

North Carolina Water Ski Association
2021 Winter General Membership Meeting
 December 4th, 2021
 Coble Ski School, Lillington, NC
Minutes

I. Call to Order: 9:29 AM

Ari Grode

a. Attendance Sheet

Ari Grode	Eddie Carrick	Keith Burris	Erica Bleier	Gregg Stokes
April Coble-Eller	Donnie Doster	Chris Eller	Pat Bloodworth	Shirley Coble
Gary Coble	Jeff Gilbert	Tommy Harrington	Jeff Mitchell	Hope Phillips
June Phillips	Alan Long	Johnny Thomas	Donnie Lindsey	Jack Bond

Addendums Attached:

2020 – 2021 NCWSA Treasurer's Report

Old Business

I. Presentation of Minutes

Erica Bleier

b. Winter Meeting – Main topics

i. States Medals

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

ii. Junior Development

1. Hope Phillips has taken over as chairperson
2. Budget remained the same

II. PROPOSAL		OWNER
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
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	

i. Treasurer

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.	Voted – Yes	All in favor; none opposed
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ii. States Championships Drivers/Officials

1. 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.

iii. Council Members

1. Will discuss going to online voting, hopefully having a proposal by Mid-winter meeting 2021

iv. Sure Path

1. The 2022 IWWF 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
2. 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.

v. Future Tournament dates

1. 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.
2. No official proposal was presented

a. Summer Meeting – Main Topics

i. North Carolina State Tournament 2022 - Will be hosted by Skyview

ii. New Board

1. President: Ari Grode
2. Vice President: Donnie Doster
3. Secretary/Treasurer: Erica Bleier
4. Council Seat 1: Alan Long
5. Council Seat 2: Chris Eller

iii. Awards Presented

Motion to accept 2020 Winter & Summer meeting minutes – Alan Long
Second – Shirley Coble

II. Treasurer's Report

Erica Bleier

- a. General account: \$10,952.52 (net loss \$873.26)
- b. Junior Account: \$8,387.48 (net loss \$238.56)
- c. Combined: \$19,340.00 (net loss \$1,111.82)

Motion to accept 2020 Treasurer Report – Alan Long

Second – Shirley Coble

III. Committee Reports

a. Regional Council

Donnie Doster/Chris Eller

- i. Sure Path will be required for all L & R tournaments starting in 2020
- ii. Southern Region has proposed a Sure Path requirement for jump L/R events, for data collection purposes
 - 1. This is to establish a baseline for determining re-rides for an incorrect boat path
- iii. Additional Sure Path information
 - 1. Pre-gates: will now be required to be in tolerance with boat guides
 - 2. Proposing to have a cumulative deviation at each specific buoy

b. Junior Development

Hope Phillips

- i. Successful Junior Development for 2021
- ii. NC skiers had 3-4 sets throughout the weekend
- iii. Everyone had fun

Motion to accept committee reports – Erica Bleier

Second – Donnie Doster

New Business

I. Adjustment to meeting agenda

- a. Proposal: Move agenda items Rotating Tournament Schedule VIII(a) & More than one tournament in a weekend VIII(b) to beginning of meeting
 - i. Motion to accept – Alan Long
 - ii. Second – Donnie Doster

II. Rotating Tournament Schedule/More than 1 tournament in same weekend

- a. Rotating Tournament Schedule
 - i. Much back-and-forth discussion
 - ii. Pros: Sites can get a June weekend date which are the most popular.
 - iii. Cons: some sites have other owners and prior obligations that may not be ski related. Some sites have to compete with other States.
 - iv. Decision to stay with current Primary schedule

- b. More than 1 tournament in same weekend
 - i. Lots of back-and-forth discussion.
 - ii. Pros: Plenty of officials to cover events. Promotes a greater number of skiers each weekend. More tournaments for officials/drivers to get credit.
 - iii. Cons: some sites may lose skiers which also may mean losing money.
- Questions of where State resources (radios) would go.

PROPOSAL	ACCEPTED?	Accepted?
For the 2022 season only: Two tournaments may occur on the same weekend as long as only one of the tournaments is 3-event. The club with the primary date has the choice of the type of tournament as well as access to the radios.	Motion to accept: Eddie Carrick Second: Johnny Thomas 13 in favor 2 opposed	Yes

- III. 2022 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. Location: Skyview
 - c. 2022 Tournament Schedule

PROTECTED PRIMARY DATES	
June 4 th – 5 th	Skyview -- primary
June 11 th – 12 th	Magnolia – primary
June 18 th – 19 th	Beaver Lake – primary (swap with Clear Lake 2022)
June 25 th – 26 th	Clear Lake – primary (swap with Beaver 2022)
September 10 th – 11 th	Little Mountain – primary
September 24 th – 25 th	Rocky Ford – primary

2022 Tournament Schedule		
Date	Club	
MAY		
April 30 th – May 1 st		
May 7 th – 8 th		Mother's Day
May 14 th – 15 th		
May 21 st – 22 nd		
May 20 th – 22 nd	2022 Collegiate All-Stars – Skyview	Harmony, NC
May 28 th – 29 th		Memorial Day
May 27 th – 29 th	62 nd Masters Water Ski and Wakeboard – Calloway Gardens	Pine Mountain, GA
JUNE		
June 4 th – 5 th	Skyview – primary	3-event class L
June 11 th – 12 th	Little Mountain	Slalom class CLR
June 18 th – 19 th	Clear Lake – primary (swap for 2022)	3-event class C
June 25 th – 26 th	Beaver Lake – primary (swap for 2022)	3-event class C
June 25 th – 26 th	22 nd Junior US Open – Bell Acqua Lake 3	Rio Linda, CA

JULY		
July 2 nd – 3 rd	Lake Magnolia 3-event + night slalom	Class C
July 9 th – 10 th	NC State Tournament – Skyview	Harmony, NC
July 13 th – 17 th	The World Games – LymanLand	Tuscaloosa, AL
July 16 th – 17 th		
July 20 th – 24 th	Southern Regionals – LymanLand	Tuscaloosa, AL
July 30 th – 31 st		
AUGUST		
August 7 th – 13 th	80 th Goode Water Ski National Championships – Mystic Lakes	Maize, KS
August 13 th – 14 th		
August 20 th	Clear Lake	3-event Class C
August 21 st		
August 27 th – 28 th	Beaver Lake	
SEPTEMBER		
September 3 rd – 4 th		Labor Day
September 9 th – 10 th	Malibu Open 2022 – Trophy Lakes	Johns Island, SC
September 10 th – 11 th		
September 12 th – 18 th	IWWF 2022 35+ World Championships	Baurech, France
September 14 th – 17 th	2021 Adaptive National Championships – Twin Oaks Lakes	Paducah, KY
September 17 th – 18 th	Little Mountain	Slalom class CLR
September 24 th – 25 th	Rocky Ford – primary	
OCTOBER		
October 1 st – 2 nd	Skyview	Trick class ELR
October 8 th – 9 th		

Motion to accept tournament schedule – Johnny Thomas

Second – Donnie Doster

IV. Officials Clinics/Driver Clinic

- a. No one proposed clinics
- b. If someone needs a clinic, contact Ari Grode

V. Junior Development Committee

Hope Phillips

- a. Will be on a Friday at Coble Ski School (date TBD)
- b. Discussed vest versus bibs as a fundraiser for Jr Development
 - i. Many expressed interest
 - ii. Hope will get with April to discuss design and cost and will then present to the members
 - iii. Suggestion of having each club donate a basket to auction off at 2022 States
 - iv. Recommend continuing to have \$500 for Junior activities for each primary date

Motion to accept – Shirley Coble

Second – Donnie Doster

VI. Treasurer

Erica Bleier

- a. Continue to pay for MoneyMinder (\$159/year)? – yes
- b. Membership

PROPOSAL		ACCEPTED?
Any NC resident must be a member of NCWSA in order to ski in a North Carolina tournament. Proof of membership is the skier's responsibility.	Motion to accept – Johnny Thomas Second – Gregg Stokes All in favor; none opposed	Yes

VII. Hall of Fame

- a. Darnell continues to do a great job with this. No changes to upcoming year.
- b. Please submit any nominations for HOF/Award of Distinction to Darnell

VIII. Webmaster

Tommy Harrington

- a. Tommy wanted to recognize many for the 2021 season
 - i. Pat Bloodworth – Pulled Malibu Open Women's Final where all four women ran 39' off passes in the same round and skiing into the 41' off world record pass
 - ii.
 - iii. April Coble-Eller – Coached both the U17 and U21 U.S. Teams to a gold medal at the World Championships
 - iv. Chris Eller – Pulled Jacinta Carroll to a new Women's Jump World Record of 202 feet (61.5 meters). This is the first time a female has jumped over 200 feet
 - v. Lyman Hardy – New AWSA – Southern Region President
 - vi. Bob Archambeau – New USA Water Ski president
 - vii. Dave Harris – hosted the first night slalom event in North Carolina
 - viii. June Phillips – placed 1st in slalom and 2nd in overall at 2021 Regionals. Placed 2nd in slalom at 2021 Nationals
 - ix. Erica Bleier – placed 1st in overall at 2021 Regionals. Placed 4th in jump and 5th in overall at 2021 Nationals
- b. Social Media Statistics
 - i. 12,000 visits to NCWSA, 18,000 visits to Southern Regional website. Majority are from North Carolina
 - ii. Alabama website – latest post from 2017
 - iii. Tennessee does not have a website
 - iv. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter – started in 2009
- c. Continue to give Tommy Harrington \$500

Motion to accept – Johnny Thomas

Second – Alan Long

PROPOSAL		ACCEPTED?
Increase webmaster payment to \$750	Motion to accept – Johnny Thomas Second – Alan Long All in favor; none opposed	Yes

IX. Call for other New Business

a. Radios

Jack Bond & Ari Grode

- i. Radios are not working
- ii. They are obsolete – 10-12 years old
- iii. Need a license for any radio above 2 Watts
- iv. We have not had a license since 2014
 1. \$10,000 fine per day per use
- v. \$450 to license NCWSA for 10 years
- vi. Thank you to Jack for doing the research on all the radios
- vii. Clear Lake and Little Mountain have their own radios
- viii. Discussed possibly getting 2-Watt radios @ \$200 each for 10 radios
 1. These radios worked very well at ski school and other tournaments
 2. Several others outside of NC have also agreed that they work well

PROPOSAL	Motion	ACCEPTED?
Buy a new set of 5-Watt radios @ \$80 per radio. Three (3) radios will have extended range antenna. Total cost including license is about \$1309 for 10 radios.	Jack Bond All opposed	No

PROPOSAL	Motion	ACCEPTED?
Chris Eller will have up to \$1,000 to purchase each site ten (10) radios.	Motion to accept – Johnny Thomas Second – Keith Burris All in favor; none opposed	Yes

b. Promo Boat Overview/State Boat draw

Donnie Doster

- i. Boat draw may be difficult due to lack of boats
 1. All promo boats in the State are owned by a group of individuals (besides one).
 2. Discussed difficulty with manufacturing as Malibu is only making about 2 per month.
- ii. USA Water Ski Tow Boat Committee has recommended reimbursing boat owner \$35 per hour
 1. Other suggestions have talked about \$400 for the weekend
- iii. The host site of the State tournament will try as much as possible to coincide with the boat draws for Regionals. There may not be enough available. Will let the skiers know as soon as possible for any boat changes.

c. Jump driving safety

Keith Burris

- i. A lot of discussion regarding importance of skier safety. Suggested of having driver always go back to check on skier in the event of a fall, regardless of where that skier waved hand or not
- ii. From a driver perspective, it is difficult to always turn around in the event of a fall; will need to do a simulation pass every time the quick return can also pose a safety issue for an injured skier
- iii. Stressed importance of each host site assigning primary safety and making sure that this comes from the boat if that is what is preferred.
- iv. Good discussion to stress importance of safety. No changes have been made.

d. Radios for officials

Jeff Gilbert

- i. Would be a nice gesture to gift each official a radio

PROPOSAL	Motion	ACCEPTED?
NCWSA will purchase a radio for any official who achieves a regular rating or above.	Motion to accept – Johnny Thomas Second – Shirley Coble All in favor; none opposed	Yes

e. Safe Sport Certification

Ari Grode

- i. As of January 1st 2022, AWSA members 18 and over are required to take the Safe Sport certification.
- ii. It is free
- iii. Judges will also be required to complete a background check

f. Officials

Alan Long

- i. There are a handful of officials that don't participate on the water
- ii. They are still required to be members of AWSA, NCWSA, and have a background check

PROPOSAL	Motion	ACCEPTED?
As of January 1 st , NCWSA will pay for all membership obligations for non-skiing officials	Motion to accept – Jack Bond Second – Donnie Doster All in favor; none opposed	Yes

g. NCWSA Non-profit Status

Donnie Doster

- i. In order to get larger donations, will need to be a 501(c)3; we are currently a 501(c)4
- ii. 2 ways of doing it
1. Dissolution of current association; apply as new entity as a 501(c)3
 - a) Approximate cost \$2000
 - b) Approximate time 2-3 months
 2. Add a subsidiary to NCWSA as a 501(c)3
 - a) Approximate cost \$250
 - b) Approximate time 30-45 days
- iii. Donnie Doster and Erica Bleier will work with Natalie to work out specifics of the time and cost to see which is in the best interest of the association. Are currently leaning towards adding a subsidiary based on comments of those present at meeting.

Motion to adjourn 1:47 pm – Erica Bleier

Second – Alan Long
