

2019 Southern Region Mid-Winter Meeting Minutes

8:30 AM Central

Saturday, January 5, 2019

Birmingham, AL

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 by Bob Archambeau.

Housekeeping items were explained. It was requested that we give everyone a chance to speak and in the same manner let's keep discussions short and sweet to that we can keep things moving.

Jeff Clark was appointed parliamentarian – Roll Call then proceeded

Directors: Bob Archambeau, Jim Jaquess, Kirby Whetsel, Lyman Hardy

Alabama: Chris Logan, Jazmine Gagner

Florida: Brian Guyer, Dennis Longo, Monica Seal, Stan Switzer

Georgia: Rob Blair, Craig Bryans, Kim Bryans

Kentucky: Pat Coomes, Bobby Hill, Eric Kelley

North Carolina: Chris Eller, Keith Lindemulder

South Carolina:

Tennessee: Ham Wallace, Greg Webb, Jerry Moore

Committees: Jeff Clark (Treas), Rodger Logan (Tech), Jerry Jackson (Tech), Sara Lemley (Rules),
Leon Larson (Safety)

Membership: Cynthia Logan, Don Kelly, Doug Hammrick, Mike Mosley, Bret Gagner, Jody Seal

A quorum was announced by Jeff Clark

Winter Agenda was approved - (Motion – Second – Pass)

2018 Summer Meeting Minutes were approved - (Motion – Second – Pass)

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Clark

Total income for 2018 was \$13,989.23

Total expense for 2018 was \$8,740.12

Net income for 2018 was \$5,249.11

Total assets \$62,965.58

Executive Vice President – Bob Archambeau

Thank you to the entire Council, Committees, Federation Officers and Southern Region Membership. Without all of you and your efforts we would not be as successful as we are today. We continue to move forward with Site improvements, Technical improvements and we reinvent ourselves to be better. We had a rough meeting last summer which was totally overshadowed by the unselfish behavior of a Junior skier and the adoption of a Sportsmanship Award for Juniors. Congratulations to Luca Zazade for being the first recipient. We will be able to continue to tell old stories by this group making new ones each day. We will see a change in our Magazine going more electronic, we will see more ability-based competitions and Team skiing. We need more help in supporting our newsletters and social media websites to continue to build our PR profile. It's all because of you – So, Thank you all!

Federation Reports:

Alabama – Don Kelly

Alabama Water Ski Federation - 2018

The year 2018 was a successful year for water skiing in the State of Alabama. Three-event sanctioned tournaments were hosted all over the state including Ski Chaste near Mobile, Buck's Lake near Birmingham, Lymanland near Tuscaloosa, Divorce Lake in Valley, and Lake Jewel in Florence. The State was proud to host the Junior U.S. Open Championships at Ski Chaste in June. We are thrilled that the 2019 Southern Regional Championships will return to Lymanland this coming July.

A three-day event was planned for juniors and slalom skiers in May 2018 to be held two days at Divorce Lake in Valley, Alabama, and a third day at Lake Martin. It was to be held on the three days following the Master's

Tournament. In a joint effort between Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee, Wade Cox coached a clinic which included the Southern Region Junior Team on Monday. Unfortunately, events on the next two days which included a general junior clinic, a slalom clinic, and a safety clinic were canceled due to bad weather as a result of the remnants of a hurricane passing through the area.

On June 15-16, a junior clinic and fun ski tournament was held on Lake Martin. This is an annual event sponsored by Russell Marine. The clinic was held on Friday with a fun tournament on Saturday. Immediately following the regular tournament which gives new skiers a feel for competition, a "Swervin' for Cash" tournament was held with \$500 up for grabs for the skiers that run the shortest line length, regardless of speed.

A sanctioned junior clinic was held on Faith Lake near Montgomery on August 18. It was deemed a "bring a friend" day. Junior skiers enjoyed a full day of skiing, coaching, food, fellowship, and time on various water toys. The event was sponsored by the Alabama Water Ski Federation and was free to Alabama residents.

The State Championships were hosted at Buck Lake near Birmingham. Only 17 skiers competed in the state tournament in 2017. After a special effort to recruit new competitors during 2018, 44 skiers competed including a number of first-time state competitors. Entry fees for new competitors were paid in full by a sponsor. A special effort was made to encourage seasoned water skiers who had never competed to give it a try. In fact, one skier entering his first tournament started slalom at 34 mph with 22 feet off the line. He made the first pass and most of his second pass. At noon on Saturday, the Federation held its summer meeting. The evening banquet was full of laughter and fun. Robert Bice, a Lake Martin skier, received the honorable "Billy Buck Award" given to the junior skier exhibiting outstanding moral character and competitive spirit.

In October 28, the Federation held its Fall/Winter business meeting at Kowaliga Restaurant on Lake Martin. Following the meeting, our annual Alabama Water Ski Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held. With a long list of accomplishments and a life dedicated to water skiing, Lyman Hardy was inducted into the Hall of Fame with about 70 guests in attendance. Use of the facility, some food costs, and a number of door prizes were donated by Russell Lands of Alexander City.

On September 8, Ski Chaste Water Ski Club held its 8th annual Cavanaugh Ski Clinic for special needs children who are in physical therapy under USA Children's & Women's Hospital & Encore Physical Therapy. The children and their families spent a fun-filled day at the lake and on the water. Ski Chaste hosts the venue along with physical therapists and assistants from both medical facilities. The event is dedicated to the memory of Cavanaugh Thomas, a young 5 year old boy who attended the first year and passed away soon thereafter. His family attends yearly in his honor.

Adaptive Aquatics is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the introduction, teaching and advancement of adapted water sports for disabled children, disabled adults, and Wounded Warrior Veterans. The organization is run by Joe Ray who from his Wilsonville, AL location hosts and coordinates water ski events for the disabled. This is their 37th year teaching water skiing and hosting these types of events. During the year, Adaptive Aquatics held an impressive 30 events hosting around 600 skiers. For more information on Adaptive Aquatics, see their Facebook page or their web site at <http://www.adaptiveaquatics.org>.

It was a successful year for water skiing in Alabama. We made a special effort to recruit new skiers by hosting several junior clinics and trying new fun-filled and family-oriented events. We are most proud of our service to those with special needs. We expect 2019 to be even better.

Donald L. Kelly - President
Alabama Water Ski Federation

Florida – Brian Guyer

2019 Florida Water Ski Federation

The state of Florida had a great 2018 Water Ski Season. Florida has 19 Tournament Sites which hosted 68 Tournaments from March 31st to December 16, 2018.

Stillwater Lakes, the Palm Bay site held the State Championships over two days where there were 11 State Records broke. The Florida HOF inducted Leza Harrison, Rocky and Laura Pasqua. We are still looking for a site to host our 2019 State Championships.

Florida came out on top once more winning the "National Team Competition" in Maize, KS at the 2018 National Championships. A great thank you to Dennis Longo for the hours put in being our Team Captain.

The 2019 season is fast upon us here in Florida where, at this time we have 58 Tournaments on the schedule.

The Ski Club of the Palm Beaches and the State of Florida will be hosting the 2019 and 2020 US Water Ski Nationals in August.

The State of Florida lost two amazing people that loved the sport, both gave many hours to the tournament scene over the years, Hal Stata and Bob Hutcherson.

Happy New Year
Brian Guyer, President Florida Water Ski Federation

Georgia – Rob Blair

2019 Georgia Water Ski Federation Report

It has been a steady year and a year of change for GWSF. We held seven total tournaments including the first three state combined state championship. Thank you to Whitestone and all the competitors from TN, GA, SC for a great event.

Ray's Junior in June
Whitestone June
Ray's Slalom June
Jody's Slalom June
Ga – Sc - Tn States Whitestone
Jody's Slalom August
Divorce Lake September

Junior events at Ray's slalom open and a state paid practice and river rafting trip were part of our year. New skiers - BG Bickley and the Jones brothers were awarded up and coming achievement. James Bryan's highlighted the juniors breaking the long-standing Georgia boys 3 record his first year. Sophia McCloud was awarded the Linda Giddens award.

We say good-bye to Graham Fizer and are actively pursuing new blood for the Federations board and various committees, thanks to Mr. Brent Sparks, Craig and I are happy to encourage his participation.

Submitted respectfully
Rob Blair - Council

Kentucky – Pat Coomes

2018 State of Kentucky

The State of Kentucky had a busy and productive 2018 season, primarily due to the activities in the western end of the state. The Kentucky Lake Ski Nuts hosted six tournaments, all record capability, and including the 2018 Southern Regionals. The 2018 Kentucky State Championships and the 2018 Adaptive Nationals. In total, eight tournaments were held in Kentucky during the past season. Patriot lake Ski Cub, near Bowling Green, hosted a record capability slalom tournament, while Stillwater Ski Club hosted a Class "C" three-event.

The Ski Nuts also hosted two skier clinics - one being a one-day Junior Clinic in conjunction with the State Championships, the second being a three-day Advanced Juniors Clinic.

We continue to hold our own with rated officials, with several younger skiers attaining ratings in driving and judging. Our rated Scorer's ranks are thin, as is the number of rated Safety personnel.

At present, there are six USAWS affiliated clubs in the state, and this number has dropped by one in the past three years (one addition, but two dropping their affiliation with USAWS). Membership in the Kentucky Water Ski Federation has trickled lower over the past few years, with total number of federations members currently hovering in the mid-40's. We do have a high level of skiing and boarding activities in Kentucky, but many, many skiers are simply not interested in tournament competition.

Officers for the 2019 ski (calendar) year are as follows:

- President – John Fowler
- Vice President – Joy Coomes
- Secretary – Cathy Burkhead

- Treasurer – Leon Leonard
- Junior Development – Bobby & Tina Hill
- Council –
 - Bobby Hill (3 years)
 - Eric Kelley (2 years)
 - Pat Coomes (1 year)

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Burkhead (outgoing KWSF President)

North Carolina – Chris Eller

2018 North Carolina Water Ski Association

2018 was another great year in NC.

We started off the year in May with a Jr. clinic at Lake Magnolia. The weather was not the greatest with rain showers off and on, but it didn't bother the kids at all. It was a great opportunity for the kids to get back together and get some time on the water.

Our tournament numbers were down a little this year due to the weather not cooperating in the fall. We ended up cancelling numerous tournaments due to the hurricanes.

Here is a highlight of some of our events:

- Lake Magnolia put on the Second annual Jerry Hargis Memorial tournament in June with a full 3 even tournament.
- Beaver Lake put on another spectacular Night Jump event.
- Little mountain held the Queen's Cup in September and it did not disappoint. There were a lot of great performance, some personal best and a great head to head.
- State Championships were held at Clear Lake. This was an awesome event for the Jr's with inflatable's, water slides, obstacle courses, a cookout and other attractions. With the hard work of everyone, especially our Jr Development ladies Valerie Coble-Pollock and Allison Blair, we were able to raise almost \$4000 for our Jr fund. This means some awesome things for our NC Jr's in 2019.
- Our scholarships seem to only get better every year. We had two young adults this year that received money and they did not disappoint with their applications. They were Matt Bishop and Hallie Burris.
- It was also a very big year for our annual Hall of Fame inductees. As always there was countless hours put into our selection process by our committee headed up by Darnell Almond. This year did not disappoint with the following being inducted: Harry and Naomi Spears and April Coble-Eller.
- Our Jerry Hargis Memorial reward was presented to Walter Fulp for his continued support and dedication to our sport.
- We are continuing to strongly support and grow our adaptive skiing program in NC. With the ASAP group being stationed in Charlotte and now skiing at Skyview Lake, this has been an awesome opportunity for us to learn and grow another division within our organization. I was lucky enough to travel with them and drive while they participated in the Disabled Nationals in KY. NC will have a strong showing in Norway with most of team ASAP making the world team. I would encourage all of our states to get involved and have adaptive skiers in your tournaments.

Our mid winter meeting was held in November at Coble Ski School with a great attendance and a lot of excitement over next year.

As always Tommy Harrington does a fantastic job with our NC website, Facebook and Instagram pages. We had over 10,000 hits on our website and are social media views were up as well. He is always doing great things to keep people up to speed on what is going on.

We have already put together some exciting things that will be happening in 2019.

Sounds like another great year.

Johnny Thomas - President
Ari Grode - Vice President
Erica Bleier - Secretary/Treasure
Chris Eller - Council
Robbie Parks - Council

South Carolina – Jennifer Wood

2019 South Carolina Federation Report

South Carolina held ten regular tournaments in 2018 and hosted the Malibu Open at Trophy Lakes at the end of the season. The Clemson Water Ski team also held two 3-event collegiate tournaments in the state in 2018.

The Federation hosted the second annual junior clinic on Lake Hartwell, which proved to be a huge success in encouraging new members to join our sport. We hope to continue this junior clinic on the public lake in 2019 to continue to boost growth and participation in our State.

The 2018 SC State tournament was hosted by the Whitestone Ski Club for the first ever Border Wars Tri State challenge with Georgia and Tennessee. We are very grateful to Whitestone for hosting such an incredible event!

We are currently reaching out to our 3 event SC sites to discuss possible hosts for the 2019 SC State Tournament.

Jennifer Wood
SC President

Tennessee – Greg Webb

2018 Tennessee State Federation – President's Report

2018 was a very good year for water skiing in the State of Tennessee! The Volunteer State continued to push for living "Life on the Water".

Eight (8) tournaments were held at several sites throughout the state.

A safety clinic was held in Loudon, Tennessee. A Southern Region Jr. Development clinic was held at Swerve Watersports in Manchester, Tennessee. Mark Lane hosted a skier clinic in Sweetwater, Tennessee. Swerve Watersports held several events this year including an intercollegiate tournament and several other tournaments.

Ham Wallace received the USA Water Ski Hall of Fame Award of Distinction in April, 2018. Congratulations on a tremendous honor. Thank you Ham for what you have done and what you continue to do for our great sport.

Garrett Stallings and Allie Nicholson skied at the Junior US Open in Axis, Alabama.

The 2018 Tennessee State Water Ski Championships were held in conjunction with Georgia and South Carolina's State Championships at Whitestone Lake Estates – thanks to everyone for making this a tremendous event. Ham Wallace received the Vic Varallo award. Elaine Guarino received the Tim Denny award. Arne Clowe was inducted into the Tennessee Water Ski Hall of Fame. John Bull received the Roger Whetsel Scholarship Fund.

Tennessee had several skiers compete in the Southern Regional Championships in Paducah. As always, the Kentucky Ski Lake Nuts hosted a fantastic Regional Championships tournament. Team Tennessee placed second and qualified to ski in the Team Competition at the Nationals in Maize, Kansas. Team Tennessee placed 7th in the team competition at the Nationals. Joy Kelley did a fantastic job as Team Captain. Way to go Team Tennessee skiers!

Allie Nicholson placed 2nd in Slalom at the Intercollegiate Nationals in San Marcos, TX.

Congratulations to the Matt Fillmore family, new owners of a ski site in upper East Tennessee – we are excited to have new members, welcome!

The Newman family held Ski Party 24 and the Frosty Ball at 'The Pond' this year. Thanks Newman's!

The Pan Am Tournament and the 35+ World Championships were held at the Miranda's Ski Site in Santiago, Chile. Joy Kelley skied in both events and did exceptionally well plus set State, Regional, and National records this year. John Carder and Kirby Whetsel competed in the 35+ Worlds.

Team Tennessee is looking forward to a great 2019 ski season. Thank you.

President – Greg Webb
Secretary/Treasurer – Kathy Webb

Committee Reports: (Presented as Region then National specific). There are 3 committees that are very specific to our region (Tellers – Jr Development – Nominating). All other committee reports blend into the overall National reports. The region-specific reports are as follows. Then the other committee reports.

(Please see the Southern Region Recommendations (Under New Business) presented by the Southern Region Directors to the AWSA BOD as directed by Southern Region council. This is where and how you are represented to the AWSA BOD)

Tellers - Gerald Kirschner

Ballots for Regional and National Tournament Officials were counted and reviewed by (present) committee in attendance for verification. Officials were announced at this time

Southern Region – Regional Officials 2019

Chief Judge - Ray Crenshaw

Appointed Judges

Jim Jaquess	Jazmine Gagner	Curtis Rabe
Leon Larson	Craig Bryans	Keith Lindemulder
Stephen Seal	Bob Harris	Bobby Hill
Debbie Kern - ALT		

Chief Scorer - Cynthia Logan

Scorers

Michele Seal	Kirby Whetsel	Anne Henley - ALT
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Chief Driver – Jody Seal

Drivers

Lyman Hardy	Chris Eller
Gordon West	Greg Webb - ALT

Chief Safety – James Cawthern

Safety

Monica Seal	Kim Bryans – ALT
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Chief Technical Controller – Rodger Logan

Southern Region – National Officials 2019

Judges

Stephen Seal	Keith Lindemulder	Donna Switzer
Jasmine Gagner	Bobby Hill	Curtis Rabe – ALT

Scorers

Kirby Whetsel	Cynthia Logan	Craig Bryans – ALT
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Drivers

Lyman Hardy	Jody Seal	Bob Archambeau - ALT
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Junior Development – BA for Freddie Snell

2018 was a great year for the Southern Region Jr Development Team. We had a successful one-day clinic with Wade Cox at Divorce Lake after the Masters. We held a week-long clinic at Swerve Water Sports in Manchester, Tn. just before the regionals. In both cases we were able to offer three or more sets a day with great coaching for seriously reduced rates. We plan to repeat these events in 2019. We are looking into doing the Memorial Day Event in Noonan, Ga to give Divorce Lake a break, since they have been so generous to us

in the past.

We plan to host a couple of other clinics at other locations. About five of our skiers have been training together over the Christmas break with Lucky Lowe. This has been a great experience and was not an official clinic, but very productive.

We had co captains for the first time in 2018. They were very helpful to me, improved our communications and were very helpful during the Regionals! Trey Snell and Coleman Norton will be serving again this year. Hallie Burris and Saylor Davidson have graduated into women's 1 and I'll be missed, but Emma Goldstein and Liz Hall have agreed to take their places. I'm looking forward to all their help. Among the new ideas they have, we will be having a dunk tank at the Regionals that will be a fund raiser. Imagine getting to take a few shots at dunking the EVP, judges, boat drivers...! I'm sure you get the picture.

Speaking of funds, we raised about \$3000.00 at the Regionals, thanks to the raffle and the generous gifts that we auctioned off, as well as cash donations.

As I am sure you are aware, we gave a sportsmanship award for the first time, because a Boy's 1 skier stepped up and said he had missed the gates in a run-off that was given to him and didn't deserve to win! What a classic move! We are going to continue to award some young skier each year for sportsmanship.

Finally, our skiers had a great year, impressive advancements and a lot of fun! Friendships have been forged between the skiers and the parents. 2019 will be even better.

Thank you,
Freddie Snell

Nominating Committee - Bob Archambeau

As a reminder the nominating committee consists of the S Reg EVP and Presidents of each of the seven Federations. The committee has not come up with additional names for consideration for the positions up for election at the Summer Meeting. Nominees for those positions will come from the floor at this meeting for absentee ballot and from the floor during the Summer Meeting.

Announcers - Hank Longo

Awards - Michele Seal

Boat Drivers - Ham Wallace

International Activities - Stan Switzer

Bylaws, SR, AWSA, USA-WS - Jeff Clark

USA – WSWS By Law proposals

Potential change in representation at USA – WSWS (Exec Committee)

Judges & Scorers – BA for Ray Crenshaw

Rules - Sara Lemley / Jazmine Gagner

Safety - Leon Larson

Seeding - Kirby Whetsel

Skiers Qualification - Dennis Longo

Technical - Roger Logan

Towboat/ Speed Control - Greg Webb

USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Foundation - Jeff Clark

Committee Reports

Announcers Committee - Hank Longo - Up to 90 announcers now! Cable park to open in February – Working on pro-shop now which needs to open first. Will Bush working with the tournament lakes, will be a phenomenal facility. Thank you to the board for all you do!

Awards Committee – No report. Keith L would like to put together a committee to look at ad hoc awards to broaden the pool and create more engagement and recognition.

Boat Driver's Committee – Ham Wallace - Working on proposals for the winter meeting (No action requested now):

- Change to 4-year period for quantitative requirements
- Senior Jump and Slalom driver's rating would be automatic Senior Trick
- Another level of Senior driver

Bylaws Committee - Jeff Clark - Suggestion to adjust director seating - Directors seating is done on a two-year cycle. At the end of 2019 membership will be reviewed and we will reallocate the voting percentages for the next two-year period. Proposal needs to be put to the board of directors to consider changing the seating chart allocation numbers from 4000 members per director seat, to a number that is more relevant for the present time, and fair and equitable to all Sports Disciplines. NSSA and AWSA are the two main sports disciplines and we need to agree. Jeff asked NSSA members to consider 2500 members per director seat allocation, and suggested they get in touch with our board, and work together to have something that both agree on, prior to the meeting. Asks that our board go to NSSA and decide what we would like to do and get back to Jeff by October 1st so the timing works to get bylaws changes made.

Consideration of action items in report:

- 1 – Motion to approve amendment of Eastern region's bylaws (Clarification item regarding alternate directors). Carries
 - 2 – Motion to approve amendment of MW region's bylaws (Change to a pool of alternate directors). Carries
 - 3 – Motion to approve amendment of AWSA bylaws – Change to "duly elected". Carries
- Will be posted for 60 days, and become effective on October 4, 2018

Judges & Scorers Committee Consideration of action items in report:

- Approve Emeritus requests from: Dave Robbins: Sr. Judge Emeritus (STJ). Carries (previously approved via minutes of last meeting) Jerry Stansberry: Sr. Judge Emeritus (STJ). Motion carries
- Change criteria for officials credit at a tournament. Officials with multiple ratings shall receive credit for working as an official for all ratings held when working as an official during a tournament, even if the official was unable to work each event due to low volume of skiers. Motion amended to include "at the discretion of the Chief Judge." Motion carries.
- Change quantitative requirement for renewal of ratings to 4 years / 8 tournaments. Motion carries
- Trick videoing and clinic attendance would count as a tournament credit. Carries
- Discussion of Level 8 judging issue and new initiative "Pass the Clipboard". No action.

Junior Development Committee - Jim Devito is stepping down and Tony Drake will be taking over as chair. Would like to see something simple that defines how the teams are created for parents published.

Rules Committee - Richelle Muhlitter

- Issue with new jumpers qualifying for OM Overall jump on a 5' ramp and our rules say they have to jump on a 5.5' or 6' ramp. Motion to allow OM Overall to jump on a 5' ramp (Richelle / Barry). Carries
- Clarification regarding Level 9 and 10 Overall: Jim P. requests clarification to rule 3.03F4 and Level 10 Overall skiers who hold lower ratings in individual events. Are they allowed to enter in age division in those events? Discussion; interpretation of Rules Committee chair is that rule 3.03F4 does not prevent a skier with single event rankings below Level 10 from competing in Overall Elite and also age division for placement in those single events.
- Discussion on those W4 skiers who have just moved into W5, and who will now be going back to W4 due to the revision of the age range, to be grandfathered in and allowed to stay in W5. Motion to approve (Bob M/Gordon). Motion fails

Safety Committee Discussion of allowing medical professionals to fast track. No action.

Seeding Committee – Kirby Whetsel

- Dave Clark – stepping down from duties.
- Mike O'Connor – new MW seeding rep
- Robert Rhyne – new NCWSA seeding rep

Skier's Qualification Committee - Kelvin Kelm - Consideration of action items in report:

- Approval of the 2019 Skier Qualification Methodology. Discussion. Carries - Motion to have the board send the recommendation to Rules and Skiers Qualifications that any skier who achieved Level 8 after the cutoff date to go to Nationals (Kirby / Doug). Carries
- Juniors in Level 10. Discussion. Motion to send back to the committee (Doug / Bob A). Carries
- Level 10 cutoffs for 2019. Discussion. Motion to send back to the committee and leave at the current methodology (Bob M / Doug). Motion to call the question (Barry, passes). Motion Fails. Motion (Jim P / Barry) to use cutoffs recommended by SQC, as highlighted in the report, except amending OM Overall to use option #2 (3235 NOPS). Jeff S says using these numbers will result in just 3 Level 10 divisions for 2018 (OMS, OWS, and MMS). Discussion; Motion to call the question (passes); Motion carries.

Note: Recommended Level 10 cutoffs from SQC report:

- Open Men Slalom - 2@41off
- Open Men Trick - 9535 points
- Open Men Jump - 208 ft
- Open Men Overall – 2956 NOPS points (Board overrides to 3235)
- Open Women Slalom – 5.5@38 off
- Open Women Trick - 6855 points
- Open Women Jump and Overall – N/A

- Masters Men Slalom - 2@41off
- Masters Men Trick - 4310 points
- Masters Men Jump – N/A
- Masters Men Overall – N/A
- Masters Women Slalom – 1.5@38 off
- Masters Women Trick Jump and Overall – N/A

- Bob A suggests committee review deleting OM Overall

Technical Committee – No report AWSA

Technical Committee – Rodger Logan at Region Meeting.

This report from the AWSA Tech Control Committee is to update the Board on items with which the committee has been involved since the last board meeting.

There's five (5) action that requires the BOD to evaluate at this time (marked in RED –) (One will be added to RULES)

NATIONAL RECORDS (Calendar year 2018):

Total = 33 Natl Records submitted by 18 different skiers; 27 approved; 6 rejected (1 boat path, 5 tricks)
3 World Records: Anna Gay 10,700pts, Regina Jaquess 4@41off, Erika Lang 10,850pts
Joy Kelly holds all W6 National Records in Trick/Jump/Slalom (set in 2018)

RECORD TOURNAMENTS (Calendar year 2018):

No Class E standalone tournaments.

Note: Total 420 (approx.) IWWF Sanction tourn in the calendar year 2018

Southern	68
South Central	32
Western	28
Midwest	11
East	3
TOTAL=	142

TECH CONTROLLERS (Number of TC in 2018):

Southern	23
South Central	12
Western	18
Midwest	10
East	7
TOTAL=	70 (in 2015 we had 73 TCs)

New TC (2018):

Mike Erb (SC), Jeff Lindsey (SC), George Canepa (W), Gary Story (W).

Sad note, we lost one of our great TC from the Southern Region in 2018 -Ed Finley.

2019 TC Committee ACTIONS / RESULTS

TC AMBASSADOR – Norman Wingerd

The TC Committee Approved Norman Wingerd as an Ambassador Technical Controller. Norm is from the Western Region, a AWSA member since 1968 and has been a TC for almost 50 years. He's a Civil Engineer and has been the TC at several Nationals/Regional and Pro Events.

He was strongly recommended by the current TC Ambassador. (NEED BOD approval)

TC POLICY MANUAL

The TC did not have a policy manual as in "The Judges and Scores Policy Manual". Several years ago, the BOD approved the new Ambassador Requirements but this was not included in any Policy/Document (just email). Attached is the NEW TC Policy Manual which is a copy of the Judges and Scores Policy Manual, edited for TC.

Added new Requirement:

UPCOMING/ASPIRING REGULAR TC must hold at a minimum an Assistant Judge Rating in one of the events.

UPCOMING ASPIRING SENIOR TC must hold a minimum a Regular Judge Rating in one of the events.

Not required to maintain the Assistant and or Regular Judges Rating, once approved for the TC Rating. SEE ATTACHED (NEED BOD approval).

JUMP RAMP RATIO Rule 9.16 (c) 4

"All of these ratios shall be set to within +/- .003 for all Record Capability tournaments (Class E, L, R), -or to within +/- .005 +0.003/-0.005 for all other tournaments. (See Ramp Setting Chart in the Appendix). At the option of the sponsoring club, any division may jump at a ramp ratio of less than .235 (jump ramp may be lower than 5 ft)."

REASON: *We should not have a jump ramp slope ratio at a Class C Tour greater than what is allowed for a RECORD tour. This rule just changes the maximum slop ratio to match IWWF maximum slop ratio but keeps the minimum as is.*

(NEED BOD approval- Added to RULES)

JUMP RAMP CHART:

1)DELETE "Note: Some Open Women may qualify to jump on a .255 ramp, see Rule 9.16.C.4."

2) ADD the following to the note at bottom of chart: See Attached

Recommended jump setting as follows:

5ft – set 5'-2-1/2" to 5'-3" with length 22'-2" to 22'-3"

5.5ft set 5'-8" with length 22'-2" to 22'-3"

6ft set at 6'-0" length 22'-3"

Jump angle open to 1.8 degrees.

REASON: 1) The note is in the body of procedure, delete duplication. Not required to be on the chart.

2) *Several people have requested that we specify a recommendation for height/length.*

(NEED BOD approval. NEED TO REDRAW CHART)

SLALOM DIAGRAM

Add slalom buoy designator. What every IWWF does, we will show the same. TC Committee wants to use Emmanuel Lions # System as the standard.

The TC Manual will show both the original/old AWSA slalom buoy designator along with Lions/new designators.

IWWF has this on their agenda. SEE ATTACHED DWG.

(NEED BOD approval to add to Slalom Diagram)

RECORDS

M8 Slalom Speed was change from 30mph to 32mph (2019). The M8 Slalom Record LIST will include both records (30mph and 32mph). The 30mph record will drop off the MALE National Record LIST after 2019.

TC CLINIC

Thanks to Bob Harris, we were able to setup an ONLINE TC CLINIC with different modules that can be access through AdaptiveU (same as in the ONLINE JUDGES clinic). This was setup at the beginning of 2018 and several TC were able to maintain their TC Clinic status requirement. I have asked all TC to submitted anything that they may have to help improve the files/program. <https://my.adaptiveu.io/awsa-tech-control/challenges>

SLALOM Turn Buoys:

The current rule recommends that the turn buoy be set at minimum (20cm diameter and 10cm above the water line), Most sites are setting the buoys at 8-9cm above the water line (20cm dia). The TC reports state that the buoys meet the current rule. **A Rule Request has been submitted to IWWF to change the minimum height requirement.**

TC Report: IF something does not meet the rule, the TC need to specify it on the TC Report with a comment. (This applies to all rules/check list items in TC Report).

JUMP LINE Measuring/Checked prior to skiing:

IWWF 10.04.k: A Rule Request has been submitted to IWWF to change the rule to were the TC does not have to check skier supply jump lines for Class L tournaments.: Required at all major/elite tourn and Class R. It's the skier's responsibility at other tournaments, unless the Chief Judge recommends that the TC/official to check jump lines.

EC VIDEO

SLALOM END COURSE VIDEO required per IWWF Rule 14.15 (EC Video):

Per current rules, all Class L and R tournament Slalom EC Video are to be submitted to Pan-Am Council for any skier who runs 11.25 (38 off).

In 2017 a DROP box was setup for the TC's to upload video. We have one Drop Box for all Regions excluding Western Region. They have their own DROP box. These Dropbox links can be access from AWSA Web Page. We have expressed to the PanAm that we are only uploading OPEN/Elite and Master Men/Master Women. They can request anything else.

West: all 28 Tourn are UPLOADED

Southern: 25 out of 68 are uploaded

South Central: 12 out of 32 are uploaded

Midwest: 2 out of 11 are uploaded

East: 2 out of 3 are uploaded.

TC Reports/SURVEY DATA:

Emmanuel Lion's TC and Survey Program (ASCII format)- When used (**recommended**), the survey is auto submitted with the TC Report and will be uploaded in WSTIMS.

The TC Reports is now being submitted to each Region TC Member. **Each Region TC Committee Member needs to monitor the TC Reports and make sure they are complete/correct, and make sure the Survey data is being captured.** We continue to encourage all TC to use Lions Homologation and Survey program to provide consistence. But a different survey data can be captured and submitted with the scoring program.

TRICK TCs /RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS:

The BOD passed (last Winter Meeting 2018) a four (4) renewal cycle. AND

If a SLALOM or JUMP TC renewal requirements have been met, he/she auto meets the renewal requirements for Tricks.

2019 TC OUTSTAND ISSUES:

CLASS E: Should Class E tourn be deleted? Since we allow 4 rounds per Sanction that matches IWWF and Class E does not apply to IWWF Standing LIST, maybe time to delete. Run G1 as Class C?

EC Video: Need to get better on uploading EC Video and someone needs to start monitoring for each Region.

TC Manual: We are finally in process of updating the TC Manual. Last time updated was in 2007.

Slalom Record Checker: Splasheye Boat Path Record checker is available but is a manual process. Donal is working on an EC Boat Path Checker Program that will be auto without the current boat tracker/markers that have to be placed on the boat. His system uses a 1 channel Capture card and the EC Video input. His goal is to have it were its auto tracks the boat. A demo was used at the boat test, were the program slowed the video down to 1/3 the speed then you could manual track each path. We still need Donal's Support on this, to provide an easier way to verify/check RECORDS using Window 10 software.

AWSA TC Chairmen - Jerry Jackson; email: SlalomJJ@Bellsouth.net

Southern Region TC Member – Rodger Logan

South Center TC Member-Jim Thompson

East TC Member-Chip Shand

West TC Member- Will Bush

Midwest TC Member- Peter Dahl

AAC – Jon Travers and Zack Worden

Towboat Committee - Will Bush Consideration of action items in report:

- Towboat use, Model year: Expand the number of years that boats are available to be used in sanctioned events.

- AWSA Nationals, AWSA Regionals, Record Capability (Class E, L, R) tournaments, Class C and F tournaments may use a 2019 USA-WS Approved boat or a prior year 2018, 2017, or 2016 USA-WS Approved Tournament Towboat. (Current year plus 3 additional years).
- Class C & F tournaments may use an “older boat” (2015 or earlier), USAWSWS Approved Tournament Approved boat equipped with Zero Off, with the approval of their Regional AWSA Towboat Committee member, or Chair(s) of the AWSA Towboat Committee. Primary consideration will be given to the condition of the boat, speed control version, etc.
- In all instances where an “older boat” (2015 or earlier) is used, the manufacturer must also have a boat on the approved list for the current year. | Motion carries
- Towboat damage: Raise the amount that a local organizing club will be responsible for, in the event there is damage to a towboat used in an event. Raise the amount from the current \$500 maximum to a \$750 maximum. Motion carries.
- Discussion on ways to be self-supporting clubs when it comes to tournament boats. No action.

Old Business:

World Games to be held at Oak Mountain in Alabama – Mike Mosley

Mike gave a quick overview of this event coming to the Alabama area and will be looking for volunteers to assist with this event

New Business

Regional Guides (the next few years) - Bob Archambeau

This will be the last year for Printed versions of Regional Guides. In the upcoming years we will begin to be charged if we, as a Region want to continue to print Guides. This will be the same for all regions and most of the other Regions are liking to go electronic. This topic was discussed and tabled for later

Nomination of Officers

EVP and Alt EVP

Nominations from the floor... Keith Lindemulder and Kirby Whetsel for EVP

The same two were nominated for Alternate EVP

AWSA Director – (Lyman Hardy / Leon Larson – terms are up)

Lyman Hardy was nominated for AWSA Director

Leon Larson was nominated as Alternate AWSA Director

USA – WSWS Director – (Bob Archambeau / Lyman Hardy – terms are up)

Bob Archambeau was nominated as USA – WSWS Director

Lyman Hardy was nominated as Alternate USA-WSWS Director

Southern Region Recommendations (Taken to the AWSA BOD Mtg from 1/5/19 Winter Mtg)

Southern Region Recommendations Southern Region Mtg - January 5, 2019

Rules:

Proposal 1	Pass
Proposal 2	Pass
Proposal 3	No vote necessary
Proposal 4	No (Jr Groups - Could ruin competition – divisions way too thin)
Proposal 5	No (Sr Groups – does not make sense)
Proposal 6	No (level 10 – close vote 6-no / 4 yes)
Proposal 7	No (MM)
Proposal 8	Pass
Proposal 9	No Vote Necessary
Proposal 10	No Vote Necessary
Proposal 11	Pass
Note..	Teams Language not in Rule Book (Should it be or not???)
Proposal 12	Pass
Proposal 13	No (Send back to Check with Scorers – then committee)
Proposal 14	Pass
Proposal 15	Pass (Add a #1 before TC = 1 Technical Controller)
Proposal 16	Pass (Match to IWWF from Technical Committee)
Proposal 17	Pass

Proposal 18	Pass
Proposal 19	No
Proposal 20	No (Send Back – Follow IWWF – Add “as of December 13, 2018)
Proposal 21	No
Proposal 22	Pass
Proposal 23 – 27	Pass
Proposal 28 – 43	No Action Necessary

Drivers Committee: When developing new CE Training include training on all boat displays. It's understood that Two Boat committee has something but is it up to date?

By Law: Regarding USA-WSWS Representation - Southern Region unanimously recommends keeping Regional Representation which is voted on by membership. Membership should be provided representation. President, Chair or other officers are voted on by BOD not membership. A proper rotation can be achieved for representation by each region (every 2 years). A change to P&P can be adopted quickly instead of a By Law change.

Judges / Scorers: Allow Collegiate National Credit towards Senior Judges / Scorers ratings. Southern Region Approves.

Safety: A safety person in the boat (boat judge) has the ability and responsibility to stop a skier from continuing if he/she observes a potential or serious safety condition. The situation then should be reported to the Chief Safety Director and Chief Judge before the skier may continue.

Revisit short track for medical professionals.

Have Practical Testing be separate and allowed on site during tournaments.

Skier Qualifications: Regarding Level 10, MW, MM - Keep the minimum for a division at five. Remove equivalencies for jump.

Technical Controllers: To become a Tech Controller they must also hold a Judges Rating – S Reg approves

RE – recommended Jump Setting – S Reg approves

Send Master Women benchmark Records back to Technical Controllers Committee for re-review Looking at Rule 14.02. Currently no Master Women performances will break benchmarks. S Reg approves

All benchmarked records “going forward” will follow Rule 14.02. S Reg approves

Towboat: Increase LOC liability from \$500 to \$750. S Reg approves

It was motioned seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting