

IWSRA BOARD MEETING – December 9, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Jon Cole. Those in attendance were Jon & Barbara Cole, Dusty Schulz, Juli Kennedy, Bob Nixon, Deann Shannon, Wayne Bouchard, Ted Hofmann, Bonnie & Cheryl Ruston, Diane Saunders, John Cummings, Bonnie Anderson, Ron & Debbie Ayala.

SECRETARY

The minutes of the September 11, 2003 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURER

Worlds Accounting

- We are still waiting to receive some outstanding money from the host hotel.
- A few associate team members still owe money.
- There are few miscellaneous invoices which need to be paid for uniforms.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the excess funds from the 2003 World Championships. IWSRA would like to thank everyone for their support by giving some money back to the general membership of the NWSRA. It was decided that the money would be distributed as follows:

- \$5000 to the NWSRA to sponsor the 2004 Marathon Series
- \$2000 to Region I
- \$5500 to Region II
- A yet to be determined amount to each 2003 World Team Member
- \$15000 to remain in IWSRA checking account for operating expenses
- Remaining funds to be placed in a CD

CHAIRMAN

Jon Cole sent a letter to the entire membership of the NWSRA notifying them of his resignation as IWSRA Chairman. The letter also asked for applications for a replacement. Ron Swanson and Mike Avila both applied for the position. After further discussion, the current IWSRA Board, elected Ron Swanson as the new IWSRA Chairman beginning 1/1/04. However, this position requires NWSRA Board approval. Cheryl Ruston will send an email to Wayne Bouchard asking for the NWSRA Board to vote on the appointment of Ron Swanson as IWSRA Chairman.

Currently, Jon Cole, Ron Swanson and Shelbey Guardalabene are listed as directors of the IWSRA. Jon Cole suggested replacing Shelbey with Ted Hofmann on the board of directors. Previously, Shelbey has not objected to this idea as her involvement in ski racing has been minimal in recent years. Ted agreed to this appointment and Jon Cole will update the by-laws accordingly.

RACE

Gary Heinbuch is the event chairman for Parker. The Lake Mead Marathons in September will be run by committee.

Dusty Schulz reported that the following items are already complete for the Parker Marathons:

- Hotel Contract is signed
- BW Sound is confirmed
- Ambulance is arranged
- Permits have been filed.
- Environmental survey is in process
- Lunches are arranged

Ron Swanson, Gary Heinbuch and Dusty Schulz will meet regarding the organization of the Parker Marathons.

MISCELLANEOUS

A discussion was held regarding the letter exchange between Martie Wells and Jon Cole following the 2003 World Championships. Martie had demanded an immediate (with a deadline given) reimbursement for funds he contributed over the designated \$3500 team member obligation. As previously mentioned in these minutes, all US World Team members will receive a reimbursement once the final accounting is complete. Jon Cole had asked Cheryl Ruston, on behalf of IWSRA, to share these letters with the NWSRA Board via email, which was done prior to the last NWSRA Meeting in December.

However, at the December NWSRA Meeting a NWSRA board member felt the letters were inappropriate and should not have been distributed by the NWSRA. As Jon Cole was not at the NWSRA meeting in December, he will clarify at the next NWSRA meeting that these letters were sent by the IWSRA to the NWSRA Board only and were sent as informational pieces only.

Jon Cole provided a recap of the insurance situation

- All regarding insurance was fine in 2001
- For the 2003 worlds, Mike Waterman from England and Paul Jensch from Belgium insisted our insurance did not comply with IWSF rule 3.04 regarding 3rd party liability. Jon Cole issued a legal opinion stating it did.
- Mike Waterman then forced the issue with USAWS.
- David Strauss from Ski Safe emailed Waterman stating that no coverage was provided for boat owners and each must provide their own for the policy to be valid.
- However, Cheryl Ruston found an exemption made by USAWS back in 1994 which states that ski racing boats do not need to provide their own insurance for the policy to be valid. Steve McDermeit of USAWS emailed Ski Safe stating that ski racing was exempt from the boat owner insurance mandate.
- David Strauss then took Jon Coles legal opinion to the actually insurance company (as Ski Safe is just the broker), who backed Jon's opinion. They stated that the intent was to exclude but that Jon's opinion was probably correct.
- Ski Safe tried to change the policy in the middle of 2003 to disallow the boat owner coverage. However, Jon Cole reminded them they could not do that in bad faith.
- The subject was dropped as nothing would change for the remainder of 2003. However, Steve McDermeit called Wayne and stated we may not have coverage in 2004.
- Issues are still being sorted out for 2004.

2003 WORLDS

The US Team came in approximately \$3500 under budget.

There is still an unpaid fuel bill (91 gallons) by the Belgian team.

As previously discussed, \$1900 is still unpaid by associate team members.

Bob Nixon has all of the signed US Team agreements.

Approximately 50 thank you notes were sent out to workers and sponsors.

Memories Ink owes a commission for their photography work.

Jon Cole and Dusty Schulz presented Ted Hofmann with a special thank you award for his hard work and efforts at the 2003 World Championships. Ted received an engraved replica trophy from the event.

BOARD POSITIONS

The IWSRA Board is currently made up of the 3 directors (as previously discussed) and the designated officers. Only the officers vote on day to day business issues. It was decided to eliminate the Athlete's Rep position. This leaves, the chairman (as previously discussed) along with the secretary, treasurer and race chairman positions. Cheryl Ruston agreed to remain as secretary.

NEXT MEETING

Undetermined

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ruston
Secretary

