



BOARD MEETING

September 2, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Bouchard at 7:20 PM. Those in attendance were Wayne Bouchard, Ted Hofmann, Mike Avila, Deann Shannon, Jon Cole, Cheryl Ruston & Kelly Ireland.

SECRETARY

Kelly Ireland made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes as written. Seconded by Ted Hofmann and approved.

TREASURER

The Treasurer's reports were presented via proxy from Gayle Vesely, for the period ending August 31, 2003.

Gayle has stated she is holding the sponsorship check for the Worlds DVD until the final details are sorted out. She will wait for the boards permission before sending the check.

Deann Shannon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded by Kelly Ireland and approved.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

REGION I / REGION II

Mike Avila addressed some email letters which were sent to the NWSRA Board regarding the possibility of combining regions and running marathon / circle combo events in 2004. The general consensus of the letters submitted were against the proposed format of combining events. Mike said that Region I only has a very small number of participants and that marathons are the only event which can turn a profit.

Kelly Ireland stated that Region II is not losing money and the goal was to put on quality events. However, cash had to be raised in advance to be successful. Region II reduced entry fees in 2003 and it really didn't have much of an impact on the final P & L.

Jon Cole suggested that the format doesn't necessarily need to be an all or nothing. It is imperative we get feedback from our membership. Events can be run successfully and profitably. A lot of thought needs to be put into the format for next year and we shouldn't expect to turn the whole thing around in a short period in time.

Wayne Bouchard reminded everyone that we need to put on a show to make people want to get involved. Our dwindling numbers are hurting us. Ron Ayala's proposal which was sent out to the board is a start. The region reps should get feedback from their members. Other proposals should be submitted to the board in advance of the November meeting so the information can be distributed for review. Jon Cole suggested sending an individual flyer encouraging people to attend the November meeting.

Kelly Ireland received a flyer regarding the Long Beach Boat Show. It is going on the same time as the worlds and we could possibly co-promote the events. Kelly will follow up.

INTERNATIONAL

Jon Cole reported that everything is all set for the Long Beach Marathons. The 4 men world teams skiers and the 2 F2 men skiers will run an extra 15 minutes after the conclusion of the scheduled races. This will allow them to race for a full hour in preparation of the World Championships. Scoring will cease at the end of the scheduled race time (45 mins + one lap). No ambulance will be on site as the city will provide all rescue services. The event will be a dry run for the worlds.

The World Team raffle will be drawn at Opening Ceremonies of the World Championships.

A US Team Meeting will be held this Saturday at Long Beach. All team members must have their financial obligations fulfilled at that time or they will be disqualified from the team.

The next IWSRA Meeting is schedule for September 11 at Jon's office.

RACE

All is going well in preparation for the National Championships in San Diego scheduled for October 31, November 1 & 2. Class sponsorship letters were sent out with the last newsletter. Classes will be filled for Nationals up to a maximum of 12 per class. Skier must however be qualified (i.e. skied the minimum number of races, etc).

Mike Avila asked about getting more skiers qualified for the Nationals. After much discussion, Jon Cole made a motion to allow Region I to host two rounds of circle races on the same weekend. One each day. The cost will be limited to the \$125 sanction fee paid to USAWS. Seconded by Deann Shannon and approved. Mike Avila will let Cheryl Ruston know for sure if the dual event will be run, as paperwork must be filed with USAWS in advance of the event.

SPECIAL SANCTION

Ron Ayala submitted a list of driver's physicals and boat numbers that were either incomplete or invalid for the Catalina Ski Race. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the entire membership, boat number, driver physical process for Catalina. These issues need to be sorted out for next year's event. We need to be sure all paperwork is complete prior to the event.

SAFETY

No report.

USAWS

No report

PUBLICITY

No report.

BUSINESS MANAGER

All sanction applications and fees are current.

Most recent newsletter was sent out in August. Next one will go out after the worlds.

No membership updates since the last meeting.

SGT@ARMS

No report.

CORRESPONDANCE

None

NEXT MEETING

Saturday November 15, 2003. 9:00 AM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Ruston
for
Bonnie Ruston
NWSRA Secretary