

SCR MEMBERSHIP/COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

12 January 2008

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 (Tri-Lakes) were handed out and approved as written.

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 showed that we started the year with \$29,849 and ended with 27,000. This includes the \$5000.00 from a cashed-in CD. Our operating budget is normally in the \$19,000 area.

A motion by Floyd McCreight, second by Joe McCrea, was made to include Jon Penner of Austin/Round Rock as an additional co-signer with Kathy Ives and Bob Mayhew on checks and other financial instruments for the Region. Motion passed.

Bob Mayhew presented data from the Guide tournament announcements. In the 07 ski season there were 99 sanctioned events and 66 tournament announcements. In 08 there will be 57 tournament announcements against a projected 99 sanctioned events. In other words we continue to lose income from the Guide announcements - potentially a loss of \$2500 just in 08. We may be faced with imposing a sanction fee and converting the Guide to an electronic-only download without tournament announcements. The USA-WS website listing of sanctioned tournaments would become the primary source for tournament announcements.

A package showing how we can stay in the black with a sanction fee and an electronic Guide will be presented to the Council via email in the spring for a vote of approval at the summer meeting in Arkansas.

DRIVER "SIT-OUT" FOR REGIONALS: Just a reminder that there is no "sit-out" for Scorers, Drivers, TC's, or Safety personnel. And, depending on responses

for the 09 events, there may be no recess for judges either. The sport does not function well without officials; more people need to step up.

SCR REGIONALS - 2008: Roger Boskus gave an update on the progress of the revised format for 08. Friday will be dubbed "Juniors Day." Council Meeting and Banquet will be that night. Saturday, there will be a head-to-head slalom competition under the lights with additional partying along the shores. It may be a late night and pray for NO rain.

MEMBERSHIP: AWSA is down another 4% for 2007. The big push for 2008 will be the development of a new Supporting Membership program. More announcements on this program will be coming from AWSA.

REGIONALS QUALIFICATIONS: After much discussion, mainly centered around being as inclusive as possible, the following was adopted by the Council.

1.1.3 Entry Qualifications and Skier Seeding

All skiers will be allowed entry if they are qualified at Level 5 or above on the National Ranking List. Those persons qualified in two events may also ski their third event.

Background information for the above:

1. Advancement to Regionals will be based on the Nationals Rankings List for the SCR as of the Cut-off Date (COD) on the Friday of the SCR Junior Development Tournament but not more than 21 days before the start of the current Regional Tournament. (In 2008, this will be Friday, July 11)

2. At the COD the Rankings List Average of the last ranked skier in each division in the S, T, and J and Overall will be established as the Cut-off Average (COA).

3. After the COD, skiers may still gain entry to Regionals in any event or Overall through two (2) Last Chance Qualifying methods (LCQ's):

A. Any skier who records a score EQUAL TO OR ABOVE THE COA at any State Championship, or at any class C and above tournament between the COD and the start of the Regional Tournament.

B. Any skier who places in the top three at any three-event SCR State Championship or top five in the SCR Junior Development tournament.(1/08)

RULES: The proposed rule changes were discussed. There was one proposal on the number of changes allowed among settings in the GPS Speed Control systems. The AWSA Rules Committee had proposed the following:

Rules Committee
GPS Systems (Zero-off, PP Star Gazer)
- System choice, if available
- NO limitations on changes to settings in either system or between GPS systems for 2008
CHANGES AFTER DOCK CHOICE:
Unlimited
However, NO change permitted between PP Classic and GPS systems during skier set.
Note: Existing rule on PP Classic continues; i.e. one adjustment.

and Tech/Towboat suggested the following:

Technical/Towboat Cmtes
GPS Systems (Zero-off, PP Star Gazer)
- System choice, if available
- SINGLE adjustment within chosen GPS System.
CHANGES AFTER DOCK CHOICE:
One
However, NO change permitted between PP Classic and GPS systems during skier set.
Note: Existing rule on PP Classic continues; i.e. one adjustment.

After much discussion the Council voted to have the SCR Directors support the Rules Committee recommendation. However, the AWSA Board of Directors (BOD) was in no mood to show any compassion for the skier as these new speed control systems were presented for tournament use. They quickly limited the changes to just one as presented by the Towboat Committee.

One other rule change proposed by Rules (and adopted by the BOD) was to have the boat draw for Nationals held on 1 July so that contestants would know which GPS system they would have for that tournament and would have time to practice behind that boat. Council approved holding the SCR boat draw on the same date. The boats chosen may be different between the two tournaments as the distribution of rides among the various boats may not be similar. Jerry Bautsch, CD for the 08 Regionals, will determine the groupings for the SCR tournament and the SCR Policies and Procedures will take precedence for the Regional tournament.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT: Program remains very strong. The 2008 JD Tournament is scheduled for the Princeton Lakes on 11-13 July. Council approved \$3000 for the 08 JD budget.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS: Two national committees (Skier's Qualification and Seeding) were scheduled to give reports on their suggestions for weighting of scores from E, L and R tournaments on the ranking list. Both committees did report

but the results would have been very problematic. The Chairman of the Board wisely formed a special committee and referred the issue for further study. This was in spite of the BOD trying to push through a poorly thought out resolution.

USA-WS and AWSA in particular are facing some serious financial constraints for the next year. It will be essential that a balanced budget be approved. Regions may have to pick up some small costs concerning their respective skiers.

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 \$5000 CD that matured the other year.
3. Checks: two people ARE signing or are eligible to sign checks; i.e. the EVP and the Treasurer and now there will be a third as noted in the Treasurer's section of these minutes.
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 discontinue the SCR sanction concerning David Beebe.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ralph Armstrong's request for emeritus status in driving was approved and subsequently approved by the AWSA BOD.
2. Kathy Ives moved, with second by Bob Mayhew, to increase the travel reimbursement for national meetings (P&P para 2.4) from \$200 to \$300 per trip. Motion passed.

SCR CONCERNS FOR THE AWSA BOD:

1. Possibly reduce membership fees.
2. Fast-track scorers, especially considering the current user-friendly changes made to WSTIMS..
3. Update Officials Directory in the timeliest way possible.

ADJOURNMENT: At about 5:00 p.m.