

**AWSA WESTERN REGION
MID-WINTER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 4, 2014
(Revised 1/30/2014)
RENO, NEVADA**

The meeting was called to order by Elaine Bush, EVP, at 9:00 am. A quorum was present.

1. Introductions & Roll Call

Area 1 – Brad Corbin; Area 2 – Greg Badal; Area 3 – Owen Letcher; Area 4 – John Goodman for Travis Feldheger; Area 5 – Tad Scharpf for Louie Vidmar; Area 6 – Christine Gulley; Area 7 – Steve Ware(absent); Area 8 – Brad Jamieson; Area 9 – Sam Lee; Dir - Tad Scharpf; Dir - Connie Bergmark; Dir - Laura Johnson; EVP - Elaine Bush; HND - Will Bush; HND - John Goodman; HND - Mike Hayes; HND - Randy Hocking; HND - TC Boice; Richelle Matli; Lucie Goodman; Phil Yastrow; Tim Vaio; Brandy Nagle; Pat Rogers; Brad Conger; Ryan Nason; Debbie Badal; Judy Stanford and Don Stanford

2. Council approval to allow substitutes - Tad Scharpf Area 4; John Goodman Area 5 -Approved

3. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Mike Hayes - Approved

4. Review and Approval of Minutes from July 2013 Summer Council Meeting - Scharpf motion ; Corbin second - Approved

5. Treasurer’s Report – Tad updated Council on the Western Region finances. Tad Scharpf – motion / second – Approved

6. EVP Report---Elaine Bush
Elaine distributed her written report.

7. Regional Committee Reports

- Regional Awards----Debbie Badal –Western Region Merit Award -- use HNDs to identify individuals for nomination and use the prior award recipients to vote on nominees. The process for nominating and selecting the recipient for the Western Regional Water Ski Championships “Outstanding Official” will not change.
- Regional Drivers---Pat Rogers – Nothing to report.
- Regional Guide—Brian Detrick / Elaine Bush – Clarification and discussion on items that will be included in the Guide. HND’s that are deceased will not be listed in the Regional Guide. They are recognized at USA-Water Ski and there is a record of their accomplishments retained at Headquarters.
- Regional Junior Development—Tim Vaio / Randy Hocking – Randy summarized the Jr. Development budget. Tim asked the Council for direction regarding goals for the Junior Development program. It was agreed that Jr. Development should expand focus to include bringing in new juniors to the sport, developing skills for the rising aspiring skiers in addition to the Western Region Best of the West skiers. Secondly, it is suggested that the curriculum should include paths to becoming an official and encouraged to assist at water ski events.
- Regional Nominating----Dave Vogt – Ballot has been submitted. Changes – add Brad Conger to Area 2; Second Scharpf - Approved. The policy of the Council is that “Online” voting will

be turned on immediately after the Council has approved the Ballot. The EVP will post on the Western Region website that “voting” is now available.

- Regional Records-Tad Scharpf (for Amy Scharpf) Records presented – Motion by Tad Scharpf; Seconded by Will Bush - Approved. Additional discussion on three items – Motion by Tad Scharpf to Approve Alison Poulsen record, second by Sam Lee – Approved. There was no motion to take any action to approve Selsor or Conger applications.

8. Western Regional Tournaments

- 2014 Western Regional Tournament Announcement Review
Discussion: Officials Selected by Executive Committee on 1/4/2014
Action: Council to Approve the Recommendations - Motion Hocking; Second Scharpf - Approved
- 2015 – Warman Lake
- 2016 - No Bid

9. 2014 National Tournament

- Discussion: Appointed/Assigned officials from Western Region Selected by Executive Committee on 1/4/2014
- Action: Council approved the Recommendations of the Executive Committee

10. Local Tournament Sanction Approvals

- Action: Approve tournaments for 2014
- Discussion: There were a few tournament sponsors that were NOT notified of the cut-off date of December 31st in order to avoid a \$150 Western Region late fee. The Council voted to refund those clubs the late fee IF they had entered their sanction data into the system by January 4th (date of the Council meeting). This is a ONE time transition policy. Motion—Jamieson, Second—Sam Lee.

11. Other Sports Divisions

- National Collegiate----Jeff Rush submitted a written report.

12. National Committee Reports

- National Announcers: Ryan Nason (No report)
- National Awards: Randy Hocking (Report posted)
- National Boat Drivers: Pat Rogers (No Report)
- National Bylaws: Brad Conger (Report posted)
- National Executive: Barry Young / Elaine Bush –Elaine gave the Council an overview of the Executive Committee meeting that was held on December 8' 2013.
- National Grassroots: Matt Brandt (No Report)
- National IAC: Mike Hayes (Report Posted)
- National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan (Report Posted)
- National Junior Development: Jim DeVito (No Report)
- National Tournament Seeding: Judy Stanford (Report Posted)
- National Rules: Richelle Matli/Dave Vogt (Report Posted) Council approved all proposals – excluding Proposals 11 & 13. Second by Tad – approved. Item 11 - Motion by Will Bush; second by John Goodman to oppose – Approved. Item 13 – Motion by Brad Corbin ; second Laura to oppose item 13 – Approved
- National Safety: John Crivello (report submitted late---Elaine will forward to Council)
- National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle (Report Posted)
- National Technical: Phil Yastrow – (Report Posted)
- National Towboat: Will Bush (Report posted)

- USA WS- Will Bush (Report posted)

13. Old Business

- Online Tournament Sanctioning & Payment for 2014 Status---Council discussed a few issues with tournament sponsors entering their sanction data into the system after December 31st. Action taken earlier in the meeting.

14. New Business

- Printed Guide---Do we want a printed guide in 2015? Council voted YES.
- Western Region Budget for 2014—Tad Scharpf; Second by Brad Corbin – Approved
- Definition of Trick Ski – Richelle was asked by the EVP to brief the Council on an issue that was raised regarding trick ski dimensions AFTER the Western Regional tournament in 2013. Mike Hayes suggested that any questions be resolved at the dock during the event. In addition, a reminder needs to be sent out to all clubs holding trick tournaments to “double” check to ensure that skiers are using trick skis that meet the measurement requirements per the rulebook.
- Randy Hocking suggested a Time and Place Committee to make a recommendation to the EVP for the 2015 Mid-Winter meeting – Approved Ryan Nason, Brandy Nagle, Christine Gulley, Louie Vidmar, Randy Hocking. Christine will chair the committee and present the recommendations to the EVP-elect at the summer Council meeting.
- Council discussed ideas concerning how to grow our sport – new skiers, more fun in events, and more interest in Council jobs. Owen Letcher volunteered to solicit input from council members & ask them each to come to the 2015 Mid-Winter Council meeting with 5 ideas to address these issues.

15. Recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Mid-Winter Meeting on January 25, 2014

- Propose change to Rule 8.03(a) Skis from 30% to 35% - Motion by Will Bush, Second by Greg Badal - - Approved.
- Support Rule Proposal 11 – If IWWF adopts.

16. Adjournment at 4:05PM

NATIONALS

National Drivers

Barry Young
Dee Johnson
Elaine Bush - ALT

National Judges

ACJ
Richelle Matli

Appointed
Connie Bergmark
Mike Hayes

Assigned

Jack Hanna
Russ Selsor
Hank Combs -?

National Scorers

Judy Stanford
Gail Heinrich
Martha Selsor ALT

National Announcers

Ryan Nason
Tom Mecham

National Safety

Don Stanford

WESTERN REGIONALS

X = plan to attend Regional Warm Up

Drivers

Greg Badal CD x
Randy Hocking ACD x
Mike Martens ACD
Brad Conger
Dee Johnson x
Bob Hardeman
Sam Lee
Elaine Bush x

Tom Nathan ALT

Judges

Chief

Dave Vogt CJ x

Appointed

Brandy Nagle
Richelle Matli
Connie Bergmark
Mike Hayes
Russ Selsor

Jack Hanna Alt

ACJ

Barry Young
Hank Combs x
John Goodman

Brad Hartwell Alt

Assignment Judge

Tim Vaio

Scorers

Judy Stanford CS
Tad Scharpf ACS
Brad Corbin

Appointed

Gail Heinrich
Joe Perez
Owen Letcher
Lucy Goodman

TC

Phil Yastrow x
Rich Borga
Will Bush x
John Goodman

Safety

Deb Gradick x
Brian O'Keefe x

Announcers

Norm Wenzel CA x
Tom Mecham
Ryan Nason