

**National Show Ski Association  
Board of Directors Winter Meeting Agenda**



**Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin  
7:00 A.M. CST, February 29**

**Call to Order** Meeting called to order at 7:02 A.M. by President

**Announcements, Introductions, & Roll Call**

**Gerry Luiting**, Acting President., Awards, & Elite Athlete Rep,

**Mark Poulos**, Sec./ Treasurer, Publicity, Officials Chair, Cent Region Alt (voting)

**Cathy Luiting**, WI Rep and Individual Acts Committee Chair,

**Hans Hauschild**- WI Rep

Kurt Bemman- Grants Chair, Policies and Procedures Chair, Cent Region Alt.

**Bud Ruhl**- MW Rep

**Roger Gerstad**- Elite Skier Rep

**Larry Meany**- MW Rep,

Terry Pasterski- HND,/ TV Productions Chair, Team Development Chair

**Roger Olson** Elite Skier Rep,

**Doug Ribly** – Central Region Rep

Kevin Hayes, Nominations Chair, CRSSA President

Tom Ghiloni, HND

**Charle Norrell**- Southern Region Rep

Kevin Hayes- Nominations Committee Chair,

**Jim Martin**- Wisconsin Rep

**Stacy Griffin**- Eastern Region Rep

JR Wilson- Drivers Committee Chair, HND

**Chris Coupland**, Wisconsin Rep, Difficulty Committee Chair

**Jeff Clark**- Alt Southern Region (Voting member)

**Bruce McCalmon**- HND, National Tournament Committee Chair.

Cathy Luiting informs the board of the events planned for the weekend. Chris Coupland, President of the Wisconsin Water Ski Federation, welcomes the board and extends a thank you to the instructors for the weekend.

Appointment of Parliamentarian – President appoints Tom Ghiloni as Parliamentarian

Announcement of Quorum and Number of Votes being 14. Gerry Luiting announced that Jim Boland could not make it for this meeting and is dealing with some health issues.

Review and Approval of the Fall 2009 BOD Terry Pasterski makes recommendation to correct three items in the November 09 Minutes. Motion by Bud Ruhl to accept the minutes as amended, Second by Larry Meany, Motion Carried

Ratification of Email, Mail, or Telephone Ballots- None needed

Additions to Agenda:

Discussion on Grassroots Program, USA-WS supporting membership policy.

President's Report- Gerry Luiting presents Presidents report.

Treasurer's Report- Mark presents report and proposed budget for 2010. Motion by Cathy Luiting to approve the report, Second by Roger Olson

Discussion of the purchase of propellers and lower units for the NSSA boat.

Motion to approve budget passed and carried

### **Regional Reports**

**Central-** Report submitted Presented by Doug Ribly- Central Region will meet during the weekend of WWSC&E.

**East-** Stacy Griffin presents report.

**Midwest-** Larry Meany presents MW report. Nothing has changed since the November meeting. MW will meet during the weekend.

**South Central-** No Report

**Southern-** Report presented by Charles Norell. Alabama has 2010 Southern Region Tournament. Southern Extreme will host the Sunshine tournament in October and Sarasota has the 2011 Regional Tournament

**West-** Jim Boland informed the president there was not much to report at this time

**Wisconsin-** Cathy Luiting presents report. Wisconsin DNR is mandating Kids 10 and under must wear PFD. Illinois requires PFD for 12 and under but does not require PFD for under 12 while they are performing under the USAWS sanction. This ruling originated in Rockford, Illinois. The marine unit of Illinois DNR addressed the issue and got a ruling. The other marine divisions have honored that ruling. Bruce McCalmon presented the history on that ruling. Larry Meany presents information regarding the use of PFD's in Iowa. The show skiers were not trying to skirt the issue of wearing PFDs but explained to Iowa DNR that wearing of PFDs during waterski performances was not as safe as wearing alternate types of flotation. Iowa DNR concurred and made a ruling allowing the use of alternate flotation during a sanctioned event as long as there was a safety boat on the water.. Jim Martin discusses his comparison between policy and law regarding flotation. There was concern about getting the matter resolved before the State and National Tournament. The Board asks that Gerry Luiting write a letter to Wisconsin DNR for clarification.

### **Committee Reports**

**National Tournament-** Bruce presents report- 2010 Division 2 Show Ski Nationals will be held in Warsaw, IN. 2010 Division 1 Show Ski Nationals will be held in Janesville, WI. Need all tournament paperwork posted on the website. Bruce is trying to reduce the cost to NSSA. The intent is to make the registration more user friendly. Jim Martin can make editable PDF files and will help.

Jeff Clark has been working on gathering all forms. NSSA needs to make its own packet so that everything is in one place.

Individual Events information needs to be posted immediately after competition is complete.

Motion by Mark to post the results of the individual events competition at the National Tournament immediately upon completion of the individual acts competition and to present the awards at that time. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Olson.. Motion passes.

**Officials-** Mark presents the officials selected for Division 1 and Division 2 Show Nationals for 2010. Second by Cathy Luiting. Motion passes.

Mark discusses issues about when a competitor is injured or believed to be injured and a solution to address such issues. The Board directs Mark to contact Jeff Smith – Risk Management for advice.

**Tow Boat Driver- JR Wilson** presents report . The rule book change made in November did not get published in the rule book. Remove the dates from the tested driver's portion of the rule book since they are past the published dates. Add: " A driver operating a triple rig must be tested as a B driver and possess a learners permit for the C driver." 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger Gerstad Motion passes and carries..

JR discusses the I-Drive program. The I-Drive program passed USA-WS. Every driver of NSSA must pass the I-Driver program. JR believes his program is for the basic person not in a sanction event. This is directed for inexperienced driver operating a boat in Florida.

Gerry contacted Brandon (competition director). There is a resolution that the I-Drive materials must be part of the sport division training (at a cost of \$19.00) Tom Ghiloni suggest the NSSA board adopt a resolution and present it to Executive Committee.

Jeff Clark said the I-drive program was set up to provide documentation for those who need it to drive a boat in Florida. Jeff said it does everything for USA-Waterski and it does not harm the individual disciplines.

A question was raised if NSSA drivers could ignore this requirement. Jeff responded that it was a basic certification for the non drivers who need training to operate a boat in Florida. Gerry remarks that this was his recollection of what was intended but has heard within the last week that this program would be mandatory for all drivers.

Tom Ghiloni reviewed the posted minutes from the USA-WS meeting in January 2010 that requires sport division drivers take and pass this I-drive training. The I-drive materials would become part of any sport discipline training (with a cost of \$19.00) This would not affect current rated drivers.

Motion by Mark that the NSSA present the following resolution to Executive Committee of USAWS –  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Meany-

"The NSSA BOD does not believe the iDrive program brings any additional benefits to our comprehensive Tow Boat Driving Testing/program and adds additional cost to our future drivers. NSSA will only include the iDrive materials in it's training if there is no cost involved."

Discussion :

This program has no value to our sport division. JR indicates a test does not indicate the skill level of boat operator. Gerry discusses that NSSA needs to get ahead of the game and be proactive in addressing this issue.

Tom Ghiloni says he is on the Risk Management Committee for USAWS and that I-Drive materials are to be part of the Sport Division Driver training.

Other sport divisions are in support of the I-Drive program because it gives them a document showing training.

Larry Meany indicated that members of his club who are traditional skiers thought the I-drive program replaced the trained driver program.

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Chris calls the question, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Skip Motion passes.

Motion for the resolution passes 13 for 0 against 1 abstain.

Gerry sent the information to Jim Boland to try to incorporate the safety portion into the drivers testing video. JR didn't see it happening in 2010 but would like to see it ready by the fall meeting. (November)

Written test being given 0800 on Sat.at WWSC&E. Location of the test is posted at registration. Gerry asks that when these programs are being presented that it be given to him so that he can have HQ post it on the web site to let others know.

**Safety-** USAWS has applied for a grant to put safety program on line

### **Bylaws- No Report**

**Policies and Procedures** Kurt Bemman- reports his report is contained as part of board packet.

### **Elite Skiers No Report**

**Awards** Gerry- HND and MVP for Jack Lukes was nominated by Skip for AWSEF award of distinction. He will be honored at the Hall of Fame banquet. Jeff Wiley is also receiving the award. Gerry said NSSA only has one award given while other sport divisions have several awards. Awards committee will present a proposal to showcase /award individuals from our sport discipline to the board by November meeting. Gerry said the ceremony was done very well.

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**Grants-** Kurt Bemman- \$4,500 to work with. He will need to find a cheaper way to get a conference call out of that. Kurt thanks the committee and discusses plan for 2010 to inform the teams on how to best use this program. Several grants were approved in 2009 but did not turn in the paperwork to get reimbursed

**Nominating-** Kevin Hayes informs the Board that with the resignation of Mike Hanson as president, Gerry Luiting became acting president which would leave the office of vice president open until the election in August. Gerry wanted to fulfill his responsibility but wanted to have a complete executive committee in place during the competition season and felt the election was the best way to complete this task. Gerry also wanted the Board to confirm him as the president of NSSA or have the opportunity to select an alternate candidate. If the another member was selected as president, Gerry would continue as vice president.

Nominations for President were presented by Nominating Committee Gerry Luiting, Roger Olson. Mark Poulos withdrew his name from the nomination and explains why he withdrew. Each Candidate addressed the board. A paper ballot was issued to voting members and Gerry Luiting was selected as the President until the August election.

Kevin Introduces the nominees for Vice President

Doug Ribley-  
Kurt Bemman-  
Sherm Schraft-  
Roger Olson-  
Larry Meany-  
Chris Coupland-

Each candidate is allowed to address the board

Roberts Rules indicates a majority of the votes is needed for selection.

Motion by Poulos to hold a primary to eliminate candidates to two unless one of the candidate receives a majority of votes casts. Second by Bud Ruhl (8 votes). Motion passes.

1 abstention

Preliminary election ballot-

Doug and Roger tied the vote for 2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion for a run off between

Motion by Skip to have runoff ballot between Doug and Roger the winner to run against Chris. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry. Motion passed and carried Roger won the election.

Final Candidates for VP were Roger Olson and Chris Coupland. Roger won the election.

Elite athlete nominee

Roger Olson has been nominated.

Jim Martin has also been nominated.

Motion by Mark to destroy the ballots, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger Gerstad Passed.

**Long Range Planning-** No Report

**Rules-**No Report.

**Publicity-** Mark presents report- Show skier on the cover. Roger Olson reports that he also submitted an article and that Scott edited it to a good article.

**World/National Records-** Chris Coupland presents two records for consideration.

Largest front bf line 20 barefooters Rock Aqua Jays 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Motion Passed and carried

Rock Aqua Jays – Largest pyramid by Rock Aqua Jays performed at the 2003 Division 1 Show Nationals. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark- Motion passed

**TV Production/Web cast-** Terry presents report in the board packet. JR asked if NSSA was locked into a 4 year contract. Terry said 2010 will be the third year of the four year contract for the web cast. There was some discussion that the web cast while nice for people who cannot come to the tournament, may adversely affect the attendance by those who come to the but may not come to the park. More study will need to be done on this. Weather conditions in 2009 may have contributed to fewer people in the stands at Division 1 show tournament. Discussion on who was responsible for coordinating the logistics and sponsorships of the web cast. Steve Upp makes the arrangements through USOC with the assistance of LOC. The LOC is responsible for getting the cable run. Steve Locke made the arrangements for the webcast through the USOC at a significant savings from television. The sponsorship money goes into the USAWS budget

**Team Development-** Report Submitted

**Fund Raising-**No Report

**Individual Acts-** Cathy presents report. The committee would like to recognize Jim Boland, Kent Perry, and Dave (Morin) have been a huge help to the committee with assembling all the audio visual to be used in the judge clinic on Friday Afternoon. The intent is to have the material on the web to be downloaded so judges can go back and look at it. The committee wanted a standard deduction per fall (during individual events competition) that would be deducted after the total score is given. For instance, a competitor achieves a score of 14.2 but had one fall. If there were no penalties assessed, the single fall would result in a one point deduction resulting in a score of 13.2 for a final score. If there was a penalty assessed

the penalty would be based on the final score of 13.2. The committee felt this would standardize the affect of falls during a competition. The committee presents the proposal as a rules change. Mark presents a second on the proposal for a 1 point deduction per fall which will be deducted from the total score, after any deductions are made, any penalties will be applied for a final score. Tom Ghiloni asks for clarification. The clarification would be that the judge is not to consider the fall for score. If it is approved by the board, we can ask Lynn to put out a mail blast to the judges directing them to directions which will be on the web. Skip indicates this is the same process he has used while judging. The point is that different judges assessed a different weight deduction and this standardizes the effect a fall has for all judges.

This information needs to be given to the competitors as well as the judges. Cathy will try to put the information out during specific clinics during the WWSC&E Meeting.

Another question regarding whether a doubles couple fall counts as one point deduction or two. Clearly the doubles couple acting as a single unit would only count as one point deduction per fall. Chris asks if a rules interpretation could be included to clarify this point.

Mark will write something up and have it approved by the committee. **Rule interpretation to be added. Action in instruction to scorer.** Action that rule interpretation gets developed.

Motion passes 9.02 and under instructions to judges and scorers.

Kent Perry will put the individual events clinic information on the web site.

**Fund Raising** Chris wanted to go back to fund raising with a question about the overall decline of membership of USA-WS which affects funding for all sport divisions. NSSA should develop a plan for fund raising to offset the declining funds received through USA-WS. Gerry indicated he will discuss the issue with Cam.

**Difficulty Committee-** Chris presents the difficulty committee recommendation and passed out three charts for 2010. There is now difficulty standards for front and back ATB. The new charts have added notes to help officials. Mark makes second on recommendation by the committee motion.

Skip said he felt this was a double penalty because the team would be penalized in both difficulty and execution. This issue will be addressed in the judges clinic for the judges.

Revolution (for ballet) is defined. Motion passes carried unanimously.

**Freestyle Committee-** Committee asks for rules variance for 2010 as was allowed in 2009 with the following additions:

- four jumps per competitor using the best two jumps for the score calculations.
- Use more boats to increase the flow of the competition.
- The committee also wants to have an announcer knowledgeable of freestyle.
- Music will be added to bring the freestyle more in line with the show atmosphere.
- Request that regions run freestyle as part of their tournament so that competitors must qualify to compete at Show Nationals.
- Use of special judges (no additional costs to NSSA or LOC) for freestyle jump.

Bud Ruhl 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

Discussion:

Regions will choose who from their region will qualify for freestyle event and use the round robin selection similar to other individual event competitors. Total allowable will be 15 competitors.

JR feels one region will be penalized because there are more freestyle jumpers in that region yet they will only be guaranteed two slots for competitors. International competitors would need to qualify through their home region (affiliation with a region in the United States).

Need to set a distance for the starting barge. The competitors will be placed on the barge closer to their time of competition rather than place them all on the barge at once and not being able to stay warmed up.

Who will provide the identical boats- who will be the driver? Doug Asks the committee to take responsibility to arrange for the logistics for drivers. Skip suggests using a process similar to the pro tour.

With regard to boats, in 2009, Mike Hanson said he would take care of the arrangements. Chris said that his committee would deal with the issue of boats being similar.

Mark asks whether the variance would apply to the freestyle jumps in regional tournaments as well? Chris thought that it would.

Motion passes and carries.

**International Show Ski Committee-** Sherm sent out report. Some countries are responding but some are not. Progress is being made.

**Old Business-** None

**New Business-**

**NSSA Ownership Rights-** NSSA is not a registered name. Would it be beneficial to trademark our name and tournament? JR will chair a committee to trademark the organizational name and tournament to present a report in November 2010.

Chris asked what effect the Grassroot program by USAWS has on NSSA. Chris asked the board to forward any ideas on how the grassroots program could be used to benefit show skiing to him so he could work with headquarters on that issue. Chris said the program is doing good things for other sport divisions and could be good for show skiing as well.

Gerry said if anyone has any ideas on what the USA-WS insurance should cover to forward them to Tom Ghiloni. The intent is to make the insurance more useful to NSSA and its members. Jim Grew also wants to work on making the insurance more useful to members.

Jim Martin is working on similar issues with Wisconsin Water Ski Federation.

Supporting membership- People who are not competing can get signed up as a supporting member which increases our SD membership numbers and affect the number of votes we have. There is a supporting membership for no additional costs. Chris would like to spearhead this initiative.

Supporting members cannot participate in the performance or competition area. The non paying member must be part of the household. Chris will take care of this.

Refreshments for the NSSA meeting and the Judges Clinic on Friday afternoon were provided by 9 teams from Wisconsin. Mark will send out thank you letters.

Time and Place

August 13- 2010, 8:30 AM at a location (in Janesville, WI) to be announced. The general thought was to have the meeting in the park to reduce travel time

Chris asked for a block of rooms to be reserved for NSSA board members. This will probably not be possible for 2010 because the blocking has already been done. The thought that a separate block of rooms should be part of the bidding practice.

Gerry thanked the board for giving him the opportunity to serve as President of NSSA.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn 1115 AM.

Attachments  
**NSSA WINTER BOARD MEETING**  
**CENTRAL REGION REPORT**

SUBMITTED BY: DOUG RIBLEY (NSSA REPRESENTATIVE)

**I. 2010 TOURNAMENTS:**

Great Lakes Invitational Central Regionals D-II Nationals

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 July 10-11, 2010 August 6-7, 2010

Team Host: Lake City Skiers Team Host: Lake City Skiers Team Host: Lake City Skiers

Warsaw, Indiana Warsaw, Indiana Warsaw, Indiana

Kevin Hayes (863) 255-1621 Kevin Hayes (863) 255-1621 Kevin Hayes (863) 255-1621

A big "Thank You" is extended to the Lake City Skiers, Randy Patrick, and Kevin Hayes for taking on these Tournaments!

**II. NSSA CENTRAL REGION BOARD REPRESENTATION:**

**One of the two Central Region NSSA Board Representatives, Jakim Wilson, turned in his resignation after the November board meeting. Mark Poulos was the Central Region alternate and agreed to fill the vacated NSSA Rep position. Based on the summer elections, Kurt Bemman accepted the alternate position.**

**III. TEAM REPORTS:**

**Chippewa Lake Water Ski Show Team:**

CLWSST has been holding dry-land practices and competitive show planning sessions since December. The 2010 show theme has been selected and show planning is going well. Tom Melter will remain the 2010 team President while Co-show director's for the 2010 season will be Bill Lee and Doug Ribley. The team membership numbers are holding steady with an annual Learn-To-Ski scheduled for June. Kurtis McMillan is scheduled to conduct a safety clinic on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Approximately twenty-five attendees are expected. The CLWSST's major winter fundraiser will take place at a local restaurant on Chippewa Lake on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The entire restaurant closes for this event which draws approximately 250-300 team supporters. This community event consists of a dinner along with a silent auction which generates approximately 1/3 of the team's annual budget. Finally, the team is pleased to say that July marks the month in which the last payment on the team's twin-rigg will be paid. This is a big accomplishment for a young team and a celebration will follow.

**Backwater Gamblers:**

The BWG are working on fundraisers. A haunted hayride, a Texas holdem tournament, and a trivia night has already taken place. Currently Spirit cards are for sale. A new parking lot was completed this past fall. Additionally, permits and materials to run city water to the site have been secured. Once installed, the

Park Board has agreed to pay the monthly payments and maintain the system. Currently, several members are looking for a Safety Clinic to attend and plans are underway to host a Trained Drivers Clinic early in the season. Finally, two BWG skiers, Larry and Deb Anderson, are currently working with a team in Australia. This is the team that Ramon Horton and his family belong to. Ramon and his family skied with the BWG in 2009. The relationship with the two teams has grown.

#### **Grand City Show Skiers:**

The Grand City Skiers are still trying to identify a new show ski site. A site has been identified but the team is waiting for the weather to break so that the water depths can be evaluated.

The team is currently chasing the 501-c3 status. Obtaining this will greatly improve our status with donors. Thanks to all the CRSSA who have helped through this process.

18-20 team members will be attending the Wisconsin Water Ski Convention and Expo.

February 19-21, the team will be working and attending a boat show in an attempt to recruit new members.

Dry land practice has started and is going well. New training practices are being used that will hopefully allow the team to grow and be more competitive.

Submitted by Jeremy Droge

#### **Lake City Skiers:**

2010 is a rebuilding year for the Lake City Skiers. The team expects to compete at D-2 Nationals this year. Increased efforts will be directed toward recruiting and learn-to-skis. Fund raising is anticipated to be tight this year. The Great Lakes Invitational, hosted by the Lake City Skiers, will take place on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> the LCS will be hosting a jump clinic. A safety clinic with Jim Babcock will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup> as well. Driver testing opportunities may be scheduled at the Lake City site with details being announced to teams when/if verified. Any CRSSA team who may be interested should notify the Lake City Skiers. Finally, the LCS will be hosting the 2010 Central Regionals Tournament and D-II Nationals.

**Silver Lake Ski Club:** 2010 finds the Silver Lake Ski Club in the unique position of celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> years of being an organized ski club. As a result, the show theme will be based on this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary milestone. The Silver Lake Ski Club continues to grow with five new members joining the team. Indoor winter practices started in January and will continue through April. On-water practices are expected to start in May with the first weekly show taking place on June 1, 2010. In addition to the teams Tuesday evening weekly shows, Silver Lake expects to compete in the Great Lakes Invitational, Central Regionals, and D-2 Nationals. This years show will include two new "never seen before" water ski acts. Silver Lake is finding it more difficult each year to secure promo motors for

their Dyne and would appreciate any input or suggestions that will help them overcome this challenge.

Rob Petersilge (810) 629-7122

**Reports Not Submitted:** Arch Rivals, Holiday Shores, Lake Mohawk, Ski Broncs, Spray Masters, Whitmore Lake, Wonder Lake

## Eastern Region Report

Tournament-

-July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup>

-North Hampton MA

Ski Fest-

-June 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>

- North Hampton MA

-Fun Ski weekend mixing teams from the region

Drivers/ Safety Clinics

-May in Bantam CT

-June 12<sup>th</sup> In North Hampton MA

## Midwest Regional Report

We as a region have not had a meeting since the November meeting the next one is SAT. at Noon at the Expo

So the last report is still the same

2 tournaments KAMST at Waterhawks

And Regional's at Bay side

We will have Ski motion somewhere TBA

## Southern Region Report

Most items of significance were covered in the November meeting. I will keep this very brief.

Alabama is working hard on plans for the Southern Regional in June. Southern Extreme is gearing up for their first tournament in several years as they host the Sunshine State tournament in October and the Florida teams are just starting to get back to skiing as the weather warms up. They have endured a very cold winter with temperatures **way down in the 30's**.

Thanks,

Charles Norrell

## The Wisconsin Region Report February 2010

**Dates for 2010:**



Wisconsin Water Ski Convention and Expo February 26 - 28



Ski Camp June 12 – 13



Northwoods Invitational June 25 - 27



Mercury Open June 26 – June 27



Wisconsin State/Regional July 15 – 18



Tomahawk All Star Tournament August 28<sup>th</sup>



50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration/Fun Tournament September 11<sup>th</sup>

The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year this year. We are excited about this and have several events planned. Our culminating event will be the weekend of September 11<sup>th</sup> in Wisconsin Dells. We will be having a Fun tournament where anybody can enter. We will divide everybody into equal teams and they will be given an hour to prepare for a show. We did this last year as The Scott Coley Memorial Tournament and it was a big success. This year we are excited about holding this at the site of The Tommy Bartlett Ski Sky and Stage Show. This will be an incredible opportunity for people who might not normally have the opportunity to ski there. In addition, we will be having a banquet/party that Saturday evening to celebrate the event and the 50 years of The Wisconsin Water Ski Federation.

### **Seeking Advice**

The Wisconsin state Senate has passed a proposal that would require children under age 10 to wear a life jacket when on board boats up to 26 feet long. Wisconsin and Virginia are the only states without such a requirement now. Children on boats operating in federal water are required to wear life jackets. Current Wisconsin law requires life jackets on board for all passengers. However, they do not have to be worn. The bill passed, would require those ages 10 and under to wear the life jacket unless they are in the cabin or below deck. The bill originally applied to those under age 12, but was amended to cover those under age 10. Since this is new to us, we are wondering how other regions have handled this issue.

Officials Committee Report

February 2010.

The Officials Committee presents the following lists for Division 1 and Division 2 Show Nationals for approval based on voting by teams and the Committee. Three Secretaries will be provided for D-2 by the LOC with approval from the Chief Judge.

It is the recommendation that in the event a competitor is or appears to be injured to the point that the safety of others becomes a concern that the Chief Safety Director confer with the Chief Judge in making a determination as to whether the competitor will be allowed to continue to compete.

2010 DIVISION 1 SHOW NATIONALS - JANESVILLE, WI		
Ch. Judge	<b>Snow</b>	<b>Andy</b>
Judge	<b>Schraft</b>	<b>Sherm</b>
Judge	<b>Snow</b>	<b>Duane</b>
Judge	<b>Stout</b>	<b>Garry</b>
Judge	<b>Henke</b>	<b>Jeff</b>
Judge	<b>Gilkerson</b>	<b>Skip</b>
Judge	<b>Bonert</b>	<b>Cheryl</b>
Judge	<b>Ghiloni</b>	<b>Tom</b>
Secretary	<b>Schraft</b>	<b>Sandra</b>
Secretary	<b>Sachs</b>	<b>Ellen</b>
Secretary	<b>Poulos</b>	<b>Pam</b>
Secretary	<b>Nemec</b>	<b>Polly</b>
Secretary	<b>Henke</b>	<b>Jane</b>
Secretary	<b>Vermillion</b>	<b>Rich</b>
Secretary	<b>Babcock</b>	<b>Kay</b>
Ch Scorer	<b>Snow</b>	<b>Barb</b>
Scorer	<b>Springbrum</b>	<b>Brad</b>
Scorer	<b>Poulos</b>	<b>Mark</b>
Ch Safety	<b>Hahner</b>	<b>Steve</b>
Safety	<b>McMillan</b>	<b>Kurtis</b>
Safety	<b>Pehler</b>	<b>Heike</b>
Timer/ SM	<b>Coupland</b>	<b>Chris</b>
Driver	<b>Bemman</b>	<b>Kurt</b>
Announcer	<b>Roberts</b>	<b>Mark</b>

2010 DIVISION 2 SHOW NATIONALS- Lake City, IN		
CHIEF JUDGE	<b>Coupland</b>	<b>Chris</b>
JUDGE	<b>Pasterski</b>	<b>Terry</b>
JUDGE	<b>Poulos</b>	<b>Mark</b>
JUDGE	<b>Heilman</b>	<b>Matt</b>
JUDGE	<b>Farra</b>	<b>Deb</b>
JUDGE	<b>Modlinski</b>	<b>Alyssa</b>
SECRETARY	<b>Poulos</b>	<b>Pam</b>
SECRETARY	<b>Sachs</b>	<b>Ellen</b>
SECRETARY	<b>TBD</b>	
SECRETARY	<b>TBD</b>	
SECRETARY	<b>TBD</b>	
CHIEF SCORER	<b>Babcock</b>	<b>Kay</b>
SCORER	<b>Dull</b>	<b>Nancy</b>

**Safety Report**  
**2010 NSSA Winter Meeting**

There are only a few things to report at this point. A tape has been sent to Jim Boland to edit and clean-up, and when ready inserted into the Drivers Program video material.

A grant has been written by USA-WS for funding to place the safety clinic online. There are no associated details at this time.

There is a concern from the Safety Directors about developing quality knowledgeable people to work at tournaments. They also feel that it is important that the new people are of the caliber that the athletes have confidence in. A solution has not been discovered to present to the BOD at this point.

Another concern that has been presented by the Safety Directors is when an injured athlete may re-enter competition. In recent years there have been several problematic scenarios relating to this dilemma. There is no solution to be presented at this time either, but the BOD should be aware of the issue. This will be something that will likely travel through a number of NSSA Committees before a working solution is available.

## **Policies & Procedures Committee** February 2010

The whole NSSA Board and the various NSSA Committees are part of this committee and no changes are made without their approval. So, if any Board member sees a conflict or problem listed in our P&P Manual, please contact Kurt Bemman about these. Thank You for your help !

### **NSSA Awards Committee Report**

Another award is being made for the D2 Male MVP. No other action at this time.  
Gerry Luiting

### **GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT** February 2010

We have not been told yet as to the amount that we will have to work with for Grants in 2010. But the committee will have its conference call around April 15th to determine how the funds will be divided.

We will be taking a new direction in working with the teams this year starting with the Grants Tank tomorrow. We will be covering not only how to file for the grant, but going into more detail as to what is and is not covered by the Grants Program. We will also try to get them thinking about ways that the team can be proactive in meeting the guidelines that have been set so that they can receive the Grant moneys available to them.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

To: NSSA Board of Directors

From: Kevin Hayes, Nominating Committee Chair

Date: February 15 2010

Subject: Nominating Committee Report

As a result of our committee meetings, this is what our committee has addressed and is recommending to the NSSA Board of Directors. They are as follows:

1.

NSSA Board of Directors Officers/Elections

We will be holding the Elections of the temporary officers at the beginning of the Winter Meeting. I have nominations for.

President- Gerry Luiting-Nominated by Hans Hauschild

Roger Olson –Nominated by Mark Poulos

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Vice President elections will take place if Gerry Luiting is elected for President.

Elections for officers will be held at the 2010 Division I Show Nationals Meeting.

Nomination will be opened at Winter Meeting.

2.

Elite Athlete Nomination/Election

Roger Olson's term as our Elite Athlete ends at the conclusion of the 2010 Division I Show Nationals. Nominations are now open for the position from the NSSA Board Roger has been nominated by Mark Poulos. Nominations will be closed June 1, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Hayes  
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## **NSSA Rules Committee Report February 26, 2010**

There has not been much committee activity since the November meeting. We did vote to hold a face to face meeting the afternoon before the November meeting if we feel it necessary.

### **Publicity Report**

We only had one article published other than the Show Nationals coverage. The magazine published the article I co wrote on our Australian visitors. I will bring a copy. Nothing significant. I think we should do an article on WWSC&E as it is the hallmark of water ski training. In short.....Nothing to write about over the winter.  
Mark Poulos

### **NSSA National Records Committee Winter NSSA Meeting 2/26/10**

At the Fall '09 NSSA meeting, the National Records Committee confirmed and verified 2 new records.

The first of these is for the largest Front Barefoot line. On Labor Day weekend, 2009, the Rock Aqua Jays set the record with 20 barefooters. This is under the categories of National Record and Team/Show Record. The record can be seen on Youtube.

The second record was also set by The Rock Aqua Jays. This record is for the Largest Pyramid. The record was verified at 44 skiers and is under the categories of Tournament Record and Team/Show Record. This record was set at the 2003 Show Nationals.

These records are being submitted for final approval, pending the outcome of the public verification time limit.

Over the course of the weekend, the National Records Committee will be reviewing 1 record submitted by Sarasota for ATB.

If you know of any other records that haven't been submitted, please let us know.

Respectfully,  
Chris Coupland

### **TV PRODUCTION REPORT NSSA 2-26-10**

Terry Pasterski, Chairperson

Steve Upp is in communication with the USOC regarding the webcast production of 2010 Show Nationals. We have a 4 year contract with them, of which this will be the third year.

## TEAM DEVELOPMENT REPORT

NSSA 2-26-10

Terry Pasterski, Chairperson

Two teams are coming to the Wisconsin Water Ski Convention and Expo (Think Tank) on Team Development grants. They are Grand City from Michigan and Pomona Lake from Kansas. Grand City is bringing 18 people and Pomona Lake is bringing 3 people.

Holiday Shores has scheduled their clinic with the Luitings for June. Since Grand City tried to schedule a time and couldn't, we will need to carry over their grant money allotment to 2011.

The Central region and the Rock Aqua Jays are splitting the cost of the luncheon on Saturday for both teams for their Q & A session with RAJ's.

Pomona Lake will receive their DVD's at the luncheon.

## NSSA Individual Acts 2010 Winter Report

Committee Members: Ann Tieman, Betty Bonifay, Chery Orloff, Ginny Rezin, Gary & Lindsey Geer, Gerry & Cathy Luiting, Doug Ribley, Ben Schneider, Tom Ghiloni

Updated the Skills Sheets – HQ putting the updates on the website

Corrected the inaccurately labeled photos – corrections included in new officials class

Developed new class for Officials Committee – Special note of thanks to Jim Boland, Kent Perry, and Dave Williams. Their contributions are invaluable!

Encouraging variety in skills performed (performing a skill more than twice without variation of the skill will not improve the score)

Standardize deductions for falls – see wording in red below:

**9.02 Swivel and Doubles** - Both swivel and doubles will be evaluated on:

Technical Merit

Artistic Interpretation

0 – 10 points

0 – 10 points

At the conclusion of the competitor's performance, each judge will simultaneously display their scores for all to see. Judges will award scores in tenths-of-points intervals. The highest and lowest judges' scores will be eliminated if there are five or seven judges. The technical scores will then be added and divided by the number of judges' scores used and the same for the artistic scores. These two averages are then added together for the competitor's final score. The average for each competitor will be carried out to two decimal places and likewise the final score will then be reported to two decimal places. If the competitor(s) fall a 1.0 point deduction per fall will be automatically deducted from this point total. If there should be a tie in the scores, final placement will be determined by the highest technical

score. If these are equal, a tie shall be declared.

**Judging Swivel and Doubles Competitions** - Both swivel and doubles competition will be judged on technical merit and artistic impression. As judges you will give a score from 0 - 10 points using tenths for each category. Generally, you should be looking at the execution, the difficulty, and appearance of each performance. Emphasis should be placed on both execution and

difficulty. Technique should not be compromised for more "tricks". Judges should think in terms of

quality performance, difficulty, and not necessarily quantity.

1. Technical Merit - Each move or maneuver should be executed precisely from start to finish. Proper technique is the key factor. This includes basic body positioning normally associated with ballet and dance basics (turn out, pointed toes, balance and control, arm movements, posture). Flow and continuity of movements also affect proper execution. Difficulty of the maneuvers shall also be considered in this category.

2. Artistic Impression - Simply said: all the movement in between the technical maneuvers or tricks. Considered is your interpretation of basics, choreography, style, and creativity. This is also the category where the opening and closing of each performance is considered. Above all, showmanship.

All scores for each category will be displayed at the same time at the conclusion of the performance. Have your scorecards ready and all the scoring judges are to hold up their cards

at the same time. The announcer will be in charge of making sure that all the judges are ready and will not start reading them until they are all held up. An automatic 1.0 point deduction per fall will occur after the scorer's arrive at the competitors' final score.

### **Section 3 - Instructions To The Chief Scorer**

As Chief Scorer, your responsibility covers the tabulation of all the scores. Your main responsibility is to ensure that the results are accurate. You will also, along with the Chief Judge, be responsible to ensure that the entry requirements have been met. You must fully understand the scoring system.

The Chief Scorer shall work with the tournament chairman to make sure that all necessary supplies are on hand to facilitate the scoring of the tournament (i.e., calculators with tapes, pencils, carbon paper, clipboards, paper rolls, etc.).

**Show Acts Competition** - The scorers will tabulate all the scores. You will be responsible for checking all their figures and verifying that they are correct. You will be responsible for the completion of the Scorers' Forms, including the deduction of any penalty points from the final score. All penalties need to be verified by the Chief Judge.

**Individual Competition** - The Chief Scorer will be responsible for writing down the scores as they are read by the announcer and then tabulating the results on the Scorers' Forms. Upon verification of any penalty points, including 1.0 point deduction per fall, by the Chief Judge; you will have to deduct them from the final score.

## NSSA Freestyle Committee Report Winter Meeting 2/26/10

After our Freestyle Committee meeting in the fall and our discussions with some of the competitors, our committee feels that we are on the right track in regards to bringing back freestyle. Therefore, instead of rushing into rules changes, we are respectfully requesting the following rules exceptions:

Individual & Show Acts Competition.

Rule 9.03

6&7. There will be the single customary 49ft +/- 1ft buoy on the right side as well as the left side. There will be no 500 ft buoy.

2. A panel of three, five or seven judges will score each maneuver attempted. A skier must regain normal skiing position either forward or backward to receive credit for the jump. Style scores will be awarded from 0 to 10 points in 1/2-point intervals. Style is a combination of Style, Execution, and Amplitude. The judges will simultaneously display their scores for all to see prior to the next jump attempt. An attempted trick which becomes another is scored zero (e.g., a badly skewed Mobius does not qualify as a Helicopter).

3. Competitors shall receive 4 passes at the ramp set at 5 ½ ft. in which they attempt the maneuvers described below. The best two scores will count towards their final score. A repeat of a previous successful maneuver shall NOT score zero and the competitor may use the higher score of a repeated trick.

5. To determine the skier's final score, eliminate high and low form scores if five or seven judges are used, then sum the judges' scores and divide by the number of judges' scores used. Multiply the result by ten and then by the degree of difficulty. Repeat this process for all three jumps. The sum of the two highest scoring jumps will be the skier's final score. All calculations shall be rounded to two decimal places. If there is a tie in scores, the final placement will be determined by the highest scoring single jump. If this is equal, a tie shall be declared.

At the National Show Tournament, the distance of the freestyle jump shall be factored into the final score with a bonus of 10%. Sponsoring hosts shall provide an additional 70 foot distance buoy placed in a manner which will not affect the jumpers landing. To determine the skier's final score, take the scores from the above paragraph and multiply the final total by 1.1 if they reached or passed the 70 foot distance buoy. The sum of the two highest scores for each skier shall determine their final score for placement.

# **International Show Committee**

## **Report**

**February 26, 2010**

There has not been much activity with this committee with the start of the IWWF Show Committee. The one thing we are doing is looking over the International Show Rule Book and giving suggestions.

I have heard nothing new about the tournament in China. I asked again at the beginning of February.