



BOARD MEETING

May 4, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Bouchard at 7:07 PM. Those in attendance were Wayne Bouchard, Deann Shannon, Ted Hofmann, Bonnie & Cheryl Ruston, Ron & Debbie Ayala, John Doherty, Gayle Vesely,

SECRETARY

Ron Ayala made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Ted Hofmann and approved.

TREASURER

Gayle Vesely presented the Treasurer's report for the period ending April 30, 2004.

There has been approximately \$1600 collected so far in merchandise sales from the 2003 National Championships.

Cheryl Ruston asked about some of the value amounts for some of the equipment listed as assets. Gayle stated that the amounts reflect various stages of depreciation.

Dale Hanger is working as the accountant for the NWSRA.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Wayne received communication (via USAWS) from "Casino Mesquite" which is 75 miles north of Las Vegas and is interested in hosting a NWSRA event. Ron Ayala stated that part of Lake Mead is a growing area. Wayne will make contact with the Casino.

OLD BUSINESS

John Doherty asked about the status of the World DVD. Wayne has been in contact with Jeff Barrus. It is definitely in the final stages. Jeff has spent countless hours in the editing process. Many of the delays have been caused by the Production Co.

Ted Hofmann asked if anyone knew if Randy Jarrell attended the meeting with the Coast Guard which was discussed last month. Gayle Vesely was not aware if Randy attended or not.

Gayle asked if the NWSRA would be interested in sponsoring the Novice Class for the Catalina Ski Race. Ron Ayala made the motion. Seconded by John Doherty and approved.

Deann Shannon is working on the arrangements for the Marathon Hi-point awards dinner to be held Saturday September 11th during the weekend of the Lake Mead Marathons. It will be held at the Golf Course in Boulder City and will be a buffet dinner.

Bonnie Ruston asked about the refund from the hotel of the 2003 Nationals. To date, nothing had been received. Cheryl Ruston will email Kelly and ask for any status.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held regarding formulating a schedule for 2005. We need to get a solid calendar in place as soon as possible. Wayne asked for all region reps to begin working on dates and locations for 2005.

REGION I

John Doherty reported everything is in place for Region I's May circle race and for the marathons at Pittsburg the end of the month.

Ron Ayala suggested putting a note on the web site reminded participants that they are allowed to race in either region but can only qualify for Nationals in one region.

REGION II

Gayle Vesely reported that Region II's April circle race at Lake Mead lost money. Gayle gave a brief recap of Region II's financial situation. Sponsors, however, have been secured to pay for 2003 hi-point awards which will be presented at the 3rd circle at Lake Mead.

Region II is looking into different venues for hosting of circle race events.

Region II collected just over \$1000 to be donated to charity in the name of Melissa Schwartz. Region II will be in contact with Sandy Schwartz on making an appropriate donation.

Debbie Ayala commented that the Region II PA system at Lake Mead was very hard to hear.

INTERNATIONAL

Ron Swanson reported the Parker Marathons in March made a profit for IWSRA.

There are a block of rooms, with a special rate, are on hold at the Hacienda Hotel in Boulder City for the Lake Mead Marathons in September. Permits have been filed for the race. Ken Kastan is helping with patrol boats and other arrangements for the race.

Nothing is yet confirmed for the 2005 Worlds. A couple of countries are still talking about hosting but no bids have been submitted.

RACE

An open discussion was held regarding hosting of the 2004 National Championships. No group has offered to host the event. The date is set for October 8, 9 & 10. A suggestion was made to open up participation to any participant. Ted Hofmann clarified there are set rules in the rule book for Nationals participants and we need to stay within our rules. Cheryl Ruston received an email from Randy Jarrell who stated Region II is considering Havasu for the Nationals but it would require us to change the date. However, nothing has been confirmed or submitted. Deann Shannon stated we should leave the date unchanged. This date has been on the schedule since the beginning of the year and people have planned accordingly. John Doherty is going to talk to the rest of the Region I board and make a decision on their interest in hosting the Nationals. John will email Cheryl with an answer the first part of next week.

Per discussion at the last meeting, Ted Hofmann followed up with Howard Hoggins regarding boat / driver issues from the Puddingstone race.

SPECIAL SANCTION

Gary Heinbuch has asked for an exhibition sanction to be held at Canyon Lake over Memorial Day weekend. This will be a ski racing demonstration only. Ron Ayala has agreed to be on hand as the safety director. Cheryl Ruston made a motion to approve the special sanction event. Seconded by John Doherty and approved. Gary will pay the cost for the additional insured certificate.

SAFETY

No report.

USAWS

USAWS will be sending an insurance representative to one of our circle race events this summer.

PUBLICITY

No report.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Cheryl Ruston will call Jim Haverfield regarding ordering of the marathon hi-point trophies. Cheryl will research different options to try and reduce the cost. Trophies will be presented at the Lake Mead Marathons in September.

All safety reports have been submitted for events already held this year. Kelly Ireland is going to get Cheryl copies of the post race reports that were sent directly to USAWS. For clarification, all race reports are to be submitted to Cheryl prior to being sent to USAWS.

SGT @ ARMS

No report.

CORRESPONDANCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Ruston
NWSRA Secretary