



### ABC Winter Board Meeting Agenda

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### MINUTES

1. The meeting was called to order, Roll call was taken, Agenda has been distributed.
  - a. ABC Committee list (Committee Duties being compiled) Mike Mol stepped down from committee.
  - b. Board list updates, Sean Cauley submitted changes.
  - c. Online Voting Recap, all approved. Need to approve the votes since Nationals.

**MOTION:** to approve all electronic votes. **VOTED** in the affirmative.

- d. Summer minutes (already approved)

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian – Appointed Rich Kaufman for Parliamentarian.

**MOTION:** That Automatic Second will be held until all of the old business will be reviewed. Then vote for Automatic Seconds. **VOTED** in the affirmative.

3. Treasurer's Report – Claudia, Have \$78,167 in account as of end of December. Have paid for some but not all of the things for worlds. Thanks to donors. Betsy will have Lauren resend the Budget to Claudia.

4. Rules & Bylaws Committee – Mark, Discussion:

Changes to the rules. Rule 108

Changes to Online discussions. USAWS Jeff Park submitted what they do. We have a provision in our Bylaws to modify. Long term: Procedures Book for guidelines. Rule 109, allows persons with disabilities to ski. Tricks need modified for disabilities.

Further edit the rules from # 205 forward in March clarifying wording. Some rules were vague and needed more specifics. Plan on cleaning up to maintain integrity of the rules. Rule 108, how to calculate overall. Removed the rule 'If open in 2 events, you are open in all 3'. A skier will compete in whatever event level you are qualified in. Clarified the overall points distribution.

**MOTION:** to adopt all the rule changes, ABC Rules and the ABC Online Rules. Discussion was held. **VOTED** in the affirmative.

Send rules to Andy Harris for Leon program changes. Brian Heeney already making changes.

\*\* The board needs to look at re-calibrating the ratings. Delegated to the rules committee.

Possibly put in the rules procedures manual.

5. Presidential Nominating Committee – Mark, Tasked with getting more younger members involved. Time is an issue more most. Possibly divide the tasks among the younger members. New president will be voted in in the summer meeting. Betsy has created a presidential calendar in Google Drive/Docs. Can add extra calendars for regions tournaments. Betsy is willing to meet monthly to help guide new president if wanted.

Discussion: Possibly change process to vote in new pres in Winter board meeting so there is overlap. Recruiting a president has been challenging. Directed to rules & Bylaws Committed to Possibly have an Emeritus president (outgoing) as advisor to next president.

6. Officials Committee – Mike Mo/Shannon, US continues to lead the world in Officials. Preparing videos for the Worlds Judges. What are we doing as far as the Heeney or Leon program? Are we running both or are we switching to the Leon program. All tournament directors should email tournament results to officials committee.

Rich, missing some information that needs to populate the Leon system. Leon is the scoring program. Both program needs to run together. Brian refuses to work with the Leon/EMS program. ABC owns the data in the Heeney program. Leon & EMS programs do not cover everything needed. Rich would like to work with the tech committees to get the data transferred. ABC suggestion, support moving forward, if Brian will not let data into his program, let's move away from Brian's program.

7. Regional Reports
  - a. Western Region -Jerry/Andrew/Andrea, New tournament coming up this year. Encouraging people to participate. 80k raised.
  - b. Midwest Region –Shannon/Paul/Sean, Have a few tournaments planned including grass roots. New skiers ski for free. Will hold a non sanctioned figure 8 tournament as well.
  - c. Southern Region/Nats Update –Mikey/Deanna/Todd, Have quite a few tournaments. TBD tournament will be moved due to worlds. Were able to secure Lake Grew for some back to back tournaments. Bringing back Banana George Tournament: Figure 8 and Endurance. Still planning events. Mikey is in the process of raising a total of 10k for Regional's, Nationals & Worlds combined. Deanna hopes to have pre-ordering of T-shirts online ahead of the Nationals. Nationals will be similar to 2017. Senior worlds are coming up in 2021 in Sept or Oct to be held in the Southern Region probably in Auburndale FL.
  - d. South-Central Region –Chad/David/Blake, Going to have 2 tournaments and a barefoot campout weekend at the same place as 2021 Nationals. Will have several barefoot clinics in November.  
ABC calendar should include clinics as well as tournaments. Please forward info to Betsy so she can include the clinics.
  - e. Eastern Region – Tina/Eric/Sam, Have 2 scheduled tournaments. Nuclear showdown was pretty big, two qualified for worlds, had new skiers, & did judging and scoring clinics.
8. Team Select/2020 Worlds – Lauren/Landen, Jackson G is taking a break, Cody has recommendation never to jump again due to nerve damage. Doing Juniors development team this year. Coaches Dale Stevens & Jason Lee.
9. WBC/Pan Am – Rich, Held 1st PAN/AM tournament in 10 years in Mexico. Owner of lake welcomed them back anytime in the future. Built great relationships with hosts and PAM/AM council. President of IWWF very appreciative.
  - a. Pan Am Records, working on 3 federations agreeing on records process. Taking into consideration both USA & Canadian rules. Joe M is tasked with re-building the PAN/AM records, Junior, Senior & Elites. Action decision will be made at the PAN/AM level. See report for details on recommendations. USA recommendation: Any PAN/AM skiers, regardless of where you ski in sanctioned tournaments, goes toward the PAN/AM records. Worlds records wants data from EMS which was in the Heeney program. Brian has not provided it. Rich would like to replace Brian as the tech to WBC. Rich work with John Martines to get the needed data.
10. Technology Committee – John Martines, Betsy has used only Leon program in her last 2 tournaments. Worked well. No history in there so far. John, move forward with Leon program with Rich. A couple shortfalls in the Leon & EMS program. Have to look at one skier at a time in order to see if a skier is qualified. One is the program that runs the tournament the other is the history. Heeney program is the scoring. Leon runs the tournament. Officials history is not in Leon program yet but they have a directive to include it. Leon has some skier

history on which tournament you attended and what your score was. Tech teams get involved to have both programs running at the same time. Electronic process to keep the two programs in sync. Right now you have to key the data in each program so you are doing it twice. Rich has imported data to the USA tables. Working on electronic data transfer. Future tournaments recommendations: After tournament you have to run a file transfer from Leon system to the EMS system which then tracks the world standings. Should be able to go from the Heeney program to the EMS system. Rich has written code to import from Excel to Heeney program. Tech board needs to decide what program(s) we use going forward. Heeney program is not ready. Have to use Leon program. Heeney program expires at end of Dec every year. If Heeney doesn't want to support his system any longer, the ABC needs to request all data from the Heeney program and input it into the Leon system and do work a-rounds for the deficiencies. Tina is concerned about people in the US not knowing how to use the Leon program. Is willing to give instructions. Need to have 1 person in every region become a Leon expert. It is a user friendly program if you understand the international terms. Leon program now has the USA divisions, not overall yet due to rule changes.

**MOTION:** ABC to move in the direction to using the Leon program and use that going forward and for the ABC to request all data from Brian Heeney's program. Discussion was held.

**MOTION AS AMMENDED:** ABC support moving to the Leon system asap. ABC to request from Brian Heeney the full data on the US barefoot program to be delivered to the ABC president. Discussion was held. **VOTED** in the affirmative.

Betsy has a Google Docs Officials history starting 1-1-2020.  
Waivers need updated in registration.

11. Records Committee – Joe Malenfant,
12. Awards Committee – Betsy, Have the Winter awards. Need new awards Chairman by August.
13. Athlete Reps – Alex/Ellis/Lexi (temp board until vote at Nationals), Skiers meeting at Nationals with election to have a percentage of Elite skiers on the board. Working on definition of the Elite skiers. Rules committee to work on definition. Need to be compliant with USAWS.
14. Fundraising/Media Committee – Deanna Dean, Renewed Live Stream account. Available for all regions with use of a cell phone. Continuing fundraising.
15. USA Waterski – Betsy, Dale Stevens is VP, All board members must renew SafeSport every 2 years. New accounting firm coming in. Learn to ski in Minnesota, fees waived. USAWS is moving to new website this year. The sanctioning system is improved. Let Betsy know if there are questions.
16. History Committee- John Cornish, Data was moved to hard drive. Everything from museum is in storage so haven't been able to do a lot. 100 anniversary coming up in 2022.
17. Skier Development/Barefoot Badge Committee – Ben/Landen, Basic bare footer badge. Looking at new badges. Trying to be cost effective on order quantities. New clubs being form. Trying to drive good footing, building connections & having fun. Have Instagram page. Getting more awareness out there. Possibly getting a universal ribbon for competitions that is very inexpensive. Can give them to the regional directors for distribution at the tournaments.
18. USA Waterski & Wake Sports Hall of Fame Foundation - Betsy, Have 2 bare footers on the Hall of Fame Foundation committee now.

**MOTON:** to accept all reports presented at this meeting. **VOTED** in the affirmative.

19. Old Business, Betsy thanked everyone.
20. New Business, Trying to get data at sites where we don't have wifi.

**MOTION:** to adjourn. **VOTED** in the affirmative.

**Adjourn:** Next meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 10am ET (Betsy's Last)

