

Minutes of Southern Region Council Midwinter Meeting Saturday January 8, 2011 Atlanta, Georgia

EVP Bob Archambeau called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Jeff Clark was appointed parliamentarian.

The following Council Members and National Directors were present:

National Directors – Jim Jaquess FL, Lyman Hardy AL, Chris Eller NC

Council - Alabama: Jay Estes, Milton Weathers, Craig Worley – (Bob Schouten, Pres)
Florida: Mark Griffin, Kerry Morgan, Stan Switzer, Gordon West – (Gordon West, Pres)
Georgia: Craig Bryans, Ray Crenshaw, Elaine Guarino – (Robert Blair, Pres)
Kentucky: Joe Burkhead, Pat Coomes, Tim McKune – (Eric Kelley, Pres)
North Carolina: Jerry Hargis, Alan Long, Johnny Thomas – (Chris Eller, Pres)
South Carolina: Jeanette vanAkelijen -
Tennessee: Steve Raybourne, Julie Yancey, Kirby Whetsel, Pres (for Jerry Moore)
Treasurer: Jeff Clark

Attending - Carey Zimlich, Jerry Jackson, Gerald Kirschner, Leon Larson, James Cawthern, Kim Bryans, Donna Switzer, Joel Norton

A quorum for the meeting was established by the parliamentarian

Agenda Review

No changes were made to the Agenda.

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Motion made to accept by Gordon West as presented, second by Chris Eller, motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT: Jeff Clark

The financial report for 2010 was reviewed in detail. Sanction Fees were down this year with 10 Tournaments cancelled possibly due to economics. There were contributions to the veteran team in the name of Mark Shaw which were brought in and immediately passed back out as requested.

Jeff reported that we had over \$72,000 in our accounts as of the December 31, 2010. The JR Development balance stands at \$7,159. These are the current balances with all 2010 expenses having been paid. We have already begun to receive sanction fees via our PayPal account which should make fee collection much easier going forward. Tim McKune moved to accept the treasurers' report. Lyman Hardy seconded the motion and it passed.

The 2011 Budget was presented by Jeff Clark. 2011 expenses should remain pretty much static. Note that general operating expenses will go up as past officers elected to cover these types of expenses "out of pocket". Budget vote was held until the Junior Development report was read and approved. [After the Junior Development report Steve Raybourne moved to accept the budget as presented and was passed.]

EVP REPORT: Bob Archambeau

Let's talk about things we can do. We need to take the time to thank our sponsors. They continue to get hit for more and more money. We have to start looking beyond the typical companies we go to for donations. We should be looking outside and begin to solicit funding from new avenues we haven't tapped yet (restaurants – gas companies – food distributors). Congratulations to Regina Jaquess and Ham Wallace for being awarded AWSA Athletes of the year. Thank you to Gene Davis for his work as outgoing EVP. A plaque

will be given to Gene by Jeff Clark as a thank you for his efforts. We have not lost an EVP we gained a President. A round of applause was given to Jack / Lelani and the whole Travers group for a fun and successful 2009 Regionals. A second thank you to Ruth Johnston, Stan and Donna Switzer and their club in hosting this year's Regional event. There is a concern for lack of Regional sites due to size of clubs and Officials. Regional sites desperately need additional volunteers so that we do not overwork the LOC staff. We need to begin to recruit help for these events or we will have to work even harder to find hosts. Officials are always needed and this year we had to again solicit additional names before we could send out the official's ballot. We really need more officials to put their names in the "hat" and continue to develop new officials to continue to hold these large events. Some economic predictions are looking for gas prices to go up to nearly \$5.00 per gallon this so be aware of this when setting your sanction fees. With the need to "stay up to date" we need to be more aware of our electronic communications and respond accordingly. We will be using the web site and e-mail more often to reduce paper so please make every effort to stay current including updating addresses and phone numbers. Our Southern Region web site is up and running and is "UP TO DATE" including manuals, documents, meeting minutes and a new PayPal link so you can electronically pay region fees, advertising or make donations.

State Reports

ALABAMA – Bob Schouten

2010 Highlights

Alabama had 13 tournaments in the Calendar Year of 2010, with one being a record tournament. The numbers were strong in the beginning of the season but tournaments became smaller as year moved on.

The State Tournament was held at Faith Lake in Shorter, AL. For the second year, we implemented the "adopt a skier" program, where if you bring a new skier to the State, your entry is paid for by the Federation. Alabama had 7 skiers take advantage of this program.

We had two Junior Clinics; one at Faith Lake in Shorter, AL and one at Ski Chaste in Axis, AL.

We put all Juniors at the State Tournament in a BIB for the State & Regional Tournament.

A new website was put in place <http://www.AlabamaWaterSki.com> and we have received over 5000 hits as of today.

Payton Phillips won our inaugural Grand Prix Slalom Series sponsored by H2Osmosis. It was a huge success with over 30 entries. Payton received a trophy, his picture in the "Water Skier" and over \$900 in prizes.

Looking ahead to 2011

We have 11 Tournaments scheduled for the Calendar year of 2011 which is 2 less than last year but 4 of the tournaments will be Record Capability

Alabama has 2 Junior Clinics penciled in for 2011.

We will continue our "adopt a skier" program and to put Bibs in our Juniors at the State Tournament

The Grand Prix will be in full swing for its second year.

The website will be promoted by Social Networking in order to try to bring about more interest and participation.

FLORIDA – Gordon West

Florida had a very busy ski season for the year 2010. The Southern Regionals hosted by the Travers family was once again a great success. Our State Championships were hosted by Ski Paradise and was also a great success. We hosted approximately 70 +/- tournaments. One of which was a Night Jump hosted by Fluid Ski & Sport @ Lake Grew, it was quite a party, if you get a chance don't miss it this year!

We had our Tournament selection meeting on Dec.4, 2010 and the tournament schedule has been forwarded to EVP.

Our 2011 season is shaping up to be very similar to last year. We will start the season with a Jr. Development Clinic @ Jack & Lelani's in Feb and an Officials Clinic @ Lake Grew the weekend of March 26/27. The 2011 Southern Regional Tournament will be hosted by Ski Paradise, and our State Championship will also be held by Paradise. I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Stan & Donna Switzer & Ruth Johnston for

stepping up and hosting this event, we did not have any bids from a 2-3 lake site that suits this tournament best.

Thanks to all Directors / Council persons for a being diligent about submitting email answers about the many request that came up over year.

GEORGIA – Robert Blair

Georgia water skiers and the Federation accomplished the following in 2010. We supported official development with a judge's clinic in the spring with special emphasis on video jump and trick calling. New judges and drivers continue to work on upgrading their ratings. Our juniors were supported through a slalom clinic in the spring, two three event clinics in the spring and summer and a protected practice before the State Championship. Junior participation is strong with 32 different juniors participating in various junior clinics and 5 being new participants. From "learn to ski" events to first time jumpers tournaments skiing was supported around the state. Lots of TV coverage including a great historical retrospective of Linda Giddens, supported the State Championship held again at Southern Waters Recreational Community. We are happy to report the first Adult Development Clinics co-sponsored by the GWSF were held this past year. Clinics at Toccoa and Whitestone with pro-skiers were completed and we look to promote the adult program again in 2011.

We would like to recognize with special thanks Ray Crenshaw and Jerry Jackson for conducting the judge's clinic and Russ Stiffler for expert support of trick calling. Crystal Blair for coordinating the junior development functions, Tadd Schreiber and Ray Crenshaw for supporting Adult Development. Special thanks to upcoming officials and drivers like James Cawthern, Adam Webb, David Jackson, Steve Buchtrup, Bill Kerr, PQ Cotton, Robert Blair and Greg Lehman.

Our 2011 focus will be to develop both senior and junior skiers, support our larger state ski clubs and strengthen our relationship with all clubs. We are working on conducting the State

KENTUCKY – Eric Kelly

2010 was a very successful year for the Kentucky Federation. Although our membership numbers have remained essentially the same, we have made progress in skier performance and activity, advancement of judges and improvement of our facilities, institution of a new and improved website, Kentuckywaterski.org. The 2010 Southern Regionals were a big success for Kentucky as we earned 27 medals from 26 skiers. This is an unofficial record for our state. We also had a large presence in appointed officials and drivers. We sent 14 skiers to the Nationals bringing back 2 first place medals. Kentucky has a great group of Junior skiers who worked very hard in 2010. One of the keys to our Jr's success has been the clinics we have hosted. For the past 5 or so years we have done a 3 day clinic at the Kentucky Lake Ski Nuts site which has been free to participants. This has been well attended and has led to lots of fellowship, camaraderie, and improvement of our juniors.

This year Bobby Hill was inducted into our Kentucky Water Ski Hall of Fame. Kyle Jones achieved an Elite ranking in Slalom. I should also mention that we are proud that Bob Archambeau has agreed to serve as the Southern Region EVP.

Data: 19 Judges (5 Senior), 7 Scorers (1 Senior), 12 Drivers (5 Senior)
Members: 8 Active clubs
6 Tournaments hosted in 2010, 6 planned in 2011
2 Junior Clinics in 2010, 2 planned in 2011
1 Drivers, Judges, Scorers, Safety Clinic held at Paducah

NORTH CAROLINA – John Thomas

Held a Drivers and Judges clinic in the spring and plan to do the same in 2011.

Had a one day Jr. clinic with a Class C/F tournament the following day. On schedule to hold another one this May.

Had 15 tournaments in 2010 and have 15 scheduled for 2011.

Beaver Lake to host Collegiate All Stars in May.

Kristi and Parker Overton inducted into the NC Water-ski Hall of Fame.

NC water-ski scholarship was awarded to Treece Barringer who is returning to college.

NC team tournament a great success, all proceeds from tournament go to fund the scholarship fund.

New format for our NC club championship trophy that used to be given at the state championship based off of club performance. This year we will base it off of participation at tournaments throughout the year. Details listed at www.ncwaterskiers.com

New Jr. League that will go throughout the year at approximately six tournaments. Whole idea is to get younger skiers involved. Trophy/plaque given at tournaments with a big finish in the fall. Details to follow on website at www.ncwaterskiers.com

One new club formed and will host 2 tournaments, Little Mountain Ski Club

Brenda Hargis receiving the Emeritus Award for Scoring.

SOUTH CAROLINA – Jeanette van Akelijen (for Matt DuBon)

2010 was another good year for SC skiers. We held 1 Jr Development Clinic, 1 Judges Clinic, 1 Drivers Clinic, 5 Collegiate Tournaments and 14 Class C and R Tournaments.

Plans for 2011 are 2 Jr. Development Clinics, 4 Officials Clinics, 2 Grassroots style tournaments, 10 Slalom Tournaments, 2 Jump Tournaments, 2 Trick Tournaments and 5 Collegiate Tournaments

TENNESSEE – Kirby Whetsel

Tennessee had an eventful 2010 with some great performances not only locally and nationally, but also around the globe in some major international events.

The year started early in March with Zane Nicholson winning the 2010 Men's Jr Moomba Masters Slalom title in Melbourne, Australia giving Zane an automatic birth to ski the main Moomba event with the "big boys" where he finished 8th. Zane was later selected as USA Water Ski's Male Athlete of the Month for March.

TN skiers Zane Nicholson and Brie Carter both competed in their respective slalom events at The Jr. Masters held at Calloway Garden in Pine Mountain, GA.

TN ski clubs hosted 12 tournaments, 3 junior clinics, 2 safety clinics, 2 driver clinics, and 1 official's clinic in 2010. Host clubs were, Collierville Ski Club, Lake Pointe Skiers, Hilliard Crews, Wally's Ski Club, No Wake Ski Club, and the Soggy Bottom Ski Club.

The 2010 TN State Championship was hosted by the Collierville Ski Club on a new site in Collierville, TN. The new site had a lot of good reviews with many skiers looking forward to returning in the future. Steve Raybourne was inducted into the TN Hall of Fame, Ric Stallings received the Vic Varallo award, and Mack and Linda Sparks were the first recipients of the Tim Denny Award.

TN voted and approved to co-host the 2011 TN State Championships along with GA at the world famous Robin Lake at Calloway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA. Steve Raybourne and Kirby Whetsel were appointed to the 2011 TN/GA State Championships committee, along with Elaine Guarino and Michelle Roberson from GA, to work out the logistics to make the event possible. At the time of this report, all plans are coming together and this is shaping up to be a memorable event!

New state records were set by Julie Yancey, Garrett Stallings, and Zane Nicholson.

TN had 19 skiers in the 2010 Regional Championships taking home 28 medals.

TN had 20 skiers participate in the 2010 National Championship at Waters Edge in Wilmington, IL. 11 TN skiers took home 20 medals. 2-5th, 5-4th, 5-3rd, 3-2nd, and 5-1st place medals. (note: this was 3.9 NOPS away from a 6th Gold Medal. Not mentioning names in order that Tommy Newman does not have to be reminded how close he was.) The Gold medal winners were, Garrett Stallings B1 Trick and OA, Aaron Curmi M1 Trick, Ham Wallace M5 Jump, and FINALLY Dr. John Carder WINS M4 Jump. Other medal winners were, Matt Curmi 4th M2 Trick, Kara MacIntyre 3rd G3 Tricks and 4th G3 OA, Tommy Newman 5th M4 Trick, 2nd M4 Jump and 2nd OA, Zane Nicholson 2nd B3 Slalom, Steve Raybourne 4th M4 Jump, Garrett Stallings added a 3rd in B1 Slalom to go with his other golds, Ric Stallings 3rd M3 Trick, Ham Wallace added a 3rd in M5 OA, Greg Webb 5th M4 Jump and 4th OA, and Kirby Whetsel 3rd M3 Jump and 4th OA.

Other TN skiers competing at the Nationals were Brie Carter, Chanah Carter, Tommy Hendrix, Eddie Kirkland, Zach MacIntyre, Charlsey Newman, Allie Nicholson, and Paul Turner.

TN had 3 skiers compete in the Sr World Championships in Segrate, Italy. Ham Wallace and Tommy Newman represented the US Team while Dr. John Carder skied as an independent. If the US Team winning the Gold medal was not enough, Ham Wallace added to that by becoming the 55+ Senior World Jump Champion! That win with a strong slalom score and well, a trick score, was enough for Ham to secure 2nd Overall. Ham Wallace's performances at the National Championships and later at the Sr World Championships led to him being chosen as AWSA's Male Athlete of the Month for September 2010. That was almost immediately followed by his selection as the AWSA Male Athlete of the Year for 2010. Congratulations Ham, what a year!

Coming to the close of the 2010 season, TN had 8 skiers make the 2010 National Ranking List.

B1	Garrett Stallings	Tricks and Overall
B3	Zane Nicholson	Slalom
G3	Brie Carter	Slalom
G3	Kara MacIntyre	Tricks
OW	Caroline Hensley	Jump and Overall
W1	Caroline Hensley	Slalom, Trick, Jump, OA
W1	Haley Runion	Jump
M4	Tommy Newman	Jump and Overall
M4	Dr. John Carder	Jump

Congratulations to all our TN skiers on a HUGE and successful 2010 season.

Committee Reports: Chris Eller motioned to accept all recommendations presented to the council in committee reports as motions with an automatic second. Seconded by Jim Jaquess. Motion carried.

Tellers Committee – Gerald Kirschner

The list of Regional Official and Nationals were handed out. The new method of balloting was much easier than before. Everyone followed the directions and one person did not respond. The only remark was there were a lot of ties in the Judges category among those with the highest number of votes. Regional and National official appointments were approved as presented and ballots will be destroyed – motion carried

AWARDS COMMITTEE – Michelle Seal

No Report by the regional committee representative. The report in the AWSA Board Packet was reviewed. No action necessary

BYLAWS (SR, AWSA, USAWS) - Jeff Clark

PROPOSED CHANGES TO 1.3.3 OF THE SOUTHERN REGION POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL JANUARY 2011

The proposed changes in the first paragraph are housekeeping issues to clarify the usage of the new online sanctioning system.

The fees structure is the new fees that Gene has used this past year now that sponsors are having ELR events in the evening format.

The deletion in the third paragraph is to remove a loophole that has been attempted by some sponsors to avoid the regional sanctioning fees. When this was originally put in the P & P Manual, The full officials clinic format needed skiers to teach and train new drivers and Judges under Class C tournament conditions. Since this was put in place the conditions have changed in the way that clinics are being conducted in a short classroom environment and this no longer is necessary to have. Drivers can be trained in a practice session or in Slalom and Tricks under the new Grassroots tournament classification which does not have any regional sanctioning fees associated with the tournament. Judges, Scorers, Technical Controllers and Safety Directors can be trained in an actual tournament Class C and higher.

1.3.3

Tournament Fees

A tournament registration fee, payable to the Southern Region of AWSA, as listed below, for all AWSA SR Class C or higher sanctioned tournament shall be forwarded by the sponsoring club, after filing the electronic form

available through the ~~AWSA Southern Region Website~~, [USA-Water Ski Sanction system on the usawaterski.org website](http://usawaterski.org) to the Executive Vice President. These fees are in addition to the AWSA sanctioning fees for a tournament. EVP approval will not be granted until this registration fee has been received. \$25.00 from each of the fees listed below shall go to the Regional Guide Fund and the remainder will be deposited in the General Fund. (1/09)

Class C, 1/2 day – (evening tournament, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) \$50

Class ELR, 1/2 day – (evening tournament, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday) \$100

Class C, one day tournament: \$100

Class C, two day tournament: \$150

Class E, L or R tournament: \$175

The regional sanction fees shall be paid at or before the annual midwinter meeting held in January at the beginning of the new season. If the tournament is cancelled, \$50 of the regional sanction fee will be retained by the region as an administrative fee to pay for the regional guide and other expenses and will not be refunded to the sponsor. 7/05

~~All AWSA Southern Region registration fees for tournaments held in conjunction with approved clinics for Judges, Drivers, Scorers, Technical Controllers, and/or Safety Directors will be waived.~~ The Annual AWSEF Hall of Fame Tournament fees will be **paid and** allocated as a donation to the American Water Ski Educational Foundation on behalf of the AWSA Southern Region.

This portion was discussed and motion to accept was passed

USA Water Ski bylaws will need to be reworded. Congress has told the USOC that they had to reorganize to accommodate the change to the Amateur Athletic Act. Article 9 grievances and appeals process had to be reworded. If the sports discipline does not apply their disciplinary procedures properly progressive penalties will be initiated and followed through upon.

The proposed changes to the AWSA Policies and Procedures Manual are all housekeeping issues and represent the deletion of the Centralized Funding program by the USOC and the dissolution of the Sports Medicine Committee by AWSA several years ago under Special Committees. A condensed version of the proposed changes is attached.

Action Item # 1 – Housekeeping changes as required in the AWSA Policies and Procedures Manual in three sections by the USOC changes from a Constitution to Bylaws based organization.

1. 11.4 delete Centralized Funding

2. 12.2 delete Centralized Funding

3. 12.3 delete Centralized Funding & Sports Medicine Committee

No action necessary but items were briefly discussed and motion to accept passed

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – Stan Switzer

Stan reviewed the events held and the success of our US Teams. A big discussion was in regard to selection of teams. Discussion of this item was taken from the BOD Packet and an AWSA BOD Electronic Ballot #2 was sent out voted on and passed. This eliminates the traditional team trials for tournament selection.

The Sub-Committee felt that the lower level teams should also be chosen from AWSA rankings list much like Elite Worlds. They would be using the same top score at 50%, second score at 25% and median scores at 25%, an athlete can use only one score from any one site the same way we decided to select the Elite. Nikki recommended that we would use International event scores also. It would be the skier's responsibility to let the selection committee know about any International event score that wouldn't show up on the AWSA

rankings list. The skier would also have to declare that they would desire to be considered for a team. Proposed declaration date would be 8 weeks before the event to declare, then scores used will include up through the first Monday following 30 days prior to the event. This process will use only L and R tournaments. The above procedure will be used for team compositions moving forward. We will use the scores produced, along with the Q&P to select the teams. Can Am teams will have different declaration dates.

No action necessary but items were briefly discussed. Concerns were noted that the wording was confusing and that first time qualifiers would miss the competitive experience that could benefit them. The 2011 National Junior Team was shown with 4 members coming from the southern region.

RULES – Scott Snape (absent) From the Rules Report

Refer to the BOD Packet for complete details of the Rules report.

2 New Tricks were identified along with new suggestions for camera positioning when video recording the trick event. One concern was noted that we could be putting the video person in an unsafe position in the boat. The new trick course was identified and discussion was held on boat positioning when using the new course. Jump letters are no longer being restricted to 3 up/down and is base on skiers request.

Proposal 1-2 – SR Council support this change

Proposal 3 – SR Council requests that the Directors vote against this proposal as it has negative impact on Master M/W

Proposal 4-7 – No Action necessary

Proposal 8-9 – SR Council support this change

Proposal 10-17 – No Action necessary

Technical – Jerry Jackson

Out of 29 records set this year 24 were approved and 1 is still pending. The youth rope has been approved for Boys & Girls 1 by the AWSA Board. We have been asked to look at some new Slalom turn buoys that will help stop ankle injuries. Trick course will be standardizing this year so that IWWF & AWSA Courses will be the same.

Coaches Advisory – Jim Grew (absent)

No Report

Junior Development – Kerry Morgan

This past year Elaine Guarino has helped with Junior Development and will become the Chairman next year. We held a three day Southern Region Junior Development Clinic at Cory Pickos' last year and for 2010 we plan to have a clinic at Jack Travers in April. There are plans for a clinic at Tommy Newman's lake for the Southern Region Junior Team. Elaine Guarino stated that Georgia is working to help juniors develop into Officials.

Safety – Scott Crenshaw

No Report

Tournament Seeding – Gary Pressley

No Report

Skiers Rating – Joel Norton (absent)

No Report

Boat Drivers – Ham Wallace

With the new Speed Control System almost all drivers can operate the boat and give everybody the same consistent pull. This year we had 16 new asst. drivers, 20 new Trained Drivers and 2 upgraded Regular Drivers. Gordon West did a wonderful job at Regional's. I am still looking at the end course videos as time allows. It is a time consuming job but so far I have seen no problems. Jim Jaquess

questioned if it was necessary to review the video that had been sent in. Ham replied that there were a lot of driver that are not seen at State, Regional and National Championships and those are the ones that need to be reviewed the most.

Towboat/ Speed Control – Greg Webb (absent)

1. AWSA 2011 Model Year Towboat Test

The 2011 model year AWSA Towboat Tests were conducted at Lake Grew October 17-19 2010. We physically tested 6 boats and we have an additional manufacturer, Ski Centurion, that is pursuing an active promotional program. Attached is an updated list of towboats approved to participate in AWSA sanctioned events.

2. Availability of Promotional Boats at the Local Tournament Level

Due to numerous economic factors as well as the cost of new boats, we are experiencing a decline in the number of promotional boats available at local tournaments. The AWSA Towboat Committee offers the following suggestions to LOCs to possibly help incentivize promo boat owners to provide towboats for events. These are examples only of perks that some LOCs offer to promo boat owners and are not to be construed as mandates.

- Free tournament entry to boat owners providing boats for tournaments.
- Mileage allowance for traveling with boats to events.
- Lodging for the weekend for boat owners.
- A portion of the tournament entry fee divided among participating boat owners at an event. Some LOCs have added a small surcharge to entry fees to reimburse promo boat owners.
- We would like to share these options with our membership via the USAWS web site as well as E Blasts and The Waterskier Magazine.

3. Non Promotional Boats used in Sanctioned Tournaments/Insurance

Manufacturers will receive credit toward Regional and National Tournament qualification from non-promotional boats used in sanctioned tournaments. The boat receiving credit must be among the boats eligible to receive credit towards Regionals and Nationals (An appropriate model year AWSA Approved Towboat). All promotional and non-promotional towboats used in USAWS sanctioned events must meet all USAWS insurance requirements as outlined on the USAWS web site under the Towboat and Speed Control heading. USAWS and towboat manufacturers need to communicate to our membership and promotional teams the insurance requirements for boats used in USAWS sanctioned events. We could provide a link to Global Marine Insurance as they have a policy blueprint which fulfills USAWS requirements. Attached is a copy of the USAWS Boat Insurance Requirements document.

4. Number of Boats Required for AWSA Regionals and Nationals

- For Regional Championship Tournaments the number of boats required is determined by the Chief Driver and Chief Judge for each respective region. Due to the difficulty of procuring promotional boats in certain areas, the Towboat Committee encourages CDs and CJs to be sensitive to manufacturers difficulties in providing boats and request only the minimum number of boats necessary to run the tournament.
- For National Championships we are recommending the following guidelines:
 - 2 Lake Site 3 boats of similar horsepower
 - 3 Lake Site 4 boats of similar horsepower
 - 4 Lake Site 5 boats of similar horsepower

5. RTB Setting for ZO Speed Control

We recommend as a separate menu item in the "new jumper" screen in ZO Speed Control a choice of Fast Second Segment or Return to Baseline. This may help to prevent short distance jumpers from mistakenly being given a fast second segment ride.

A revised Tournament Approved Towboat list was updated on 12/02/10 and will be posted on the web site.

Announcers – Hank Longo (absent) Report by Bob Archambeau

An Announcer Manual and Guidelines has been created and can be obtained by requesting it from headquarters.

AWSEF – Jeff Clark

The mitigation on Lake Grew is complete and we should get a final inspection in the near future. Darin Shapiro, FL will be inducted into the AWSEF Hall Of Fame in 2010. Jay Bennett-Coach, Dave Clark-Official, Jack Lukes-Show Ski, Chuck Rowe-Industry, Jack Wylie- Show Ski will receive the Award of Distinction. The Elmer Stailing Scholarship was not given this year because no one applied.

New Business

Recommendations to AWSA BOD

Rules

Proposal 1-2 - SR Council support this change

Proposal 3 - SR Council requests that the Directors vote against this proposal as it has negative impact on Master M/W **Rejected**

Proposal 4-7 - No Action necessary

Proposal 8-9 - SR Council support this change

Proposal 10-17 - No Action necessary

Other

For rules committee - consider moving M6 Jump speed to 31.7 mph (Council to poll their skiers for input)

Once the AWSA BOD approves a motion on an item, all USAWS Directors must vote in accordance with the AWSA BOD direction at the USAWS BOD meeting.

Proposal

On matters decided by majority vote of the AWSA Board of Directors, all AWSA representatives on the USA Water Ski Board must vote in accordance with the direction of the AWSA Board.

Rules Committee

Trick course change (Buoys to 4 meters) (Rules committee should poll skiers for input)

Consider moving M6 Jump speed to 31.7 mph (Council to poll their skiers for input)

What is our risk when a chief official - or - another appointed official leaves a tournament early after assigning a replacement (with or without good communication). What is our exposure to liability if a skier experiences a serious injury and this situation has occurred? Do we need to change the rules to insure that we are better protected?

World Record Plaques (Jerry Jackson)

[For discussion only.] Jerry wants to discuss with all regions the thought of each region providing a plaque for any of their members who set a World Record. At this time nothing is provided (except a certificate for this type of recognition). This would be a separate award for each event S / T / J / O and not much of an overall cost since records are only broken about once every 4 years or so. He will look into this with all regions.

Nomination of Officers

Executive Vice President	Bob Archambeau (KY)
Alternate Executive Vice President	Jim Jaquess (FL)
AWSA National Director	Jim Jaquess (FL)
Alternate National Director	Leon Larson (FL)
USA Water Ski Director	Gene Davis (FL)
Alternate USA Water Ski Director	Jerry Hargis (NC)

Old Business**Proposal – Craig Bryans****P&P 1.1.3 Entry Qualifications and Skier Seeding**

Overall three event skiers with a Level 6 Ranking in each event (who skied and scored three events at their respective state tournament) shall be allowed to ski in all three events at the Southern Regional Championship.

Overall skiers qualified in two events may ski their third event with one Ranking Level lower than would otherwise be required.

The motion was seconded and passed

A motion to adjourn was made seconded and passed.