



**ABC Board Winter Board Meeting
Saturday, February 10, 2018**

11am ET

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MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Roll call
2. Appointment of Parliamentarian: Rich Kaufman
3. Voting recap: Electronic votes to date since Betsy became president.
4. The Treasurer's Report was presented: The Budget Report and Profit & Loss Statement were presented. There is usually a contract between Nationals and the ABC to split the profits. That didn't occur this year or since 2013. Betsy will follow up with the Southern Region on this. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's reports, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
5. The Officials Committee report was presented: The Officials Report was presented. It was a busy year with updates. Most people completed the exams. They are following up on a couple of people who had asked for additional time. They reached out to all officials through FB and email. Inactive officials have been removed from the list. Internet Explorer is recommended for PC and Firefox for Mac for taking tests. A motion was made to accept the officials report, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
6. The Records Committee report was presented: The 2017 records were reviewed and two were approved, three denied. Skiers responsibility to inform officials of a record. A motion was made to accept the records report, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
7. The Barefoot Badge Program report was presented: Two basic Badges. Up to Regional Directors to get official examiners. Details are on barefoot.org. Need more examiners. Need every region to spread the word. Encourage every Regional Director to become an examiner and send in pictures to post in social media. A motion was made to accept the Barefoot Badge report. Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
8. The WBC/Pan Am report was presented: In the 2021 Worlds, the Seniors will break off from the Worlds. It is geared to keep the older skiers in the sport. In Seniors, the Jump is only in the 35-44 age division only. Highest age division 65+. Current discussion: Looking to make Juniors and Open identical and possibly make the Junior

team larger. Splitting off the Seniors from Worlds will stress the financial end with the additional travelling for everyone and splitting the income. Worried that the participation will fall off due to costs/travelling. Splitting off the seniors will be a good experiment and seems to have good momentum. It is going forward.

For 2019 they are organizing a PanAm tournament. Have Mexico represented on the PanAm panel. Have one skier from Argentina that wants to compete in the Worlds but he needs approval from his Federation & having trouble with that.

A motion was made to accept the WBC/Pan Am report, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.

9. The Awards Committee Report was presented: Just had the winter awards. Great to see our young skiers recognized. A motion was made to accept the awards report, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
10. The Media Committee report was presented: A bit of frustration with having issues with a volunteer for hosting the Nationals. The Nationals Survey had a lot of critics by people who do not attend the Nationals. People who are going to criticize should also offer solutions. Going to try to incorporate an obstacles event. Condensing the event to less days. Get out earlier on the water to get smoother water. A motion was made to accept the Media Committee report, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
11. The Technology Committee report was presented: Scoring on I pads or PC or Phone is being looked into and possibly developed. It is being tested on a browser in FB so it can be used on any device. It is not linked into scoring software at present. The interface is problematic in a boat due to looking up and down plus the connection speed. Andrew will be willing to join the committee and see what can be done. Joe was trying to develop a new Jump program because the current one is problematic. The committee will meet and bring in others to make a plan to go forward with development of better software. A motion was made to accept the Technology Committee report, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
12. The Team Select report was presented. Looks like they will be bringing on another coach. An athletic trainer was donated. A motion was made to accept the Team Select report, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
13. The USA Water-ski report was presented. The Safesport quiz is online. Recommended for every board member to take it. Took less than 2 hours. Access code is supplied by USA Water-ski and you get a certificate. The background check is optional but recommended for all coaches. It is a different background check than the drivers. One is driver background check, the other is a criminal background check. USA Water-ski Membership license proposal will be in use by April for 19.95. Changing their name to USA Water-ski and wake sports. A motion was made to accept the USA Water-ski report, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.
14. The USA Water-ski & Wake Sports Foundation report was presented. June 1st the nominees are due for the 2019 award recipients. Current site is sold, moving to Pemi sports complex in 3 years when completed. Lake Myrtle (natural lake). 2600' lake being built. The dirt will go to building an overpass on I4 so it is being fast tracked and completed by the end of July. A shorter tricks lake will be on the other side. It

will have 3 lakes. A motion was made to accept the USA Water-ski & Wake Sports Foundation report, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.

15. The Rules & Bylaws Committee report was presented:

Rules for conducting discussion and votes on FaceBook or social media: Hard to know who is on and whether a quorum exists. Should have a minimum number of discussion days. Should apply to any media, not just FB. Quorum should be 2/3 of the board. This needs to go back to committee to clarify.

Changed Rules: Lot of clarifications and shortening of the wording. Discussion was held on regional areas hosting events limiting the number of skiers with only local officials. Need to have at least one outside official in order to set a record. Removed the part about hull designs in the tow boats & removed obsolete wording. Nationals shall be held in August unless the board decides otherwise. Regional's are to be held prior to Nationals. If you can't comply with a certain rule, then the chief judge will make a decision. International skiers shall compete in a separate division. A motion was made to accept the rules changes, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.

USA Water-ski approved the same Bylaws that were previously approved in November.

The FB/social media conduct rules will go to the rules committee to amend the Bylaws.

A motion was made to accept the Rules & Bylaws report, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.

Discussion: The board may set a time limit of a maximum of 3 days of discussion on social media with the Chair having the discretion of changing the time frame and board members able to make a motion to extend or limit. Make votes should be posted in the comments section on votes public to the board members.

A **MOTION** was made that when Voting by FB, voting will be done in the comment section of the FB thread. Voted in the affirmative unanimously.

Regional Reports

- a. The Western Region report was presented.
- b. The Midwest Region report was presented.
- c. The Southern Region/Nationals Update report was presented. Southern free for all is a free event that was very successful. Want to do more free tournaments. Region is growing. Preparing for the National tournament. Tournaments have to be very early this year because of the Nationals date. Looking for new locations for holding tournaments. New technology for ship to shore has been obtained as well as live stream equipment.

A **MOTION** was made to move the date for Nationals as proposed. Voted in the affirmative unanimously.

- d. The South-Central Region report was presented. They have had some key people drop out of involvement with tournaments so it is now the sole responsibility of the

Austin Barefoot Ski Club and just a few people. Are holding local tournaments & the Regional's. Plan on holding Nationals in the future. Performance divisions really helped spark interest and newbies. They are seeing more participation.

- e. The Eastern Region report was presented. Going to incorporate other activities such as kayaking as well. Have some older skiers say they will come back and ski on shoe skis. Reached out to the atomic footers and at least 5 are coming to the Regional's. Going to put on a Riverside Banquet.

A motion was made to accept the all Regional reports, Voted in the affirmative unanimously.

16. Old Business - none.

17. New Business:

Received a Proposal for a Junior Development program in Carolina from Rachel. Needs equipment & barefoot, see pg 18 of the board meeting packet.

Need a Nationals contract, have one from 2014. Need a committee to draw up a current Nationals contract. Profits are to be split with the ABC. The chairman shall appoint a committee to work on the Nationals Contract. Possibly Brian, Paul & Jerry Mark Shank, Betsy & Doug.

Older skiers were less interested in skiing in the ability based tournament, however, they had already quit skiing previously. Need to focus on the younger people getting into the sport. Let's see how ability divisions do this year. In the summer board meeting we should revisit ability verses age divisions.

Adjourn

Next meeting: July 25, 2018 10am – Winter Haven, Florida

ATTENDEES

Betsy Gilman (President)
Mike Molepske (Vice President)
Arlene Stoppe (Secretary)
Rich Kaufman (East)
Don Stoppe (East)
Shannon Klahn (Midwest)
Paul Adams (Midwest)
Jared Lippelgoos (South)
Mark Shank (South-Central)
Landen Ehlers (South-Central)
Jerry Kanawyer (West)
Andrew Martin (West)
Brian Heeney (Honorary)