

NSSA Board of Directors Meeting August 7, 2009

Call to Order

Introductions

Mike Hanson President, Executive Committee Chair,
Gerry Luiting , V.P. Chair Safety, Awards, & Elite Athlete Rep,
Mark Poulos, Sec./ Treasurer , Publicity, Officials Chair, Cent Region Rep
Cathy Luiting, Wis. Rep and Individual Judging Committee Chair,
Hans Hauschild- WI Rep
Bruce McCalmon, , National Tournament Chair, By Laws Chair
Kurt Bemman, Grants Chair, Policies and Procedures Chair
Jakim Wilson- Cent Region Rep
Bud Ruhl, MW
Roger Gerstad- Elite Skier Rep
Larry Meany MW, alternate
Bruce Berg, MW
Terry Pasterski, HND,/ TV Productions Chair, Team Development Chair
Roger Olson Elite Skier Rep,
Kevin Hayes, Nominations Chair, CRSSA President
Tom Ghiloni, HND

Mark Newberger- Southern Region
Kevin Hayes- CRSSA President
Jim Martin- Wisconsin Rep
Jeff Clark-Alternate Southern Rep
Stacy Griffith- Eastern Region Rep
JR Wilson- Drivers Committee Chair, HND

Mike Hanson informs board that members who did not submit a report prior to the meeting will not be allowed to discuss their line items.

Appoint Parliamentarian- Tom Ghiloni appointed by President Hanson

Approval of Minutes from November meeting – Motion to waive reading by cathy 2nd bud carried.

Treasurer's Report- waive Cathy 2nd Garry Carried

Ratify e-mail Motion by bud ruhl 2nd Chris

Regional Reports – Submitted reports at end of minutes

Central –Report Submitted. Doug Ribley

East-

Midwest –No Report

South Central – No report. N

South – Report Submitted- Garry Stout reports 3 tournaments all on original dates and original locations.

West – No Report was sent in. Jim Boland could not make the meeting.

Wisconsin – Report Submitted-Cathy presents report

Committee Reports:

National Tournament- Bruce passed out information from D-2 Reception at Cliffbreakers .

Officials –Officials are set

Motion by Chris that we mandate the Officials committee fast track officials. Mark indicates that he is against the concept.

Scoring method No report

Towboat drivers – No report

Safety- No Report Submitted before meeting

By Laws- No Report Submitted before meeting See Attachment.

Policies and Procedures- No Report Submitted before meeting

Elite Skiers- No Report Submitted before meeting

Awards- No Report Submitted before meeting

Grants Committee Report –No report

Long Rang Planning- No Report Submitted before meeting

Rules- No Report

Publicity- Terry had complaint about two articles that she submitted

World/National Records- No Report

TV- Production- Terry Pasterski-

Team Development-

Fund Raising- No Report

Individual Act Judging- Cathy No report

International Competition Committee-

Bids for 2011 D-1-d2

D1- Ski Broncs and RAJ

D-2 Kwahomots and Lake City Skiers submitted bids.

Election- Kevin recommends President cast one vote for Gerry Luiting
Elite – No deligate Roger will continue for another term.

NSSA rep to USAWS- Sherm Schraft was re appointed

Joel Shapiro recommends a vendor RAJ uses to develop a LOGO.

Next Meeting November Friday 13, 0800, Saturday. Eastern Time HQ
New Logo – one design

Motion by Garry for variances for rules to allow non senior rated reps for
2nd by Gerry Luiting

Difficulty- Chris gives report.

TO: NSSA Board

FROM: Mark Poulos, Officials committee Chair

RE: Officials Committee Report

Normally all business is conducted in the Fall. The committee is reviewing two complaints. One is being presented as originating from the Committee Chair.

Cheryl Bonert is being presented as a Senior Judge to resolve a conflict of interest. She meets the criteria for Senior Judge, was approved by her regional representative, the Committee,

Alyssa Modlenski has attained Regular Judge Rating and Regular Scorer Rating.

Four applications were submitted for Assistant Judge.

One judge replacement for Division 1 due to health issues. Garry Stout who was next on the list was asked and accepted as scoring judge for Team competition. Cheryl Bonert will Judge individual events of Swivel, Doubles, and Team Jump due to a conflict Garry has with individual competitors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Poulos

July 28, 2009

To: Mike Hanson – President

Cc: Board of Directors, Alternates, Honorary Directors, and Committee Chairs

From: Bruce McCalmon – NSSA National Tournament(s) Chairman

Subject: 2009 Division I National Show Ski Tournament – Individual & Team Competition

Individual Events:

We received 20 Swivel Event Entries / 15 Doubles Event Entries (one requested to be switched to DII & were replaced by a late entry from the 3rd place finisher at the Wisconsin Regional Tournament – 1st time competing this year & did not understand the entry process – this was a “Win-Win” for both National Tournaments / and 10 Team Jump Event entries (one withdrew before the seeding was complete). We have received 9 entries for the Freestyle Jump Event that was returned to the competition this year (we anticipate additional entries – up to a total of 14 will be accepted). The defending Swivel & Doubles Champion ‘s entered, so the field’s were set at 15 Entrants for these two Events. After posting the Running Order, we were advised that we had omitted the Wisconsin Region 4th place Swivel qualifier. After re-checking all entries, we found her Swivel entry. She had met the deadline, and the change was made to the Running Order & re-posted to the web-site by early afternoon July 27th.

Team Competition:

We received 17 Team Event entries this year. ALL met the NSSA Tournament Qualifying P&P’s and were Seeded accordingly. The Defending Champion, Mad City Ski Team entered and they were seeded 1st in the Running Order and received their choice of when to compete. The rest of the Teams were placed as close as possible to their seed, while considering requests to accommodate specific needs.

We anticipate a Fun Filled, Thrilling 2009 Show Ski National Tournament!

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce McCalmon
NSSA National Tournament(s) Chairman

July 28, 2009

To: Mike Hanson – President

Cc: Board of Directors, Alternates, Honorary Directors, and Committee Chairs

From: Bruce McCalmon – NSSA National Tournament(s) Chairman

Subject: 2009 Division II National Show Ski Tournament – Individual & Team Competition

Individual Events:

We received 8 Swivel Entries(1 withdrew before seeding), 4 Doubles (1 late switch from DI due to their Team competing at DII), and 2 Team Jump Entries. All qualified by meeting the Postmark deadlines as outlined in the NSSA Tournament Policy & Procedures. The entrants were seeded according to the NSSA P&P's and competed according to the "running order" posted to the USA Waterski Web Site on July 27th. Five States & Three Regions were represented in this competition.

Team Competition:

We received 6 Team Entries for this Event. All qualified by meeting the Postmark deadlines as outlined in the NSSA Tournament Policy & Procedures. The entrants were seeded according to the NSSA P&P's, and competed according to the "running order" posted on July 27th. Four States & Three Regions were represented in this competition.

The Champion's are: to be determined at the time this report was written – to be announced at the NSSA National Tournament Meeting, August 7th -7:00 AM.

The Awards Committee has secured long term sponsorship for the following Awards:

Best Jump Act – by Pete Bonert of USA Heating & Cooling

Best Barefoot Act – by Jon Debelak of Debelak Plumbing

Best Male Performer & Best Female Performer – by Gerry & Cathy Luiting of Show Ski Solutions

Best Ballet Act – by Betty Bonifay of Betty Bonifay Ski School

Best Swivel Act – by Betty Bonifay of Betty Bonifay Ski School

Best Doubles Act – by Gerry & Cathy Luiting of Show Ski Solutions (new for 2008)

Best Pyramid Act – by Tom Miller (new for 2008)

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce McCalmon

NSSA National Tournament(s) Chairman

MEMO

To: NSSA Board of Directors
From: Kevin Hayes, Nominating Committee Chair
Date: July 28, 2009
Subject: Nominating Committee Report

The following are the nominations for officers and Elite Athletes:

1. NSSA Board of Directors Officers/Elections

Elections for officers will be held at the 2009 Division I Show Nationals Meeting. Gerry Luiting is the only nomination for office of Vice President.

2. Elite Athlete Nomination/Election

Gerry Luiting and Roger Gerstad are the only nominations for Elite Athlete and will be our elected board members.

Nominations are closed, the President should cast one vote for Vice President.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Hayes

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TV PRODUCTION REPORT
FOR NSSA 8-7-09
BY Terry Pasterski

As I write this report the week before the tournament, it will be incomplete as we are still trying to wrap up some major components. Here is the information I have to date (7-30-09):

A couple of weeks ago I was told by Steve Upp that he signed a 4 year agreement with the USOC to do webcasting, and that they would tape every team as we had done in the past for TV, but only do a highlight video. I told him that was unacceptable. He went back to the USOC who then said they would live stream one day of shows. Again I said that was unacceptable because who was going to choose what day and what shows. So since then they have agreed to live steam both days.

Also after being in contact with Gus Rothmaler, the LOC director, that scaffolding was going to cost a minimum of \$400 each, a construction trailer was going to cost around \$650 and the three local internet providers would NOT put in a temporary line to the park without a one year contract. Gus told me that they would use Hartmann's feed from their house. Again that wouldn't not be acceptable because of high usage on that line. So as I write this report, Gus has secured the scaffolding, gotten a trailer for free and we are still working on the internet provider problem. We need to thank Mike Hanson and Bruce McCalmon, BIG TIME, for helping with the internet problem. Steve Upp, Mike and I have been in almost daily (sometimes several times a day) communication with Gus trying to get everything up to speed.

As I write this report this week, I am finding out that the only thing listed in the contract with USA Water Ski and the LOC is still TV verbiage. They must provide electrical power, scaffolding, and site for the production trailer. I take the blame for not catching that when Mike sent out the Nationals contracts to the board. But working with a new LOC director left this all to the last minute also.

Mark Jackson, Steve and I are planning on a conference call with Echo Entertainment, the webcast production company secured by the USOC, for sometime next week.

I hope that everyone has read Steve Locke's weekly report this week, which focused on webcasting. Hopefully we can discuss this at the November meeting in Florida.

So therefore, I will give the board any and all updates at the meeting. We are still planning on archiving all the teams also.

Jim and Sandy Boland are coming. They will be taping individual acts and all the teams.

TV PRODUCTION UPDATED REPORT
FOR NSSA 8-7-09
BY Terry Pasterski

Okay, as I write this report 8-5-09 Mike Hanson and Bruce have secured an internet provider for the tournament that has strung the cable to the site. The webcasting crew and the internet provider are meeting with us at 4:00pm on Friday to test everything to make sure it works properly.

Steve Upp, Mark Jackson, and I had a conference call with Spence, the webcasting director on Monday this week. We went over several things and everything seems to be in place. In talking with Spence, he seemed very easy to work with and is very willing to listen to everything we tell him about show skiing.

We plan on not only webcasting every team live, but possibly broadcasting shows (maybe all 14) on the new USOC cable station. We also plan on doing a highlight video of the entire tournament. Spence said the crew will stay and webcast the awards ceremony also.

I contacted Steve Locke as soon as I read his weekly report on Monday and told him how disappointed I was that he didn't say anything about show ski nationals or the webcasting. Hence his special edition report.

I will give an update on Jim and Sandy Boland at the meeting.