

North Carolina Water Ski Association
 2020 Winter General Membership Meeting
 December 5th, 2020
 Virtual via Zoom
Minutes

- I. **Call to Order 9:01 am**
 a. Attendance Sheet

Johnny Thomas

Erica Bleier	Johnny Thomas	Donnie Lindsey
Chris Eller	Dave Harris	Pat Bloodworth
Tommy Harrington	Bob Archambeau	Jack Bond
Jeff Mitchell	Robbie Parks	Shirley Coble
Ari Grode	April Coble	Chelsea Mills
Darnell Almond	Donnie Doster	Allison Blair
Jeff Blair	Jeff Gilbert	Teresa Harris
Alan Long	Hope Phillips	

Addendums Attached:

2020 NCWSA Budget

Old Business

- I. Presentation of Minutes
 b. Winter Meeting – Main topics

Erica Bleier

Hall of Fame

PROPOSAL	ACCEPTED?	
Chairperson shall announce Hall of Fame inductees and Award of Distinction recipient as soon as Hall of Fame committee has made a decision. Motion to accept – Shirley Coble, Second – Bob Archambeau	YES	All present voted yes; no objections

- I. North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame – a museum in Raleigh
 II. Alan Long to start looking for location, putting together cost, proposal, etc.
 a. Present more at summer meeting 2020

Webmaster

PROPOSAL	OWNER	ACCPEDED
NCWSA memberships will be online. Motion to accept – Bob Archambeau, Second – Tommy Harrington	Erica Bleier	All present voted yes; no objections

Officials/Drivers

- I. Difficult to find ratings online
 - a. Ari Grode will put together a list to post with the date it was last updated. It is currently on the website and Ari will update it again for this coming season.

Records – How does North Carolina want to list and accept State records

- I. AWSA lists the new record (at new speed), as well as the old record
- II. Records are set by total buoy count
- III. Southern Region is retiring old records

PROPOSAL	ACCEPTED?	
Any changes in a division (age or speed) will freeze the previous record for that group. New records can be set at the next State Tournament following the change. Will continue to list the old records along with the new one with * to denote a change in the division. Motion to accept – Mark Dingeman, Second – Erica Bleier	YES	All present voted yes; no objections

Summer Meeting – DID NOT HAPPEN

- I. Scholarship Award Presented
 - a. 2021 State Tournament – The council decided to allow Lake Magnolia to host again
 - b. In April 2020, Johnny Thomas made phone calls to every club and asked if they would be willing to host States Championships under the current pandemic conditions. At that time, everyone said no. At the end of May 2020, things eased up and more sites were willing to have tournaments and skiers were going to tournaments. Lake Magnolia was willing to put on a State tournament at a lesser level and went forward with it. They were not able to do the normal junior activities, junior fundraising, or have a formal banquet. It was decided by the council to allow Lake Magnolia to host States 2021 to allow for the opportunity to properly host the State tournament as it was meant to be hosted.

Treasurer’s Report

Erica Bleier

- I. Income: \$2170.16
- II. Expenses: \$3719.37
- III. **Net Loss: \$1549.21** (\$823.71 from General; \$725.50 from Junior)

Splash Eye

- I. Regular one can be used for jump; premium adds slalom and trick

PROPOSAL	DUE DATE	
Chris Eller will investigate cost of Splash Eye. The North Carolina Water Ski Association will pay for half of the total cost. The other half to be paid by the North Carolina Clubs. Final determination will be made at the summer meeting.	This is no longer needed as of 2020	Motion to accept – Bob Archambeau Second – Ari Grode All in favor; none opposed

NCWSA Council

- I. Due to pandemic, the summer 2020 meeting did not occur. It was decided to postpone the change in positions by 1 year. Summer 2021, Ari Grode will move to president. VP, treasurer/secretary, and council seat (Robbie Parks) will be open for nominations.

Motion to accept old business – Shirley Coble

Second – Jeff Mitchell

New Business

- I. 2021 Tournament Schedule
 - a. In order to keep your primary date, you must pay dues as well as attend meeting
 - b. State tournament date always protected; it is 2 weeks before Regionals
 - i. July 10th – 11th at Lake Magnolia
 - c. More discussion regarding tournaments on the same weekend by different host clubs. There may not be as many promo boats in NC this season.
 - d. BYLAW CHANGE FOR TOURNAMENTS. This was voted on at the Winter Meeting 2018. **It needs to be updated in the bylaws on website.** Discussed “closed tournaments” not being included in this rule.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE	VOTED	DECISION
Sanctioned tournament events shall be protected whereas no other North Carolina Club can host a sanctioned event on the same date. In the event more than one club wishes to hold an event on the same date, it is the responsibility of the two clubs to discuss possible options but the club with the primary/secondary date can allow or disallow the event of the other club making the request. Changes and/or agreements must be submitted to the North Carolina Board in writing.	YES	All present voted yes except for one

- e. Junior Development – May 22nd – 23rd
 - i. Hope Phillips will run Junior Development Clinic at Lake Magnolia. Saturday aimed at competitive skiers only. Sunday will be more of an intro to water skiing where kids can invite friends and teach others how to ski.
 - ii. Important to make sure to have good coaches; hopefully come 3-event coaching. May be able to have April Coble and/or Chris Eller help out on ½ of Saturday.
- f. 2021 Tournament Schedule

PROTECTED PRIMARY DATES	
June 6 th – 7 th	Skyview -- primary
June 13 th – 14 th	Magnolia – primary
June 20 th – 21 st	Beaver Lake – primary
June 27 th – 28 th	Clear Lake – primary

September 12 th – 13 th	Little Mountain – primary
September 26 th – 27 th	Rocky Ford – primary

2021 Tournament Schedule		
Date	Club	
MAY		
May 1 st – 2 nd		
May 8 th – 9 th		Mother's Day
May 10 th – 15 th	ASAP – 3-event clinic – Skyview	
May 15 th – 16 th		
May 22 nd – 23 rd	Junior Development – Lake Magnolia	Run by Hope Phillips
May 29 th – 30 th	Masters Tournament	Memorial Day
JUNE		
June 5 th – 6 th	Skyview – primary	3-event class L
June 12 th – 13 th	Lake Magnolia – primary	3-event class C
June 19 th	Beaver Lake -- Primary	Slalom only; 2C
June 20 th		
June 26 th – 27 th	Clear Lake – primary	3-event class C
JULY		
July 3 rd – 4 th		4 th of July
July 10 th – 11 th	NC States Championships – Lake Magnolia	
July 17 th – 18 th		
July 22 nd – 25 th	Southern Regionals – Jeff Rodgers	
July 31 st	Clear Lake	3-event
AUGUST		
August 1 st		

August 8 th – 14 th	Nationals – Wilmington, IL	
August 21 st – 22 nd	Little Mountain	Slalom
August 22 nd – 28 th	IWWF World Junior Championships	Corey Pickos
August 28 th – 29 th	Beaver Lake	3-event class C
SEPTEMBER		
September 4 th – 5 th	Malibu Open	Labor Day
September 11 th – 12 th	Little Mountain – primary	
September 18 th – 19 th	Lake Magnolia	3-event class C
September 13 th – 19 th	IWWF World Over 35 Championships	France
September 25 th – 26 ^h	Rocky Ford – primary	Slalom
OCTOBER		
October 2 nd – 3 rd		
October 9 th – 10 th		
October 11 th – 17 th	IWWF World Championships	Jack Travers

Motion to accept 2021 tournament schedule – Alan Long
Second – Chris Eller

- II. Officials Clinics/Driver Clinic
 - a. This can be done online. No one said they needed to do one. Donnie did a driver's clinic this fall.
 - b. Darnell Almond is willing to host a clinic on the new system if anyone needs. Suggested maybe the Friday before a Clear Lake tournament.
 - c. There may be a Southern Region Sure Path Clinic. Tommy Harrington to find out more information. Skyview is open to hosting one if needed, possibly before season starts.
 - d. Judges – if you need, reach out to other judges to get something set up

- e. Safety – reach out to Bob Archambeau

III. Junior Development Committee – Allison Blair and Valerie Pollock

- a. Allison Blair is stepping down. Johnny Thomas has appointed Hope Phillips.
- b. Budget proposal will stay the same

PROPOSAL		OWNER	VOTED
Host club may request up to \$500 from Junior account for each primary tournament. May use up to half of the money for entry fees. The rest will be used for activities for kids.		Allison Blair	Motion to accept – Shirley Coble Second – Erica Bleier All in favor; none opposed
4 June primary tournaments	\$500 each (\$2000)		
NC States Tournament	\$1000		
Junior Development	\$500 – Coaching \$1000 – SWAG \$500 – Activities		
Awards	\$150		
Scholarship	\$1000		
Total	\$6150		

- c. There is outdoor entertainment (magician and music) already paid for from Junior Development that was cancelled in the past. This can be used for Junior Development or the State Tournament if wanted.
- d. Jeff Gilbert said that Little Mountain had donated money earmarked for Juniors in need which would help pay his/her way toward the next level of tournament such as States, Regionals, or Nationals. This was discussed previously. There was a tournament where all Junior as well as Men 1/Women 1 entry fees were paid for. However, no one has taken advantage of this money otherwise. Also, money that is for the host club can use up to ½ of the money toward entry fees for Juniors.

IV. Treasurer

- a. Continue to pay for MoneyMinder (\$159/year)?
 - i. Accepted; all in favor, no objections
- b. Adding NCWSA membership dues as an option to add to State Tournament registration?
 - i. Unable to add due to limited options
- c. Suggestion of looking into using Paypal for taking online payments. Donnie Doster and Erica Bleier will look into options for signing up and tracking online.

- d. Difficulty collecting payments from skiers prior to State tournament. Discussed making all NC skiers pay prior to first tournament. Also discussed adding a late fee. The following was voted for a change in bylaws.

BYLAW PROPOSAL	ACCEPTED?	
Addendum B States Championship Rules: Section 2: Part A Each contestant must be a member of the North Carolina Water Ski Association (NCWSA). Contestants must join NCWSA at least two weeks prior to the tournament start date or be subject to a late fee of \$10 for each membership type. Motion to accept – Alan Long Second – Erica Bleier	Yes	All in favor; none opposed

V. Hall of Fame

- a. There will be a conference call 1st or 2nd week of January. Due to COVID, did not have a ceremony this past year. This issue is happening throughout the State. If select another group for 2021 and have both years celebrated together, it will be a lot to have from one banquet. There is discussion to hold on any new votes for 2021 and just honor those from previous year. Reach out to someone on committee if you have questions/concerns/suggestions. Anything added/changed? Always want to make it better.

VI. Webmaster

- a. Thank you to Tommy Harrington for your continued hard work
- b. Tommy encourages people to send him pictures to post
- c. Continue to give Tommy Harrington \$500
 - i. Motion to accept – Donnie Lindsey
 - ii. Second – Alan Long
 - iii. All in favor; none opposed

VII. State Championship Medals

- a. Eddie Carrick -- Proposal is for the association taking over purchasing of state championship medals.
- b. This would take the burden off of the host tournament site.
- c. Would give medals to the top 5 juniors and top 3 adults. (This is the current bylaw)
 - i. Total potential numbers (per Johnny Thomas):
 - 1. boys/girls 1-4 - slalom, trick, jump - 120 medals
 - 2. men/women 1, mm/mw, om/ow - slalom, trick, jump - 310 medals
 - ii. \$7.63 per 100

1. Overall placements??
- d. 2020 States
 - i. Johnny Thomas was in charge of getting medals organized. He ordered from same place used previously.
 - ii. He ordered some extra due to the decrease in cost for ordering more. There are some left over for next year.
 - iii. Gave Junior Medals – total of 31 for \$236.33
 - iv. With new proposal, 2020 States would have approximately 94 medals for a total of \$717.22
- e. State already gives \$500 subsidy

PROPOSAL	ACCEPTED?	
Johnny Thomas will continue to be in charge of organizing/ordering State medals.	Yes	All in favor; none opposed

- VIII. State Championship Drivers/Officials
 - a. There are currently 7 senior 3-event drivers; a lot for one tournament
 - b. Suggestion is for the association to invite the officials and pay for hotel and their entry if they ski. History has been old school gentleman agreement to invite all senior 3-event officials and drivers
 - c. The AWSA Drivers' Committee has the responsibility to ensure that all drivers have the current skills necessary to guarantee skiers the best ride possible. A skier should not have to ski behind a driver who has not practiced his or her skills. Driving skills require continual work during practice and tournaments. The requirements for maintaining a rating are minimal and necessary to ensure our skiers receive the best driving available.
 - d. Will leave it up to host site to decide how many and which officials/drivers are invited. Will continue to work get everyone credit for his/her rating.
- IX. Call for other New Business
 - a. Jack Bond – Radios are in the shop
 - b. Skyview mentioned possibly putting in a bid for the 2021 Panam tournament. Since it is a “closed” tournament, it will not be in conflict with current tournament bylaws.
 - c. Council Members
 - i. Elections were postponed for all positions for 1 year
 - ii. Elections will be held in same fashion at the State Tournament 2021
 - iii. Will discuss going to online voting, hopefully having a proposal by Mid-winter meeting 2021
 - d. Sure Path
 - i. The 2022 IWW group is moving to Sure Path and will be a requirement for all class L & R tournaments. At 38-off or above, each skier will have the opportunity to request a re-ride at the end of each pass
 - ii. The Southern Region is proposing Sure Path be used for all class R tournaments; recommended for all class L tournaments. This will be voted on at the January meeting.
 - iii. Currently, Skyview and Little Mountain would be the sites affected

- iv. Due to some difficulty with the use of Sure Path, you may continue tournament as long as you have a backup and will not disqualify tournament if Sure Path not working.
- v. Recommend NCWSA representative vote in favor of this proposal
- e. Future Tournament dates
 - i. There may be other sites wanting to get into rotation. As it is now, the month of June is taken up by primary dates. These dates are highly sought after due to weather and timing during the season. May not be fair to other clubs. Suggestion of a rotation of primary dates. Example would be the June primary date clubs would rotate with the September primary date clubs.
 - ii. No official proposal was presented

Motion to Adjourn 1:07 pm – Alan Long

Second – Jeff Gilbert
