

## 2009 January AWSA BOD Meeting Regional Recommendations – May updates in bold blue

### EAST

1. All **officials committees** and **HQ** will look at granting leniency to officials in transition to the paperless official work record. There is tremendous confusion and a lack of communication on the process in which an official needs to log their work for credit toward maintenance & upgrade. Until such time when the process is clearly communicated and understood, no officials should be downgraded who log work in one form (paper) and not the other (WSTIMS), or vice versa. **It was decided that no downgrades would be made in 2009, i.e., a one year hiatus.**
2. **Towboat & Rules** will look at implementing weighted draws for Regional and National competitions. (Favor the boat manufacturers who support our sport.)

### SOUTH

1. **HQ** will look at establishing a lower fee for sanctioning a midweek event. **HQ did look into it but decided against it (review post April USA-EC mtg. packet, Competition Report for details).**

### SOUTH CENTRAL

1. **Rules** will look at accepting the IWSF rule book in its entirety starting in 2010 and present an interim report at the August meeting as to its progress.
2. The President will form a Task Force to:
  - a. Restructure the regions based on the number of skiers into 7 or 8 regions, i.e., split the West and Midwest and re-plot the East and South and possibly the SCR.
  - b. Develop a championships series going from State to Regionals to Super Regionals/Nationals where all tournaments would be of a size that could be completed in 2.5 days and on a two lake site.

**Jim has formed a task force with T Caldwell as non voting Chair. The five EVPs and AAC will carefully choose one voting rep each and submit these names to Jim no later than March 1 (six voting reps, one nonvoting chair). We are still short an AAC rep, but will start without one.**

3. The President will form a Task Force to look at forming an additional USA-WS Sports Division with the working title of AAWSA (American Amateur Water Ski Association). Major goals of this SD would be:
  - a. Use Class E and below tournaments formats ONLY.

- b. Be completely free of any ties to IWSF and as free as possible of any Olympic stipulations.
- c. Use rules based on past and present successes.

**Jim has formed a task force with Bob Mayhew as non voting Chair. The five EVPs will carefully choose one voting rep each, the AAC will choose two voting reps and submit these names to Jim no later than March 1 (seven voting reps, one nonvoting chair). In place.**

**Both task forces are expected to provide an update by our August meeting even if the tasks are not complete with the goal of providing a full report next January should that be possible. On the August mtg. agenda. As the work of the task forces progresses, they may ask the President that additional members be appointed to their groups.**

4. **Tech & Rules** will look at adding B/G2&3 to those allowed to use the new youth lines.

#### **WEST**

1. **EC** should look at moving its meeting around the country once again.
2. **Rules/J&S** will look at awarding additional credit for working E, L & R tournaments over and above work for C events.
3. **HQ** should ship all excess regional guides to the EVPs. **Scott A. addressed this issue sending a response to the EVPs.**

#### **MIDWEST**

1. **J&S** will look at allowing aspiring level 8 judges to drag the third event when fast tracking as level 7 in that third event.
2. **J&S** will look at requiring that a fast tracking ass't judge's application be cosigned by a regular or higher judge.
3. **J&S** will look at allowing one appointed judge in a Class C tournament to be rated as an assistant judge in jump as long as (a) video jump is being used and (b) the judge is a regular or higher in the other two events.
4. **HQ** will look at allowing the use of Online Registration (OLR) by LOCs without the appointed officials having to be checked off on the application form.
5. **IAC** will look at including the Nationals in the elite team trial selection process.
6. **HQ** will look at establishing a HQ pay pal account for OLR.  
**HQ did look into it but decided against it (review post April USA-EC mtg. packet, Competition Report for details).**

7. **Tech** should look at making audio mandatory on slalom end course video.