

AWSA WESTERN REGION SUMMER COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 22, 2024
AGENDA and Minutes
WET SET VILLAGE NEWBERRY SPRINGS, CA
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

1. Introductions/Roll Call - Brad started the meeting at 12:30 after lunch and began with roll call.
2. Council approval to allow substitutes - Randy Grubs for Dennis Phillips
 - a. Establishment of a quorum (8 of 13 voting members) attending the meeting were: Brad Corbin, Mike Hayes, Richelle Muhltner, Ryan Nason, Frank Harrison, Sam Lee, Russ Selsor, Brad Hartwell, Judy Stanford, Mark Timm, Jeanne Rohrer, Mike Parsons, Elaine Bush, Will Bush, Randy Grubbs, Mark Roske, Tom Nathan, Scott McNerney, John Crivello, Connie Bergmark, Randy Hocking, and Scott Larsen
3. Assignment of Parliamentarian – Mike Hayes was assigned as Parliamentarian.
4. Review and Approval of Minutes from 1/06/2024 Winter Council Meeting: Ryan Nason motioned to approve, second Brad Hartwell, approved unanimously.
5. EVP Report – Brad Corbin: AWSA is still recovering from the hacking on website. Will spoke with Mark Crone and they are working on an easier way to verify that you are human. Please thank Mark Crone for his efforts if you have a chance (Dave Allen and Jim Meese also.) We are going to be audited by Safe Sport at the Regionals.
6. AWSA Presidents Report – Lyman Hardy See written report.
7. Executive Director USA WS Kevin Michael is the new ED.
8. Treasurer’s Report 2024 –Russ Selsor We were at a loss \$6k at the beginning of the year with scholarship funding, sanction revenue losses, and the Regional Tournament support of \$4K. Our Winter meeting will be online instead of at Reno. Now it looks like we will be +500 at the end of the year vs. the original projection. We have made \$1K on investments and this will be better next year. We will also save \$ on Travel since Nationals is local.
9. National Executive: Brad Corbin – see report
10. Council Area Reports – Area 1 through Area 9

1. Scott Larson – attendance is getting better. The tournaments are full, and skiers are working.
2. John Crivello – tournaments about the same, no water in the pond.
3. Ryan Nason - things are going well.
4. Mark Timm - A few less tournaments. Attendance is good. There are efforts being made to get John Goodman in Hall of Fame. There is some grassroots attendance at tournaments.
5. Randy Grubbs– same number of tournaments, attendance is down
6. Mike Parsons– Brian Mercer has passed away. He was supportive of 3 event. Keith Morgan is the other 3 event skier from Utah. Attendance was lite until it warmed up. There are 2 more tournaments in August.
7. Sam Lee – They have one fewer tournament. There was lite attendance at Gilbert Lake. They still have the Broadside club site. Montana and Wyoming still have tournaments.
8. Christine Gulley did not make it. Randy Hocking says entries are down in Colorado which is too bad but the last few years are stable. They really need 3 event officials.
9. Jeanne Rohrer – AZ has 14 tournaments this season but had 16 last year. The number of attendees is about half, and they only have slalom.

11. Regional Committee Reports (committee reports come as a motion for approval – second needed)
 - a. Regional Awards – Looking for a committee chair – Our chairperson quit but Russ Selsor filled in – thanks Russ!

- b. Regional Drivers – Mark Roske - report attached the biggest change is inclusion of SurePath. There are 500 people registered on the driver’s portal. The portal data will be used for upgrades and clinics. We lost some drivers due to them not attending clinics. There was further discussion on SurePath and the portal.
- c. Regional Junior Development - Mike Maxson – see report.
- d. Regional Guide—Ty Vaio - no report but there will be more information in January.
- e. Regional Nominating - Owen Letcher - see report
- f. Regional Records-Terry Selsor - report attached. This comes as a motion, Ryan seconded, there was discussion, the records were approved unanimously.
- g. Regional Webmaster – Cris Converse - no report
- h. Regional Social Media - Ty Vaio, Cris Converse, Mallory Staley - no report

12. 2024 Western Regional -Tournament Update – Frank Harrison

Frank would like higher numbers, but everything is looking good. We do have more entries than other regions. There will be food and entertainment Wednesday evening. Junior Development is on Friday for 85 people at \$35 per person. Saturday should be done at 3 and then there is the officials appreciation dinner. There will be practice after the tournament ends each day. We will need to change bouys for the next day. The photographer will be on-site for Regionals and Nationals. Awards are scheduled to be 30 minutes after the event.

13. Western Regional Tournament Bids

- a. 2025 Regional Tournament Bid - Ski West

14. 2024 National Tournament –Ski West, Arvin, CA

- a. Official Recommendations (Announcers, Drivers, Judges, Scorer, Safety & Technical)

15. 2025 National Tournament Bid – Ski West?

16. National Committee Reports

- a) National Announcers: Ryan Nason – Update your bio, the system is almost fixed.
- b) National Awards: Randy Hocking - report
- c) National Boat Drivers: Cris Ellers
- d) National Bylaws: Cris Converse - Report attached
- e) National Grassroots: Matt Brandt -
- f) National IAC: Brandy Nagle & Connie Bergmark – we pick lots of teams for international competition.
- g) National Judges & Scorers: Tom Nathan – do we have an officials problem? The website is not updated. Should we change the rating requirements? Should we change the renewal for officials? Further discussion on the topic took place.
- h) National Junior Development: Mike Maxson -
- i) National Nominating – Kate Knafla - no report -
- j) National Rules: Richelle Muhlitner/ Ryan Nason - report attached
- k) National Safety: Harley Wallace -
- l) National Seeding: Judy Stanford - Report attached
- m) National Skiers Qualification: Brandy Nagle - no report
- n) National Technical: Will Bush -
- o) National Towboat: Will Bush - report attached
- p) USA WS- Connie Bergmark AWSA Membership is down 121. There is a meeting on Wednesday. Action items will be discussed, some due to the IT issues.

18. Other Sports Divisions

- National Collegiate - Jeff Rush & Ty Vaio
- Disabled Skiers – Matt Oberholtz

- Wakeboard
- Show Ski
- Hydrofoil
- Kneeboard
- Barefoot

19. Old Business

- a) Regional Guide Advertisers - Council Advertisers wanted!

20. New Business

- a) Treasurers Budget Report 2025– Russ Selsor

- a. AWSA Western region website hosting

- b) Local Jr. Development camps - how much should the region contribute for local camps. There has been funding of \$350 per local camp for support from the Region. Also BOW camps have been supported. \$5k total per year is available. Where is the funding going since only 31 kids are registered for Regionals. The committee will define the spending and Charlene & Elaine will participate in the committee as advisors. An expansion of the existing committee would be preferred. The participants of funded camps need to plan on skiing in Regionals.

- c) Brainstorm ideas to grow the sport and increase participation in competition – Maybe consider financial funding to increase M1/W1 participation. Maybe we change to accommodate them? What do they think? This will be on the agenda in January.

- d) Regional excuses: Storm Selsor, Gage Jarvis, Bruce Brenton There was discussion where only Bruce qualifies.

- e) National Summer BOD meeting attendees Brad Corbin, Mark Roske, Richelle Muhlitner, Brad Hartwell, Connie Bergmark

- 1) Committee Chairs Attending – Richelle Muhlitner (Rules)

- g) Date and Place of Western Region Winter Council Meeting

- 1) January 4, 2025 - via Zoom or Teams

22. Recommendations from the Council to the National Directors to present at the National Summer Meeting on August 12, 2024

23. Adjourn 3:49 pm- Sam motioned and Richele seconded. Quickly approved unanimously.