

2015 AWSA Southern Region Winter Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2015 Atlanta, GA

After a few brief comments the meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.

Jeff Clark was appointed as Parliamentarian.

Roll Call - EVP – Bob Schouten Directors – Chris Eller, Lyman Hardy, Jim Jaquess
Treasurer / Bylaws (S Region – AWSA – USAWS) / AWSEF – Jeff Clark
AL – Caldwell Marks, Chris Logan, Milton Weathers, Lyman Hardy
FL – Jim Jaquess, Jody Seal, Stan Switzer, Gordon West, Dennis Longo
GA – Elaine Guarino, Ray Crenshaw, Craig Bryans
KY – Pat Coomes, Bob Harris, Eric Kelly
NC – Chris Eller, Jerry Hargis, Brenda Hargis, Alan Long
SC – Mark Skeen
TN – Julie Yancey, Steve Raybourne, Ham Wallace
Committee Members – Seth Gilbert (NC), Bob Archambeau (NC),
Jim Cawthorn (GA), Greg Webb (TN), Kirby Whetsell (TN), Leon Larson (FL),
Ruth Johnston (FL), Jerry Jackson (GA)

A Quorum was announced.

The 2015 Southern Region Winter Meeting Agenda was reviewed and there was nothing new to add. The Agenda had a motion to accept and a second – Agenda approved.

2014 Southern Region Summer Meeting Minutes were put up for discussion. There was a motion to accept the minutes as posted and there was second. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Jeff Clark (highlights below of details presented)

Income:	Interest	\$65
	Contributions	\$219
	Junior Development	\$6,275
	Regional Guide	\$50
	Regional Head Tax	\$221
	Regional Medals LOC	\$440
	Sanction Fees	\$18,750
	Other Income	\$1,216
	Total Income	\$27,236
Expense:	Awards	\$831
	AWSA Region Support	\$500
	Bank and PayPal	\$903

Expense Cont'd:	Committee Expenses	\$1,800
	Contribution Expense	
	AWSEF Facility Fund	\$221
	AWSEF Scholarship	\$2,300
	Benevolence	\$1,000
	Misc.	\$175
	Total Contributions	\$3,696
	Directors Expenses	\$3,000
	Junior Development	\$4,452
	Meetings Exp	\$1,906
	Nationals Officials	\$3,000
	Nationals Tent	\$300
	Clinics	\$2,600
	Regional Guide	\$505
	Team Expenses	\$2,675
	Website Expense	\$36
	Total Expenses	\$26,204
	2014 Net Income	\$1,032

As of December 31, 2014

Checking Accounts:

Junior Development	\$1,406
U21 Team	\$2,000
Other	\$462

Money Markets:

Junior Development	\$8,100
General	\$57,800

Total Cash \$69,768

A motion was made to approve the Treasurers Report and seconded. Treasurers Report approved.

EVP Report – Bob Schouten

Thanks were given for having the faith in Bob to act as EVP. It is a big learning curve, but should be up to the task. Talked about making the Regional Tournament second to none. It is the only tournament that our council has total control over. We need new ideas to make it better.

Award was presented to Bob Archambeau for being past EVP. Great Job!

Alabama Report – Caldwell Marks

Alabama Council – Caldwell Marks, Milton Weathers, Chris Logan
National Director – Lyman Hardy

Officers

President – Caldwell Marks

Secretary – Debbie Miller

Treasurer – Shauna Crenshaw

Jr. Development – Wendy Goldstein

2014 Highlights

- Alabama had 17 tournaments in 2014, 17 tournaments in 2013, 12 tournaments in 2012, up from 10 in 2011. One of the 17 tournaments was a record tournament.
- Regionals were held in our State at Lymanland for the second year in a row. We'd again like to thank Lyman for putting on another great event.
- We had 405 entrants in 2014, 434 entrants in 2013, 344 entrants in 2012, 271 entrants in 2011. While down roughly 6% from 2013, this is still a 51% increase compared to 2011.
- We had a Junior Development Clinic at Divorce Lake in early May. Alabama also held a second annual clinic put on by Wade Cox at Lake Martin in early June. We had our 4th annual slalom clinic on Lake Martin (public) in late June. This was a 2-day event and had 20 participants.
- We had a successful Hump Day Grand Prix Class C handicapped series on three Wednesday Nights with the winner receiving an HO ski of their choice.
- Alabama had 12 skiers go to Nationals, bringing home 12 medals.
- Russell Marine paid the first \$500 of entry fees for new skiers at our State Tournament
- We awarded a \$500 college scholarship to the highest NOPS score at our State Tournament
- We put together a committee and launched the Alabama Water Ski Hall of Fame. Our 2014 Hall of Fame inductee was Hal Hamilton.

Looking ahead into 2015 and beyond

- The Alabama State Tournament will be held at Clearwater in Huntsville, AL
- A Spring Officials/ Junior Development Clinic will be held May 30th at Faith Lake in Shorter, AL
- Russell Marine is sponsoring the first \$500 of entry fees to new skiers at our State Tournament.
- The 2017 Junior U.S. Open will be hosted in Mobile at Ski Chaste.

Florida Report – Gordon West

As usual our ski season began in early spring and continued into early fall. 75 + tournaments. Florida was the waterski mecca of the World due to the Traver's family hosting the 35+ World

Championships, the largest ever! It was a total success. The FWSF was able to assist our 3 resident Team members financially.

Prior to this event it was business as usual, starting the season with an Official / Driver's Clinic in early March. We have once again set that up for March this season. With the Regionals and Nationals being held out of our state the next big event was FI State Championships which were held at "The Ski Club of The Palm Beaches" with the usual skiing, banquets and Jr. medals! These club members have stepped up to host our tournament this year, even while taking on the Nationals. Also during our Championship weekend is our HOF inductions. This year it was George Levien. Congrats to George, well deserved. Also elections were held, well as you can see I'm still here. All officer's remained the same for 2015. We made a few adjustments / changes to our HOF in the way that inductee's are selected. Florida also had the return of the "Rocketman Night Jump combined with the inaugural Mapple Pro Am Challenge. It was held at the Mapple ski site. It was a great format, unfortunately - Mother Nature blew into town with a "cold" vengeance. We look forward to this event to return in 2015. The weekend prior to the this was the return of the US OPEN held in downtown / lake Ivanhoe Orlando. This event has been re-scheduled for 2015. The Swiss Ski School gang has put together a Pro-Slalom / cash event scheduled for Saturday May 30th.

Our Jr. Development has been lacking for a few years. We are looking to get it going strong again with the help of Steve Garcia, who graciously volunteered to head it up in the central portion of our state. We are still seeking volunteers for north and south.

We have reached out to our hosting site owner's to try to add some class C tournaments to their sanctions or at least partial as to get credit's for our new and up and coming officials. That's all for now!

Georgia Report – Jim Cawthern

Two state records were broken in 2014, one record twice in the same day. Mike Mosley broke the M6 record only to find out later that Jack Everett on the other side of the State furthered that record the same day in another tournament. In Women's 6, DeAna Shealy bested her score, breaking her own record.

March 15th, 2014, Georgia skiers remembered Bo Callaway. His passing sparked memories of his contributions to our sport for many years, including the introduction of the Masters Water Ski Event in 1959. The event now features the 23rd Jr. Masters as well, with 5 different sport disciplines. This year it will be held on May 22nd -24th @ Callaway Gardens.

The 2015 Georgia State Water Ski Championship Tournament will be at Divorce Lake, hosted by Leaders Bob & Judy Wilkinson and Billy Pilcher. They achieved the goal of creating a fabulous 3 event site. Last season they held a 2 and 3 event tournament. They are continuing their efforts

to be a premier site are have ambitious hopes to hold a dual state challenge between Georgia and Alabama Skiers for some additional bragging rights in the future!

The GWSF has been working with specific tech savvy members to build up components for Video Tricks and Video Jump. Not all ski sites in Georgia are private 3 event sites with the infrastructure or maturity to support the latest approved methods for 3 Event - Class C and up tournaments. So a Federation sponsored 'tech box' for Video Tricks was developed as a loanable kit for any club wanting to use this to call tricks using video. Video Jump is being assembled in hopes of having a useable kit for any site as early as this ski season.

The 2015 Pro-Am is moving from its May date to July 18-19th at Whitestone Lakes Estates as long as the LOC , official's availability and sponsorship funds remains supported. Amateur's and Pro's alike will all ski 2 rounds on Saturday. Final's on Sunday, with a Super Final's that afternoon. Details will be published in the guide. There may also be some other fun surprises!

At least 6 different clubs are planning Class C tournaments this year. The AWSC plans a 3 event to include Grass Roots and Disabled skiers as well.

Legends Ski Club received the Jump from former Water Ski Atlanta. There are plans to refurbish and make it available for the Disabled Skiers at this site. Bill Furbish is helping to raise funds for an upgrade to a Master Craft surface, new side skirts and basic repairs. Because of Georgia's Shepherd Hospital and people like Bill and Aric Fine, there is a need to support 3 event skier hopefuls in our state. There are many people who are making sure they have a place to ski.

There are several plans for Jr. Development that the GWSF in conjunction with LOC's plan to host. From local coaching to pro's for a planned clinic. There were several offerings last year and we plan to 'at least' match that progress again this year. This continues to be a top priority.

The GWSF hopes to support a clinic for each Official's discipline during the winter months. Safety and Scoring are expected.

Kentucky Report – Bob Harris

We are happy to report that 3 event skiing is alive and well in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This past year, we hosted numerous 3 event tournaments. In addition, the 1st Annual "In His Wakes" tournament was held in Paducah in July featuring head to head competition between some of our top male 35yr and older skiers against several pro and amateur skiers. The main event was held under the lights with Regina Jaquess winning top honors. Along with the "In His Wakes" tournament, a 36 mph head to head tournament was held with strong competition including Dane Mechler and Tyler Scott both skiing into 41' off.

Junior Development remains strong. We held a 3 day clinic in Paducah coached by Dane Mechler. Approximately 17 junior skiers attended. In addition, we held the State Jr.

Development clinic at Stillwater Lake in Eminence, KY, once again with a very strong turnout. Several Jr's went on to ski and medal at the Southern Region championships, and several Jr's went on to compete at the Nationals in Texas.

2015 will again be a busy year in KY. In addition to our usual tournaments scheduled, the Ski Nuts will be hosting the Southern Region championships in Paducah. The 2nd annual "In His Wakes" tournament will follow that weekend in Paducah, so plan on attending both! We will again have 2 JR development clinics.

We are also proud to announce the Eric Kelley has developed a new ski site in Scottsville, KY (near Bowling Green) and anticipates hosting a first ever tournament there in the near future.

Finally, our membership is currently at 52. We are pleased to note that it is up 2 members from last year.

North Carolina Report – Chris Eller

The NC Water Ski Association held it's annual Jr. Development clinic at Coble Ski School for 32 junior water skiers. Over half had never skied before.

Beaver Lake continued it's Night Jump competition with over \$2000 in cash and prizes for the jumpers that competed. There was a crowd of nearly 500 people to watch the event. Along with that they had a record slalom event with great scores. Little Mountain and Coble Ski School also hosted record slalom events.

The NC State Championships were held at Clear Lake in Lexington, NC. There were several state records set over the two day event. Gary and Shirley Coble were inducted into the NC Water Ski Hall of Fame. David Fulp was awarded the Gary Pessley Jr. Scholarship of \$1000.

There are lots more great competitions to come following Regionals and Nationals including a new event at a site near Lake Lure, NC. There will be skiing and skeet shooting team competition at the event.

South Carolina Report – Mark Skeen

South Carolina has been struggling considering what it has to offer water skiers. We have 4 3-event sites in our state along with numerous non jump sites. Last year we held 6 tournaments at 3 sites. Our assets are underutilized and our participation is low. INT on the other hand is strong here. They have large participation and held well attended events over 5 weekends in SC. We are working to grow participation by pulling together key stakeholders, including trying to work alongside the INT league, to grow interest in waterskiing in South Carolina.

Some key areas of focus are:

- Marketing - Growing membership through social media and promoting the fun side of our sport.
- Core Leadership - Working with the core leadership of our federation to encourage others to step in and have a say about how we grow. The encouragement of new ideas should alone foster excitement and has so far.
- Tournaments, Clinics, and Local Sites - Working with site owners to encourage additional events with dates that are aligned carefully with bordering states. Trying to draw participation from these bordering states will support the events and will

show not only locals what we have to offer but also those from Georgia, North Carolina and other states. Additionally work with the local sites to foster growth through adding additional club members.

It is our goal to increase participation in SC with SC skiers and there is some momentum to make that happen.

Tennessee Report – Ham Wallace

2014 was ushered in with the usual activities, skiing at Soggy Bottom, Old Hickory Lake, Memphis and elsewhere around the State.

The Groundhog was way off in his predictions. This was the prelude to the “winter that would not end”! The actual ski season started fairly late due to the weather, but, the state managed to have 12 tournaments during the season including 2 Record events.

The biggest news in the state was our junior skiers! The Jr. Masters had Allie Nicholson and Kara MacIntyre participating.

The U-21 Worlds had Kara, Brie, Zane and Caroline making waves.

Our skiers consisted of Charlsey Newman, Garrett Stallings, Julia Stallings, Brie Carter, Chanah Carter, Allie Nicholson, Kara MacIntyre, Zack MacIntyre, Trey Snell, George Norton, Cooper Riggs and Cole Hagan. I hope that I didn’t forget anyone.

Zack MacIntyre made the Junior Team while Charlsey Newman and Garrett Stallings made the Jr. Development Team.

The 2014 Tennessee State Championships were held at Lake Grace, home of the Soggy Bottom Ski Club and Swerve Water Sports. A Junior Clinic was held on Friday with Michael Bullock Coaching. We’d like to thank Michael Bullock and Tom Farrar for providing us a great venue for the tournament. The conditions were wonderful and every one had a great time. Thank you Bullock family for your involvement in the perpetuation and support for Tennessee skiing.

At the State Meeting, the awards were given:

The Tim Denny Award was presented to Seth Berry.

The Vic Varallo Award went to Michael Bullock

Glenn "Birdie" Birdwell was the inductee to The Tennessee Water Ski Hall of Fame.

The 2nd Annual Roger Whetsel Scholarship was awarded to John Bull.

The 2014 Southern Regionals was held at Lymanland USA in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The tournament organizers are a little tardy in submitting their head tax to our Sec./Treasurer, Steve Raybourne.

The 2015 Tennessee State Tournament will be held at Tommy Newman's, Beautiful Lake Pryor. (Home of the World Famous Barking Dawg Saloon). I am sure history will repeat itself and it will be an outstanding event.

Kirby Whetsel competed for the United States 35+ Pan Am Team in Bogota, Columbia. Kirby captured the Gold Medal in Jumping!

Joy Kelley competed in the 35+ World Championships which was held at Jack Traver's Sunset Lakes. Joy had a phenomenal tournament placed 1st in slalom, jumping and overall and also setting a new world jump record. Not too shabby after a decade sabbatical!

Tennessee had an amazing showing at the 2014 National Championships which were held at the San Marcos River Ranch in San Marcos, Texas. Medalists included Brian Sparks, Joy Kelley, Charley Newman, Paul Turner, Kirby Whetsel, Greg Webb, Brie Carter, Kara MacIntyre, Allie Nicholson, Julia Stallings, Zack MacIntyre and Garrett (The "G" Man) Stallings. Congratulations on a great year.

We lost a pioneer in the Tennessee water ski community when Roger Whetsel passed away. He was instrumental in many aspects of Tennessee water skiing. He was always there to help judge, encourage in his way of making a person think, help with state by-laws and generally be available for so many skiers for so many years. We all miss Roger Whetsel and we appreciate his scholarship legacy. Thank You Roger for being my friend for almost 5 decades.

For 2015 we are looking forward to the Southern Regionals being held by the Kentucky Lake Ski Nuts in Paducah, Kentucky. Joe Burkhead, Bob Harris and the Ski Nuts Crew put on a great tournament with great conditions. This year promises to be a real treat with night slalom and other evening lake side entertainment.

The Nationals, will be held by Charlotte Melchers and the Ski Club of the Palm Beaches at Okeeheelee Park in West Palm Beach, Florida. No other group has more experience in hosting such a large event! This will be a great year.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone this coming year! Have a great Year!

Tellers Committee – Kirby Whetsel

Officials for 2015 Regionals and Nationals are as follows:

2015 Southern Regional Officials

Chief Judge Assistant Chief Judge

Kirby Whetsel Ray Crenshaw

Appointed Judges

Milton Weathers Jeff Wiswall Seth Berry

Bob Harris Ric Stallings

Jazmine Mosley Gagner Leza Harrison Carl Marquess

John Shipp Craig Bryans

Chief Scorer Appointed Scorers

Elaine Guarino Jeanette Van Akeijen

Heather Stallings

Chief Driver Appointed Drivers

Ham Wallace Jody Seal Greg Webb

Lyman Hardy

Chief Safety Appointed Safety

Leon Larson Kim Bryans

Chief Technical Controller

Rodger Logan

2014 National Officials

Appointed Judges

Jody Seal Scott Snape Bob Schouten

Donna Switzer Kirby Whetsel

Appointed Scorers

Elaine Guarino Jeff Clark

Appointed Drivers

Gordon West Lyman Hardy

Rules – Ruth Johnston / Jeff Pohlig

RULES PROPOSALS SUBMITTED TO S REG COUNCIL

PROPOSAL 1: 1.01B Addition. Passed
PROPOSAL 2: 3.03B1, 3.03B2, 3.03C1 Changes. Passed
PROPOSAL 3: 3.03 Add Masters Women. Passed
PROPOSAL 4: 4.02 & 14.01 Additions. Passed
PROPOSAL 5: 6.01J Additions. Passed
PROPOSAL 6: 6.03 New Wording and Format. Passed
PROPOSAL 7: 7.01 Additions. Passed
PROPOSAL 8: 8.02E Additions. Passed
PROPOSAL 9: 8.04A & E Additions. Passed
PROPOSAL 10: 9.07 Changes. Passed
PROPOSAL 11: 9.09 & 9.10 Changes. Passed
PROPOSAL 12: 9.16C8 Changes. Passed
PROPOSAL 13: 9.16C4 Changes. **Does not Pass.** (To be discussed at AWSA BOD meeting)
PROPOSAL 14: 10.16A2B. Passed
PROPOSAL 15: Lower Men 11 max speed to 46K (28mph). Passed
PROPOSAL 16: 10.06B Changes. Passed
PROPOSAL 17: 10.07 Boat Path. **Does not Pass**
PROPOSAL 18: 10.16B3. Passed
PROPOSAL 19: 11.03 Changes. Passed
PROPOSAL 20: 11.08B4 Additions. Passed
PROPOSAL 21: 11.12 Passed
PROPOSAL 22: 11.20. **Does Not Pass**
PROPOSAL 23: 15.02A. Passed
PROPOSAL 24: Passed
PROPOSAL 25: Passed
PROPOSAL 26: Passed
PROPOSAL 27: Passed
PROPOSAL 28: Passed
PROPOSAL 29: Passed
PROPOSAL 30: Passed
PROPOSAL 31: **No Action**

AWARDS – No Report

BYLAWS – Jeff Clark

We have two proposals for the Board of Directors to consider that will change the points for each year served by the Executive Vice Presidents of the regions.

ACTION ITEM # 1

The Bylaws Committee is recommending that we change Article V section 3 to add a new section d) Executive Vice President and give them 2 points for each year of service.

RATIONALE:

The Executive Vice Presidents (EVP) who are elected on a yearly basis and have always had the points awarded for each year of service in the same way that we have considered the Directors, who are elected for a three year term. Over the years the responsibilities of the EVP have been expanded to a greater level of responsibility for the operation of their region and the workload has increased exponentially as well. This is a more equitable award for the service that they give their region each year over the current system.

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3) AWSA Honorary National Directors are non-voting Directors who accumulate 6 points by serving on the AWSA Board or on the USA-WS Board, in one or more of the capacities listed below and who have received a majority vote of the Board. The service years are total years, served separately, and shall not be concurrent years of service. AWSA Honorary National Directors are elected to this position for life.

- a) President or Chairman of the Board 3 points for each one year term
- b) Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary 2 points for each one year term
- c) Voting Director 3 points for each three year term
- d) Regional Executive Vice President 2 points for each one year term

ACTION ITEM # 2

We will need to revise section 6.2 in the Policies and Procedures Manual to change the effective date for the approval of the changes and set the effective date for the change.

RATIONALE:

The Regional Elections always take place at the annual meeting in each region and after the elections; the years of service are reviewed for the Directors that have retired from service and the same applies to the officers of the AWSA after the summer Board of Directors meeting.

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6. HONORARY NATIONAL DIRECTORS

6.1 AWSA NGB voting Directors and elected Officers shall be credited for their years of service on the AWSA NGB Board as if all service years had been on

the AWSA Sport Discipline Board.

6.2 Article V Section 3 rewritten and approved January 24, 2015 and has an effective date of August 1, 2014.

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

International Activities – Stan Switzer

We had our IAC meeting in November 2014 at AWSA HQ and Chris Rodgers from AWSA was there. We had the Pan-Am Championships and all the teams did really well. The Elite, the Junior, the Under 21, the 35, the 45, and the 45+ all won. The Under 13 took second place. We won the Can-AM in Under 13 and Under 17. Our team did really well at the Over 35 Worlds. We had the Pan-Am Festival for the first time. The US team won. Four skiers and two wakeboarders won 9 medals. We had the National Junior Team and the AWSA is going to promote the team in the magazine, etc. We have Elite Team trials coming up at Cory's place; that is the big event coming up this year. All of the teams, with the exception of Elite, are going to be picked off a standing list, compared to having team trials. Nobody gets funded anymore so it's hard to ask parents to commit to the travelling schedule and expenses required.

Jim Jaquess had a question about an Executive Committee motion that affected IAC. The motion capped the Elite Team expenses at 60% of AWSA "income" for any given year. No Executive Committee members were present to discuss what this means.

Craig Bryans asked about Under 13 events for 2015. Can-Am event is the only event. Pan-Am is not until 2016.

Judges/Scorers Qualifications – Ray Crenshaw

Judges and Scorers Downgrades

The extension granted until Dec. 31, 2014 to complete renewal requirements for the 2014-2015 renewal cycle has been followed by a concerted push to save as many officials as possible. Committee members and EVP's have reached out and encouraged our officials to get current. Special thanks to Floyd who has led this effort. Many have taken advantage of online clinics held by Bob Harris. According to Melanie, the attrition numbers are now generally consistent with those of previous renewal years. Since the downgrades will not be made until after Dec. 31, 2014, the final statistics are not yet available. We hope to have them available by the board meeting on Jan. 24, 2015.

The feedback we have had from those who have chosen to let their ratings downgrade or expire, indicates that the option of retesting in order to get reinstated has not been well received. With the one-year extension already granted, hardship renewals for missing the deadline will be difficult to grant. (Therefore the big push for keeping everybody off the downgrade list in the first place).

2015 goal: Stay ahead of the downgrades. The next biennial period ends on Dec. 31, 2015. Our goal is to notify all officials of any renewal deficiencies in March, 2015, and again in June, 2015. This will be via an email notification, and hopefully contain a link to a simple report showing exactly what specific requirements are needed, and by when, in order to retain their current rating. These reminders will give officials an opportunity to correct any deficiencies during the 2015 tournament season. The final list on Dec. 31, 2015 will be the actual downgrades to be processed. (There is still a reinstatement grace period through May 2015 for clinics.)

Slalom Videos for Tests/Clinics/Modules

Thanks to a lot of help from some of our tournament volunteers, specifically the Kelm family, Floyd has developed a good collection of new tower, boat, and gate video. We're still working to integrate everything into a web-based format, like the new trick videos in 2014. This has been complicated by the requirement for stop action/slow motion for gate videos.

2015 Action: Complete by 2015 for incorporation into the judge's tests, modules, and clinic material.

Senior Clinic

The 2014 clinic in Austin was a great success. It included Judges, Scorers, and Drivers, and interdisciplinary sessions. The thinking then and now was to make this a biennial event. So the next one will be in early 2016. We will be putting together details on time, place (Region?), content, and presenters. Coordinate with Driver's Committee.

2015 Action: East has tentatively volunteered! Tonya really helped in on site coordination in Austin.

Virtual Go to Meeting Clinics

Bob Harris hosted a Go to Meeting Clinic in October, bringing the total to 6 clinics he has conducted in 2014. As always, a big thanks to Bob. This continues to look like the wave of the future. **2015 Action: Document Bob's process and develop curriculum for others to host these clinics. Also, Bob willing, we would like to schedule 3 of these now, in time for inclusion in the 2015 Regional Guides.**

Online Clinics (Modules)

Our online clinics were updated to the 2014 Rules and will be updated again, once the 2015 rule changes are posted. The modules are General, Slalom, Trick, and Jump with practical exercises in each event module. For those that find it difficult to travel/participate in an in-person clinic, with approval of their Regional representative on the J&S Committee, they can participate in the online clinic can receive credit for a maintenance clinic (not advancement).

2015 Action: May 2015 update for new rule changes. Publish on USA Water Ski web site.

Technical – Jerry Jackson

Special thanks to all Record Review Board Members, Melanie Hanson and Scott Atkinson

2014 Nat'l Records (Calendar Yr): 48 records submitted (-4 from 2013)/9 declined:
18 slalom, 11 jump, 10 trick records approved;

2015 World Record Plaques - N/A for 2015 (Only 2 World Records: Freddy Krueger jump 250ft and Regina Jaquess Slalom 3 ¼ @410ft)

2014 Record Tournaments in 2014 ski season (Aug 2013 to Aug 2014)

Total = 132 (+2 from 2013):

South-67 (16 sites), S Central-31 (12 sites), West-15 (11 sites),

Midwest-14 (9 sites), East-5 (2 sites):

ONLY 2 Class E tourn listed.

2014 TCs (approx. total 74) (added 1 lost 1)

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 LOST ONE OF THE BEST UP COMING TC (JOHN WORDEN) DUE TO ACCIDENT.

NEW UP COMING TC WHO IS ALSO ELITE SKIER- JOHN TRAVIS WHO IS DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

We have 40 TC (40 events) that have not meet all the maintenance requirements for 2015. Need to evaluate and see what we can do to get everyone on track.

An Online Clinic is being prepared and will be submitted 2015 to all TC, to at least get the Clinic Requirements update.

2014 Tech Issues:

1) Jump Surface- A noticed was issued to AWSA by IWWF about jump surface not meeting current rule. A noticed was posted for all CJ/TC/Owners to check deviation on Jump Surface. No jump surface found out of spec. One jump that was questioned by IWWF based on Pic was corrected and was NOT used in a tourn.

2) TC Reports- Several TC reports have been submitted and are not complete/correct. Pete has been reviewing all TC reports and ensuring they get corrected.

3) Records – A lack of some detailed has been noticed in records tourn. (Jump setup not correct/verified prior to tourn -End results the scores were not correct). (Slalom EC video not correct)

2015 AWSA Rule Change Request: All covered under the Rule Change Request.

2015 Record Application Form: David is in process of putting the Record Application on the scoring program, were we can export file with all the information from the scoring program, and then complete the Form.

2015 Record Transmittal Process:

ALL RECORDS are to be ELECTRONICALLY submitted (VIDEO, APPLICATION, ETC) and downloaded to ADRIVE by the tourn TC. Will no longer accept hard files (DVR/CD/VCR tapes).

2015 New TC Rating Level “TC Ambassador”: Requesting AWSA BOD to approve a new TC rating level to acknowledge those that have made major contributions to our sport as Technical Controllers. Unlike the judges/scores Emeritus, this is not a retirement. These individuals will remain active, and mentor the upcoming/new technical controllers. See attached for guidelines.

***TC Manual:** Still need to update: Rodger Logon will take on task to update manual.*

Technically Controller Ambassador Requirements

- 1.** The applicant must have been an active Technically Controller/Homologator for fifteen (15) years or more (need not be active at time of submission).
- 2.** Technically Controller/Homologator must have acted in some capacity on the National or World level, for example, Technically Controller at the Nationals/Worlds (appointed or assigned); member of a National/IWWF Committee; Regional TC Chairmen; Chief Technically Controller at a Regional tournament; .
- 3.** The applicant may send a written request to his Regional TC Committee/AWSA TC Chairmen representative that he/she be allowed to move to this position if he meets the above requirements OR the TC Committee may elect a person that meets these are requirements.
- 4.** The 5 regional TC Committee members, plus TC Chairmen(s) representative must vote on the request (majority vote - 3/5).
- 5.** Upon receiving the TC Committee approval, at the request of the committee chairperson, the candidate will be presented to the AWSA Board of Directors for final approval (majority vote).
- 6.** After final approval, USA Water Ski will notify the applicant and provide instructions on how to print an updated official's qualification card which allows the official to serve as Chief Technical Controller or as an Assistant in any tournament up to and including Class R event.
- 7.** The Ambassador Technical Controller should remain active in the technical changes and keep up with the latest technical changes; and becomes a mentor to the new/up- coming technical controllers.
- 8.** There are no maintenance requirements (tournaments/clinics) for this rating other than maintaining a current USA Water Ski membership (minimum of supporting membership; Active membership required to officiate)

Junior Development – Elaine Guarino for Amy Newman

The 2015 Southern Region Junior Development Team has been selected. Based on the selection criteria, the following 24 athletes are named as the 2015 Southern Region Junior Development Water Ski Team members. The team will be eligible to attend a two-day clinic at Lake Pryor in McDonald, TN this spring (date TBD). They will also be receiving their team item either at the clinic or the Southern Regionals. Congratulations to all of you!

Hayleigh Blair – GA
Amanda Bryans – GA
James Bryans –GA
Hallie Burris – NC
Austen Caffey – FL
Jack Caffey - FL
Matthew Carson – FL
Saylor Davidson – KY
Garnet Fowler – KY
Aaron Goldstein – AL
Emma Goldstein –AL
Dylan Guarino – GA
Kennedy Hansen – FL
Nicholas Kerr – GA
Joshua Kubit – NC
Chance Lowe – FL
Wells Marks – AL
Ryan Montgomery – FL
Nicolas Nelson – FL
Pierson Oglesby – TN
Joseph Schouten – AL
Fred Snell – TN
Cooper Tate – FL
Conner Walsh – FL

Safety – Leon Larson

The Safety Committee received no action item. However we have been working on new safety rating requirement standards, clinic updates and new tests for both clinics and Regional / National ratings upgrade. As in the past, I would like to thank the Committee for its work.
Respectfully Submitted,
James Babcock, Chairperson

Tournament Seeding – No report

Skiers Qualification – No report

Boat Drivers – Ham Wallace

Not much to report. There have been no program changes in speed controls. There has been great communication across the country amongst the members. It has been a good year. Anticipating some changes next year, especially in testing and qualifications, etc.

Brought up what is probably a rankings list issue:

- Should there be a requirement to ski at more than one site (or even three sites) in order to avoid a penalty on your ranking score?

Towboat/Speed Control – Greg Webb

• Towboat Tests

The 2014 Towboat Tests were held on October 27, 2014 at Lake Grew, Polk City, FL. Attached is the list of approved boats including various engine and propeller options.

• Towboat Test Equipment

The USAWS Executive Committee and USAWS Board previously approved the purchase of new testing equipment to replace our aging radar technology. We worked with RaceLogic to refine our needs and minimize costs. The Committee purchased two VBox Sport units at a significantly lower cost than had been anticipated and budgeted.

NOTE: The current age of most all of the towboat test computers and equipment has reached the end of its useful life. The Board should anticipate and budget for additional equipment replacement.

• Speed Control – 3 event Zero Off – Jump 41 meter - NO time / "00"

An issue was identified during 2014, where there was no time / "00" displayed on the speed control screen for the 41 meter segment in the jump mode. This bug only affected the Nautique Linc and the MasterCraft Touch displays. The AWSA Towboat Committee worked with Zero Off to resolve the bug. A new display software version for both the Nautique and MasterCraft displays has been tested and is available. Note: this is an update to the display and not the ZO speed control unit.

• For Future Discussion / Direction – USAWS Towboat Committee

USA Water Ski (Executive Committee) needs to open a discussion regarding the future role (if any) of the Towboat Committee at the USA Water Ski level. To date, the only activity regarding policies, testing, etc. exists only at the 3 event level (AWSA and Collegiate). There has been little to no activity or interest expressed by any of the other sport divisions.

The Towboat is a mandated standing committee. Here is its description out of the P&P:

Towboats

7.8.1 Purpose:

The Towboat Committee shall establish performance guidelines for towboats used in USA-WS events. It shall also develop policy for towboat participation in USA-WS sanctioned events, subject to Board approval.

7.8.2 Membership:

There shall be one representative from each USA-WS Sports Discipline that participates in the

USA-WS Towboat program, as selected by the Sports Discipline Presidents and approved by the President of USA-WS, with other members appointed by the Athlete Advisory Committee, which will maintain a minimum of 20% representation in both numbers and voting power. At the discretion of the President of USA-WS, at large members may also be appointed (non-voting).

7.8.3 Responsibilities:

- a. Establish towboat specifications and performance standards for towboats used in USA-WS events.
- b. Establish testing procedures and standards for the USA-WS Towboat approval program.
- d. Maintain and update the USA-WS Towboat Policy Manual.
- e. Work in conjunction with the USA-WS Sports Disciplines' Boat Drivers and Technical Committees.
- f. Coordinate communications with towboat manufacturers.

7.8.4 Program Jurisdiction:

The committee has responsibility for the USA-WS Towboat program and shall maintain the USA-WS Towboat Policy Manual.

7.8.5 Specific Policies and Practices Governing the Committee:

Decisions shall be made by a 2/3 majority vote and are subject to Board approval.

Announcer – Bob Archambeau for Hank Longo

First of all, a big thank you to all the EVPs in helping recruit new announcers, our membership continues to grow. Please inform me of any new announcers you recruit.

Not much to report, everything is going fine, it's very exciting to be getting new announcers to help.

The one topic I want to address, for the future, is that hosting clubs of the national championships please communicate with me well in advance with what they are providing for a sound system and the set up. For example, I will be heading down to West Palm in January to meet with Charlotte and go over the sound system we will be setting up for this year's national championship. The reason is to provide the best sound for the spectators, sponsors and make it easy for the hosting club; there is a lot to it and with advance communication and working together we can make it the best for everyone.

Wishing you a great 2015!

Thank you,

Hank

Old Business

P&P 1.1.3 – Regional Overall Qualification

Motion by Craig Bryans to change.

Second Recinded

Regional Participation for Nationals

Motion to not have to ski at Regionals to participate in Nationals

Motion Denied

Update of Regional Web Site

Motion to have Tommy Harrington work on web site.

Motion Approved

New Business

P&P Revision 5.1-5.3

Schedule for Payment for Expenses Rendered by Volunteers

5.1 Payment of Expenses to National Committee Persons:

Annual funds (January 1 through December 31) in the amount of ~~\$300~~ **\$400** per trip, if needed, will be authorized for members of the IAC and additionally ~~\$300~~ **\$400** per trip, if needed, for members of other National Committees and Chairpersons of National Committees who are required to travel and attend meetings. The EVP will check and authorize expenditures not to exceed ~~\$300~~ **\$400** per required trip. It will be the responsibility of the committee members who have a requirement to request this assistance from the EVP.

5.2 Payment of Expenses to National Tournament Officials:

The EVP is responsible for paying the appropriate amount to certain National Tournament Officials of the Southern Region. At the Mid-Winter Meeting, the Southern Region will pay ~~\$200~~ **\$300** to each of the Southern Region Officials appointed to the past National Tournament. This includes Judges, Drivers, Scorers, Safety Director, Technical Controllers, Announcers (approved and assigned) and Qualifications Judge. The Seeding Committee representative shall receive ~~\$50~~ **\$100** for expenses incurred during the ski year. The total paid at the Mid-Winter Meeting is based on the amount of officials required by the AWSA to operate the National Tournament.

5.3 Payment of Expenses to National Directors:

The EVP is responsible for paying the appropriate amount to the National Directors of the Southern Region. At the Mid-Winter Meeting the Southern Region will pay, for the previous calendar year, the past EVP and National Directors ~~\$300~~ **\$400** per trip to each of the two (2) scheduled meetings of the AWSA Board of Directors, for a total of ~~\$2,400~~ **\$3,200**.

Motion Approved

Sponsorship of Coach/Manager of U21 Team
Motion Withdrawn

P&P 5.6 – Online Clinics

State of KY requested reimbursement for cost of online clinics.

Motion to amend Section 5.6 to allow for \$100 reimbursement per online clinic and \$200 per traditional clinic.

Motion Approved

Division II Nationals

Motion to create Division II Nationals.

Motion Denied.

Proposal to increase participation in Nationals by changing the % required for participation in lieu of creating a Division II Nationals.

Motion Approved.

Proposal to support the Southern Region Junior US U17 Team in trip to Peru. \$1,500 proposed.

Motion Approved.

Nominations:

EVP – Bob Schouten

Alternate EVP – Bob Archambeau

National Director – Chris Eller

Alternate National Director – Leon Larson

USAWS Director – Bob Schouten

Alternate USAWS Director – Jody Seal