

# **Minutes of Southern Region Council and General Membership Summer Meeting**

**July 30, 2009, Paducah, KY**

EVP Gene Davis called the meeting to order at 8:09pm

Jeff Clark was appointed parliamentarian.

A quorum for the general meeting was established by the parliamentarian.

## **Agenda Review**

There were not any changes made to the agenda.

**Minutes of Southern Region 2008 Winter Meeting of the Council & Membership** – The minutes were emailed out to the Council and posted on the web page. The minutes were approved as presented.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

**EVP** – Gene Davis

**Alternate EVP** – Jim Jaquess

**National Director** – Lyman Hardy

**Alternate National Director** – Leon Larson

**USA-WS Director** – Gene Davis

Jeff Clark moved to close nominations seconded by Gordon West. All were elected by acclamation.

## **TREASURERS REPORT** – Tim Denny

Tim reported that we were within budget on all of the line items of the 2009 budget and our current balance as of 7/20/09 is \$68,854.22. The current general fund balance is \$59,743.26 and JR Development balance is \$9110.96. Jeff Clark moved to accept, Milton Weathers second. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

## **EVP REPORT** - Gene Davis

A verbal report was given stating the Region is in good shape and is improving each year. We have seen very little change in regional finances, skier numbers and numbers of tournaments in current economic downturn.

## **State Reports**

**ALABAMA** – No report

**FLORIDA** – No report

**GEORGIA** – Robert Blair

Georgia held one Judges Clinic conducted by Ray Crenshaw and three Junior Developments Clinics. Jay Guarino the past President of the GWSF past away earlier this year and he will be a great loss for our state.

**KENTUCKY** - Bob Archambeau

We held a 3 day junior clinic at which the juniors received a lot of instruction and skiing. At the State tournament we held a 1 day Jr clinic which was warmly received by all the juniors.

**NORTH CAROLINA** – Jerry Hargis

North Carolina is doing well and holding a lot of tournaments

**SOUTH CAROLINA** – Jeanette Van Akelijen

Buzz Rogers is working on improving the Carolina Junior Classic into a State Vs State Team Tournament and they encourage more Southern Regional states to attend next year.

**TENNESSEE** – Tim Denny

The Tennessee State Championships were held at the new Soggy Bottom site at Manchester, TN. For the first time everyone was offered a chance at 2 rounds not just the juniors.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SOUTHERN REGION TELLERS COMMITTEE:** GERALD KIRSHNER No Report

**SOUTHERN REGION NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** No Report

**AWARDS COMMITTEE:** No Report

**AWSA SOUTHERN REGION, AWSA and USA-WS BYLAWS:** JEFF CLARK No Report

**INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:** STAN SWITZER

The IAC is looking for bid for a 2 day Team Trials for choosing the Jr World Championship team and the Pan-Am teams for 2010. The Bid is listed online at [www.usawaterski.org](http://www.usawaterski.org). This year the Team Trials were held at Cory Pickos site and the IAC chose an Elite Team for the Worlds, a team for the U21 Worlds, a Junior Team, and a U13 Team for the Can-Am's.

**JUDGES AND SCORERS COMMITTEE: RAY CRENSHAW**

Officials can now go on line at [usawaterski.org](http://usawaterski.org) click on the members login area and check the number of tournaments they have worked over the past ten plus years. This will keep the members informed of their officials' ratings status and what they need to do to avoid downgrades.

The new windows scoring system is still in the beta testing and will not be ready for use for at least another year.

**RULES COMMITTEE: Scott Snape**

There is a new link on the USA Water Ski web page that allows you to fill out a rules change request that is sent to the Rules Committee Chairman for consideration.

**TECHNICAL COMMITTEE: Gene Davis**

Congratulations to several Southern Regional skiers that set new records this year. Regina Jaquess set both the World Slalom record and World Overall Record, Marc Shaw set a Master Men Jump record, Cory Pickos set a Master Men Trick record and Adam Pickos set a Boys 3 Trick record.

**COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: No report**

**JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT - SOUTHERN REGION: Kerry Morgan No Report**

**SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report**

**TOURNAMENT SEEDING COMMITTEE: No Report**

**SKIER'S QUALIFICATION COMMITTEE: Joel Norton - No Report**

**BOAT DRIVERS COMMITTEE: Ham Wallace – No Report**

**TOWBOAT COMMITTEE: Greg Webb**

Committee will meet at Nationals to discuss Speed Control. The 2010 Ski Nautique has been approved to be used at the Big Dawg Tournament at Nationals.

**ANNOUNCERS COMMITTEE: No Report**

**AWSEF: Jeff Clark**

The AWSEF has started a new program titled the AWSEF Legacy. For \$1000.00 you can honor an individual that has had an influence on you and the sport. This will be posted electronically on the AWSEF website and will include a picture and a 300-word description.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Donna Switzer requested that the State Federations websites be linked to the Southern Region Website.

The 2010 US Nationals will be held in Wilmington, IL on a 2 lake site over 7 days.

Jeff Clark was selected to replace Chris Eller at the summer AWSA Board of Directors meeting. Chris will be unable to attend.

Motion was made by Mack Sparks to adjourn and seconded by Gordon West, voted on and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm

Respectfully submitted, Leon Larson