

WWSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 6, 2021

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM by Chris C.

Joel S. indicated that he would take minutes for Holly B.

Roll Call to establish quorum and for meeting requirements

Not Present: Holly B. (Secretary), Beaverland Must-Skis, Muskego Water Bugs, and River City

Chris appointed Joel S. to be parliamentarian. Joel S. accepted.

Motion by Bob K., second by Jim M. to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2020, BOD meeting. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on Zoom videoconference.

Motion by Joel W., second by Jim B. to approve the financial report of about \$15,600 in checking and \$13,421 in savings with no big expenses expected at this time. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on Zoom videoconference.

Motion by Raefe G., second by Jim M. to allow single approval for all committee chairs. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on Zoom videoconference.

Motion by Joel W., second by Mike W. to approve committee chairs as indicated below. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on Zoom videoconference.

Joel Shapiro	Bylaws/Policies & Procedures and Marketing
Cindy Amore	Grants
Jim Martin	Hall of Fame
Maggie Muleski	Historical
Michelle Meike	Think Tank and WWSF Open
Julie Abramson	Membership
Jim Babcock	Safety

Midwest AWSA Councilperson / Tradition Sport Discipline Director Report

Jim informed the BOD that Allen Bubolz was unanimously selected to be inducted into the Midwest AWSA Hall of Fame in August of this year.

Wisconsin Region NSSA Directors Report

- Scholarships available from USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Foundation. Would like to see more from Wisconsin apply and receive.
- We need to conduct a survey or obtain reports from teams for the Wisconsin Region report to the NSSA later this month.
- The NSSA BOD meeting will be held at 8:00 AM on Friday, February 26 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. The meeting will be hybrid like the fall meeting this past November in Florida.

Show Ski Sport Discipline Director Report

- See report included with these minutes.
- Discussed Think Tank instructors, Pyramid Clinic Application, and Ski Camp. No team signed up for Ski Camp, so we'll go with the two teams that originally signed up for 2020.
- Sent applications to officials in December so they can choose their interests and choices for the state show ski championships.
- Working on plans for a WWSF jump (show/freestyle) clinic this summer. Seeking a central location. More details to come.

Motion by Raefe G., second by Joel W. to seed teams by division for the 2021 Wisconsin State Water Ski Show Championships (team competition) again as opposed to using the seeding order from 2020. Vote taken by online balloting (Survey Monkey – administered by Joel S.). Motion passed by vote of 17 yes and 11 no.

Barefoot Sport Discipline Director Report

- See report included with these minutes.
- Planning for 7 barefoot tournaments this year (3 of which are new) including a Figure 8 at Plum Skiers on June 5 and a Figure 8 in Madison the weekend before Memorial Day. Others include state, regionals, Footstock, and to be determined the weekend after Labor Day.
- Paul S. indicated he is now on the Midwest ABC board.

Collegiate Sport Discipline Director Report

- See report included with these minutes.
- Evan indicated that collegiate teams have to follow school guidelines/rules. Hoping for spring events. There are 2 conference championships in the spring. The winter conference in March will be a virtual event.

Adaptive Sport Discipline Director Report

- See report included with these minutes.
- Sue indicated that there must now be a Level 1 adaptive instructor for all adaptive clinics.

Recreational Director

No report.

Safety Committee Report

- Jim B. indicated that a handle guard for slalom is being recommended instead of mandated.
- Much discussion regarding ongoing issues with ratings and retention due to COVID-19.
- Gerry L. indicated that his plan is to host clinics in the spring with classroom portion in March via Zoom. Water portion at same time or later date. He is also working on some exemptions.

It was mentioned that teams need 2020 ratings to be extended through 2021.

Think Tank Committee Report

- Think Tank is hybrid (in-person and virtual) as approved at the special BOD meeting on January 16.
- Registration is open, and has been for a couple of weeks.
- Michelle gave details on safety/health plan, schedule, etc. and also announced that Visit Central Florida signed on at the \$1,000 sponsorship level.
- She also announced that Apex Engineering is providing 500 2oz. hand sanitizers and 50 24oz. sanitizer spray bottles.

Historical Committee Report

No report.

Nominating Committee Report

Bob sent elections/nominations info to the Marketing Committee to post online and communicate info.

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Bylaws / Policies & Procedures Committee Report

- Proposed amendments to the bylaws sent as required for first consideration at this meeting.
- Joel S. went through the bylaws article by article for questions, concerns, or issues. He also explained a few of the changes. There were no questions or concerns.

Motion by Raefe G., second by Mike W. to consider the proposed bylaws amendments in their entirety as opposed to individually. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on Zoom videoconference.

Motion by Joel W., second by Mike W. to approve the proposed bylaws amendments in their entirety. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on the Zoom videoconference.

Joel S. noted that we have to vote on these proposed bylaws amendments at two consecutive regular BOD meetings. Plan to conduct the second vote at the April 3, 2021, BOD meeting. Another notice will be sent, as required, for the second vote on the proposed bylaws amendments.

Joel S. also presented a proposed re-write of section 12.7 of the Policies & Procedures (Hall of Fame Committee). The proposal redefines the role and duties of the committee and establishes a fourth category of Hall of Fame Inductees. The new category is Contributor, which replaces Support Personnel in the previous category labeled Officials & Support Personnel. The proposal also includes the selection criteria for each of the four categories of the Hall of Fame. This proposal was sent as required by the

Policies & Procedures. The proposal need only be considered once, and becomes effectively immediately upon approval.

Motion by Joel W., second by Jim B. to approve the proposed re-write of section 12.7 of the Policies & Procedures (Hall of Fame Committee). Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on the Zoom videoconference.

Hall of Fame Committee Report

- The committee unanimously selected 4 nominees for consideration of induction into the 2021 class of the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame.

- Those candidates include Lisa Lamb (Fitzgerald-Fuerst), Jeff Henke, Cathy Luiting, and Gerry Luiting.

Motion by the committee, **second by Hans H.** to approve Lisa Lamb for induction into the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on the Zoom videoconference.

Motion by the committee, second by Jim B. to approve Jeff Henke for induction into the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on the Zoom videoconference.

Motion by the committee, second by Joel W. to approve Cathy Luiting for induction into the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on the Zoom videoconference.

Motion by the committee, second by Joel W. to approve Gerry Luiting for induction into the Wisconsin Water Ski Hall of Fame. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on the Zoom videoconference.

Marketing Committee Report

- Joel S. indicated that the Social Media team provided a content plan, which will be included with these minutes.
- He is working with Championship Awards (owned by WWSF member Dan “Jawzz” Jaworski) to produce 3 awards for the winners of the 2020 Skills Development Challenge. He gave “Jawzz” a **budget of \$200 for cascading awards.**

Membership Committee Report

No report.

WWSF Show Ski Open Committee Chair

(had to step away during this committee report – need info from Michelle)

Grants Committee Report

- Cindy A. indicated that we received only one grant application (from the Central Wisconsin Water Walkers).
- She reminded everyone that grant applications are due at Think Tank.

Other Business

- Chris C. questioned Gerry L. about our usual variance request regarding discipline at the state show ski championships in light of the recent change in USA-WSWS Bylaws regarding the requirement that all suspension or expulsion issues be referred to the USA-WSWS Judicial Committee. Gerry deferred to Jeff Clark and Jeff Smith for such issues related to requirements of the USOPC (United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee) and the Ted Stevens Act.
- Jim B. asked if Gerry or anyone heard anything in regards to the USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Foundation and its building. Gerry mentioned that the foundation has neither a building, nor the funding for a building, and that it is returning to its roots with the sale of Lake Myrtle. USA-WSWS HQ staff have been working remotely for nearly a year and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Motion by Joel W., second by Amanda R-C. to adjourn. Motion passed by lack of dissent shown on Zoom videoconference. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

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