

AWSA WESTERN REGION WINTER COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2022
Minutes

1. Brad Corbin EVP called meeting to order at 9:05am.
2. Roll Call - Brad Hartwell, Terry Selsor, Randy Hocking, Mike Parsons, Russ Selsor, Judy Stanford, Richelle Muhlitner, Mark Timm, Will Bush, Ty Vaio, Barry Young, John Crivello, Frank Harrison, Scott Larson, Tom Nathan, Christine Gulley, Harley Wallace, Sam Lee, Brandy Nagle, Mike Hayes, Cris Converse, Connie Bergmark, Ryan Nason,
3. No council substitutes for this meeting
 - a. Establishment of a quorum (11 of 13 voting members)
4. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Michael Hayes
5. Review and Approval of Minutes from 7/21/2021 Summer Council Meeting motion to accept as posted by Brad H, second Barry motion carries
6. EVP Report – Brad Corbin - Many changes coming our way this year. SafeSport, Background screenings, LOC responsibilities with new MAAPP requirements, new membership system and the challenge of finding a host for the 2023 & 2024 Regionals. While we don't know today how all of these changes will affect us, we do know that we will rise to the occasion when tough choices must be made. Our love for the sport and our commitment to each other to continue growing will get us through these times. To be sure it is our job as a council to keep our fellow skiers informed and encourage them to keep moving forward.
7. AWSA Presidents Report – Lyman Hardy - no report
8. Executive Director USA WS report – (report attached)
9. Treasurer's Report 2021 –Russ Selsor (report attached) - Projected a breakeven year for 2021. We actually had a positive \$10.00 in spite of a significant financial hit resulting from cancelled tournaments due to Covid. Savings in the areas of meetings and travel made up the shortfall of income.
10. National Executive: Brad Corbin see reports in meeting packet
11. Council Area Reports – Area 1 through Area 9
 - a. Area 1 - most tournaments are in in the system. We are on schedule to hold 25 this year vs 29 last year. 3 jr development camps are planned by AATA, DATA with tournament following, San Diego.
 - b. Area 2 - Tournaments went well in 2021 and were about the same number as previous years. Many members were surprised and not happy about the SafeSport mandate and background checks. I have one member that does not have a computer or email. It was quite a challenge for him to renew last year. This year looks to be worse especially with the SS mandate. Lakeside 1 and Berkley 2 tournaments this year.
 - c. Area 3 - 25 tournaments last year 18 currently in the system for this year with a few still to be entered. Bel Acqua hosting Regionals this year. Possibly down 2 or 3 tournaments overall for the year.
 - d. Area 4 - Down 3 to 4 tournaments. Rainer has jump problems will host none this year. Baseline is out in protest of all the changes, Skiview has not entered their normal 2 yet. Holding 2 new tournaments this year at Winlock.
 - e. Area 5 - 9 tournaments this year only 7 entered so far. So same as last year
 - f. Area 6 - 12 tournaments so far potentially one new one. If so would be up 2 tournament over last year.
 - g. Area 7 - no report
 - h. Area 8 - 6 tournaments in the system including 2 records in Utah. Goode will not be hosting a tournament this year. Suntan holding 2 this year vs 3 last year.
 - i. Area 9 - usual slate of 9 plus the best of the west at Broadside. New owners at Broadside.

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. A lot of focus on changing the practical tests. Hope to utilize sure path data to identify areas of concern that need to be addressed. Trying to standardize driver rating and testing across the globe.
 - c. Regional Junior Development—Tim Vaio, Randy Hocking & Brett Klinchuch - 2 Best of the west camps last year, went very well. Financials show fewer local camps last year we assume this resulted from Covid issues. Fundraising was successful last year without holding the formal banquet. Will discuss how to handle this in future years. Looking to hold 2 Best of the West Camps in 2022. Bell Acqua & Broadside Harbor.
 - d. Regional Guide—Tyler Vaio deadline for ads, regional records, pictures of regional winners, Regional Announcement, EVP intro, ballot, other info by January 31, 2022. Advertising sales have floundered due to not having an individual responsible for this task. Each Area Council person should reach out to advertisers in their area to secure ads for this year's guide. Be sure to get the URL for their business as well so we can put link in the guide. We can also add their logo and link on the western region website.
 - e. Regional Nominating---Owen Letcher (2022 ballot attached)
 - f. Regional Records- Terry Selsor (report attached) motion to accept Terry's report as listed by Richelle, second by Ty, Motion carries. **An assignment was given to Russ Selsor to set up a PayPal account for the western region to accommodate donations and other electronic payments.**
 - g. Regional Webmaster – Cris Converse - advertisers links and logos will be included on our website this year. Please get the info to Cris.
 - h. Regional Social Media - Ty Vaio, Cris Converse, Mallory - no report
13. 2022 Western Regional -Tournament Update – Bel Acqua officials and announcement attached. Discussion around changing late entry fee timing. Decision made to extend early bird registration fee from June 1 to July 8. Richelle to update announcement and distribute. Ty motions to approve changes to the late entry fee timing noted above and review the schedule to potentially move OM and OW to the weekend. Parson second. Motion carries
 - a. Appointment of officials (Announcers, Drivers, Judges, Scorer, Safety & Technical) - see attached.
14. Western Regional Tournament Bids
 - 2023 Regional Tournament Bid - none
 - 2024 Regional Tournament Bids - none
14. 2022 National Tournament – Mystic Lakes - Wichita, Kansas
 - a. Official Recommendation - see attached - motion to approve by Barry, second by Scott, motion carries
15. 2023 National Tournament Bids – West Palm Beach
16. 2024 National Tournament Bid –
17. National Committee Reports
 - a) National Announcers: Ryan Nason - no report
 - b) National Awards: Randy Hocking - report attached
 - c) National Boat Drivers: Greg Badal - Report attached
 - d) National Bylaws: Ryan Nason - no report - **Cris Converse will replace Ryan on this committee. Ryan will help in transition.**
 - e) National Grassroots: Matt Brandt - no report
 - f) National IAC: Brandy Nagle & Connie Bergmark - report attached
 - g) National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan - report attached - Robert Howerton is the new committee chairperson. Updating the practical exams for upgrading judges and scorers. Working to allow Canadian officials to be eligible for US fast tracking to attain applicable ratings here.

- h) National Junior Development: Shannon Reese - no report
 - i) National Nominating – **We are still looking for a committee member to represent the West.**
 - j) National Rules: Richelle Muhlitner/ Ryan Nason - report attached
 - a. Proposal 1 second by Ty motion carries
 - b. Proposal 2 second by Barry motion carries
 - c. Proposal 3 second by Barry motion fails
 - d. Proposal 4 second by Brad H motion carries
 - e. Proposal 5 second by Barry motion carries
 - f. Proposal 6 second by Mike Parsons motion carries
 - g. Proposal 7 second by Hayes motion carries
 - h. Proposal 8 second by Ty motion carries
 - i. Proposal 9 second by Ty motion carries
 - j. Proposal 10 second by Ty motion carries
 - k. Proposal 11 second by Ty motion carries
 - l. Proposal 12 second by Barry motion carries
 - m. Proposal 13 second by Barry motion carries
 - n. Proposal 14 second by Ty motion carries
 - o. Proposal 15 second by Parson motion carries
 - p. Proposal 16 second by Barry motion carries
 - q. Proposal 17 second by Barry motion carries
 - r. Proposal 18 second by Parsons motion carries
 - s. Proposal 19 second by Ty motion carries
 - t. Proposal 20 second by Barry motion carries
 - u. Proposal 21 second by Barry motion carries
 - v. Proposal 22 second by Ty motion carries
 - w. Proposal 23 second by Brad H motion carries
 - x. Proposal 24 second by Barry motion carries
 - y. Proposal 25 second by Barry motion carries
 - z. Proposal 26 second by Barry motion carries
 - aa. Proposal 27 second by Scott motion carries
 - bb. Proposal 28 second by Parson motion carries
 - k) National Safety: Harley Wallace - report attached
 - l) National Seeding: Judy Stanford - report attached
 - m) National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle - no report
 - n) National Technical: Will Bush - report attached
 - o) National Towboat: Will Bush - report attached
 - p) USA WSWs - Connie Bergmark - Is looking to offer an additional scholarship for Western skiers who attend out of region schools.
18. Other Sports Divisions
- National Collegiate - Jeff Rush & Ty Vaio - school restrictions finally softened enough to all the return of collegiate skiing last year. Hoping to have 3 tournament on the west coast this spring. All Stars in May and nationals at San Marco Ski Ranch. Teams either maintained or grew during the Covid break.
 - Hall of Fame - This year our own Will Bush will receive the Award of distinction. The foundation also helps raise funds for a number of scholarships.
 - Disabled Skiers – Matt Oberholtz
 - Wakeboard
 - Show Ski
 - Hydrofoil
 - Kneeboard

- Barefoot

19. Old Business

- Online Tournament Sanctioning & Payment for 2022 Status—Council - deadline has been extended to January 31, 2022. Please follow up with the LOCs in your area.
- Online Regional guide - will be created as an e-magazine which will be emailed to all Members in the Western Region. The e-mag can be viewed and/or downloaded. We will also post a copy of the guide on the Western Region website.
- Regional Guide Advertisers for 2022 Council members will each be responsible to reach out to advertisers in their respective area.

20. New Business

- Treasurers Budget Report 2022– Russ Selsor - report attached
- Discuss multi-year funding of the “Big Al” Wagner Western Region Scholarship - \$1,500 - It was decided to take this option to take advantage of the savings it provides.
 - The current cost is \$1,800/year, which includes a \$300 servicing fee
 - If funded for three years, the servicing fee is reduced by 50% - \$4,950 total for three years (\$1,650/year) Background Check requirements for Judges and the enforcement by LOCs
- Background Checks for judges and new LOC requirements for Safe Sport see Doug Robbins Email for details. Encouraging news, looking forward to Board meeting in January for final decisions and implementation plans.
- Committee Report - How can the region help the LOC hosting the regional tournament
 - Proposal 1 - the region should pay the sanction fees for the Regional tournament
 - Proposal 2 - establish a Regional tournament fund within the regional budget that will assure a sustainable source of fund for future tournament hosts. Some of the ideas to fund this are:
 - Review the regional budget to determine areas that can be cut or trimmed. We should approach this task with no sacred cows, in other words every line item should be analyzed to assure that our resources are being used on those activities that will best accomplish our vision of growing the sport.
 - Come up with some potential fundraising activities

Barry makes a motion that the region create two budget line items one to pay for the regional sanction fee and the second called Regional Tournament Support Reserve. Second by Ty. Motion carries.

- Proposal to make SurePath mandatory for all class L & R tournaments - The western region recommends support of this initiative - topic was not discussed as we ran out of time.
- IWWF license

- g) Ski Leagues see reports attached
 - h) National Winter BOD meeting attendees Brad Corbin, Barry Young, Richelle Muhlitner, Brad Hartwell
 - 1) Committee Chairs Attending – Richelle Muhlitner (Rules); Shannon Reese (Junior Development)
 - g) Date and Place of Western Region Mid Summer Meeting
 - 1) July 20, 2022 (12:00pm) Bel Acqua Lakes, Rio Linda, CA
22. Recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Winter Meeting on January 29, 2022 - West recommends that the MAAPP disclosure requirements be incorporated into the official Tournament Entry form and release forms. This will assure that all competitors have been properly notified and acknowledge receipt of the required information. An official document should also be prepared by Headquarters to be posted at all sanctioned events.
23. Adjourn 4:27pm