

**AWSA WESTERN REGION
MID-WINTER COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2012
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
MINUTES**

Elaine Bush, EVP for the Western Region, called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. A quorum was present.

1. Attendees & Introductions

Area Representatives:

Area 1 – Brad Corbin
Area 2 – Greg Badal
Area 3 – Owen Letcher
Area 4 – Travis Feldheger
Area 5 – Louie Vidmar
Area 6 – Randy Hocking for Brian Reinke
Area 7 – Steve Ware (absent)
Area 8 – Brad Jamieson
Area 9 – Barry Young for Sam Lee

Directors:

Connie Bergmark, Laura Johnson & Tad Scharpf

Honorary Directors:

Will Bush, John Goodman, Mike Hayes, Merle Vasbinder, Frank Harrison, Randy Hocking and TC Boice.

Committees Members/Guests/Other Sports Division Representatives:

Barry Young, Pat Rogers, Richelle Matl, Jim DeVito, Charlene Harrison, Shelley McCollum, Lisa Wilson, Judy Stanford, Don Stanford, Jeff Rush, Erik Kosney, Brad Conger; Steve Hornsey, Lucie Goodman and John Crivello

2. Council approval to replace area representatives

- Area 5 (Oregon): Replace Todd Yokum with Louie Vidmar
- Area 7 (Arizona): Replace Brad Stevenson with Steve Ware

Elaine asked the Council to approve new representatives for Area 5 and Area 7. Motion by - Tad Scharpf/Connie Bergmark – APPROVED

3. Assignment of Parliamentarian—Mike Hayes - APPROVED

4. Review and Approval of Minutes from 7/19/2011 Summer Council Meeting
Motion by Brad Corbin/Randy Hocking - APPROVED

5. Treasurer's Report- Tad Sharpf
Motion by Corbin/Letcher - APPROVED

6. Regional Committee Reports

- EVP Report - Elaine Bush
As EVP wants to focus on communication, greater transparency of Council actions
- Regional Records-Amy Scharpf
 - Discussion: Records submitted for “zero” scores – the Council discussed the issue of performance records with a “zero” score – for example rode skis but did not go over the ramp or did not get a score in slalom or tricks. Barry Young proposed that a score must be greater than zero for a record to be approved. Second by Tad Scharpf. APPROVED.
 - John Goodman raised an issue that Terry Goodman’s Regional jump performance was not included in the current list of pending records. Laura Johnson will verify the score and communicate with Amy to modify the Record Journal/Guide Page, etc.
 - Record for Ed Fisher – a record applications was submitted, however it was incomplete – no officials, times, etc. The Council’s direction is that is that records need to be complete and on time to be accepted for approval. Barry Young motion for approval of Records submitted - APPROVED
- Regional Guide - Brian Detrick/Laura Johnson
Please review your tournament announcements. Motion was made to subsidize regional guide fee for Area 1 Jr. Development – Motion - Corbin/Bergmark.
Discussion – Pat Rogers said he would sponsor the page. Motion withdrawn.
- Regional Awards - Debbie Badal (not present)
 - Discussion: Criteria for Awards – wants criteria for how folks are selected. Wants committee for selection for Western Region Award of Merit. Motion that committee will include the past recipients of the Merit Award (formally called the Rich Slingerland Award). This Committee will be polled /vote on current year nominees (process to be added to the guide). Second by Tad Scharpf. APPROVED.
- Webmasters - Phil Yastrow/Laura Johnson
Changed webpage and hosting. Laura will give access to others to allow fresher content.
- Regional Junior Development - Lisa Wilson/Shelley McCollum
Council thanked Lisa for her past work. Handing the lead to Shelley – but Lisa will still be involved. Lisa asked each council member for items for silent auction. Items do not have to be ski related (gift certificates, etc. are great auction prizes).
- Nominations - Dave Vogt (not present) – report submitted.

7. Western Regional Tournaments

- 2012 Western Regionals-Tournament Review – the Council reviewed the tournament announcement with Tim Vaio and made changes.
 - Discussion: Appoint Officials – explanation was given regarding how officials are selected. Elaine handed out the list of officials.
Motion to accept announcement and officials – Young/Hocking - APPROVED
- 2013 Regional Tournament – Laku has expressed interest. A request for Bids for the 2013 Regional Tournament will be added to the Western Region Website. The due date for bids is March 1, 2012. The Councilpersons will review the bids with the EVP and decide on a site by March 15, 2012.
- 2014 Regional Tournament – Council is also exploring interest for the Western Regional Tournament for 2014.

8. 2012 National Tournament
 - Discussion: Appointed officials from Western Region
 - Discussion: Assigned officials from Western RegionMotion – Letcher/Badal – APPROVED
9. Local Tournament Sanction Approvals
Motion – Corbin/Jamieson – APPROVED
10. Other Sports Divisions
 - a. Collegiate – Jeff Rush – provided an update. He noted that participation is down and that they continue to look for opportunities for collegiate skiers to get involved in the sport.
 - b. WSDA – Steve Hornsey – update – Disabled Nationals in Sacramento @ Shortline Lake. CARDS, the local organizing committee for the Nationals, is looking for sponsors for the 2012 Nationals since their organization is very small and has limited funding. If anyone has any ideas for sponsors, please let Steve Hornsey know.
 - c. Also, WSDA is looking for sites for the 2013 Disabled Nationals.
11. National Committee Reports
 - AWSA Executive Report - Barry Young – need for Jr. Team funding. Membership fee increase for 2012. Higher Insurance costs in 2011. National Entry fee the same for 2012 Nationals.
 - USA WS- Randy Hocking – see report. Challenges – decreasing membership; increasing costs. Sponsorship dollars are down from industry.
 - National Junior Development – see report. Charlene Brown & Jim DeVito – Charlene communicated the members of the National Jr Development Team.
 - Rules - Richelle Matli – Richelle reviewed all rule proposals. The only issue of concern was Proposal 12 - Mandatory reride in Jump **if best distance is set, may not improve score.** Motion to approve all but item 12 - APPROVED
 - Judges & Scorers - Tom Nathan (not present) – discussion regarding number of downgrades this last year due to lack of maintenance credit. Downgrade listing will be sent to council representatives for review. Elaine asked that the Council analyze the list and see if there are “themes” in why officials are being downgraded (lack of clinics, moratorium on downgrades for a period of time, credit not getting into the scoring program, etc.).
Emeritus Status requested and granted for Andrea Plough & Lance Renfrow.
 - Boat Drivers - Pat Rogers (see report).
Emeritus Status requested and granted for Jack Wilson & Rich Pato.
 - Technical - Phil Yastrow (not present) – see report
 - IAC-Mike Hayes (see report)
 - Safety - John Crivello (no report)
 - Towboat/Speed Control - Will Bush – see report
 - National Seeding - Judy Stanford – interesting year with two scoring programs. Judy also reminded everyone that when a local tournament organizer wants to change a Chief Official (including appointed) they are required to get EVP approval AND they also need to let their “tournament” scorer know of this change BEFORE the tournament starts.

- Skiers Qualification - Erik Kosney
 - Discussion: National Qualification with ZERO score. This issue will be discussed more fully at the National Meeting.
- Grass Roots (National Ski League) - Kay Goodfellow (no report)
- By-laws - (No Representative since Dana Garcia has moved out of the Region). Elaine is looking for a replacement and asked the Council to assist her in finding a qualified/interested individual.
- Announcers -Tom Mecham (no report)
- National Nominating - Barry Young (Barry replaced by the new EVP, Elaine Bush)
- Awards - Randy Hocking - see report

12. Old Business

- The Council asked that the job descriptions for key posts within the Council (area representative, director, committee chair, etc.) be posted to the Regional website. Elaine will send these to Laura Johnson for posting.

13. New Business

- Downgrading of Officials (reasons for downgrades)
- Tad Scharf presented the proposed budget for coming year. Motion - APPROVED
- Greg Badal discussed a new division for men at 35 mph – encouraged Council members to consider.

14. Recommendations to the National Directors

None.

The meeting was adjourned @ 4:45PM