as to whether this event will be rescheduled.

Several other international events, e.g., the FISU World University Championships, ANOC World Beach Games, etc. have been cancelled or postponed.

The IAC will meet in late fall to review the 2021 event schedule, and to prepare updated/new Qualifications & Procedures for these events as well as other events to be held during 2021. Likewise, the Committee will review its nominations of officials and drivers for 2020 to determine the extent (if at all) those nominations should be given preference as these events are rescheduled for next year. Although the Committee appreciates any insights or suggestions as to the development of revised/updated Q&Ps and the nomination of officials and drivers under these circumstances, the development of these policies and nominations necessarily awaits more information from IWWF (as to world events) and the Pan American Federation (as to Pan Am events).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Smith  
Chair

**Judges & Scorers Committee Report**  
**AWSA JUDGES & SCORERS COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**2020 SUMMER BOARD MEETING**

To: AWSA Board of Directors  
From: Tom Nathan, Chairman

ISSUES FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

- A. **ACTION ITEM:** Senior Scorer Emeritus final approval for Laura Nowak Western Regional Council and National Judges and Scorers Committee have approved this request and present this to the Board of Directors for final approval. Laura Nowak's work/participation history is attached.

CURRENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITY/DISCUSSIONS

- B. In response to the three questions posed to the Judges and Scorers Committee from the Winter 2020 meeting, here are the results of the committee discussions/votes:
1. Suggestion to allow aspiring slalom judge 3 instances of credit at the same event – [The committee recommended no change to the current requirement of credit at separate events.](#)
  2. Suggestion that officials who work a Regional, National, International or Elite event as an appointed official shall receive credit for the tournament events worked plus additional credit clinic credit for the same events. – [The committee was not in favor of additional clinic credit for officials at these events.](#)
  3. Suggestion to provide or require some level of safety training for judges since we are putting judges in the boat and may expect that person to also be safety – [While the committee agrees with the idea of providing the best available options for safety as boat judges, the committee did not support a requirement for safety training to all judges. As a tournament assigns judges to their positions, that should also include the most competent individuals being placed in those positions. From Rule 6.03.B, "It is recommended that, insofar as practical, the Chief Judge select event judges from among the most capable judges available." Choosing a boat judge should also include consideration for the individual's ability to act in a safety capacity.](#)

OTHER COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- C. Recently revised Regular and Senior Scorer written and practical exams.  
D. Updated official's forms and documents.
  1. Application for Assistant Judge and Assistant Scorer
  2. Official's Program Description
  3. Official's Quantitative Requirements
  4. Judges & Scorers Policy Manual
- E. Looking into ways to recognize officials who participate/work at high levels.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Judges & Scorers Committee members remain unchanged for 2020:

	<u>Region</u>	<u>Position</u>
Dean Rudy	East	Member

Kate Knafla	Midwest	Member
Ray Crenshaw	South	Member
Jane Greenwood	South Central	Member
Tom Nathan	West	Chair
Alex Lauretano	AAC	Athlete Rep
Nate Smith	AAC	Athlete Rep
Jim Grew		*Consultant
Melanie Hanson		*Consultant

\*non-voting

### **Emeritus Request**

To: Western Regional Council & EVP

From: Laura Nowak

Date: 12/31/2019

Re: Emeritus Request

Please accept my request for Emeritus standing for my senior scorer's rating (STJ).

My resume of past work includes, but not limited to:

- Chief Scorer Pan American Games (2011)
- Chief Scorer 35+ World Championships (2010, 2012)
- Assistant Chief Scorer Elite World Championships (2013)
- US Masters Assistant Chief Scorer (2012 – 2019)
- Chief Scorer Western Regional Championships
- Chief Scorer Junior US Open
- Chief Scorer US Team Trials
- AWSA Director
- Honorary National Director
- Seeding Committee Chair

Thank you for your consideration.

Laura

## **Junior Development Committee Report**

Verbal

## AWSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### Rules Committee Report

August 3, 2020

This has been a crazy year and unfortunately lots of cancelled tournaments. There were a few revisions that were added to the 2020 Rulebook:

Junior division changes that were missed originally in different areas of the rulebook.

Tow line changes that were approved at a special BOD meeting which aligned with IWWF.

A paragraph that was left out of the tow boat adjustment document regarding the 2018 Nautique and older.

The Committee approved a tournament request for an exception to use assistant judges to fill spots for appointed judges since many officials could not travel due to the Covid guidelines. So long as the officials who were judging the event along with the EVPs approval, the request was granted.

We will also be voting on language to rules regarding Escalation Processes for disciplinary/corrective action items found during or after tournaments. A task force was put together to determine the best course of action when things are discovered and who should best handle these when they arise. These are the rules that might be affected and the wording for review.

#### **1.14 Tournament ~~Sanction~~ Review - Escalation Process**

~~Subsequent to~~ **After** the completion of a tournament, if information regarding **any** the conduct **during a tournament is raised, that concern or issue shall be reported directly to** ~~of the event surfaces, or the Chief Judge~~ **of the tournament and the Regional EVP. The Chief Judge in consultation with the Appointed Judges (including Pan-Am Judge if applicable) shall review the issue and take appropriate action within 10 days by responding in writing to the individual who raised the issue and copying the Regional EVP.**

~~reports that situations were encountered at the tournament which are in violation of these rules (or rules under which the tournament was to be conducted), then the affected scores, events or the entire competition may be withheld from the ranking lists. The intention of this rule is to assure that appropriate standards of conduct are maintained at tournaments and to assure that only those performances conducted to the appropriate standards are included in ranking lists.~~

***If the issue is unresolved, the Regional EVP including the Regional Council and Regional AWSA Directors shall review the issue and take appropriate action within 15? days by responding in writing to the individual who raised the issue and copying the AWSA President.***

***The AWSA President can accept the findings of the Regional Council as final or appoint a special committee to review the actions and recommend a course of action for vote by the AWSA Board of Directors.***

***Actions, at any review level, may include disallowing affected scores, events or the entire competition may be withheld from the ranking lists and/or the sanction for the entire tournament may be downgraded.***

***The intention of this rule is to assure that appropriate standards of conduct are maintained at tournaments and to assure that only performances conducted using appropriate standards are included in any ranking list. Conduct encountered at a tournament which are in violation of the rules under which the tournament was conducted shall not be tolerated.***

This procedure may also be initiated by the Chief Judge of the tournament, the applicable Regional EVP, AWSA President, Chair of the AWSA Rules Committee, the Chair of AWSA Technical Committee, ***Chair of Judges & Scorers Committee, or Chair of AWSA Drivers Committee.*** ***The process outlined above begins with the Chief Judge and Regional EVP unless they are the subject of the issue or conduct, in which case the first level of review shall escalate to the next level.*** Upon such request being initiated, both the Technical Committee and the Rules Committee will review the matter and with no less than two-thirds agreement of the members of the respective committees make a recommendation to the President of AWSA who will then proceed in accordance with AWSA Bylaws.

#### **15.06 Technical Requirements**

***D.1.f. The video/data file shall be uploaded to the AWSA website (Technical Controller Resources – EC Video) as soon as possible (within 7 days is expected) after the competition. Alternatively, the video file can be loaded to a USB thumb drive and forwarded to a designated Regional representative who will upload the file to the AWSA website. The Council may cancel results that do not conform to Rules (1.12) (10.07) and (15.06). In addition, the scorebook and tournament results may be withheld from posting until such time as the video file is uploaded to the website.***

Not sure what else might arise with rule exceptions given the state of our lives in this crazy time.

The Western Region is allowing any skier to compete at their Regional tournament. The Committee is responsive and luckily haven't had too many other items come our way.

Enjoy your summer and stay safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Richelle Muhlitner, Rules Chair

# Towline and Clean Up Rule Changes

## May 23, 2020

These rules have been revised at the Board of Directors meeting May 23, 2020.

**1)** 4.01B Membership: An entrant in a sanctioned tournament must be a USA-WSWS member with current dues paid. Each skier must be an Active member for Class C and higher tournaments. Grass Roots membership is the minimum requirement for all other tournament classifications. This requirement shall be considered satisfied if the skier pays his dues to the tournament committee before competing, and completes all required USA-WSWS application and membership documents. ~~A member of a national water ski association affiliated with the IWWF shall not be required to join USA-WSWS to enter sanctioned tournaments, if his association grants similar privileges to USA-WSWS members. However, he must be covered by USA-WSWS insurance policy.~~

**2)** 8.02B3. **For tricks if** equipped, the ballast system starting level may be chosen by the skier (0%, 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100%). The skier may select +/- 50% for his second pass based on his first pass selection. The LOC along with the CJ may set a maximum upper ballast level. If so, the skier may not exceed that limit when selecting a second pass change.

**3)** From TC Committee: We need to change the current AWSA rules on Rope specification and which rope can be used in which division.

8.04 (Current)

A:

Weight per foot, maximum = ~~23 g/m (.250 oz.)~~

Breaking Load, minimum = ~~817 kg (1,800 lbs.)~~

Optional: Light Towlines for B1, B2, ~~B3~~, G1, G2, ~~G3~~, W6 and above only

Weight per foot, maximum = ~~23g/m (.250 oz.)~~

Breaking Load, minimum = ~~454 kg (1,000 lbs.)~~

## **8.04 proposal**

### **A) Towline Descriptions**

#### **1. Standard Rope**

**726 kg (1600 lbs) minimum breaking load**



**(for information only, diameter is approx. 10mm/13/32")  
Used in all AWSA/IWWF Class and divisions.**

**2: Optional two Lighter Towlines as described below:**

**a. 8mm (IWWF Lighter Line), 499 kg (1100 lbs) minimum breaking load. (For information only, diameter approx. 8mm/5/16")**

**May be used in AWSA Class E/C/F in B 1-3, G 1-4, W6 and above only;**

**IWWF Class L/R in B/G 1-3 (U-14 and below) only**

**b. 5mm, 363 kg (800 lbs) Minimum breaking load.  
Not to exceed 35 off (12m)**

**(For information only, diameter approx. 5mm/3/16")**

**May be used in AWSA Class E/C/F in B1-2/G 1-3 only;**

**Can NOT be used in IWWF Class L/R.**

**It is the responsibility of the Tow Line manufacturers to ensure their product meets these specifications.**

10.16.B.4 (current rule)

~~**a. 10MM (13/32") 16 Strands— Most common and exceeds the minimum elongation (8.04A).**~~

~~**b. 8 MM (5/16") 12 Strands— Meets the minimum elongation requirements, however, it is only recommended for B1-3, G1-3, G4-5, W6 and above. Not to exceed 39 off (10.75m).**~~

~~**c. 5 MM (3/16") 8 Strands— Light Line only meets the Light Line specification (8.04A optional) and can only be used in B1-3, G1-3 and W6 and above for CLASS E only. Not to exceed 35 off (12m). Does not meet the IWWF specification and cannot be used in Class L or R.**~~

**10.16.B.4 proposal**

**a. Standard rope; minimum breaking load 726kg (1600#).  
Reference 8.04A.**

**b. 8mm (IWWF Lighter Line) with minimum breaking load 499kg (1100#). Reference 8.04A2a.  
May be used in AWSA Class E/C/F in B 1-3, G 1-4, W6 and above;**

***IWWF Class L/R in B/G 1-3 (U14 and U10) only.***

***c. 5mm with minimum breaking load 363kg (800#).***

***Reference 8.04A2b.***

***Not to exceed 35 off (12m)***

***May be used in AWSA Class E/C/F in B1-2/G 1-3 only.***

***Can NOT be used in IWWF Class L or R.***

***Revised 5/3/20***

**4)** 10.10E5b. When the 2019 Nautique ***or newer*** is used in slalom, the MicroTuners and Hydrogate automatically deploy. If the incorrect line length on the display was selected but is within the matrix supplied by Nautique, there will be no reride. If a rope length is selected for which the MicroTuners are not what the Matrix recommends, a reride may be allowed if an incomplete pass.

**5) AWSA/IWWF Differences:**

**A5: Speed Control** (IWWF ***5.02f***/AWSA 8.10): IWWF requires that a written record of speed control settings ***for World Championships*** and changes thereto be maintained. AWSA contains no such provisions.

## **AWSA Safety Committee Report**

### **2020 Summer AWSA Board of Directors Meeting**

The AWSA Safety Committee had no action items come to our attention since the winter Board meeting. The only action taken since the winter meeting was to ask for a 'Blanket Hardship' be given to all rated Safety people because of the COVID – 19 pandemic and how it has made the ability to get some needed requirements for keeping their ratings difficult.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Babcock, Chairperson

## Seeding Committee Report

No report

**Skier's Qualification Report**  
**Summer 2020 Meeting Report**

SQC is not recommending any changes to the percentile or NOPS values for ski year 2021.

The following will be the L10 ratings for 2021 based on already approved methodology:

L10 methodology and ratings for Open

Open L10 ratings equal to the #20 ranked skiers on IWSF weekly rankings list as of July 1st, 2019:

- OMS-3@41
- OMT-9660
- OMJ-205
- OWS-1/2@ 39
- OWT-6610
- OWJ-152

Masters L10 ratings.

The L10 rating will be set by either the top 10 on IWWF skiers aged 35-54 or top 3% on US, whatever is higher and thus for 2021 the L10 ratings for

Masters will be:

- MMS-2@ 41
- MMT-6455
- MMJ-183
- MWS-2.25@38
- MWT-4165
- MWJ-126

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# Technical Committee Report

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## Towboat Committee Report

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## **AWSA Marketing and Membership Committee Summary**

**Members:** Paul Vaitkevicius (Michigan, Committee Chair), Jeff McCabe (Nebraska), Brian Morris (Washington), Clay Kinnick (Indiana)

**Membership Changes:** One member decided to leave the committee due to other time commitments.

**Committee Inception:** This was a new club created in 2020 with the first meeting held in March.

### **Committee Highlights:**

- NCWSA AWSA participation incentive. Our group sees NCWSA members as low hanging fruit. Getting them to participate in AWSA summer tournaments will encourage them to continue with that after they graduate. AWSA approved a \$600 budget that would pay out to the top 3 schools with the greatest amount of participation at summer tournaments before the collegiate season happens.
- Tournament Kit: Much discussion has been had about tournament directors. How do we keep them from getting burnt out, and how do we make sure new tournament directors have all available resources in hand. We have begun the process of creating an online tournament kit that could be sent to all tournament director's when they sanction their event. Rather than the old days of mailing this out this would be free to USA Waterski and provide tournament directors ideas, websites, and tips for running a tournament.
- Covid-19 tournaments response. Due to how Covid-19 has changed the landscape of our tournaments in 2020 we felt it necessary to share how tournaments are protecting against the outbreak. We have started to compile pictures and ideas for how tournaments across the country are doing their part.

### **6-12 Month Goals:**

- Within the next 12 months it would be a great goal to analyze the success of our collegiate AWSA promotion campaign to compare 2020 participation to prior years. By working hand and hand with the NCWSA we believe we can help retain members past their college years.
- Our committee has not started focusing on the marketing aspect of our goal and we need to define what our goals are within that realm. How do we make sure to reach current members and potential members?
- Through the winter meetings we hope to really define the committee and set it up for long term success.



**Social Media Committee**

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## **Ski Rec League Committee**

### **Summer 2020 Meeting Report**

We have discussed putting together a national support effort to encourage more GR events around the nation. So we agree that a 2 tiered national approach would be best.

1.) A basic plan and set of incentives from USA to hold very simple ski league practice sessions around the nation like we do here in Austin. No scores, no specific commitments, no competition, just opening up the private lakes for skiers to come and try the course at a very low cost. Our format is really super simple and does not require a big commitment from any lake, or any person. We have a safety and a driver, and that's it. We all coach each other and we just pull ski rides for people who normally only have a chance to ski on open water. More details on what we do here in Austin can be found via our website link below.

<http://waterskiaustin.com/get-started/learning-opportunities/>

2.) A basic plan and set of incentives for a more structured set of ski league nights with some loose judging involved for those who want to be competitive amongst themselves in a casual environment. We can create a set of national rules/guidelines, etc... for simple fun scoring, etc... I don't understand how to create handicaps, etc..... but we could come up with a uniform set of procedures, etc... for people to follow in this regard if people decide they want that. We could do things like have a set of made up tricks and associated scores for beginners. Tricks like waving to the judges, jumping over the wake, wake slide (not wake back), etc... Simple fun, made up tricks for people to try who are beginners on the trick. For slalom we could do simple rules like each skier gets 4 passes per round (or 2, or 3.....whatever!) and we count every single buoy as one point regardless of if they are all rounded in consecutive order. (So, if you run the course, but miss buoy 3, you still get a score of 5). You could offer points for gates as well, and then you simply add up all buoys in the end, and hand out awards for whoever gets the highest score. We could also promote fun, slippery slalom type events and offer some uniform guidelines on that as well. For any of these fun events, we could have the "beginner category" and the "intermediate" category to where we separate brand new people from the people who might be able to actually trick 500 points or something. This way people who are not 100% brand new might want to jump in as well just for the chance to practice in a fun environment with no ranking list scores on the line.

We also could suggest a costume contest at these fun events. Whoever has the goofiest wig or costume to ski in wins a prize. People around the nation can be encouraged to submit their photos to USA waterski and we could have people vote on the best costume nationwide for any given month. Whoever wins the nationwide contest gets something from USA? A T-shirt? A shout out on the website? Even just a certificate to hang on the wall that we could mail to the individual?

Some ideas for USA to incentivise people to participate are:  
Offer free sanctions for GR Events, or maybe a buy one get one free?

Offer a free class C or above sanction for every GR event a lake or club holds (if that is too much, maybe offer one free Class C event for every 2 GR events held??)

Free USA memberships to certain individuals who agree to host/volunteer so many GR events

USA to provide marketing for local clubs to use

Maybe a GR page on the USA website. A place to list all GR events around the nation.

Maybe a photo page, etc...? (if we do the costume contests, etc..)

Maybe T-shirts or apparel from USA for holding these events?

Coupons for ski equipment, ski schools, etc...(if you can round up sponsors to help support the national effort)?

Thinking out loud here.....but maybe T-shirts that say "I ski for fun" and USA Water Ski supports me. Or, something along those lines.

Another idea is to maybe have a volunteer incentive for all members where people could log a record of their volunteer activities (like you do for earning driving credits, etc...) and tell people that if you volunteer at "x" number of GR events in a given year, you will get your USA membership dues covered for the following year? That won't help with the selfish people who don't want to help in any GR efforts, but it will encourage and reward the givers who are already out there doing all the work! It could also incentivise new people to the sport (who may not have a lot of money) to volunteer and get involved just knowing that they could earn a little reward of some sort.

2. Planned activities, for the next 6- to 12-month horizon; - More brainstorming

That's all I have! I hope this helps. If there is anything specific you guys need me to do, please let me know!

Toni Bondonzi

## Team Fund Raising Committee

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