

ABC Board Meeting Notes 7.31.17

1. Call to Order at 10:08 am
 - a. Attendance: Rich, Mark, Jerry, Jared, Dale, Mike, Betsy, Claudia, Lauren, Landon
 - b. On Phone: Shannon, Paul
 - c. Absent: Don
 - d. Guest: Tina
2. Appointment of Parliamentarian
 - a. Mark, Dale, Mike
3. Approval of Minutes from Feb 2017 Meeting
 - a. Motion Approve the minutes: Mark Second: Lauren
 - b. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**
4. Voting Recap
 - a. Moved to approve by email the following
 - i. Board minutes 9.30
 - ii. Performance Divisions 12.29
 - iii. Keeping old records 3.4
 - iv. New rule book 3.31
 - v. Pete Taylor ABC 5.31
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. 38,823.57 start of the year current 41,432.25
 - b. Paypal issue Lauren will send check
 - c. Mike will work with Shannon to link up Paypal account
 - d. Expense- pay antidoping MBA was behind we were holding up all sports divisions
 - e. What does ABC pay for Worlds? Clothing, accommodations, depends on location flights, world champions to come need to consider, each skier responsible to raise \$500 every sport division, more cost in US vs International, there is a bigger picture one year vs every two years
 - f. Regional Blood Money (\$300): South Central
 - i. Need other other regions: touch base and get money to Claudia
 - ii. Midwestern had paid multiple years ahead
 1. An idea for other regions
 - g. Motion to Approve the Treasurer's Report: Lauren Second: Mark
 - h. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**
6. Officials Report
 - a. Clinics 6 this season
 - i. Fall- Judging Clinic with Ash Stebbings
 1. Suggestion: A private youtube for sharing videos

- b. Need to appoint officials for PANAM- Betsy will find out from Canada
 - i. Driver: Jim Forsester
 - ii. Need 3 Judging: Mike Mo and Dale
 - c. Worlds
 - i. Forms need to be updated
 - ii. Dale may have the old ones that could be updated
 - d. Officials Maintenance Requirements
 - i. Will need to update this year- Mike will send out
 - ii. Dale- 3 event will count for both
 - e. Suggesting
 - i. What about an ABC officials forum- Write in questions
 - 1. One on the World level they do answer, restate that it is out there, will be starting a newsletter
 - 2. Facebook- people respond
 - f. Materials available Powerpoints
 - g. Motion Approve: Jared Second: Lauren
 - h. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**
7. Barefoot Badge Pilot Program
- a. 2 patches this year
 - i. Handout this year evaluators across the country need to be a level 4 judge
 - ii. Contact Ken Reynolds for patches or sticker
 - iii. Name on ABC Patch Hall of Fame
 - iv. \$3 to make, ask for a donation, skier needs to be a member of USA Waterskier
 - 1. Discussion
 - a. Instead of charging for patch, charge \$5-10 to be evaluated
 - b. Way we can jump start the program- how can we expand it. Each Regional Director, people who travel (Ben, Ash, Keith, David, Brendan)
 - c. Landon- setup some parameters for us to vote on
 - d. Name on web page email Betsy
 - e. How do you get the patches/need the how to
 - f. Listing on main contact for people who organize and have clinics Rich will reach out on the club level
 - g. Expanding to more patches? Go Slow at first, add to it patch vs # of patches
 - i. Toe hold
 - ii. Breaking into open

- iii. Trick PB-add onto it as
 - iv. Figure 8
 - v. Rough Rider/White water Patch
 - h. Consider- What do you put it on?
 - i. Patch Committee moving forward include younger skiers
 - j. ABC registrations- Emails being sent to barefooters, Melanie Hanson sign up under ABC she will email out to the barefoot community. She needs several days notice.
 - b. Motion to move to approve implement and establish a patch program and committee: Jared Second: Mark
 - c. Discussion: Reaching out to Regional Directors
 - d. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**
8. WBC/Pan Am Changes
 - a. PAN AM Council- Pick the representatives for the WBC
 - i. Former ABC President to be the PAN AM Rep and WBC Rep
 - ii. PAM AM Council- Terry Jones, Betsy Gilman, Richard Gray, Gustavo Serano
 - iii. Discussion of a PAM AM/WBC Rep and a Reserve
 - 1. Paul Adams- willing to be Reserve and Rich Kaufman- Rep
 - 2. Need commitment to attending worlds
 - 3. Outing going president critical to be a part of it
 - 4. Communication between WBC and ABC talking to people with various positions
 - 5. Need someone engaged and communicates
 - 6. Term length- bylaws are new 2 yr what it use to be WBC renews at the end of the open worlds
 - 7. Big commitment: He was told on 2 committees, active on email 6 days a week, phone calls at all times, attend 6 calls a year. Keep in mind there is a reserve, others are
 - iv. Motion to accept Rich as PAN AM/WBC Rep and Paul as the Reserve: Mike Second: Mark
 - v. Discussion: You would be great!
 - vi. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**
 - b. Seniors Worlds
 - i. Proposal- Jr, Elite, Senior Worlds Jr change to Jr and Elite Worlds would stay with Seniors on opposite years. A worlds every year.
 - ii. Discussion

1. Biggest problem- going back to every year. Can't afford it and time. Seniors often compete in Elite/Open too
2. Adding more seniors- why does it need to be separated?
Adds to a long tournament
3. Travel together as a family splitting competitors
4. Draw more athletes and spectators when it's an Elite Event
5. Top Skiers from US and Australia are affected
6. Run different judges do a handoff from one to the next such as Southern Regionals to Nationals Senior skiers can be judges for Jr and Elite then Seniors compete or compete prior to the Jr and Elite Worlds. Lake time may be an issue.
 - a. Just taking something longer making it longer
7. World Champion every year vs every 2 years not cost effective with numbers
8. Recommendation for Betsy's vote on accepting Geoff Blaauw proposal for Senior Worlds
 - a. Against- all others
 - b. For- one person
 - c. Like changes except the every year (big financial concern)
- c. Worlds Games
 - i. How can we get barefooting back into it
9. Rules and Bylaws
 - a. Can be reorganized
 - i. In World Rules don't need in ABC
 - ii. Tow Boat Rules
 1. Outdated can be taken out
 - b. Suggestions
 - i. Have you looked at the New Zealand Rule Book- 2 pages
 - ii. Australian short and simple
 - c. Process
 - i. Paul, Brian and Mark an edited version
 - ii. Have the board vote by end of the year.
 - d. Concern Age Divisions for Nationals
 - i. See documents
 - ii. Mistakes confusion
 - iii. Jump Proficient change at your own risk, not understanding NO JUMP just means they jump as MEN B
 - iv. Question- 12U not jump? Yes in the rules unless the parent agrees
 - v. Change Girls B less than 10.5, Boys B less than 15

1. Motion to change the jumping age for 12U be removed and Girls B less than 10.5, Boys B less than 15: Rich Second: Landon
 2. Discussion: Needs to announce
 3. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**
- vi. Change Jump Scores says no jumping on chart: Women B and Men C clarify everyone can jump.
- vii. Re-vist Jump scores
1. Motion make requirement change for Girls B and Boys B removing age restriction effectively immediately: Jared Second: Lauren
 2. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**
 3. Motion make waiver the Girls B and Boys B requirement to jump at regionals: Mike Second: Jared
 4. Discussion- Regions that can't jump. Should we change this?
 5. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**
- e. Recommendations for the Committee
- i. Rule 218- competitors must compete in events at regionals to compete at nationals in that event
- f. Nationals Attendance Rule
- i. Team Select- directive best team possible does that include people that have skied Nationals or participate
 - ii. Ski one or two Nationals (18 months) before Worlds
 - iii. Rule changed for independents?to Nationals low attendance
 - iv. Will find a reason to get a waiver
 - v. Regionals waiver from regionals to compete at nationals pay entry fee
 - vi. Rule doesn't help off years low numbers maybe need to change to a shorter nationals.
 - vii. Participation # have been declining.
 - viii. This year 65 very low one of the lowest.
 - ix. Can be simplified..... Paying own way is a big burden compare to team skiers
1. Motion to change USA Rule 220 individuals must participate in one remove all effective immediately: Mike Second: Mark
 2. Discussion- I would like an except independent. You can participate by helping in others way.
 3. Motion approved by all with one opposed: **PASSED**

10. Awards

- a. See report
 - i. 5 awards given at Nationals breakfast
 - ii. Motion approve the report: Mark Second: Lauren
 - iii. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**

11. Records

- a. Powerpoint current records Eastern and South Central not updated.
- b. Possible Eastern Records
- c. Skier is responsible to make tournament officials aware of possible record
- d. Committee recommendation- to keep what we have since we have age divisions
 - i. Records who have records want to keep records
 - ii. Should age division vs division
 - iii. Dual age division and open-
 - iv. Look at simplify- Jr, Open, Senior
 - v. Table discussion- agenda item for records
- e. Motion approve the report: Mark Second: Landon
- f. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**

12. Media

- a. Barefoot.org- video capability
- b. Facebook- 800
- c. Instagram- 1200
- d. Emailing- start after nationals with coordinating with USA Waterski
- e. Snail Email- Ben Huff doesn't have access to email... general membership asking for those
- f. No report

13. Technology

- a. Jump Program- No progress
- b. Boys A/B and Girls A/B be switched and Keith open vs Open Pro
- c. Switch to letters from numbers because of the program
- d. No report

14. Towboat

- a. Motion to eliminate committee: Mike Second: Mark
- b. Discussion: not necessary
- c. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**

15. Team Select

- a. Elite Representative: Dale Stevens is interested
- b. Senior Representative: no one currently
- c. Jr Team Representative: Elaine
 - i. Motion to approve Dale Stevens as the Elite Representative: Mike Second: Jared

- ii. Discussion: Can we do both judge and Representative, he wants it, he would be all over it to speak up for the skiers
- iii. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**
- d. Discussion Independent Skiers Representative- should we have fill this position
 - i. Skiers need help navigating Worlds
 - ii. Mike willing to fund/donate \$1000 for this position
 - iii. All independent skiers (jr and senior)
 - iv. Issue it should be all hands on deck, time moves fast, all coaches help all skiers (jr, elite, senior, independent)
 - v. Determine this when you know the number of independent
 - vi. Onsite vs offsite issues..
 - vii. Team is separate vs including everyone
 - viii. Openings- Senior Representative, Independent Representative, and possible Manager

16. USA Waterski

- a. Closes in the Fall TBD moving into new site 2021
- b. New membership program
 - i. Skier Licensing- goal increase membership not everyone has to have the insurance, friendlier to all towing sports
 - ii. Membership # are important when # of touches last 3 or 4 years Bob brought in a lot of new people and younger
 - iii. USAWS Bob Crowley wants to meet with ABC Board prior to ABC membership meeting
- c. Financially stable
 - i. Technology- take money out of reserves to implement new program and website to be updated
- d. Safesport
 - i. New thing from USA Waterski- PDF regional directors take a look at it.
- e. Motion approve the report: Rich Second: Mike
- f. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**

17. USA Waterski Foundation

- a. Change name to USA Ski and Wake Sport Foundation
 - i. New building will include a waterpark
 - ii. Looking at changing it again.....
- b. Betsy is on the selection committee will do her best representing USA Barefooting
- c. New site 2021

- i. Show Skiing will not be able to be at the cable park
- ii. 4 lakes- barefooting, 3 event, trick skiing
- iii. Exit- right to it
- iv. Middle in the sport complex- draw recreational waterskiers in
- v. Fundraising
 - 1. Short 2.5 million
- d. SKI with the Legends (Barefoot) looking at making changes. Western a little different- Skiing with the legends.
 - i. Motion approve the report: Mike Second: Lauren
 - ii. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**

18. Regional Reports

- a. Western
 - i. Decrease in Regional participation
 - ii. California Tournament- old and new skiers came out
 - iii. Looking at doing a promotional video
 - iv. Question- class C tournament guest membership \$7 run a dual sanction with an RC tournament. Note- this will change
- b. Midwest
 - i. 3 tournaments hosted
 - 1. Regionals # were down, great conditions AM little chippy PM
 - 2. Waivers- Martin and McCauley's
 - ii. Request of waiver from Nationals for Danny B.
 - 1. Change in rule this meeting doesn't affect him.
- c. Southern (SoRegionSoCool)
 - i. Regional has changed to Jared
 - ii. Hosted 4 tournaments w/ possible Worlds qualifier
 - 1. WBC Slalom and Tricks- Dale jump we would need to talk. S. Florida
 - iii. Less manpower and get skiers and audience
 - iv. Barefoot and BBQ
 - v. Peter Fleck donated a sweet jump trailer
 - vi. Nationals next year don't know probably willing. Will know in Jan. with the sale to Master Craft
 - vii. Setting records
 - viii. Goal- attain a trailer, continue technology get story out there
 - ix. Ship to Shore
 - 1. Jared got the demo- HD user friendly
 - 2. 12,000-15,000 plug and play
 - 3. Possible moving forward consider getting two to share across regions.

4. Discussion

- a. Fundraising for at least one
- b. Details breaks who is responsible
- c. HDMI cords vs RF
- d. Figuring out if we like and need funding
- e. FCC License and the power
- f. Would we considering offering and renting to other disciplines
- g. Insurance and warrant
- h. Buy and sharing clinic on use and treat it wouldn't
- i. One TV around vs big screen- JumboTron (Truck)
- j. Need to consider sites with internet

d. South Central

- i. Gary Flint dropped out prior to regionals Mark to move up. Landon will continue as Executive and Chad reserve
- ii. 2 long running tournaments dropped out last minute
 - 1. Regionals 15 low for us many took year off
- iii. Reach out help to grow
 - 1. First ever season competing Austin Barefoot pays for entry paid for USA Water Ski membership
 - 2. Aggie Day- 20 College students supply food, equipment
- iv. Bought a PA system and laptops for tournaments
- v. Behind on Officials- older are phasing out we are behind it takes time
 - 1. Program in 3 event called Fast Track. Officials Committee- will look at it
- vi. Trailer- Trying to get rid of it. Doesn't work out for us. 12-14 ft long.
 - 1. Southern- will take it :) potential exchanges
- vii. Fun tournament at Mark's place
- viii. Dam to Dam Race the first weekend Nov
- ix. Santa Shoe Ski Off online Santa Hat
- x. 2 Byes- Lee and David paid fees

e. Eastern

- i. Has been struggling running Regionals at Port Indian 13-14 jump on Friday the 13th.
- ii. Only Eastern the past 6-8 years ave 18-20 skiers
- iii. People stepping up to covering Blood Money
- iv. Check emeritus program take test and come back

f. Motion approve all report: Landon Second: Jared

g. Motion approved by all: **PASSED**

19. Old Business

- a. none

20. New Business

- a. Go to meeting technology
 - i. Joe L didn't have computer
 - ii. Will use next meeting
- b. SKI Year
 - i. Recommendation- to be the WBC Jan 1
 - ii. Ski year end of Nationals not your end tournament
 - iii. Best score out of the past 2 years what does this mean.....
 - 1. Thought was.. Performance retain rating
 - 2. Don't won't rating to be different from WBC
 - a. ABC- Age Jan 1 Ski year day after Nationals
 - iv. Tabling
- c. Nationals Changes
 - i. 1 judge, scorer w Ipad, video (TV Judges)
 - ii. Formal Bid process- been last few years who will do it. Should we do this? Had to pay \$3000 to ABC for Nationals and/or half the profit.
 - iii. Do we need to have parameters
 - 1. Bid process reinstate
 - 2. Basic Requirements
 - 3. LOC knows responsibility
 - iv. Nationals will need to be in July or after Worlds.
 - v. Need to determine Nationals for next year.
 - vi. Break from tradition- communicate changes
 - vii. Nationals- a majority officials from region LOC make decision

Questions/Thoughts: Announcement of World Teams- see Lee
Multi-Region Regionals

Action Item: Each Region email Betsy about National parameters

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 3:35pm: Lauren Second: Rich
Motion approved by all: **PASSED**

Next Meeting: Feb 10 Winter Teleconference