

## Minutes

**American Water Ski Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
The Riverside Hotel, 2900 W Chinden Blvd, Boise, ID 83714  
Sunday, August 7, 2016 9:00 a.m.**

- 1) Opening & Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Gordon Hall.
- 2) Roll Call. Present, by introduction:
  - a) Kate Knafila - MW
  - b) Dean Chappell – MW – for Mike O’Connor
  - c) Janet Piercy - MW – for Peter Dahl
  - d) Kirby Whetsel – S - for Bob Archambeau
  - e) Jody Seal - S
  - f) Lyman Hardy - S
  - g) Jim Jaquess - S
  - h) Gordon Hall – SC, COB
  - i) Jerry Bautsch - SC
  - j) Julie Krueger – SC
  - k) Owen Letcher - W
  - l) Richelle Muhlitner - W
  - m) Barry Young – W, VP
  - n) Brad Hartwell - W
  - o) Jeff Surdej - MW - President
  - p) Delaina Downes – MW - Secretary
  - q) Dennis Downes - MW
  - r) Tonya Maurer – E - for Pat Byrne
  - s) Jonathan Thatcher - E
  - t) Floyd McCreight – Chair, Judges and Scorers cmte.
  - u) Robert Rhyne III - Treasurer
  - v) Jim Grew – Pres., USA Water Ski
  - w) Bob Crowley – Exec. Director, USA Water Ski

It was noted that no athlete representatives were present

- 3) Establishment of Quorum – Quorum declared present by COB Gordon Hall.
- 4) Appointment of Parliamentarian – Jim Jaquess appointed as parliamentarian for the meeting by COB Gordon Hall.
- 5) Opening Administrative Motions
  - a) Motion to allow committee chairs and other invitees to attend the meeting - Jonathan/Jim (motion/second) – Carries
  - b) Motion to treat all Action Items in committee reports as motions for approval with automatic seconds - Jonathan/Jim - Carries
- 6) Confirmation of Voting Roll \*
  - a) Motion to approve voting role, with 17 voting members present (being the persons listed in item 2 above, excluding non-voting attendees Delaina Downes, Floyd McCreight, Robert Rhyne, Jeff Surdej, Jim Grew and Bob Crowley) – motion: Owen/second: Barry. Motion carries.

- 7) Adoption of Agenda. No changes noted.
- 8) Administrative items pertaining to 2016 National Championships - Kirby Whetsel, Chief Judge:
  - a) No action items at this time
  - b) Entries @ 578 as of yesterday, rides are at 1,040
  - c) Lyman – thanks to Barry and the West region for doing Nationals!!
  - d) Jim would like to know the number of people here because of the team
- 9) Review and Approval of Jan. 30, 2016 BOD Meeting Minutes
  - a) Motion to approve, as posted: Lyman/Jim – Carries
- 10) Review of BOD Electronic Ballots since last Meeting \*
  - a) Motion to Approve - Lyman/Jody – Carries
- 11) Nominating Committee Report \*
  - a) Officer Elections
 

Motion to elect the slate of officers as per Nominating Cmte report (Kate/Owen) – Carries:

President: Jeff Surdej  
 VP: Barry Young  
 Treasurer: Robert Rhyne  
 Secretary: Delaina Downs  
 COB: Gordon Hall
  - b) Motion (Barry/Jonathan) to award Honorary National Director (HND) status to the following outgoing directors:
    - Connie Morris-Bergmark – recognized
    - Laura Johnson – 6 yrs

Call to question – Carries. Motion to approve: Carries.
- 12) AWSA President’s Report & AWSA Executive Committee Report \* - See report.  
 President Jeff Surdej:
  - a) Housekeeping –please have all committee changes to Jeff by Sept 15, 2016. Will be contacting committee chairs for any changes. Looking for someone to fill Floyd’s place on J&S Committee, stepping down in January. General membership meeting is Tuesday, at Riverside, 7pm. Update to regional recommendations, Jeff is keeping track and they are on a long list at a committee or at headquarters. 2017 Chiefs – S/Scorer, SC/Driver, MW/Judge. App is successful, membership, rope, entry, etc have been prizes given away. Need a better way to share. Virtual team skiing will really boost app once it is going. Thanks to Mark Crone for all his efforts!! “You made it to Nationals” emails successful, wanting to do for Regionals next year as well. Year in reflection, lots of learning and finding out what the job is all about. Next year will be very big for us. Need to do things different to experience growth. Grassroots membership up 17% (53), under 25 is up 7% (jrs and Men/Women 1&2), number of tournaments that added grassroots to their tournament were up, Regionals numbers down, kids entries up. Team skiing successful. Bad news - AWSA down 139 members as of June. 864 new members, but still down, need to work on retention.

b) 11 point plan – see report. Highlights noted:

- #3 – Mini Course. Jonathan – uses the mini course and really supports and says don't bring it down with all the specs, can use trained drivers so they get experience, put first event of the day. Julie – award for best newbie.
- #4 – Open Ski nights. East is seeing open ski nights in response to Jeff's efforts. Kate – Minnesota doing for year, successful. Robert – lags behind a restaurant, doing course, boat demos, etc.
- #5 – Ski for placement not score – trying to revamp the ranking list a bit to bring in more interest for tournaments.
- #6 – Regionals/Nationals. NO BIDS FOR NEXT YEAR – need to make some changes or they will be gone.

c) Communication is important – would like to get the SIG (Special Interest Group) going again, feels it's valuable and a lot of good things come out of it. Send something out to the clubs.

d) West Palm Beach – we are discussing the 2017 Nationals with this group. At this point, it is not a formal bid, but a proposal. Want to get the board's opinion on the following ideas:

SCPB is trying to bring more skiers back to the sport and increase involvement. This would be accomplished by having more activities at Nationals including:

- Increase vendor involvement with the skier by providing an area where short clinics can be put on by manufacturers, skiers, nutritionists, coaches etc...
- Providing a lake for boat and ski manufacturers to demo and educate for the skier
- Have additional events on during the week

Straw pole (non-binding; for informational use only): Board does not feel this is a change in direction; no objections noted.

The areas of change necessary for the 2017 Nationals to be considered by SCPB in 2017 are as follows;

- How to qualify for Nationals
  - Fifty Four weeks prior to Nationals the qualification score would be declared for each division and each event, allowing all skiers to have a fixed value for them to obtain to qualify skiing in Nationals, similar to the old EP meaning that skiers know what they have to have for a performance to qualify. A goal to be obtained is better than a moving calculation.
    - For example using M7 the qualification would be calculated by taking the total number of skiers in Level 8 & 9 (45 skiers total), plus 10% (rounded up), the calculation would be  $45 + 5 = 50$ , the 50th place score is 78.33 buoys in Slalom, this would then be set as the qualification score to ski Nationals. This qualification calculation is an example from an actual division as of Saturday July 23rd.
    - This same calculation would be used in the Trick and Jump events
      - To use this qualification score, the skier must score this twice at a C tournament or 1 time at an R.

Board input: this could be a 2017 exception to rules, could go back to the 54 weeks, we have that data. The cutoff day could be determined now, qualifying would be similar to the EP system for the weeks between cutoff and Nationals.

- Level 8 or 9 skiers would not be required attend or ski Regional's however they would be required to pay the entry fee to qualify for Nationals.
  - By doing this the LOC for Regional's would have several areas of improvement
  - No loss in revenue
  - Reduced time to run the event
  - Allows all skiers the ability to attend Nationals due to reduced vacation and expense required
  - Will increase potential number of skiers for Nationals due to top 5 placement at Regional's because level 8 & 9 skiers will likely not attend as they are pre-qualified

Straw pole (non-binding; for informational use only)

- Strongly opposed - 10
  - Yes - 4
  - Undecided - 3
- Need the ability to host additional tournaments throughout Nationals. These events would be sanctioned as the following ski year only if that event was complete at Nationals.

Straw pole (non-binding; for informational use only)

- Strongly opposed - 0
  - Yes - 17
  - Undecided - 0
- The SCPB selects the Chief Officials in conjunction with the President of AWSA from a list created by both parties. Non-binding straw pole: YES – 17
  - The final decision and selection of officials ultimately belongs to SCPB. Non-binding straw pole: YES – 2 NO – 14 UD - 1
  - The SCPB selects the Officials from lists provided by each region. Non-binding straw pole: YES – 10 NO – 6, UD - 1
    - The list should be based on skills and abilities including a list of conflicts (spouse skiing, children skiing, etc...)
    - Representation will be equal across all regions providing submission is within the timeline agreed upon

e) Exec Committee – New Exec Committee will be chosen by Jeff by Sept 15. Driver issue being researched. May be an email ballot.

13) AWSA Treasurer's Report \*

- a) Good, haven't spent money. Gen membership – above budget. Regions are up to date on payments for Jr Dev. Regionals support bills will be going out next week. One athlete still owes \$300, Robert will send a bill.

14) Special Committee reports \* – See report

- a) Membership Task Force (MTF) – report from Larry Meddock
  - Julie – why isn't the 1 day membership online so they can be counted?

15) USA-WS Executive Director's Report – Bob Crowley

- a) 9 staff members currently
- b) Sale of the building – Looking like 1<sup>st</sup> of Nov 2016, looking forward to new location. After October 2016 the museum side will be shut down.
- c) Computer changes –

- Ability to upgrade from grassroots to competitive – almost done
  - Email system in process
  - Auto renew function – proving difficult for all except Individual over 25, since members may age into a new membership category. Multi-year signup already in place
  - Join Us – in place
  - MTF – optimistic to what will come out of that
  - Membership packets – happening, including sponsor info, discounts, etc.
    - Jeff – can we put something from AWSA in there for those memberships?
    - Multi-year folks need a reminder
- d) Duplicate magazines – coming due to memberships, not practical to pull out a couple of magazines.
- e) Losing members due to the family membership structure but have gained in revenue.
- f) Clubs, camps and ski schools are up this year. Taryn is working to change the flavor of what USAWS does. Pushing Life on the Water theme, etc. Focus on outreach and engagement through these programs. Numbers increasing. Merchandise sales improving. Reducing overhead – copy machine, mail machine improvements. Insurance premium down...USOC – got \$28K in cash to our athletes.

g) Jim put Robert Rhyne on the USA-WS Exec Committee

16) Pan Am Region IWWF Report \* – Jeffry – See report

a) Thank Jim Grew for serving as VP on the IWWF board.

b) Several board members have stepped down, all volunteers. First ever ED fulltime, only 1 part time employee before that.

17) International Activities Committee Report \* - Jeff Smith – See report

18) Athlete Advisory Council Report \* - See report.

19) USOC Report

a) USOC/AAC rep – in election process now, 5 males (2 water-skiers 1 wake boarders/2 females (2 wake boarders)) interested. Looking for more AWSA input. Very involved. Quarterly meetings, all expenses paid by USOC. Andrew Adkison has represented us well. Trying to get athletes involved again. Brooks and Alex are going to have a meeting to promote.

b) AWSA athletes are doing a good job, it's the upper level that we are struggling with.

20) Other Committee Reports

a) Announcers Committee – no report

b) Awards Committee – no report

c) Boat Driver's Committee – no report

d) By Laws Committee - See Report; no action items; no comments

e) Judges & Scorers Committee \* - Floyd – See report

- Lot of changes in 2016 – have heard comments they are making too easy, but they are trying to making it realistic.
- Committee members – recognized and thanked.
- 5% increase in the number of judges. 880 AJ, 418 Regular, 416 Senior
- Continuing education for judges – online, get clinic credit for \$10. Significant changes to the policy manual and requirements available online. Changes indicated in red.
- Updated tests: (Regular and Senior Judges test, Regular and Senior Scorers

tests) – Thanks to Floyd, Dave Allen, Jeff Clark, Judy Stanford, Tina Lindsey, Gordon Hall, Richelle Muhlthner.

- Fast tracking – any member classified as an Elite skier at any time in the past 12 months is eligible
  - Making the AJ/S work usable in the scoring program.
  - Changing the qualifications for trick calling
  - Regional recommendations are being considered
- f) Junior Development Committee \* - Jim Devito – See report
- Today's Juniors are the boat owners of the future.
  - Meeting for the committee is Tuesday @9 p.m.
  - Banquet at the site, awards, live band, mechanical bull
  - Most improved award – getting push back, people looking at percentage not points. Jim is making it simple, most improved is most improved.
- g) Rules Committee \*- Richelle – See report
- Motion to approve 4 rounds in a 2 or more day tournament in all classes. Jim/Lyman – Carries. In effect as soon as Jim Meis has it ready.
  - Motion to extend optional Jr format (slalom) until November 2016 for class C tournaments. Kate/Dean - Carries
  - Motion to extend the format to all classes, all divisions is not approved by the committee yet. Will be discussed at November meeting.
  - Mandatory elite – Pending. Main issue is the 3 event skiers who are not elite in all 3 events. Not going to make everyone happy, but will have to do what is best for the membership.
- h) Safety Committee – No report
- i) Seeding Committee – No report
- j) Skier's Qualification Committee \* - Brandy – See report
- Removing the top 3% from the calculation was approved at the winter 2016 meeting.
- k) Technical Committee \* - Jerry Jackson – See report – No action items
- l) Towboat Committee \* - Will and George – See report – No action items
- Tonya looking for stats on promo boats and where we are with program.
- 21) Regional Recommendations
- a) East
- Adopt all the IWWF rules into the AWSA Rule book for L/R tournaments, seems we have to do it anyway and frankly asking for directors to review information that we ultimately have to compile with seems to waste time. The front flip and ramp changes from 2016 are perfect examples. GoToMeetings around rule changes – add a snippet of why the rule is being changed.
  - Add the rationale for rule changes to the formal summary of rule changes for reference. We agree that this information is found in the BOD packages, however once all is said and done – membership/and the general officials community doesn't review until the rule changes are finalized. The rationale could be good reference.
- b) Midwest
- Zero based scoring to be available in all division for class C & E tournaments
  - Grassroots ranking list.
- c) South
- Open skiers be able to choose their own towboat.
  - Towboat committee - One event drivers be able to fast track to regular in tricks. Be able to test without going through the assistant process.
- d) South Central
- Feel that surveys are biased and want the phrasing of the questions to be

reviewed.

- Elite skiers stay in their divisions
- Add the capability to send an email to all tournament entrants within the program.
- Complexity to ranking system, would like to see it communicated better to our members.

e) West

- Requirements for advancement and renewal, judges, scorers, drivers, technical controller and safety officials should be allowed to count in each calendar year one clinic toward renewal and maintenance of officials ratings. (If an official participates in one tournament and one clinic in a year where they already have a credit for a clinic in a prior year the additional clinic will count towards a tournament credit).

22) Old Business – No old business

23) New Business

- a) Jeff is going to speak with the athlete who still owes money
- b) Tonya Maurer was identified as another candidate for HND. Motion to elect Tonya Maurer as HND for life (Jonathan/Jim) – Carries
- c) Next meeting, time and location: Last weekend of January @ Lake Myrtle, Auburndale, FL, (January 28, 2017)

24) Adjournment

- a) Motion to adjourn (Jim/Tonya). Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

\* Additional information attached

**VOTING ROLL**

**AWSA BOD**  
**Board of Directors**  
**As-of:**

**18-Jul-16**

<b><u>Members:</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Region</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Votes allowed</u></b>	<b><u>Alternate member</u></b>
Alex Lauretano	Ath Rep	AAC			
Brooks Wilson	Ath Rep	AAC			
Freddy Krueger, IV	Ath Rep	AAC			
Ellie Horton	Ath Rep	AAC			
Karen Truelove	Ath Rep	AAC			
Tonya Maurer	EVP	E			
Hutch Haines	Dir	E			
Jonathan Thacher	Dir	E			
Patrick Byrne	Dir	E			
Kate Knafla	EVP	MW			
Peter Dahl	Dir	MW			
Mike O'Connor	Dir	MW			
Dennis Downes	Dir	MW			
Bob Schouten	EVP	S			
Jody Seal	Dir	S			
Lyman Hardy	Dir	S			
Jim Jaquess	Dir	S			
Gordon Hall	EVP/COB <sup>1</sup>	SC			
Jerry Bautsch	Dir	SC			
Julie Krueger	Dir	SC			
Keith Lindemulder	Dir	SC			
Owen Letcher	EVP	W			
Barry Young	Dir/VP <sup>2</sup>	W			
Richelle Muhlitner	Dir	W			
Laura Johnson	Dir	W			
Jeff Surdej	Pres <sup>2</sup>				
Delaina Downes	Sec <sup>2</sup>				
Robert Rhyne, III	Treas <sup>2</sup>				

Total votes possible:

Majority:

<sup>1</sup> non-voting, unless vote could change outcome (tie-breaker)

<sup>2</sup> non-voting position



**AWSA BOD**  
**Electronic Ballot Voting Record**  
**For the Period 1/31/2016 through 8/6/2016**

As-of: 7/19/2016

**Ballot #2016-2**  
**Approve 2016 US Jr. Team Q&P, Can Am Challenge U14 Q&P, and Can Am Fact Sheet**

**Ballot #2016-3**  
**Approve Rule Book changes to Jump Ramp and Front Flips**

**Ballot #2016-4**  
**Approve Rule Book changes to Jump Ramp (only)**

**Ballot #2016-5**  
**Approve Rule Book changes to Front Flips (only)**

Board Members	Position	Region	Ballot #2016-2				Ballot #2016-3				Ballot #2016-4				Ballot #2016-5				
			Yea	Nay	Abst	No Vote	Yea	Nay	Abst	No Vote	Yea	Nay	Abst	No Vote	Yea	Nay	Abst	No Vote	
Alex Lauretano	Ath Rep	AAC	X						X				X				X		
Brooks Wilson	Ath Rep	AAC	X					X				X				X			
Freddy Krueger, IV	Ath Rep	AAC	X					X				X				X			
Ellie Horton	Ath Rep	AAC	X					X						X		X			
Karen Truelove	Ath Rep	AAC	X							X				X				X	
Tonya Maurer	EVP	E	X					X				X			X				
Hutch Haines	Dir	E	X				X					X			X				
Jonathan Thacher	Dir	E						X				X			X				
Patrick Byrne	Dir	E	X				X					X			X				
Kate Knafla	EVP	MW	X					X				X			X				
Peter Dahl	Dir	MW	X				X					X			X				
Mike O'Connor	Dir	MW	X				X					X						X	
Dennis Downes	Dir	MW								X				X		X			
Bob Schouten	EVP	S	X					X						X		X			
Jody Seal	Dir	S	X					X				X			X				
Lyman Hardy	Dir	S	X					X				X			X				
Jim Jaquess	Dir	S	X					X				X			X				
Gordon Hall	EVP/COB <sup>1</sup>	SC								X				X				X	
Jerry Bautsch	Dir	SC	X				X					X			X				
Julie Krueger	Dir	SC					X							X		X			
Keith Lindemulder	Dir	SC								X				X		X			
Owen Letcher	EVP	W	X					X				X			X				
Barry Young	Dir/VP <sup>2</sup>	W	X				X					X			X				
Richelle Muhlitner	Dir	W	X				X					X			X				
Laura Johnson	Dir	W	X				X					X			X				
Jeff Surdej	Pres <sup>2</sup>																		
Delaina Downes	Sec <sup>2</sup>																		
Robert Rhyne, III	Treas <sup>2</sup>																		

Total votes possible:	25	25	25	25
Required to pass:	13	13	13	13
Result:	20 0 0 0	9 11 0 5	17 1 1 6	16 6 1 2
	<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>FAILS</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

<sup>1</sup> non-voting, unless vote could change outcome (tie-breaker)

<sup>2</sup> non-voting position

Ballot #2016-2 2/9/2016 Approve 2016 US Jr. Team Q&P, Can Am Challenge U14 Q&P, and Can Am Fact Sheet  
 Motion by: IAC Cmte  
 Second by: N/A

Ballot #2016-3 4/1/2016 Approve Rule Book changes to Jump ramp and Front  
 Motion by: Rules Cmte  
 Second by: N/A

Ballot #2016-4 5/16/2016 Approve Rule Book changes to Jump ramp (only)  
 Motion by: H. Haines  
 Second by: F. Krueger

Ballot #2016-5 5/16/2016 Approve Rule Book changes to Front Flips (only)  
 Motion by: H. Haines  
 Second by: F. Krueger

## **Nominations Report 2016 Summer BOD meeting 8-7-16**

The slate of officers intending to run for the 2017 season are:

President: Jeff Surdej

VP: Barry Young

Treasure: Robert Rhyne

Secretary: Delaina Downs

COB: Gordon Hall

New HND's will be provided to vote on for the Winter meeting in 2017.

Thank you,

Barry Young (VP)

# AWSA 2016 Summer President's Report

It's been one full year in office now. Overall I feel very happy with the direction and focus of the organization but I also feel behind on the progress of implementing the ideas we believe will evolve our sport into the future. I would have liked to implement a few more things this past summer to see how they worked or didn't work but simply did not get them off the ground in time. I feel that the end of next summer 2017 will be a milestone for AWSA to see if the changes we are making are growing our sport.

I continue to be impressed with the volunteer side of our organization and the hard work all our committees, board members, officials, and LOC's continue to put in to make our sport better. The dedication is outstanding and I only hope we can continue to find more of these up and coming volunteers to lead us into the future because many of those doing it now have been doing it a long time.

As president I'm finding out day after day how hard it is to dedicate enough time to implement ideas to grow our sport. This job could easily be a full time job for me and a staff of 4-5. My days are buried in presidential duties that I did not expect. Situations arise that take up a week of my time along with hundreds of emails and phone calls with questions from members. I know this is part of the job but it's frustrating not to have more time to dedicate to growing the sport at this time. Most of my hours are centered on IWWF stuff and the top 1% of our sport. So I task this organization to try and focus on the other 99% of our sport because if we do not we will be looking at more declines in membership yet again. New rules and ideas will be proposed over the next few years to evolve the sport and we have to stop shutting them down because it effects one person or because it's not the way we have always done it. We must adapt and evolve if we want the sport we love to make a comeback. Somethings might work, somethings might fail, but the definition of INSANITY is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.

## Below is an update on our 10 point strategic plan (I added an 11<sup>th</sup>)

**1-BETTER MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE**-USA WS has formed a membership task force similar to the insurance task force we saw last year. Discussions are being held to come up with an entire new membership package which focuses on much more than competition and will hopefully bring in tens of thousands of new members and increased revenue. A much simpler membership structure is being worked on with more "hooks" to attract some of the 9 million water skiers out there.

**2-BETTER MARKETING OF USA WATER SKI**-Once 1) above is done we can do this one.

**3-THE MINI COURSE**-This idea has more potential than I thought. I have gotten to see firsthand on my lake how a mini course can increase skiing participation. Recreational skiers on my lake are skiing 2-3 times a week instead of 2-3 times a year and have entered our tournaments knowing they could use the mini course and ski grassroots. We are currently working with the TC committee on an official dimension recommendation and I hope to have a mini course on every slalom course in the country by next summer. We are still working on a scoring system as well which will allow mini course skiers to compete using a mix of regular and mini course buoys.

**4-OPEN SKI NIGHTS**-This was one plan I was hoping to start this summer but did not get a chance. Access and

cost to our sport are a huge hindrance. We need to find ways to allow access to our sport on public lakes but also find a way to open our private doors a little to promote our sport. I realize not all clubs will endorse this but anything will help. The #passthehandle that the wakeboarders do is a good example of setting aside 1-2 days a summer to bring in new members.

**5-SKIING FOR PLACEMENT NOT SCORE**-I still think this has great potential to change our sport on the bottom and top of the pyramid. IWWF is converting from a rankings list of scores to a competition based system. Right now our skier qualification committee is playing with ideas on how we can evolve our current rankings list to increase excitement and participation.

**6-REGIONALS/NATIONALS** – No bids for the 2017 nationals. Still a lack of enthusiasm to attend Nationals. Cost and time are a factor for these events. No answers here yet but we need to rethink our reg/nat structure to bring excitement and number's back to these events.

**7-ABILITY BASED DIVISIONS**-This might end up being tied with 5) above. Ability based divisions are something for us to consider in the near future at least in some trial runs. Almost every single state is running some type of handicap or ability based point system in their states which brings evidence that this type of format gives skiers an ROI on their investment to attend tournaments.

**8-TEAM SKIING**-I couldn't ask for more on this one in 2016. Team skiing has been endorsed by all regions and the excitement is through the roof. We need to roll with this idea into the future. Virtual team skiing which will launch in 2017 will be an exciting concept as well.

**9. OFFICIALS PROGRAMS**-Floyd and the J & S committee are hard at work making dozens of changes here. Continuing education was a nice launch toward evolving the official program into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Still lots of work to be done here to make it easier to maintain official's ratings- .

**10. PROMOTE ELITE ATHELETES AND PRO SKIING**-Pro skiing is back at the nationals and the pro skiers are working hard on forming an organization to get pro skiing back on the map.

**11. Junior skiers**-I have never seen so many junior skier pictures being posted on social media as I did this summer. I think the kids of generation X are finally getting to an age to start skiing so if we can get the kids hooked we back into the sport the parents that all left to pursue their careers. I feel like the timing is right to jump on this opportunity. We had several very successful and large Jr. clinics around the nation in 2016.

# AWSA Exec Report

We had very little action for the exec. committee since the winter meeting. We had 3 discussions and email ballots since the winter.

- 1) Approval of our first “dummy sanction” for the Okeeheelee park record and bid dawg event
- 2) Approval of allowing 4 round sanctions (see rules report)
- 3) Approval of a 5 member investigative committee regarding allegations of cheating at one of our AWSA tournaments

The 2016 Exec meeting will be 12/10/16 in person

The below are open agenda items and action items from prior exec meetings along with updates on each item

## **Pending Action Items:**

**The New Membership button needs to be changed**-this was moved up on the website no changes to design as of now

**Mandate the number of days for nationals based on the number of lakes are bidding**-this was sent to rules although right now we can't even find a bid let alone regulate the # of days but the idea here is to at least run Nationals in as little days as possible since expense and time were the #1 reason for lack of attendance

**Need to be sure that we have back up plans for Dave Clark, Dave Allen, Mark Crone, Other key volunteers that we rely on behind the wizard curtain**-Don't have any yet but the president is aware of this concern and will continue to keep an eye out for the future in these areas. Ideally if HQ can hire a full time programmer and web guy this would take the burden away from volunteers.

**Why can't grass roots membership allow for jumping.**-HQ has this request and will speak with the insurance company on this

**Need to send out the letters to all membership solicited funds for the elite teams.**-President will due this next year since elite worlds is in 2017

**The Membership Fund will be approved annually, for 2016 we will put aside \$7,500.** -No action on this yet but will be discussed between now and the end of year.

**Go with auto-renew for our memberships**-HQ is well aware of our concern for this to happen and is working towards a solution to allow auto-renewal of usawaterski membership

## **Ideas from EXEC Meeting:**

**Do we need a full time staff at HQ that does all the web design?** Yes, HQ would like this if they could afford it

**Go with an event planner for nationals since sites are willing to rent out their lakes.** Could AWSa make more money this way, have more control, but is it even possible?

**Self report and recording of officials credits**-this has been sent to J & S. Interesting idea that would save hundreds of man hours at HQ and save a lot of expense towards officials programs and programming.

**Continuing education - do the continuing education to get your credit / meet the qualification**-DONE but more we can do with this idea

USA WS American Water Ski Association  
Budget vs Actual June 30, 2016

	AW: 35+ World Fund		Elite Worlds		Junior Worlds		U21 Worlds		Physician		**other Team		Restricted Funds			
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Begin Balance 12/31/15		57070.63		2141.50		4581.54		498.35		350.00		5672.74		8968.87		79283.63
<b>Income</b>																
Contributions			190.00		50.00				185.00				510.00	0.00		935.00
Unallocated Team	1500.00												1500.00			0.00
General Support	27000.00	27662.08											27000.00			27662.08
Interest Income	200.00	46.25											200.00			46.25
Indy Entry/Practice													0.00			0.00
National Entry Fee	12000.00												12000.00			0.00
Regional Support	1500.00												1500.00			0.00
Team Support													0.00			0.00
35+ Worlds													0.00			0.00
Can Am Team													0.00			0.00
Elite World													0.00			0.00
Juniors													0.00			0.00
PanAm													0.00			0.00
U21 Worlds													0.00			0.00
Total Team Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	42200.00	27708.33	0.00	190.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	185.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	510.00	42200.00	28643.33
<b>Expense</b>																
Awards	5500.00													5500.00		0.00
Membership/USAWS	7500.00													7500.00		0.00
Directors Insurance	600.00	576.92												600.00		576.92
Officials Maintenance	2000.00													2000.00		0.00
Meeting Expenses	1000.00	800.00												1000.00		800.00
Travel	2000.00	600.00	1058.25				249.18						2282.35	5589.78		600.00
Scoring Website	1500.00	551.00												1500.00		551.00
Grassroots Basic Skill	0.00													0.00		0.00
Club Skills Days	0.00													0.00		0.00
Sanction Program	0.00													0.00		0.00
World Team Doctor	0.00									2000.00				2000.00		0.00
Open Worlds Team	25320.00									3000.00				28320.00		0.00
Special Project - Logo	0.00	499.00												0.00		499.00
Total Expense	45420.00	3026.92	1058.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	249.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	5000.00	0.00	2282.35	0.00	54009.78	3026.92
Net Income	-3220.00	24681.41	-1058.25	190.00	0.00	50.00	-249.18	0.00	0.00	185.00	-5000.00	0.00	-2282.35	510.00	-6809.78	25616.41

Ending Balance 6/30/16	81752.04	2331.50	4631.54	498.35	535.00	5672.74	9478.87	104900.04
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Notes:

—Other Team Restricted Fund Balances 6/30/16

Can Am Team	4,564.69
MW GenlTeam	2,300.00
World Games	549.13
U13World	1,575.05
<b>U17 World</b>	<b>490.00</b>
<i>Total</i>	<u>9,478.87</u>

- Donation to U13World \$410
- Donation to U17World \$100
- Budget \$2282.35 from Can Am for Manager Travel

—Junior Development Funds held in AWSA Bank Accounts

Balance Dec 31, 2016	15,887.84
<u>Income</u>	<u>1,250.00</u>
<i>Expenses</i>	<u>(3,387.84)</u>
Balance June 30, 2016	<u>13,750.00</u>

—Accounts Receivable

- \$300 from Warden - World's Entry
- \$250 from East Region Jr Dev.
- \$250 from SC Region Jr Dev.
- \$250 from South Region Jr Dev.
- \$50 from MW Region Jr Dev.

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Date: Mon, Jul 18, 2016 at 5:20 PM

Subject: Membership Task Force (MTF) report to AWSA Board of Directors

### **Membership Task Force (MTF) report to AWSA Board of Directors**

You may have heard that your USA-WS board, last January, requested that a Membership Task Force (MTF) be formed. The concern of the board was the loss of membership that plagues USA-WS in all sport disciplines in recent years. The MTF was formed with representatives from many of our current sport disciplines and is chaired by industry veteran Larry Meddock.

The MTF's objective is to create a comprehensive plan for membership growth without sacrificing the current programs or activities of any of USA-WS' sport disciplines.

A progress report is due to the USA-WS Executive Committee, in early December at the latest, followed by a report to all Sport Division Boards of Directors, with a final presentation expected at the January 29, 2017 annual USA-WS Board meeting.

Larry Meddock  
Chairman, WSIA  
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Pan Am Region of IWWF  
And  
International Waterski and Wakeboard Report  
To the  
American Waterski Association

First, allow me to apologize for not making the deadline for reports. Due to extenuating family obligations, there is always a first for everything.

The Pan Am Region is still on track and working hard to keep up with day-to-day operations. Without a physical office and staff working daily, it is hard to keep up with all of the pressing issues.

A few of news items below for your interest:

1. Pan Am welcomes new member federations of Panama and Puerto Rico.
2. The 2016 Pan Am Congress will be held in November at the Pan Am Championships in MEXICO, November 14-20th, and will be an important one that will include the elections of officers and likely some changes to Bylaws. A formal notice will be sent to all Pan Am Federations very soon.
3. ODEPA/PASO(Pan Am Sports Organization) has revised the spectator gate revenue from the 2015 Pan Am Games in Toronto and have been able to send our Pan Am Confederation another \$1500. Waterski was very well accepted by the public at the Games.
4. Paul Fong from Asia has begun to work as IWWF Executive Director, as of March 1,2016. He provides full-time staff support to IWWF and is making 'headlines' by meeting with many organizers and developers around the world. He is currently working with an 'all Womens' Wakeboard Cash Event in Asia. We will have more information very shortly. It was held for the first time last year and this year is proving even more popular.
5. The IWWF World Championships 2017 has been awarded to the French Federation. This World Championships will be held just outside of Paris and will prove to be an exceptional event. It is scheduled for September of 2017. More details will be forth coming very soon.
6. The IWWF World Disabled Championships has been awarded to the Myuna Bay venue at Lake Macquarie, NSW, Australia. This event has gone to Australia many times and should prove to be a great success.
7. The Pan Am Region and the IWWF will begin soon to collect names of those officials wanting to participate at the upcoming world and region titled events. Each Federation should encourage their officials to participate internationally on their Federation's behalf. Those officials must be Pan Am Rated.
8. The IWWF Executive Board has chosen to have their yearly Board meeting in Florida for 2016. We thank the USAWS and AWSA for their participation in any planning. Board members are looking forward to being in Florida and visiting the Hall of Fame and the Nautique Headquarters.
9. Last year at the World Championships, the committee to help find ways to reduce the size of the IWWF Executive Board met and agreed that the office of IWWF Vice President should be AWSA Board of Directors Meeting – August 7, 2016 - MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

dissolved and this would automatically reduce the size of the Board by five. I was pleased to work as liaison on this committee. This recommendation has been reviewed further and I anticipate that this action will be taken at the up-coming Board meeting.

10. During the next few months, Federations of IWWF are being asked to think about the upcoming elections of IWWF in 2017, as it applies to candidates.. I would ask that the USAWA/AWSA look at the IWWF Articles of Association and By-Laws as they relate to the elections and propose a/some candidates for the elections. USAWS/AWSA is a leading Federation in the World of Waterski and would be a great place to have proposed candidates come from for the IWWF, in molding the future of waterskiing in all disciplines.

Thank you for the opportunity to give an update and once again, my apology for being late. Since there are really no 'actions items' here, perhaps, this report can be forwarded to the Board before the meeting.

Sincere Best Regards,  
Jeffry Armstrong  
Pan Am Tournament Council, Chair  
IWWF Vice-President for Pan Am

## **INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

To: AWSA Board of Directors  
From: Jeff Smith, IAC Chair  
Date: July 16, 2016  
Re: IAC Committee Report

The following teams have been selected (in accordance with published Qualifications and Procedures; see USA-WS website) to represent the USA at upcoming 2016 tournaments:

1. Can Am Championships (August 19-21, Canada)

Can Am U17 Team

Kristen Baldwin  
Emma Morgan  
Dylan Melnar  
Garrett Stallings  
Blake Keller  
Hayleigh Blair  
Alternates - Amanda Bryans, Alec Vaio

Can Am U14 Team

Kennedy Hansen  
Caroline Parker  
Zach Butterfield  
William Roberts  
James Bryans  
Austin Collins  
Alternates - Brooke Boskus, Edward Roberts

Bob Schouten is team manager and coach.

2. 35+ World Championships (September 15-18, Spain)

John Burris  
Brandy Nagle  
Tony Knight  
Lori Krueger  
Mitch Grau  
Joy Kelley  
Kelly Zoellner  
Janie Fausold

35+ "wild card" entrants

Scot Ellis  
Benny Lohr

Eric Kolb  
Kim Contos  
George Levien

65+ “wild card” entrants

Sarvis Bass  
John Crane  
Skip Dunlap  
Joe Blair  
Kay Kelly

Christy Kingsmill is team manager. The 2016 35+ Water Ski World Championships is allowing each national federation to enter five wild card competitors who are not currently qualified from the world rankings list or a member of the federation’s team. Along with these five wild card entries, the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation’s Tournament Council also is allowing each national federation to enter five wild card entries for the 65+ division.

3. The following teams have yet to be selected in accordance with published Qualifications and Procedures:
  - A. Pan American Championships Teams (November 14-20, Mexico)
    - a. Under 13 Team
    - b. Junior Team
    - c. 17-20 Team
    - d. Veteran Team
    - e. Note that the 2015 Elite Team members remain as the 2016 Elite Team for this tournament. All current Elite Team members have indicated that they will attend the Pan American Championships.
  - B. Junior World Championships Team (January, Chile)

The IAC will hold its next meeting on November 5, 2016. Agenda items will include finalizing the qualifications and procedures for 2017 teams, and selecting/nominating officials for 2017 international events. All regions are requested to encourage their athletes and officials to participate in the selection processes.

The IAC greatly appreciates the many contributions of the volunteers and USA-WS staff members who assist with these events and the team selection process.

AAC Report  
July 11, 2016

**1. AAC Meeting**

- The AAC will be holding annual meetings again. The meeting will be held October 9<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, FL..

July 16, 2016

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Jeff Clark, Chair AWSA Bylaws Committee

Re: 2016 Summer Report, AWSA Bylaws Committee

The committee members Lisa Holland SCR, Bill Murbach MW, Brad Conger W, Steve Vincent E, Brenda Baldwin AAC, Brian Detrick AAC, and I would like to express our appreciation for allowing us to serve the organization.

The AWSA Bylaws Committee has not had any issues to consider since the winter meeting and do not have any issues for the Board of Directors to consider.

We remain open to the membership and the Board of Directors for issues to consider.

## Judges' and Scorers Committee

### Summer Report to Board

11 July 2016

The Judges' and Scorers Committee had had a very productive year thanks to all members and a lot of support from the general membership.

The committee members are:

Floyd McCreight	All	Chair*
Dean Rudy	E	Regional Rep
Ray Crenshaw	S	Regional Rep
Kelly Stumph	SC	Regional Rep
Kate Knafla	MW	Regional Rep
Tom Nathan	W	Regional Rep
Alex Lauretano	AAC	Athlete Rep
Nate Smith	AAC	Athlete Rep
Jim Grew	USA WS	Consultant *
Melanie Hanson	HQ	Consultant*

\*non-voting

### **Major accomplishments as approved by the board in the Winter Meeting:**

1. The Continuing Education Program has been formalized allowing all members to participate for free and those wanting Clinic credit to pay \$10 to HQ.
  - a. No minimum grade required
  - b. No approval required (from J & S Representative)
  - c. Slalom, Trick, Jump, General Modules
  - d. Focus on Slalom and Jump BJ responsibilities
  - e. Update yearly for new rules and improvements.
  - f. This is always a WIP to make improvements dictated by experience/participation
2. The Policy Manual and the Requirements for Advancement and Renewal have been edited to eliminate a lot of redundancy, simplifying both documents. It is necessary to understand both to obtain a complete understanding of our officials' program.

3. Policy Manual has been released to HQ and placed on web site denoting significant changes in red.
  - a. Record Capability Tournaments- at the option of the CJ or ACJ, Assistant and other judges not assigned as event judges may receive credit by working with the actual event judge who is solely the responsible judge.
  - b. Clarified that judges and scorers working a GR tournament receive maintenance credit.
  - c. For judges working international tournaments, clarified documentation requirements, eliminating current confusion.
  - d. Identified the three types of clinics- In-person, On-Line (virtual/go to meeting) and CE for full credit in maintenance, advancement, and reinstatement.
  - e. Expanded the fast tracking of skiers and to a lesser extent non skiers.
    - i. Assistant – level 7 and up
    - ii. Regular- top half level 8 and up
    - iii. Senior- (not changed, i.e. level
    - iv. Those with a level 9 Overall ranking but in only two other events may fast track for the third.
    - v. Clarified that working as Chief Official more than the required 3 times can reduce the number of required tournaments.
    - vi. Formalized that 2 of 3 Regional Tournaments for advancement to Senior can be satisfied by significant E and L tournaments.
  - f. Clarified that test applicants and administrators must go through HQ to ensure they are **eligible to be advanced and that the correct test is given.**
  - g. Clarified that the grace period (through May) is good for correcting any deficiency, including clinic.
4. Requirements for Advancement and Renewal has been released to HQ and placed on the web site denoting changes in red.
  - a. Added requirement for tricks to demonstrate capability to call
    - i. 3,000 to 5,000 points for Regular.
    - ii. 6,000 to 9,000 for Senior(Alex has provided links to additional trick runs for this purpose)
  - b. Grass Roots allow credit for maintenance for officials
  - c. Clarified that a clinic also counts as tournament credit once every biennial period (two years).



- d. Reduced the number of tournaments for advancement to Regular judge from 8 to 5, mirroring Scorers requirement, and total from 10 to 7.
  - e. Formalized that 2 of 3 Regional Tournaments for advancement to Senior can be satisfied by significant E and L tournaments.
5. Updated the Regular and Senior Scorer test. This effort led by **Dave Allen and with the great help Jeff Clark and reviewers Judy Stanford and Tina Lindsey** has been released to HQ. We could not have found a more dedicated and better crew to undertake this effort.
  6. Updated the Regular and Senior Judges test. **Ray Crenshaw**, our member from the South, continues to update these tests every year reflecting the new rules and necessary revisions.
  7. **Dave** has also “volunteered” to head up creating the **CE module for scorers** (after the September timeframe). This will, similarly to the judge modules, use the Quiz Egg software.

**Major items approved by the board still needing work Before Winter Meeting):**

1. Result of action given to regional committee members and **board** to work directly with their judges and scorers who are in danger of being downgraded but lack only one requirements.  
Discussion- emails sent out to each Regions in late February timeframe listing judges and scorers that are only lacking one item (membership, clinic or tournament credit). No way to track the success of these efforts. Will provide by meeting current list of judges by region and rating to provide some clue as to how we are doing in comparison to similar data in 2015.
2. Simply forgot when updating the Policy Manual to specify that for meeting requirements for advancement that the period for demonstrating this is anytime in the last year. Not sure what the current system uses. Melanie will advise.
3. Update and digitize the application for Assistants to eliminate hard copy and paperwork- this potentially requires a SW change at HQ (?)
4. HQ Data Base
  - a. “Official’s Status” is currently available online to only the specific official and HQ. Make available to Committee Members and Officers. Note: may be easier to make available to all members as there is really nothing “proprietary” in an officials status for advancement or renewal (similar to the Ranking List).

- b. Advancement-individual and collective by discipline and rating for past year (on 1 Jan-and 1 August (?)). Needs to add same thing for number of officials by region in same periods, including total number of AWSA members.
- c. Judges and Scorers email addresses- to all Committee Members without going through HQ, primarily for group emails. Individual contact can be made through **link** in Official's Directory (specific address not provided).

### **Board actions from Regions at the winter meeting:**

1. South Region (Jim Jaquess)- Come up with a new level of judge that can call 11,000.
- . Recommendation-Good dialog with several people on and off the committee, including Jeffry, Jim Grew, Kate, and Melanie. Although the committee sentiment (limited) seems to not want to pursue, recommend we continue this discussion to next Board meeting based on comments from Jim J and Jeffry with recommendation to pursue or not through formal vote. Include for discussion:
  1. Sharing rating with Pan Am who has some interest as would only apply to IWWF L and R using Senior and Pan Am judges
  2. Would require periodic retesting to ensure judges maintain their skill
  3. Would provide an avenue for other judges to demonstrate their skill (as opposed to "the normal" very dedicated judges selected for this level).
  4. Administration, including testing, would be difficult. Probably best to work outside current judges program/software (?). Similar to Pan AM
  5. Consult and work with top trick skiers in US and International, especially those living/going to school in USA. They seem to have a vested interest in good judges at this level
2. MW regional recommendation-Judges/Scorers – Eliminate maintenance requirements for judges/scorers. Instead of the maintenance requirements have the official attend a clinic (in person, virtual, CE/on-line) every 4 years which is already in place and have the official either take a test or complete continuing education to maintain their rating. Recommendation- Good discussion from Kate, Jeff S, Jim G and Melanie. - Continue to pursue through next board meeting.

3. South regional recommendations-.Lower the age requirement to become a regular judge below 18 as long as the official does not be a Chief Judge. There are a lot of dedicated judges under the age of 18 that are well qualified and active.  
Recommendation- no discussion among committee. Recommend that we pursue this to next meeting, including Assistant Judge minimum age.
4. Work on more positive official's reports. i.e. how many new officials, how many upgrades, etc.

Recommendation- covered in current action to HQ discussed above

### **Senior Slalom Test Practical**

Have made great progress thanks to a lot of help over the years from Kelvin Kelm (and daughter Grace, son Nathan operating tower video on a cold September day) and to Owen and Richelle on boat and gate video at this year's Cal Pro Am. Was ready to release but constructive comments from **Richelle, Gordon, Kelvin, Ray Crenshaw and from a "beta' test I successfully conducted** with a senior judge applicant has delayed release pending substituting videos. Primary difficulty is that some of the videos are so close that review of the video actually disagrees with what the tournament judges awarded. Yes, review is always easier without the time constraints and factors involved in the tournament. Still everything is there, just need to make substitutions. Fun stuff.

The National Junior Development Committee is comprised of one representative from each region. The committee raises funds in support of the National Junior Development Banquet, the Regional Most Improved Awards, the National Most Improved Awards, the All-Star Team as well as coaching stipends for the 12 Member National Team and the 24 Member Junior Development Team. The annual cost to run our programs is approximately \$12,000.

Selection of the 24 Member National Junior Development Team has been handled by Brenda Baldwin. I'm certain Brenda would like to find a replacement. HQ used to take care of this task. The qualifications and procedures format is attached for review. Selection of the 12 Member National Team is handled by the IAC.

#### Most Improved Awards

Calculations are made at Regionals and Nationals using season ending rankings list against rankings list coming into Regionals and Nationals respectively. Skiers must have skied in their respective division at least one year to receive the award. Slalom buoy count, trick score and jump distance determine the most improved.

#### All Star Team

All-Star Team selection takes place at Regionals. Each region selects a 6 member team and 1 alternate. One member from each division (82-3, G2-3) must be represented. The balance of the team can be other 82-3 or G2-3. The team with the highest NOPS score for slalom, trick and jump wins the team event. No skier from the 12 member team is eligible to participate on the all-star team.

#### National Junior Development Banquet

Most of our time and energy is spent putting on this event. Because we only meet once a year, it's difficult to plan this formal event. Because we don't often know where the next National event is going to take place, we cannot plan accordingly. We want to recognize the skiers, distribute the awards, scholarships and feed the kids, all in a timely manner. Creating a unique, fun and affordable banquet can only be accomplished with the support of our families and vendors.

#### Raffle Items - Silent Auction Items

Each year, we ask the 36 team members to sell 10 raffle tickets. They receive the tickets in advance of the Regional tournament. Many of our raffle ticket buyers do not attend the National event. D3, Goode, GoPro, Masterline, Performance, Centurion, Nautique, etc have all contributed raffle items. Pro Skiers have donated private coaching days. Families have

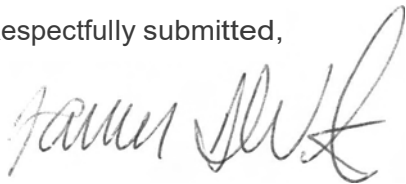
donated vacation homes. We need participation from each region, to come up with items we can auction off at the banquet .

Ultimately, I'd like to fund events for our 12 member and 24 member teams. Having a specific non-ski outing for the skiers would be a welcome change. This becomes difficult because the only time we are together is at Nationals. Not knowing where the next event is taking place makes planning impossible. Taking skiers away from the site is no easy task. Finding volunteers willing to chaperone is also a challenge. Qualifying for the all-star team, being selected to the 12 or 24 member national team is an honor. We should provide some sort of reward for the skiers for their success.

We've received mixed reviews with regard to basic skills camps and regional clinics. Coming from the west, we have more skiers than we can handle. Hosting basic skills camps with scoring and judging clinics for our junior skiers is something new. Hosting mini tournaments following basic skills camps is also something new. We are seeing improved camper turnout. Turning "campers" into a "tournament skiers" has been our biggest challenge. Once we meet in August, the committee will be able to report in greater detail, the actual skier count.

The committee agrees we should focus on camaraderie amongst our junior skiers. Creating lifelong friendships in a safe and fun environment for our kids is our goal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James DeVito', written in a cursive style.

JD

James DeVito

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USA Water Ski/AWSA  
2016 Junior Development Committee Report Summer 2016

Current Balance (06-30-16) \$15,887.84

2016 Budget Expenses

Regional and National Most Improved Awards \$1,887.84

All Star Team bags \$585.30

24 Member Junior Development Team Stipends \$3,000

12Member National Team Stipends \$1,500

National Junior Banquet (food) \$2,000

National Junior Banquet (DJ Photo Booth) \$1,295

Raffle Item Purchase (GoPro, D3, iPod) \$1,000

TOTAL \$11,268.14

2016 Income (Budget)

Regional Fee (\$250 each) \$1,250

Raffle Ticket Sales \$7,200

Dinner Tickets (junior skiers) \$10 X 70 \$700

Dinner Tickets (parents) \$15 X 80 \$1,200

TOTAL \$10,350

**2012 NATIONAL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TEAM**  
**Qualifications & Procedures**  
**(Revised 11/22/2011)**

**Qualifications**

To be eligible for the National Junior Development Team, a skier must:

1. be a U.S. Citizen,
2. be a member of USA Water Ski in good standing born after 1993,
3. competed in the Boys 2, Boys 3, Girls 2, or Girls 3 division in at least three (3) separate Class "C" or higher tournaments **in the 2011 Ski Year**, excluding those skiers who have aged up into M/W 1, and
4. not be a member of the 12 member National Junior Team.

**Note: Any junior with dual citizenship who chooses to represent a country, other than the USA, on an international team or by competing in that country's National Championships, Team Trials or similar events as determined by the A WSA National Junior Development Committee is ineligible for the National Junior Development Team and any funding associated with that team for the year in question and the following year.**

**Selection Procedures**

1. A team of at least 24 individuals will be selected to be designated as the National Junior Development Team. This Team will train together, but will not necessarily represent the U.S. at any time in international competition.
2. "Ranking score" shall be the average of the best **three** slalom, tricks and jump tournament performances (as calculated in the National Rankings list using one score per tournament) **in the 2011 Ski Year**. "Event score" shall be calculated using the 1000 point system for each age division -- Boys 2, Girls 2, Boys 3, and Girls 3. "Overall score" shall be the sum of all 3 "event scores." "2-event score" shall be the sum of the skier's two highest "event scores." The top 14 skiers based on "overall score" will be selected first. The 14 top overall skiers will be limited to eight of one gender.

Examples:

$$\text{Susie's "Event Score" in Girls 2 Slalom} = \frac{\text{Susie's Slalom Ranking Score} \times 1000}{\text{Top Skier's Slalom Score for Girls 2}}$$

$$\text{Joe's "Event Score" in Boys 3 Tricks} = \frac{\text{Joe's Trick Ranking Score} \times 1000}{\text{Top Skier's Trick Score for Boys 3}}$$

$$\text{Jim's "Event Score" in Boys 2 Jump} = \frac{(\text{Jim's Jump Ranking Score})^2 \times 1000}{(\text{Top Skier's Jump for Boys 2})^2}$$

*Note: Since there is already a six buoy offset between G2/B2 and G3/B3 with the use of zero based scoring, it is no longer necessary to subtract buoys from the published scores for G2/B2 as was the case prior to ZBS.*

3. The 15th through 24th skiers will be selected on the basis of "two event score" provided that there must be at least two Boys and two Girls among the ten.
4. The two highest "event scores" in each of the three events, Boys and Girls combined, will be determined. If this procedure results in more than two skiers in each event, the skiers representing each event shall be determined as follows:
  - a. First, any skier who is already among the 24 tentatively selected skiers will be eliminated.
  - b. If there are still more than two skiers representing any event, the tie in that event will be broken by the "highest score" making up the averaged "Ranking Score." When two or more slalom skiers are tied and they represent different age divisions (i.e. B3 and G3), the highest buoy count at the shortest line length will break the tie.
5. Once the highest "event scores" have been reduced to two skiers in each event (six skiers), substitution shall be made as follows:
  - a. Eliminate any of the six skiers who are already among the 24 tentatively selected skiers.
  - b. Substitute the remaining skiers for the skiers in the 19th through 24th positions, unless such substitution replaces a skier with the highest "event score" in any of the three events and eliminates an athlete from substitution under the provisions of 4(a,b) or 5(a).
  - c. If such substitution substitutes for a skier with the highest "event score" in any of the three events, then the substitutions shall be made for the lowest of positions 19 through 24 which will meet the requirements of 5(b).
  - d. If no combination of substitutions among positions 19 through 24 will meet these requirements, then the substituting skiers will be reduced by two by eliminating the skiers whose "event scores" exceed by the smallest amount that of any of the 24 tentatively selected skiers. If this does not eliminate the problem, this process can be repeated. No skier above position 19 shall be substituted for in any case.

# Invoice

## Powers Awards

41 -700 Corporate Way  
 Suite C  
 Palm Desert, CA 92260

Date            Invoice No.  
 6/17/2016      **132995**

Name / Address  
 USA Water Ski

Ship To  
 Jim DeVito  
 619-293-3800

P.O. No.	Ship Via	Rep	Terms	Due Date
	UPS Ground	AA	COD	<b>7/1/2016</b>
Description	Qty	Rate	Amount	
A) Topmost#G57VA - 5 x 7 Vertical Rectangle Glass	80	15.75	1,260.00T	
B) Topmost#G8201L - 10" Beveled Circle Glass	16	30.50	488.00T	
Logo	96	0.00	0.00T	

\*(Logo)  
 \*2016  
 A) Regional Most improved  
     Boys One  
 5) Slalom

(See Attached List)

B) National Most improved  
     Boys One  
 1) Slalom

(See Attached List)

Phone #	Fax #	E-mail	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,748.00</b>
(760) 346-6926	(760) 346-0343	orders@powersawards.com	<b>Sales Tax (8.0%)</b>	<b>\$139.84</b>
<b>Please Pay This Invoice</b>			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,887.84</b>





# Sales Order

Watersports Warehouse  
101 North Park Dr.  
Anderson.SC 29625

Phone (864)222-6860 Fax(864)222-8066

<b>Order #:</b>	52659
<b>Date :</b>	07/11/2016
<b>Require Date :</b>	07/15/2016
<b>Terms</b>	CCard
<b>Purchase Order</b>	US WATERSKI

**Customer # 102577**

**Bill to:** James DeVito  
USA Waterski  
3945 Idaho St  
San Diego.CA 92104

Phone (619)884-3801

**Ship to:** Charlene Brown  
USA Waterski  
83295 North Shore Dr  
Indio, CA 92203

Phone

**Items Ordered:**

Item#	Description	Quantit	UOM	Unit Price	Price
<b>Order#:</b>	52659				
DB3	Roll Top Vinyl Dry Bag,12.5"x28"	35	ea	15.581	545.3
	YELLOW				
ART1	One Time Only Set Up Fee	1	ea	40.001	40.00

<b>Order#:</b>	52659
<b>Quote #:</b>	23575
<b>Shipping Method :</b>	FED EX GRD
<b>Order Submitted:</b>	Bryden.Allyson
<b>Account Representative:</b>	'

**Subtotal:** 585.3

**otal Due:** US\$585.3

**Preseason: ASAP**  
**Ship By Date: ASAP**  
**Art: Stars**

**ROYAL INK**

**7 each shipped to locations attached:**



**AWSA Rules Committee Report  
National BOD Meeting  
August 7, 2016**

Rules Committee action items for Summer meetings:

Our committee has been very active and I continue to overload their emails. Between the discussion regarding Jump configurations, Front Flips, 4 round tournament options and Mandatory Level 10, we are keeping busy.

There has been discussion that ability based formats be used for AWSA tournaments. Also requests from all divisions to use ZBS. These will continue to be discussed.

**Recommendations/Action items from prior meeting:**

**Return to the practice of only having the rules committee meeting every 2 years.** As we saw from the amount of rule changes and the time frame of IWWF, it would be too confusing to only have a meeting with changes every other year.

**Mirror IWWF Rules for 4 rounds:**

**The committee felt that it didn't need to be limited to IWWF only and if the LOC wanted to put on a 4 round tournament then that option should be there.**

**4 Round tournaments:**

The below wording was approved by the Rules Committee per Jeff Surdej's request.

Rule 1.09C ROUNDS PER TOURNAMENT: There shall not be more than three rounds per tournament unless subsequent rounds after the third round are elimination based or sanctioned as Class X. ***Alternatively, one tournament may be held with four rounds over two or more days.*** Also, see Rule 13.01.A.

13.1 A The tournament may consist of either two or three rounds of competition in each event scheduled. The announcement must state the number of rounds. Tournaments shall be limited to a maximum of three rounds of any one event on days specified in Rule 1.09 ***unless using the four round over two or more day option***, except as provided for in 13.02.A.

13.2 A Rounds: The tournament shall consist of no more than three preliminary, non-elimination based rounds and no more than six total

rounds. Scores obtained in all rounds shall be included in the ranking list in the same manner that non-elimination based tournaments are included (i.e. generally the best round score). **(or see 1.09C)**

15.2 F4. At USA-WS/AWSA sanctioned tournaments rounds are limited to three per sanction ***per day unless sanctioned for two or more days.***

### **Items requiring a vote of the BOD:**

**Junior Proposal: Extend the optional junior format through the next ski year, if feedback was good from season.**

Discovered that this really isn't "optional" every junior was scored with this method in a Class C tournament. It started out a little confusing but between discussions and the "mini" clinics online more and more families are understanding the format and options.

### **ZBS for all divisions?**

We continue to gather feedback and would like to evaluate during our Regional Tournaments. We will have a recommendation at the Summer BOD meeting regarding extending juniors and also for all divisions.

### **Future discussions:**

#### **Mandatory Elite:**

The committee continues to review this option, but there are a lot of areas that we haven't quite found the best solution. One of the major pluses of this would be to extend the level 8 skiers to let a few more skiers on the bubble into that tier. If the higher level "10" skier's scores are not factored into the ranking, then the percentiles will be lower. Is the BOD still in favor of continuing this discussion? Rules would like to advise the AAC to review and define "pro vs amateur".

#### **Level 10:**

Should there be a distinct level for those skiers in the top 3% of level 9 called level 10. Maybe by putting this into the rules elite skiers who ski in

age divisions would not impact those rankings and extend the amount of level 8 skiers. Then once the AAC or Rules implements any mandatory elite rules level 10 will already be established.

**Committee Member Changes:**

Most of the committee members will remain. Ruth Johnston is stepping down and Sara Lemley will be taking over for her since she moved from the Eastern Region to the Southern Region. Dave Allen has agreed to take on the task of our committee for the Eastern Region, guess he is bored!! Thanks to Ruth for stepping back into the committee and also to Sara and Dave for filling the open slots.

Respectively submitted,

Richelle Muhlitner  
AWSA Rules Chair

Skiers Qualification Committee Report  
Summer 2016

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Brandy Nagle  
Chair, Skiers Qualification Committee

The updated Skiers Qualification Methodology presented at the winter meeting was implemented on the ranking list and has been used for this ski year and the 'last 12 months' calculations. Please note that for all divisions that are part of a pool to qualify for an elite division the top 3 percent of skiers were removed from the calculations to determine the qualifications levels for level 8 and below. We propose continuing with this same methodology into 2017.

We also plan to update the NOPS calculator for the 2017 season as soon as possible after Nationals. We propose to continue with the same methods for calculations that are currently in use.

There have been extensive discussions in regards to alternate formats for our ranking list. The challenges include the varying sizes of the divisions locally and nationally as well as devising a system that will encourage participation both at a local as well as national level. We are trying to find a way to capture the spirit of competition, where everyone feels their performance is important and competitive, and finds value in getting it on the list. Other challenges include keeping the system simple enough to understand and implement as well as realistic to implement considering the limited resources of the organization. We will continue to work on this throughout this year.

In addition, there are plans to display level 10 (97<sup>th</sup> percentile) on the ranking list. Displaying it will take more time than originally anticipated and work is continuing on this project.

This report from the AWSA Tech Control Committee is to update the Board on items the committee has been involved with since the last board meeting. **There's no action that requires the BOD to evaluate at this time.**

**Special thanks to all Record Review Board Members, and USAWS Headquarters- Melanie Hanson and Scott Atkinson**

**2016 Nat'l Records (Calendar Yr):** Received 3 Records for 2016 Calendar Year. 1 Approved, others in review.

**2016 TCs** Bi year for renewal.

**2016 Tech Issues:**

**Video Incorrect Setup:** With new DVRs that are being used to capture video, especially Slalom EC, it was been noticed that the resolution and fps have not been setup correctly at some of the sites. All capture device/DVRs used for Slalom EC should be at a minimum of 640x480 (most are 704x480) at 30fps. The files are required to be converted/changed to avi if being submitted as record. In-addition, video recording quality must be selected in DVRs and should be set to the highest quality.

**Jump Surface-**NO issues, new rule in place. Jump surface deviation and location being recorded on the TC Report.

**Slalom ropes-** With all the different slalom ropes being made; how do we know that the slalom rope being used at tourn meets the AWSA/IWWF Requirements. Not feasible to verify at the site/tournaments. Masterline has submitted a Lab Test Report. Chief TC and JUDGE, ensure that the rope manufacture states that it meets the AWSA/IWWF specification.

**TC vs site owners-** The purpose of the Tech controller is to ensure that the site meets all the requirements (same for everyone). How do we maintain a check and balance for site owners who performing the technical duties at their own tournaments? Conflict-of Interest rule. Looking at a rule (IWWF) that requires someone other than a TC who is a site owner/club members come in once a year and verifies that the site meets all Technical Rules. This could be another TC coming in just in day and validating everything. This would allow the TC who is a site owner/club member being the Chief TC for tourn when unable to get another TC.

**2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**AWSA TC Web Page** –Tech Controller Resources: Scott Atkinson has been keeping this updated, and we continue adding additional information. We have added an equipment list. If any specific equipment that is used, please forward make/model/etc to be added.

**TC Test:** We have updated the TC Test, that's similar to other region (IWWF) Homologation Test.

**TC Manual:** *Still need to update:*

AWSA TC Co-Chairs: Peter Dahl/Jerry Jackson

# **Towboat Committee Report**

## **August 2016**

August 2016

To: USAWS Board of Directors  
AWSA Board of Directors

From: Will Bush  
George Lindy

INFORMATION ONLY – NO ACTION ITEMS

### **Promotional Towboat Program**

- Event organizers are experiencing a diminishing number of towboats available for tournaments.
- Manufacturers are spending a considerable amount of time and resource supporting the program and are questioning the value of pulling more than the 20% requirement to participate in the Regionals and ultimately the National tournaments.

The AWSA President has asked the Towboat Committee to develop a 3 to 5-year plan to address these issues.

The Chairs are discussing these issues with each of the approved towboat boat companies to identify their specific concerns and suggestion regarding their promo boat program and tournament support.

This will be the key item for discussion at the Towboat Committee meeting with the Manufacturers at the Nationals – Monday, August 8.

The Committee will develop a course of action and report back to the President and the Board.