

## AWSA Eastern Region – Summer Meeting - 7/26/2019

Call to order at 7:12 pm

Roll Call

WV No

VA Yes

MD No

CT Yes

NY Y

MA Y

VT Y

NH Y

ME N

DC N

DE Y

PA Y

NJ Y

Opening Remarks

Thanks for being here. Thanks to CT, Avon, Old Farms Skiers. Site is great. Looking forward to the next 2 days.

Approve Minutes from Winter Meeting.

Approved

Treasurer's Report

Marie Baker retired after 32 years.

Scott Miller stepped up for a short time. Difficult issues. Transferring bank accounts.

It is done now.

EIN under AWSA

We now have access to the accounts.

EVP has access to the accounts.

Balances are in the agenda.

Full report will follow Nationals.

Becky Bartlett nominated as Treasurer. Second by Matt Byrne. Unanimous vote.

Marie will review SOP with Becky.

Jr Development Tg Powell

Going very well at Regionals.

Thanks to everyone.

Fund Raising is going well. \$870++

Stipends to kids who make team.

Clinics are being held.

Mike Shelhammer wants to hold Clinic in NY

There is support from Region.

Get a mailing out to JRs for people who do not pay attention to the web site.

HQ will not release e-mail addresses.

Thank you to sponsors for Jr Dev party.

Jon Thacher - Board voted and approved to allow EVP access to e-mail addresses.

Matt - Build e-mail distribution list and use it to communicate.

## Food Break

Guidebook - Electronic is the way to go.

Going forward, we need to pay; if we want paper, we pay.

Next year, reimbursement is cut to 50%.

After that, it is zero.

Tonya - check to see what cost would be to do it ourselves.

Historically, we did our own guidebook.

Sponsors want to move to online.

Tonya will work with Matt on printing of guidebook.

Distribute to everyone or distribute to active competitors?

Use AWSA System to survey members.

## Awards - Jon Thacher

Ken Mead Award - Summary / Background

Winner - Don Nichols. Don's remarks.

James Sylvester Award - Left in NH

Jon - Summary / Background

Winner - Hutch Haines. Hutch remarks.

Tiny Richards Award

Jon - Summary / Background

Winner - Jon Thacher. Jon remarks.

Alan Rossi Award - Later this season.

Gertha Hancock Award - Given earlier this Summer.

Jon - Summary / Background

Winner - Karen Melnik. Karen remarks.

Towboat Committee - Brett Brandau

Tournament Requirements - East Region initiative - increase participation requirement to 40%

Host club is responsible for first \$750 of Towboat damage.

One more Award - Tom Hinman Presenter

Comments on Bill and Marie Baker. Marie Baker was there every time.

Gift for Marie Baker.

Driver's Committee - Jim Powell

Distracted Driving - Towboat Drivers. New USAWSWS policy is available online.

Driver Clinics - create an approved list of Drivers to conduct clinics.  
We (Eastern Region) are opposed to this initiative.  
Jon Thacher comments. This is 1st phase.  
No criteria has been established to determine  
Safety instructor comparison  
Vote and approve to oppose this motion at National Meeting.

Fast Track Sr Slalom or Sr Jump to Sr Trick.  
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Al is in favor of this proposal.

Safety Committee - Karen Melnik  
Instructors in the Region - Karen &  
Clinics are better with advance distribution of materials.

Nominations  
EVP - Jim Powell  
Natl Directors  
Doug Robbins - 2021  
Hutch Haines - 2020  
Gary Noll - 2019 - not continuing  
Nominations? Nominating Committee will search for nominees  
Jon Thacher alternate for this year.

Pat Byrne - USAWSWS Director - 2020

BOD Package Highlights - none

USAWSWS BOD representation. Discn by Jim Powell

AWSA Exec Highlights  
PB Stickers  
State Team comments  
Ron Koenig - Team Fund Raising efforts.  
Safe Sport certification

Regionals - who is on deck?  
Avon next year  
Timberlake - No - not ready maybe 2022  
Dave's Pond - we would like to see it  
Need a place for 2021

Roger Hammel wants Sr Judge Emeritus status eff 10/19  
Motion, seconded, approved unanimously to take to the BOD this year.

Boys & Girls division changes  
Boys 1 (no changes)

Boys 2 split into 2  
Boys 3 - Tg proposes split into 2  
Regional Recommendation

AWSA Natl Treasurer - Rob Rhine retiring. Nominations needed

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm