

North Carolina Water Ski Association
2024 Winter General Membership Meeting
December 7, 2024
Coble Ski School, Lillington, NC

I. Call to Order: President Johnny Thomas : 9:20 AM

A. Attendance (15)

Johnny Thomas-President	Chuck Forrest	
Chris Eller- Vice President	Bob Archambeau	
Cheryl Armstrong- Sec/Treasurer	April Coble-Eller	
Vic Armstrong	Jeff Gilbert	
Greg Jessup	Tommy Harrington	
Keith Burris	Shirley Coble	
Eddie Carrick	Dave Harris	
Donnie Lindsey		

Addendums Attached:

NCWSA 2023- 2024 Treasurer's Report

Old Business

- I. Presentation of Minutes Cheryl Armstrong
- a. 2023 Winter Meeting – Main topics (Available on NCWSA website)
 - b. 2024 Summer Meeting- Main topics (Available on NCWSA website)
 - i. North Carolina State Tournament 2025: Will be hosted by Lake Magnolia
 - ii. New Board Members
 - 1. Council Seat 2: Dave Harris
 - iii. Awards Presented

Jeff Gilbert made a motion to accept 2023 Winter meeting minutes

Second- Vic Armstrong

All in favor; None opposed

Shirley Coble made a motion to accept 2024 Summer meeting minutes.

Second- Donnie Lindsey.

All in favor; none opposed

New Business

I. 2025 Tournament Schedule

- a. Discussion regarding the way the schedule should fall in June regarding primary dates. It was determined that the first primary date will be considered the first full weekend of the month not a partial weekend i.e. if the first day of the month is on Sunday.
- b. Skyview Ski Club wants to have their original primary date back that was the first weekend in June. Bob stated there was a miscommunication last year and the change of their primary date to September was only to be for 2024 due to conflicts that year. Alex Kiser is starting a secondary club within Little Mountain Ski Club that would be known as Little Mountain 2 and is requesting a primary date. Discussion regarding the original criteria of having a random draw for primary dates. If it came down to two or three clubs wanting the same primary date it would have to be decided by a random draw.
- c. Junior Development Clinic: Chris Eller stated that Coble Ski school will host a junior clinic to be held May 31st-June 1st. Thank you to April and Chris for having these clinics and encouraging new skiers to participate in tournaments that help to grow our sport. Help is very much needed for raising money for juniors, putting together auction items, etc. as well as help with the clinic itself. Members from all clubs are encouraged to come to the clinic to lend a hand.
- d. Slalom Cup Series: Thank you to Dave Harris for a very successful slalom cup series in 2024. There was increased tournament participation as well as fun competition for everyone involved. A special thanks was also given to April and all the waterski companies who donated awards. Dave noted that this coming year there may be some changes to the format and possibly additional groups within the standings depending on funds raised for awards.
Chris Eller proposed that the NCWSA make up short falls from entries to the series to help cover awards with the maximum being \$1000 from the junior fund and \$1000 from the general fund. Second- Eddie Carrick. All in favor; none opposed.
- e. Discussion regarding the use of Fun Class at the State Championships. The first pass and/or up until the participant falls will be considered Class C and they will be given four passes total as per usual Fun Class USA Waterski rules.
- f. Bob reminded everyone of the importance of Safe Sport and the need for the program to help protect others around us. Also, USA Waterski is trying to improve the process that is currently used to sign up for tournaments.

g. 2025 Tournament Schedule

PROTECTED PRIMARY TOURNAMENT DATES	
June 7 th - 8 th	Skyview
June 14 th - 15 th	Lake Magnolia
June 21 st - 22 nd	Beaver Lake
June 28 th -29 th	Clear Lake
September 13 th -14 th	Little Mountain

May		
May 3 rd -4 th		
May 10 th -11 th		Mother's Day
May 17 th – 18 th		
May 24 th -25 th		Memorial Day
June		
May 31 st – June 1 st	Junior Development Clinic: Coble Ski School/ Little Mountain 2	Junior Fun Tournament/ 3 Round Slalom C
June 7 th - 8 th	Skyview- primary	3 event class LR 2
June 14 th – 15 th	Lake Magnolia- primary	3 event class C 2
June 21 st - 22 nd	Beaver Lake- primary	3 event class C 2
June 28 th - 29 th	Clear Lake- primary/ US Junior Open- Skyview	3 event class C 2
July		
July 5 th - 6 th		
July 12 th - 13 th	NC State Tournament- Lake Magnolia	Smithfield, NC 3 event class C 1
July 19 th 20 th		
July 23 rd - 27 th	Southern Regionals- Rodgers Lake, SC	
August		
August 2 nd -3 rd		
August 5 th – 9 th	Ski West Village- Arvin, CA	
August 16 th -17 th		
August 23 rd -24 th	Clear Lake (1 day)	3 event class C
August 30 th – 31 st		Labor Day Weekend
September		
September 6 th - 7 th		
September 13 th – 14 th	Little Mountain- primary	Slalom CLR 4
September 20 th - 21 st	Lake Magnolia	3 event class C 2 & Final NC Cup Stop
September 27 th - 28 th		
October		
October 4 th - 5 th	Beaver Lake Women's invitational	3 round slalom CF

Motion to accept tournament schedule- Jeff Gilbert

Second- Vic Armstrong

All in favor; None opposed.

- II. Official Clinics/Driver Clinics
 - a. Judge's and driver's clinics are available online if needed.

- III. Treasurer's Report Cheryl Armstrong
 - a. Bank Account Balances
 - i. Junior Account: Starting Balance \$7649.34; Ending Balance \$6915.45
 - 1. Income: \$1496.00
 - 2. Expenses: \$2229.89
 - 3. Net Loss: -\$733.89

 - ii. General Account: Starting Balance \$8896.24; Ending Balance \$7678.33
 - 1. Income: \$1422.32
 - 2. Expenses: \$2640.23
 - 3. Net loss: -\$1217.91

 - iii. Total: Starting Balance \$16,545.58; Ending Balance \$14,593.78
 - 1. Income: \$2918.32
 - 2. Expenses \$4870.12
 - 3. Net Loss -\$1951.80

 - b. Discussion regarding switching to Venmo or possibly Paypal for membership payments. Also, First Bank now offers direct deposit from customers into your bank account for no fee which could be an option. The current company Square is hard to track and is also not cost effective. Chris will investigate Venmo and Cheryl will check other options and try to come up with a better solution for payments.

 - c. Moneyminder software will continue to be used to track finances.

Motion to accept 2024 Treasurer's Report-Gregg Jessup
Second- Eddie Carrick
All in favor; None opposed

- IV. Hall Of Fame (HOF)
 - a. Darnell Almond has stepped down as HOF chairperson. Johnny Thomas has agreed to be interim chairperson for one year.

 - b. It has been suggested that we may want to consider having HOF awards at another location instead of the State Banquet in order to keep the focus of the State Banquet on State Championship awards and achievements. A separate ceremony for HOF recipients would allow more emphasis and time for those deserving of HOF induction.

 - c. April and Chris have been working on a point system that would help determine who should receive HOF awards. The system should be based on certain qualifications that

have been given a numerical value. The system will be used as a guideline this year to test it and it will be modified as needed.

Break 11:45 AM

Reconvene 12:00 PM

Dave suggested putting the point system into Excel as a guideline and then entering each candidate to determine how many points each has received. People who submit candidates should have to fill out an extensive resume based on the point categories.

V. Webmaster

- a. Motion made by Chris Eller to continue paying Tommy \$1200 for webmaster as was previously voted in favor of in 2023. Second- Bob Archambeau. All in favor; none opposed.
- b. Tommy recognized Jack Bond for his achievements of winning first place at the NC State Championships, Southern Regional Championships and US National Championships for 2024. Tommy also recognized Chirs Eller, April Coble- Eller and Shirley Coble for their achievements of each winning the World Championships.

VI. NCWSA Non-Profit Status

- a. NCWSA is currently a not-for-profit organization but is not an incorporated non-profit organization.
- b. To legally accept donations NCWSA needs to file a 501c3 with the state of North Carolina. This will also provide more protection for the officers and the organization.
- c. Eddie Carrick has volunteered to help NCWSA with filing a 501c3 and it was voted on in 2023 to proceed. This process has not been completed as of the meeting and there will be follow up with Eddie to find out how everything is progressing.

VII. Call for other New Business

None

Metting was adjourned 12:30 PM