**AWSA WESTERN REGION WINTER COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 4, 2020**

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

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:30am by EVP Brad Corbin
2. Introductions/Roll Call – attending were: Connie Bergmark, Barry Young, Mike Hayes, Brad Hartwell, Tad Scharpf, Owen Letcher, Russ Selsor, Cris Converse, Richelle Muhlitner, Judy Stanford, Don Stanford, Sam Lee, Ty Vaio, Tim Vaio, Christine Gulley, Mallory Hayhurst, Ryan Nason, Jeff Rush, Brad Jamieson
3. Council approved to allow substitutes for this meeting for non-attending Councilpersons.
   1. Mike Hayes for Scott Larson, Area 1
   2. Russ Selsor for Greg Badal, Area 2
   3. A quorum was established with 9 of 13 voting members present.
4. Michael Hayes was assigned as Parliamentarian.
5. Review and Approval of Minutes from 7/24/2019 Summer Council Meeting motion to approve as printed in the meeting materials package second by Brad Jamieson. Motion carries
6. EVP Report – Brad Corbin (verbal report) – Membership is slightly up for AWSA. Many of the initiatives to drive new members have not moved the needle as much as hoped for. We are still looking for new or innovative ways to increase participation in competitive water skiing. Initiatives working are ski leagues, jr development program has led to a growth in the number of juniors skiing in tournaments throughout our region.
7. AWSA Presidents Report – Jeff Surdej (report attached)
8. Executive Director USA WS report – (report attached)
9. Treasurer’s Report 2019 –Russ Selsor (report attached)
10. National Executive: Brad Corbin (report attached)
11. Council Area Reports – Area 1- proposal on change of the days on which regionals takes place

Area 2 – Berkeley Wednesday night ski league continues to be a huge success. 5 tournaments were held this year similar to past years.

Area 3 – tournament count is stable, entries were a little lighter this year at Class c due to collegiate skiers returning to school. Summer attendance has been stable, Bell Acqua hosted collegiate nationals last year one of the largest ever, highly successful.

Area 4 – Tournament count stable for this year.

Area 5 - 10 tournaments last year 11 this year. Welcome Cris!

Area 6 – 10 tournaments and regionals last year. 5 grass roots and successful jr development. Will be hosting 3 midweek tournaments and 6 grass roots tournaments in 2020. This series has increased tournament participation

Area 7 – same number of tournaments this year as last. ASU skiers participated in local tournaments more last year than in the past. Welcome Mallory!

Area 8 – Down a couple of tournaments this year may just be late entries.

Area 9 – same tournament count as last several years. Hosting regionals this year as well as best of the west

1. Regional Committee Reports (committee reports come as a motion for approval – second needed)
   1. Regional Awards – Larry Laughlin (no report)
   2. Regional Drivers – Barry Young (report attached)
   3. Regional Junior Development—Tim Vaio, Randy Hocking & Brett Klinchuch (verbal report) 3 best of the west camps in 2019, 1 at Laku Landing 2 at Bell Acqua. Great results- we won jr all stars. 2020 Best of the west will be held at Broadside in Idaho. Probably do only two camps this year and limit to Boys and Girls 3 & 4. Objectives achieved last year. Local camps have had good results as well. On Average best of the west camps have 24 to 28 participants in total between the three camps. Can we hire coaches that are a little less expensive than those we have used in the recent past? Perhaps we should look at some local talent, lower rates and little or no travel expense. We discussed ways to get our juniors more engaged in the sport as they reach college levels and beyond. Help them get rated as judges, drivers and scorers.
   4. Regional Guide—Tyler Vaio verbal report- Ty needs updated records info, best of the west selection, photos of all 2019 regional winners, ballots for summer 2020 council and board positions. Deadline will be shared once we confirm HQ deadlines for printing. Each area council person should reach out to advertisers in your area in the absence of an ad salesperson. This is the last year we will be printing the regional guide. We will continue to have a PDF of the complete guide on line. Those desiring to print all or a portion of the guide may do so through the use of the PDF version on line.
   5. Regional Nominating----Owen Letcher (2020 ballot & report attached) motion to approve ballot as presented (with corrections to be made) second by Richelle. Motion carries unanimously.
   6. Regional Membership – Barry Young motions to eliminate this committee and regional NSL committee. Richelle seconds. No discussion, approved unanimously.
   7. Regional Records-Amy Scharpf (report attached) No International records recognized only AWSA divisions. Adjust B2 & G2 records to accommodate new age divisions. comes as a motion, second by Barry, carries unanimously
   8. Regional Webmaster – Owen Letcher serving and interim webmaster and is looking for a volunteer to take over. Cris Converse has volunteered to take on the task as webmaster. A big thank you to Cris!!
2. 2020 Western Regional -Tournament Update – Broadside Harbor bid rough draft comes as a motion from Barry second by Brad Jamieson, approved unanimously (see attached tournament announcement)
   1. Appointment of officials (Announcers, Drivers, Judges, Scorer, Safety & Technical as listed on the tournament announcement) comes as a motion from executive committee second by Brad Hartwell, approved unanimously.
3. Western Regional Tournament Bids

* 2021 Regional Tournament Bids no official bids as of yet but we have three LOCs considering bids for 2021-2023. We hope to receive formal proposals before the summer council meeting.

1. 2020 National Tournament – Okeeheelee Park West Palm Beach, FL
   1. Official Recommendations ACJ Dave Vogt. Assignments judge: Tim Vaio. Appointed Judges: Russ Selsor, Brad Hartwell. Assigned Judges: Brandy Nagle, Tom Nathan. Scorers: Judy Stanford, Gail Heinrich/Brad Corbin. Drivers: Mark Roske, Will Bush, Elaine Bush. Comes as motion from executive committee second by Mike Hayes. Carries unanimously.
2. 2021 National Tournament Bid – Waters Edge Wilmington IL
3. 2022 National Tournament Bid – Mystic Lakes Wichita, KS
4. National Committee Reports
5. National Announcers: Ryan Nason (no report)
6. National Awards: Randy Hocking (report attached)
7. National Boat Drivers: Greg Badal (report in BOD package)
8. National Bylaws: Ryan Nason (no report) **We are looking for a replacement on this committee**
9. National Coaches: Terry Goodman (no report)
10. National Grassroots: Matt Brandt (no report)
11. National IAC: Mike Hayes/ Brandy Nagle (report attached)
12. National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan (report attached no action items)
13. National Junior Development: Shannon Reese (no action items)
14. National Nominating – Barry Young (nothing new to report)
15. National Rules: Richelle Muhlitner/ Ryan Nason (report attached)
    1. Proposal 1 comes as a motion from committee second by Sam Lee motion carries
    2. Proposal 2 comes as a motion from committee second by Barry motion carries
    3. Proposal 3 comes as a motion from committee second by Sam Lee motions carries
    4. Proposal 4 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motion carries
    5. Proposal 5 comes as a motion from committee second by Mike Hayes motion carries
    6. Proposal 6 comes as a motion from committee second by Barry Young motion carries
    7. Proposal 7 comes as a motion from committee second by Barry Young motion carries
    8. Proposal 8 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motion carries
    9. Proposal 9 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motion

Carries.

Proposal 10 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motion carries

Proposal 11 comes as a motion from committee second by Sam Lee motion carries

Proposal 12 comes as a motion from committee second by Barry Young motion carries

Proposal 13 comes as a motion from committee second by Barry Young motion carries

Proposal 14 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motions carries

Proposal 15 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motion carries

Proposal 16 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motion carries

Proposal 17 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motion carries

Proposal 18 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motion carries

Proposal 19 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motion carries

Proposal 20 comes as a motion from committee second by Brad Jamieson motion carries

1. National Safety: Harley Wallace (report attached)
2. National Seeding: Judy Stanford (report attached)
3. National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle (no report)
4. National Technical: Will Bush (report attached)
5. National Towboat: Will Bush (report attached)
6. USA WS- Connie Bergmark (verbal report)
7. Other Sports Divisions

* National Collegiate – Jeff Rush & Ty Vaio (verbal report)
* Disabled Skiers – Matt Oberholtz (no report)

1. Old Business
2. Online Tournament Sanctioning & Payment for 2020 Status---Council approved all tournaments as entered in the on line sanction system’
3. Regional guide to print or not to print in 2021. Barry Young makes a motion that we discontinue printing the regional guide beginning in calendar year 2021. We will continue to provide a PDF version on our western region website that can be printed or downloaded as needed. Second by Brad Hartwell. Motion carries unanimously
4. Where2waterski.com system issues have caused the website to be taken down. Should resume with fixes early 202
5. Recommendations for Regional Guide Advertisers for 2020 each area council person will call advertisers in your area to secure a renewal of ads that ran last year. With the discontinuation of printing the guide we may not need to solicit advertisers after this year.
6. Team Skiing Regional and National Tournament (Connie Bergmark, West Commissioner) Team skiing has been more successful at the regional level than at the national level as we all know each other and it fosters a more friendly competitive experience. We will support the national effort but our focus will be to increase participation by leveraging the fun factor of team competition at the regional level.
7. New Business
8. Treasurers Budget Report 2020– Russ Selsor report attached comes as a motion to approve second by Cris Converse, motions carries unanimously
9. Discussion was held as to the adequacy of the travel stipend policy. It was felt that the policy as written is appropriate and does not need to be changed. We need to communicate this policy to all those eligible for the stipend to help establish realistic expectations. It is currently available to view on the AWSA West website.
10. IWWF license fee was discussed and ways to manage the implementation of this new fee.
11. As a reminder the 4-year renewal cycle for official ratings begins this year.
12. National Winter BOD meeting attendees (Connie Bergmark for Brad Corbin), Barry Young, Richelle Muhlitner, Brad Hartwell) action item comes as a motion second Mike Hayes motion caries.
    1. Committee Chairs Attending National BOD meeting – Richelle Muhlitner (Rules); Tom Nathan (Judges & Scorers) Greg Badal (National Drivers Committee)
13. Date and Place of Western Region Mid Summer Meeting
    * 1. July 22, 2020 (6:00pm) Broadside Harbor, Caldwell, ID.
14. We have no recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to presented at the National Mid-Winter Meeting on January 25, 2020
15. Barry Young motions to Adjourn, Brad Hartwell seconds motion carries. Meeting adjourns at 4:32pm