



BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Bouchard at 7:12 PM. Those in attendance were Wayne Bouchard, Ted Hofmann, Deann Shannon, Jon & Barbara Cole, Cheryl Ruston, Tom & Patty Melton, Ron & Debbie Ayala, Ron Swanson, John Doherty, Nick Duarte, Cindy Pryor, Gayle Vesely, Randy Jarrell.

SECRETARY

Ted Hofmann made a motion to approve the December 2004 meeting minutes with the correction made to the attendance list to include Gayle Vesely. Seconded by Ron Ayala and approved.

TREASURER

Gayle Vesely distributed Treasurer's reports for the period ending January 31, 2004.

We are still waiting for \$2500 to be reimbursed from the hotel for the cancelled awards banquet from the Nationals.

Wayne Bouchard noted that the National trophies are the biggest financial liability the NWSRA is carrying right now. However, this will be recouped if the 2004 Nationals are held as planned.

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

It seems that there was a misunderstanding between Pat Chadwick and Dusty Schulz regarding the selection of judges for the 2003 World Championships. Several emails have been circulated amongst various board members. Dusty and Pat have since worked out the differences and Pat plans to help at several events in 2004.

OLD BUSINESS

A discussion was held on how to proceed with the Man and Woman of the Year Awards. It was previously decided to close nominations in January with awards being presented at the Parker Marathons in March. Wayne Bouchard asked the board if they would still like to continue with this plan or should we just wait until the Nationals in 2004 for the next selection. After much discussion, it was decided to proceed as previously planned with the 2003 winners presented during the marathon hi-points awards presentation at Parker in March. Cheryl Ruston will distribute a list of nominees to the board for selection. The finalists from 2002 are automatically nominated. Additionally, Gary Heinbuch, Rick Fuscardo and Alice Craddick have received nominations for 2003.

NEW BUSINESS

Jeff Barrus is interested in having the NWSRA approve a new logo to use in his production of the DVD from the 2003 World Championships. Jeff has created several options for the board to consider. Jeff provided Cheryl Ruston a copy of the logos which were distributed at the meeting. John Doherty made a motion to accept a logo (as designated on the sample) provided there is no cost to the NWSRA. Seconded by Nick Duarte and approved.

REGION I

John Doherty presented Region I proposed race dates for 2004 which will be discussed later in the Race Report.

REGION II

Randy Jarrell explained the chain of events surrounding the marathons at Lake Havasu scheduled for February 28 & 29, 2004. Region II had originally planned to run the event the end of March but the Coast Guard would only approve a February race date. The information was presented to the NWSRA Board who approved the event as a non-points special sanction only.

Ken Kastan organized a group of people to work and represent the NWSRA at the LA Boat Show. A great display was made with various NWSRA members helping out.

Region II race dates were presented to be discussed during the Race report portion of this meeting.

Randy Jarrell stated that he is concerned about the future of circle racing for Region II. Event cost is an issue and could potentially prohibit future circle racing events.

INTERNATIONAL

In a vote of the NWSRA Board via email, Ron Swanson was approved as the IWSRA Chairman for 2004-2005. Ron officially took over the position January 1, 2004.

Jon Cole closed his term as IWSRA Chairman with the following items:

- The World Championships were a great success and each US Team Member was given a \$1000 reimbursement for expenses
- Jon thanked everyone for their support during his 7 year term as IWSRA Chairman
- IWSRA made the following donations to ski racing...
 1. \$5000 to the NWSRA to sponsor the 2004 Marathon Series
 2. \$2000 to Region I
 3. \$3000 to Region II
 4. \$2500 will be donated to whichever region hosts a points marathon not currently on their schedule.

Ron Swanson noted that Shelbey Guardalabene has been replaced on the IWSRA Board of Directors by Ted Hofmann.

Parker Marathons

- Gary Heinbuch is the race director.
- Flyer will be mailed out in time within the next week.
- Launching must be done at the ramp. Complete instructions will be included with the flyer.
- A bar-b-que will be held on Saturday night in conjunction with the marathon hi-point awards presentation.
- Sandy Schwartz will be the announcer.
- All other arrangements are in place.

Next IWSRA meeting will be on February 11 at S & S Hardware in El Segundo.

IWSRA will be listed as the marathon series sponsor for 2004 and therefore are to be listed on the event awards, t-shirts and flyers.

Ron Swanson asked Wayne Bouchard about applying for grants from USAWS to support international travel / competition. Wayne suggested to have Ron, on behalf of IWSRA, formulate a proposal.

RACE

Proposed Race Schedule

March 13 & 14 – Parker Marathons
March 27 & 28 – Region II Circle #1 – Puddingstone
April 24 & 25 – Region II Marathon – Lake Mead **
May 8 & 9 – Region I Circle #1
May 22 & 23 – Region I Marathon -- Pittsburg
June 5 & 6 – Region II Circle #2 – Lake Mead
June 12 & 13 – Region I Circle #2
July 17 & 18 – Region I Marathon – Redbud / Clearlake
August 7 & 8 – Region I Circle #3
August 21 & 22 – Region I Circle #4
September 10 & 11 – Lake Mead 50/75 Marathons ***
September 25 & 26 – Region II Circle #3 – Puddingstone
September 25 & 26 – Region I Circle
October 8, 9 & 10 – National Championships
October 23 – SF Bay

**Note: Region I originally proposed a circle race on April 24 & 25. However, region reps Randy Jarrell and Gayle Vesely agreed, on behalf of Region II, to change the event to a marathon. By doing so, Region II will receive the \$2500 sponsorship money from IWSRA. Additionally, per John Doherty, Region I is prepared and willing to host a marathon on April 24 & 25 if Region II is unable to do so.

***Note: The Lake Mead Marathons in September will be held on Friday and Saturday with the marathon hi-point awards being presented Saturday night of that weekend.

The Special Sanction non-point marathon at Lake Havasu schedule for February 28 & 29 was previously approved by the board via an email vote.

Ted Hofmann made a motion of approve the proposed schedule. Seconded by Ron Swanson and approved.

Randy Jarrell stated that Region II may consider hosting another circle race. Per Randy, Region II will make this decision no later than the June National Meeting.

The NWSRA will accept proposals for hosting of the National Championships at the March National Meeting. John Doherty stressed the importance of having a decision made no later than March so proper planning can be done. Region I is interested in hosting the event.

Gayle Vesely asked her letter to be considered by the NWSRA Board. Gayle sent the letter out to the board via email stating her disappointment on the Havasu Marathon being a non-point event.

SPECIAL SANCTION

Randy Jarrell made a motion to reduce the sanction fee for special sanction events from \$1500 to \$1000. Seconded by Gayle Vesely and approved.

SAFETY

Ron Ayala, Brad Perrone, Bob Thompson and Jorge Mendoza are the only qualified USAWS Safety Directors. We must have a director at each sanctioned event. Cheryl Ruston is in the process of investigating other possible safety directors.

USAWS

Wayne Bouchard attended the USAWS Winter Board Meeting. Wayne emphasized the fact that Steve McDermeit is a big supporter of ski racing and is the main reason the insurance situation was able to be resolved. The NWSRA will continue to have insurance through USAWS without any additional cost. However, the insurance company did plug the loop hole discovered by Jon Cole in 2003. Therefore, boat owners / drivers are no longer covered in the policy. This was the original intent of the policy. A discussion was held on how to relay the information to the NWSRA membership at large. Jon Cole will formulate the proper wording.

PUBLICITY

Jeff Barrus has been working hard on the DVD of the 2003 World Championships and is hoping to have a demo ready at the Parker Marathons.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Members is only at about 50 member right now. First deadline is not until February 20th.

Sanction event applications have been submitted for all proposed events in 2004. Region II's April event will need to be changed from a circle to a marathon on the application.

Wayne Bouchard made a motion that all safety reports MUST be submitted immediately following each event and prior to the next sanction being granted by the same hosting organization. Seconded by Ron Swanson and approved.

SGT @ ARMS

No report.

CORRESPONDANCE

None

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday March 2, 2004

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Ruston
NWSRA Secretary