**AWSA WESTERN REGION**

**MID-WINTER COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 5, 2013**

**RENO, NEVADA**

Call to Order – Elaine Bush, EVP, called the meeting to order 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 – Travis Feldheger; Area 5 – Louie Vidmar; Area 6 – Randy Hocking for Brian Reinke; 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; Barry Young; Pat Rogers; Richelle Matli; Judy Stanford; Don Stanford; Brad Conger; Lucie Goodman; Dave Vogt; Debbie Badal; Phil Yastrow; Ryan Nason; Jim DeVito, Shelley McCollum; Jeff Rush

1. Council approval to allow substitutes – Randy Hocking for Brian Reinke - Approved
2. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Mike Hayes - Approved
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from 7/24/12 Summer Council Meeting - motion Randy Hocking / second Tad Scharpf - approved
4. Treasurer’s Report -Tad Scharpf – motion Randy Hocking / second Brad Jamieson – Approved
5. EVP Report---Elaine Bush
6. Regional Committee Reports

* Regional Awards----Debbie Badal – no report
* Regional Drivers---Pat Rogers – will discuss proposal under National Committee Report
* Regional Guide—Brian Detrick – no report
* Regional Junior Development-- Shelly McCollum – update on goals. Discussion on process for junior development fund management. Committee will develop a budget by 2/15/2012 and send to EVP for Council approval. Tad Scharpf suggested that we post on the Western Region information regarding what is available for junior camps, etc
* Regional Nominating----Dave Vogt - gave verbal report. Issue was raised – Alternate (substitute) in the event that the USAWS Western Region Director is unable to attend the USAWS Board meeting. Barry Young made a motion that in the event that the USAWS Director is unable to attend, then first the Council appoints an alternate; and second give the EVP the authority to appoint. Second by Jamieson. Approved. The slate of officers was presented – Second by Hocking. Approved
* Regional Records-Tad Scharpf (for Amy Scharpf) Records presented – Council held out Amanda Amos and Jack Horton – Balance of Records presented for approval /second by Jamison. Approved. Amos – out of area (no record). Horton – score of zero (need a score greater that zero)
* Regional Website Postings---Louie Vidmar
* Regional Webmasters----Phil Yastrow/Laura Johnson

1. Western Regional Tournaments

* 2013 Western Regionals-Tournament Announcement (Guide) Review
  + Discussion: Officials Selected by Executive Committee on 1/5/12
  + Action: Council to Approve the Recommendations – second by Scharpf - Approved
  + Motion - run all divisions using the same class as Nationals except allow Boys 1 & Girls 1 tricks skiers to select “L” in-lieu of “E”
* 2014 Regional Tournament Bids – no bids. Council would like potential bids by June 1, 2013. Elaine will have a request for bids posted on the Western Region website.

1. 2013 National Tournament

* Discussion: Appointed/Assigned officials from Western Region Selected by Executive Committee on 1/5/12
* Action: Council Approved the Recommendations

1. Local Tournament Sanction Approvals – Motion Corbin / second Badal - Approved.
2. Other Sports Divisions

* National Collegiate----Jeff Rush (Report Posted) – Nationals at Imperial Lakes – Oct, 17/18/18, 2013.
* WSDA – No report

1. National Committee Reports

* National Announcers: Ryan Nason (Report Posted)
* National Awards: Randy Hocking (Report Posted)
* National Boat Drivers: Pat Rogers (Report Posted) Action item – committee submits proposal for approval; second by Will Bush - Approved
* National Bylaws: Brad Conger (No Report)
* National Executive: Barry Young (Report Posted)
* National Grassroots: Matt Brandt (Report Posted)
* National IAC: Mike Hayes (Report Posted) –recognized Junior Team Skiers. Bringing back Team Trials.
* National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan (Report Posted) - action item to approve on-line judges clinic. Second Brad Jamieson. Approved.
* National Coaches Advisory: Terry Goodman (No Report)
* National Junior Development: Jim DeVito - Committee wants to fund 3 camps for top 24 junior skiers.
* National Tournament Seeding: Judy Stanford (Report Posted)
* National Rules: Richelle Matli/Dave Vogt (Report Posted) Committee submits proposal for approval; Second by Owen Letcher. Approved. Motion to remove tournament fees from Rules Proposal by Sam Lee; second by Brad Jamieson. Approved.
* National Safety: John Crivello (Report Posted)
* National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle (No Report)
* National Technical: Phil Yastrow – Report. Mentioned several items in National Report.
* National Towboat: Will Bush (Report Posted)
* USA WS- Randy Hocking/Will Bush – Executive Committee Report was sent to all Council.

1. Old Business

* Transferring Collegiate Scores to 3-Event Rankings List—Council approved allowing Collegiate scores to qualify for Regionals
* Judges/Scorers Clinic at 2013 Regional Tournament – Judges/Scorers Committee to come up with a proposal to have a judges or judges/scorers clinic at the 2013 Regionals. If not feasible then it will not occur this year. Mike Hayes to discuss with Tom Nathan.
* Combined Clinic Proposal Status---Tom/Phil/Pat - John Goodman gave update on the clinic they gave in the Northwest – good feedback. Further discussion to occur on a combined clinic at the 2013 Summer Council Meeting.

1. New Business

* Senior Judge Emeritus Requests---Forrest Fisher – appears not to meet criteria. Will ask Tom Nathan to go back and work with Forrest for more information. Gaile Heieck - motion to approve Brad Jamieson; second Randy Hocking. Approved
* Regional Tournament Event Classes (E,L,R)—R.Matli/L.Johnson Resolved earlier.
* Travel Stipend Policy---T.Scharpf/B.Young/E.Bush - Task Force - Barry Young and Will Bush will work on Criteria for re-imbursement policy and guidelines. Proposal will be sent to EVP for Council vote/approval. (Proposal will also be sent to the HNDs as information)
* Printed Guide---Do we want a printed guide in 2014? Action - Continue printed guide as long as it is a “break even” proposition. At the current time the Region makes approximately $1,800 a year on the printed guide.
* Online Tournament Sanctioning in 2014---E.Bush/Mike Hayes – Motion by Owen Letcher to require that all payments for sanctioning tournaments be done on-line; seconded by Greg Badal. Motion approved. Phil Yastrow will work with USA-WS and Jim Meis to ensure that software bugs have been addressed before the Western Region begins to use the system for 2014. Phil will report his findings at the 2013 Summer Council Meeting.
* Late Sanction Fees (after the Jan. 2013 meeting should the late fee be $100 or $150?)

Currently there are 2 different late fees ($100 and $150----depending upon how late the club is in submitting their sanction fees). Motion made by Tad Scharpf that ONE late fee of $150 be charged for any tournament sanction request on or after Jan 1 of the tournament year. Seconded by Brad Corbin. Approved.

* Area 3 Policy/Rule Change Proposals----Owen Letcher. Owen made a motion that a performance in open or masters or international division be allowed to be used for purposes of an age division record and vice versa. Second by Greg Badal. Motion denied. Owen made a motion to change Rule 1.05 – date of Nationals to always be the Labor Day weekend. Second by Tad Scharpf. Motion fails.
* Turn N’ Burn Tournaments—E. Bush
  + - * Allow new tournament sanctions with Turn N’ Burn format after January 1? Yes
      * Allow a currently sanctioned multi-round tournament to be modified to a Turn N’ Burn format during the year? Yes – with the approval of the council person and with the EVP and notification of officials. In addition the sponsor should notify skiers and post the change to the Regional website. Motion by Will Bush / Second by Brad Jamieson. Motion approved.
* Motion by Mike Hayes that DATA be allowed a free advertisement in the coming years guide – given that the ad in the 2012 guide was not readable. Second Brad Corbin. Approved.
* Western Region budget for 2013—Tad Scharpf presented proposed budget for 2013. Appears there will be between 148-152 tournaments in 2013. Net positive projected balance for 2013 – income over expense - approximate $2600. Blue Ribbon Committee – Will Bush, Mike Hayes, Randy Hocking, TC Boice, Barry Young and the EVP(Elaine Bush). Budget approved by Council.
* Randy Hocking to support the Towboat Committee’s request to purchase and update AWSA towboat test equipment. Seconded by Brad Jamieson. Motioned approved.
* Western Region Senior World skiers want to thank the Southern Region for shirts and support at the Senior Worlds.

1. Recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Mid-Winter Meeting on January 26, 2013---None.
2. Adjournment at 4:45PM