

AWSA WESTERN REGION WINTER COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2021
Via Zoom
Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order by EVP Brad Corbin at 9:06am
2. Roll Call - Judy Stanford, Scott Larson, Cris Converse, John Crivello, Christine Gulley, Brad Hartwell, Sam Lee, Richelle Muhlitner, Mike Parsons, Russ Selsor, Bret Streitfeld, Mark Timm, Ty Vaio, Barry Young, Randy Hocking, Mike Hayes, Will Bush, Frank Harrison, Connie Bergmark, Ryan Nason, Brandy Nagle, Tom Nathan, Elaine Bush, Louie Vidmar
3. Council approval to allow substitutes (for this meeting Richelle for Tim Vaio)
 - a. Establishment of a quorum (13 of 13 voting members including proxies)
4. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Michael Hayes
5. Review and Approval of Minutes from 7/22/2020 Summer Council Meeting Barry moves to accept the minutes as posted Scott seconds, approved unanimously.
6. EVP Report – Brad Corbin - Verbal report - 145 tournaments schedule in the region for 2021. AWSA membership down slightly for 2020 due to Covid. Looking forward to and hoping for a normal ski season. Still looking for bids for the regionals in 2022, 2023 and beyond.
7. AWSA Presidents Report – Jeff Surdej (report attached)
8. Executive Director USA WS report – (report attached)
9. Treasurer’s Report 2020 –Russ Selsor (report attached)
10. National Executive: Brad Corbin shared info from the executive meeting (report attached)
11. Council Area Reports –
 - a. Area 1 - 29 tournaments for the year 2021 which is more than normal. 11 will include multiple events. San Diego continues to host numerous grass roots events (monthly averaging 20 to 25 participants) which is adding a lot of new members. Good comeback from 2020 which was down significantly due to COVID. Hosting a 3 event tournament at the conclusion of the Jr Develop
 - b. Area 2 - BWSC hosting the normal number of tournaments. Santa Clara’s pond is in danger of not having water
 - c. Area 3 - tournaments consistent with those from past years . Sky Lake is coming back with 2 tournaments this year. Promo boat and TC availability
 - d. Area 4 - Mark Timm new this year. All tournaments coming back this year. Special shout out to Gordon for hosting the Pro Am this year. Webcast is still available on YouTube. Promo boat availability will be an issue this year
 - e. Area 5 - Usual tournaments again this year.
 - f. Area 6 - Had a busy summer last year only one canceled, 12 tournaments this year not counting the Regionals.
 - g. Area 7 - Brett Streitfeld new this year. Tournament count should be up this which includes a new lake in the area.
 - h. Area 8 - Ut and NV same number of tournaments as in the past. Mike Parsons
 - i. Area 9 - Had a pretty successful year last year in spite of COVID. No cancelations as well as hosting the Western Regionals. 10 tournaments scheduled for this year. 3 three event tournaments. Broadside Harbor has been sold. Looking forward it appears that the new owners will continue to have a club and host tournaments. Still working out the details.
12. Regional Committee Reports (committee reports come as a motion for approval – second needed)
 - a. Regional Awards – Larry Laughlin (report attached)
 - b. Regional Drivers – Barry Young (report attached) Discussion about the application of SurePath and its future impact on the sport. Tournaments, clinics, and use with end

course video, etc. Action item in Drivers committee report comes as a motion, second by Richelle motion carries unanimously.

- c. Regional Junior Development—Tim Vaio, Randy Hocking & Brett Klinchuch - 2020 budget was in the black, previous years were in deficit and the surpluses have been used up. The Bell Acqua camp was a little more expensive than desired but with the fundraising efforts we still finished in the black. The camp was a success. Broadside held a jr development camp and it went very well. Tournament at the completion of camp was very successful and a great training experience for the participants in running and skiing in a tournament. Imperial camp was held on two lakes simultaneously had the benefit of multiple coaches and sites. Current year plans are to hold one in Laku Landing, Bell Acqua if COVID allows. Will have fundraising banquet at Regionals. Local camps will be held determined on COVID response.
 - d. Regional Guide—Tyler Vaio (verbal report) - Cutoff date for inclusion in the guide is January 31, 2021 for advertisements. Full color is now available for all ads. Each Area Councilperson is tasked with reaching out to past and potential new advertisers in their area. Copies of the ad order forms are available in the meeting material packets. Ty will be reworking the advertising form with more accurate info and look. It will also be posted on the West Region website.
 - e. Regional Nominating----Owen Letcher (2021 ballot attached) once ballot is finalized Owen will create and post a survey monkey for on line voting.
 - f. Regional Membership – Barry Young no report
 - g. Regional Records-Amy Scharpf (report attached) motion made that Brad will convey answers to Amy’s questions so that she is able to update the records form for inclusion in the Regional Guide. Second by Mike Parsons. Motion carries unanimously.
 - h. Regional Webmaster – Cris Converse - We need professional action shots of western region skiers to update our website.
 - i. Regional Social Media - Ty Vaio, Cris Converse, Mallory Staley - no report
13. 2021 Western Regional -Tournament Update – Laku Landing hosting for the 5th time in 9 years. To be held on July 22 through 25. Guide announcement not yet completed. We all wish to express our gratitude to Randy and the entire Laku Landing family for hosting this year. Entry requirements will be all levels.
- a. Appointment of officials: (See attached)
14. Regional Tournament Bids
- 2022 Regional Tournament Bids - None received to date
 - 2023 Regional Tournament Bids - None received to date
14. 2021 National Tournament – Waters Edge Wilmington, IL
- a. Official Recommendations -

Appointed Judges	Russ Selsor Mike Hayes Brad Hartwell Alternate or Split with Hayes
Assigned Judge	Ryan Nason
Appointed Scorers	Judy Stanford Tom Nathan Alternate
Appointed Drivers	Will Bush Greg Badal
Assigned Driver	Jeff Goldman
Alternates	Dennis Phillips Randy Hocking Dee Johnson
15. 2022 National Tournament Bids – Mystic Lakes Wichita, KS
16. 2023 National Tournament Bid – none received to date

17. National Committee Reports

- a) National Announcers: Ryan Nason - no report
- b) National Awards: Randy Hocking - no report
- c) National Boat Drivers: Greg Badal (report attached)
- d) National Bylaws: Ryan Nason -no report, looking for a replacement to serve on this committee
- e) National Grassroots: Matt Brandt - no report
- f) National IAC: Mike Hayes (report attached)
- g) National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan (report attached) proposals come as a motion:
 - a. Proposal a Brad Seconds motion carries
 - b. Proposal b (require real time scoring) second by Richelle Motion carries
 - c. Proposal c (fast track only once per 10 year period) second mike motion carries
- h) National Junior Development: Shannon Reese - no report
- i) National Nominating – Barry Young - no report
- j) National Rules: Richelle Muhlitner/ Ryan Nason (report attached)
 - a. Proposal 1 second by Scott motion carries
 - b. Proposal 2 second by Tom motion carries
 - c. Proposal 3 second by Barry motion carries
 - d. Proposal 4 second by Mike motion carries
 - e. Proposal 5 second by barry motion carries
 - f. Proposal 6 second by mike motion carries
 - g. Proposal 7 second by Brad motion carries
 - h. Proposal 8 second by brad motion carries
 - i. Proposal 9 second by Barry motion carries
 - j. Proposal 10 second by barry motion carries
 - k. Proposal 11 second by sam motion carries
 - l. Proposal 12 second by John motion carries
 - m. Proposal 13 second by Scott motion carries
 - n. Proposal 14 second by Mike motion carries
 - o. Proposal 15 second by sam motion carries
 - p. Proposal 16 second by barry motion carries
 - q. Proposal 17 second by mike motion carries
 - r. Proposal 18 second by Scott motion carries
 - s. Proposal 19 second by Mike motion carries
 - t. Proposal 20 second by Mike motion fails
 - u. Proposal 21 second by Mike motion carries
 - v. TC committee rule recommendations second by Mike motion carries
- k) National Safety: Harley Wallace (report attached)
- l) National Seeding: Judy Stanford (report attached) make sure that when scoring a record tournament you include the TC report in your zip file also be sure that the file is a text file not a jpeg or some other file type.
- m) National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle - no report
- n) National Technical: Will Bush (report attached)
- o) National Towboat: Will Bush (report attached)
 - a. Towboat use model year second by Mike motion carries
 - b. Change rules for retesting second by Scott motion carries
 - c. Mandatory reimbursement for boat use second by Scott motion carries
- p) USA WS- Connie Bergmark - fee increase for USA WS membership dues. Hall of fame moved to April. Drop in membership due to COVID, resulted in some savings in insurance.

- q) USOPC requiring training for USA WS board.

18. Other Sports Divisions

- National Collegiate - Ty Vaio & Jeff Rush - Surdej has announced his retirement for NCWSA. Jeff Rush is the regional rep. COVID effectively shut down collegiate skiing in 2020. Current discussions are taking place on 2021 strategies to resume the season. National meeting is being held in the first weekend of February. More info will be available then.
- Disabled Skiers – Matt Oberholtz
- Wakeboard
- Show Ski
- Hydrofoil
- Kneeboard
- Barefoot

19. Old Business

- a) Online Tournament Sanctioning & Payment for 2021 Status—Council 145 tournaments this year.
- b) Online Regional guide beginning this year. No printed guide. We will post a pdf copy of the guide on our regional website.
- c) Regional Guide Advertisers for 2021 - each area council rep is to reach out to advertisers in their area to solicit ads for 2021. Key selling points are that as they are on line, advertisers can create links to their websites or email. This should drive more traffic to the advertisers than a static print ad. We will also put their ads on our website if they purchase a full or half page ad in the guide.

20. Team Skiing Regional and National Tournament (Connie Bergmark, West Commissioner) - we have fielded 4 teams in the past should we continue? The consensus is that team skiing just has not worked in a traditional 3 event tournament environment, especially one that takes place over 4 or 5 days. This lack of effectiveness has not been from a lack of effort. We need to spend our efforts elsewhere to grow the sport.

21. New Business

- a) Treasurers Budget Report 2021– Russ Selsor - second by Richelle motion carries.
- b) Sanction cut off dates and late fees. After much discussion it was determined to leave our current policy in place. Sanction entry cut off date is 12/31 each year.
- c) Richelle makes a motion to refund the late fee assessed to Liquid zone second by Barry, motion carries
- d) IWWF license fee - discussion on the fee and its application in the west. To accommodate those who choose not to pay the license fee we will run the regional championships as an E tournament with the skier option to ski as an L. OW & OM will be run as R.
- e) College scholarship committee formed - they will make recommendations at summer meeting. Chair Connie, members Bret, Russ, Scott, and Jeff Rush.
- f) National Winter 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) Greg Badal (Boat Drivers)
- g) Date and Place of Western Region Mid Summer Meeting
 - 1) July 21, 2020 (12:00pm local time) Lake Landing Windsor, CO
22. Recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Winter Meeting on January 30, 2021
 - a. Change Nationals Chart to all ages and divisions from current L to E/L*. OM & OW remains unchanged at R
 - b. Team skiing issues?
23. Motion to adjourn by Sam, second by Barry meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.