**AWSA WESTERN REGION WINTER COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 6, 2018**

**El Dorado Hotel, Panorama Room, Reno, Nevada**

**Meeting Minutes**

**(Version 2.0)**

**8:17 am – 4:18 pm**

1. **Introductions** – The following members and guests were in attendance:
   1. Owen Letcher – EVP, Brad Corbin – Area 1, Greg Badal – Area 2, Tim Vaio – Area 3, Larry Laughlin – Area 4, Randy Grubbs – Area 5, Christine Gulley – Area 6, Brad Jameison – Area 8, Sam Lee – Area 9, Richelle Muhlitner – Director/Rules, Brad Hartwell – Director, Barry Young – Director/Nominating, Tad Scharpf – Treasurer/HND, Connie Bergmark – USAWS, Mike Hayes – IAC/HND, John Goodman – HND, Randy Hocking – HND, Tyler Vaio – Regional Guide, Ryan Nason – Announcers/Rules, Judy Stanford – Seeding, Terry Goodman – Coaches, Don Stanford – Guest, Steve Grubbs - Guest
2. Council approval to allow substitutes (for this meeting for non-attending Councilpersons)
   1. No substitutes were appointed
   2. A quorum was established with 12 of 13 voting member present.
3. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Michael Hayes -Approved
4. **Approval of Minutes** from 7/23/2017 Summer Council Meeting, motion Barry/second Tad - approved
5. **EVP Report** – Owen Letcher – provided a verbal report of the West Region and noted that this will be his last Winter Meeting as the EVP.
6. **AWSA Presidents Report** – Jeff Surdej – submitted report was reviewed by the committee.
7. **Treasurer’s Report 2015** -Tad Scharpf -report was reviewed, question on the total cost of the Regional Guide as it appears this will be the first year that add sales do not provide an income to the Region. – Owen Letcher to confirm cost of the guide as an electronic version only edition with HQ (Scott Atkinson)
8. **National Executive:** Owen Letcher – National Executive items were reviewed, no action taken.
9. **Council Area Reports** – Area 1 through Area 9 –provided each council member a summary of the activity in their council areas.
10. **Regional Committee Reports** (committee reports come as a motion for approval – second needed)
    1. **Regional Awards** – Larry Laughlin – Nominations for regional awards should be sent to Larry by July 1st for voting by prior recipients, no action items
    2. **Regional Drivers** – Greg Badal – Discussion on driver committee requirement for end course video submissions and tournament end course submittals uploaded to the Drop Box site:
       1. Motion to approve all EL&R events held in 2017 with 85% to 90% uploads from the LOC. Notify all EL&R LOC event sponsors that end course video is required to be uploaded within 30 days of the event in 2018 or the sanction will be downgraded: motion Greg/ second Tad, approved
       2. Motion Regional Drivers committee requests $200 from West Region to host a senior drivers clinic in 2018, funding to cover event sanction, driver clinic fees and fuel: motion Greg/ second Barry, approved.
       3. Motion from West for National Board Meeting: Senior Drivers testing shall be required to be performed outside of the testing drivers local driving area: motion Barry/ second Brad J, approved
    3. **Regional Junior Development**—Tim Vaio, Randy Hocking – The Jr Development committee will hold 3 best of the west camps for 26 skiers (Bell Acqua and Laku Landing), 5 kids have aged out of Jr Dev, 6 new three event skiers have entered into the selection group. $350 clinic support funding will be continued again for 2018. $40 pe skier funding will be provided from the West Region to Jr Dev as the second of five years in 2018.
    4. **Regional Guide—**Tyler Vaio/Owen Letcher – need photos of regional tournament winners from all skiers. Owen to post to the website the list of skiers who’s photos are needed. New advertising graphics in JPG file format are requested as the likely best way to improve image quality in the black and white printed guide.
    5. **Regional Nominating -** Owen Letcher (2017 ballot) Addition of Mallory Hayhurst – Area 7 - to the presented ballot. Owen Letcher will serve as the nominating committee for 2018 as he is not on the ballot, Owen to confirm with the webmaster the on-line voting system will be available this year with updates per ballot. Motion Owen/ second Tad, approved.
    6. Regional Membership – Barry Young (no report)
    7. **Regional Records**-Amy Scharpf (by Tad-report attached) motion to approve submitted records – Tad/ second Brad C – Approved. The record form has been revised by Amy to remove the requirement to submit boat timing sheets, certification of boat times by the Chief Scorer has been added.
    8. Regional Webmaster – Louie Vidmar (no report)
11. 2018 Western Regional -Tournament Update – Laku Landing (Randy Hocking) reviewed the Regional Tournament announcement and made revisions. Motion Brad J/ second Brad C – approved.
    1. **Appointment of officials** (Announcers, Drivers, Judges, Scorer, Safety & Technical) motion from executive committee/second Brad C, approved
       1. Assistant Chief Judges – Janie Fausold, Pat McDermott & Hank Combs
       2. Assignment Judge – Tim Vaio
       3. Appointed Judges – Sam Lee, Brad Hartwell, Mike Hayes, Ryan Nason, Kelly Kline
       4. Appointed Scorers – Owen Letcher, Judy Stanford, Brad Corbin, Tom Nathan, Lisa Kline
       5. Assistant Announcer – Alec Vaio
       6. Assistant Technical Controllers – Dee Johnson, Rich Borga, Sam Lee, Eric O’Keefe, Scott Milweski, Lars Hedegaard
       7. Assistant Chief Drivers – Randy Hocking, Jeff Thomas
       8. Appointed Drivers – Greg Badal, Mike Hanley, Mark Roske, Bob Hardeman, John Jacobson.
12. Western Regional Tournament Bids

* 2019 Regional Tournament Bid – will be received until the Summer Meeting at Laku Landing
* 2020 Regional Tournament Bids – are available for bidding with the deadline for selection at the winter meeting 2019.

1. 2018 National Tournament – Mystic Lakes, Witchita, Kansas
   1. **Appointment of Officials** (Announcers, Drivers, Judges, Scorer, Safety & Technical) motion from executive committee/ second Brad C, approved
      1. Appointed Judges – Mike Hayes, Brad Hartwell
      2. Appointed Scorer – Brad Corbin
      3. Appointed Drivers – Mark Roske, Randy Hocking
2. 2019 National Tournament Bids (West Palm Beach, Florida)
3. 2020 National Tournament Bids (West Palm Beach, Florida)
4. National Committee Reports
5. National Announcers: Ryan Nason (no report)
6. National Awards: Randy Hocking (report submitted)
7. National Boat Drivers: Greg Badal (report submitted)
8. **National Bylaws**: Ryan Nason appointed to serve (report on director seating to USAWS)
   1. West Region requests that by-laws be revised to allow 3 alternates from AWSA to have voice, no vote at the USAWS Board Meeting.
9. National Coaches: Terry Goodman (no report)
10. National Grassroots: Matt Brandt (no report)
11. National IAC: Mike Hayes ( written report)
12. **National Judges & Scorers**: Tom Nathan (written report)
    1. Add Laura Nowak to request for Emeritus Judge – motion from committee/ second Brad H, approved
    2. Proposal #1 – provide officials credit for attendance at tournament – motion failed
    3. Proposal #2 – eliminate official maintenance requirements – motion failed
    4. Proposal #3 – allow work as ACJ/S at ELR event for upgrade to senior – motion Sam/ second Brad – passed
    5. Proposal #4 – no action required
    6. Proposal #5 – no action required
13. National Junior Development: Jim DeVito/Shannon Reese (report attached)
14. National Nominating – Barry Young (no report)
15. **National Rules**: Richelle Muhlitner/Dave Vogt/Ryan Nason (report attached)
    1. Proposal #1 - motion from Rules/ Second Tad - approved
    2. Proposal #2 - motion from Rules/ Second Tad - approved
    3. Proposal #3 - motion from Rules/ Second Barry – denied 1-11
    4. Proposal #4 - motion from Rules/ Second Brad J - approved
    5. Proposal #5- pulled no action
    6. Proposal #6- motion from Rules/ Second Greg- approved
    7. Proposal #7- motion from Rules/ Second Brad J - approved
    8. Proposal #8- motion from Rules/ Second Tad – approved 10-1
    9. Proposal #9- motion from Rules/ Second Barry - approved
    10. Proposal #10- motion from Rules/ Second Tad - approved
    11. Proposal #11- motion from Rules/ approved as linked with Item 8
    12. Proposal #12- motion from Rules/ Second Tad - approved
    13. Proposal #13- motion from Rules/ Second Tad - approved
    14. Proposal #14- motion from Rules/ Second Greg - approved
    15. Proposal #15- motion from Rules/ Second Brad J - approved
    16. Proposal #16- motion from Rules/ Second Brad J - approved
    17. Proposal #17- motion from Rules/ Second Brad J - approved
    18. Proposal #18- motion from Rules/ Second Greg - approved
    19. Proposal #19- motion from Rules/ Second Brad J - approved
    20. Proposal #20- motion from Rules/ Second Brad J - approved
    21. Proposal #21- motion from Rules/ Second Barry - approved
    22. Proposal #22- motion from Rules/ Second Brad J - approved
    23. Proposal #23- motion from Rules/ Second Brad J - approved
    24. Proposal #24 thru 30 – motion from Rules/ Second Brad H - approved
16. National Safety: Harley Wallace (written report)
17. National Seeding: Judy Stanford (written report)
18. National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle (no report )
19. **National Technical:** Will Bush (written report)
    1. Proposal #1 Dropbox – motion Tech Comm/ second Greg – Approved
    2. Proposal #2 Trick Credit – motion Tech Comm/ Second Tad - Approved
20. National Tournament Seeding: Judy Stanford (verbal report)
21. National Towboat: Will Bush (no report )
22. **USA WS- Connie Bergmark** (verbal report) – Safesport program is being rolled out will have levels of requirements for training for Junior Development, Coaches, National Board members, Regional Council Members and others within the sport discipline, this is a good thing.
23. Other Sports Divisions

* National Collegiate - Harley Wallace & Ty Vaio (verbal report)
* Disabled Skiers – Matt Oberholtz (no report)
* Wakeboard – (no report)
* Show Ski - (no report)
* Hydrofoil - (no report)
* Kneeboard - (no report)
* Barefoot - (no report)

1. Old Business
2. Online Tournament Sanctioning & Payment for 2018 Status---Council
   * 1. Changes for 2019 calendar year
3. Recommendations for Regional Guide Advertisers for 2018 and 2019 forward to Gina Odegard.
4. Team Skiing Regional and National Tournament (Connie Bergmark, West Commissioner)
   1. Team Southern California – Mike Hayes and Brad Hartwell
   2. Team Northern California – Tim Vaio
   3. Team Pacific Northwest – Larry Laughlin & Hillary Hover
   4. Team Rocky Mountain – Christine Gulley
   5. Motion – approve $200 per team from the Western Region Budget for T-shirts or bibs for teams to wear at the Regional and National events, motion Mike Hayes/second Brad C, for 3, against 9, motion fails.
   6. Recommendation from AWSA Exec Committee to select team members early in the year to notify team members and provide time for training and scheduling of travel.
5. New Business
6. Treasurers Report 2018 – Tad Scharpf – Based upon input from the meeting Tad has updated the budget based upon the attached report, the West Region will operate with a deficit budget for 2018 of -$8,225. Budget spending will be reviewed at the Summer meeting. Regional Guide add sales are down this year which accounts for the deficit budget.
7. Committee Assignments for 2018/2019
   1. National By Laws – Ryan Nason replaces Brad Conger
   2. National Technical – Will Bush
   3. National Rules – Ryan Nason replaced Dave Vogt
8. National Winter BOD meeting attendees (Owen Letcher, Barry Young, Richelle Muhlitner, Brad Hartwell)
   1. Committee Chairs Attending – Richelle Muhlitner (Rules); Tom Nathan (Judges & Scorers); Jim DeVito (Junior Development)
9. Date and Place of Western Region Mid Summer Meeting
   * 1. July 24th, 2018 (time) Laku Landing, Windsor, CO
10. Recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Mid-Winter Meeting on January 30, 2016
    1. Senior Drivers testing shall be required to be performed outside of the testing drivers local driving area. (drivers committee)
    2. While we are not in favor of officials showing up as skiers getting maintenance credit even though they did not work the event, we do feel that certain duties could be used for credit if working other events. Some events have too few skiers/officials to get all the credit needed for an official holding multiple ratings which apply to a single event:
       1. Officials that 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. (judges, scorer, drivers, safety, technical, announcers)
       2. Officials with multiple ratings shall received credit for working as an official for **all** rating**s** held **when** by working as an official during the tournament **even if the official was unable to work** each event **due to low volume of skiers**, at the discretion of the Chief Officials.
    3. Laura Nowak has requested to be awarded Emeritus Judge status.
11. Motion to Adjourn by Brad Corbin & second by Ryan Nason at 4:18 pm