

IWSRA BOARD MEETING –November 3, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Ron Swanson. Those in attendance were Ron Swanson, Bonnie & Cheryl Ruston, Ted Hofmann, Mike King, Randy Davis.

SECRETARY

The minutes from the July 21 and October 4, 2004 meetings were approved as written.

TREASURER

One NSF was returned from the Lake Mead Marathons. Cheryl Ruston has already sent a 30 day letter to the participant.

No other changes to report since the last meeting.

RACE

Ron Swanson opened a discussion on the proposed NWSRA rule changes. The main purpose of this meeting is to decide how IWSRA will vote on the submitted changes. Randy Davis will be IWSRA's designated voting representative at the NWSRA Rules Meeting on Saturday November 20th.

World Team Selection – Mandatory Minimum Number of Races

- The general consensus of the group was that the 10 race rule for World Team selection should be changed. There is a possibility that there will only be 2 marathon weekends prior to the team selection in 2005. Therefore, the 10 race rule would have to be eliminated.
- John Doherty submitted a variation to this rule. His proposal is to require skier's race in 6 races the year of the worlds. However, this does not allow for illness or injury. And again, there may only be 2 weekends (4 races) prior to team selection in 2005.

Captain will designate World Team Alternate 30 days prior to Worlds – not during actual Team Selection

- IWSRA is opposed to this change. When traveling overseas, boats and teams need time to plan accordingly. Plans are largely based upon who is in "skiing" positions on the team. 30 days is not adequate time to plan and ship boats. This rule could potentially work when the World Championships are held in the USA.

Dusty Schulz's proposal for reformatting ski race and eliminating circle race events

- IWSRA is in favor of the general concept.
- Opposed to 6 marathon weekends (should remain at 5 weekends)

John Doherty's proposal for adding Women's Outboard and Stock Boat classes to Nationals

- If circle races are eliminated based upon Dusty's proposal, this is a non-issue.

Changing to have boat points go to the driver instead of the boat

- IWSRA is opposed to this rule change.
- This would give an unfair advantage to those owners with multiple boats.
- Could eliminate the "little guy" from having a chance at the top 10 in points.
- Having points awarded to the boat gives owners like Steve Davis with his outboard the opportunity he had in 2004 to be hi-point marathon driver.

Change Red Flag Rule to eliminate teams who were not running at the time of the red flag.

- IWSRA is opposed to this rule change.
- We want to encourage participation, not eliminate it.

2005 WORLDS

A discussion was held regarding the 2005 US World Team Selection date. Boats may need to be committed prior to the team selection. If boats commit early, then we can hold the selection after the 3rd marathon. If boats want to wait until the team is picked, then the selection would need to be moved up to after the 2nd marathon weekend to allow ample time to ship the boats. Ron Swanson will get with Bob Nixon and find out his status on possibly being Team Captain again in 2005 so some of these issues can be sorted out as soon as possible.

IWSF

F2 rules have been modified again to only allow pump gas. There is a list of approved engines for the class. Dusty Schulz has a complete copy of the rules.

Cheryl Ruston reported that the Racing Council is considering allowing 3 men and 3 women in the F2 classes. This would be an increase of 1 man and 1 woman from each country.

NEXT MEETING

Undetermined

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ruston
Secretary