

Minutes of Southern Region Council and General Membership 2010 Summer Meeting

July 29, 2010, Okahumpka Florida

EVP Gene Davis called the meeting to order.

Jeff Clark was appointed parliamentarian.

The following Council Members and National Directors were present:

Ray Crenshaw, Jerry Hargis, Leon Larson, Art Croizer, Stan Switzer, Mark Dingeman, Jim Jaquess, Elaine Guarino, Eric Kelly, Jeanette Van Akelijen, Tim McKune, Bob Archambeau, Pat Coomes, Les Todd, Bobby Hill, Joy Coomes, Bob Schouten, Jerry Jackson, John Shipp, Jody Seal, Donna Switzer, Craig Bryans, Lyman Hardy, Gordon West, Carey Zimlich, Joe & Kathy Burkhead, Milton Weathers & Kirby Whetsel

A quorum for the meeting was established by the parliamentarian.

Agenda Review

There were not any changes made to the agenda.

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Motion made by Jim Jaquess to accept as previously presented, second Ray Crenshaw, motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT – Jeff Clark

Jeff reported that we have received over \$15,000. In sanction fees this year and currently have 72,085 in total funds. Jerry Hargis moved to accept, Leon Larson seconded. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

National Director – Chris Eller was re-elected.

Alternate AWSA Director – Leon Larson, Jim Jaquess moved to close nominations. Leon was elected by acclamation.

EVP – Bob Archambeau, Jim Jaquess motioned to close nominations Seconded Leon Larson. Elected by acclamation.

Alternate EVP - Jim Jaquess, Leon Larson moved to close nominations seconded Jerry Hargis. Elected by acclamation.

EVP REPORT: By Gene Davis

Gene Davis thanked the Southern Region for letting him serve as EVP. He also looks forward to his continued service as the President of the AWSA.

STATE REPORTS**ALABAMA – Bob Schouten**

Alabama has had a great year so far. We have implemented a Grand Prix Slalom series with the winner getting their picture in the Water Skier. It is sponsored by H2osmosis. It has been a huge success.

Our State Tournament was held at Faith Lake at Shorter Alabama. We have an "adopt a skier program" to bring in new skiers by the Federation paying for the new skier's entry. We brought in 7 new skiers.

We put Bibs on all our juniors at the State Tournament. The kids loved this. We had one Junior Clinic in May, also at Shorter Alabama.

FLORIDA – Gordon West

The Florida federation meeting was held at Ski Paradise. The only change to the current officers was Dennis Longo was elected VP. The Florida Federation web site is being updated by Jeff Clark.

GEORGIA – Craig Bryans

Started the year out with a Judges and Scorers Clinic. The state held several Juniors Clinic's one at Ray Crenshaw's Lake and one with Russ Stiffler at the State Championships. We also held two Adult Clinic's one at Ray Crenshaw's with Jeff Rodgers and one at Whitestone with Seth Stisher. Held a successful State Championships at Southern Waters and are planning to hold a Co-State Championships with Tennessee at Callaway Gardens. Rob Blair was elected President, James Cauthern is VP and Elaine Guarino was elected to Council.

KENTUCKY – Eric Kelly

Drivers & Judges Clinic held this year and membership is down by 20. We have a lot of active juniors and we held a 3 day clinic with 21 junior skiers. We held one day clinic the day before the State Championships. Joe Burkhead will replace Bob Archambeau as council person.

NORTH CAROLINA – Jerry Hargis

No change in officers as it has been the past five years. We inducted into the Kristi Overton-Johnson and Parker Overton into the NC Hall of Fame. Had a very successful and large State Championships and several records were broken. Lake Magnolia had a large turnout at the junior clinic they held.

SOUTH CAROLINA – Jeanette Van Akelijen

At the State Championships Elections were held and all of the officer's remain the same except Robert Van Akelijen has replaced Terry Wood. We held a junior clinic at Charleston and had

over 20 juniors and later held a Judges & Scorers Clinic. Buzz Rogers was not able to hold the State vs. State Junior Tournament this year, but hopes to be able to host it next year.

TENNESSEE – Kirby Whetsel

Tennessee's big loss last year was Tim Denny. We held a successful junior clinic at the State Championship. We have 26 skiers at the Southern Regional's this year. Looking forward to have a Co-State Championship with Georgia next year at Callaway Gardens. Tennessee is proud to have 3 skiers John Carder, Tommy Newman and Ham Wallace going to the 35+ World Championships in Italy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SOUTHERN REGION TELLERS COMMITTEE - Gerald Kirshner No Report

SOUTHERN REGION NOMINATING COMMITTEE - No Report

AWARDS COMMITTEE - Michelle Seal No Report

AWSA SOUTHERN REGION, AWSA, and USA-WS BYLAWS COMMITTEE - Jeff Clark - No Report

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – Stan Switzer

2011 Junior and 17 – 21 Team Trails will be held next year and Stan stated we need more 17-21 to participate in the trials. There is currently a lot of activity on the World Level with both the Junior Worlds and 35+ World Championships to be held in the next 2 months. This will be the First World Championships for the 35+ Group. There is also a new IWWF Standing list for the 35-44, 45-54 and 55+ Men & Women and to be on the IWWF list you must ski in a class "L" or "R" tournament. There was much discussion about the lack of funding for the teams that we send to the World Championships.

JUDGES AND SCORERS COMMITTEE - Ray Crenshaw

Brenda Hargis has applied for Senior Scorer Emeritus. It has passed the Committee and was passed by the Southern Region Council at the 2010 Southern Regional's. Ray Crenshaw has updated the answer sheets for the Judges Tests to reflect all the changes to the rules that were approved by the Board last January.

In 2009 because of financial concerns we did not send out the normal Officials Downgrade Letters. This year due to software changes HQ can now email the Downgrades Notifications. Due to those who missed our normal 2 year requirements, so the committee voted to use the following as this year's requirements *Down grade the officials that have not worked 4 tournaments in the past 3 years and next year do another downgrade using the normal 4 tournaments in past 2 years as stated in the Judges & Scorers Policy Manual*

The Committee voted to allow a Level 8 overall rated skier to request an Assistant Rating in all 3 events. Elite Overall Skiers can only Fast track in events that they hold an elite ranking in and not in any event they do not qualify.

RULES COMMITTEE – Scott Snape - No Report

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE – Jerry Jackson

9 Nationals Record – 4 of those are from Southern Region skiers.

COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Jim Grew – No report

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT - SOUTHERN REGION - Kerry Morgan

Elaine Guarino will be taking over for me as Southern Region Junior Development Chair, she has followed me all season and formerly was in charge of Georgia Junior Development.

We will be selling raffle ticket for \$10.00 each!!! You can win a D3 slalom ski or trick ski of your choice, ipods, ski schools and lots more. Please support Southern Region Junior Development.

There have been 2 Regional clinics for the Southern Region this year. One was at Tommy Newman's in Tennessee where Tadd Schrieber did the coaching for 2 days. The other clinic was at Jack Traver's for any Southern Region junior skiers who had skied in the past regionals. Jack, Chris and Jon Travers along with Natalia Berdnikova and Lauren Morgan coached the juniors for a 2 day clinic.

Hank Longo had towels made for all the juniors skiing at regionals-Thank you!

We have lots of skiers from the south leaving this Saturday going straight to Italy representing the USA for the Junior Worlds.

Chris Travers - Team Coach

Jody Johnson - Team Manager

Haywood McDonald and Lauren Morgan - Team members from the south along with Erica Lang and Makayla Haw.

KC Wilson, Zane Nicholson, Brie Carter, Nikki Waitt, and Taylor Woolsey will be going as independents.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report

A motion was made by Jim Jaquess and seconded by Leon Larson and passed unanimously, to develop a fast track for safety officials especially for health care personal (Nurses and EMT)

TOURNAMENT SEEDING COMMITTEE: Gary Pressley sent report via email

With the full integration of the Web based Ranking system, seeding has now become a rather routine operation. Most scorers are sending their files in a very timely manner. This makes my task much easier in than in past years.

The Southern Region played host to 113 tournaments since last year's National tournament. I no longer have access to the data for the number of participants or rounds skied.

The majority of my efforts revolve around resolving wrong names, usually nick names that some registrars or scorers still enter manually. There are several sites, in the Southern Region, that continue to allow skiers to participate without the proper membership credentials. Some of these join at a later date, but as of today there were 18 skiers that skied in 2010 that have no proof of membership at HQ.

Enjoy the Regional's and Nationals. I look forward to serving the Southern Region in this capacity if the new EVP desires to retain my services.

SKIER'S RATING COMMITTEE: Joel Norton - No Report

BOAT DRIVERS COMMITTEE: Ham Wallace - No Report

TOWBOAT COMMITTEE: Lyman Hardy - No Report

ANNOUNCERS COMMITTEE – Hank Longo

There is a lot of information for announcers posted on the USA-WS web site.

AWSEF: Bill Wenner – No Report

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Stan Switzer asked that Video gates for Slalom be required at all Southern Regional Tournaments in the future. Item was tabled until the Mid-Winter Council Meeting.

Craig Bryans recommended a change in the overall requirements for entry into the Southern Regional Tournament. The Regional Qualifications are only considered at the Mid-Winter Meeting and Craig was asked to bring his concerns to that meeting.

Ski Paradise will be placing a bid for the 2011 Regional's. They promised a formal bid by October 15, 2010.

REGIONAL RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the AWSA request that the requirement of live feed from the boat for slalom be removed and that a recording can be retrieved from the boat can be used to correct any

questionable judgments. Also request that the end gate tapes not be required to be sent in on any record applications.

2. Develop a fast track for safety officials especially for health care personal (Nurses and EMT's)
3. AWSA Directors on the USA-WS Board have to vote in accordance with the way the AWSA Board directs them.

Motion made by Leon Larson to adjourn and seconded by the entire room, voted on and passed.