

# SCR MEMBERSHIP/COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

10 January 2009

Shreveport, LA

**OPENING PROCEDURES:** The meeting was called to order at the Ramada Inn, just off Monkhouse Rd., at 8:45 a.m. and roll call was by sign-in. Janet Hooten was appointed as the parliamentarian.

The minutes from the summer meeting (Cedar Creek - Fayetteville, AR) were handed out and approved as written - motion by Jeran Hooten, second by Lisa Derasaugh.

**COUNCILORS AND REPRESENTATION OF CLUBS:** Elgin Faulkner distributed a current list and email corrections were made by the attendees. San Marcos River Ranch (SMRR) was the latest and newest club to be added with Kathy Ives as Councilor.

**TREASURERS DATA:** Kathy Ives, SCR Treasurer, reported that there was still \$1100.00 in uncollected head taxes. A list had been provided to the EVP and an updated list will be sent shortly. The distribution of a portion of this money has been made to the directors through the end of January. It was noted that the expenses for Junior Development had increased which may lead to an increase in their annual grant. The financial summary showed a current bank balance of \$22,000.

**REGIONALS 2009:** Mark Crone, the software project officer for the AWSA Ranking List, recommended that each region standardize their selection process for their regional tournament. On the basis of this, credit for past SCR Regionals and AWSA Nationals was added as a path to qualification along with some other tweaks in scores achieved after the July cut-off date. Janet Hooten moved that we accept the following proposed changes to the SCR P&P with a second by Ron Ives. Motion approved.

Changes are in blue:

**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 2009, this will be Friday, July 10)

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 **or achieves a rank** 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, top five in the SCR Junior Development Tournament, or **top five of the previous AWSA National or SCR Regional Tournament.** (1/09)

Regionals are to be seeded by the Seeding Committee. (1/89)

Schedule for tournament will probably not change; Friday will remain as the Junior's day.

**ACJs** at each lake will be monitored by the appointed "PRINCIPAL" ACJs: Jeran Hooten and Kathy Ives. Their role will be to recruit and train others to take the post for approximately half a day or to have others simply gain exposure such that they might be selected for future regional tournaments. Concerted efforts are needed to have others selected as the major officials for this tournament. Based on the voting for the past several years Jeran and Kathy are beginning to feel as though they have lifetime appointments as ACJs.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Rules:** Members were informed of the proposed change to the IWSF trick course and IWSF rules regarding the "start" in that course. Also, the change for recording the 3 segment boat timing for jump was discussed. It is also proposed to expand Masters Men to include trick and jump plus overall.

The Rules and Technical Committees are also proposing the use of a "youth line" for B1-2 and G1-2. There are differences in these two committee's proposals which will

need to be resolved at the BOD meeting. The National Directors were not directed by the Council on how to vote on this issue.

The **COD for qualification for Nationals and, in turn, Regionals** was originally established at a certain point prior to the national tournament. The Rules Committee had proposed to leave that date determination as originally written in 2007 but the SCR Council voted to move it to 1 July. Joe Darwin moved and Kelvin Kelm seconded that motion. The SCR Directors were also directed by the Council to vote for the 1 July date as part of that motion.

A Rules Cmte proposal to change the **maximum speed in slalom for Men 8** from 30 to 32 mph was met with heavy opposition from Floyd McCreight (Men 8 SCR skier). Floyd felt that the survey conducted by Jerry Hosner from Michigan (Men 8) was flawed and improperly conducted. The Council agreed with Floyd and instructed the SCR Directors to vote against this change; motion by Jeran, second by Ron Ives.

**Task Force/Rules/EC: Weighting of record scores:** Bob Mayhew EVP gave a summary of the various committees' review of weighting and their findings. All of these finding suggested that weighting of scores from record tournaments was unnecessary. The Council agreed with this finding.

**Skiers Qualification and Judges and Scorers:** A summary of the Skiers Qualification Committee's annual report was reviewed as was the Judges & Scorers Committee. The latter is asking each region to appoint a "video collector" to gather films for future training and testing. Exactly what views and in what format were unclear. Bob Mayhew will gather more information before appointing someone.

**Towboat/speed control:** Jerry Bautsch reviewed where we are with the further refinement of ZO and what PP is planning to provide for its Stargazer system. The final decision on the 09 configuration of the ZO software program will probably not be made until March of 09; same for PP Stargazer.

Joe Darwin also shared his vision of the future of the promo boat programs and it was not particularly optimistic.

**Boat Drivers:** No changes proposed in this annual report.

**Junior Development:** The number of attendees at the JD Clinic/tournament was similar to previous years. However, attendance at the sponsored week of instruction at Tri Lakes was down in comparison to the past. The JD Committee was not certain on how to resolve this.

To more accurately match expenses to programs Kathy Ives moved, with a second by Floyd McCreight, to increase the JD grant to \$4000 for 2009. Motion passed.

**IAC:** Jeffery Armstrong's letter - SCR IAC member - was reviewed. Members were encouraged to apply for the official's positions at the international tournaments with the knowledge of the competition for the slots, what is expected, and the costs involved.

**Bylaws and Safety:** No action this past year from Bylaws and Bob Mayhew, EVP, in narrowing in on a SCR selection for the National Safety Committee.

**Executive (AWSA):** Bob Mayhew reviewed the EC's recommendation that the proposal for weighting record scores be dropped. He also reviewed briefly the financial constraints facing AWSA for the next year although at the moment things are not that bleak. He also mentioned that trick scoring sheets (PINK sheets) will be available again through USA-WS at \$10.00 per package for 1000 sheets mailed to your door.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Larry Cox and Margie Cumberland were approved for the **emeritus judge** credential; motion by Jerry Bautsch, second by Janet Hooten with unanimous consent.
2. Everyone was reminded again about the new **regional sanctioning fee** and the protocol for paying this fee.
3. **Online Registration (OLR):** A one page hand-out outlining the basics of the OLR was given to each member. Kelvin Kelm related his use and success with the program at Katy. There is a learning curve plus the necessity to establish a special PayPal account but the advantages to both skier and LOC may be greater. Sites were encouraged to try the process for their summer tournaments.
4. **Special Assignments:**
  - A. **T. Caldwell** was appointed Chairman of a Task Force within the SCR, to prepare the following:
    1. Develop a protocol to evaluate the current competencies of officials. This measurement must be objective and require a minimum of time on the part of the official. It may be didactic and/or performance oriented.
    2. Develop an award system to reward those officials who perform well on this measurement.
    3. Develop a training program to correct detected deficiencies and then retest the official.
    4. Determine how officials, who do not respond well to the training, would be downgraded or have their credentials limited.

Steps in this program should be developed in light of the following:

1. Historical efforts in this area; consultants might be Jeff Smith, Carol Boice, etc.
2. Influx/turnover of AWSA officials currently.
3. Generational differences in desires to be officials - single to 3-event.
4. Regional differences in officiating philosophies.
5. Whether regional officiating requirements could or should be more restrictive than national requirements.

T. is to report his progress on this project at our summer regional meeting and have a program ready for approval by the Council at the 2010 SCR midwinter meeting.

**B. Ron Ives** was appointed Chairman of the Nomination and Balloting Committee for the selection of SCR officials for the 2010 SCR Regional and AWSA National Tournament. He will be responsible for the following:

1. Solicit and collect all nominations from the eligible officials in accordance with the SCR P&P.
2. Develop a ballot and validate its accuracy.
3. Distribute the ballot to all eligible voters (IAW SCR P&P) and tally the results. Balloting may be paper or electronic or a combination of these or conducted through some 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
4. All preparation, balloting and tallying of results must be objective, transparent to the SCR members, and free of any conflict of interest.

Ron will report the final results of the election to the EVP preferably not later than 10 December 2009.

#### **5. Regional recommendations to AWSA:**

- A. STOP the rules changes! (Lisa Derasaugh)
- B. What are the top 3 benefits that the AAC provides to the AWSA membership? Isn't time to split the pros and the amateurs? (Joe Darwin)
- C. Can't we split the regions in to smaller blocks? Then have state through national round robin pairings with, ultimately, a smaller nationals.

All of these recommendations will be edited into action items for the AWSA BOD with suggested charges to certain committees and formation of task forces to study the feasibility of such things as pros vs amateurs and a smaller nationals.

## OTHER BUSINESS:

Kathy Ives initiated a discussion about where to hold future SCR midwinter meetings in light of the hometowns of the majority of members attending this meeting and those from the past several years. After much deliberation it was decided to hold the January 2010 SCR midwinter meeting in Dallas, TX. Hotel and meeting room arrangements will be under the direction of Tacey Virgo and Joe McCreary. Council will vote its final approval on this location at the summer regional meeting as is required by the SCR P&P.

**Special Note:** This meeting was continued through the lunch hour which may be a protocol for future meetings as well. Joe Darwin, our host, ordered pizzas (it could have been deli sandwiches) plus drinks and the costs were paid by the region. This saved a lot of mid-day time and maintained the momentum of the meeting.

## AJOURNMENT:

Jeran Hooten had the honors this year to be the primary on the motion with a second by Don Butcher. With unanimous consent the meeting ended at 3:40 p.m.