



BOARD MEETING

March 1, 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Bouchard at 7:05 pm. Those in attendance were Wayne Bouchard, Bob Nixon, Patty & Tom Melton, Ted Hofmann, Howard Hoggins, John Doherty, Ron Swanson, Deann Shannon, Bonnie & Cheryl Ruston, Randy Jarrell, Gayle and Jerry Vesely.

SECRETARY

John Doherty made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting with the correction made to New Business section, 4th sentence, deleting "Ron Swanson", adding "NWSRA Board". Seconded by Ted Hofmann and approved.

TREASURER

Gayle Vesely presented the Treasurer's report for the year ending December 31, 2004 with a comparison with year ending December 31, 2003 and also the period ending February 28, 2005 with a comparison with period ending February 29, 2004.

Coral Reef Construction has paid \$2500 for co-sponsorship in the Marathon Series. Sponsor names will appear on the t-shirts.

Ted Hofmann made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Seconded by Bob Nixon and approved.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Melton approached the Board with concerns about Memories Ink pulling their link off the NWSRA website. Memories Ink requested this action. After further discussion, the Board agreed that Jeremy Orchard and any other company that is interested, needs to submit proposals/bids at the November National Board meeting to be considered for any new business for the following year.

REGION I

John Doherty reported that Region I has planned 3 – 1 day special sanction circle races. The dates are July 23, August 13, and September 24.

John inquired of Cheryl Ruston, who pays for the postage on race entry flyers, the Region or National Board. Cheryl said each Region pays for its own postage, whether she bills them back for it or they pay it initially.

Richard Wisdom will be the official photographer for Region I. He was at both races at Lake Havasu, January and February, and will be at the marathon races. His website is www.rwizard1.photorelect.com.

REGION II

Randy Jarrell reported a light turnout for the January 29th race and the February 19-20th race. Gayle Vesely was unable to attend either race. Cheryl and Bonnie Ruston stepped up and helped with the registration and scoring, which was greatly appreciated. Gary Heinbuch also helped throughout the weekend. Everyone pitched in and worked together.

Wayne Bouchard read a letter from Billy Mason concerning his boat sinking at the February race. After discussing the unfortunate incident, which resulted in Paul Sharman being injured, the Board decided that in the future, it will be the Race Director's decision how to salvage the sunken boat. Ron Ayala obtained the safety report on the race and will follow up with everyone involved before Cheryl submits safety report to USAWS. Any further discussion of the incident will be tabled at this time.

The Coast Guard brought to Cheryl's attention during the February race that a red flag is required to be up when there is a skier in the water during the races. This will be brought up at the next drivers meeting. Also, the turn boat should always have an orange turn buoy.

INTERNATIONAL

Ron Swanson will be having a conference call with Blue Water on Thursday to finalize details of the Parker Marathon. Cheryl will send an email to all members asking them to contact Gary Heinbuch if they have a patrol boat that they can use.

As of today, the organizers of the World Races do not have insurance coverage. Dusty Schulz had sent a letter to the organizers, stating the U.S. Team's concern about the matter. He stated that it was a possibility the U.S. Team would not attend the World's if there was not insurance coverage. Dusty received an email today from Gavin Kelly in England that the organization would have an answer by March 11th. Race officials who are in a boat on the race course during a race will be covered by insurance, which is a change from prior years. On March 15th the IWSRA will make a decision on recommending whether the U.S. Team should or should not attend the World's race.

RACE

Bob Nixon and Dusty Schulz have filled out what they could on the San Diego application for the U.S. Open. Cheryl Ruston and Wayne Bouchard will help to finish it. Bob Nixon will be going to San Diego tomorrow on business and will try to find out more information on filing paperwork. He will try to confirm a 3 year deal, 2005-2007 when he files the paperwork.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Cheryl Ruston emailed the safety director information to all board members. Ron Ayala is still qualified to run clinics. Cheryl will contact Ron about setting up a date or dates for clinics.

NWSRA currently has 185 members total, Region I – 29 members, Region II – 153 members, and 3 foreigners.

On behalf of NWSRA, Cheryl sent a flower and plant arrangement to Stephanie Chandler's funeral. A \$300 donation was made to the charity that was designated by the family. A thank you card was received from the family.

The sanction paperwork is still needed from Region I on all races.

SPECIAL SANCTIONS

Gary Heinbuch has submitted an application for a special sanction circle race at Puddingstone on April 16th. It will be voted on at a later date due to incomplete information.

SAFETY

No report.

MARATHON

Pacific Dive and Rescue employees want to become members of NWSRA so that they can be the turn boat and turn boat judges. This would help out with getting volunteers for scoring and refereeing in the turn boat. It was determined that they only need to fill out membership applications and submit them to Cheryl.

During the Lake Havasu race some participants did not sign in and/or did not make the necessary boat changes. This needs to be addressed at the driver's meeting at Parker.

USAWS

No report.

PUBLICITY

No report.

SGT@ARMS

Bonnie Ruston has posted all the drivers' physical expiration dates, boat numbers, and First Aid/CPR information on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Billy Mason discussed during Region II report.

Thank you card from the Chandler family discussed during Business Manager report.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3rd.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Melton
NWSRA Secretary