

**AWSA WESTERN REGION SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 20, 2022**  
**Minutes**  
**Bell Acqua Rio Linda, CA**  
**12:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

1. Introductions/Roll Call - Meeting called to order at 12:05pm. Those in attendance Sam Lee, Frank Harrison, Mark Timm, Brad Hartwell Will Bush, Barry Young, Christine Gulley, Judy Stanford, Terry Selsor, Connie Bergmark, Tad Scharpf, Mike Parsons, Ryan Nason, Owen Letcher, Richelle Muhlitner, Scott Larson, John Crivello, Tom Nathan.
2. Council approval to allow substitutes - Tad Scharpf for Cris Converse
  - a. Establishment of a quorum (9 of 13 voting members)
3. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Will Bush
4. Review and Approval of Minutes from 1/8/2022 Winter Council Meeting Brad H motion to approve Barry Second, motion passes
5. EVP Report – Brad Corbin - Verbal - Safe Sport has been accepted for the most part.
  - a. Excuses for non attendance at Regionals
    - i. Christine McGrew Bryant
    - ii. Shannon Strickland
    - iii. Pat McDermott
    - iv. Tom Beardsley
    - v. A committee is formed to recommend rules update/change on exemptions. Scott Larson, Brad Hartwell, Sam Lee.
6. AWSA Presidents Report – Lyman Hardy - no report
7. Executive Director USA WS report attached
8. Treasurer's Report 2022 – Brad Corbin for Russ Selsor - Barry motions that we donate \$4000 from the budget to Bell Acqua to defray costs of hosting the regionals, Second Mike Parsons motion carries unanimously.
  - a. Regional tournament support Committee to review the recommend that the region purchase medals for all future Regional tournaments.
9. National Executive: Brad Corbin no report
10. Council Area Reports –
  - a. Area 1 - The desert is down from 5 to 2 or 3 lakes hosting tournaments in the future. San Diego club is growing.
  - b. Area 2 - same number of tournaments as last year. The Pond is still dry.
  - c. Area 3 - no report
  - d. Area 4 - down three sites that did not host tournaments this year ( two sites blame safe sport MAAP as the reason for not hosting). Winlock is back. Boat shortages at most tournaments
  - e. Area 5 - Winter never quit this year and caused some tournament cancellation. Having difficulties finding boats for tournaments.
  - f. Area 6 - Have 12 tournaments this year. Early ones this year were poorly attended maybe colder than normal weather caused this. Jr Development was a big success.
  - g. Area 7 - no report
  - h. Area 8 - 4 lakes that hold tournaments numbers are down as a couple of the lakes have cut down to 2 instead of 3 per year. Attendance has been down maybe weather related.
  - i. Area 9 - Numbers at tournaments have been light but the same number of tournaments overall.
11. Regional Committee Reports (committee reports come as a motion for approval – second needed)
  - a. Regional Awards – Larry Laughlin - no report, Larry is looking for a replacement.

- b. Regional Drivers – Barry Young - Have been working throughout the region to getSurePath up and running. Working with drivers to get upgraded. Mark Roske will be replacing Barry on this committee.
  - c. Regional Junior Development—Tim Vaio, Randy Hocking & Brett Klinchuch - no report
  - d. Regional Guide—Ty Vaio - no report
  - e. Regional Nominating----Owen Letcher - Report attached
  - f. Regional Records-Terry Selsor - report attached Council approves the list as presented. One nay by Mark Timm, motion carries
  - g. Regional Webmaster – Cris Converse - no report
  - h. Regional Social Media - Ty Vaio, Cris Converse, Mallory Staley - no report
- 12. 2022 Western Regional -Tournament Update – Richelle Muhlitner - we are ready should be a great tournament.
- 13. Western Regional Tournament Bids
  - 2023 Regional Tournament Bids - no bids received
  - 2024 Regional Tournament Bids - Wet Set has submitted a letter of intention to bid. Council unanimously approved the bid.
- 14. 2022 National Tournament – Mystic Lakes Maize, KS
  - a. Official Recommendations (Announcers, Drivers, Judges, Scorer, Safety & Technical)
- 15. 2023 National Tournament Bid – West Palm Beach, FL
- 16. National Committee Reports
  - a) National Announcers: Ryan Nason - no report
  - b) National Awards: Randy Hocking - no report
  - c) National Boat Drivers: Greg Badal
  - d) National Bylaws: Cris Converse - no report
  - e) National Grassroots: Matt Brandt - no report
  - f) National IAC: Connie Bergmark, Brandy Nagle - report attached
  - g) National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan - report attached
  - h) National Junior Development: Shannon Reece has been replaced by Mike Maxson
  - i) National Nominating – Kate Knafla - no report
  - j) National Rules: Richelle Muhlitner/ Ryan Nason - report attached
  - k) National Safety: Harley Wallace - no report
  - l) National Seeding: Judy Stanford - report attached
  - m) National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle - report attached
  - n) National Technical: Will Bush - surepath data in lieu of boat path data comes as a motion second by Brad motion carriers. Chief judge and Chief TC will now validate Jump measurement on site. Second by Barry motion carries. Develop new IWWF records form second by Brad H motion carries
  - o) National Towboat: Will Bush - report attached -comes as a motion to raise the boat owner reimbursement from \$25/hr to \$50/hr. Mike Parson Seconds motion carries.
  - p) USA WS- Connie Bergmark - Need more countries to participate in Water Skiing and Wakeboard competition or the sport will be dropped from the Pan Am games. Nate is leading a task force to see how many new countries can be enticed.
- 18. Other Sports Divisions
  - National Collegiate - Harley Wallace & Ty Vaio - no report
  - Adaptive Skiers – Matt Oberholtz Shortline will be hosting the 2023 Adaptive World Championship. September 18 or 19th
  - Wakeboard
  - Show Ski
  - Hydrofoil
  - Kneeboard

- Barefoot

#### 19. Old Business

- Online Regional guide - the transition has been smooth, it seems most have accepted the e-magazine format
- Regional Guide Advertisers - Council will continue to seek advertisers for the regional guide.

#### 20. New Business

- Treasurers Budget Report 2022– Russ Selsor should we increase the amount of our donation for collegiate scholarships. Tabled till the winter council meeting
- Brainstorm ideas to grow the sport and increase participation in competition
  - Allow a fist pass mulligan in class C tournaments - discussion with no conclusion or recommendations.
- Regional/Nationals Exception Requests
  - Kristin Baldwin to ski in our regionals for placement.
- National Summer BOD meeting attendees Brad Corbin (via zoom), Barry Young ( may not make the meeting live, Richelle Muhlitner, Brad Hartwell
  - Committee Chairs Attending – Richelle Muhlitner (Rules); Greg Badal drivers, Will Bush
- Date and Place of Western Region Mid Winter Meeting
  - January 7, 2023 (9:00am) El Dorado Hotel Reno, NV

#### 22. No recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Summer Meeting on August 6, 2022

#### 23. Adjourn