

AGENDA AWSA – MIDWEST REGION 2014 WINTER MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2014 – CHICAGO, IL

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
 - Jim Babcock
 - Jim McClure
 - Molly & Peter Dahl (for Darren)
 - Dennis & Delaina Downes
 - Dave Clark
 - Kate Knafla
 - Jeff Surdej
 - Darr & Dawn Leutz
3. Appointment of Parliamentarian – Darr Leutz
4. Agenda Review – No changes
5. Approval of the Summer 2014 Council Meetings Minutes – Darr motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Dennis. Motion Carried.
6. EVP Report
 - * Brit Hoyland has left HQ – Sandy Hardy handling sanctions interim
 - * National meeting – banquet Saturday night to kick off 75th anniversary
“Life on the Water” is new tag line – goal to get more non-tournament skiers as members to USAWS.
 - Nationals – Texas – 6 days Monday through Saturday
 - Possibly changing dates to go over the weekend for 2015
 - Start times will be a little later because of the sun and be done by 3-4 because of the heat
 - Wanting to bring back the prestige of winning so only 2 award ceremonies
 - Having tents available for Regions to rent
 - We like the idea – getting camaraderie going within the region.
 - Darr motions that the region pay for the 20x40 tent for \$600, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.
 - Recommendation that each state be assigned a day to provide refreshments for the Region. Kate will coordinate with the Councilpersons on what states will have what day and the councilperson is responsible to coordinate the refreshments. The states are financially responsible for providing the refreshments. Anything from drinks to food, whatever the states want to do.
 - Dennis suggested putting a spreadsheet on the website for

states to choose what they want to do.

- Dave discussed his efforts in providing Bob Mayhew with statistics for the decline in membership. Questions raised: Have we surveyed the members that have left the organization? How do we maintain membership? How do we promote the sport?
- There is a new marketing person, Krista Rogers at HQ to promote USAWS
- Please remember when sanctioning tournaments that all appointed officials must be rated in every event. Exceptions can be made
- New mandate all R tournaments must be sanctioned 30 days ahead of time beginning March 1 per IWWF. Jim Mies didn't know this needed to happen and wasn't being passed forward. So clubs need to do at this point. Jim Mies and Bob Corson are looking into.
- Summer Regional recommendations results
Website – something needs to change to attract non-skiers – USAWS also agrees with this, just not high on the priority list at this point.
New chair for skier qualification – Keith Lindemulder
Promote Regional/National cutoff – need to bring to their attention again
Shopping cart for online registration – will ask again at the meeting
Trick video needs to be updated – done and is now web-based. Practice videos at Gene Davis you-tube site.

7. Treasurer's Report – Tom Danford

* Tom mentioned that in past years donations to AWSEF have been put toward memorials. Some years there have been no memorial. Tom is suggesting that the Region set up an endowment for a scholarship for a Midwest Collegiate Skier.

* Darr motions that in the future we donate the same amount of money to AWSEF, but 1/3 of the money goes into the general fund and 2/3 is designated to a scholarship fund for a Midwest Collegiate Skier, seconded by Dennis. Motion Carried. Kate will talk to Tom about getting this set up.

8. Secretary Report – Delaina Downes - All is good

9. State Council Reports

a. Illinois – Roy Surdej/Jeff

Very good year – normal tournaments they usually do. Back to 1.5 days for state. Had Jr clinic before state 20 kids, 3 new participants. State is going to new location – Roberts place. Normal slate of tournaments for 2014 – more record tournaments, would like to have all record tournaments. Have more TC and Pan Am judges. Regionals back to Wilmington. Would like to see more participation from Jrs, not sure how to promote.

b. Indiana – Jim Beck

See report

c. Iowa – Kevin Klingbeil

Not present – No report

d. Kansas – Dennis Downes

See report – Jrs going strong, added a 4th ride to help pick up a few skiers. Excited about Jr camp – Erin & Cole, Dane & Friend. Promoting online registration. Terry Dlugosh coming to do a Safety Clinic.

Off topic discussion about the need for Safety Clinics for maintenance that are online based.

e. Michigan – Doug Rooker

Nothing to report – health problems kept him from coming.

f. Minnesota/ND – Darren Janzig/Peter Dahl

See report – also did a Jr clinic before state tournament for juniors participating in the State Tournament.

g. Missouri – Cole Kalkbrenner

See report – Mid-West Night Fly event went well and is scheduled for Aug 2014. Would like to have event ad in guide again

Darr motions to advertise events for Mid-West Night Fly & Malibu Open in the regional guide, seconded by Jim M. Motion Carried

h. Nebraska – Jason Weber – unable to attend due to weather

See report

i. Ohio – Jim McClure

See report – side note – used to promote membership by manning booths at boat show. Jr US Open also in Ohio but struggled due to weather.

J. Wisconsin – Jim Babcock

See report. Jim has heard that Cole and Erin Kalkbrenner will be traveling around the region and are open to helping with Jr development

10. National Director's Report – Dennis Downes, Darr Leutz, Jeff Surdej
Jeff is stepping down this summer. Peter Dahl will be on the ballot for 2014.
Darr is stepping down in 2015. Need to start looking for a replacement.
11. USA Water Ski Director's Report – Dave Clark
Sanction fee changes – online registration fee is now bundled into the sanction fee so the total fee is \$125.00
75th anniversary this year and the USAWS Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be the kick off to the event.

12. Committee Report

- a. Judges and Scorer's – Jeff Smith
See report. Sr Clinic – Feb 8th
Virtual Clinic attendance possible
TC clinic idea – go to Regional site to assist in setup – Peter looking into
New Trick video for senior and regular judge updated
- b. Rules – Dean Chappell, Dave Clark
Dean is looking to step down in the next year or so. Start looking for a replacement.
See report – areas that they would like guidance.
Discussion
 - Class X
 - Rule 1.15 – Judgment Standards
 - Proposal 8
 - Proposal 13
 - Proposal 15
 - Proposal 21 - Type III CG Approved vest in boat important.
 - Disqualification Proposal – jump – disqualify vs. turn over
- c. Skiers Qualification – Jeff Surdej
No report - Have new committee chair now – NOPS was the first order of business when the chair took over
- d. Technical – Peter Dahl
See report – changing age from 15 to 18, record application will have another tab
- e. Towboat – George Lindy
See report
- f. International Activities – Larry Downes, Jeff Smith
See report – Sr Worlds in Florida – 92 Americans qualified. Probably more people qualified that know. Make sure your states know.
- g. Junior Development – Dawn Leutz
 - * Camp is going back at Cory's.
 - * Dawn would like to know if she has to get approval every time or can she have approval to take alternates if able to.
Dennis motions to allow MWJD Coordinator to make the decision to allow alternates to go to Jr Camp, seconded by Jim M. motion carried.
 - Dawn is looking to step down in next 2 years and she is currently looking for next person to take over.
 - Dawn wondering if there is a better way to get junior team decided at Regionals which would give them more time to crunch the numbers.
 - Also looking for ways to get the parents more involved, e.g. schedule to

man the tent.

- Donations came from Illinois, Wilma & Dick Nock, Minnesota.
- Looking for other ways to fund-raise.
- National team members Savannah and Hannah get a \$125 stipend to go towards deposit for ski camp. Hannah and Savannah have raffle tickets to sell for the National Team. Dawn is suggesting that the Region consider buying any left over tickets since they will also have Midwest Team tickets to sell.

Dennis motions that the Midwest Region buy any left over tickets from the National raffle, seconded by Peter. Motion carried.

- * Changed format in 2013 to do less live auction items. Hopefully we will still see items from Steve Gallop.

h. Safety – Jim Babcock

See report. Hopefully there will be a new safety handbook.

We need more Safety Instructors. Need to be a Regional Safety Director and have taught a clinic with a rated instructor.

i. Awards – Christy Kingsmill

2014 Tommy Dorwin – Nate Smith, Mary Jo Powers – Jeff Surdej

New design for the plaque will – incorporates the Regional logo for that year

j. Drivers – Troy Zoellner – not present

Remind drivers of the MVR requirement through USAWS.

k. Seeding – Dave Clark

No report. Limitation of Windows – only exports 3 scores. But found there actually isn't a restriction in ranking list program. Asking Dave Allen to take out the restriction.

l. Bylaws – Bill Murbach

- * Looking to step down in the near future. Would like someone to come on for a year to learn the ropes.

- * Darr motions to accept the changes to P&P 2.1.10 regarding Entry Deadline dates as written, seconded by Jim B. Motion Carried.

- * Darr motions to accept changes to P&P 2.1.12 regarding towboats for Regionals, seconded by Dennis. Motion Carried.

m. Nominating – Molly Casanova-Dahl

Peter on the ballot for national director

n. Announcers – Cris Kodiak

Jerry Hosner been on the announcers committee for many years. We need to thank him for all his work over the years.

o. Tellers – Cale Burdick

Agreed to stay on Tellers for another year.

p. Grassroots – Dave Jarrett – New Chair

Needs Direction for the committee. Kate is still trying to find out what AWSA is doing with grassroots.

q. Waterways – Dan Connelly

Contact Dan if there is anything in your state you need help with.

13. Other Reports

a. AWSEF – Tracy Mattes is the new executive director. Revamping with new name - USA Waterski Foundation. Vision of supporting and funding all US Teams to ensure that our representatives at international tournaments reflect the behavior, lifestyle and success to which our youth should aspire (US Team Support)

b. 2014 Regionals – Jeff and Roy Surdej

Schedule will be similar to last year. Malibu Open is the same weekend this year.

c. Regional Guide – Jim Babcock

* Still need Jr dev. pages

* Collegiate – would Chair rather have tournaments listed chronologically with the traditional tournaments or have the collegiate tournaments separate?

* Running out of room on the awards page

* Needs a how to for online registration.

* Fees for non-USA tournaments – are we getting a credit for sending to show skiers? Yes.

* 7 tournaments sanctioned after the Dec 15th deadline.

* Down 20 tournaments from last year – Jim and Kate will check with the tournament directors from last year about tournaments not currently sanctioned

* Sanction site didn't put a place to put a late entry fee . . .

* Mid-February is deadline to get to printer

d. Regional Records – Jerry Hosner

See report

e. Regional Website – www.awsamidwest.org – Michael Newth

Up and running. Check it out

f. NCWSA – Christy Kingsmill

Full schedule up soon – discussion about splitting up into 2 regions

(Great Plains / Great Lakes). Our numbers are much higher than other regions

14. Other Old Business

15. New Business

Jeff – Discussion on exception for National's if officials/skiers are participating in a Pro/Cash Prize event during Regional's. (Like International) – Regional Recommendation

16. Regional Recommendations to AWSA BOD

LOC needs to have access to participant information (email) in the event

there are changes to event.
Shopping cart for online registration

Darr motions that committee chairs stay for executive session, seconded by Dave.
Motion Carried.

17. Executive Session

Regional Chiefs

Chief Judge – Jeff Smith

Chief Scorer – Maddy Baldwin

Darr motion to approve CJ, CS for Regionals, seconded by Dave.

Motion Carried.

Chief Safety – Jim B

TC – Dave C or Dean C

Assignments – Kelly Z

Assistant Scorer – Kate K

Regional Appointed/Assistant Candidates

Buddy Piercy - ACJ

Mark Boender - appointed

Dan VanDyk - appointed

Janice Prociw - ACJ

Janet Piercy - ACJ

Larry Downes - Appointed

Delaina Downes - Appointed

Sara Vanagas (Chappell) - ACJ,

Cory Piercy - appointed

Darr motioned to use all volunteers, seconded by Dave. Motion Carried.

Jeff motioned to approve the above assignments, seconded by Jim M. Motion Carried.

National Officials

Buddy Piercy – Appointed Judge

Janice Prociw – Assigned Judge

Janet Piercy – Appointed Judge

Dennis Downes – Assigned Judge

Delaina Downes – Appointed Scorer

Dave Clark – Appointed Judge

Darr motioned to approve above officials and the listed assignments, seconded by Jim M. Motion Carried.

Regional Drivers

Dean Chappell

Greg Chapman
Darren Janzig
Chris Kosek
George Lindy
Jim McClure
Brian Porter
Roy Surdej
Troy Zoellner

Darr motioned to approve the above drivers for Regionals, seconded by Dennis. Motion Carried

Darr motions that Troy Zoellner as the Chief Driver and Jim McClure as the Assistant, seconded by Dennis. Motion Carried

National Drivers – Ballot Vote

Dean Chappell
Roy Surdej

2015 Regional Bids

Waters Edge

Darr motions to accept Waters Edge bid for 2015 Regional, seconded by Jim B. Motion Carried.

Peter motions to accept the Financial Budget as presented, seconded by Dennis. Motion Carried.

18. Adjourn

Darr motions to adjourn, seconded by Jim B. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Delaina Downes

Midwest Regional Packet

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AWSA - Mid West Region

Winter Council Report

January 11, 2014

<http://www.indianawaterski.org>

President: Dave Jarrett Secretary: Matt Beck

Vice President: Sponsorship: Aaron Crane

Treasure: Gary Hall Membership: Joe Gray

• Board of Directors

While we have been trying to get new faces involved in Indiana we have ended up with new people on our board who are ski enthusiasts, but really don't have any tournament skiing background. This kind of causes a gap between what they want to do as a sport and our relation to USAWaterski. Makes it challenging and interesting.

• Hall Of Fame Inductees

At our fall awards banquet we inducted two to the IWSA HOF Larry Smith - Larry has been a IWSA board member for 25 years and still helps endlessly contributing to the sport.

• Tournaments for 2014 - 13 Scheduled Tournaments (details on back)

• State Tournament Considering a 3 round pick and choose at state. The last few years the tournament has been ending early allowing time for multiple rounds.

• Hoosier Buoy Tour

2012 was the inaugural event of the Hoosier buoy Tour. Plans are bigger and better for 2014 w/ hopes to draw new interest in tournament skiing. Events will be mixed within regular tournaments as well as holding their own HBT events.

• Jr. Clinic

Having a hard time finding kids to partake in the Clinic, most are new kids learning tournament skiing for the first time.

• Learn to Ski Clinics

Indy skiers in Indianapolis will hold 2 Learn to ski days. These events went over huge last year with 3 boats running non-stop from 9 - 7 at night, teaching kids to ski for the first time on the river in down town Indy

• World Championships

Indiana had two participants in the World Championships in Santiago Chili. Nate Smith and Cale Burdick. But did you know that they grew up skiing together as neighbors on Champion Lake in McCordsville IN. Nate (we don't know where he lives to this date, he's all over the world) went on to win the Championships and Cale who resides now in Michigan finished 7th.

2014 IWSA Tournament Schedule

June

1 Spring Fling - Fairland
14 Sawmill - 3 Round Slalom record
21 Hoosier Bouy Tour @ Brewski
28 Silent Shores – Slalom and Trick

July

5 Hoosier Buoy Tour @ Morton
12 Timberlake
12 - 13 Hawthorn – 3 event
19 Cindonway 3 event
26- 27 Hawthorn – Indiana State Championships

August

16 Hoosier Buoy Tour @ Morton
24 Purdue Alumni Tournament

September

6 Silent Shores – Slalom and Trick
13 Sawmill – 3 Round Slalom Record

KANSAS WATER SKI FEDERATION

Midwest Winter Meeting

January 11, 2014

President – Delaina Downes
Vice President – Casey Kohler
Secretary – Mark Register
Treasurer – Kurtis Threlkeld
Kansas Council Person – Dennis Downes

2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April ?? Safety Clinic Wichita, KS
May ?? Drivers Clinic (For trained drivers) Wichita, KS
May 1/2 Wichita, KS
June 2-6 Kansas Junior Development Camp Wichita, KS
June 7/8 Mystic Lakes 3-event Tournament Wichita, KS
June 21/22 Mystic Lakes Barefoot Clinic/Tournament Wichita, KS
June 21/22 Spray Lake 3-event Tournament Wichita, KS
July 5/6 Lone Rock Slalom/Team Challenge Smithville, MO
July 12 Country Lakes Slalom/Trick Tournament Bucyrus, KS
July 13 MOKAN Pick & Choose Lawrence, KS
July 19/20 Kansas State Championships Topeka, KS

July 26/27 Princess Slalom (first tournament) Hays, KS
August 24 Spray Lake Pick & Choose Wichita, KS
August 25 Mystic Lakes Pick & Choose Wichita, KS

Traditional 3-event:

Our Traditional tournaments are continuing to stay fairly strong but remain in need of new skiers. We are offering "Second Chance Slalom" for grass roots slalom skiers but usually only have a couple at each event. We are hoping to do some learn to ski clinics but still struggle with finding a site willing to give up their water time as well as just making time ourselves.

For the first time, we offered an additional ski ride at the State Tournament to try and draw the one event specialist and allowed skiers to get two rides in one of their events. The second ride only counted for ranking list and not placement. The change was well received and we saw a slight increase in skiers. We are planning to do the same again this year.

Again last year, all of our tournaments utilized on-line registration and most of our skiers are diligent about getting signed up on-line. This has certainly been helpful in setting up the tournaments. On line registration also eliminates the LOC's from having to keep copies of the liability waivers. We would still like to see on-line registration set up such that the skiers can sign up on line but pay at the site as many of our skiers do not want to use Pay Pal or a credit card.

Junior Team:

Kansas Junior Ski Team continues to stay strong; We had a great camp again this year with coaching again from Mason and Dane Mechler as well as Erin Kalkbrenner. With our numbers being down a little, we were able to take a couple of additional junior skiers that had not our qualifications and they were very excited to have the opportunity. 17 skiers have been selected for the 2014 team and we are again planning to invite some additional skiers.

Grass Roots:

As noted above, our Grass Roots participation is still down and we only had a couple of new skiers attend tournaments last year. We are trying to encourage the Collegian skiers to come to the summer tournaments by lowering entry fees for them but ultimately we have to do more learn to ski clinics and invite new skiers to our private sites.

Officials:

We have several good Assistant judges and scorers that we are hoping will test for their Regulars. We are in need of some back up at the Regular level so the State is less dependent on the few we have in order to host tournaments. We continue to see an increase in interest from the College kids which is exciting. We still remain very short of Safety Directors but have several people interested and need to schedule a clinic before the season starts.

Tournament in a box:

Due to the ever increasing need for technology at our tournaments, the KWSF has decided to try and share tournament equipment rather than each club having to provide their own. The concept is that laptop computers, video cameras (for tricks), monitors, trick timers, radios, etc. would travel in a box from tournament to tournament and that there would be a per tournament charge for the use of the equipment. We are hoping this

will be less of a burden for the smaller clubs or those that are less tech savvy and allow us to stay current on our equipment.

**Minnesota Water Ski Association
Winter Meeting Report
Chicago, IL
January 11, 2014**

Submitted by Darren Janzig

MWSA Officers

President – Phil Jirsa

Vice President – Adam Howard

Treasurer – Dave Kaldor

Secretary – Cindy Kaldor

State Council Rep – Darren Janzig

Tournaments

Below is the proposed tournament schedule for the 2014 calendar year. The Greater Midwest Open which is held in July is again on the schedule and will be hosted by TLEII in Pine Island. This tournament has experienced low participation over the past several years with the hope to improve participation with the move to Pine Island. The Shoreview location was again unusable for the 2013 season due to weeds but there will be an effort this season to reclaim the site for an end of season tournament. It has been a number of years since the site has been capable of holding waterski tournaments due to water level and weed conditions.

June

20-21 June Paradise Lake Chippewa Falls, WI

27 Center City Warm-Up Center City, MN

28-29 Center City Record Center City, MN

July

4-6 4th of July Glenwood, MN ??

12-13 Greater Midwest Open Pine Island, MN

20-21 10,000 Lakes Open Shakopee, MN

26-27 Ralph Samuelson MN State Championships Center City, MN

August

1-3 Midwest Regional Championships Wilmington, IL

11-16 US National Championships Texas

22-24 New Year's Resolution Glenwood, MN

29-30 Fall Paradise Lake Chippewa Falls, WI

September

6-7 Island Lake 2 Round Shoreview, MN

13-14 Glenwood or Center City, MN

Junior Development

After another successful and rewarding 2013 MWSA Junior Development, we are looking forward to this year's event that is proposed for June 6-8. Moving the date to a week or 2 later is in discussion due to many of the prior years have experienced poor weather conditions. With local coaching, fund raising, and expense control, the cost per

student for the 3 day event is still at \$99. There is an increased interest for this year and participation is expected to be up. 4 sites were utilized last year with an average of 10+ students per site.

Ski Nights

Ski Nights is a program sponsored by MWSA to promote growth of competitive water skiing by providing coaching and access to a slalom course to skiers that have not skied in a tournament. Competitive skiers host 6-10 adult skiers on a given night and teach the basics of tournament skiing. Last year was very successful with 7 ski nights hosted throughout the metro area. Schedule and locations are currently being assembled.

Promo Boats

Available promotion boats should be consistent with last year.

MWSA Membership Meetings

The winter meeting schedule has been to bimonthly meetings.

Tournament survey

A survey was presented to the membership at the State tournament banquet to address the overall tournament format. It was presented at the banquet because this is the largest representative group that is assembled during the year. The questions were framed to understand if a change to tournaments could help improve participation. There were 23 responses with 1 response per family.

Below are a few of the questions and results.

Should we change the entire tournament schedule? 83% said no

When should the first tournament be? 43% 2nd week of June, 33% 3rd week of June, 24% other

How many tournaments should there be in our area? 14% more, 76% same, 10% less

Tournament deadline – How many days before the tournament? 39% 2 days, 3 days 17%, 39% 4 or more, 5% no deadline

Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday? - 14% F/S, 86% S/S

For 3 event tournaments, slalom 1 day and trick/jump on the other or mixed? 33% separate, 67% mixed

Tournament fees? 32% too high, 68% OK, 0% Could be higher

Nebraska Water Ski Federation

Midwest Winter Meeting

January 11, 2014

President – Tami McLaughlin

NE Council Person – Jason Weber

2014 Schedule of Events

June 28th – Shortline Spring Classic – Shortline Lake, Syracuse, NE

June 29th – Disability Clinic – Championship Lake Estates, Ashland, NE

July 19th & 20th – Cornhusker State Games / NE State Championships – Championship Lake Estates, Ashland, NE

August 30th – 14th Big Dawg – Championship Lake Estates, Ashland, NE

August 31st – Labor Day Bash - Championship Lake Estates, Ashland, NE

September 6th & 7th – Shortline Fall Classic - Shortline Lake, Syracuse, NE

Tournament Schedule

Our tournament schedule in NE is much the same as in the past except for the addition of another fall

tournament hosted by Shortline. With the available time in July and August we've struggled to get two tournaments at each site so adding a fall one will help lessen scheduling conflicts and should offer better weather with wind being less at the Shortline Site in the fall. Our state Tournament will once again be a featured event in the Cornhusker State Games which has afforded us some media coverage in the past and gives us the opportunity to reach skiers that register and compete in the grassroots division.

University of Nebraska Ski Team

As reported last summer UNL has an active ski team after a dormant period of almost 20 years. Tucker Johnson is the current President and has recruited several skiers that are practicing at both Championship Lakes Estates and Shortline. They did receive funding from the University Rec Sport Department to purchase a boat last summer and currently have a mid 90's Nautique. Several members are participating in our local tournaments and are looking for coaching in the areas of trick and jump.

Drivers Clinic

We hosted a Drivers Clinic as part of our Labor Day weekend tournaments last fall. Several folks participated and we added Jason Weber as an Assistant Driver

Junior Development

We missed hosting a Junior Development clinic in 2013 due to lack of participants. We'll look to schedule one for a time in late July during 2014.

Participation

NE continues to have strong participation from a core group of skiers. We have had some success with the Grass Root division at our local tournaments and recruiting new skiers through the Cornhusker State Games. The challenge becomes getting these folks involved more in the sport after the tournament ends. With the UNL ski team active again we saw several new faces at our Labor Day tournament which was encouraging. One area of concern is there are not many kids at our tournaments or participating in the sport throughout the state. A lot of factors seem to contribute to this of which the most challenging is exposure and availability of water.

Ohio

Dear Midwest Regional Council:

The Ohio Water Ski Association has had yet another accomplished year. The Buckeye Buoy Tour (BBT) and expanded collegiate development are bringing in more

and more skiers each year. The changes put in place in 2012 have created an incentive

for collegiate skiers to become officials and take part in BBT events.

The BBT schedule for 2014 is full yet again. The schedule for next year can be found on the OWSA website, following its upgrade. Ohio will be hosting six BBT events

in 2014 with the finals to be held on the Friday preceding the State Championships.

This

is a change from previous years in the hope that more will be in attendance for the conclusion of the BBT. Before, when the finals were held after States, not many were

able to attend given the strictures of school and work schedules later in the year.

Also,

there is still great interest from site owners in hosting their own events. There

were no shortage of bids this year, and the five event limit was lifted once again to six to cater to all those that wanted to take part. The BBT has provided a great opportunity to get more collegiate skiers involved as well. After the recent changes, collegiate skiers can receive a discount on their entry fee when they officiate or help out at the event and the event usually consists of multiple rounds for the lower price. The University of Miami, University of Cincinnati, and Ohio State University made it to Regionals this year, and the OWSA helped fund Miami and UC's trip to Nationals. Also, OWSA is looking to put together a master list of Ohio graduates so that skiers that got their start in college can continue in the sport after graduation. OWSA is also looking to put together an event focused clinic for collegiate skiers in the coming year such as a trick clinic. Ohio did not host a Junior Development clinic this past year, but with a newly proposed budget and newly appointed Southern and Northern Ohio Coordinators an event is in the works for mid-June of 2014. Finally, the OWSA is in the process of upgrading to a new website that should make tournament entry easier and make the site more marketable to sponsors.

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Missouri Water Ski Federation Report

We had an excellent year with many high notes. We had four class C three event tournaments, 2 collegiate tournaments, and 1 semi pro event. A larger private lake in the area has created a three event team and has 27 members. Our junior team is growing so rapidly we are having trouble accommodating the growth. We hosted our Jr elite team week at the Shulls and also had a Jr development 3 day weekend at Water Mill that was very successful. We plan on doing that again in 2014.

Midwest NightFLY a Jump/Wakeboard event in St. Louis was a hit thanks to many people in the room here today. Creve Couer lake played host to its first pro waterski event in over twenty years.

The event drew roughly 4000 people and is set to be even bigger in 2014. The Second annual Midwest NightFLY is set for August 23 next year. The ad in the regional guide was very helpful and if room permits we would appreciate the exposure again. Sorry Erin and I are missing the meeting see you all this summer!

The Missouri Water Ski Federation will be honoring John and Patty Shull for over 30 years of dedication to our sport at our annual winter meeting. If you would like to come or more info please contact Cole at 314-471-8330.

Wisconsin Report

Safety Committee / Regional Guide Committee

Jan 11, 2014 / Jim Babcock (lv2wski@charter.net)

2013 traditional / three event skiing had a total of 10 tournaments this past summer.

We also had one pro tournament, Malibu Open, at Veterans Park in Milwaukee. This event will return to Milwaukee in 2014. The date will change to back August and not June like this year. There was also one Jr Development Clinic held in Rhinelander. Again this year at the Wisconsin State Tournament we waived the fee for both for any

Men 1, Women 1 skier who brought a new Girls 1-2 or Boys 1-2 skier to the event. Ski Wisconsin, three event club, held a safety clinic, driver's clinic and a judges / scorers clinic this past summer.

For 2014 we have 4 class C and 4 GrassRoots tournaments set. By the end of the season we should have at least two more C tournaments. Show skiers will see the World Show Ski Tournament back in Wisconsin at the Janesville site. I heard only two

LOC's put in bids and both were from Wisconsin. Wisconsin Water Ski Convention & Expo will be in Green Bay for the second of a three year deal. Dates will be Feb. 21st – 23rd.

Safety Committee

There will be a new / updated safety manual in 2014. It will come active if the USA Water Ski Board approves it in January. The last printing of the Safety Manual was 2007. I have received a first draft copy. We are also at work updating the safety clinic

material. So stand by, new and more exciting safety clinics are about to happen.

Regional Guide Committee

On Site

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The 2013 Rules Committee Meeting was held at San Marcos River Ranch in the home of Ron and Kathy Ives.

The members in attendance included:

Richelle Matli, Chair

Dave Vogt, West

Bob Mayhew, SC

Kathy Ives, SC

Jeff Pohlig, S

Bob Schouten, S

Dean Chappell, MW

Dave Clark, MW

Lee Mershon, E

Gary Noll, E

Lori Covington, Ath

Seth Stisher, Ath via video

Peter Dahl, TC via video

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**IWWF REPORT: WILL SUBMIT WHEN READY
RULES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AWSA
SUMMER BOD MEETING**

1. Rules Modification regarding dual citizenship – recommend that the committee consider 3 years instead of 2 years.

This was not discussed at this time.

2. Regarding Head to Head Competition – define what scores/rounds should be considered for the ranking list. Suggestion 1: Take 3 best rounds; Suggestion 2: Take first 2 prelim rounds and the best of the last rounds.

Added wording in rule 13.02A.

3. Along with Tech Committee – Change timing chart to speed chart – call in speed instead of time.

Our TC Committee will set up a committee to work with IWWF and come up with a plan.

4. The one jump sit out rule. When a jumper crashes, instead of being rushed to return to skiing or lose his remaining jumps, the chief judge/safety director can decide to require the skier to sit out while the next skier goes, and then the skier who crashed could then finish his jump ride. This will allow time to properly evaluate the skier's condition and not make a hasty decision.

This should be a clinic issue with the CJ and CS taking responsibility.

5. L&R tournaments are burdensome on TCs, officials and even drivers. Find ways to relieve some of the burden and put some more fun back in.

We don't have control over L & R, but IWWF might be looking into changing for L tournaments.

6. Reduce the judging requirement for Class L tournaments. For example, eliminate the rule that the Chief Judge can't serve as an event judge.

See above

7. Bubble buoys should be mandatory for Regionals/Nationals. Too many slalom foot and ankle injuries now. Buoys are the wrong thing to cheap out on.

This is not something that rules should be mandating.

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RULE PROPOSALS APPROVED BY COMMITTEE:

PROPOSAL 1: ADD Class X

(Red is new; blue is existing but rearranged)

1.02.B Tournament Classification

4. CLASS X - Used for experimental formats; i.e. change in course configuration, different boat speeds, etc., where scores WOULD NOT be placed on the ranking lists. Also see Rule 1.09 C.

C. Tournament classifications may be combined. For example, a

Class R tournament may be run in conjunction with a Class C (or other).

D. Tournament fees: Please see USA-WS website under AWSA heading. Additional regional fees are also shown. (Class X equal to those for Class F, Bob Mayhew)

1.03 Sponsor Qualifications...

D. Class F (Grass Roots) **and X** Tournaments: No experience qualifications are necessary.

1.09 Tournament Limitations

A. SANCTION PERIOD LIMITATION: Tournaments, except the US Nationals, shall be sanctioned for a period of not more than six consecutive days, except where an official postponement is necessary for reasons of safety.

*B. TOURNAMENTS PER DAY: Except for the Nationals, U.S. Open, and Team Trials, a tournament site or sponsor shall be limited to a single tournament **each** per day*

*C. ROUNDS PER TOURNAMENT: There shall not more than three rounds per tournament unless subsequent rounds after the third round are elimination based **or sanctioned as Class X**.* Also, see Rule 13.01.A.

Rationale: This would allow the scoring to actually be captured and evaluated. Right now the scoring program had nowhere to send this information. Discussion regarding this proposal involved the current gate proposal changes that should be evaluated to decide if there is a Page 5 of 38

need or desire to change. Most of the wording is exactly the same just reformatted. Now it includes the Class X wording and changed the "per" day to "each" day.

APPROVED

PROPOSAL 2:

ADD: 1.15 Judging Standards

When a judgment call is too close to call and cannot be decided by allowable reviews, then the benefit of the doubt shall go to the skier.

Rationale: We felt it is necessary to state our standard for judging. This ideal has been in our clinic manual and it needs to be included in the rules.

APPROVED

PROPOSAL 3:

3.06 Performance Rankings

ADD: Within each age division, each skier is ranked in each event and overall. The ability levels are 3 through 8, with 8 being the highest level **in each age division. Level 9 is the elite ranking level, as defined in Rule 3.03.** The ranking list is continually updated.

Rationale: There have been questions as to why level 9 isn't mentioned and felt there was a need to clarify this area.

APPROVED

PROPOSAL 4:

4.02: Change the dates in the first paragraph next to last sentence.

Rationale: Clean up item regarding exempt competitors for international events.

APPROVED

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PROPOSAL 5:

4.03A section 3 – 3rd sentence the “telephone directory” is not being printed in the majority of states and we need to have an alternative reference here. I would suggest the address contained in the USA-WS membership database .

Rationale: From Jeff Clark. Will fix in rulebook.

APPROVE

PROPOSAL 6:

ADD: Rule 6.03I

Judging for all events must be performed on the tournament site.

Rationale: Felt that there was a need to make sure that events are judged from the tournament site. All of the officials should be watching and helping to make sure the tournament is running smoothly. They can't do that if they are not on site. Did not want to add any more requirements and add officials.

APPROVED

PROPOSAL 7: Disqualification Proposal moved to the end of approval proposals.

PROPOSAL 8:

Rules 8.02.D & E – Proposed Version

D. Boat Selection: For the National and U.S. Open Tournaments, the selection of boats and the assignment of boats to specific events shall be made by USA Water Ski Headquarters. National Towboat selection shall occur no later than July 1st. For Regionals, USA Water Ski Headquarters shall make the selection of boats, and the assignment shall be made by the Chief Judge and the Chief Boat Driver. At all other tournaments, the selection of towboats shall be made by the Chief Boat Driver, with the approval of the Chief Judge.

E. Boat Use in Each Event: The same driver and boat shall be used by all contestants in each Slalom and Jumping event, except in cases where two drivers of similar abilities and

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two boats of the same model and manufacturer are available, in which case the Chief Judge may decide to use two drivers and two boats in the same event in an

alternating manner. Alternating manner shall mean the next available towboat will be used. However, in Jumping and Slalom tie run-offs, only one boat and driver shall be used. For the Tricks event, the skier may select a boat from any of the designated towboats, and two teams of drivers and boat officials may be assigned to the Tricks event at the option of the Chief Judge.

Rationale: The two main rules have been restructured and condensed. The highlighted area is the only change. The committee feels that the intent of this is to have the same manufacturer's boat pull an event when using two boats. The only time a "similar" boat is used is if there is a tow boat breakdown.

APPROVED (OK with Towboat Committee)

PROPOSAL 9:

8.04D The handle or handle assembly shall be made of 2.5 cm - 2.8 cm (1" to 1.25")..... ***When measuring curved handles a 3.5" (9cm) wide block will be used to equal out the curve.***

Rationale: This equalizes and standardizes the way curved handles are measured. The edge of the block closest to the inside of the handle is where the measurement will start. This diagram will be put into the back of the rule book for reference on how to measure along with wording.

Block edge furthest from the attaching loop is the official measurement point for ALL handles, both curved and straight.

APPROVED (TC committee also)

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PROPOSAL 10:

8.10F If the skier supplies his own 80# jump switch, then the skier shall accept responsibility for any malfunction of the switch, including malfunctions that produce an out of tolerance time. When a malfunction results in a fast time ***and the skier is at maximum speed***, the jump shall be scored as a pass. When a malfunction results in ***either*** a slow time ***or a fast time and the skier is below maximum speed***, the skier shall accept the distance as his score, with no option of a reride.

Rationale: These items were omitted when we redid the interpretations. This is a clean-up item which matches the intent of the rule.

APPROVE

PROPOSAL 11:

Original proposal was voted down but still felt there was a need for a rule change. A second proposal was submitted.

9.07 Boat Path

The jumper shall tell the boat driver at what off-set distance to pass the ramp. The boat ***driver*** shall follow a straight path parallel to the course ***and parallel to the right side of the ramp and shall not***

deviate the boat path or speed at any time in order to accommodate the skier's distance, landing, or ride-out.

Rationale: Many drivers are either veering towards the jumper or away to what they think is helping the ride out. This is not allowed.

APPROVED

PROPOSAL 12:

10.03B – Add the wording from IWWF Rule 14.06.b as the last sentence at the end of 10.03.B:

A skier shall be judged as missing the entry or exit gate when the center of the ski passes to the outside of the center of the gate buoy as shown in the diagram below.

{DIAGRAM}

Rationale: In our rewrite it looked like we omitted the wording regarding judging the gates. Also move the chart to be nearer to that wording. This is the same wording as IWWF.

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APPROVE

PROPOSAL 13:

10.03C Add: ***A skier who misses their entry gate on their first pass, but goes on to complete the remainder of the pass, may continue to the next pass or accept a score of zero. If the skier completes the next sequential pass (or opt-up pass), then he shall receive credit for both passes and be allowed to continue. However, if the second pass is not fully complete, then the score shall be zero.***

Rationale: This is currently what the World Cup stops put in place for sites that are rough. Maybe this would be a good option for skiers who are afraid to ski tournaments. This would probably only affect beginner skiers. It shouldn't affect a ranking list skier as most already have scores on there if they are established skiers. This is currently being discussed at the IWWF level too.

APPROVE

PROPOSAL 14:

10.07 Boat Path

A. The boat path is intended to be a straight line along the centerline of the course.

B. In no case shall any part of the towboat ***pylon*** deviate ***by more than 20cm from the course centerline*** outside the bounds of the boat gates.

C. The bounds of the boat gates shall be defined by the center of the attachment point of each buoy.

D. Class E tournaments also see Rule 14.04.B on Record forms.

Rationale: Submitted by Will Bush, Chair Towboat Committee. This has also been submitted to IWWF. With the size of boats getting wider the wording needed to change.

APPROVED

PROPOSAL 15:

10.08D2c Each judge shall independently call the entrance gate by observing the monitor. If one or both judges did not observe the entrance gate, or the two judges should disagree, then the video Page **10** of **38**

would be replayed *only once, either* at normal speed *or in slow motion, or frame-by-frame* to make the call. *See 1.15.* (If video replay is not available, the boat judge shall call the gates.)

Rationale: There have been many frustrations and questions regarding judging gates. This follows along with our trick rule and makes it so that the judges are not totally focusing on the gates. Too many reviews can override the actual score. If it is really that close as in not seeing the ball because the skier was on top, then the score should go to the skier. This also goes along with the new rule proposal #1.15.

APPROVE

PROPOSAL 16:

10.06D Add: *A skier cannot set a National record unless they ski at the actual age division maximum speed. An OM may not ski at 58kph set a record there and then drag that score to a 55kph division (M3). (also 14.02)*

Rationale: Several Elite skiers are reaching the age where they could set a record in an age division at a different speed even with the six buoy difference. Even though our rules allow the skier to ski at a faster speed, it is felt that to achieve a record it should be at the division's maximum speed.

APPROVED

PROPOSAL 17:

11.10D Timing Devices: In the event both timing devices should malfunction and the time is missed (or in the judgment of the majority of the event judges the time was incorrect), the judges, under the supervision of the Chief Judge, will determine the time from the official video *recording* tape provided the course entry buoys appear on the *recording* tape or a majority of the judges rule that the skier was in the course at the start of the run. If neither occurs, a reride is mandatory.

Rationale: Clean-up item

APPROVED

PROPOSAL 18:

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11.10E4 Add: When weather, tournament-supplied equipment, or some other reason not the fault of the skier causes a delay of more than ten minutes between trick passes, the skier shall be allowed an unscored warm up pass, in the opposite direction of the scoring pass to be taken, with a protected score on the first pass already

completed. ***If a video failure is discovered after completion of both of the skier's trick passes, then the skier shall be required to reride the affected pass(es), but shall have a protected score so long as video of a pass, or portion thereof, is available. If a reride is required on the first pass due to a video failure, then the skier shall have the option of repeating his second pass, but with an unprotected score.*** However, the Chief Judge, with the approval of the majority of the Appointed Judges, may deny this option if there is reason to believe that further delays will preclude finishing the tournament in a timely manner or otherwise work to the disadvantage of the remaining skiers.

Rationale: If there is a problem with video and more than 10 minutes have passed, the skier will receive a warm up pass only if it is the second pass since skiers will always just come off the dock and go right into the course on their first pass. Skiers feel they should be allowed to rerun the affected passes with a protected score if video of a pass is available, depending on which pass.

When there is a problem with a video run and the first pass is missed, this could impact both passes. Since tricks performed on the 2nd pass are sometimes determined by how well the first pass went, skiers want an option to run both passes over if they choose, but that second pass would not be protected.

This follows the same rationale as slalom for rerides that result in timed delays.

APPROVED, REVISED 12-19-13

PROPOSAL 19:

11.12P ADD: A Front Flip may also have a reverse.

The reverse BFL ***or FFL*** is defined as a BFL ***or FFL*** leading with the opposite shoulder and traveling in the opposite direction (right to left vs. left to right) from the original BFL ***or FFL*** immediately preceding it.

Rationale: Feels that this trick is just as hard the other direction and should be allowed a reverse. This is also going to IWWF (Approved)

APPROVE – Note also add asterisk to trick chart in back of the rule book to indicate an allowable reverse for FFL.

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PROPOSAL 20:

11.20H Add: ***If video is reviewed by the event judges and they are unable to decide a trick, the Chief Judge or their qualified designee will review and make a final decision.***

Rationale: Some judges are watching the trick over and over again and delaying the tournament. Unfortunately there are still judges that are unable to call every run or just had problems. Instead of continuing to try to relook at a run bring in either the Chief Judge or another caller that won't delay the event.

APPROVE

PROPOSAL 21:

12.07 Safety Personnel

The safety boat rider *shall have a (Coast Guard approved Type III) PFD available in the boat, for immediate use* and shore swimmer(s) shall wear Coast Guard-approved life jackets which are fastened at all times.

Rationale: Match the Safety Manual: "AWSA Specific:

With proper training and approval of the Safety Director the back-uptimer in the official slalom / Jump towboat may be designated as the safety swimmer. He shall have a PFD available in the boat, for immediate use. A spine board and CID should be located at the starting dock so that it can be immediately retrieved in the event of an injury requiring its' use".

It seemed that our rule required the vest to be worn and the safety manual had different requirements. Some instances it is better to not wear so this gives leeway to the safety crew.

APPROVE: Approved by safety committee with added (Coast Guard approved Type III)

PROPOSAL 22:

Chart in back regarding trick course.

In the trick course diagram, specify the optional buoy shall be green and the entry buoy shall be red.

Rationale: At a collegiate tournament much discussion that since colors are missing from diagram they can use any color they want?

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APPROVE TC Approval too

PROPOSAL 23:

13.02 Head-to-Head and Elimination Competition

At Record Capability tournaments and below, with the express approval of the Regional Executive Vice President (cash award requires approval of the Executive Committee), Head-to-Head or **Elimination Competition** may be held. A preliminary contest for seeding may be held, or seeding can be based on previous performances, Regional, National, or World Rankings.

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 any round may be included in the ranking list in the same manner that non-elimination based tournaments are included (i.e. generally the best round score).

B. Cutting Procedure: Each elimination round shall reduce the field of competitors advancing to a subsequent round by 50% **or more**.

Rationale: This was discussed last year and it didn't get on the agenda. There have been several tournaments that have used a similar format to encourage competition. This rule hopes to make it easier to have alternate formats. Gives organizers a little more leeway when putting on different formats encouraging competition.

APPROVED

PROPOSAL 24:

RULE 13.04 - NO GATE SLALOM FORMATS

A. Sanctioning: Tournaments or individual rounds must be sanctioned as Class X.

- 1. Sanction fee is equal to that of a Class F format.**
- 2. Class X may be used for additional rounds but there can be no more than six total rounds in a tournament.**

B. Minimal rules:

1. ENTRY into official slalom course: Skier must initiate turn to buoy #1 from outside the crest of the left-hand (port side) boat wake AFTER passing the 55 meter boat guide alignment buoys. Additional buoys may or may not be used as

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references for skier starting points or to further restrict entry into the course.

2. EXIT from official slalom course: Skier must be in a skiing position and be inside (starboard side) of the left hand (port side) 55 meter boat guide alignment buoy to continue skiing. Additional buoys may or may not be used to further restrict area of exit.

C. Disposition of scorebooks from Class X

1. A copy with all scores from the tournament and a copy with just the Class X scores, both available through WSTIMS, must be sent to the LOC and to the President of AWSA.

2. Class X scores DO NOT go on the ranking list.

Rationale: From Bob Mayhew, Obviously, the gate issue is an important one to a number of people with strong slalom reputations. We need to recognize this. Putting a section in the rulebook that supports a no gate format will keep things alive for this concept and the use of Class X for scoring these rounds will help with good data collection for future action.

There have been many rule proposals to change the gates. The committee would like to give organizers and skiers an opportunity to try different formats. We want to see if there is a real need to change and why? This will give us a way to collect data and make a better decision.

APPROVE

PROPOSAL 25:

13.02A: Head to Head Rounds

The tournament shall consist of no more than three preliminary, nonelimination based rounds and no more than six total rounds. **For skiers advancing to elimination-based rounds, their three scores shall be recorded from the preliminary round(s) and their highest score(s) from the remaining rounds, if applicable.**

Discussion: With several tournaments putting on head to head tournaments there hasn't been a clear way of putting in the head to

head scores for inclusion in the tournament score book. This makes all preliminary rounds equal for all skiers. If the skiers that made it to the head to head can improve their score, then that was earned.

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Depending on how many preliminary rounds there are will then determine how many other scores go into the program. Ultimately only one score will go to formulate the ranking score for each skier.

APPROVE

PROPOSAL 26:

ADD 14.02: For a National Record, the performance must have occurred at a speed no greater than the division's maximum speed. (also 10.06D) From TC committee

APPROVED ADDED TO BOTH LOCATIONS IN RULE BOOK.

PROPOSAL 27:

Put into Classification Chart: In Class E Slalom events, an ASSISTANT JUDGE may replace one of the two slalom tower judges in each tower when 5 judges are being used". (Of course...this does NOT apply to Regional and National tournaments---and maybe should be noted too).

Rationale: This just makes it easier to find the judges requirements for all tournament classes.

APPROVED

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DISQUALIFICATION PROPOSAL (#7)

RATIONALE: There is a lack of clarity regarding exactly what disqualification means and how it is to be implemented. If a skier is disqualified for a certain infraction, should that skier remain eligible for placement? Does the disqualification apply to only that round or to the entire tournament? If a skier is disqualified at Regionals, should he be eligible to enter and compete in Nationals? When a skier is disqualified, how should it be recorded in the scorebook – as a zero, as a disqualification, or are the scores omitted entirely? When is a report to the AWSA Board of Directors required?

To answer these questions, Rule 7.07 needs to define what disqualification means, specify how a disqualification is to be implemented in the scorebook, explain the process by which a contestant may be disqualified, and define which rule violations are serious enough to warrant disqualification. In this proposal, disqualification is defined as depriving a contestant of the right to participate in or win a tournament because of a violation of the rules. The exact wording of the proposed definition (in Rule 7.07.A) addresses all six handling issues outlined in Dave Clark's "Rules Infractions and Handling" table. Infractions that the Rules Committee does not deem serious enough to receive the full weight of this new definition of disqualification are proposed to be moved to other sections of the rule book, with the lesser consequences of those infractions detailed there, without use of the word "disqualification."

This proposal affects several areas of the rule book, so for clarity, the

proposal is described in seven parts (Part A-G), with additional rationale and explanation included in each part.

Part A – Proposed Revisions to Rule 7.07

RATIONALE: The proposal below for Rule 7.07 defines disqualification, how a disqualification should be recorded in the scorebook, the process by which a skier is disqualified, and which infractions warrant disqualification.

Also, some sections of the existing rule are moved to other areas of the rule book. Not being ready to ski should not subject a skier to disqualification as defined in the proposed 7.07.A. Therefore, this language is removed and inserted into Rules 9.01, 10.01, and 11.01, the “General” sections for Jump, Slalom, and Tricks, as detailed in Part B below. Likewise, passing between the boat and the ramp should not subject a skier to disqualification as now defined, so this language is removed and inserted into Rule 9.03, as detailed in Part C below. Finally, interference by the quick-release operator should not subject a skier to disqualification as now defined, so this language is

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removed and inserted into Rule 11.18, as detailed in Part D below.

Misrepresentation of age or ranking is removed as its own section (7.07.F) and incorporated in the newly proposed section 7.07.C.

7.07 Disqualification

A. Not Ready to Ski: *Any contestant who fails to be on immediate hand and in condition to ski when the boat is ready for the contestant shall be disqualified from the remainder of the event in that round. However, the Chief Judge or his designee, may grant up to three additional minutes for emergencies developing or discovered just prior to the contestant's turn to ski (e.g., ripped binding).*

General: *Disqualification is the most severe penalty that a skier may receive in competition. When disqualified, a skier is barred from continued participation in the tournament in all rounds and all events and is ineligible for placement in any event or overall. Any scores recorded prior to the skier's disqualification shall be removed from the scorebook, and the scorebook shall be amended to reflect the skier's status as disqualified. Any skier who is disqualified at a Regional Tournament shall be ineligible to enter and compete in the National Tournament.*

B. Disqualification Procedures: *Contestants may be disqualified by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges for any one of the reasons listed in Sections C-E below. The Chief Judge shall submit a written report to the AWSA Board of Directors regarding any such disqualification.*

C. Cheating: *A skier shall be subject to disqualification procedures if he (or his representative) willfully violates the rules to gain an unfair advantage in competition. This shall include misrepresentation of age or ranking. Handle lengths that are found to be out of tolerance after a skier's performance shall not be considered a willful violation of the rules or a cause for disqualification. (See Rule 10.16.B.2.b regarding slalom handles out of tolerance.)*

B. D. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Any contestant (or his representative) or official whose conduct is deemed unsportsmanlike or whose conduct may cause discredit to USA Water Ski, either on or off the tournament site before, during, or after the tournament, may be disqualified from participation in the tournament. ***by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges. The Chief Judge shall submit a report to the AWSA Board of Directors regarding any such disqualification.***

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C. Passing Between the Boat and Jump Ramp in the Jumping Event: See Rule 9.18.

D. Interference by Quick-Release Operator: See Rules 11.16.B and 11.18.

E. Under the Influence of a Mind Altering Substance: Being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or any other mind altering substance, or if his participation would be a danger to himself or others, subjects a competitor to disqualification procedures. ***Disqualification is by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges.***

F. Misrepresentation of Age or Ranking: ***Disqualification is by a two-thirds majority vote of the Appointed Judges.***

Part B – Proposed Revisions to Rule 9.01, 10.01, and 11.01

RATIONALE: Not being ready to ski should not subject a skier to disqualification as defined in the proposed 7.07.A. Therefore, this language is removed and inserted into Rules 9.01, 10.01, and 11.01, the “General” sections for Jump, Slalom, and Tricks, as detailed below. The text is added directly after the existing Rules 9.01 and 11.01 and as a new subsection C in Rule 10.01. The text being added to each rule is shown below in ***bold italics***, with recommended changes from the original wording of Rule 7.07.A ***highlighted in yellow***. These changes are made to eliminate use of the word “disqualified” in order to avoid confusion.

9.01 General

Each contestant shall be allowed three passes through the jump course. ***Any contestant who fails to be on immediate hand and in condition to ski when the boat is ready for the contestant shall be disqualified from the remainder of the event in that round not be allowed to ski in that round of the event. However, the Chief Judge or his designee, may grant up to three additional minutes for emergencies developing or discovered just prior to the contestant's turn to ski (e.g., ripped binding).***

10.01 General

A. The contestant shall follow the towboat through the entrance gate of...

B. The boat shall be stopped at the end of each pass, unless the skier...

C. Any contestant who fails to be on immediate hand and in condition to ski when the boat is ready for the contestant shall be disqualified from the remainder of the event in that round

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not be allowed to ski in that round of the event. However, the Chief Judge or his designee, may grant up to three additional minutes for emergencies developing or discovered just prior to

the contestant's turn to ski (e.g., ripped binding).

D. At the discretion of the Regional Executive Vice President, all slalom...

E. At the recommendation of the LOC, the Chief Judge in conjunction with...

11.01 General

Each contestant shall be allowed two 20-second passes through the trick course (except as provided in Rule 11.03), during which he may perform as many tricks as he can. ***Any contestant who fails to be on immediate hand and in condition to ski when the boat is ready for the contestant shall be disqualified from the remainder of the event in that round not be allowed to ski in that round of the event. However, the Chief Judge or his designee, may grant up to three additional minutes for emergencies developing or discovered just prior to the contestant's turn to ski (e.g., ripped binding).***

Part C – Proposed Revisions to Rules 9.03 and 9.18

RATIONALE: Passing between the boat and the ramp should not subject a skier to disqualification as now defined, so this language is removed from Rule 7.07.C and appended to Rule 9.03.D, as detailed below. Also, Rule 9.18 is deleted.

9.03.D

A pass is defined as the movement of the boat by and parallel to the ramp, regardless of what the skier does. A balk occurs when the skier refuses the ramp by either skiing to the left of the ramp and releasing the handle or by following the boat past the ramp while holding on to the rope. ***A skier shall receive no further jumps in a round if, after leaving the boat's wake on a definite cut to the ramp, the skier elects to pass between the boat course and the ramp, whether or not he retains the tow line. A judgment decision is required by a majority of the Event Judges as to whether the cut is "definite."***

9.18 Disqualification

A jumper shall receive no further jumps in a round if, after leaving the boat's wake on a definite cut to the ramp, the jumper elects to pass between the boat course and the ramp, whether or not he retains the tow line. A judgment decision is required by a majority of the Event Judges as to whether the cut is "definite." Also see Rule 7.07.

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Part D – Proposed Revisions to Rule 11.18

RATIONALE: Interference by the quick-release operator should not subject a skier to disqualification as now defined, so this language is removed from Rule 7.07.D and inserted into Rule 11.18, as detailed below.

11.18 Disqualification Interference by the Release Operator

The skier-supplied release person would subject the skier to disqualification in the event he interferes vocally or physically with the duties of the boat driver or the boat judge. (Also see Rules 7.07.A & 7.07.B). If the skier-supplied release person interferes vocally or physically with the duties of the boat driver or the boat judge in the first pass, then the skier will receive a score of zero in that pass and not be allowed a second pass. Interference in the

second pass will result in only the first pass being scored. Communications with the skier, including coaching, after a fall or in the sit down period, are allowable, provided the communication does not interfere with the officials.

Part E – Proposed Revision to Rule 10.11.B

RATIONALE: To avoid confusion, we should eliminate use of the word “disqualified” in Rule 10.11.B.

10.11

B. The skier must be ready to ski immediately upon the boat’s return. Should the skier not be ready or should the reason for the handle throw not be acceptable, he shall ***not be allowed to continue in that round. be disqualified from the remainder of the event for that round.***

Part F – Proposed Revision to Rule 4.02

RATIONALE: Need to clarify Rule 4.02 that the disqualification could be for any reason listed in the new rule 7.07, not only for unsportsmanlike conduct.

2nd Paragraph of 4.02:

If the Appointed Judges at a Regional Tournament disqualify a skier for ***unsportsmanlike conduct any reason listed under Rule 7.07, then*** the skier will not have met the requirement of skiing in the Regionals and thus would not be allowed to ski in the Nationals.

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Part G – Proposed Revision to Rule 12.03

RATIONALE: For clarity, we should remove the word “disqualification” from Rule 12.03. This rule actually pertains to the specified rest periods that appear in other rules, so the words “specified rest period” are better than “disqualification time period.” Also, I’m not sure how Rule 2.06 applies here, so I recommend removing this reference.

12.03 Waiving Disqualification Time Specified Rest Periods

Should the Safety Director stop a tournament for any reason, ***disqualification time specified rest*** periods (Rules **2.06**, 7.02, 9.10, 10.10, and 11.10) shall not run so long as the tournament is stopped.

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PROPOSALS NOT APPROVED OR NO ACTION TAKEN:

PROPOSAL A:

From Jeff Clark and Jerry Jackson

1.09 – The tournament rounds should be changed to 4 rounds in a tournament to be the same as the IWWF rules.

Rationale: We are limiting our skiers and having to host two tournaments in a weekend and then determine the best 4 scores to include in the Ranking Lists. This creates 6 rounds of opportunity for the skier, but is circumventing the intent by allowing the extra rounds. We are harming ourselves on this.

Discussion regarding a need to change and it was felt that currently we can have two tournaments with two rounds of L or R which will give a total of four rounds for one weekend. IWWF only allows one round per lake per year for their ranking list. AWSA skiers want to continue to have two scores per weekend.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL B:

3.02A - ADD *A slalom skier may choose to ski in a younger division, which enables them to ski at a faster speed, and receive credit for all buoys and partial buoys completed at the faster speed.*

Discussion: Our current system is working with the options that it has now. This not only impacts the skiers who want to ski in the younger division but those skiers currently in the younger divisions. This request also didn't state if skiers can go back and forth from each division.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL C:

3.02 & 3.03: Add Masters Women

3.02A: Amend table to add Master Women 35 and over.

3.03C4 MM/MW CUTOFF: The Masters Cutoff rankings score shall be the lowest ranking score in Level 9, of the collection of skiers in that
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event with ranking scores in the M3, M4 and MM divisions for men *and W3, W4 and MW for women.*

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL D:

3.03B5 ADD: *Open or Masters scores shall count toward age division overall scores if a skier is not overall qualified in Open or Masters. When impractical or unfair to transfer scores, the Open/Masters skier may ski in that age division event for an overall score only, and then ski in Open/Masters event for placement.*

Discussion: The Committee still feels that a skier needs to ski in the division to ski in overall. If a skier has calm or windy water in one division then those same conditions might be different for the other division. Skiing twice could lead to too many rides for each tournament.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL E:

4.02 & 4.03 National and Regional Tournament Qualifications

4.02 National Tournament Qualifications

General: A contestant in the National Tournament must have competed in the corresponding event at his Regionals Tournament (see Rules 4.03 and 4.06) during the same year. To have competed in an event at Regional Tournament means to have attained a skiing position in each event as defined by Rule 8.07. In addition, a contestant must qualify under Rules 4.02A, 4.02B, or 4.02C (below) and must be a U.S citizen *or non-conditional permanent resident.*

A competitor who skis in international competition for another federation shall not be eligible for placement for two years following the international competition. Any skier competing in international competitions representing Guatemala, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico,

Dominican Republic, Cuba, Ecuador, Bolivia, Panama, Paraguay, Uruguay and Venezuela with dual US citizenship would be exempt from rule 4.02.A and 4.03.A for the period of January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2012. A skier who enters the Open division at the Nationals in any event is not required to ski in his Regional Tournament.

4.03A4 - All entrants in a Regional Tournament shall be U.S. citizens *or non-conditional permanent residents*, unless the Region determines to allow non-US citizens (or resident aliens) to participate, Page **24** of **38**

but not for placement. However, a competitor who skis in international competition for another federation shall not be eligible for placement for two years following the international competition.

Reason: U.S. non-conditional permanent residents have obtained the governments permission to live and work in the US as well as travel outside the US without term limits or restrictions. As such, they have made a commitment to permanently live in the US, to follow American law and conform to American society. Permanent residents who have no restrictions or conditions on their residency and who actively participate in the US waterskiing community should be allowed to compete at the highest amateur level possible – US Nationals. An amendment to Nationals eligibility also requires an amendment to Regionals eligibility, allowing them to participate for placement. Discussion: This should really be an issue for the Executive Committee which I have already forwarded. Also the wording regarding non-conditional needed to be clarified.

SEND TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PROPOSAL F:

5.03B second paragraph. Overall scores should all be derived from the same round as we did in the past and the IWWF still does.

Rationale: The current practice is unfair to the true Overall competitors and does not represent a level playing field for all of the competitors.

What we are currently doing allows the competitors to game the system and the results are not straight line true numbers, but those that give some competitors advantages over others across the US. We started an effort many years ago to make the results equal and from a level playing field for all skiers and this rule ignores that goal.

Discussion: Regarding IWWFs tournaments vs AWSA overall and we feel that with our system of allows pick and choose formats and multiple rounds. IWWF schedule of events only works one way and our system makes sense. If a skier wants to work the system they unfortunately could do it both ways.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL G:

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6.13D ADD A class C tournament may have different appointed judges for each event or each day of a tournament.

Rationale: Perhaps rule 6.13 C could be changed to add this in but I'm not sure we want to allow a change in Chiefs by the day. I would think we'd want continuity of a Chief throughout an event, regardless of a day. In other words I'm not sure it's a good idea to have two different chief judges for Slalom over the course of a weekend. I don't see where it would be an issue to change the appointeds though. Laura Johnson

Discussion: This could lead to too many changes in officials. If there is a necessary change due to illness etc that can be handled by the chiefs.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL H:

8.02 & 8.03: Allow use of the tower for trick skiers.

Part A:

8.02E1 ADD For Tricks, all types of boats furnished for the tournament will be made available by the tournament committee. Two teams of drivers and boat officials may be assigned to the Tricks event at the option of the Chief Judge. ***If the tournament supplied boat has a functioning factory approved tower, the skier may opt to attach the rope to the tower for one or both passes.***

NO ACTION

Part B

8.03D. TRICK SKIS: Delete

1. Skis used in the Tricks event shall not have fins.
2. Trick skis with molded rails/grooves less than 1/4" are allowed.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL I:

9.07 Boat Path

The jumper shall tell the boat driver at what off-set distance to pass the ramp. The boat shall follow a straight path parallel to the course and parallel to the right side of the ramp. ***The only exception is for physical site limitations, where in the judgment of Chief Judge and Chief Driver, a path adjustment after the ET (End of Timing) and before EC (End of Course) would accommodate the***

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ride out of long distance jumps. A path adjustment may only be made after the skier lands a jump".

Rationale: Many drivers are either veering towards the jumper or away to what they think is helping the ride out. This is not allowed. Also since the ramp is angled at most sites the parallel to the ramp has been deleted.

Wording comes from Will Bush.

NOT APPROVED

PROPOSAL J:

AWSA 9.16C6: Aprons shall extend the full length of the ramp and shall be at least **20 cm** (8") under water when the ramp is raised to its full height.

The recommended apron angle is 30 degrees from vertical.

From TC also a recommendation to IWWF

Bob this was submitted in 2012, but was not voted on at the IWWF TC Meeting.

We are working on the USAWS TC Summer Report. I had this in the 2012 Report.

Will this be voted on or reviewed this yr at IWWF meeting. Deleted the statement in previous about angle, since both rules are basically the same.

IWWF 13.02 g): An apron shall extend the full length of ramp on the right hand side and be at least **30cm** under water when the ramp is set for the 1.80m height in Men's Division. **IWWF 13.02 k)** The jump apron shall have a minimum angle of 28deg from perpendicular and a maximum angle of 60deg.

Recommend changing IWWF rule to match AWSA. 20 cm under water is acceptable.

APPROVED But there is actually no difference for AWSA

PROPOSAL K:

Question from ED Brazil, Since we allow skiers to ride across the side of the ramp, what should their distance be if not on the grid? Could have a Rule interpretation that short out-of-grid landings under ?? feet/meters will be defined as a score of Z ft/m.

Should we have TC input for this????

If the jump is so short that it is outside the field of view of the measurement system, then the distance shall be scored as 10 feet.

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Discussion: Didn't feel that this happens enough to give a skier a certain distance. This was not something that the committee wanted to encourage.

NOT APPROVED

PROPOSAL L:

From Steven Binkley, document attached

10.01A: The towboat shall pass through the entrance gate. The contestant shall start his (or her) pass by being outside the boat wake on the 2-4-6 side of the ski course somewhere between the 55m pre-gates and the #1 buoy gate guides. Once the contestant crosses the wakes toward the #1 turn buoy then his (or her) pass has started. The contestant then will pass around the outside of any or all 6 buoys and proceed to the far end gate. At the far end gate the skier must go to the right of the left end gate buoy (2-4-6 side gate buoy).

Discussion: All gate proposals can be included with the Class X and

we can get feedback from the tournaments to see if there is a need or a desire for any change.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL M:

From Todd Leach

Improve gate scoring, clarify procedures for addressing gate reviews.
9 Proposals with reasons in a file.

1) There is no need to cut entrance gates for being too late (missing to the left of the left buoy on the way in). Only the skier's path relative to the right-hand entry gate buoy will be judged. A skier may cross the boat's path "late" to the entrance gates. Scoring for 1-ball remains the same.

Closest rule 10.01A

2) There is no need to cut exit gates for being too early (missing to the right of the right buoy on the way out). Only the skier's path relative to the left-hand exit gate buoy will be judged. A skier may cross the boat's path "early" of the exit gates and score all 6-buoys and continue to the next pass.

Closest rule 10.01A)

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(1 & 2) NOT APPROVED. 7 approve, 5 against.

3) Close (***All per Richelle***) Gates are assumed good unless evidence to the contrary is clearly present. The standard should be: "I couldn't tell that they were missed, thus I vote that they are good gates." This should not be the standard: "I didn't confidently see that the gates were good, thus they must have been bad gates." (***Closest rule 10.08D2c***)

NO ACTION

4) If video gates are used, then judges should attempt to witness the gates with their own eyes despite the presence of video and despite their physical location. In the situation where video of the gates is not obtained, the judge's perception of the validity of the gate should be acceptable as a backup. Question for consideration - 7.01 Unfair Conditions - does this apply to video gate issues?

Clarification of judging procedure: No more waiting in the water for gate review regardless of depth of technical difficulty. Continue with "at risk". (***Closest rule 10.08D2d***)

NO ACTION

5) Suggest 3 minutes max for gate review issues. (Why 3 minutes? ...because skier gear repair is limited to 3 minutes. Tournament equipment repair delays should be limited to 3 minutes to avoid negative impact to the skier.) If at the time expiration, there is no evidence of a clearly missed gate, the pass is considered valid. (Yes, skier advantage in the absence of clear evidence of a miss - see rule suggestion #3

above) Question for consideration - 7.01 Unfair Conditions - does this apply to video gate issues? (**Closest rule 10.08D2d**)

NO ACTION

6) If a skier continues "at risk" due to pending gate review and the next pass is run w/o issue, the prior pass' gate question is nullified and the prior pass is valid due to successful harder pass following it. (**Closest rule 10.08D2d**)

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NO ACTION

7) If next pass is only partially successful, then the scoring is based upon prior pass' gate resolution. Again, there must be a time limit for review. See rule suggestion #5. See suggestion #8 & 9 below. (**Closest rule 10.08D2c but already is boat judge**)

NO ACTION

8) If the next pass is only partially successful and if there was no video was captured and no viable judges were able to eyewitness the gate's validity, then see rule #3, or... (**Closest rule 10.08D2c but already is boat judge**)

NO ACTION

9) If the next pass is only partially successful and if there was no video was captured and no viable judges were able to eyewitness the gate's validity, then there is no available evidence to suggest that there was any sort of valid gate. Thus, the skier is given an optional re-ride of that pass with the subsequent pass' score as a protected buoy result at the missed gate speed/line length (similar to an opt up situation). In other words, the partial "at risk" pass' buoy count is considered a protected score at the prior rope/speed pass with an option to re-ride the prior rope/speed pass.

(**Closest rule 10.08D2c but already is boat judge**)

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL N:

From Ed Brazil,

10.01A: Eliminate, "follow the towboat through the entrance gate of the slalom course"

Add: To receive credit for buoy #1 and subsequent buoys, the skier must start from the 2-4-6 side of the boat wakes after passing the level of the 55m buoys.

Add: The entrance gate does not figure at all in the scoring. This would be an allowed Rule Exception for 2014, for Class C tournament, at the option of the Sponsoring Club, and shall be noted in the Tournament Announcement.

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Discussion: All gate proposals can be included with the Class X and we can get feedback from the tournaments to see if there is a need or a desire for any change.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL O:

From Gordon Rathbun,

***Suggested New Wording for Rule 10.01 A:
Contestant must pass on the left side of the
“entrance” 14 meter buoy before each start and on
the right side of the “exit” 14 m. buoy to score a
complete pass.***

Old wording:

10.01 General

A. The contestant shall follow the towboat through the entrance gate of the slalom course, pass around the outside of any or all six buoys and proceed through the far end gate which constitutes a pass. If the contestant has not missed any buoys or gates, the boat shall turn and enter the course from the opposite end. The skier shall continue in this manner until he falls or misses a buoy or gate.

Discussion: All gate proposals can be included with the Class X and we can get feedback from the tournaments to see if there is a need or a desire for any change.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL P:

From Randy Hocking, document attached

Set a penalty for a missed gate, say 3 points. You run the pass but miss one of the gates you get to continue but will have your final score reduced by 3 points for every gate you miss. If it is the exit gate you can continue with the 3 point penalty for missing that gate or take 5 1/2 for that pass.

A penalty allows the skier to continue with their run and a 3 point penalty in Regionals or Nationals is probably large enough to keep them from winning. It salvages the enjoyment of participating in the
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event and will help prevent the skier traveling back home with a negative taste in their mouth.

Discussion: All gate proposals can be included with the Class X and we can get feedback from the tournaments to see if there is a need or a desire for any change. This was also felt to be more work and more confusing for scoring and will still need to be judged.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL Q:

From Jeff Clark

10.06 E 2 – A skier at the Nationals this year thought that after starting

at a higher speed and shorter line length that they could increase the speed (not to division maximum) and shorten the line length. This caused some controversy amongst the Judges and needs to be clarified.

E 2 states and should include the new second sentence for clarification:

With the exception of items A and B above and at the option of the skier, slalom may be run starting with any line length, below maximum speed. ***The line length shall not be further shortened until the maximum division speed has been reached and the skier has a score of 6 at the maximum speed and starting line length.*** When the maximum speed is reached, if the skier makes a complete pass, he then receives credit for any longer line pass(es). If the pass is missed, he will receive credit for buoys as if it were the 23-meter line pass.

Discussion that we feel the rule accommodates skiers so that they can shorten and continue to raise their speed after each pass. If the scoring program currently cannot adopt this option it needs to be changed.

NO ACTION: Dave Allen is aware and will accommodate this rule.

PROPOSAL R:

Rule 10.12C: Change the way a whole buoy is scored.

C. 1 point when the skier has crossed the line of the gate buoys

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before passing the level of the next buoy with a tight line ***and is able to maintain the handle and ski away*** under the power of the boat.

1. The intent of the tight line is to ensure the safety of the skier and boat crew. This means that if the skier can only cross the line of the buoys with a slack line, even if he successfully manages the sudden tightening of the rope, he will not get the full point.

1. The end gate case is different because of the spacing and thus If the skier can cross the gate line before the end gate buoy he will be awarded the full buoy.

a. This specifically means that the skier is permitted to have slack going through the exit gates. If the skier skis away then he may continue.

b. If the skier does not ski away, the turn ends and the skier scores 6 provided they crossed the line of the boat buoys before the end gate with or without a slack line.

Discussion: Skiers and Judges are adapting to this rule. IWWF has had no input on changing this rule. We don't want to have judging standards different.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL S:

10.06D Change speed increments

A Skier may elect to start at a speed higher than his division maximum

speed, *in 1.5kph or 3kph (1mph or 2mph) increments*, up to his respective Open Division maximum speed and may not return to his division maximum speed on subsequent passes. Any passes skied at that higher speed shall receive credit for buoys as though they were being run at his division maximum speed. See Tow Lines Dimension Chart in the Appendix, and the table above.

Rationale: Skiers who are graduating to a slower speed find it hard to go from one speed to the slower speed at 3kph. A transition to only 1.5kph might make this an easier switch and keep skiers involved.

NO ACTION

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Rules Committee recommends this proposal be sent to Towboat to investigate the feasibility, and if it becomes feasible to implement, then the rules committee will reconsider the proposal.

PROPOSAL T:

10.06D: A skier may elect to start at a speed higher than his division maximum speed, up to his respective Open Division maximum speed, and may not return to his division maximum speed on subsequent passes. Any passes skied at that higher speed shall receive credit for buoys as though they were being run at his division maximum speed *plus two buoys*. See Tow Lines Dimension Chart in the Appendix, and the table above.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL U:

10.06E3b: *Change to: Any skier may elect to lower the maximum speed for the division. The score shall reflect credit only for the speeds successfully completed and the line lengths successfully completed. Upon requesting no further speed increases and opting for shortening instead, the skier must remain at that speed for the rest of that round.*

For example, a M5 skier who informs the officials that 52K will be his maximum speed and completes a pass at 52K (32mph) and 16m (22off) will score 72 buoys, credit for all passes below 52K (60 byous and credit for the tow line shortenings to 16M (12 buoys) (60 + 12=72). His score will improve by six buoys for every subsequent pass as the rope is shortened. He is not allowed to increase the speed during that session.

Discussion: This was felt to be too confusing, and there is always the option of letting the skiers that would like to do this ski an "F" sanction.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL V:

Rule 10.12 Points for Buoys

A buoy not missed is credited as described below up to the point of the first miss:

A. 1/4 point when the skier crosses the C-D and X-Y lines in skiing

position (Rule 8.07) before the buoy to be rounded; however, if the skier passes on the inside of the buoy, he shall not receive the 1/4 point.

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Sent to IWWF

Discussion: This seems to be an issue for really short line skiers but a quarter buoy still matters at the longer line lengths. This should be a clinic discussion.

NO ACTION.

PROPOSAL W:

Add from the Southern Region.

10.14B: Procedure to resolve:

1. If a tie exists, there shall be a new drawing for running order. ***If the round was seeded, then the lower seeded skiers will ski first.*** Run-offs shall start by repeating the pass before the one in which the miss occurred, except when the tie occurs at the skiers' minimum starting speed, in which case the starting speed will remain the same. The skier may optionally skip any pass in the run-off. (See 10.13.C & 10.13.D if skiers tie again)

2. If another tie results, the pass at which the original miss occurred shall be used with a new drawing for order. ***If the round was seeded, then the lower seeded skiers will ski first.*** If a tie still exists, it will be declared a tie.

Rationale: This has been proposed before and has been voted down.

The reasoning is that the skiers when they were seeded weren't "good enough" to beat the score originally and had their chance.

Discussion: Still felt that the skier had the opportunity to beat the earlier seed and was unable to the first time. Should stay with current random draw.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL X:

11.02 & 11.06

Speeds and reride restrictions for excessive speed and ropes being too long for trick event.

Part A:

11.02 Trick Course ADD

Two buoys approximately 230 meters apart shall establish the approximate area of the beginning of the trick pass from each direction (see Official Trick Course in the appendix) and be configured as an entry gate. The boat shall pass on either side of the entry buoy

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at the choice of the skier. The end of the pass shall be signified by the 20-second time interval only. At the Option of the LOC, at class E &

below, the boat path may be on one side only. ***18.25M is recommended maximum rope length to fit the width of the***

course. Rerides will not be granted for reasons caused by a skier's excessive rope length. A rope longer than 18.25m may not be allowed when that length may be unsafe.

Discussion: Didn't feel that a new rule needed to be made at this time.

NO ACTION

Part B:

11.06 Boat Speed ADD

Since speeds over 38K (24mph) traverse the course in less than 20 seconds, speeds over 38K are not recommended and rerides will not be granted for reasons caused by a skier's excessive speed.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL Y:

From Eastern Region, document attached

11.08 Officials

B) When video review is available for scoring tricks as described in 11.20, the following are required:

(1) 3 Shore Judges as described above (5 Recommended for major tournaments). **All judges for the trick event must be on the tournament site where the trick passes were performed.**

(2) 1 Boat Judge, or at the option of the Chief Judge, a Reg/Sr Driver. (see 11.08.c)

(3) One immediate video playback may be permitted on each pass (see Rule 11.20).

(C) Boat Judge: An additional judge shall ride in the boat. He shall check speeds, observe the boat path and stop the boat in the event of a dangerous condition. He shall be authorized to grant rerides, at the skier's option, for deviations in boat speeds and path as governed by Rules 7.01, 11.06 and 11.07. The Chief Judge may

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designate the boat driver as the boat judge in the event that a camera is operated from the boat. **In this situation an additional shore judge will be assigned to observe conditions which the boat driver/judge may not be aware of from his position in the boat.**

NO ACTION ON PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE TO 11.08B1 or 11.08C.

PROPOSAL Z:

Tricks – General – The video tricks are only including the skiing pass for each skier. If there are falls out of course (before) they are not being noted on the video for the Judges information. This is very important in both AWSA and IWWF rules situations and needs to get transmitted to the scoring Judges for scoring purposes. The scoring Judges are only interested in the trick pass itself and are missing this very important piece of information that can affect the scoring and the results of the tournament. The Judges need to be involved in the

complete skier's runs from leaving the dock until the end of the second pass. We are short changing all of the skiers in the event.

Discussion: This would require more officials and requirements for organizers and same as the other statement. All officials need to be aware of how the tournament is running and do their best to watch and help.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL AA:

From Kim butterfield, document attached

Backup Vido is required for Class E, L and R tournaments from the boat and shall be used if the official camera fails.

Reason: Several skiers from all regions have experienced trick runs lost due to official boat camera failure with no backup system in place. This has resulted in timely rerides and in unfair placements. Records failed to be recorded.

Discussion: We are working on making this better by putting other options into the rules. We are still on a learning curve in certain areas, but working on getting better.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL AB:

11.12B, E, H, I:

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11.12B: ADD To receive credit for any trick, the skier must remain in or return to skiing position. ***A clearly recognizable trick shall be credited. Deductions for obvious form breaks shall be limited to a 10% per form break.***

11.12E: A wake turn is a trick performed in mid-air while crossing the crest of the wake. A wake turn not executed in mid-air and across the crest of the wake scores zero ***a deduction***. The ski will edge towards the wake, then the push/pop comes first then the rotation, or the push/pop and rotation come at the same time. The rotation cannot come before the push/pop. An inadvertent touch of the water with the ski tip during the rotation is acceptable on tricks with 540 degrees or more of rotation. Definition of a Pre-turn: A pre-turn is a turn off of a flat ski where the push/pop comes after the rotation has started.

11.12H: Stepover line tricks are credited only when the free foot touches the ski or water, or lifted ski touches the water. The skier may not put his leg or lifted ski across or on top of the line, the handle or either arm until he begins to execute the turn. The stepover and turn actions must be simultaneous. Immediately on completion of a FB stepover turn, the skier must have at least one arm between his legs holding the handle. It is not required that the free foot or ski touch the water prior to the execution of a stepover turn. A stepover turn not performed according to the rules scores zero ***a deduction***.

11.12I: Toehold stepover tricks must be a simultaneous action. The towing foot may not touch the water during execution of the stepover

portion of the trick. The touching of the towing foot in the water immediately prior to or during the rotation of the ski while attempting a stepover trick will result in no credit **a deduction** for the trick.

However, if the towing foot touches the water after all rotation has been completed, credit will be given.

Discussion: Felt that this would add more subjectivity to trick scoring.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL AC:

11.13 Scoring

(a) The scorer shall receive the judges' individual tabulations and, in the event of a discrepancy, shall decide the tricks to be scored on the basis of a simple majority. If five judges are calling the event, then three judges must give credit for the trick to be scored.

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Where three judges are calling the event, then two judges must give credit. The official score and placement in the event shall be determined on the basis of the total points for credited tricks performed in both passes. **All trick passes should be called by the event judges and scored within one hour of the performance by the skier.** Score values for individual tricks are shown in the Official Trick Point Value Table in the Appendix.

Discussion: This would actually put too much of a time frame on the officials and possibly back firing by having to run a whole event again. There are things that happen and that just adds too much of an unnecessary element regarding time frames.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL AD :

Diameter of skier supplied handles: I'd expand the allowable diameters of skier supplied handles in the appendix.

Rationale: Many women and children use .92in handle.

Recommendation from TC Committee.

Discussion: There is no current rule specifying this, so we are making no change. The rule only states tolerances for tournament supplied.

NO ACTION

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2013 Nat'l Records: 18 slalom, 8 jump, 8 trick records approved;

Total of 8 pending records were declined.

The 8 member Trick Record Review Board (RRB) had a full schedule this year.

Records were submitted by 17 different TC's this year.

2013 Record Tournaments in 2013 ski season (approx. total = 130):

South-75, S Central-24, West-16, Midwest-11, East-4

2013 TCs (approx. total 74) (added 4 and lost 1 in 2013)

South-17, S Central-15, West-22, Midwest-12, East-8

(Caution- SOUTH is short on TC's for the amount of Record Tournaments they sanction)

We have 4 new TC's: Kelvin Kelm (TX), Roger Logan (Al), Terry Dlugosh (TX), Dave

Goode (MO).

The minimum age on the application form was changed from 15 to 18 (no one's sure where age 15 came from. Several TC's felt that we need a TC Apprentice (similar to Judges Assistant Rating)(The current TC application - 3 tournament and clinic would qualify for Apprentice). An Apprentice could work Class E? A Sr TC would require additional years which would be required to work Class L/R, major tournament. This will be discussed in more detailed throughout the year. Open for discussion.

2014 AWSA Rule Change Request: All covered under the Rule Change Request.

2014 Record Application Form: Revised to include a statement to verify that the skier meets the rule requirement for dual citizenship, as requested by the BOD at the 2013 Summer Meeting. We also added a Checklist to identify all the required documents per event. The Record Application Form is in the Scoring Program and is to be submitted electronically by the tournament TC with all data to the TC Chairmen File (Adrive.com).

2014 Record Transmittal Process:

1) All documents will be downloaded into one directory by the tournament TC. In the past, the documents have been submitted to the TC Chairmen in various files/format. This will provide one central point for all records.

Setup is in Adrive.com under AWSATC@Hotmail.com.

2) All Trick records are being placed on YOUTUBE as unlisted for the RRB to review; only the RRB members have the link. The video is not listed as public view.

3) Changing the name of the "AWSA Pending Record List" to "AWSA Pending/Interim Record List"

4) Record Process: When Records are approved by the TC Chairmen/RRB, a "Letter of Recommendation" is issued to AWSA President for Acceptance/Approval; and then "Certificates" are mailed to the skier by AWSA. At the same time the "AWSA Male/Female Record lists" are updated, the names are removed from the "Pending/Interim Record List". There is no schedule for the posting the "Male/Female Record Lists". We try to post the "Pending/Interim Record List" monthly. For the past 3 years I have been updating the "Male/Female Record List" and issuing the "Letter for Approval" at the end of the yr. Problems this year, we had a lot of records in Oct and did not get the data until mid Nov. The Records are tracked by Calendar Years. Peter Dahl and I are splitting up the review process, helping to expedite the process.

2014 Technology New:

Donal Connolly (SplashEye) has written a program (test model) that can be used to verify slalom records (boat path deviation) with captured video. This program will play other video format to verify boat path; in lieu of having to play the video file into Bob Corson codec (using trick program, then using the BC Record Checker), which the quality (640x480) of the video sometimes makes it difficult to see the pylon. This program will save time and frustration, Thanks Donal.

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SplashEye EC AutoTracker: Tested and verified at the AWSA Boat Test and used at WPB during the 2013 Nationals. The program works 99% of time with a "good" site setup. Donal continues to make changes to try and accommodate "not good" site setups. He is very receptive to our suggestions for changes.

As TC Chairmen I don't want to endorse any product, but based on EC video's that I have seen over the years, I would strongly recommend that all sites that are doing numerous slalom record tournaments, invest in the system/start watching all boat paths.

DVRs (security models): Some of the records have been in low quality format and not at 30fps. Everyone must ensure that all Digital records are set at 30fps and at highest quality level. Note: Everfocus now (2014) has a DVR that the recording quality is 30% better than the previous models.

IWWF rule book and AWSA Rule book needs to be change to address digital recorders.

Tricks: Need to continue working on getting the camera in the boat higher to be able to call wake tricks correctly.

TCs Clinic: Still in process of working on an Online Clinic for maintenance.

Judge Clinic - Strongly recommend that all Judge's clinic combine with a Maintenance TC clinic (to include VJ setup, VT setup, Slalom Gate review and EC video review). (OUTSTANDING - NOT COMPLETED)

TC Manual: Still need to update

AWSA TC Co-Chairs

Peter Dahl/Jerry Jackson

Towboat Committee Report

January 2014

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Will Bush

George Lindy

No action item - Information Only.

Speed Control

Attached is the revised Speed Control Parameter Chart for the 2014 AWSA Rulebook. The major change is the removal of all Perfect Pass parameters (the most recent towboat approved with Perfect Pass was the 2008 model year)

Towboat Tests

The 2014 Towboat Tests were held on September 15 & 16, 2013 at Shortline Lake, Elk Grove, CA. Attached is the list of approved boats including various engine and propeller options.

Towboat Test Equipment

The USAWS Executive Committee and USAWS Board approved a budget of \$15,000 for purchase of new testing equipment – specifically VBox which will replace our aging radar technology and enhance our testing program. We worked with VBox, this last year, to refine our testing parameter needs. VBox USA allowed us to use “demo” equipment for our recent towboat tests to validate our requirements. As a note - VBox is in the process of improving user interfaces – both for the PC and iPhone - making VBox use simpler. The Committee will purchase the equipment this coming spring. It is anticipated that our needs can be met with less costly equipment.

Speed Control Parameter Adjustment Chart

JUMP

ZERO OFF PARAMETER WHO DETERMINES WHEN

TOURNAMENT MODE *Driver/Judge Before event TOURNAMENT MODE ONLY*

BOAT SPEED *Skier Before each pass Set Speed in MPH/KPH*

JUMP LETTER *Driver / Judge*

With input from skier

Before each jump

Boat crew may

adjust as necessary

including for the

first jump

Hold “SEL” while jump letter is highlighted.

Enter skier weight and rated distance.

Skier may adjust initial setting +/- 4

letters. Adjust as necessary. Use Jump

Letter Chart as an alternative to select

initial jump letter

FAST or

RTB (Return to Baseline)

Skier Before each skier based on type of 41 meter segment pull requested

Letter Only = faster segment

Letter with "RTB" above = return to baseline

POWER FACTOR

Driver / Judge

With input from skier

5.7 liter engine - start with 6 or 7

6.0 liter engine - start with 4 or 5

Boat crew may adjust as necessary

Range 0 to 15 - Raises or lowers the base speed. A lower number result in boat entering the course slower. At 3 or below there is no additional decrease in baseline (adjustments are then made to the ramp rate of the letter)

41 METER SEGMENT ADDER

(Raises the boat speed in the 41 Meter segment - adds to the target speed)

Driver/Judge Boat crew may adjust as necessary

Start at 0

ADD - Range = 0 to 9 Start at 0

Adjust as needed for actual times.

This number follows "Power Factor"

Example: 6/0

(6 is the Power Factor and 0 is the "add")

COUNTER CUT TIME

(Not typically adjusted)

Driver Before event

May be adjusted for strong head or tail wind to control speed during counter cut

Recommended: 180

Head Wind 190

Tail Wind 170

3/4 Cut 160

GPS MAPPING *Driver Map course when pylon is aligned with the start of the timing buoys*

Speed Control Parameter Adjustment Chart

SLALOM

ZERO OFF PARAMETER WHO DETERMINES WHEN

TOURNAMENT MODE *Driver/Judge Before event TOURNAMENT MODE ONLY*

BOAT SPEED *Skier Before each pass Speed in MPH/KPH*

A1, A2, A3

B1, B2, B3

C1, C2, C3

Skier

Default is **B2** unless skier asks for other setting

Before each pass

A = Slowest engine response

B = Moderate engine response

C = Fastest engine response

1 = Softest feel behind the boat

2 = Moderate feel behind the boat

3 = Firmest feel behind the boat

“+” SETTING

Skier

Default is **OFF**

Before each pass

With “+” ON – Engine will respond quicker. Speed outside the entrance gate is higher.

GPS MAPPING Driver

Map course when GPS Puck is aligned with the start of timing buoys

TRICKS

ZERO OFF PARAMETER WHO DETERMINES WHEN BOAT SPEED Skier Before each pass Speed in MPH/KPH

A1, A2, A3

B1, B2, B3

C1, C2, C3

Skier

Default is **B2** unless skier asks for other setting

Before each pass

A = Slowest engine response

B = Moderate engine response

C = Fastest engine response

1 = Softest feel behind the boat

2 = Moderate feel behind the boat

3 = Firmest feel behind the boat

“+” SETTING

Skier

Default is **OFF**

Before each pass With “+” ON – Engine will respond quicker

NOTE: Updated speed control parameters may be posted on the USA WS website, accompanied by a revision date, and will supersede the speed control parameters printed in the AWSA Rule Book. No changes shall be made between July 1 and the conclusion of Nationals.

American Water Ski Association

Approved Tournament Towboats

2014

REVISED 12/1/2013

The following list identifies those towboats successfully meeting the 2013-2014 USA Water Ski Approved Tournament Towboat Evaluation criteria and guidelines.

By meeting and /or exceeding the USA Water Ski criteria for water ski towboats, the following are now "**APPROVED**" to pull AWSA sanctioned events. Boats are approved only as tested, and must be configured with engine, fuel delivery system, propeller, and transmission as shown below.

As Chief Driver, it is your responsibility to ensure that the Towboat Documentation Report has been completed in WSTIMS. Check with the Chief

Scorer to ensure that the boats available or used during the tournament have been recorded. Use the boat models as listed below. Also, please read

the AWSA Towboat Use Policy information for model year requirements.

Boat New/ Propeller Speed

ID Manufacturer Model Unmodified Engine Mfr. & Model/Trans. Mfr Blades Size Control

1 Centurion Carbon Pro New

PCM Excalibur 343 (5.7L) /1.26:1

PCM ZR409 (6.0L) /1.26:1

OJ 534* 4 13.25 x 14.5 Nibral

OJ 365 3 14 x 13 Nibral ZO

2 Malibu Response TXi Unmodified

Indmar Monsoon (5.7L) /1:1 **AC 525 3** 13 x 11.5 Nibral

ZO

Indmar L96 (6.0L) /1:1 **AC 515 3** 13 x 12 Nibral

3 MasterCraft ProStar New

Ilmor MV8 (5.7L) /1.22:1

Ilmor MV8 (6.2L) /1.22:1

OJ 710* 4 13.25 x 14.5 Nibral

OJ 768 3 14 x 13 Nibral ZO

4 Nautique Ski Nautique 200 Unmodified

PCM Excalibur 343 (5.7L) /1.258:1

AC 654* 4 12.5 x 15 Nibral

AC 1458 3 13 x 14 Nibral

ZO

PCM ZR409 (6.0L) /1.258:1

PCM ZR450 (6.0L) /1.258:1

AC 654 4 12.5 x 15 Nibral

AC 668* 4 12.5 x 15.5 Nibral

AC 1458 3 13 x 14 Nibral

NOTE: Props indicated with * = are typically the primary prop; however boat with engines approved with more than one propeller may use any

approved prop in sanctioned tournaments.

Props: OJ = OJ Props/Johnson AC = ACME

Speed Control: ZO = Zero Off

American Water Ski Association International Activities Committee Report January 25, 2014

Please find the following items attached or below for your approval or ratification:

1. Minutes of the 2013 Fall IAC Meeting during Team Trials in Florida (below)

2. 2014 National Junior Team (below after the minutes)
3. 2014 Can Am U13 and Junior Team Selection Qualifications & Procedures
4. 2014 World Junior Championships Team Selection Qualifications & Procedures
5. List of Invited Officials and Staff for 2014 Team Trials and International Events with

further necessary approvals indicated if any. We still have two positions TBD as indicated.

6. Updated Can Am Challenge Fact Sheet

7. Revised Officials Selection Process (BOD approved in August, 2013)

The AWSA BOD already approved by email BOD ballot the Selection Qualifications & Procedures for the 2014 Pan Am Championships U13, Junior & 17-20 Teams. The selection is taking place now.

Our 2013 U21 World Team won the prestigious team title despite coming into the event

with a third seed and an injury to an originally selected team member mere weeks prior

to the tournament.

Our Elite World Team dominated, winning the team title for the first time since 2007. As

the team had no men's overall entry, it could only win eight golds. The team won six. Interestingly, gold medalists Nate, Freddy, Regina and Erika also currently hold the world

records in their individual single events. The groundwork was established in the preliminary round where no team member had a poor performance; and all made the

finals in the events in which they were expected to do so. Three of the four single event

gold medal winners entered the final as top seeds. The team also won, as a team, all three events, not always the case in the past, a nice feeling, and was chosen USA-WS Team of the Year by the USA-WS Awards Co.

Noteworthy is that, in this most recent two-year cycle, U.S. teams won every single major

team title, a feat not achieved in years. In fact, our teams have never won ten world and

Pan Am titles in a two-year cycle.

2012: Junior & 35+ World Championships and Pan Am Championships (all six teams)

2013: World U21 and World Open Championships

2013 IAC October 6 Meeting Minutes

All votes were unanimous. **Updates in bold red.**

1. Background Material

a. The 2014 National Junior Team was approved with the proviso that Ralph Hall, upon

his return home, would check whether anyone had aged out, make the necessary adjustments and inform the IAC either way. **Done.**

b. The Updated Cam Am Challenge Fact Sheet was approved (the few changes are in bold blue).

2. 2014 Team Qualification & Procedures

a. The U13 Pan Am, U13 Can Am and Junior Can Am Q&Ps were approved. There were

no changes from the prior iterations other than the dates.

b. The Junior Worlds Q&P was approved with the following stipulations:

i. The prior year's regionals would be included in the window for allowed scores.

ii. The tournaments taking place on the last weekend before the team trials would be included.

iii. If a skier switched division during the window, that skier could qualify from either

division as long as they meet the minima for that division as listed in the Q&P.

c. Junior and 17-20 Pan Am Q&Ps: Because the tournament is probably taking place in

April, there is no time for a team trials. Q&Ps were conditionally approved. **It was discovered post meeting that further changes needed to be made. These Q&P with**

the changes were first approved by the IAC, then sent to the BOD for approval by email ballot and approved. Even though the agreement has yet to be signed, the

Bogota organizer has confirmed that the April date is a go.

d. The following sentence would be added to all Q&Ps: "The IAC reserves the right to choose another combination of athletes who create a higher team overall score than that chosen by using the Q&P. The team shall be designated as the official ___ team."

3. Further Items:

a. Jeffry A. will send to Jeff, Brenda and Jim the number of slots for each type of official

for the 2014 tournaments. **Done.**

b. The team trials should ideally take place on the last weekend in June. This fact,

with

the deadline for bid submission of December 1, 2013, will be posted online. **On December 15th, the IAC voted that the tournament will be held June 28-29 at Cedar**

Creek Ski Park in Elkins, Ark., home of the Boskus family. The Travers were the other bidders.

4. Other Business

a. Jeff Smith will chair the officials' & team staff selection conference call In mid November. **Done**

b. Since responses to the two letters sent out (one for officials, the other for team staffs)

are due by the end of the month, once compiled they will be sent by Brenda (the former) and Jim (the latter) to the IAC with two weeks to contact those needing to be

approached in line with our new procedures. **Done.**

5. U.S. Team

With many thanks to Mark Crone, the IAC chose the first team, a winning one, on the computer generated list: Scot Ellis, Regina Jaquess, Erika Lang, Alex Lauretano, Adam

Pickos and Nate Smith. Alternates were Russell Gay, Caroline Hensley, Freddy Krueger,

Jon Travers, Karen Truelove and Zack Worden.

A winning one indeed!!

Official 2014 National Junior Team

1 Lang, Nicholas West

2 Garcia, Taylor South

3 Baldwin, Brooke South

4 Grathwohl, Abbi South Central

5 DeVito, Christian West

6 Gay, Anna South

7 Butterfield, Krista South Central

8 Montavon, William Midwest

9 Morgan, Jenna South

10 Warner, Kat South Central

11 Pickos, Alexis South

12 Austin, Bailey South Central

13 Dumala, Samantha South

American Water Ski Association

International Activities Committee Report

January 25, 2014

Supplement

The following teams were chosen and agreed to participate after the deadline for January committee reports to the Board.

35+ WORLD TEAM

Brenda Baldwin-35+

Janie Fausold-55+

Hutch Haines-45+

Joy Kelly-55+

Lori Krueger-45+

Curtis Rabe-55+

Marc Shaw-35+

Jeff Surdej-35+

35-44 PAN AM TEAM

Brenda Baldwin

Chris Eller

Jeff Surdej

Kelly Zoeller

45+ PAN AM TEAM

Connie Bergmark

Mary Koenig

Lori Krueger

Kirby Whetsel

U13 PAN AM TEAM

Kristen Baldwin

Bailey Grathwohl

Griffin Stange

Ryan Warner

Alt: James Bryans

JUNIOR PAN AM TEAM

Brooke Baldwin

Taylor Garcia

Anna Gay

Nick Lang

Alt: Abbi Grathwohl

17-20 PAN AM TEAM

Steven Brooks

Sam Greenwood
Makayla Haw
Ellie Horton
Alt: Chris DeVito

Junior Development

1. 2013-2014 Midwest Junior Elite Team Members

G2 B2

Nellie Roberts-IL Parker Shull-MO

Ashley Meara-MO Will Roberts-IL

Tianna Kosek-MN Colin Burke-IL

Hannah Janzig-MN Brett Stackpole-IL

Alt: Haley Karels-MN Alt: Max Bulver-MN

G3 B3

Sammy Stackpole-IL Ben Leutz-IL

Savannah Leutz-IL Jordan Porter-WI

Kristen Danmeyer-OH Brandon Schipper-MN

Lili Lockwood-MI Jared Lutz-MI

Alt: Carly Shull-MO Alt: Brandon Register-KS

Amanda Rippel-KS

2. 2013 Midwest Region All star Team Members

Tianna Kosek

Taylor Lindy

Max Bulver

Riley Daulton

Dylan Brittan

Nellie Roberts

Alt: Brandon Schipper

3. Ski School

The team attended Pickos Ski School June 9-14 last year in Destin, FL. We had great

weather, good instructions, and some fun at the beautiful beaches. The team will be

traveling to Destin, FL to attend Pickos ski School in June again. I asked via newsletter

what everyone wanted to do and most wanted to go back to Pickos. Pickos also has

decided to accept the alternates as well this year at the same price as the Elite Members.

4. I want to once again encourage Junior Clinics within the states. We conducted one in

Illinois, and we had great success.

5. Fundraising

At the Saturday night banquet, we auction off a D3 Ski, and as well as the beautiful handcrafted Eagle. The silent auction had many great items like a 3 day package at Pickos ski school and many items that Ron and Mary Koenig donated. And we also had raffle drawing of \$1000 cash and a raffle for an iPad and Kindle. We had a record year of fundraising. We have already started fundraising this year with Pampered Chef in November and a Scentsy fundraiser in December through February. We have already raised over \$300 with only 4 members participating in the Pampered Chef fundraiser. I added an incentive to the fundraiser: the member who sold the most products got their deposit for ski camp paid by the Development team which was Ashley Meara (a new team member).

6. Scholarship Recipients

The recipients of the scholarships were chosen based entirely on highest NOPS points for both male and female. The highest NOPS skier male or female receives the Jeff McCullough Award in the amount of \$500. The second highest NOPS skier of the opposite sex receives the correct craft award in the amount of \$300. The winners were:

Jeff McCullough Memorial Scholarship Award: Dane Meckler-OH

Correct Craft Scholarship Award: Tianna Kosek-MN

7. National Junior Development Team

Savannah Leutz

Hannah Janzig

8. I would like to discuss some things:

- Different approach on the announcement of the Midwest Elite Team Members.
- Scheduling help in the tent at Regional.
- Putting a flyer in the bag at Regional that has information about the fundraiser, the team selection, etc.

2013 Midwest Jr. Development Team Profit/Expense Report

Midwest Record Committee Report – January Council Meeting

There were 26 new records set during the past season, 8 Midwest Skier records, 7 Midwest Tournament records and 11 Midwest Regional Championship records. In a few cases a single performance qualified for a record in more than one category.

Because of problems with the website we were not able to stay current in reporting performances last year. However the records were always kept current in the data base. Hopefully, these problems are now resolved and we will be able to update on a much more timely basis. The records currently shown on the website are valid based on the information we have.

I'd like to remind the council that record detection is largely manual process. I scan the Regionals and Nationals and a few other high performance tournaments but it is still attendant on the skier or their representative to make any potential records known to me. I only need to know when and who. I'll take care of the rest. Also, there is no time limit on qualifying a record. If anyone is or becomes aware of a performance that exceeded the posted record they can have it qualified by informing the committee (me).

Jerry Hosner

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