**AWSA**

**Western Region**

**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**July 24, 2019**

1. Call Meeting to Order Brad Corbin, EVP
   1. Meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm following the Skier Appreciation dinner.
2. Introduction of Council/Honorary National Directors Self-Introductions
   1. Existing Council Members were introduced as follows: Area 1 Scott Larson, Area 2 Greg Badal, Area 3 Tim Vaio, Area 4 Larry Laughlin (John Goodman representing), Area 5 Randy Grubbs (not present), Area 6 Christine Gulley, Area 7 Steve Ware, Area 8 Brad Jamieson (not present), Area 9 Sam Lee, National Directors; Richelle Muhlitner, Barry Young and Brad Hartwell, Treasurer Tad Schaprf, and USAWS-WS Rep Connie Bergmark. Numerous HND’s in attendance.
3. Approve Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2017
   1. Motion by Mike Hayes, Second by Tom Nathan - Approved
4. Treasurer’s Report Tad Scharpf
   1. Tad provided a brief summary of the Regional finance structure and was available for questions from members for the remainder of the evening.
   2. Tad was thanked and received thunderous applause for his 19 years of service as our Western region treasurer.
   3. Russ Selsor was introduced as Tad’s replacement.
5. Election Results Owen Letcher
   1. The following were announced as the winners of the Regional election as completed by electronic balloting:
      1. Area 1 – Scott Larson
      2. Area 2 – Greg Badal
      3. Area 3 – Tim Vaio
      4. Area 4 – Larry Laughlin
      5. Area 5 – Cris Converse
      6. Area 6 – Christine Gulley
      7. Area 7 – Mallory Hayhurst
      8. Area 8 – Brad Jameison
      9. Area 9 – Sam Lee
      10. National Director – Brad Hartwell (re-elected to a 3 year term)
      11. National Director – Richelle Muhlitner (2 years remaining on a 3 year term)
      12. National Director - Barry Young ( 1 year remaining on a 3 year term)
      13. USAWS-WS Director – Connie Bergmark (1 year remaining on a 3 year term)
      14. EVP – Brad Corbin (re-elected to a 1 year term)
6. Awards Presentation Barry Young
   1. West Region Award of Merit was presented to Connie Bergmark
7. Old Business All
   1. We are seeking bids for the 2020 & 2021 Western Regional Championships. Please speak with your area councilperson or Brad Corbin if you have an interest.
   2. We are also seeking volunteers for the following positions – please speak with your Area Councilperson or Brad Corbin if interested
      1. Regional Webmaster
      2. Advertising sales rep for the Regional guide
8. New Business All
   1. A discussion was held regarding the future of the printed regional guide. It was pointed out that AWSA Headquarters will no longer subsidize the cost of printing the guide. They are phasing out financial support over the next two years. The un subsidized cost to print the guide could become a significant portion of our regional budget. A straw poll was taken to determine how many would like to see the guide continue to be printed even if we have to bear the entire cost. The results were approximately 50% yes and 59% no. Many said they would be willing to pay to receive a printed guide. It was felt that we should continue with a printed guide for at least the next two years. The Regional Council will further discuss this issue at the winter council meeting.
   2. A suggestion was made from the membership that we consider holding the regional tournament over a weekend to make it easier for working participants and parents to get time off work. As the rules specifically state that the tournament must end on a weekend, we could consider beginning the tournament on Thursday and ending on Sunday.

The Regional council will work with those offering bids for future tournaments to consider this type of a schedule.

1. Motion to Adjourn
   1. Motion by Greg Badal and second by all at 7:20 pm.