

MEETING MINUTES  
FALL MEETING/2017 – KENTUCKY WATER SKI FEDERATION  
November 11, 2017

The Fall/2017 meeting of the Kentucky Water Ski Federation was called to order by President Joe Burkhead (hereinafter referred to as Joe B) at 12:30 PM EST at the Comfort Suites Motel in Elizabethtown (KY). A total of 18 KWSF members were present.

Copies of the (1) Meeting Agenda, (2) Revised By-Laws, and (3) 2017 Summer Meeting Minutes were distributed to all in attendance. A brief period for review of the minutes of the summer/2017 was taken. Motion to approve minutes by Joy Coomes; seconded by Mark Coomes; approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Leon Leonard.

- Current (11/11/2017) balance was reported at \$2,490.42 .
- Balance of \$2,986.34 was reported at Summer/2017 meeting (July, 2017).
- Treasury had decreased by \$495.92 since the previous meeting, a normal swing for the summer to winter meeting period.

Motion was made to accept Treasurer's Report by John Fowler; seconded by Joy Coomes; approved.

Joe B noted that all clinic fees had been requested, including skier clinics and on-line judges/scorers clinics (no live J/S clinics had been held in the year 2017). Some discussion was had. Joe B will follow up with Jeff Clark (Southern Region Treasurer) to ensure payment of all stipends.

Bob Harris noted that he will be hosting an on-line J/S clinic on 11/18/17. As of this meeting, 78 parties had signed up. Bob H conducted additional discussion about the on-line clinics, and answered questions. Leon Leonard asked about on-line Drivers Clinics; Bob H reports little to no progress on this to the current point in time.

#### **Membership Report**

The Membership Report was presented by Vice President Joy Coomes.

- In 2017, total memberships were at 34, which included 19 single memberships.
- Membership continued to fall slightly from the previous year, a common trend over the past several years.
- Discussion followed on ways to reverse the trend of falling membership. Any practical ideas will be implemented.

#### **Junior Development Report**

The Junior Development Report was presented by State Junior Development Chairman Bob Harris.

- The 3-Day Advanced Juniors Clinic was hosted by the Ski Nuts at Twin Oaks Lakes in June (6/14 – 6/16). Attendance was down slightly from 2015, but this clinic was still well attended and effective. Bob indicates the Ski Nuts will continue to host this clinic in some format, although funding will likely be diminished due to the folding of KWSA (note discussion below).
- The 1-day Juniors Clinic in conjunction with the State Championships was held at Stillwater Lake on July 7, hosted by the Stillwater Ski Club.
- Bob discussed the advances made in Kentucky juniors skiing over the past decade-plus, in great part due to our clinics, and in particular the Advanced Juniors Clinic.

#### **Summer/2017 Southern Region Meeting Report**

A report was made by Eric Kelley on the Summer/2017 Southern Region meeting. Key points of interest were as follows:

- There was much discussion at the summer SR meeting about the absentee ballot procedure and management. It was very apparent to all present that this balloting procedure was not well managed. Eric explained to the group in some detail the problems that were encountered.

- There was much discussion about the way our Southern Region meetings are conducted, from a rules of order standpoint. Eric and Bob H elaborated on this subject in some detail at our meeting.
- Bob H noted the skier survey that had just been circulated to all tournament skiers via email, and requested that all Kentucky skiers participate in this survey.
- Joy C recognized the outstanding performance of our three Southern Region councilmen – Bob Harris, Pat Coomes, and Eric Kelley.

### **Reports from State Ski Clubs**

- Bluegrass Skiers – Not represented.
- Cruises Creek – Tom Bolger
  - CC has two potential new members.
  - CC members drained their lake down approx. 11 feet last fall. The objective was to remove some of the heavy accumulation of silt in the lake, especially on the upper end (as much as 7 feet). Due to wet fall and other problems, success was limited.
- Grider Hill – Not represented.
- Ski Nuts – Bob Harris
  - In 2017, we held two tournaments and one Junior Development clinic (Advanced 3-Day).
  - The 2018 season will be much different: We will host six tournaments, all record capability; we will host the 2018 Southern Regionals (our 10<sup>th</sup> Regionals); we will host the 2018 Disabled Nationals in September; we will host (at least) two skier clinics.
  - Bob noted lake upgrades currently in the works or completed – bank and riprap work, Hunter Lane repaving, lakes reconnected, levee building on the south side and west end to prevent reoccurrence of carp invasions.
  - We have two new memberships – one family, one single. The family of Kale and Brianna Abbott has just increase to three with their new baby girl. Ben Brannen is the single member, and an outstanding slalom skier (into 38 off at 36 mph).
- Owensboro – Now defunct.
- Laurel Lake – Not represented.
- Cave Lake – Not represented.
- Rough River – Mark Coomes
  - Lots of social events
  - Two slalom skiers maintained on Rough River Reservoir.
  - Proudly claim Suzanne Webb, master of the state website and an outstanding webmaster.
- Stillwater – Leon Leonard
  - Held the 2017 State Championships – all agreed that it was an excellent event this year.
  - No new members to report.
- Taylorsville – John Fowler
  - Hartley Davidson is going inactive.
  - Many, many new young skiers on Taylorsville Lake.
- Patriot Lake – Eric Kelley
  - Patriot Lake held its first-ever tournament in 2017, a Class “L” 3-event tournament. Very successful competition with excellent turn-out of skiers.
  - Will hold a Class “L” slalom-only tournament in 2018.

### **Old Business**

- The KWSF By-Laws have been rewritten and updated, with all amendments put in place, and are current as shown on the website (see below concerning additional amendments).
- Eric K. suggested that we look into using the Kentucky Museum for Archiving, located in Bowling Green (at Western Kentucky University), for archiving all of the old information for KWSF. This was brought up in response to discussion about what to do with old meeting minutes, old editions of the by-laws, etc. Eric will follow up on looking into this option, and how to implement it.

## **New Business – By-Laws Amendments**

- Joy C. initiated a discussion of the responsibilities of the Vice President, and the fact that several aspects of membership administration are, per the by-laws, spread around among other officers and administrators. After considerable discussion on this issue, the following amendment was proposed:

*“All membership related activities will be consolidated under the office of Vice President. This will include keeping track of total memberships; taking and processing new membership applications; and collecting membership dues and forwarding to the Treasurer.”*

Motion to approve was made by Leon L., seconded by Bob H., and approved by 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s majority of those present by show of hands. **This amendment will become Amendment #12.**

- Joy C. initiated a discussion concerning clarification of family membership and age of family members to qualify for family membership. After considerable discussion, the following amendment was proposed:

*“The age for being considered part of a **family membership** shall henceforth be defined as a skiing age of 21, as defined in the USAWSWS Rules Book (age for the entire ski year, Nationals to Nationals, as of midnight on December 31<sup>st</sup> of that ski year). Therefore, if a skier is age 21 and part of a water ski family at midnight on 12/31 of any given year, that skier will be considered age 21 through Nationals of the following calendar year. This applies to both dues collection and voting privileges (two votes per family unit).”*

Motion to approve was made by Eric K., seconded by Pat C., and approved by 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s majority of those present by show of hands. **This amendment will become Amendment #13.**

- Joe B. initiated an extensive discussion on the subject of nomination for Hall of Fame election, voting on Hall of Fame election, nomination for Annual Skier Superlatives awards, and voting on Annual Skier Superlatives awards. (Skier Superlatives awards to include Member of the Year throughout this amendment proposition) After numerous comments, suggestions, and proposals, the following amendment was proposed:

- *Any KWSF member may nominate for Hall of Fame consideration. Requirements for nominating must follow all previous By-Laws and Amendments governing Hall of Fame nominations.*
- *Any KWSF member may nominate for consideration of any or all Annual Skier Superlatives awards. Requirements for nominating must follow all previous By-Laws and Amendments governing Superlatives nominations.*
- *To qualify for Junior Skier of the Year, a skier must be Under 21 for the ski year in question (Examples: If a skier is 21 on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the ski year in question, that skier will be considered only for Adult Skier of the Year. If a skier is 20 on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the ski year in question, that skier will be considered only for Junior Skier of the Year.)*
- *All KWSF members will be granted the privilege of voting on Superlatives awards (restriction of two votes per family membership). Each award will be presented to the (eligible) skier receiving the most votes; a majority is not necessarily required.*
- *Voting on election to the Hall of Fame shall be done only by the KWSF Board of Directors (as defined under Article 4, Section 1). To be elected, a nominee must receive a minimum of 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s majority of the current Board members; a non-vote will be considered a “NO” vote. Any number of persons may be elected to the Hall of Fame in any given year, including zero.*
- *All nominations must be in the hands of the President by November 1<sup>st</sup> ahead of the fall meeting of the KWSF. Nominations for Superlatives will be for the preceding ski year ended with the current calendar year's Nationals.*

Motion to approve was made by Joy C., seconded by Leon L., and approved by 2/3<sup>rd</sup>'s majority of those present by show of hands. **This amendment will become Amendment #14.**

## **New Business – Other**

- John Fowler brought forth discussion concerning the formation of a *State Series of Tournaments*. It was suggested that this might follow the format of the *Ohio Buckeye Buoy Series*. Considerable discussion ensued. Bob H will look further into this, and report back to KWSF at the summer meeting (Bob knows Greg Kenney, who is the information resource for the Buckeye series.).
- Some other thoughts to enhance competition in the state of Kentucky were presented, including:
  - More social activities at tournaments.

- Rejuvenation of team skiing.
- Skier “perks” presented at tournaments to enhance the skiing experience.
- Skier Superlatives and Hall of Fame nominees were presented, as follows:
  - Junior Skier of the Year
    - Austin Collins
    - Lake Jones
  - Skier of the Year
    - Errol Bryant
    - Dale Coffey
    - Pat Coomes
    - Eric Kelley
    - Josh Kelley
    - Carl Marquess
  - Federation Member of the Year
    - Joe Burkhead
    - John Fowler
    - Jim Roshelli
  - Hall of Fame
    - Dale Coffey

Voting will be completed by all eligible voters, according to the category of award, by December 31, 2017. Ballots will remain sealed until June of 2018 (at the KLO), at which time the ballots will be unsealed and tabulated. Winners will be announced at the State Championships in July/2018.

#### **New Business – Election of Officers for 2017-18**

The following officers were elected for 2017/18:

- President – Joe Burkhead (reelected)
- Vice President – Joy Coomes (reelected)
- Secretary – Cathy Burkhead (newly elected)
- Treasurer – Leon Leonard (reelected)
- Jr. Development Coordinator – Bob Harris (reelected)
- Open Council Position to Replace Bob Harris – Bob Harris (reelected for three-year term)
- Council Positions Retained – Pat Coomes (two-year term) and Eric Kelley (one-year term)

#### **New Business – Additional Other**

- Discussion on Kentucky Water Sports Association (the 501-C3 non-profit organization):
  - Kathy Kesheimer no longer wants to chair or be part of the organization leadership.
  - None of the current Directors (Joe Burkhead, Pat Coomes, Eric Kelley) want to chair.
  - It was generally agreed that the reasons for justification of this organization have ceased.
  - It is known that at least one major donor will be lost for next year.
  - KWSA is in bad standing with the Secretary of State.
  - Bob Harris suggested we just let it “die” on its own.
  - Eric/Joe/Pat all want our names off the list of Directors. Joe B will look into what is required to make this happen.
- Improvement of website:
  - Suggestion by Joe B. that a “blurb box” (or some other name) be incorporated onto the home page. This would be a section where any state skier could directly place a news item, comment, or other ski-related note (subject to the approval of the President) – suggested 75-word maximum. This idea was well received, and will be looked into further.
  - A direct link of our website to Facebook was suggested. Suzanne W. will try to implement this.
  - Several comments were made about how great our website looks, how well it is being kept updated, and what a terrific job Suzanne W. is doing.
- Setting of tournament dates for all tournaments in the state of Kentucky:  
This task was completed, and dates are published on the website under the noted tab.

Joy C. made a motion to adjourn, Bob H. seconded, and meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.