



AWSA Southern Region Council & General Membership – Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 21st, 2022

Hotel Capstone, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

1. Opening
2. Call to Order & Remarks/Announcements
 - a. Bob Harris began the meeting with general remarks.
 - i. The summer meeting is intended to be relatively short, with more time intensive material/discussions covered at the mid-winter meeting.
 - ii. Thanks to Lyman and Taylor Hardy for hosting Regionals this year.
3. Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - a. Jim Jaquess served as parliamentarian.
4. Introduction & Roll Call
 - a. Attendance can be found below.
 - b. Bob Harris verified which committee chairs were present. This is incorporated in the list below.
 - c. Craig Bryans has taken over the Seeding committee from Kirby Whetsel.
5. Announcement of Quorum
 - a. Quorum was established.
6. Review and Approval of Agenda
 - a. Joy Coomes made a motion to approve.
 - b. Kirby Whetsel seconded the motion.
 - c. The motion passed with none opposed.
7. Review and Approval of 2022 Mid-Winter Meeting Minutes
 - a. Pat Coomes made a motion to approve.
 - b. Ray Crenshaw seconded the motion.
 - c. The motion passed with none opposed.
8. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Cynthia Logan provided an update. Documentation attached.
 - b. Cynthia discussed changes from 2021 to 2022.
 - i. Junior Development expenses
 - ii. Budgeted tournaments
 - iii. Items of discussion included:
 1. Regional and state clinics should be moved from the Junior Development budget to the general budget. This will be finally addressed by Winter meeting

2. Grant for the Southern Regionals – \$2,000. Approved by the Council for the last several Regionals.
 3. Website hosting is a little more expensive this year.
 - iv. Lyman Hardy made a motion to approve.
 - v. Rodger Logan seconded the motion.
 - vi. The motion passed with none opposed.
9. Report of Executive Vice President
- a. Bob Harris gave a high level summary of the “Summer 2022 EVP Newsletter” that was distributed prior to the meeting.
10. 2022/2023 Southern Regionals
- a. Update from Lyman Hardy.
 - i. Lyman provided a few remarks related to the financial impact of Regionals this year.
 - b. Bob Harris announced Lymanland USA would be allowed to reopen its Regionals bid at the mid-winter meeting if necessary.
 - c. Chris Hall expressed his desire for the Region to provide some sort of supplement to Lymanland USA to ensure the tournament does not put the LOC in the red. This will be addressed after financials from this year's Regionals have been finalized.
 - d. Rodger Logan brought up the possibility of raising entry fees for Regionals to further support the LOC.
11. Report of Federation Presidents
- a. States that submitted reports: Alabama, Tennessee. Reports attached.
 - b. The USA Adaptive Waterski & Wakesports Nationals will be held in Paducah, Kentucky from September 14th - 17th.
 - c. Lymanland USA is hosting the Malibu Open in the fall.
12. Committee Reports
- a. PanAm – Dana Garcia (joined virtually)
 - i. Discussion on:
 1. Inequality in the voting process between the United States and the Latin American countries. Pairing up with Canada doesn't necessarily eliminate these issues, though. We need to be cautious.
 2. How many federations are in the PanAm Federation?
 - a. 16 federations
 - b. You have to hold a certain number of events to have a certain number of votes. Some events should be looked at with a closer lens.
 3. Straw vote:
 - a. Vast majority in favor of splitting away into a separate region.
 - b. Tellers – Taylor Hardy
 - i. No report.
 - c. Announcers – Hank Longo/Tommy Newman
 - i. No report.
 - d. Awards – Jim Jaquess
 - i. No report.

- e. Boat Drivers – Eric Kelley
 - i. The driver’s policy manual has been updated with a few updates to testing procedures.
 - ii. SurePath and WSTIMS bugs have been addressed.
- f. International Activities – Lyman Hardy
 - i. PanAm
 - 1. Currently exploring splitting the United States and Canada into a separate region to give us more voting power and influence. This would split us away from PanAm (North America and Central America). This is in the beginning stages.
- g. Bylaws, SR, AWSA, USA-WSWS – Jeff Clark
 - i. No report.
- h. Judges & Scorers – Ray Crenshaw
 - i. Report attached.
 - ii. Practical testing is up. Our goal is to add functionality to the website so tests can be taken directly in the Learning Management System portal (under development), as opposed to YouTube or via CDs.
 - 1. It’s challenging to police international officials' adherence to SafeSport. Efforts ongoing.
 - 2. Changing the fast track process to incorporate some minimum requirements for both regular and senior officials.
 - iii. Bob Harris shared a few thoughts:
 - 1. I’m very much in favor of the open or elite skiers being able to fast track, but there needs to be some experience with administrative skills prior to being a Chief Judge. Maybe work a few tournaments as Assistant Chief Judge.
 - iv. We picked up a few new PanAm judges over the last couple of years, including Rodger Logan, Russell Gay, and Jazmine Gagner, to name a few.
 - v. Cynthia Logan shared: “We’re working to develop the PanAm scorers program.”
- i. Junior Development – Allison Blair
 - i. Junior Development party going on during the meeting.
 - ii. Review of the mid-winter meeting minutes section on Junior Development expenses. Note: This is being resolved, and the P&P will be modified at the Winter meeting to clarify budgets.
 - iii. Allison is passing the Southern Region Junior Development chair to Shannon Waters as Allison is taking on national Junior Development responsibilities.
 - iv. Both national and regional clinics were held this past year.
 - v. Scholarship – Elmer Stailing Scholarship went to Nicholas Kerr.
 - 1. This scholarship must go to a Southern Region skier.
 - 2. We have one more year to award it. Will require funding next year to continue.
 - a. This will be voted on at a later date.
- j. Nominating Committee – Kirby Whetsel
 - i. We are looking for a candidate for Chairman of the Board of AWSA.

- ii. Doug Robbins has been considered, as have others.
 - k. Rules – Scott Snape
 - i. No report.
 - l. Technical – Rodger Logan
 - i. We’ve rolled out a handful of new programs this year from Chip Shand.
 - ii. Chip is offering free programs for video gates, video tape measure, and video stopwatch.
 - iii. They are available on the USA Waterski website.
 - iv. Rodger Logan – I plan on nominating Chip for AWSA Volunteer of the Year.
 - m. Safety – James Cawthern
 - i. No report.
 - n. Seeding – Craig Bryans
 - i. A lot of scorers continue to send Kirby Whetsel seeding info. Please send this information to Craig from this point on.
 - ii. Craig’s goal is to get tournament scores posted around in 24 hours.
 - o. Skiers Qualification – Kirby Whetsel
 - i. No report.
 - p. Towboat/Speed Control – Greg Webb
 - i. Greg mentioned the LOC reimbursement items Will Bush previously shared.
 - ii. The new recommended reimbursement rate is \$50 per towboat hour. Follow this link for additional details:
<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Water-Ski/News/2021/April/09/AWSA-Approves-Towboat-Use-Reimbursement>
 - iii. Lyman updated the group on the revised policy – this will be discussed at the upcoming Board of Directors meeting.
 - q. USA-WSWS Foundation – Jeff Clark
 - i. Foundation is in really good shape.
 - ii. We now have a smaller museum and display.
 - iii. We have about 50,000 folks visit the museum each year.
 - iv. We will be giving out over \$50,000 in scholarships this year.
 - 1. Two more are coming onboard in September.
13. Old Business
- a. There was no old business discussed.
14. New Business
- a. Digital Region Guide
 - i. A lot of content was provided.
 - ii. Bob Harris requested everyone continue to share images and content that can be used in next year’s guide.
 - iii. The digital guide costs \$225 per year – much less than the printed version.
 - b. Bylaws and P&P Amendments
 - i. No changes at this meeting.
 - ii. Cynthia Logan reminded everyone of the needed changes regarding the Junior Development fund. As noted above, this will be addressed in a P&P revision at the January Council meeting.

- c. Separation of PanAm to North America and South America.
 - i. Reference Dana Garcia's comments during her PanAm committee report and Lyman Hardy's comments during his International Activities committee report.
- d. Request for Bids for 2024 Regionals
 - i. Bid is open.
- e. General Membership Business
 - i. Scott Snape made a motion to designate the EVP as the individual tasked with receiving and evaluating medal quotes for Regionals.
 - 1. Bob Harris responded: "I will take that under advisement."
 - 2. There is an inventory of medals that has to be considered.
 - ii. Matt Page – 2023 NCWSA Nationals is still looking for a host site.
 - iii. Jennifer Wood – please choose a site that is more centrally located for the next mid-winter meeting.
 - 1. Bob Harris – Please submit location suggestions to the Board of Directors.
 - 2. Craig Bryans is looking for a location near Atlanta, but not close to the airport area where there is a high crime rate.
- f. Election of Officers
 - i. Positions up for election:
 - 1. EVP and Alt EVP
 - 2. AWSA Director and Alt Director
 - 3. USA – WSWs Director (Filled by EVP)
 - ii. Jim Jaquess made a motion to accept the full slate.
 - iii. Rodger Logan seconded the motion.
 - iv. The motion passed with none opposed.
 - 1. Results:
 - a. EVP: Bob Harris
 - b. Alt EVP: Jim Jaquess
 - c. AWSA Director: Lyman Hardy
 - d. Alt AWSA Director: Andre Broussard
- g. AWSA President's Report – Lyman Hardy
 - i. I've been managing the Chairman of the Board's responsibilities in addition to my own responsibilities as President.
 - ii. We gave away a free year of AWSA membership to individuals who purchased from the major ski companies. We're working on setting up a similar program with major ski boat companies. MasterCraft is already on board.
 - iii. We have over 700 new members this year.
 - iv. We need to procure Nationals bids for 2023 and 2024.
 - v. Bob Harris – What's the latest on the additional funds Mystic Lakes Ski Club requested to livestream Nationals?
 - 1. Lyman Hardy – They started a GoFundMe page and were able to gather the money they needed.
- h. Adjourn
 - i. Rodger Logan made a motion to adjourn.

- ii. Jazmine Gagner seconded the motion.
- iii. The meeting adjourned after about an hour and 20 minutes.

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Meeting Attendance

Last Name	First Name
Blair	Allison
Briggs	Bo
Bryans	Craig
Clark	Jeff
Coomes	Joy
Coomes	Pat
Crenshaw	Ray
Doster	Donnie
Eller	Chris
Gagner	Jazmine
Gagner	Brett
Hall	Chris
Hammrick	Doug
Hardy	Lyman
Hardy	Taylor
Harris	Bob
Harris	Terry
Hill	Bobby
Jaquess	Jim
Kelley	Eric
Logan	Rodger
Logan	Cynthia
Longo	Dennis
May	Rachel
Newman	Tommy
Page	Matthew
Pauley	Nicole
Schouten	Bob
Snape	Scott

Spann	Eddie
Waters	Shannon
Webb	Greg
Webb	Kathy
Whetsel	Kirby
Wood	Jennifer

Note: Dana Garcia (AWSA rep to PanAm/IWWF) attended remotely.

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Alabama Water Ski Federation – Summer Update

July 21st, 2022

The year 2022 has been historical and we aren't done yet. The 2022 World Games in Birmingham, The Southern Regionals at Lymanland, an updated and redesigned website, and we are now recognized by the state as a non-profit corporation.

Ski Chaste, North of Mobile, in Axis hosted the **State Championships**. The numbers weren't as high as we had hoped for but the tournament was a big success. The Ski Club of Ski Chaste once again created a wonderful environment for skiers, family, and friends. Nothing like the smell of Hamburgers on the grill while watching great skiing. Also, a tremendous amount of gratitude must go out to Bob and Doris Schouten. The Schouten family donated the money to cover the State Banquet costs. This was an enormous display of generosity. The Ski Chaste Club presented Bob Schouten with a plaque of appreciation to share with his generous parents. A junior clinic was held at Ski Chaste. Marsha Bally and her team put together the largest turnout of junior skiers that I can ever recall.

The World Games came to Birmingham. This was a significant and worthy undertaking. Mike Mosely, Jazmine Mosely Gagner, and Brett Gagner took this on and delivered. Oak Mountain State Park was buzzing with competitive skiing and big crowds.

www.alwaterski.com is complete and ready for your viewing. Taylor Hardy worked hard to redesign our site and get it up and running. The Board and membership felt that to move forward with improved fundraising and awareness we needed to restructure our federation into a "non-profit corporation". We are now recognized by the State of Alabama as The Alabama Water Ski Federation, Inc. a non-profit corporation.

Brad Brascho
President, Alabama Water Ski Federation, Inc.