

AWSA WESTERN REGION SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING

July 19, 2023

Meeting Minutes

Bell Acqua Lakes Rio Linda, CA

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

1. Meeting called to order at 12:25pm. Brad Corbin EVP presiding.
2. Roll Call -Connie Bergmark, Owen Letcher, Randy Grubbs, Russ Selsor, Terry Selsor, Tom Nathan, Brad Jamison, Judy Stanford, Mark Timm, Sam Lee, Scott Larson, Richelle Muhlitner, Ryan Nason, Mark Roske, Brad Hartwell, John Crivello, Christine Gulley, Mike Hayes, Barry Young
3. Council approval to allow substitutes - Brad Jamison for Mike Parsons, Randy Grubbs for Cris Converse. Hartwell moves to approve Second Ryan passes
 - a. Establishment of a quorum (8 of 13 voting members)
4. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Mike Hayes
5. Review and Approval of Minutes from 1/7/2023 Winter Council Meeting - Motion to approve as posted, second Scott motion passes
6. EVP Report – Brad Corbin - Verbal Tournament count is good this year we expect another successful tournament season.
7. AWSA Presidents Report – Lyman Hardy - no report
8. Executive Director USA WS - Nate - no report
9. Treasurer's Report 2023 –Russ Selsor presented copies of ytd budget performance. At a high level we are forecasting a minor loss in revenue this year. The loss of revenue was more than made up for by advertising in the regional guide. There was some discussion regarding the reimbursement of clinic fees for Regular and Senior officials. Should we expand to include Assistant. Russ moves to leave program as is Second by Brad Hartwall motion passes
10. National Executive: Brad Corbin - no report
11. Council Area Reports
 - a. Area 1 - Lost 2 tournaments due to lake pump malfunction at Paradise. In spite of this there were still the same number of tournaments as last year. There was no Jr Development clinic this year we need to find someone to take the lead for DATA junior development programs
 - b. Area 2 - No water at the pond.
 - c. Area 3 - one tournament cancelled in June low attendance in general
 - d. Area 4 - mixed numbers this year some very low some higher than normal. Winlock had difficulty pulling off the 3 event record but are committed to making it work in the future
 - e. Area 5 - nothing to report
 - f. Area 6 - overall down 5 tournaments this year over last year. Attendance has been very poorly attended so far this year. Jr Development was awesome this year with great turnout.
 - g. Area 7 - No report
 - h. Area 8 - Tournament Attendance mixed this year. Some new people joining this year which is good.
 - i. Area 9 - Number of tournament stable over last year. Attendance is down over last couple of years. Boats are becoming an issue this year. Not any promo boats and very few personal boats available.
12. Regional Committee Reports (committee reports come as a motion for approval – second needed)
 - a. Regional Awards – Rachel Washburn - no report
 - b. Regional Drivers – Mark Roske - report attached - two things in driving working on standardizing the rating levels with IWWF rating levels. Sure path implementation is the major effort and challenge.

- c. Regional Junior Development - Mike Maxson - report attached - Best of the West in Sacramento was outstanding. Great Coaches each participant got 4 rides per day with great coaching. Student fee was \$400. Similar camp in Idaho this year as well was very successful.
 - d. Regional Guide—Ty Vaio - no report - Ty once again did an excellent job of putting the guide together!
 - e. Regional Nominating----Owen Letcher - 10% increase in number of votes received this year. 4 write in votes this year.
 - f. Regional Records-Terry Selsor - report attached - the council voted to allow surveys for a period of only 2 years when setting a western region record. Motion to approve records submitted by Terry second by Richelle motion carries.
 - g. Regional Webmaster – Cris Converse - no report -
 - h. Regional Social Media - Ty Vaio, Cris Converse, Mallory Staley - no report
13. 2023 Western Regional -Tournament Update – Richelle Muhlitner its going to be hot. Slalom only tomorrow, all three events for that rest of the week. Attendance has increased in the last week which brings the total close to last year’s level.
14. Western Regional Tournament Bids
- 2024 Regional Tournament Bids - Wet Set has submitted a letter of intention and will present formal bid at winter meeting.
 - 2025 Regional Tournament Bids - Ski West - letter of intent attached
14. 2023 National Tournament –West Palm Beach, Fl
15. 2024 & 2025 National Tournament Bid – Ski West
16. National Committee Reports
- a) National Announcers: Ryan Nason - no report
 - b) National Awards: Randy Hocking - no report
 - c) National Boat Drivers: Cris Ellers - report attached
 - d) National Bylaws: Cris Converse - no report
 - e) National Grassroots: Matt Brandt - no report
 - f) National IAC: Brandy Nagle & Connie Bergmark - picking the teams for pa am sr pan am world pan am
 - g) National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan - report attached - scorer training needed for the new sure path policy and procedures
 - h) National Junior Development: Mike Maxson - report attached
 - i) National Nominating – Kate Knafla - all current board running for reelection
 - j) National Rules: Richelle Muhlitner/ Ryan Nason - report attached nothing to vote on.
 - 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 - no report
 - o) National Towboat: Will Bush - no report
 - p) USA WS- Connie Bergmark - We have a drug and alcohol policy at AWSA other disciplines are looking to create theirs patterned on ours.
18. Other Sports Divisions
- National Collegiate - Jeff Rush & Ty Vaio - bright spot in the sport continues to grow. Nationals this year will be at Bennetts. BWSC is organizing a Collegiate Reunion tournament September 15 & 16 this year. The hope is to get former skiers reengaged.
19. Old Business
- a) Regional Guide Advertisers - Council

20. New Business

- a) Treasurers Budget Report 2024– Russ Selsor - report attached.
 - a. Mark Roske motions that we reimburse a national worker for travel even if they are skiing in the tournament. Second by Ryan. Motion fails Brad J motions that we reimburse their entry fee only. Second by Brad H. Motion passes.
- b) Regional Tournament Support amount \$4000 or 5000 to be determined based on budget and reserve account levels
- c) Council meetings - live vs virtual - there was discussion to consider holding the winter council meeting virtually every other year to save money. Subjected tabled to be further discussed at the winter meeting.
- d) Sanction Fee refunds for cancelled tournaments. Barry Young motions that we establish a policy that all regional tournament sanction fees are non refundable. Brad J, second. Motion passes.
- e) National Summer BOD meeting attendees Brad Corbin, virtually, Mark Roske, Richelle Muhlitner and Brad Hartwell
 - 1) Committee Chairs Attending – Richelle Muhlitner (Rules)
- g) Date and Place of Western Region Winter Council Meeting
 - 1) January 6, 2024 (9:00am) El Dorado Hotel Reno, NV

22. There were no recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Summer Meeting on August 7, 2023.

23. Adjourn. Sam motions to adjourn Brad Second. Meeting adjourned 3:05pm

Record type	Name	Div	Score
Pacific			
	Reese Townsend	G2	1 @ 12m 52k
	Reese Townsend	G2	1.5 @ 12m 52k
	Erika Lang	W2	11030 pts
BOW			
	Reese Townsend	G2	1 @ 12m 52k
	Reese Townsend	G2	1.5 @ 12m 52k
	Erika Lang	W2	11030 pts
RMT			
	Nadege Lee	G2	42' 12.9M
	Nadege Lee	G2	45' 13.6M
	Nadege Lee	G2	1930 pts
PNW			

Tournament	Location	Date	Recommend approval	
Lakeside Buoy Bash	Lakeside Lake	5/21/23	ok, tie	
Arizona May Open 1	Buchli Lake	5/27/23	ok	
San Diego 3 event	Mission Bay	6/10/23	ok	
Lakeside Buoy Bash	Lakeside Lake	5/21/23	ok, TIE	
Arizona May Open 1	Buchli Lake	5/27/23	ok	
San Diego 3 event	Mission Bay	6/10/23	ok	
Idaho Malibu Open	Broadside Harbor	6/13/23	ok	
Idaho Best of the West Camp Tournament	Broadside Harbor	6/22/23	ok	
Leading Edge Open	Gilbert Lake	7/8/23	ok	

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Regionals			

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Western Region Seeding Report
July 2023

First, I big thank you to all scorers and their efforts in getting the tournaments to me in a timely fashion.

I would like to remind all scorers if they add a new skier to make sure they are a member of AWSA. The new member can sign up on line and show you the receipt from their cell phone. If a skier chooses to ski L, they must have a current IWWF license otherwise they should ski E or C. They can purchase it before they ski and it should update in the system. Also, remember that credit for officials can be made and sent to me at any time. We want to make sure officials get all the credit due. Also, when someone gets their rating after the download, their rating can be edited by clicking on the official work record then edit. Another screen pops up and you can make any changes there.

Sure Path and Live Web have added new features and that is helping with the flow of information. There have been a few tournaments that have been missing the boat path report. This happens when run all reports is not used. Please remember that the boat path report also exports the timing which is needed in the zip file.

As always, Dave Allen and Jeff Clark are responsive in any issues that arise with the scoring program, making my job easier when it comes to posting all the western region tournaments.

If there are any issues or problems that you see or think need to be addressed, please be sure to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Stanford
Western Region Seeding

2023 Summer Council Meeting

Drivers Committee Report

TESTING

1. ALL Regular and Senior Tests must be approved by Regional Drivers Committee member PRIOR TO REQUESTING TEST FROM HEADQUARTERS
2. ALL REGUALR AND SENIOR TESTS MUST BE CONDUCTED WITH RELIABLE WORKING BPMS REPORT (Surepath). Must be recorded for review, discussion and approval by Committee
 - a. Preferably uploaded through WaterSkiConnect,
 - b. Printed report submitted to Committee for review and approval
3. ALL REGUALR AND SENIOR TESTS REQUIRE 2 SENIOR DRIVERS (One of which must be a Rated Regualr or Senior Judge)
 - a. Testers CANNOT ALSO BE SKIERS FOR THE TEST.
4. ATTACHED
 - a. CURRENT REVISED DRIVERS PRACTICAL EVALUATION (4 PAGES)

INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS HARMONAZATION (Attached)

- a. Standardize the drivers ratings
 - i. D1 + IWWF International Driver (HIGHEST Level)
 1. New level above our current Senior Level
 2. Can Drive R ranking List events, World Championships
 - ii. D2 (Replaces our Current Senior Driver Rating)
 1. Can Drive R & L Events Can be Chief Driver of R & L Events
 - iii. D3 (Replaces our Current Regular Driver Rating)
 1. Can Drive L Events and Can be Shief Driver of Non-Record Events
 - iv. D4 (Replaces USA Assistant Driver Rating)
 1. Event Driver at NON-Record Events
 - v. D5 (Replaces our Current Trained Driver Rating)
 1. Non Tournament Driver, Can drive practice and club events

BOAT PATH MONITORING (SUREPATH)

Due to further reliance on Boat Path Monitoring it is vital that All Drivers, Judges and Scorers understand the importance of how the system works and the interface with the scoring data.

Propose a working committee of Drivers, Judges and Scorers to discuss and educate all officials how the system works and importance of data collection.

Other:

1. Revise Clinic Materials to educate all Officials on how to setup and use the BPMS system
2. Standardize which Chief Official is Responsible for Setup of BPMS
 - a. Class R & L
 - i. Technical Controller Responsible
 - b. Class C
 - i. Since no TC, Propose Chief Driver Responsible

D1 Level 1 Driver International Driver	E&A Level 1	IWVWF International Driver. Can Drive at Record Capability (R) Rankings List(L) Events, World Championship and Confederation Events.
	Oceania Level 1	
	Pan Am Driver	
	E&A Level 2	
	Oceania Level 2	
D2 Level 2 Driver International Driver Class R&L	D2 USA - Senior Driver	Can Drive at Record Capability (R) Rankings List(L) Events and Confederation Titled Events. Can drive at World Championships by exception. Can be Chief Driver at Class R & L Events.
	Australia Level 2	
	Canada Level 3	
	New Zealand Level 1	
D3 Level 3 Driver National Federation Driver Class L & Below	E&A Level 3	Can Drive at Rankings List (L) competitions and other National Federation Events. Can be Chief Driver at non-record tournaments.
	D3 USA - Regular Driver	
	Australia Level 3	
	Canada Level 2	
	New Zealand Level 2	
	E&A Level 4	

D4 Level 4 Driver National Federation Driver	D4 USA - Assistant Driver	Event Driver at non-record tournaments (entry level tournament driver)
	Australia Level 4	
	Canada Level 1	
	New Zealand Level 3	
D5 Level 5 Driver National Federation Driver		Non-tournament driver. Can Drive at practices, club events, and ski schools
	E&A Level	
	D5 USA - Trained Driver	
	Australia Level 5	

This June, we had 2 best of the west camps and 1 area camp.

- The SACO area kicked off a two-day camp led by Triah Mainer, and coached by Terry and Kristin Winter. Approximately 13 skiers attended.

- Sam and Krisi Lee hosted a very successful Best of the West camp at Broadside, ID for the Rockies region. Kassidy Hawkins coached 10 skiers for 2 days, followed by a class-C tournament on the third and final day. Along with great slalom and trick scores, every skier got a jump score.

- The Stabel's and Gustofsons hosted a Best of the West camp in Chico, CA, for west coast skiers. This 3-day camp was coached by Rhoni Barton and Mark Lane. 12 skiers split time between Sky Lake and Stabel's Lake for endless skiing opportunities. Great weather, good food, and amazing hospitality made for an amazing experience.

- Additional area camps are happening around the region in July, including Laku and another one in SACO by Trish Mainer with Terry and Kristin Winter.

- As of July 7th, we're busy planning the Junior Development Banquet for Regionals.

Mike Maxson

Judges & Scorers Committee Report

July 2023

The status of testing materials:

The membership records are still a priority and the LMS portion of the Integrass database release date is being identified as possible by mid-2024 and therefore the current testing videos are available via DropBox.

Slalom is still in the process for updates and upgrades for both Regular and Senior tests. The previous test has been modified for current YouTube access and is working for both regular and senior testing. The committee is discussing a more rigorous test for slalom with a segregation of required scores for Senior and Regular assessments.

Creation of a post-clinic assessment, specifically for online clinics, has been developed and requires an 80% score on each module and will allow multiple retakes. These TestMoz are administered by Floyd McCreight and Debbie Kern. Confirmation of information presented and digested is the expectation and ensure more universal expectations for what a judge or scorer gleans from the clinic.

Renewal testing has been recommended and may be piloted and implemented over the next year for a cycle possibly on a 4-year basis. Details are still being determined for levels and expectations. Consistency in expectations nationwide is the focus of this project.

Foreign officials:

The documentation for newly tested or re-tested PanAm officials has allowed for a segregation of records and expiration dates for Senior vs PanAm level judges, scorers, and drivers in the officials' directory now that IWWF has more clearly defined how various levels equate from various federations. Several non-USA officials that were tested via the PanAm program are now included in the AWSA directory if they are current AWSA active members including completion of the SafeSport requirements.

EMS staff have identified that some non-USA administrators added unqualified officials (and skiers) to the database and that the process is being restricted to confirm those listed meet federation and discipline requirements.

An effort has been made to include all re-tested PanAm Judges, Scorers and Drivers from AWSA in the EMS database system with accurate testing dates and re-test dates. This project was implemented to allow and track AWSA officials working in IWWF administered events and continues to focus on new tracking dates. This data is entered by hand and is a continuous work in progress.

IWWF has identified the training criteria is the responsibility at the Federation level for what USAWSWS identifies as SafeSport. This adds to the complexity of the transition from foreign to AWSA. We are still looking into how we may want to handle this similarly to the Drivers Committee Attestation form, but that has not been confirmed at this time.

The sanctioning system has been updated to allow AWSA members that are not necessarily in the Officials Directory to be added to the sanction application process. Confirmation of SafeSport is included in the verification process for added officials. Ratings information will be confirmed by the administrator or contact involved in the application by the LOC.

Tournament expectations:

The consensus of the committee is that the resource of live posting scores is a component of WSTIMS that should be a preferred activity at all events when possible. Accurate entry of officials assigned to events continues to be a critical component of all events, especially E or higher classes. This information is often the logged information that comes to play when questions or concerns create a need to review events. This information of who worked events or groups is important and shall include integration of driving records that

reflect SurePath data being part of the submitted scorebook both for data analysis and for verification of maintaining expected tolerances by the drivers' and technical committees. The jump event SurePath data is still being assessed for updates in the rulebook, which makes including data from all classes appropriate to include.

Trick scores and trick videos via the WSTIMS Live Scoring component is also an expectation for C, E, L or R events. Many class C events are utilizing video timing and the process of accurate file naming and uploading is a strong foundation for officials upgrading or maintaining skills for all levels of events and should be included when possible. All trick videos should be uploaded to the Live Scoring system if possible as this helps confirm essential information related to scores, credit for officials and assessment for future testing.

The variety and broad range of data associated with posting this information allows for a resource for conversation and review when the committees assess future expectations and proposals to rule, technical or policy manuals.

The Seeding committee is asking for scorers or the person(s) submitting scorebooks to adhere to timeframes listed in sanction documentation and to include all items required to complete a tournament scorebook package as a single upload.

There have been recurring issues with the transfer of information from the membership database to the legacy (OLR) system that result in missing home federation information. This often results in inaccurate information related to qualification for L or R events. The correction of this data does impact the timely posting of data and must be addressed by headquarters and the scorer. These challenges are still being investigated as to the cause, but Integress is aware of the problem and working to address the issues.

Fast track:

The quantitative requirements are clear cut, but numerous skiers don't realize that the program isn't restricted to just senior upgrades and the committee is recommending a regular rating option be more visible. The focus is for a top-level judge to be cognizant of the rules as well as administrative tasks related to the rating. The committee continues to review practical, written and experience minimums for all fast-track officials.

A topic still being reviewed is for a Fast Track judge being restricted as an event judge for a limited time to ensure that administrative experience and expectations are being met. Further conversation is needed on this topic.

Manuals, Testing and Clinic materials.

Bob Harris, Dave Allen, and TG Powell are working to implement Senior Clinics for Judges and Scorers to address rule, technical and software changes that impact each category of official. Details will be shared once we confirm the when, where, and how.

Judges & Scorers Committee

Robert Howerton – chair
Ray Crenshaw
Jane Greenwood
Kate Knafla
Jim Grew - Consultant
Melanie Hanson - Consultant

Tom Nathan
TG Powell
Alex Lauretano - AAC

**WESTERN REGION
AWSA RULES COMMITTEE REPORT
JULY 19, 2023**

The AWSA Rules Committee has been pretty quiet this year.

We had one addendum regarding tricks.

With the approval of 80% of normal speed for the trick reviews which was approved by IWWF, the TC Committee along with the Rules Committee have approved new wording. This will allow Class C tournaments to also apply this for judging purposes.

The scores will be considered to have a level playing field without a perceived advantage or disadvantage to those skiers, if the skiers have the option to be judged by this playback option.

Currently Chip Shand, who developed the trick timing programming, will be able to incorporate the newer rules for all skiers.

Below are the new rules that apply this option.

11.08B5 *Video Judge (Option for Class C) (Reference IWWF 9.12 for Class E/L/R)*

- a. Each Judge may watch the pass at either normal speed or 80% of normal speed.***
- b. After having finished their first view and call, all Judges will have one complete review (without pauses) at normal speed or 80% of normal speed.***
- c. Additional reviews of individual tricks may be allowed by the Chief Judge or his designate, if they are required, to resolve a majority issue in the scoring of the pass.***

11.08E Video-Based Frame-Counting Device Operators: When using this method, two judges (minimum rating of one Regular and one Assistant for Class E or two Assistants for Class C) may replace the official timer and backup timer as defined above. The two judges must agree on the starting frame and shall make a determination of the last trick completed in time. If these two judges disagree, the Chief Judge (or his designee) will resolve the disagreement. The shore judges should not be permitted to observe the display of the video-based frame counting device while the timing determination is being made by the timing officials. ~~**Another option is for the Video**~~

Judges may ~~to~~ perform timing duties as described in Rule 11.08B5 (4 with change) and 11.09C.

11.09C IF the video system allows it, the timing of the trick pass can be done by the event Judges. In this case, after the conclusion of the judging procedure, the event judges will view and agree on (by majority) the beginning of the trick pass, and the last trick in time. A completed trick shall be judged to have been in time if the part of the ski under the binder is on the water in the last frame picture.

Currently we are working on placement for this approved policy. Discussion regarding sex vs sex/gender have come up.

Action Item 3 - AWSA EC recommendation on AWSA transgender participation

Motion to require skiers to ski as gender on their birth certificate - Jim / Robert – Motion PASSES (Unanimous)

Don't forget to submit any changes to us to review.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richelle Muhlitner and Ryan Nason

Safety Committee Report

2023 Western Region Summer Meeting

The first half of 2023 has been relatively quiet for the safety committee.

- The online injury reporting system is up and running, and we need to remind all safety directors to submit their injury reports online.
- Chubb / Global Marine insurance has stopped providing the USA-WSWS endorsement for policies, which means they are no longer covered for sanctioned events. Our insurance broker, EPIC, has been reaching out to other insurance providers to try and locate other options for insurance coverage that will provide club insurance and the USA-WSWS endorsement. Members who are insured with companies that do provide this endorsement are reporting substantial rate increases
- Reminder that alcohol and other mind-altering substances may not be consumed by event officials or participants during any sanctioned event (including practices!) AWSA does have clear language regarding this in the rule book (12.01). Not all sports disciplines within USA-WSWS have as clear of language, so USA-WSWS may be adding something to cover all sport disciplines.

Submitted by Harley Wallace, Western Region representative to Safety Committee.

				2024 Budget			
Revenue -							
	Sanction Fees:						
		140 Tournaments		17,010.00	126 tourname		
		3% Credit Card Fee		(510.30)	less 3% Credit Card Fe		
	Regional Guide:						
	Advertisin	Advertising Sales - Net		2,000.00			
	Misc Guic	Misc Guide Expense		(300.00)			
	Printing &	Printing & Distribution		0.00			
				1,700.00			
	Account I	Account Interest/Dividends		120.00	\$53K @.023%		
		CD - Due -					
		TOTAL R	Total Revenue	18,319.70			
Expenses -							
	Postage			-			
	Supplies			-			
	Bank Charges			-			
	Web Site			-			
	Meetings			3,600.00	Winter 3400; \$200 Sum		
	Travel			3,400.00	2 Trips at \$500; 4 trips		
	Awards	Region & Regional Merit Awards		150.00	Region & Reg'l Merit Awa		
	Records			150.00			
	Seeding			-			
	Clinic Reimbursment			400.00			
	Scholarship - saved 12% by paying 2023 & 2			-	Al Wagner Scholarship		
	Jr Development transferred from Western Re			5,000.00	125 \$40 per J		
	USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Foundation D			500.00	Donation to USA Water		
	National Jr Development Support			700.00			
	AWSA Support - Regional Funding			300.00			
	Nationals Webcast			500.00			
	Senior Drivers Clinic			200.00			
	Reg'l Tourn Support Reserve			4,000.00			
	2024 Jr Dev Gain/Loss						
		Total Expenses		18,900.00			

Projected Net Income 2024					(580.30)		

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