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MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

7 January 2006

Shreveport, LA

OPENING PROCEDURES: The meeting was called to order at 8:40 AM and roll call was by sign-in. Larry Cox was appointed as the parliamentarian.

The minutes from the summer meeting were approved as written: motion by Pat Holland, second by Joe Darwin.

TREASURERS REPORT: Financials are within the limit historically carried by the Region at this time of the year; i.e. between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

SCR POLICIES & PROCEDURES (SCR P&P): The changes with the greatest impact are:

1. **Fees for the Regional Tournament** will be: \$95 for 1-event, \$105, 2-event, and \$110, 3-event.
2. **Cutoff date for Absentee Ballot.** The new SCR Bylaws mandates the use of an Absentee Ballot and the publish date of the ballot is to be printed in the P&P. After motions and amendments (Gordon Hall, Julie Overmire, Jenny Withrow) the following time was determined: All nominations must be received by the Chairman of the Nominations Committee (this year that is Pat Holland) by 31 May for publication on the SCR website by 2 Jun. A ballot can then be downloaded from the site.
3. **Selection of Drivers for Regionals/Nationals.** There was a lot of discussion on the subject and several motions; Tim Cost and Bob Mayhew both suggested some changes but the motions did not carry. Current policy will prevail. One statistic played an important role in discussion: there are 32 3-ev drivers in the region versus 13 single event.

Other changes: There were several administrative changes needed to reflect what we already do; email has altered a number of protocols. Since it is highly unlikely that the Region will ever use a one lake site again for the Regional Tournament, that section of the P&P was deleted.

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT: The number of skiers attending has mandated a change in the scheduling. For 2006 the Region will use a third lake at Lago Santa Fe for a 4-5 hour term. After some discussion a motion was passed to have Bob

Mayhew act as a "part-time" ACJ for that lake for that time period, and it will be his responsibility to recruit the necessary officials in advance of the tournament.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rules: The proposal to adopt the IWSF method for judging gates in the slalom event and the proposal to mandate, as a rule, the current method of determining L versus E for events and age divisions at the National Tournament generated much discussion. A motion was then passed to have the Directors vote against these proposals at the AWSA Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting. An additional motion was passed to vote against the proposal to measure handles in the jump event before the skier leaves the dock. (Follow-up: first two proposals failed at the BOD meeting, jump handle measurement passed). Other rule changes that will have minimal impact on most of the Region's skiers and will soon be posted on the USAWS website.

Skiers Rating/Competition Task Force (CTF) - Ratings vs Rankings: Nationally, this was the hottest issue of the year. The basis of the proposal was included in everyone's packet for the SCR meeting. Again, much discussion followed by a motion to support the move toward Rankings as the primary measure of performance. Motion passed. (Follow-up: Rankings approach passed at AWSA BOD meeting. Working implementation date is 2008 ski season.) Ratings for the 2007 ski year will be posted on the USAWS website very shortly.

Judges/Scorers: No changes proposed. Gary Weidman is now chairman of the committee and will be hosting the national Senior Judges/Scorers Clinic (this year in Colorado Springs - next year Houston?)

Junior Development: The numbers were good at the Junior Development Tournament. Princeton will be the site for the 2006 tournament. Only 12 scholarships were awarded this year (to all that submitted). Plans are in place for more advertising in '06.

Towboat/Speed Control: A second passive speed control display will be included in all current year promotional boats and may not be interchangeable between brands of boat. Comments about needing enlarged bifocals to read the display were numerous. Perfect Pass website is expected to provide more and more information on this latest revision.

Grassroots Programs (Fun NSL): Grassroots is strong in Austin and North Texas and weak in Mississippi and Louisiana. Much free stuff available from HQ for site interested in NSL, Fun, and 5-star tournaments.

Seeding: Seeding for Regionals and Nationals is now on a very smooth course with the whole country using the same computer seeding program. As rankings become the primary measure of performance, seeding will change again and the

importance of scorers submitting the weekend's results will become much more important.

Technical Committee: Jumps may be open another degree, new standard reflects a universal standard. Expect to see -41 and -43 loops on newer ropes.

Waterways: Ground Water Control Districts are forming in county after county in Texas. Control and cost of pumping water for our private ski lakes looms larger as a major problem in the coming years.

Drivers Committee: No minimum amount of time now for upgrading rating; will all be based on amount of driving. Annual video review for Senior Drivers remains - send tapes to Jerry Bautsch.

International Activities Committee (IAC): Team Trials, Jr Team Trials, Pan Am Championships all planned for this year. Gary Weidman, Robert Howerton, Elgin Faulkner, and the Ives have been regularly tapped from our Region. Lake Grew, at the HQ site will become a more frequent site for these tournaments because of the low overhead costs.

Executive Committee: IOC funding for our international teams has been lost for 2006 and probably for the indefinite future. There were a lot of adjustments to the '06 USA Water Ski budget as a result to cover some of the planned trips. The 2006 year will be OK but 2007, as planned, may have a \$14,000 deficit.

Name Change: The WSIA (Water Sports Industry Association) is strongly recommending that USA Water Ski change its name to something other than "ski." This is the era of the wakeboard and equivalent break-off forms of riding on the water. For marketing purposes and possible membership growth it is suggested that a broader adjective be used. (Much discussion at AWSA BOD meeting with a final recommendation to vote No. USAWS BOD decided to table issue for more data on costs and survey results of perceptions. WSIA was quite persuasive.)

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Reminder for all to please pay for tournament announcements in Regional Guide.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: 5:15 PM (Jeran Hooten with a second by Pat Holland)