

## Summer 2021 Eastern Region Members Meeting

### Meeting Notes

#### American Water Ski Association Eastern Region Summer Meeting

#### Call to order 7:00 pm

- 1) Roll call of council – Present: CT – Matt Byrne, DE – Brett Brandau, NH – Scott Behner, NJ Bill Fosbenner, NY – John Paulovich, Dean Rudy, PA – Doug Robbins, VA – Karen Melnik, VT – Justin Campfield. Quorum present.
- 2) Agenda review and Opening remarks from EVP – Jim Powell thanked Avon Old Farm Skiers for hosting Regionals once again this year.
- 3) Unfinished business –
  - a) Minutes from winter meeting were received
- 4) Treasurer report was accepted
  - a) account balances
    - 1) Primary checking - \$7709.83
    - 2) Jr. Development checking - \$12323.90
    - 3) Savings - 2234.77
    - 4) CD #1 - 11087.14
    - 5) CD #2 - 10230.95
- 5) Junior Development – TG Powell – Junior Development party was held onsite with good attendance and a great time was had by all. We raised about \$800 from our raffle for Junior Development. Poster version of the juniors section of the guidebook was very well received this year. Virginia and Pecks Pond held Junior Development Clinics this year.
- 6) Guidebook – Jim Powell  
Discussion – The tournament guide for 2021 was done mostly online this year, with the option for folks to request a physical copy if they chose. Most people were ok with this approach for the guidebook.
- 7) Tow Boat – Doug Robbins (5 min)
- 8) Drivers Committee – There was a discussion of the default jump settings for the hydrogate in the Nautique, for juniors in particular.
- 9) Safety Committee – Karen Melnik co-hosted a safety clinic at Timberlake which was attended by over 25 people. She offered to organize a clinic in 2022 if there was a need.
- 10) Nominating Committee – John Wilkins / Jon Thacher
  - a) Jim Powell EVP, 1yr term expires in 2021, will not run again
    - 1) Karen Melnik was elected as new EVP – Congratulations Karen.
  - b) John Wilkins AWSA Director, 3yr term expires in 2023,
  - c) Ralph Hall (3 year term expires 2022)
  - d) Doug Robbins (3 year term expires 2021)  
– reelected by acclimation for new term expiring 2024
  - e) Pat Byrne USAWSWS (2 year term expires Jan 2022)
- 11) Towboat – New policy for LOCs to pay \$25/hour to promo boat owners for the use of their boats at tournaments.

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### 12) AWSA Exec Highlights – Jim Powell (5 min)

a) PB Stickers on AWSA APP – you can use the app to request a PB sticker (shaped like a water ski handle)

d) SafeSport: all AWSA leadership should be certified. Easy, Informative, Important!  
This will become a mandatory USA Water Ski requirement for all members over 18.

13) Regionals – who's on deck? – John Davis / Jim Powell stated that Timberlake in Virginia is looking into putting in a bid for Regionals 2022. No other clubs expressed an interest in hosting 2022 Regionals.

### 14) New Business (15 min)

a) National AWSA Treasurer Nominations – let us know if you have any nominations

Jeff Surdej will be stepping down as President of AWSA – let us know if anyone has any nominations.

15) There was a discussion regarding the inconsistency between the Bylaws and the Policy & Procedures pertaining to representation on the Council by each State. As the incoming EVP, Karen Melnik agreed to draft language to address this inconsistency and submit it to the Council for a vote.

### 16) Adjourn