

IWSRA BOARD MEETING – June 24, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Jon Cole. Those in attendance were Jon & Barbara Cole, Dusty Schulz, Bonnie & Cheryl Ruston, Bob Nixon, Joe Sciarra, Diane & Erin Saunders, Wayne Bouchard, Deann Shannon, Bonnie Anderson, Gayle Vesely Ted Hofmann, Juli Kennedy, Randy Jarrell.

SECRETARY

The minutes from the April 8, 2003 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER

Barbara Cole provided the Treasurer's report.

Only a minimum amount of money has been received for the raffle. Barbara will get with John Towle for an up to date accounting. A new date needs to be designated for the raffle drawing. The National Championships are now being held after the World Championships and can no longer be used as a venue for the drawing. It was decided to conduct the drawing at the IWSRA hosted Long Beach Marathons in September.

Deposits have not yet been paid for US Team expenses (i.e hotel, uniforms, etc).

The total budget for the 2003 World Championships, including the US Team, is approximately \$235,000.

A discussion was held regarding possible penalties for team members who fail to meet the deadlines for their financial obligations. The first deadline is July 1st and Bob Nixon suggested we wait and see the status after that date.

2003 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Jeremy Orchard, the official photographer for the worlds, has asked permission to take his own boat onto the courses at the worlds to use as a platform for his photography. It was decided this would be ok as long as he works with the designated course and patrol boats. Jeremy has also been given permission to distribute flyers and information to competing teams regarding the photography packages he will make available for the event.

Jeremy Orchard has submitted a sample poster for the World Championships. He is working with Bonnie Anderson who is handling the program. Jeremy has been in touch with USAWS as well regarding pictures.

It has been reported that Charlie Saunders was selling "black market" 2003 World Championship merchandise during the Catalina Ski Race weekend. Jon Cole has been in touch with Charlie and is working to get a percentage of the profits made on the sale of Charlie's merchandise.

Jody Campbell is working with the local media regarding publicity for the event. The details are still being sorted out as to whether a media luncheon will be organized. Jody will be meeting with a media consultant for guidance. The Long Beach newspapers are definitely interested in covering the event.

Joe Sciarra has a possible lead on a large sponsorship for the event. T-mobile or Verizon might be interested. Their sponsorship would be in the way of product, not cash. More details to follow.

Bonnie Anderson is working on the program. She needs the most current list of event sponsors so they can be including in the program and on the event poster. The printer must have everything a minimum of 30 days prior to the event. September 1st is the artwork deadline.

Jon Cole recapped the situation regarding the insurance. Everything has been sorted out for 2003 and all is a go.

The first official event bulletin has been sent out to team representatives and event officials. Dusty Schulz has not had any response from the bulletin.

The Coast Hotel is nearly booked (all 150 rooms). The hotel will be providing security for the boats in their parking lot.

There has been a request for 5 American boats to pull foreign competitors.

Cheryl Ruston has created information web pages for the World Championships. They are linked to the main NWSRA web site. The information will be updated on an as needed basis.

Diane Saunders is working on the coordination of the hospitality boats.

Randy Jarrell has made a request for the Long Beach Boat and Ski Club to sell left over Catalina Ski Race merchandise at the world championships. Jon Cole will work out the details with Randy.

US TEAM

The first official US Team Meeting was held last Friday the day before the Catalina Ski Race. An agreement was made that US Team boats (those pulling US Men and Women) will not pull foreign competitors in the Men or Women's division. It is however ok for US Team Boats to tow foreign Junior Competitors.

Juli Kennedy is working on uniforms for both team members and associates. Not much response has been received from the uniform order forms sent out in the last NWSRA newsletter.

NEXT MEETING

August 12, 2003

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ruston
Secretary