



2021 ABC Winter Board Meeting Agenda

AGENDA

Call to Order

1. Sunday, February 7th, 2021 at 3pm Eastern via Zoom.

Roll call ABC Board and Committee list (2)

1. East
 - a. Michele Comp
2. South
 - a. Mikey Caruso
 - b. Deanna Dean
3. Midwest
 - a. Sean Qualey
 - b. Scott Stouffer
 - c. Paul Stokes
4. South Central
 - a. Jimmy Taurus
 - b. Blake Ehlers
5. West
 - a. Jerry Kanawyer
 - b. Andrea Formella
6. Executive
 - a. Tina McCauley
 - b. Sam Dubs
 - c. Andrew Martin
 - d. Lauren Ehlers
7. Athlete Representatives
 - a. Megan Adams
 - b. Brett Swanbom
8. Guests
 - a. John Cornish
 - b. Mike Molepske
 - c. Rich Kaufman

Appointment of Parliamentarian

1. Approved Andrea Formella through vote.
2. Discussion of quorum, determined to be 7 members regardless of region distribution.

Approval of Automatic Second for reports

1. Approved through vote.

Approval of the [Agenda](#) (1)

1. Approved through vote.

Announcements

1. [2021 American Barefoot Club Event Schedule](#) (2A)
 - a. Posted on Barefoot.org, please contact Tina for changes.

2. 2021 IWWF Technical Rules have been posted
 - a. [https://www.worldbarefootcouncil.com/docs/2021 WBC Rules Typeset 4.pdf](https://www.worldbarefootcouncil.com/docs/2021%20WBC%20Rules%20Typeset%204.pdf)
3. 2020 Worlds Worlds Plane Tickets – Tina McCauley
 - a. Betsy in nearly weekly contact with airline.
 - b. Airline was bought out, hoping for more info soon.
4. EMS Update – Tina McCauley/Sam Dubs
 - a. Survey to register for EMS was sent out last year, but will send it again as a reminder.
 - b. Tournament registration must occur through the EMS website. Registration can be linked from other pages.
 - c. IWWF fee is currently \$7/tournament/skiier, or \$25/skiier/season. Funds go toward sanctioning Worlds.
 - d. Regional representatives needed to learn EMS, volunteers will be requested under new business.
 - e. Training may be tricky as Peter is in Switzerland and the US representation spans multiple timezones.
 - i. Training will be recorded and “experts” encouraged to help spread the knowledge..
 - f. Dual-sanctioned tournaments will still be possible through Leon, there will be a checkbox for non-EMS skiers. This will mainly be for Grassroots tournaments.
 - g. Why is the Worlds Sanction fee so high?
 - i. What can we do to reduce the sanction fee?
 - ii. Concern about sending money to IWWF
 - iii. Worlds sanction fee used to be \$50,000, reduced to \$30,000 last time Worlds was held in the US.

Reports Requiring Action

1. Rules & Bylaws
 - a. [Update ABC By-laws](#) (3)
 - b. [Tracking Changes of the ABC By-laws](#) (3A)
 - c. USAWSWS Bylaws were revised to incorporate inclusion language for ABC as a discipline of USAWSWS.
 - d. Expulsion matters go to the judicial committee now.
 - e. Consistency introduced for the number of athlete advisors required for a board.
 - f. Board size with 6 athlete advisor additions is 17.
 - i. Athlete advisors cannot also represent a region.
 - ii. Athlete advisors are named by the athlete advisory committee.
 - iii. Meeting participation is the same as other roles, if athlete advisors do not show up they would not have representation.
 - g. Quorum is half of the board, now 9. Most votes will require a vote of greater than half of the attendance to pass motions.
 - h. Committees may include athlete participation, but not required to have a certain number.
 - i. Elite Athlete definition is not quite compatible with the IOC system as we do not have an Olympic or PanAm Games competition (normal qualifications).
 - j. Are the USAWSWS bylaws compatible with the IWWF Bylaws?
 - i. Andrea will check.
 - k. Confirmation that no double-dipping means no one member can have two votes.
 - l. ABC does not currently have an independent board member, to be discussed later.
 - m. Approved through vote.

- n. USAWSWS will vote to approve in about 20 days.
- 2. Proposal of Athlete Advisors
 - a. Brody Meskers, Alex Youngblood, Megan Adams, Lauren Ehlers, Landon Ehlers, Brett Swanbom, and Lexi McCauley nominated.
 - b. Approved through vote.
- 3. [Online Voting Recap Final](#) (4)
 - a. Approved through vote.
- 4. [2021 and 2021 Nationals Bid](#) (5)
 - a. Contract and bid presented by Blake Ehlers.
 - b. Date was moved up due to a conversation between Ben Groen and Landon Ehlers regarding a date that did not conflict with Footstock.
 - c. Nationals to be held in Conroe, Texas at a private ski lake near Houston.
 - d. Approved through vote.
- 5. [IWWF License](#) (6)
 - a. Tina presented a proposal to pay \$1,650 lump sum for the entire ABC membership to be covered for EMS entry for the 2021 ski season as a one-time option.
 - i. Mike Molepske to make a donation to cover this cost.
 - b. Motion presented to make IWWF License an annual ABC line item in the future.
 - i. Lump sum may not be available in the future, it was negotiated specifically for this year.
 - ii. Skiers will still need to register for each competition in addition to the EMS membership.
 - iii. There are mechanisms for skiers to register day-of a competition, but there is a hard cutoff due to exporting skiers to the Leon program.
 - iv. Motion withdrawn.
 - c. 2022 fee will be discussed at the summer meeting.

Reports Requiring **NO** Action

- 1. Treasurer's Report – Lauren Ehlers
 - a. [2020 ABC Income and Expense](#) (7)
 - b. [Account Balances](#) (7A)
 - c. ~\$67,000 balance currently.
 - d. Minimal losses this year despite challenges.
 - e. Mikey asked about challenging regions to hit a quota for fundraising?
 - i. Sean mentioned that in the Midwest an effort was being made to reduce finances as a barrier to entry in the sport.
 - ii. Mikey recruited for the marketing and fundraising committees.
- 2. [Rules & Bylaws Committee](#) – Andrea Formella (8)
 - a. Confirmation that a non-voting board member can be an Athlete Advisor.
 - b. Request for current Bylaws Committee members to confirm their intention to remain on the committee.
- 3. [Officials Committee](#) – Mike Molepske (9)
 - a. Anyone looking for officials upgrades reach out to the committee!
 - b. Officials records to be managed at the World level moving forward, with international representation added as well.
 - c. Along with the release of the new rules there will be a competition to encourage officials to take quizzes.
 - i. Anyone scoring above 80% on one of the quizzes will be entered into a drawing for a \$200 pro shop gift certificate.

- ii. Anyone scoring 100% in under 3 minutes on a quiz will receive a homologated ski rope.
 - d. World Barefoot Council newsletter will resume again soon.
 - e. There was a request to add a couple of direct links to the World Barefoot Council on barefoot.org.
 - i. One for quizzes directly.
 - ii. One for officials registrations.
 - iii. There is currently just one link under the resources section.
 - iv. Mike will work with USA Waterski to update their links as well.
- 4. [Awards Committee](#) – Lauren Ehlers (10)
 - a. USAWSWS did not have their ceremony or most of the winter awards this year.
 - b. ABC focused on Athlete of the Year awards this year.
 - i. 2020 Female Athlete of the Year: [Megan Adams](#) (11)
 - ii. 2020 Male Athlete of the Year: [Jerry Kanawyer](#) (12)
 - iii. Jim Boyette Award will be initiated next summer for the oldest Nationals participant.
 - iv. Barb Knight award was given to Megan Adams last year.
- 5. [Technology Committee](#) – Andrew Martin (13)
 - a. Plans to meet soon.
- 6. [Records Committee](#) – Joe Malenfant (14)
 - a. See slides.
- 7. [Marketing and Social Media Committee](#) – Sam Dubs (15)
 - a. Will be meeting soon to take over responsibilities from Betsy.
- 8. [History Committee](#)- John Cornish (16)
 - a. Regular meetings are not quite as crucial for this committee.
 - b. Hoping to dig up physical records from early years in Florida soon
 - c. Digital records were acquired from Brian Heeney recently.
 - d. Wake 100 event is aiming to publicize the 100 years of Watersports event on social media with Tony Clarich. More to come soon.
- 9. [Skier Development Committee](#) – Sean Qualey (17)
 - a. Reaching out to orchestrate clinics throughout the country, particularly connecting skiers with existing clinics.
 - b. Aiming to build new skier networking through connections.
 - c. Encouraging others to host some sort of “fun” event this year.
- 10. Team Select- Jim Forster (17A)
 - a. Not currently active.
- 11. Athlete Reps
 - a. Just formed so will have reports in the future.
- 12. Regional Reports
 - a. [Western Region](#) -Jerry Kanawyer (18)
 - i. 4 tournaments scheduled for this year.
 - ii. Regionals date changed to 7/24-25 to accommodate Nationals date.
 - b. [Midwest Region](#) –Sean Qualey (19)
 - i. 3-4 tournaments planned for this year, dual-sanctioning a couple with Grassroots.

- ii. Will host a get-together in Wisconsin in the summer for skiing and hanging out called Foot-Fest.
- c. [Southern Region](#) –Mikey Caruso/Deanna Dean (20)
 - i. Mikey and Ben to host a tournament in March.
 - ii. PGA Tournament is not happening at its normal time this year, but may happen later in the year.
 - iii. Regionals has been scheduled, as well as the Salber and Brrfoot competitions for later in the year.
 - iv. Blairfoot Bananza is scheduled for Fall on Lake Silver.
 - v. Chick Fest is scheduled at World Barefoot Center.
 - vi. Work has been done on Lake Grew to extend the length of the lake.
- d. [South-Central Region](#) –Blake Ehlers (21)
 - i. Regionals were moved later in the fall last year and were held on the Pearl River in Louisiana. This event rekindled interest in old clubs that are hoping to host more tournaments in the future.
 - ii. Dam to Dam race in Austin included 7 boats last year.
 - iii. The Austin LOC is preparing for Nationals, and will host regionals at the same location as Nationals this year.
 - iv. South-Central is also coordinating with Mark Shank to host the Masters Worlds in Florida.
 - 1. WBC has moved to officially postponed the Masters Worlds due to other countries being unable to travel currently.
 - 2. Public announcement will be made soon.
- e. [Eastern Region](#) - Michelle Comp (22)
 - i. Made connections at the Atomic Showdown to collaborate on running future competitions.
 - ii. Looking into Get On the Water events this summer.
 - iii. Offering free registration at tournaments to first-time skiers.
- 13. [WBC/Pan Am](#) – Rich Kaufman (23)
 - a. Pan Am records documentation moving forward with newly acquired Canadian records.
 - b. Junior Video Worlds was an impressive event, and congratulations to the skiers.
- 14. USA Waterski – Tina McCauley
 - a. Dale Stevens was voted in as Vice President again.
 - b. Discussion held around background checks and Safe Sport, with more guidance to come.
 - c. Broader Safe Sport involvement may be implemented beyond just board members in the future.
- 15. [USA Waterski & Wake Sports Hall of Fame Foundation](#) - Tina McCauley (24)
 - a. [Apply now for USA-WWF Scholarships!](#)
 - b. or go to <https://www.usa-wwf.org> and search scholarships

Old Business

- 1. None.

New Business

- 1. Task Force for ABC Mission and Vision Statement.

- a. Tina would like to form a committee to create an ABC mission statement that aligns with the USAWSWS mission.
 - b. Andrea Formella will be the chair.
 - c. Still need a representative from the West and the South Central, but does not need to be a board member.
2. Representative needed from each region to learn the EMS Registration software.
 - a. Regional EMS Representatives
 - i. East - Michelle Comp
 - ii. Midwest - Sean Qualey
 - iii. West - Andrea Formella
 - iv. South: Betsy
 - v. South Central - TBD
 - b. Tina would like to keep the group small and will leverage the group to perform additional training.

Adjourn: Next meeting: Wednesday, August 4 Conroe, Texas 10 am

1. Approved through vote.