

AWSA WESTERN REGION SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

July 22, 2020

4:00pm

Broadside Harbor, ID

1. Meeting was called to order by EVP Brad Corbin at 4:07pm MDT
2. Introductions/Roll Call- Attending were: Mike Hayes, Russ Selsor, Connie Bergmark, Richelle Muhlitner, Barry Young, Brad Hartwell, Scott Larson, Owen Letcher, Tim Vaio, Will & Elaine Bush, Mallory Hayhurst, Sam Lee, Frank Harrison, Randy Hocking, Judy Stanford, Ty Vaio, Larry Laughlin, Brad Jamison, Christine Gulley, Ryan Nason, Tom Nathan, Cris Converse.
3. Council approval to allow substitutes: Russ Selsor for Greg Badal
4. Mike Hayes was assigned as Parliamentarian.
5. Review and approval of Minutes from 1/4/2020 Winter Council Meeting as printed in the meeting materials comes as a motion. Second by Brad Jamieson. Motion carries.
6. EVP Report – Brad Corbin verbal report - Membership flat to slightly down due to Coronavirus. At least 40 tournaments canceled or delayed as of this time. The financial impact may not be felt until next year as many LOCs are rolling over their tournament fees for next year's tournament in lieu of a refund this year. We will need to look for ways to cut expenses to absorb the loss of income. Travel should be down this year, there will be savings next year from not printing the regional guide. We may need to consider a virtual format for the winter meeting. This will save an estimated \$3,000 to 4,000.
7. AWSA Presidents Report - Report attached - Question from Jeff, What do we need to do to go digital? Our new committee will help provide this type of feedback to headquarters.
8. Treasurer's Report -Russ Selsor - see attached spreadsheet. We will need to look at all expenses and find ways to cut to make up for income shortfall created by tournaments cancelled due to the Covid-19 virus.
9. National Executive: Brad Corbin - no report
10. Council Area Reports –
 - a. Area 1- only 4 tournaments held this year to date. 6 scheduled for second half of the season.
 - b. Area 2 - 0 tournaments held thus far. 1 planned in the fall Santa Clara County Water ski club
 - c. Area 3 - ProAm cancelled, held 4 tournaments YTD.
 - d. Area 4 - 1 tournament this year not sure if any more this year.
 - e. Area 5 - all tournaments to date have been canceled but we still have some scheduled for later in the year
 - f. Area 6 - 1 canceled, 1 postponed, 5 planned for the balance of the season
 - g. Area 7 - 4 tournaments - 2 canceled, 6 scheduled in October
 - h. Area 8 - no tournaments yet, 1 or 2 to come this season
 - i. Area 9 - No cancellations yet, however attendance has been low. Jr Development was successful with 9 to 10 kids. Hosting the Western Regionals
11. Regional Committee Reports
 - a. Regional Awards – Larry Laughlin - winner selected this year: Russ Selsor. Congratulations Russ! Please get your nominations for next year's candidate to Larry.
 - b. Regional Drivers – Barry Young no report
 - c. Regional Junior Development—Tim Vaio, Randy Hocking - Best of the West in Sacto was very successful (22 attendees). Light attendance expected at local jr development camps. Working to have successful fund raising at this years Jr Development banquet.
 - d. Regional Guide—Tyler Vaio - went very smoothly this year, unfortunately with all the cancellations and delayed tournaments the guide was not a very useful tool.

- e. Regional Nominating - Owen Letcher - Election results to be announced at the General Membership meeting on Friday night.
 - f. Regional Records-Amy Scharpf - report attached comes as a motion, seconded by Brad Jamieson, motion carries. Records approved as listed in the report.
 - g. Regional Webmaster – Cris Converse has done an excellent job in taking over this role. We are planning to make the website much more robust in the future and hope to drive more traffic to the site as we incorporate more tools and info.
12. 2020 Western Regional -Tournament Update – Broadside Harbor (Barry Young) - the site is ready, we have 250 skiers signed up. 250 slalom pulls, 136 Trick pulls and 92 jump for a total of 478 rides. This is a very good turnout given the uncertainty of the event in light of the Covid -19 virus.
13. Western Regional Tournament Bids
- 2021 Regional Tournament Bid - no formal bids received- we have at least three LOCs considering bids during the next 3 years. We hope to have a bid to present at the winter meeting.
 - 2022 Regional Tournament Bids – are available for bidding with the deadline for selection at the winter meeting 2021.
13. 2020 National Tournament – Bennetts, Zachary, LA - bid attached
14. 2021 National Tournament Bids - Water’s Edge Wilmington, IL
15. 2022 National Tournament Bids - Mystic Lakes Wichita, KS
16. National Committee Reports
- a) National Announcers: Ryan Nason no report
 - b) National Awards: Randy Hocking no report
 - c) National Boat Drivers: Greg Badal no report
 - d) National Bylaws: Ryan Nason no report
 - e) National Coaches: Terry Goodman no report
 - f) National Grassroots: Matt Brandt no report
 - g) National IAC: Mike Hayes - report attached
 - h) National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan - report attached - Laura Johnson approved for Emeritus Scorer
 - i) National Junior Development: Shannon Reese no report
 - j) National Nominating – Barry Young nominations are open please see Barry if you have someone to nominate.
 - k) National Rules: Richelle Muhlitner/Ryan - report attached will be discussed at AWSA BOD meeting.
 - a. Proposed changes rule 1.14
 - b. Proposed changes rule 15.06
 - l) National Safety: Harley Wallace - report attached
 - m) National Seeding: Judy Stanford - report attached
 - n) National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle - no report
 - o) National Technical: Will Bush - no report
 - p) National Towboat: Will Bush - Report attached
17. USA WS- Connie Bergmark no report.
18. Other Sports Divisions
- National Collegiate – Jeff Rush/ Harley Wallace & Ty Vaio Covid - 19 has hit collegiate skiing much harder than AWSA. Every spring tournament was cancelled. Nationals is still up in the air.
 - Disabled Skiers – Matt Oberholtz no report
 - Wakeboard - no report
 - Show Ski - no report

- Hydrofoil no report
- Kneeboard no report
- Barefoot no report

19. Old Business

- a) Online Tournament Sanctioning & Payment for 2021 Status
 - i. 2020 tournament cancellations and fee refunds or rollover - Sandy Hardee is tracking all cancelled and delayed tournaments as well as tracking those who have requested a refund or rollover fees into next year.
- b) Regional Guide will not be printed in the future. We will continue to compile a PDF version and post it on our Regional Website
- c) Regional Guide Advertisers for 2021 - the social media committee (newly formed) will consider options for advertising revenue in the future. Can we sell ad space for the on line regional guide. Do we offer advertising on our new and updated regional website. We hope to have a report at the winter meeting.
- d) Team Skiing Regional and National Tournament (Connie Bergmark, West Commissioner) cancelled this year due to the virus

20. New Business

- a) Treasurers Report 2020 – Russ Selsor report attached
- b) Jenner request - see email in meeting packet
- c) Committee Assignments for 2021/2022 - no changes to existing committee assignments.
- d) We have decided to form a new regional committee entitled the Social Media Committee. It will be chaired by Ty Vaio, with Cris Converse and Mallory Hayhurst as inaugural members. Their primary objective is to develop and implement strategies for the effective use of the regional website and social media such as instagram, Facebook and twitter to increase the availability and ease of use. We hope to provide tools to western region skiers that can be used to inform and enable seamless engagement of events throughout the region.
- c) National Summer BOD meeting attendees Brad Corbin, Barry Young, Richelle Muhlitner, Brad Hartwell.
 - 1) Committee Chairs Attending – Richelle Muhlitner (Rules); Tom Nathan (Judges & Scorers); Shannon Reese (Junior Development)
- d) Proposed Date and Place of Western Region Mid Winter Meeting
 - 1) January 7 or 8, 2020 El Dorado Hotel Reno, NV pending an opening up of hotels and eased air travel.

22. Recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Mid-Summer Meeting on August 3, 2020

- a. Present Laura Johnson as candidate for Emeritus Senior Scorer

23. A motion was made by Brad Jamieson, seconded by Owen Letcher. Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm MDT.