

North Carolina Water Ski Association
2023 Winter General Membership Meeting
December 2, 2023
Coble Ski School, Lillington, NC

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

A. Attendance (16)

Johnny Thomas-President	Donnie Lindsey	
Chris Eller- Vice President	Bob Archambeau	
Cheryl Armstrong- Sec/Treasurer	Gail Case	
Vic Armstrong	Jeff Gilbert	
Greg Jessup	Tommy Harrington	
Hallie Burris	Shirley Coble	
Eddie Carrick	Dave Harris	
Alan Long	Scott Bellefeuille	

Addendums Attached:

NCWSA 2022- 2023 Treasurer's Report

Old Business

- I. Presentation of Minutes Cheryl Armstrong
- a. 2022 Winter Meeting – Main topics (Available on NCWSA website)
- b. 2023 Summer Meeting- Main topics (Available on NCWSA website)
- i. North Carolina Stated Tournament 2024: Will be hosted by Beaver Lake
- ii. New Board Members
1. President: Johnny Thomas
 2. Vice President: Chris Eller
 3. Secretary/Treasurer: Cheryl Armstrong
 4. Council Seat 1: Tommy Harrington
 5. Council Seat 2: Gail Case (seat has one more year)
- iii. Awards Presented

Shirley Coble made a motion to accept 2022 Winter meeting and 2023 Summer meeting minutes
Second -Donnie Lindsey
All in favor; None opposed

New Business

I. 2024 Tournament Schedule

- a. Discussion regarding the best way to make our tournament schedule the best it can be for all skiers and clubs. The schedule should be structured so that skiers can have the most opportunity to get the scores they need.
- b. Skyview is giving up their primary date in June. All other clubs are keeping their primary date the same. Bob Archambeau explained that their club had a lot of new members that were families and a lot of them would not be available close to the Memorial Day holiday. Also the first weekend in June was too early in the season and something later in the season would work better for their club. After discussion it was decided that Skyview would accept the first weekend in September as their primary date.
- c. Alan Long suggested having a fun tournament/Hall of Fame (HOF) weekend to honor HOF recipients and it would be a good way to promote the sport. Also possibly having t-shirts with the recipients names on them. Eddie Carrick stated he would be open to discussion to combine it with their August tournament.
- d. Junior Development Clinic: Chris Eller stated that Coble Ski school will host a junior clinic for the East and that Austin Able has agreed to host a junior clinic for the West to better accommodate the juniors depending on where they reside in the state. Both clinics will be held on the same date which will be June 1st- 2nd.
- e. Slalom Cup Series: Dave Harris brought up the possibility of having a slalom cup series that would be centered around the primary tournament dates throughout the season. Slalom scores could be accumulated over five stops and the participants would have to have a minimum of three stops to be included with men's, women's and junior's divisions. The junior skiers could have a tournament stop at the junior clinic. The focus would be fun competition between skiers and to give skiers a good reason to attend the primary dates. There would be a final round possibly head-to-head at the last stop. This competition would not affect regular tournament procedure and the host club would not be required to do anything extra. Dave and his committee would keep up with the scores, come up with the rules and work to raise money/sponsorship to have prizes for the division winners. Primary date holders agreed to allow cup stops. If clubs will put on their sanction forms NC Cup Stop 1,2,3, etc. when the form is filed it would be appreciated. More information will be available at a later date.

f. 2024 Tournament Schedule

PROTECTED PRIMARY TOURNAMENT DATES	
June 8 th - 9 th	Lake Magnolia
June 15 th - 16 th	Beaver Lake
June 22 nd - 23 rd	Clear Lake
September 7 th - 8 th	Skyview
September 14 th - 15 th	Little Mountain

	2024 Tournament Schedule	
Date	Club	
May		
May 4 th - 5 th		
May 11 th - 12 th		Mother's Day
May 18 th - 19 th		
May 25 th - 26 th	Masters Callaway Gardens	Memorial Day
June		
June 1 st - 2 nd	Junior Development Clinic: Coble Ski School-East, Austin Abel-West	Junior Fun Tournament
June 8 th - 9 th	Lake Magnolia- primary	3 event class 2C
June 15 th - 16 th	Beaver Lake- primary	3 event class 2 C
June 22 nd -23 rd	Clear Lake- primary	3 event class 2C
June 29 th -30 th	Lake Magnolia/ Little Mountain 55 West Tour	3 event class 2C & Night slalom/ Slalom 4R
July		
July 6 th - 7 th		
July 13 th -14 th	NC State Tournament Beaver Lake	Eure, NC 3 event class C
July 20 th - 21 st		
July 24 th - 28 th	Southern Regionals- Paducah, KY	
August		
August 3 rd - 4 th		
August 10 th - 11 th		
August 13 th -17 th	National Championships- California	
August 17 th	Gresham's Lake	Slalom 2C
August 24 th -25 th	Clear Lake- 1day	3 event class C
August 31 st - Sept. 1 st		Labor Day
September		
September 7 th -8 th	Skyview-primary/ Beaver Lake	3 event class 2CLR/ Slalom 3C
September 14 th -15 th	Little Mountain- primary	Slalom 4CLRF
September 21 st - 22 nd	Lake Magnolia	3 event class 2C & Final NC Cup Stop
September 28 th -29 th		
October		
October 5 th - 6 th		
October 12 th -13 th		
October 19 th - 20 th		
October 26 th - 27 th		

Motion to accept tournament schedule- Bob Archambeau

Second- Alan Long

All in favor; None opposed.

II. Official Clinics/Driver Clinics

- a. Judge's clinics are available online.
- b. Bob Archambeau will schedule a safety clinic to be held online. Bob stated that safety officials are in short supply and encouraged everyone to consider taking the safety clinic.
- c. A driver's clinic is not needed at this time as a clinic was held this past summer.

III. Treasurer's Report

Cheryl Armstrong

a. Bank Account Balances

i. Junior Account: Starting Balance \$7749.34; Ending Balance \$7649.36

1. Income: \$400.00
2. Expenses: \$500.00
3. Net Loss: -\$100.00

ii. General Account: Starting Balance \$10,446.03; Ending Balance \$8896.24

1. Income: \$1444.59
2. Expenses: \$2994.38
3. Net loss: -\$1549.79

iii. Total: Starting Balance \$18,196.37; Ending Balance \$16,545.58

1. Income: \$1844.59
2. Expenses \$3494.38
3. Net Loss -\$1649.79

Motion to accept 2023 Treasurer's Report: Bob Archambeau

Second: Eddie Carrick

All in favor; None opposed

IV. Hall Of Fame

- a. Nominations must be submitted by December 31, 2023.
- b. At this point the committee consists of Shirley Coble, April Coble, Chuck Forrest and Sarvis Bass. One other past nominee and three council members to be determined at a later date.
- c. If you want to nominate someone for HOF please include as many facts and statistics as possible. The more information you can provide the better.

V. Webmaster

- a. Tommy requested a PDF format for any documents you send to him to post on the website (meeting minutes, running orders, etc.)
- b. Tommy would like to remind everyone that tournament running orders be sent to him prior to tournaments if possible so they can be posted on the website.
- c. Tommy spoke to Jim Jaquess about waterskiing getting into the Pan Am Games. Regina Jaquess has been nominated for female athlete of the year and the only water skier to be nominated in any category. It would be good for promotion of the sport if everyone could vote for her (links are available on the website) especially because Pan Am wants to take out sports that are not in the Olympics.
- d. Tommy stated that Jerry Jackson would like drivers to register for the IWWF portal. Boat path and data through Sure Path will be recorded after the driver logs in and it will make it easier if a driver wants to go from regular to senior, etc. All the data would be available on the portal and the driver wouldn't need to do an in person driving test. Will Bush is going to do an online clinic to show driver's how to register.
- e. Tommy would like to recognize Shirley Coble for all her accomplishments as a water skier and nominate her as an individual skier to the HOF. Shirley and Gary Coble were previously inducted as pioneers but Shirley had a lot of water skiing achievements after that time. Everyone agreed Shirley would be a great nomination for HOF.

Proposal		Accepted?
Increase webmaster payment to \$1200 (\$100 a month)	Motion to accept: Alan Long Second: Bob Archambeau All in favor; None opposed	Yes

VI. Men I and Women I Entry Fees

- a. Discussion regarding how to help keep Men I and Women I skiers participating in our ski tournaments. Tournament entries in these divisions have been down. Many people this age are in college or just finishing college and starting a career and may have limited funds but are still interested in skiing. The clubs could offer a discounted or free entry and the state association could reimburse the clubs a certain amount but we would need a cap on that amount. Hallie Burris stated that she would help get the word out to people in this age group and try to encourage more participation.

Proposal		Accepted?
Men I and Women I Division (age 18-25) would get a free tournament entry however the club would expect help such as dock starter, wipe down boats, etc. and NCWSA will reimburse half of the amount of the entry fee up to \$500 for one tournament per season. This reimbursement would come from the general fund.	Motion to accept: Chris Eller Second: Bob Archambeau All in favor; None opposed	Yes

VII. State Records

- a. We set the precedence by only allowing a state record to be set at the NC State Championships. Most other states allow records to be set at any tournament in the state during the year.
- b. Adaptive records need to also be recognized and recorded for the state championships. It is not only important for recognition but for research purposes in the event those skiers are nominated for the Hall of Fame. Johnny wanted to recognize Eli Hager for breaking the world trick record this year and Robbie Parks for his many accomplishments in adaptive water skiing.

Meeting Break 11:30 AM

Reconvene 11:40 AM

VIII. Inviting Drivers and Officials to the NC State Championships

- a. Currently the rule is all current North Carolina regular and senior officials are automatically invited by the host club to officiate in state championships.
- b. There was much discussion on possibly changing this rule to better accommodate the host club. Example: Last year at the state championships there were too many drivers for the number of skiers and it was hard to accommodate all drivers.
- c. There needs to be a fair solution for everyone and guidelines for clubs to follow.
- d. Everyone present agreed to table for now.

IX. 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. The process was started last year but never completed.
- c. Eddie Carrick has volunteered to help NCWSA with filing a 501c3.

Proposal		Accepted?
Eddie Carrick will help fill out and file the 501c3 so that NCWSA can become an incorporated non-profit organization.	Motion to accept: Shirley Coble Second: Vic Armstrong All in favor; None opposed	Yes

X. Call for other New Business

None

Motion to adjourn meeting 12:20 PM: Alan Long

Second: Vic Armstrong

All in favor