

SCR MEMBERSHIP/COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

13 January 2007

Shreveport, LA

OPENING PROCEDURES: The meeting was called to order at the Holiday Inn Express at 8:45 a.m. and roll call was by sign-in. No parliamentarian was appointed.

The minutes from the summer meeting (Lago Santa Fe) were handed out and approved as written.

(Note: We had to remind ourselves that we had agreed to hold the midwinter meeting using the same format as the summer meeting; i.e. a combined Membership/Council meeting. Added to this was the threat of ice/snow/sleet for points west - Dallas, Austin, etc. on Sunday. Therefore, we had a one-day meeting on Saturday.)

TREASURERS DATA: Financials are within the limit historically carried by the Region at this time of the year; i.e. between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Handout from Kathy Ives was stalled in cyberspace and not available for this meeting. Our operating budget is normally in the \$19,000 area. Currently, there is an additional \$5000 from a CD that was cashed in during the past 10 months.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS: After much discussion Roger Boskus's motion to qualify the top three finishers in each event at the Region's 3-event State Tournaments and the top five from Junior Development for regional tournament entry was passed. Modifications to this motion will be needed in the 2008 ski year since the sport will be going to a ranking system versus the current ratings approach.

DRIVER "SIT-OUT" FOR REGIONALS: The paucity of drivers who submitted their names for the 07 Regionals has put everyone on notice that the number of 3-event regular and senior drivers is getting low and, looking at the pipeline, there is no immediate relief in sight. Therefore, Bob Mayhew moved with a second by Pat Holland that the sit-out time for drivers be deleted and be reviewed annually to see if it will be needed again in the future. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP: Jennifer Lowe from HQ, AWSA, gave an excellent presentation on current and planned membership initiatives. She covered the "Member Get a Member" program, working the winter boat shows, sponsorships and a refreshed website design. She also covered new insurance ideas (lake, boat, etc.) Further ideas covered included NSL/Fun tournament initiatives. In our own region there is a wakeboard/slalom tournament planned for Amarillo, Texas with Lucky Lowe as the driver. Membership will continue to be a top priority item for the foreseeable future as we battle for the interests of the baby boomers kids and grandchildren.

TOLERANCES: Scorebooks from various slalom tournaments around the country, in particular Trophy Lakes in SC, were reviewed and found wanting for boat times that were close to actual versus the slow end tolerances. The discussion that followed included a review of the two rules that govern the effort to drive actual times. Tightening tolerances was one of many items also discussed. As far as sanctions against specific drivers/sites Directors were asked to review the facts carefully before their vote at the national meeting. (In the end, publication and review of timing stats through changes in WSTIMS has done much to mitigate this problem. Zero-off may make any future discussion moot.)

RULES: The proposed rule changes were discussed. It was suggested that Directors vote their consciences on the various issues. The ranking structure for 2008 was also discussed and how we will all qualify for the 08 SCR Regional tournament. Final approval on this issue will come at the 08 SCR midwinter mtg.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT: Program remains very strong. The 2007 JD Tournament is scheduled for the Lakes at Cypress Hill on 13-15 July. Council approved \$3000 for the 07 JD budget.

AWSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: Bob Mayhew gave a brief report on membership initiatives that were covered by Jennifer above. Andy Jugan reported on several additional issues including insurance and some web-based changes being planned.

Also, there was much discussion on the Lake Grew project; i.e. USAWS participation in making the lake activities self-sustaining especially in light of the cost to renovate the lake. Members should be aware that these costs will be covered through private donations, not member dues. There are many local and state restrictions on the lake and its design which adds considerable expense to its construction and modification not to mention the current lack of rain in Florida.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Motion was passed to continue with the annual \$500 grant to the Seeding Chairperson for her continuing outstanding work in this area.
2. Still need to find a good investment vehicle for the proceeds of the \$500 CD that matured this past year.
3. Checks: two people ARE signing or are eligible to sign checks; i.e. the EVP and the Treasurer.
4. Reminder that the close-out date for nominations for the EVP and National Director is 31 May if they want their names to be included on the absentee ballot.
5. Council voted to continue the SCR sanction concerning David Beebe for another 12 months.

SCR CONCERNS FOR THE AWSA BOD:

1. How can we promote people to become officials?
2. Boat judging (I don't know what we meant by this!).
3. Ways to increase money, and not just through membership.

ADJOURNMENT: At about 5:00 p.m.