

Meeting 3.1.25

Call to order

Spring meeting Minutes - any additions or corrections. None noted

Motion to approve, and seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer's report - No changes noted, checks were sent for those going to Florida

Club updates

Aberdeen - Ice fishing tournament went well with 150+ teams. Team is updating the bleachers this spring/summer. Indoor practice has started.

Bald Eagle - Had a good season, they purchased another twin. Skit has been written and indoor practice is starting soon.

Bayside - Had a good dock/lift season. Did a raffle for bourbon and beef. They are working on getting a permit to expand the beach. Getting rid of the concrete. The team bought a floater for road shows and are planning to put it on the west end. They will have the doc from the city too.

5 seasons - They are doing maintenance. Planning on going to D1 and want to compete that way at regionals.

Hartwick - not present

Little Crow - Won some awards at nationals. Doing some road shows, one in Windom, MN on June 14th if anyone wants to join. They are in Sleepy Eye, MN the weekend after nationals.

Ski otters - Had a growing season, approximately 200 members. They are hosting ski motion on May 17th including a drivers and safety clinic.

Northstar/Park Rapids - Had a good year. Lost a few members and the weather was rough.

Ski Loons - ChrisDenz is going through to be a driver trainer.

Shakopee Shockwaves - Hosted their banquet last month. They have a new safety director and possible new members. They currently have 30-40 active members.

Ski Bellevue - not present

Ski Dox - Had 5 shows due to water issues. They are getting a boat back and will have a new theme this year.

Sioux Falls Catfish Bay - Had a good year with growth. Their ice fishing tournament was good. They are getting ready for the summer.

River rats - Due to water challenges last year they had a late start to the year. They are looking forward to this year. They've done ski maintenance and are wondering about supplies for bindings. How do teams handle making bindings or buying premade? They are looking for normal push bindings, primarily the rubber part of it. KW is doing strap belts now with prices similar to Lake Elma.

Waterhawks - They flooded last year so got started late. Had a good regionals and a successful hayride. They are hosting the 2026 regionals and D1 nationals. They are doing a "big pull" ski day in September for D1 teams to come ski the site. They are doing more site improvements and growing the team. They did a safety coordinator clinic. Their 3-event team is also growing.

New Club Development

None present

Des Moines area - Thought is they are currently stalled.

Tournament

Brook and Brad tournament committee report – They are waiting on a few things to get sanctioned. Individuals will start at 8am on Friday. There will be a cut off for sign up, but everyone signed up by the cutoff will be allowed to ski. If everyone isn't able to ski on Friday, the remaining will ski Saturday after the last show.

There will need to be type 3 life jackets on the shore during freestyle. The safety crew will man the boat during Freestyle jump. Every team will need to crew the safety boat with members that know what they are doing. The team from the previous show will need to be in the safety boat for the next show. The last team on Sunday will do the first show Saturday morning.

Brook is sending emails regarding paperwork for education. Rosters are due 2 weeks prior, they should be checked and up-to-date. The roster needs to identify what everyone does, it's cross checked with USA waterski.

They are waiting on answers from 2 judges/secretaries for the tournament. They will post the site information once the improvements have been made.

They are working on progress with USA water ski on making it easier to pull information out of the system.

It was proposed to add swivel pairs and swivel 360 with a limit of 5 pairs and 10 for swivel 360. This would bring the total individuals to 80. As this is something that needs to be voted on in the fall it will go back to the tournament committee for recommendation of when they would ski and will be discussed in the fall. The 2025 tournament will run with what was voted on in the fall of 2024.

It was also brought up about increasing individual costs for 2026, in part due to Waterloo needing to pay their ambulance to be at the tournament for the weekend. This is also a fall item and will be discussed then. Current fees are Individuals: \$60, Doubles: \$85, and Team jump: \$100.

Bayside doesn't know where/what parking will look like as the field they'd used previously is now a park. If they can make it work, it will be a pay to park again. Individuals will start at 8 am and teams will start setup or the show at 7:30 am. They are still deciding.

Running Order

<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Bayside	Waterhawks
Shockwaves	Hartwick
Ski Dox	Aberdeen
Five Season	Little Crow
Catfish Bay	River Rats
Ski Otters	

A motion to set the running order as listed was made and seconded. All approved, motion carried.

Division destination - The last date to move from D1 to D2 is the spring meeting. 5 Season is moving to D1.

Safety report - Brad has done 1 clinic with the Waterhawks. 20-25 is a good number for a clinic. The classroom portion is online for 4 hours. They are trying to figure out what teams need. To do a safety clinic with ski motion, they would need a minimum of 10 participants. Wondering if the classroom can be done ahead of time or Friday night before Ski motion so the drivers can participate too. The water portion needs to have a deep enough pool where a person can't touch. NSSA has grants to reimburse - it's in the NSSA rule book. Justin Landers is the head of the grant committee, grants need to be submitted by April 1st, and Brad is doing one for Ski motion.

NSSA

D2 swivelers/teams/doubles were discussed to "force" them to ski @ D1 if they score more than 1400 points as a threshold for teams. This may create a round robin issue as only 14 teams can

go, so how would they get into the round robin. The teams would need to say they'd ski either division for nationals. D2 is in Florida for this year and there were two teams that wanted to ski D2 versus D1. There might be a new sight for D2 nationals.

If you score less than 1400 as a D1 team (not 1st or 2nd place) you could then ski D2. This is not affecting the midwest much, it's affecting Wisconsin more. If you are "bubble" skier as an individual, it could affect you.

There were difficulty charts updated.

P&P update-

4.0 Membership

Discussion was had in the fall regarding a Grassroots membership option. A motion was made and seconded that the Grassroots yearly cost will be 50% of the full membership price. A team can revert back to a grassroots team if they do not compete in a tournament for 5-years. All were in favor and motion carried. Grassroot teams information will be included in the minutes however they will have no vote when it comes to tournament items.

The fee for not attending the fall meeting is \$100.

The region is looking for someone who would like to lead a team development committee to reach out to those developing teams.

There was no other old business noted.

New business

Elite athletes can sit on the NSSA council. Teams that are at nationals can vote (Little Crow, Ski Otters, and River Rats) for the elite athletes. We would like to nominate Midwest athletes for elite athletes. Some options are Caroline or Dan.

Ski Motion is May 17th.

Next Meeting

Will be with regionals in Albert Lea on Saturday after the last team. There is no call in option.

Lake City, MN has money to donate to a tournament. They are looking for a grassroots tournament. Maybe a barefooting tournament. If you have any ideas let JoJo, Austin, or Cole know. Legacy Skis is helping.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn, all approved, motion carried.