

**NCWSA Winter Meeting
November 12, 2016
Lillington, NC**

- I. Call to Order: President John Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
A. Attendance and introductions – 24 attending

Johnny Thomas-President	Johnny Wofford	Robbie Parks
Tammy Thomas	Cheryl Armstrong	Vic Armstrong
Chris Eller	Keith Burris	John Brooks
Mike Danchi	Bob Archambeau	Jerry Hargis
Mark Dingeman	Bob Ross	Donnie Lindsey
Karen Lindsey	Connor Lindsey	Terry Lord
Jeff Gilbert	Jeff Blair-Vice President	Larry Michael
Gregg Stokes	Tommy Harrington	John Young-Secretary/Treas

Addendums Attached:

- Winter Meeting 2015 NCWSA
- Summer Meeting 2015 NCWSA
- 2010 Revision NCWSA Rules for NC State Championships
- 2016 NCWSA Budget

Old Business

- II. Presentation of Minutes: Secretary’s report was presented by John Young (winter 2015 and summer 2016) No actions
- III. Budget Read and reviewed –

ACTION	OWNER	DUE DATE
Jr Clinic – General Fund: \$ 5,263 plus the clinic fee was raised during our Summer Meeting. This currently sits in total in our NCWSA Junior Fund; was brought to the group’s attention to move 50% of the funds to our general fund.	John Young	Jan 1, 2017
Begin tracking memberships so we can see if our group is in an overall state of improvement or decline	John Young	Prior to Winter Meeting 2017

Motion to Approve by: Bob Archambeau
Second by: Tammy
No objections

IV. Committee Reports

- Regional Council – Bob Archambeau reported that Regionals will be in Lyman July 23rd. Nationals August 8-13th. West Palm originally put in a bid but have retracted.
- Note to members – if you would like to be nominated as an official you can nominate yourself and it will go through the council for review and approval.
- Regional Meeting is January 7th, Atlanta GA.
- Discussion on becoming a senior official, tricks being most difficult. But the group was in agreement that if you’ve worked two regionals that would be minimum criteria. This is in force now. But also if you’ve worked 6 record event stops that this could also qualify you, contact Ray Crenshaw for help with this.

ACTION	OWNER	DUE DATE
Proposed by Jerry Hargis that we need to elect a council person to replace Bob A who took back over as EVP. Larry Michael nominated Robbie Parks, who accepted; voted and approved with none opposing. Robbie will set in as council person until we re-elect at summer meeting.		Closed
Chris Eller asked if they will push ability based tournaments or not. Bob will take to council	Bob Archambeau	TBD
EVP position of Southern Region has been taken back over by Bob A.		Closed
We need to delegate a point person to put together a NC State Team to represent at Regionals. Not everyone needs to be rated.	All	TBD

Junior Development –

- Discussed that the Juniors fund raiser during 2016 Summer Meeting needed to be split between Jr Fund and general fund. John can make the change with Elizabeth and record in our budget.
- Despite having to move our Jr Clinic due to weather, there were still 40 attendees and kids that showed up – a great turnout.
- Discussed if we needed to entertain East/West Jr Clinics to increase the turnout since most of the skiers in the Jr Clinic lived within 50 miles. We have a healthy budget and could potentially do more Jr Clinics in other locations other than Central NC. No action items or owners for the above

ACTION	OWNER	DUE DATE
Split the fund raiser funds between Jr Fund and General Fund. (\$5,263 split	John Young	January 1, 2017

V. Old Business – approved

Motion to Approve by: Bob Archambeau

Second by: John Brooks

No objections

New Business

I. New Format Proposal –Bob Ross & Lake Magnolia Buckeye Buoy Format

- a. Bob opened the meeting that this year Lake Magnolia did a pilot program and try out a version of the Buckeye Buoy Tour. The results were well received in that there was a lot more ‘team’ and ‘individual’ engagement. It was very interactive with a head to head competition between two young skiers at 36 mph that was exciting to watch; There wasn’t anyone stuck under their tents. LM had 25+ skiers and used a spreadsheet borrowed from the OH group to score the event. The event could tackle both handicapped scoring for the fun event, as well as for USA Waterskier scores – it can be

done with ease. Although this was just a trial run, it wasn't sanctioned but Bob Archambeau reminded everyone that it can be done as Grassroots, X for Experimental, or others that still comply with handling both events. Bob encouraged others to consider it.

- b. Discussed other hosts to evaluate and consider a 'NC Tour' where you get points for entering each tournament and recognition to those that attended the most events in addition to changing our traditional tournament format for those that are geared for fun.
- c. Recommended that hosts make it a 3 pass minimum so if you fall or miss a buoy you can still 'ski back to the dock.' Everyone agreed this is a good idea – no said actions.

II. 2017 Tournament Schedule

- a. Tournament schedule created and approved and to be posted in addendum and on our site.

Motion to approve by: Bob Archambeau

Second by: John Brooks

None opposed

III. Clinic – March 4th Judges Clinic at Jeff Blair house for anyone interested; reminder that there is an online tutorial on scoring if anyone is interested.

IV. Hall of Fame

Darnell asked Jerry Hargis to bring to motion on Hall of Fame nominees and voting process. The recommendation is that the committee formed and the sitting Hall of Fame members should be able to vote on nominees. This would make the voting process much more streamlined. The concern is/was that someone who would like to nominate an individual for the Hall of Fame, was required to do a lot of upfront research prior to submission. The committee is currently 2 council members and the President. There is an administrative change that needs to be done i.e. **Current Hall of Fame members need to be changed from non voting to voting members.**

Motion to approve by: Chris Eller

Second by: Larry Michael

None opposed

V. Proposed Rule Changes to 2016 NCWSA State Championships

- a. Discussed and deliberated on whether rule changes should be up for voting. Mark Dingeman had some changes brought to him throughout the years that has opened much controversy and brought to the meeting for recommendations on how best to resolve i.e. can it be voted on today? Decided during the meeting that all clubs were present and can review any rules for changes and anything not unanimously approved can be carried forward to the following year.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE	VOTED	DECISION
1A – Changes to be made to allow the following divisions under Class C Tournament (F, R, C) Skiers in these divisions will ski be allowed to ski in their perspective divisions (verses ski in an entirely separate division) but will not medal.	Yes	All present voted yes, none opposed
1E- Appointed officials / drivers shall be members of the NCWSA and residents of North Carolina. Official assignments preferably will be NCWSA officials/drivers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceptions or exemptions to the Rules for NC State Championships will be presented to the President and decided by the NCWSA Officers and Council Persons. 	Yes	All present voted yes, none opposed
1F- Host Club will provide a minimum of 5 medals per division, per event. Previous this was 3 medals per division.	Yes	All present voted yes, none opposed
2A – remove application late fee of \$5.00 to read in full “ Each contestant must be a member of the North Carolina Water Ski Associate. Contestants are encouraged to apply two weeks prior to the tournament date but can join at the tournament site.	Yes	All present voted yes, none opposed
2B – For placement, each Contestant must be a resident of North Carolina with an active AWSA membership. Proof of residency is required or having skied in 50% of NCWSA events.	Yes	All present voted yes, none opposed
2C – move to open up the qualifications for placement to people that have worked an event but have not participated in an NCWSA event. The change would allow for the following: For placement, a contestant shall qualify with at least one of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) having skied in at least one NCWSA event within the previous year since the last NC State Championships 2) worked a NCWSA event as an official or other key responsibility 3) participated in any NC INT Tournament within the previous year since the last NC State Championships Exclusions will be the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) If this is your first AWSA Tournament 2) Excluding Elite Divisions Tammy motioned, Bob Archambeau 2 nd ; all approved	Yes	All present voted yes, none opposed
2D- move to change the rule to allow contestants that have previously participated in an event in an Open Division to complete non open divisions such as M3/W3. The rule should allow the above if the contestant has skied over 50% of their tournaments as a non-open entry proposed by Larry Michaels and others. Bob Archambeau motioned, Bob Ross 2 nd ; all approved.	Yes	All present voted yes, none opposed

b. Officer Terms – 2 years minimum but no term limit. Succession planning is a good thing so the group recommended nothing over 4 years. The rule shall allow the following:
Officer Terms will be for two years, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms.
Motion to approve by: Larry Michael
Second by: Jeff Gilbert
None opposed
Council - may serve no more than 2 consecutive terms
Motion to approve by: Bob Archambeau
Second by: Mark Dingeman

None opposed; *Jeff Clark needs to be informed of this change*

VI. Growing our sport

- a. Host club Actions – for all NCWSA events, the group decided to take some funding to pay for medals (possibly shirts); We can bulk buy these and purchase stickers for the front with our NC Waterskiers or 1st, 2nd, 3rd, placing but leave the back for each host club or leave blank if club opts not to have sticker. See below with proposed actions –
 Motion to approve by: Bob Ross
 Second by: Bob Archambeau
 None opposed
- b. Social Media – group discussed the hard work and efforts that Tommy Harrington has been doing for our group with posting events and pictures on our media channels. The group would like to thank the work Tommy does for our group and sport.
 Motion to approve by: Bob Archambeau
 Second by: Chris Eller
 None opposed
- c. NCWSA Membership Package – the group discussed the desire to supplement our member benefits to include one or more of the following: NCWSA stickers, hats, shirts, etc
 Motion to approve by: Bob Archambeau
 Second by: Larry Michael
 None opposed
- d. Misc actions – open discussion on how to improve our sport and tournament attendance and growth. Some suggested that we need more fun events, John Brooks said we should consider for pay for placement, but for other divisions or non ranking do these need to be discounted or other. Another suggestion was that at least 50% of our events should adopt a fun format . Discussion also that public lakes can be a draw for new members. Discussed, with no formal actions, how do we ensure that we’re supporting one another and that cost continues to be a challenge, especially for large families that participate in events. They also participate in INT – so do we reciprocate between events?

ACTION	OWNER	DUE DATE
Purchase 50 medals for top 3 placements for Junior Divisions for the 2017 year. Proposed amount to be \$ 600.00 and to have NC Waterskiers logo or other placed on front; leave the back blank. Approx 18 medals per tournament.	John Young to work with Johnny Wofford on ordering these like what we have with INT; they use the same style for their medals.	March 2017
3 pass minimum for each club	Host Club to determine	TBD
Media Production Budget – group approved \$ 500.00 gift to be sent to Tommy Harrington; the group wanted to thank the efforts of promoting our sport and members.	John Young to send check of \$ 500 to recipient; plaque to be ordered but owner is still outstanding	Jan 1, 2017

<p>NCWSA Membership – Chris and John Y to work together with an agreed budget of \$ 1,000 to create a goodie bag for members.</p> <p>Basically we’re looking at \$ 10.00 to go to items that promote the awareness of our sport – maybe a t shirt/hat and sticker. T Shirts could have all clubs put on the back; unsure of what logos we will use, but talked of what we had on the patch. So when joining in 2017 you get one bag, same for families – one item (one sticker and one t shirt or hat)</p> <p>Should we run a contest for \$ 50.00 for a unique logo? TBD</p>	Chris Eller / John Young	Start of the 2017 Season
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VII. Call for other New Business

a. None – meeting closed at 2:37 pm.

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