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Start time **9:00** am.

1. **Appointment of Secretary**
2. **Roll call**
3. **Review agenda**
4. **Treasurer Report** (Jim) - 15 min
5. **Rules Committee / Rules Proposals** (David Allen, Gary Noll) – 1 hour
6. **Regionals** – 30 min
7. **Nationals Update** – 15 min
8. **Vote on Officials** – 20 min
9. **Break for Lunch**
10. **AWSA East Regional Committee Reports** - 60 min
11. **AWSA National Committees** - 90 min
12. **AWSA President Message** – 30 min
13. **AWSA Executive Item:** (Jim Powell) 10 min
14. **AWSA/USA Water Ski Executive Items** (Doug Robbins) – 15 min
15. **AWSA Board Meeting January 25,2020** – Agenda found here...
16. **Regional Recommendations** (non-rule related) – 15 min
17. **Proposed 2021 Winter Meeting Date**
18. **Group Photo**
19. **Adjourn by 5:00pm**

Details Below...

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Name	Representation	RSVPed to Meeting
Powell, Jim	EVP	Yes
Haines, Hutch	National Director	Yes
Robbins, Doug	National Director	No
Noll, Gary	National Director / Council – PA	Yes
Byrne, Pat	USA Water Ski Director	Yes
Byrne, Matt	Council – CT	?
Brandau, Brett	Council – DE	Yes
Allen, Dave	Council – MA	Yes
???	Council – MD	?
Sturdevant, Mike	President – MD (non-voting)	?
Robbins, Dave	Council – ME	?
Behner, Scott	Council – NH	Remote?
Fosbenner, Bill	Council – NJ	Yes
Vosburgh, George	Council – NY	Yes
Rudy, Dean	Council – NY	Remote?
Davis, John	Council – PA	Yes
Bickel, Jon	President – PA (non-voting)	?
Merchant, Wick	Council – VA	Yes
Melnik, Karen	President/Council – VA	Yes
Campfield, Justin	Council – VT	No
Epstien, Bruce	President – VT (non-voting)	?
Ingram, Sam	Council – WV	?
Allebach, Paul	HND (non-voting)	
Baker, Bill	HND (non-voting)	Yes
Corson, Bob	HND (non-voting)	
Hammel, Roger	HND (non-voting)	Remote?
Lohr, Steve	HND (non-voting)	Yes
Thacher, Jon	HND (non-voting)	Yes
Stansberry, Jerry	HND (non-voting)	No
Maurer, Tonya	HND (non-voting)	Yes

Additional Membership Attendees (names noted below RVSPd as attending:

TG Powell (Jr. Development) – VA Yes	John Paulovich – NY Yes
	Don Christman Yes
Al Harris (Boat Drivers) – VA Yes	John Wilkins Yes
Ann Lohr Yes	Dawn Gearheart ?
Ralph Hall Yes	Mason Gearheart ?

Total Attended: ## people attended representing ## of our 14 states.

Yellow: Actions and Votes

GREEN: Motions and East Region Recommendations

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- 1) **Appointment of Secretary**
- 2) **Roll call**
- 3) **Review agenda**
- 4) **Treasurer Report (Jim) - 15 min.**
 - a. Review 2019-year end
 - b. Budget Items for 2020
 - i. Clinic instructors – send Becky an email with a list of clinic attendees asap at the completion of the clinic. She will cut a check for HQ covering the \$10 per participant.
 - ii. **MOTION** from Jim: Grant the EVP access to \$1500 in 2020 for Membership Engagement activities.
 1. Rationale is that funds are needed to reach out to new and existing membership in different ways to expand engagement.
 2. Seconded ???
 3. Vote
 - Yes:
 - No:
- 5) **Rules Committee / Rules Proposals (David Allen) – 1 hour *****
 - a. **See Rules Committee Report attached**
 - b. **Conference Call follow up ?**
 - i. Set date for call **if necessary**, prior to National BOD meeting.
 - ii. **ACTION:** Council is to review the proposals and bring the ones that they either need more information about OR want the east to 'reject and send back to the committee'.
- 6) **Regionals – 30 min. *****
 - a. 2020 – Avon Old Farm Skiers
 - b. 2021-Bids?
 - i. **Council Vote on bids for 2021 Eastern Regionals**
 1. **VOTE**
 - Yes:
 - No:
- 7) **Nationals Update – 15 min. *****
 - a. 2020 West Palm, Okeehlee (8/4/2020 - 8/8/2020)
 - b. From Exec Meeting
 - i. Nationals
 1. Officials, -Drivers proposal-region will send 1 appoints and 2-3 assigned, assigned can be 1 or 2 eventers, if 1 eventers than encouraged to send 3, if 2 eventers send 2. Region to make sure all days are covered. Assigned drivers will split hotel reimbursement based on 1 official.
 2. Trick panel -will happen again, each region will send 2 appointed and 2 assigned judges. 5 th judge appointed by LOC. LOC will use 5 judges in order to rotate in non-trick panel officials
 3. 2020 other changes-no big dawg, awards right after each event, looking at possible 4-day event
 4. America's Cup- Friday, August 7th

8) **Vote on Officials** – 20 min. ***

a. Regionals Officials Suggested:

- i. Judges (CJ, Dave Knight / ACJ, Dave Allen) ***
 1. ??
 2. ??
 3. ??
 4. ??
 5. ??
 6. ??
 7. ALT ??
- ii. Drivers (CD Matt Byrne) ***
 1. ??
 2. ??
 3. ??
- iii. Scorers (CScr, TG Powell) ***
 1. ACScr ??
 2. ACScr ??
- iv. Safety (CSaf, Karen Melnik, Kathy Callan) ***
 1. ???
- v. Tech. Control
 1. Chip Shand ***
- vi. Announcers
 1. Jim Powell ***
- vii. Aspiring Official
 1. ??
- viii. Registrar on-site
 1. Marie Baker ***

b. Nationals Officials (**Judges** [2 appointed and 2 assigned]- **Scorers**-[2] - **Drivers**-[1 appointed and 2-3 assigned, *assigned can be 1 eventers, if 1 eventers CD suggest sending 3 if 2-3 eventers he suggest 2, either way all assigned will split reimbursement of 1 hotel for week, regions need to do best to have coverage each day, ideally these drivers are available each day but they are not fully obligated to be there sunup to sundown, if they want to split days that's fine but I would make sure 2 assigned are available each day*] - **Announcers** and **Safety**-[we are always short here so if you have anyone from your region who wants to be an appointed announcer or a safety let me know or George or Hank])

- i. Judges
 1. ??
 2. ??
 3. ??
 4. ??
- ii. Scorers
 1. ??
 2. ??
- iii. Drivers
 1. ??
 2. ??
 3. ??
 4. ??
- iv. Announcer
 1. Jim Powell
 - 2.
- v. Safety
 1. ??
 2. ??

9) Break For Lunch

10) AWSA East Regional Committee Reports - 60 min

- a. Regional States
 - i. CT (Pat Byrne)
 - ii. DE (Brett Brandau)
 - iii. MA (David Allen)
 - iv. MD ??
 - v. ME ??
 - vi. NH (Scott Behner)
 - vii. NJ (Bill Fosbenner)
 - viii. NY (George)
 - ix. PA (Jon or John)
 - x. VA (Karen Melnik)
 - xi. VT (No Rep.)
 - xii. WV ??
- b. Regional Guidebook (Tonya Maurer) 15 min. ***
 - i. **Guide Book Due Date: 1/24/2020**
 - ii. Motion to have the:
 1. 2020 guidebook, printed by Minuteman Press (Matt Byrne); with a cap cost of \$1,660 to the Eastern Region. Assumptions: only one guidebook is printed per household, that price includes postage.
 2. 2021 guidebook only available via PDF from the East Region Website. Anyone can print the PDF at their own cost; the guidebook will not be 'mass' printed.
- c. Regional Jr Development (TG Powell) 5 min. ***
- d. Regional Nominating (Tonya Maurer) 20 min. ***
 - i. 1) Recommend that the qualifications for being an Eastern Region director be updated in the Policy and Procedures
 1. **Vote by BOD**
 2. Results:
 - ii. 2) Nominees for AWSA National Director
 1. John Wilkins
 2. Karen Melnik
 - **Vote by BOD**
 - Results:
 - iii. 3) Update the Policy and Procedures to align with USA WSWWS Director Election Regional Rotation.
 1. **Vote by BOD**
 2. Results:
 - iv. 4) Reset the ER USA WSWWS Director term to end in 2021
 1. **Vote by BOD**
 2. Results:
 - v. Alternate for National Director (Jon Thacher / Pat Byrne)
 - vi. **Vote by BOD**
 - vii. Results:
- e. Regional Records (Chip Shand) Report Attached 15 min. ***
 - i. Policy and Procedure changes
 1. **Vote by BOD**
 2. Results:
 - ii. records where speed changed or ramp height changed
 1. **Vote by BOD**
 2. Results:
 - iii. records for new/changed divisions
 1. **Vote by BOD**

2. Results:

- f. Regional Search/Site (John Davis) 5 min. ***
- g. Regional Tournament Coordinator (Bill Fosbenner) 10 min. ***
 - i. ER Tournament List attached.
- h. Regional AWSA Promotion and Outreach
 - i. Website and Social Media updates
 - 1. USA WSWS is moving over to USOCP Website Hosting
 - ii. Outreach Committee (recommendations) I will also follow up with email blasts.
 - 1. ??
 - 2. ??

11) AWSA National Committees

- a. Executive (Jim Powell) ***
 - i. Move a few I-pads around to new spots
 - ii. Cost per region, and SD for constant contact so evp's have email access will be roughly \$300 per year each **** Jim Not in Favor of this.
 - iii. Announce nominations for selection of pan American TC rep for USA, voting will take place at summer AWSA BOD meeting
 - iv. Find out how West Palm will handle trick and overall awards under proposed award presentation changes. (Awards immediately after each event)
 - v. Starting in 2021 start using more volunteer judges and scorers in order to cut down on hotel bill for LOC.
 - vi. Form fund raising committee (Avoid asking same sponsors for support over and over from different angles)
 - vii. Find out if records can be set using ZBS
 - viii. More explanation to donors on where fund raising money goes
 - ix. Get explanation from HQ on SD funding, some cells don't line up
 - x. Expand on PB stickers by starting with stickers for levels, i.e. 100-foot club, ran course for first time, tricked 1,000
 - xi. Get class F vs class C+ rulebook to exec committee for review
 - xii. Partner with ski schools to create short member only videos of tips
 - xiii. Look into using Flip Smack for regional guide for a digital version
 - xiv. Work with HQ to assist in giving out free memberships to every person that buys a boat.
 - xv. Emphasis on new tournament formats. ie Wednesday Ski Leagues
 - xvi. AMBASSADOR/WHERE2WATERSKI.COM
 - xvii. ABILITY BASED SKIING... Where do we go with this? Handicap instead, Summer Series
 - xviii. Virtual Slalom Ski app
 - 1. Go to the App Store on your iPhone and download to play
 - 2. AWSA Funded the app
 - 3. Rate the app and send feedback
 - xix. Proposals
 - 1. Proposal i. 2021 Jr Us Open Bid-SMRR
 - 2. Propose ii. Change workflow of sanctioning so LOC would not need EVP approval to add more rounds to a sanction - Y/N
 - 3. Proposal iii. Allow 3 new ways for members to achieve class scores - Y/N
 - -Must have at least a supporting \$19.95 membership
 - -Can only achieve score up to Level 5
 - -Score will be considered class F scores
 - 1) Performance sign off -assistant judge or higher can sign off on a performance
 - 2) VSS APP -Can qualify for regionals via the VSS APP by having a score of X (asking Jennifer for a good value)
 - 3) Upload video -Can upload slalom and trick scores to VSS APP or AWSA drop box -Assistant or higher judges can go online and sign off on the

scores and receive officiating credit. Scores will be uploaded to AWSA Rankings up to level 5.

4. Proposal iv. Allow rankings to filter by class of score -Add class filters to rankings so we can filter by class F, C, L, R - **Y/N**
5. Proposal v. Expansion of Wednesday Night ski Leagues into Nationwide AWSA Ski League - **Y/N**
 - -Form committee to promote and form events across the nation encouraging new skiers to try waterskiing
 - -Free sanctions for clubs that host an event
 - -Free guest membership to first time ski league skiers
 - -AWSA will create a national repository of videos and photos and use them for weekly contests, season contest, prizes
 - -Provide 3-4 formats for scoring and provide easy registration process
 - -Create ski league rankings list
- b. Awards (Hutch Haines) (5 min.) *****
 - i. 2019 AWSA Athletes of the year
 - ii. Hutch would like to step down
 1. Who likes awards
- c. Boat Drivers (Al Harris) (10 min.) *****
- d. By Laws (Jeff Hardin) *****
 - i. Report Attached
 1. Seating of USA WSWs Directors Rotation
 2. Appeals – See Notes from Jeff Clark
 - ii. By Laws
 1. ARTICLE X SECTION # –
 - Discussion
 - iii. P&P
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 - Discussion
- e. Insurance Advisory (Jeff Hardin) Report Attached *****
- f. IAC (Doug Robbins, Hutch Haines) 5 min. *****
 - i. Upcoming international tournaments include the Junior Worlds at Corys (The east should be represented) The over 35 World Championships in France, and the Pan American Elite Championships (TBD). Qualifications to be a team member will be posted after the winter meeting and board approval.
 - ii. The IAC is also responsible for sending drivers and judges to international events. Anyone interested should contact Doug Robbins or Hutch Haines. 2020 has all been picked so the next selection will take place in November of this year.
- g. Judges & Scorers Qualifications (Dean Rudy) 5 min.**
 - i. Acknowledge Advancing Officials
 1. Mike Shelhamer – approved for Slalom and Jump test Administrator
 2. Who else should be recognized?
- h. Safety (Pat Byrne) No Report *****
- i. Seeding (Jennifer Frederick-Kelly) No Report *****
- j. Show Skiing (Pat Byrne) No Report *****
- k. Skiers Qualification (Dana Hinman)**
- l. Technical (Chip Shand) highlight National BOD report 5 min. *****
- m. Tow boats (Brett) 5 min. *****
- n. Waterways (Amy Craig) Report to be attached *****

12) AWSA President Message

- a. Membership - 6679 members, down 13 YOY, 179 supporting up 10.

- b. # of tournament skiers 3181, down 8
- c. # of events 485, down 2
- d. # of GR events 122, up 13
- e. # of Class F skiers 146, doubled since 2016
- f. # of juniors skiers, 705 down 23, # of 18-34 year old skiers 503, up 43.
- g. Breakdown of skiers by region, by tourney class, by state, by event provided to EVP's if needed. (see attached)

13) AWSA Executive Item: (Jim Powell)

- a. **AWSA Executive Item: Teams @ Regionals/Nationals** – 15 min.
 - i. 2020 Teams
 - 1. Who will run team skiing in the region (team commissioner)
 - 2. What teams will make up the region (states/Areas, etc.)
 - 3. Who will captain each of those teams

14) AWSA/USA Water Ski Executive Items (Pat Byrne) – 15 min. ***

- a. USA WSWS virtual office - discussion
- b. USA-WS Technology Systems Overhaul
- c. HQ Building on Holy Cow Road & Lake Myrtle Project Update
- d. Safe Sport Update
- e. Notes from USA WSWS Exec. Director (attached)

15) AWSA Board Meeting January 25,2020 – Agenda found here

16) Regional Recommendations for AWSA Meeting (non-rule related) – 15 min ***

- a. EVP: Motion to cancel the Constant Contact service that will cost each region \$300/yr. and still requires a USA WSWS employee to send. No benefit over the previous system where they would review and forward our emails.
- b. Request for a rules change to all rules associated with Level 10 – See attachments
- c. EVP: Motion to convert the assistant judge/scorer/driver to an on-line entry process – no more paper or PDFs
- d. EVP: Motion to convert the clinic registration form into an excel version that can be easily uploaded to the 'database' – reduce effort at HQ
- e. From Corey Vaughn - USA Waterski explore an online way to collect State Federation dues – Similar to what is done with the IWWF dues.

17) Proposed 2021 Winter Meeting Date - January 8, 2021

18) (GROUP PHOTO)

19) Adjourn by 5:00pm