

**American Water Ski Association**  
**Annual General Membership Meeting**  
**August 13, 2015**  
**Embassy Suites Hotel, West Palm Beach, Florida**  
**Meeting Minutes**

-Meeting called to order at 8:05 pm by Jeff Surdej, President

-Attendees-Dennis Longo, Leon Larson, Jim Babcock, James McClure, Janet Piercy, Bud Piercy, Peter Dahl, Molly Dahl, Roy Surdej, Barb Surdej, Marzena Surdej, Don Bucher, George Lindy, Richard Williams, Bob Crowley, Keith Lindemulder, Jim Green, David Allen, Bob Schouten, Gordon Hall, Doug Robbins, Tracy Mattes, Jeff Clark, Tonya Maurer, Melanie Hanson, Donna Switzer, Stan Switzer, Owen Letcher, Richelle Muhlitner, Greg Badal, Bill Cooper, Dana Garcia, Judy Stanford, Don Stanford, Ryan Nason, Kirby Whetsel

-President Jeff Surdej opened meeting, discussed his plans for presidency and asked for any suggestions or comments on how we can evolve our sport. He commented on how the size of nationals and membership are in a decline and we need to do something so we can survive as an organization. Question was asked about 2016 nationals. Jeff responded that at this time we have no bids but semi-interest from bell Aqua in Sacramento. We hope to secure a bid this fall.

A member commenting on the need to review the nationals contract as it is not enticing for an LOC to bid on, the president let the member know that this was discussed in the AWSA board meeting and will be addresses and reviewed to see if there is anything we can do to increase or maintain the revenue stream yet make the tournament more interesting and more attractive to bid on.

A member commented on bringing back the US open or some cash prize event to Nationals, the president and all those in attendance agreed that this would be a good idea and will be discussed with the LOC for 2016.

The floor was then given to USA-WS Executive Director Bob Crowley. He reviewed what is currently going on at headquarters, staffing , finances, budgets, etc. There was a very long discussion from many of the members about going after dealers, ski companies, and ski dealers with promoting and getting the word out about USA-WS, hence every time a boat or ski is sold, give them membership and USA-WS information. This led into a lengthy discussion about USA-WS not just going after our 4 boat companies but all the other boat companies out there. There was a ton of good discussion on this topic and the members had some great ideas on how they grew up skiing behind boats other than Malibu, MC, Centurion, and CC so why should we not be going after the dozens of other boat manufacturers as far as getting our name out there and promoting USA-WS.

-Jeff Surdej retook the floor for any closing comments- There was a little discussion about time and place for this meeting because 75% of the room did not make it until 8:30pm. The meeting location was hard to find and the president noted this and will rectify for future general membership meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Roy Surdej, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peter Dahl.

Meeting Adjourned 9:36pm