



## BOARD MEETING

November 2, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Bouchard at 9:05 AM. Those in attendance were Wayne Bouchard, Deann Shannon, Ted Hofmann, Bonnie & Cheryl Ruston, Gayle & Lauren Vesely, Steve Morris, Ken & Mike Kastan, Kelly Ireland, Mike Avila, Gary Heinbuch, Ron Swanson, Ron & Debbie Ayala, Jon Cole, Randy Jarrell, Dusty Schulz, Dave Fletcher.

### **SECRETARY**

Ron Ayala made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2002 meeting. Seconded by Lauren Vesely and approved.

### **TREASURER**

Gayle Vesely presented a balance sheet and P & L for the NWSRA in addition to a P & L for the 2002 National Championships.

There is still one unpaid sponsor from the Nationals. Gayle has already sent an invoice. Howard Hoggins paid the cost of the scaffolding, porta potties and trash bins. This was a donation to the event which amounted to roughly \$1500. The NWSRA picked up the additional \$5 cost per ticket at the awards dinner.

Ted Hofmann made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Ron Swanson and approved.

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

No report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No report.

### **REGION I**

Report deferred to rules and schedule portion of the meeting.

### **REGION II**

Report deferred to rules and schedule portion of the meeting.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

Jon Cole reported on the IWSF Racing Council Meeting which was held the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September in Nice, France. Both Jon Cole and Dusty Schulz attended the meeting on behalf of the Pan-American Region.

- IWSRA has offered a \$5000 sponsorship to the host of the 2003 World Championships
- The World Council is working to reduce the cost for the host federation of the World Championships.
- Australia is back racing but due to insurance premiums, it costs roughly \$800 per individual and \$1200 per boat per season in membership dues.

### **INTERNATIONAL (Continued)**

- F2 Men and F2 Women Classes have been added to the World Championships schedule. Details to be discussed during the rules portion of this meeting. F2 Men will race with the Men's Open but be scored separately. Same with the women. Any skier who placed in any individual race or in the overall at the 1997, 1999 or 2001 World Championships is NOT eligible for this class. 2 men and 2 women for each country will be allowed to compete. Boat restrictions and selection procedures to be discussed in the rules portion of this meeting.
- Belgium and the Canary Islands are considering hosting the 2003 World Championships however nothing formal has been submitted.
- The cubic inches for race motors was increased from 500 to 575.

### **RACE**

Ted Hofmann read a letter from the title sponsor from the National Championships. The sponsors logo and company name was not properly represented on the event merchandise. Wayne Bouchard apologized on behalf of the NWSRA. We need to ensure this does not happen in the future. Perhaps the NWSRA should obtain the event sponsors approval before proceeding with printing of merchandise.

Ted also reported that there were NO injuries at the event. Bob Nixon was a great help running the beach to expedite the races.

Cheryl Ruston reported on recycling of National Championship trophies. The ski figures are able to be used but the wood bases change too much from year to year. Cheryl will work to collect and store the extra cast figures and just order extra bases next year.

### **SPECIAL SANCTION**

Randy Jarrell reported on the 2003 Catalina Ski Race.

- Scheduled for Saturday June 21
- The children's day at Marine Stadium will be on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>
- There will be a 2 night minimum at the hotel but no other package.
- Long Beach Club is working with the Coast Guard in regards to the 2 mile minimum visibility issue
- 76 teams paid the \$30 team membership fee (reported by Cheryl). The submission of the membership forms and fees was greatly improved compared to year's past.
- More details to follow.

Cheryl Ruston reported briefly on the SF Race held October 26<sup>th</sup>. Region I submitted their sanction paperwork after the last meeting. Cheryl contacted the board via email for approval. The City of Benicia required a total of 3 million dollars of insurance. The additional cost and the sanction fee was paid by Region I prior to the event.

### **SAFETY**

Ron Ayala is still working on the Region II safety reports for the 2002 season.

Ron Ayala is also working on organizing another USAWS approved Safety Clinic.

### **MARATHON**

The 2002 marathon hi-point trophies will be handed out Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup> at Blue Water in Parker. Will be a similar event to the one held in 2002. Cheryl Ruston will take care of the trophy order.

### **USAWS**

Sherm Scraft, President of USAWS and Scott Atkinson, Communication Director were both at our National Championships.

The National Championships event coverage will be in the January issue of The Water Skier Magazine. Members must renew by December 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure they receive that issue. Cheryl Ruston will put this information on the web page and send out an email making our members aware of this deadline.

Wayne Bouchard will attend the USAWS Winter Board Meeting in January.

Cheryl Ruston received an email from Carole Lowe who stated that Keith Brice has nominated Dawna Brice for an Award of Distinction for the USAWS Hall of Fame. This is not a Hall of Fame induction. Wayne Bouchard asked Cheryl to ask Carole how the nomination process works for these other awards as our board would like to see these things come through us and not from individuals. Cheryl will get back in touch with Carole for more details.

Deann Shannon stated we need to select our Athlete's of the Year. Ashley Lathrop and Marshall Cole were the winners last year. Deann suggested perhaps selecting some of our junior skiers. Corbin Heinbuch and Mallory Nordblad were nominated. Nominations will remain open until November 15<sup>th</sup> and should be submitted to Deann. The Board will then be contacted to vote on the final selection. Deann will then submit to USAWS.

### **PUBLICITY**

Jeff Barrus had a helmet cam on a couple of observers at the Nationals. He has sent a copy of USAWS and is in the process of making a tape for promotional purposes.

### **BUSINESS MANAGER**

Cheryl Ruston reported that Region I has submitted all of their race and safety reports for the season. Region II has yet to turn anything in.

The next newsletter will go out in either late November or early December pending the outcome of this meeting.

Jon Cole and Cindy Pryor-Lee were selected by a vote of the National Board as the Man and Woman of the Year for 2002.

A membership comparison was provided showing totals for each region and overall for the past 10 years. We are still in a steady decline. These totals do not include the team memberships from Catalina or the SF Race. Several ideas were suggested for marketing and to increase membership.

Kelly Ireland has been working to put the details together for doing online race registration via credit card on the web site (this does not apply to membership). This would be available for both regions and international. It would be an automated service and would be separated out and a breakdown provided to whoever is hosting the event. Kelly is willing to donate the cost of the programming to get it set up. Race entry forms will be available online. Members who request race entry forms be sent to them via postal mail will be charged a yearly \$10 mailing fee. Kelly will work with Cheryl on the details.

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Cheryl Ruston provided the 2003 NWSRA Officer election results.

- President = Wayne Bouchard (two year term)
- Vice President / Race Chairman = Ted Hofmann
- Secretary = Bonnie Ruston
- Treasurer = Gayle Vesely
- Sgt @ Arms = Ron Ayala

**SGT@ARMS**

No report

**CORRESPONDANCE**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Ruston  
NWSRA Secretary