

Meeting 2.28.26

Call to order

Fall meeting Minutes - any additions or corrections. None noted

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

Treasurer's report - \$2012.18 in checking and \$7751.19 in CDs that will be coming due in late summer/early winter. We will discuss at fall meeting what the region wants to do. There is one outstanding check that Brook was checking on.

Club updates

Invoices will be sent/emailed if clubs haven't seen them yet. Sheets went around to for club contacts to clean/add who is needed.

Aberdeen - Good winter, Ice fishing tournament went well with 179 fishers. New bleachers are arriving in April. They had their first indoor practice.

Bald Eagle - Not here

Bayside - Raffle for bourbon is going. They will start docks and lifts after Easter. Repairs have been done to the beach. They have had one strap practice. Camp Wannaski is their theme. They had a driver retire so they are working on getting a new twin driver. Planning to do learn to skis and adaptive learn to skis this summer.

Catfish Bay - Their ice fishing tournament with lots of fish, two weeks later they had open water. They are picking up motors and running E30 in books.

5 seasons - Have a hog raffle going. They are adding a 4th boat and have had 4 drylands. They are hoping for a good season.

Hartwick - not present

Little Crow - Finishing up dock/stage updates. Ready for the next season and excited for Waterloo twice.

Ski otters - Had a growing season, with a few more people. They are hosting ski motion on May 15th including a drivers and safety clinic. (an email has come out regarding this). Themes are going well.

Northstar/Park Rapids - Not here

Shakopee Shockwaves - Getting ready for season

Ski Bellevue - not present

Ski Dox - Potentially looking for a site for 2027 as they are not renewing with their current spot. Hitting fundraising hard and looking forward to the future.

River rats - They are working on building props, their show setup is good and everything is finished. Dryland schedule came out the first of March and they have a new drive team.

Waterhawks - They are hosting two tournaments this year, so they are getting ready for those. Have had land practices.

New Club Development

SKi Loons/Des Moines area/Pomona lake - None present

Tournament

Email from Brook came out. The start time will be earlier than normal. The safety boat schedule will be coming out soon. Swivel pairs will be added before swivel 180. As discussed at the fall meeting, the mini ramp will be in place for all shows for regionals to be ready for it at nationals.

NSSA approved a new freestyle jump format. 1 boat at a time, they can use their own driver. An additional timer will be needed as well as a person to measure distance. 7 minute time limit - penalty for being over with 2 minutes in between. They are hoping it won't take the max amount of time.

NSSA is looking at ideas/options for combining D1 And D2 tournaments. Nothing is set, they are just thinking about it. Nothing is currently changing.

Waterloo has a camera system to measure distance for jump so they will use that and not judges. More information to come. This is not something that will be required in the following years.

An email was sent with the proposed officials for the tournament. The initial list for 2027 should be presented to the board at the fall meeting. This gives everyone input as to who will be there. There will be one set of officials for the tournament for 2026. A safety assistant was needed as of the meeting date. Deb Fora didn't see the email so Jojo spoke to her at Think Tank and she is a yes. Steve Slater was also a yes. Curtis wants a call from Jojo and is talking to Bruce regarding safety. Two secretaries are needed yet.

## Running Order

The River Rats requested changing days and Aberdeen agreed to the switch.

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

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

Safety boat responsibilities - the last team on Saturday needs to run the safety boat for the first team on Sunday.

Division destination - The last date to move from D1 to D2 is the spring meeting. No movement for the current year.

Safety report - Working with Jim/Todd for a safety clinic in South Dakota. If somewhere else needs one, let Brad know. Looking through the new rules and P&P and trying to match. They are also doing a safety clinic in conjunction with Think Tank on Sunday.

In the judges clinic for awards, they talk about doing an award for costumes and looks. Does the midwest region want to do this? Idea - Judges choice award, either by division or all together. It is currently a part of the dock score with no separate award. Could build on it and add this year or wait. The thought was to have the same parameter as the energizer award.

A motion was made and seconded to add one best of show award for 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

## NSSA

The barefoot rule was updated to be a 5% deduction if a barefooter hits a stationary object. Talk is being had regarding D1 and D2. Brook sent an email with additional updates from the meeting. Both the show director and the president were re-elected. The seeding rule that the MW region had sent in got shut down in committee.

There were difficulty charts updated.

## Old Business

### P&P update-

Below is the proposed addition of swivel pairs wording to the P&P based on discussion and approval at the Fall Meeting (**proposed changes in red**):

6.1.12 The tournament will have a maximum of fourteen club teams. ~~Individual competition for twelve swivelers, twelve doubles couples, twelve jump teams or total not to exceed 36 entrants with two day tournament duration.~~

Individual Acts competition shall consist of ten competitors in each of the following divisions: swivel 180, swivel open, **swivel pairs open**, doubles, freestyle jump, **intermediate freestyle jump**, and team jump. Maximum number of total entrants in individual competition will be **70** ~~60-50~~. If a division or divisions do not have participants to fill to the capacity of 10 entrants, other divisions will be allowed additional entrants filled in the following rotation: doubles, swivel open, freestyle jump, swivel 180, team jump, **intermediate freestyle jump, swivel pairs open** until the qualified entries are seeded or until the maximum of **70** ~~60-50~~ entrants is reached.

A motion was made and seconded to update the P&P to actual, all in favor, motion carries.

There is no other old business.

## New business

Elite athletes can sit on the NSSA council. Teams that are at nationals can vote (Little Crow, Ski Otters, and River Rats teams can votes as well as Catfish Bays jump team and other individuals that had top places) for the elite athletes. Nominations are due on May 31st for anyone interested. Anyone going to regionals needs to vote! If selected the top athlete would need to do some committee work and 3 meetings per year. Dan's name will be submitted for voting.

Ski Motion is May 15th and 16th for the safety and drivers clinics.

## Next Meeting

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

The NSSA representative and alternate will be voted on and Jojo does not plan on re-running.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, all in favor, motion carries.