

## AWSA East Region Winter Meeting

**When:** August 02, 2014

**Location:** "The Beach House" @ Mirror Lake, Lake Placid, NY

**Committee/Council Attendees noted in bold:**

**Tonya Maurer** EVP, Director and Judge/Scorer Committee Member, CT Council person;  
**Hutch Haines**, Director;  
**Jon Thacher**, Director and IAC (international)  
**Doug Robbins**, AWSA COB, former EVP/Director;  
 Dave Robbins, ME Council  
**Jean Giove**, MD Council  
 Mike Sturdevant, MD Council  
**Dave Allen**, MA Council  
 Bill Swaffield, NH Council  
**Bill Fosbenner**, NJ Council and Tournament Sanctioning/Coordinator  
 John Paulovich, NJ Council  
**George Vosburgh**, NY Council  
**Dean Rudy**, NY Council  
*John Davis*, PA Council and Regional Tourny Site Search  
**Gary Noll**, PA council and Rules Committee  
 Jon Bickle, PA Council  
 Bruce Epstein, VT Council

**Darlene McCormick**, VT Council and WebMaster  
**Jeff Hardin**, VA Council  
**Al Harris**, VA Council and Driver Committee  
**Jim Powell**, VA Council  
 Sam Ingram, WV Council  
 Julie Erwin, Guide Book  
*Marie Baker*, Treasurer/Secretary  
 Steve Vincent, By Laws  
**Pat Byrne**, USA Waterski Director, Safety Committee, past EVP  
 Ralph Hall, IAC (international)  
 Chris Goodhue, JR Dev  
**Vacant**, NSL/Grassroots  
 Jennifer Frederick Kelly, Tournament Seeding  
**Lee Mershon**, Rules Committee  
 Dana Hinman, Skiers Rating  
*Chip Shand*, TC committee and Regional Records  
 John Harris, Water Ways

**Additional Membership Attendees:**

John Moisan	MA
Jerry Stansberry	DE/VA
Kevin Driggers	VA
Diane Thacher	VA
Peggy Harris	VA
MeriLou Rudy	NY
Lewis Fields	VA
TG Powell	VA
Sara Lemley	VA
Daniel Lemley	VA
Cole Maurer	CT
Bill Cooper	NJ
Wick Merchant	VA
John Wilkins	NY
Roger Hammel	VA

**Total Attended: 27**

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## Agenda:

**7.19 pm call to order (BOD recommendation in Blue, Action in Yellow, Motions in Gray)**

1. Financials – Tonya Maurer for Marie Baker
  - There was a question about the regional guidebook – as there wasn't annotation of the netting out at 0.00. **Tonya to have** Marie note the outbound/inbound line items.
  - There wasn't an annotation for the Alan Rossi donation to the Jr Dev fund. **Darlene to** validate that 2013 was submitted and that 2014 will be or has already been submitted.
2. AWSA Board of Directors Package highlights – Doug Robbins
  - There could be discussion at the summer meeting about the dual citizenship based on West Region skier that has set records.
3. Policy and Procedures – Tonya
  - Encouraging the council and directors to review the P&P to submit any changes
  - Updated P&P will be produced in Nov/Dec with all changes to be voted on at the winter meeting.
4. Regional Nominations - Jean
  - EVP – one year term – Tonya Maurer
    - Motion to allow Tonya to continue in 2015 – Jon Thacher
    - Second – Hutch
    - None Opposed
    - Term Ends in 2015
  - National Director – 3 year term – Hutch Haines
    - Motion to allow Hutch to continue – Jon Thacher
    - Second – Peggy Harris
    - None Opposed
    - Term ends in 2017
  - National Director – 2 year term – Pat Byrne
    - Motion to allow Pat to continue – Jon Thacher
    - Second – Bill Fosbenner
    - None Opposed
    - Term ends in 2016
5. AWSA Judges and Scorers - Tonya
  - Virtual Clinics are a success – please pass on any additional feedback to Tonya
  - Any Judges/Scorers that were on the down grade list as of June will be allowed to fulfill their missing requirements by 12/31/2014
  - New forms for Ast Judge/Scorer are available – see the guide book we put them in there for easy access
6. Junior Dev – Tonya Maurer for Chris Goodhue
  - There were 4 jr dev clinics that were coordinated across the region
  - Recommendation that we create a committee with participants across the east with a lead that can coordinate with Elaine at the national level – group agreed with this approach. Tonya to work with Orly Bejerano and Cory Vaughn
7. Rules Committee
  - Lee Merchant received many thank you's for his years of service on behalf of the East Region
  - Sarah Roach Lemley will represent the East for 2015, another candidate will need to be identified as Sarah likely will be moving to southern region in 2016.

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Regional tournament 2015:

- Survey to be created to generate feedback about regionals.
- Council and national directors will convene off line and confirm that Power Up Adirondacks has meet the criteria (as a result of the 2014 event) to bring the regionals back to Mirror Lake in 2015.
- The group that attended the regional meeting felt that the event bring water skiing closer to the non-skiing public.

8. Regional Recommendations to be presented at AWSA Board Meeting on 8/10:

- The guidebook that is found the USA Water Ski website should exclude the large ads so that it is easier / quicker to download.
- Request that on the official's directory that email addresses and phone numbers be included so that officials can be easily contacted for participation in events or clinics.
- Request that the on-line registration for events includes a way to allow registration for a full family without having to enter in additional passwords. Make it a shopping cart experience.
- Remove all reference to perfect pass in the AWSA driver test.
- East Region is pursuing a copy of the insurance policy that is used to ensure our active members and sanctioned events.

**Motion to Adjourn & Passed: 8.45pm**