

NSSA BOD MEETING NOV 7 & 8 2003
USA-WS HEADQUARTERS, FLORIDA

CALL TO ORDER- 8:15 AM

INTRODUCTIONS-

Tom Ghiloni- President, Executive Committee Chair
Gerry Luiting ,V.P. Chair Safety, Awards, & Elite Athlete Rep,
Mark Poulos, Sec. , Publicity, Cent Region Alt
Sherm Schraft: USAWS President, USA-WS REP, Rules committee chair,
Cam Mcneill, Alternate rep USA-WS, Eastern Region Alt, Grants Chair
Cathy Luiting, Wis., Chris Coupland, Wis,
Barb Taugner Wis, / Nominations Committee Chair, Chris Kadera, Alt Wis
Kevin Hayes, Cent. Rep ,
Bruce McCalmon, Cent Rep, National Tourn Chair, By Laws Chair
Kurt Bemman, Policies and Procedures Chair
Bud Ruhl, MW, Larry Meany MW,
Kurtis McMillan, Southern Rep, Doug Schwenk, Southern Rep, Dino Muggeo S. Alt.,
Donna Jenkins, Eastern Rep, LRP Chair, Cam McNeill Eastern (Alt)
Jim Boland, W. Alt.
JR Wilson, Hon. Nat Dir/ Boat Committee Ch,
Terry Pasterski, Hon Nat Dir,/ TV Productions Chair
Roger Olson Elite Skier, Mark Massoglia, Elite Skiers
Terry Pasterski, NHD,/TV Productions
Garry Stout, NHD, Parliamentarian.

Guests-

Lynn Novakowski, - USA-WS
Jeff Clark- Lakeland WSC USAWS By-Laws Chair
Steve Schneider, Ed Rinehart, Joel Shaprio, RAJ
Dean Weber, Kristin Meany- Waterhawks

Note from President
15 voting directors.

Housekeeping issues:

Samantha Pinkerton- welcomes board to Central Florida. Breakfast provided by Lakeland Waterski club

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Doug Schwenk to approve minutes of August 03 with changes Added Jim Boland, Dino Muggeo, Cam McNeill. 2nd by Kurtis McMillan- Carried.

PARLIAMENTARIAN- Garry Stout

Treasurer's Report- Motion to approve by Copeland 2nd by Cathy Luiting

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

REGIONAL REPORTS:

Central- Kevin Hayes presented a report for the minutes and discussed. Central Region at BWG. 2nd Weekend in July, 2004.

East- Donna Jenkins presents report . Donna is Rep. Cam is alternate. 4 Teams at Regionals Oxbow has regional tournament in 2004, Date not solid tentatively

ed but impractical
for ARK LA KS but no teams to come Lake McQueen Skidoos, Gator Bait Ski Club. Skip is trying to build up the south central

South-Doug Schwenk submitted and presented report. Tampa Bay has 135 members leading the region in membership. Wakeboard tournament had 64 members. Kurtis Carolina Show Ski Team will be rejoining the southern region. Garry Stout reports Gulf Coast Skimmers. County owns the club and has hired a director to run the club has potential to be a National site. Team in Alabama doing ski shows. Trying to get them more involved. New club in Ocala FL next weekend (date) barefoot tournament.

West- Not much going on Seattle team has gone by the wayside.

Wisconsin- Report submitted and read by Cathy Luiting. Beaverland Must Skis – 25-26th RAJ Mercury invitational. June 25 Mississippi Blackhawks- tournament cancelled. 26 learn to ski, 700 new skiers, 3 disabled skiers clinic. Mad City team had learn to ski program.

Wis State 17-20th 03 26 teams competed. 2 teams did not qualify but were able to ski as exhibition. 28 projected for 04 17-18 of July 04. 6 jump teams for jump team competition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rules – Sherm Shraft Committee report presented as motion

2nd by – Doug Schwenk.

Discussion ensued. Pete Bonert – Might want to pull some things out of the safety manual specific to NSSA. Some concern about the safety manual being part of the rules then changes would have to go through the rules committee. All changes are approved by the board currently so it would not present any problems. Kurtis recommends highlighting NSSA sections of safety committee.

Call for the question by Schwenk
Passed

Paragraph 2.03 as presented
2nd by Bruce carried by board

Rule change 6.04 as presented
2nd by Cathy Luiting

Discussion- Sherm with additional 9 pages of forms for ski club fact sheet. How many will want to fill out the additional reports. 99% of teams are good about filling out the paperwork. Skip- why should this be a rule because rules require assessment of penalties. Terry says we (NSSA) and USAWS need the proper tools to put on a good production. Making it a rule will

require clubs to turn in their paperwork. Failure to comply will result in disqualification. If Optional is removed, clubs will do it. Requirements for documents must be on web site. Cathy talks about the importance of show skiing.

Friendly Amendment- (agreed by Rules Committee chair and Cathy Luiting) “to indicate this is not part of the judges forms and is for TV production only”. Place on the form as to why it is being done. General descriptions on what is being done. Terry said she has made it as generic as possible. This will help the commentator interview what is best for the production. Skip mentions that if the club is fined or thrown out of the tournament, would clubs have a problem with this.

Tom makes suggestion to place the following wording on the top of the form “Information on this form is for TV production only and will not be used or considered for judging”

Opposed one
Carried.

Pete Bonert- It has never been placed in the minutes that failure to meet the requirement of following paperwork that it be a fine only

Motion by Bruce McCalmon -To make failure to complete and submit the tournament required forms be assessed a fine of 50% of tournament entry fee.
2nd by Cathy Luiting.

Discussion: Much discussion about the monetary fines.
Motion Carried 13 Yes
Two Opposed.

Tom directs rules committee to review rules and address questions of rules clarification.

Sherm indicates review of Rule 6.05 and insert an exemption to rule 6.04 Garry Stout suggest this be addressed by Rules Committee. Table this until after lunch.

10.05-
2nd by Cathy Proposal a as presented - carried
2nd by Cathy Proposal b as presented -unless it is being towed...

Discussion: If a clown act is performing in less than waist deep water??? Tabled for clarification

10.05 paragraph 5 passed committee without wording. Pete Bonert indicated it should be just a rules interpretation. No proposal No motion. Deferred

Individual show acts to include 750 buoy
2nd by Schwenk

Discussion: Why are we worried about this for individual acts. This could be used any individual act competition

Passed by Board

Garry Stout: rule 2.03 is in both shows and individual acts. Recommends eliminating duplicating numbers Gerry Luiting recommends placing a letter in front of the rule to indicate whether it is Show or Individual competition rules.

Awards- Gerry Luiting presents a report. Honorary National Director Sherm Schraft, Terry Pasterski, JR Wilson, Garry Stout, and Jim Lauzon (absent) were presented with plaques and a plaque was made to be displayed at HQ. Sponsor is anonymous. Sherm suggests increasing the size of the Skip Gilkerson and Willa Cook award plaque at HQ or rearranging the names on the plaques.

Bylaws- Bruce McCalmon presented report-

Articles 9&10 removed and placed in Policies and Procedures manual (if approved by the board)

Motion by Doug Schwenk to accept by laws changes with exceptions of moving articles to P&P. 2nd by Cathy

Discussion

Carried.

Grants: Cam McNeil submitted a report of grants submitted, amounts requested, and amounts paid. Preliminary Report. Final report to be presented at Think Tank. Received requests for \$25,000 for membership and 453.00 for safety. 3 regional tournaments Division 2 Nationals Not getting type of requests we would like.

Need to identify teams that need help surviving. Need to get funding for teams to go to think tank. Membership numbers gains are not what we would like to see. Wisconsin does a good job of learn to ski. If you do the \$100 learn to ski programs HQ does not get all the names. Need to focus on growth rather than funding tournaments. Goal is 5% growth per year. Need a form so that HQ can get participant info from Learn to Ski programs.

Nominating:- Barb Taugner- only 177 votes cast out of 700 potential voters. Committee was addressing issue of eligibility of Honorary National Director.

Discussion regarding the qualification for Honorary **National** Director. Exemplary service to NSSA on a national level. The nominating committee can present a number of nominations but can only approve one.

The Nominating committee presents Bob Marx

2nd Doug Schwenk.

Passed by the board

No vote in 2004 for elite skier

Terry Pasterski: Suggested that the Awards for HND be presented the same time each year Cathy Luiting recommends doing it at Think Tank.

NSSA Board Officers to be elected in 2004

Procedures were presented by the Officials Subcommittee to address these issues in the form of a motion.

2nd by McCalmon-

Discussion:

Objective to enable the Official's Committee and NSSA Board to properly take corrective action in the event of an officials poor performance and must have:

**Clear definition of what constitutes poor performance,
Set Procedures for handling performance problems,
Communication of these procedures to all officials,
Consistent and impartial enforcement of the procedures.**

Performance issue was addressed previously but no procedure was in place to handle such issues. Roger wants to know where this will be placed (rules or P&P)

Garry Stout questions definitions of performance are not clear. Believes these definitions are too vague. The intent was to make judges accountable for their performance. Unsportsmanlike conduct is in our rules currently. Performance will be determined by the scoring charts as erratic or flat lined. Conflicts of interest real or perceived.

Carried unanimously.

Motion by Bruce McCalmon this document be placed in Policies and Procedures manual if the P&P manual is approved. If P&P is not approved, this should go in officials manual and add a mailing to all officials. 2nd by Schwenk,

Discussion: Teams need to have access to this document. Perhaps place this on the website.

Motion Passed:

LRP - Donna Presents report- What do we want for the future. Have been willing to donate

will be August 7,8,9, 2004 Evansdale, IA Waterloo Waterhawks site

Tournament Committee- entry fee for Division 1 and Division 2, Division 1 entry fee set at \$500.00 team 75.00 individual, Division 2 entry fee to be set at \$350.00 for team and \$50.00 for individual 2nd by McMillan

Tom recommends submitting a recommendation for registration (Coupland to provide this at Think Tank Meeting)

Terry Pasterski- Teams indicated they did not get their paperwork to complete in a timely manner. Bruce indicates this will be remedied for 2004.

Safety- Gerry Luiting 13601 rides .07% injury ratio injuries were in jumping pyramids, barefooting and shore related injuries

Policies and Procedures- Kurt Bemman reports this was a huge undertaking. He explains the manual by chapter.

Motion by Schwenk to accept it as a living document understanding that it can be modified as the needs of NSSA arise.

2nd by Skip

Bemman proposes change can be done at any time at any meeting and can be posted on the web via a PDF file which can be downloaded from the web.

Suggestion of putting a revision date in the footer of documents.

Bud Ruhl calls for the question

Approved unanimously

Publicity report given by Poulos

Tow Boat Driving- JR Wilson reports- No more changes through 2004. Triple rigs need their own rating. Committee believes triple rig drivers need more testing

Motion by committee for separate rating for triple rigs for 2005

2nd by Bruce McCalmon

Discussion: No grandfather provision for current triple rig drivers.

Carried by the Board

Motion for change in testing requirements for drivers by committee

For class b an C

6 person to 10,ballet

6-to 12 for pyramids

Bruce McCalmon 2nd

Motion passes.

Changes for 2005

Committee makes motion that In 2005 mandatory safety course before driver candidates take driving test
2nd McCalmon
Carried

Age- Is there a minimum age to strive for.
Motion by Hayes that tested driver candidates are to meet minimum age meet state requirements for operating a boat 2nd by Olson. Carried.

Examiner- recommend participate in 4 clinics instead of 3 to become an examiner. This is intended to become effective **immediately** 4th clinic they are examiner and will be graded on for proficiency. Must have a class 3 rating. 2nd by Bud Ruhl passed.

Process of approving examiners. Motion by McMillan that Examiner candidate must be approved by 70% of the Boat driving committee and then submitted to the board for approval. Cathy 2nd.

Discussion:

Must the current examiners possess a class C rating to be able to give class c examination.? The feeling was that the examiner must possess at least the rating for which he / she is issuing an examination

Motion Carried

Motion by Committee Need sanction form for driver's clinic. Need on bottom of sanction form that they must have the dock large enough, Jump in the water, and have adequate skiers to give the test. Coupland 2nd Carried

Motion by Kurtis that Maintenance paperwork be submitted by January 15 of the following year to keep rating. Currently no requirement on deadline. Need deadline. 2nd Ruhl. Carried

Motion by committee that If tournament used to keep maintenance allow Chief Judge or Chief Safety director to sign off form 2nd by McCalmon Carried.

Motion to approve the Driving Sanction Form by Boat Driving Committee 2nd by McMillan Passed

When sanction form is turned in dates and site locations can be posted on the web site
Tracy does safety and boat driving sanctions. Have Brian set up a hyperlink from NSSA

Elite Skiers: Chris Coupland presents report. Tom states purpose is to represent elite skiers. Athlete advisory committee. One meeting per year at HQ. Mission of committee USOC mandated committee . With NSSA not going to Olympics would this be a benefit NSSA.

How are alternates elected? Rich Taugner is alternate but is on the same team as Mark Massoglia

Motion by Skip that elite athlete not be from the same team
2nd by Chris

Recommendation to change the alternate selection qualification for the next election.

Rules- Sherm

6.04 paragraph 10- for division 1 only. 2nd by Olson carried. "Rules committee to check USAWS to determine what the requirements are from OLN." ASCAP AND BMI.

Failure to comply with 1-10 may result in disqualification from tournament.

10.04 fail to comply with 11&12 result in fine of 50% of tournament entry fee

clown/comedy

All clowns/comedy performing in more than waist deep water must have approved floatation.

Rules interpretation- for clown the original intent of the rule was for clowns/comedy being towed by motorized device.

2nd by Doug Schwenk.

Carried- (get wording from Sherm)

10.05 paragraph 5. No action.

S-8.03 Protest procedures

I-7.03 paragraph 1&2 for competitors

2nd by Cathy Luiting...Carried

6.05- Disqualification ...except 6.04 11,12

2nd by Roger carried.

National Records-

Procedure of establishing National Records

- 1. Application will be requested through USAWS HQ**
- 2. A Completed application and "proof" will then be sent to the committee chair**
- 3. The Committee will then review and either approve or disapprove record**
- 4. If the record is approved, it will be brought before the BOD for full BOD approval.**
- 5. Proof of the new record and the application will be sent to USAWS HQ for archival.**

2nd by Kurtis

Pete Bonert not present but accounted for

TV production report- Terry Pasterski- The director has progressed in knowledge and has been learning show skiing. Every team should get some air time. Steve UPP has copy of video tape of show nationals.

103 different acts shown during the production. One team had only 3 acts shown. Too long focused on top of pyramid. Steve Upp indicates that the reason for extend close up shots was to enhance the personal component of the competition.

Wish list- better known network, 4th camera, Can the production be purchased for replay on public access? USAWS own the production. Cost of the time slot is large but USAWS gets the time through a partial barter. Generator failure was caused by LOC forgetting to refuel.

Marc Jackson speaks to the board Mike McCowan and Ryan Kindall do a good job to help get the production aired. Steve Upp also speaks to the board about the production. The show has to be compelling to a non skiing audience.

Skip suggests showing the tape in think tank and get feedback from the clubs at think tank. Chris asks the purpose of the production. Is the production grown oriented or just a "feel good" production for the teams. Steve Upp says it falls in line with the goals of USAWS. Show ski nationals is most expensive shoot due to the time and number of cameras necessary to put on a good show. Sponsors should be directed to USAWS, specifically Steve Upp.

Board discusses different possibilities of using the footage for other ventures to promote the ski club. Focus TV owns the footage. The total production cost was approximately \$50,000.00 Sunday afternoon at 5 PM (16 minutes of commercial time)

Thanks to Mark Jackson and Polk County for Hospitality

Officials Committee-Pete Bonert Sr Scorer Jeff Henke, 2nd Roger Olson, carried
Ben Schneider 2nd Roger carried
Sr. Show Judge Chris Ridgley, Doug motion Cathy 2nd carried
SSJ Jack Lukes Doug and Cathy 2nd carried

Report on Judges class- Scores are better overall things are improving. Class will be new in 2004. Regions need to set a time and place to have judges clinic.

Some of the Officials forms seem to be outdated
Questionnaire being sent out to officials week of 11/09/03

Skip wants to talk about a system rating system We could get rated in up to 8 categories. Skip this is the dumbest idea. Sherm says the difference is in other sports.

Skip makes motion that we look into the possibility of having a rating system for judges
2nd Doug Schwenk.
Carried Skip will work with officials committee

Discussion

Not a bad idea but teams are reluctant to vote
Roger believes the return would be less than desirable

Competitors are at a disadvantage because they cannot judge as many tournaments.

Scoring Method Pete Bonert- Teams like the new scoring method. Some concern about the announcing box score. Decision to go one more year.

Skip presents thought that the current system doesn't allow for voice tone, stage presence, humor, and general personality.

Some confusion that the proper forms were not being used. Issue corrected.

OLD Business-

Nationals for 2005- Division 1 Twin Lakes Aquanuts and Rock Aqua Jays.

Twin Lakes withdraws bid to use this to improve the site and work with the community so that their team can make it a better Nationals site. Board members would like Twin Lakes to put on a tournament prior to doing a Nationals

Joel Shapiro echoes board's appreciation to Twin Lakes for submitting a bid.

Judging platform more to center, rip raff placed north of the show course. Some judges express appreciation for moving the sound booth to make the visibility better for the judges.

Motion by Doug to accept bid 2nd by Roger

Carried.

Larry Presents bid for Waterhawks- goal is to keep the D2 Nationals growing. Dock Issue will be addressed and corrected.

Mark Poulos presents bid for Backwater Gamblers-
2005

Site awarded to Backwater Gamblers

Motion by Bruce to destroy the ballots

2nd by Roger

carried

USAWS requires 18 YOA to take safety course. Since you have to be 18 YOA for the safety clinic, the same would hold true for boat driving. Gerry will check into reasoning for 18 year old requirement for safety clinic.

New Business

Nationals Awards- Garry Stout presents. Couple requested a swivel award in memory of Barbara Wolf who had a long history with water skiing. Nonetheless, Garry recommends recognizing those in ways other than special awards at the Nationals. Tom request variance from Robert's rules.

All National awards at D1 and D2 must have approval of the board to be accepted. 2nd by Gerry Luiting.

Skip withdraws motion and Gerry rescinds 2nd

Discussion:

Gerry- He had trepidation about giving the special award. If the board is going to give an award it could be cumbersome. Some of the teams want the special awards. It would be good for the board to set guidelines.

Larry – For thought, could those awards be for D2?

Bruce- We are at 6 awards now. Could we direct these efforts toward some other venue such as educational advancement to water skiing. It could have a bigger impact.

Ed- Do awards have to go through awards committee to get approval before being presented to the board?

Garry Stout recommends we rescind the Barbara Wolf award and not allow future awards. He feels giving out too many awards diminishes the importance of other awards.

Some disagreement

Cam – is giving out 14 awards too cumbersome?

Cathy feels there should be some criteria for notoriety for the awards.

Skip likes the endowment award. Feels the person giving the award should make at least a 5 year commitment.

Donna said from the point of a smaller team, getting the award is very important. Not likely to get one of the major 6 awards

Gerry Luiting- Some of the smaller teams have won the award categories. Doesn't believe it diminishes the Skip and Willa Cook award. Recommends sending it to committee to develop a clear and concise guide and policy.

Tom directs Gerry to take it to committee.

Roger Olson – Since his son passed Tim Olson scholarship award, it has been won by a female Carol Lowe runs it from AWSEF. Deadline date is April 01. 1500 a year scholarship. Roger indicates his appreciation for the contributions made toward the fund.

Tom – Wants to form an executive committee to handle issues between meetings.

Responsibilities- can only handle business when the three are together and all decisions must be ratified by the board. If not ratified, then all efforts must be made to rescind

Bruce Motion – motion to have executive committee consisting of 4 officers, Past president, non voting and elite member.

2nd Doug.

Discussion- member at large should also be

Friendly amendment 3 off , elected elite member past president and member at large elected by the board. 2nd Doug .

If an issue comes up that is not time sensitive would e-mail vote be taken. The committee would conduct the business.

Doug Amend to delete the past president and make it a 5 member committee. No second.

Question called.

Motion carried with 2 no votes.

Must go into by-laws.

Roger Motion to make it a standing committee. 2nd by Doug carried.

Member at large must be a director.

Nomination- for elite athlete position- Roger and Mark Roger will accept position on athletic advisory committee

Nomination for member at large- Doug Schwenk, Kurtis McMillan

Roger Move Nomination closed 2nd by Doug Schwenk Passed.

Director at large Doug Schwenk.

Honorary National Director- Motion HND has all the rights and privileges of acting director but cannot vote Motion by Gerry 2nd Doug Carried.

Terry Pasterski- wants list of committees and members

Tree planting policy Sherm will look into it

Doug Schwenk- Bid fee for nationals from local convention bureau. No action being taken for this year. Concept is acceptable but we need guidelines for the bid fee. Members from teams from host from past 3 Nationals, Joel Shapiro, Bruce McCalmon will communicate with Steve McDermeitt.

Chris Kadera motion to destroy ballot from E&F vote. 2nd by Doug Schwenk. Carried.

Committee Chair Appointments:

Awards: Gerry Luiting

Bylaws: Bruce McCalmon

Grants: Cam McNeil

LRP: Donna Jenkins

Scoring Method: Pete Bonert

National tournament: Bruce McCalmon

Nominating: Barb Taugner

Officials: Pete Bonert

Rules: Sherm Schraft

Scoring: Mark Bortz

Publicity: Poulos

Tow Boat Drivers: J.R. Wilson

Elite Skiers: Gerry Luiting

World /National Records: Chris Coupland

TV Production: Terry Pasterski

Nominating Committee Chair: Motion by committee to Nominate Jim Lauzon as Honorary

Time and Place: Think Tank WI Oconomowoc Thursday 6 pm-10 PM March 4, 2004 and 8-10:30 AM on March 5, 2004.

Kurtis Motion to start board meeting Thurs 2/27/02 6-10 PM and Fri 8-10, 2nd Cathy Luiting **Carried**

Motion to adjourn by Chris 2nd by Kurtis