

# Western Region Summer Council Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2009 / Windsor, Colorado

1. Call to order 12:20 pm
2. Introductions/Roll Call
  - Connie Morris is filling in for Gaile Heieck as director
  - Laura Johnson is filling in for Jay Fitzpatrick as Area 1 rep
  - Mike Hayes is filling in for TC Boice as director
3. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Mike Hayes
4. Review & Approval of Previous Minutes
  - Mike Hayes motioned; Tad seconded. All in favor
5. Treasurer's Report: Tad Scharpf
  - Ahead of budgeted income for the year
  - Increased official's travel allowance to \$500 to encourage participation at the national level
  - \$3000 deficit budgeted at beginning of year. We have the resources to offset that this year but we don't want to count on that as a means to balance our budget.
  - Tournament sanction fee is main source of income for Western Region. We need to determine 2010 tournaments and whether or not there will be a drop off in numbers. Council people should contact local tournament organizers to get a feel for what they're going to do for next year.
  - Laku was budgeted \$2500 to help with official's expenses for the 2009 Regionals; this won't occur again next year.
  - Brad Stevenson seconded motion; all in favor
6. Regional Committee Reports
  - EVP- Barry Young
    - i. Posting/publicizing injury requests
      - Josh Badal – ankle injury
      - Steven Brooks – wrist: will ski
      - Brian Detrick – ankle
      - Paul Donatt – ankle
      - Don Beaman – elbow
    - ii. Boys 1/Girls 2 are swapping start times at nationals. Revised schedule is posted on the HQ website. Please be aware and notify
    - iii. More tournaments are asking to add rounds. Reminder that you must receive approval from the EVP and request at least three days prior to the start of the tournament.
    - iv. Randy Hocking requested an adjustment to the timing of entering OLR system so that if someone enters a tournament in Mountain Time from Pacific Time, they're not charged the late fee.
    - v. We have three skiers from the West skiing at the International level. In the past AWSA has had some financial support for the skiers, notably the juniors. This is no longer available. Can we involve our region's junior development in assisting these skiers financially? Discuss under New Business. Charlene Brown recommended that it be upon request, and not an automatic disbursement.
    - vi. Two Task Forces set up at the Board meeting last January.
      - Separating amateurs and pros – TC doesn't see the committee getting anywhere right now. Hope was to benefit amateurs but doesn't appear that's happening.
      - Realignment of all regions in the country - Tad Scharpf. Also not moving forward. Lack of information and resources.

- Regional Records: Connie Morris - as published
  - i. Problem with Men 7 Pacific Area record – reported judges could not be verified as rated judges. Connie’s recommendation is that particular record not be approved.
  - ii. Three skiers in Boys 3 trick, skied in order and each broke an area record. Ok to give a record certificate to each.
  - iii. Motion to approve all records other than the one noted in item #1 above – Mike Hayes seconded, all in favor.
  - iv. Motion to reject record noted in item #1, Nick seconded. All in favor.
- Regional Guide: Barry Young & Laura Johnson
  - i. Discussion a year ago about dropping the printed version of the guide. Printed guide will continue in the coming years. South Central region is the only region that went paperless.
  - ii. Entire guide is available online.
  - iii. Apologies for deleting page 74.
- Regional Junior Development: Lisa Wilson/Randy Hocking
  - i. Three Best of the West camps this year, coached by Scot Ellis, Brandi Hunt and Michael McCormick.
  - ii. Please help support the kids who have made the international teams.
  - iii. Use junior development funds to support all level of skiers from grassroots on up.
  - iv. Barry had appointed a committee for regional junior development last summer. Intent is to involve several areas of our region and encourage new people to get involved.
- Regional Awards: Richelle Matli handling for Gaile
  - i. Koppert & Slingerland awards to be awarded at the start of the junior awards Friday night
- Webmaster: Larry Goodwin
  - i. We’ve been receiving a lot of information for posting on the website.
  - ii. We do have a blog attached to the site as well. Please use it!
  - iii. Facebook – let’s use that too!
- Committee to help official’s assistance – Frank Harrison. Nothing to report; will report at winter meeting
- Other Sports Divisions – nothing to report

## 7. Regional Tournaments

- 2009 Laku Landing
  - i. Thank you for being here
  - ii. Skier count is about 310 skiers; definitely more three event skiers than in years past.
  - iii. Wednesday night on site General Membership meeting and barbequed ribs & party to follow.
  - iv. Friday night junior banquet and official’s dinner at the Embassy Suites. DJ for kids and band for adults. Please everyone plan to attend.
  - v. Practice will be held at the conclusion of the tournament each day.
- 2010 Broadside Harbor (Sam Lee, Deb Parsons)
  - i. Lots of improvements at the lake, judges towers, officials tower, planted grass down the lake for spectators. Brand new Beeman jump surface, new side curtains and frame last year.
  - ii. Several hotels have been lined up nearby; College of Idaho (10 mins from lake) will rent out a/c dorm rooms, two beds per room but \$15 per room.
  - iii. Most likely will do regional warm up tournament the weekend prior
  - iv. Boise airport is about 30 minutes from site

- Bell Acqua (lake 1 & 2) is considering a bid for 2011
8. National Committee Reports
- Executive: TC Boice – nothing to report
  - Rules: Richelle Matli and Dave Vogt – as published
  - Judges & Scorers: Deb Parsons – as published
  - Boat Drivers: Pat Rogers
    - i. Modified testing procedures last year to encompass Zero off; more to do with that
    - ii. Changed renewal requirements last year
  - International Activities: Mike Hayes/Barry Young
    - i. Recognize that we had an extremely strong year with our Junior skiers making the teams – Makayla Haw, Storm Selsor, Steven Brooks, Erika Lang. Under 13 team Taylor Garcia and Nick Lang.
    - ii. Encourage senior judges to participate and to obtain your Pan Am rating and become involved with the international events.
  - Technical: Phil Yastrow
    - i. Stop by and check out the technical tournament set up that the Rules committee has imposed on us.
    - ii. New trick course
  - Safety: Larry Goodwin
    - i. Safety committee received one request. Mike Hayes is asking that helmets be either mandatory or strongly recommended for junior slalom skiers. Mike researched the Gath helmet and that should be appropriate usage.
  - Towboat/Speed Control: Will Bush as published
    - i. Washington & Oregon are not allowing boats with towers at their tournaments because the feeling that they act as a sail with the bimini top. Pat recommended that the parties involved discuss the issue. Boats were tested and approved with the towers on them.
    - ii. Concern with economy and difficulty selling promo boats. Barry raised the thought of allowing older boats at tournaments in the coming years. There may also be a shortage of boats in the coming years.
  - National Seeding: Laura Johnson
    - i. Reminder of one week to modify scoring errors
  - Skiers Qualifications: Erik Kosney - nothing to report
  - National Ski League: Kay Goodfellow (no activity to report)
  - By-laws: Jim Lang
  - Announcers: Tom Mecham
  - National Junior Development: Charlene Brown
    - i. We have many kids from the west on the various junior teams this year. Congratulations!
    - ii. National junior development is running in the positive this year for the first time in awhile. Charging \$10 per person for the National Junior Pizza party helped to keep from using fundraising money.
9. National Nominating: Barry Young – as published
- Jim Grew stepping down as AWSA President. Gene Davis is taking over; Barry will be Vice President.
10. Old Business
- None
11. New Business

- Laura motioned that we eliminate slalom timing report for GPS based tournaments (requirement remains in effect for Perfect Pass Classic usage – which is documented on the boat drivers report). Tad seconded. Discussion followed. All in favor.
- Owen brought several requests that we allow alternative qualifying tournaments other than the regionals to go to nationals. Nick seconded. Discussion – Connie & Brad agreed that we need to continue to support the regional tournament and not allow alternative means of qualification. Economic conditions brought forth suggestions. No one in favor. Motion fails.
- Barry motioned that we allow boats older than two years to be used at C class tournaments. Nick seconded. Reasoning of economics and open up more availability of boats. Pat said that organizers can request an exception for this on a tournament by tournament basis. Discussion that people may start picking tournaments based on boat availability. Public could create the demand for newer boats as opposed to the rules dictating it. Barry revised his motion to be allowing boats that are four years old. None in favor. Motion failed. Pat will discuss at general membership meeting.
- Mike Hayes requesting further support on the safety recommendation – that the safety committee advise and communicate with parents about the inherent risk of the slow speed and larger wake for junior skiers and that helmet usage may help to reduce exposure head injuries. Connie seconded. Intent is to disseminate information to parents – not to create a rule change. All in favor
- Nick – skiers are concerned about ranking list and records and tournament sites that are not up to par. Tad seconded. Discussion followed. People are on the bubble of the ranking list and can be affected by “soft tournaments”. Not necessarily fair across the board. Unsure as to how we can enforce. Chief Judge’s report already verifies compliance with rules. Perhaps we should more emphasis on verification via survey or angle measurement. **Technical committee will review and establish guidelines for the verification of site accuracy.**

12. Announcements

- Owen – do Western region states have a way of establishing State Champions
- TC – discuss realigning Western region areas at the Winter meeting

13. Motion to adjourn by mike at 2:26, seconded by Frank. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.