

When: January 6, 2018 (Start at 9, end by 5:00pm)

Location: Chesterbrook, PA (Embassy Suites @ Valley Forge)

Start time **9:00** am.

- 1) **Appointment of Secretary**
- 2) **Roll call**
- 3) **Review agenda**
- 4) **Treasurer Report** (Marie) - 20 min
- 5) **Rules Committee / Rules Proposals** (David Allen, Gary Noll) – 1 hour
- 6) **Regionals** – 1 hour
- 7) **Nationals Update** – 15 min
- 8) **Break for Lunch**
- 9) **Vote on Officials** – 20 min
- 10) **AWSA East Regional Committee Reports** - 45 min
- 11) **AWSA National Committees** - 90 min
- 12) **AWSA President Message** – 15 min
- 13) **AWSA Executive Item:** (Jim Powell) 30 min
- 14) **AWSA/USA Water Ski Executive Items** (Doug Robbins) – 25 min
- 15) **AWSA Board Meeting January 27,2018** – Agenda found here <http://www.awsaeast.org/awsa-board-package-jan-2018-agenda/>
- 16) **Regional Recommendations** (non-rule related) – 15 min
- 17) **The EVP Awards** (time permitting) – 5 min
- 18) **Adjourn 5:00pm**

Details Below...

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Name	Representation	RSVPed to Meeting
Powell, Jim	EVP	Yes
Haines, Hutch	National Director	Yes
Thacher, Jon	National Director	
Noll, Gary	National Director	Yes
Byrne, Pat	USA Water Ski Director	Yes
Byrne, Matt	Council – CT	Yes
Brandau, Brett	Council – DE	Yes
Allen, Dave	Council – MA	Yes
Giove, Jean	Council – MD	
Sturdevant, Mike	President – MD (non-voting)	
Robbins, Dave	Council – ME	
Behner, Scott	Council – NH	
Fosbenner, Bill	Council – NJ	Yes
Vosburgh, George	Council – NY	Yes
Rudy, Dean	Council – NY	
Davis, John	Council – PA	Yes
Noll, Gary	Council – PA	Yes
Bickel, Jon	President – PA (non-voting)	
Merchant, Wick	Council – VA	Yes
Melnick, Karen	President/Council – VA	Yes
McCormick, Darlene	Council – VT	No
Epstien, Bruce	President – VT (non-voting)	
Ingram, Sam	Council – WV	No
Paul Allebach	HND (non-voting)	
Bill Baker	HND (non-voting)	Yes
Bob Corson	HND (non-voting)	
Roger Hammel	HND (non-voting)	
Steve Lohr	HND (non-voting)	Yes
Doug Robbins	HND (non-voting)	Yes
Jerry Stansberry	HND (non-voting)	

Additional Membership Attendees (names noted below RVSPd as attending:

TG Powell (Jr. Development) - VA	John Paulovich - NY
Amy Craig (By Laws, Waterways) - MD	John Corkery - NY
Al Harris (Boat Drivers) - VA	Peggy Harris - VA

Total Attended: ## people attended representing ## of our 14 states.

Yellow: Actions and Votes

GREEN: Motions and East Region Recommendations

Official start time **#:##** am.

19) Appointment of Secretary

20) Roll call

21) Review agenda

22) Treasurer Report (Marie) - 20 min

- a. Reviewed 2017-year end
- b. Budget Items for 2018
 - i. Clinic instructors – send Marie the registration file as soon as the clinic is over either through email (scanned/PDF) or Fax; this way she can cut a check to HQ for the clinic fees.
 - ii. **MOTION** from Jim: Grant the EVP access to \$2000 in 2018 for Membership Engagement activities.
 1. Rationale is that funds are needed to reach out to new and existing membership in different ways to expand engagement.
 2. Seconded ???
 3. Vote
 - Yes:
 - No:

23) Rules Committee / Rules Proposals (David Allen, Gary Noll) – 1 hour

- a. **PROPOSAL: 3.02A/10.06: W4/W5 – Align W4/W5 age divisions with IWWF.** W4 will become 45-54 and W5 will become 55-59. No changes in jump speeds are included in this proposal. (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).
 - i. Rationale: There is a two year difference in these divisions between AWSA and IWWF. This change would allow the women to continue to slalom at the faster speed (34mph). Jump speeds were not considered at this time, but will continue to be reviewed.
 - ii. **VOTE**
 1. Yes:
 2. No:
 - iii. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx
- b. **PROPOSAL: 3.02A/9.06C-D/10.06: M4/M5 - Align M4/M5 age divisions with IWWF.** M4 will become 45-54 and M5 will become 55-59. (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).
 - i. Rationale: This will also align with IWWF, and would allow the M4 to continue to jump at the speeds aligned with IWWF for two more years. This will also keep the M/W-4/5 age groups aligned.
 - ii. **VOTE**
 1. Yes:
 2. No:
 - iii. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx
- c. **PROPOSAL: 9.06C-D M7 – Align M7 speeds (jump) with IWWF.** (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).
 - i. Rationale: Aligns the jumps speeds for M7 to 51k (31.7mph) so that these jumpers are not disadvantaged.
 - ii. **VOTE**
 1. Yes:
 2. No:
 - iii. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx
- d. **PROPOSAL: 3.02A/9.06C-D/10.06: M8 - Align M8 speeds (slalom/jump) with IWWF.** (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).

- i. Rationale: Allows the M8 to ski at the faster speeds to also align.
 - ii. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
 - iii. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx
- e. **PROPOSAL: 9.16C M3 – Align M3 jump height with IWWF** by allowing M3 to jump 5.5 or 5. (Note – these changes would go into effect after 2018 Nationals).
- i. Rationale: Allows the M3 jumpers to have the option of jumping with a 5.5 or 5 foot ramp. There has not been an option before unless those skiers were in the Masters division. This also aligns with IWWF.
 - ii. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
 - iii. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx
- f. **PROPOSAL: Change 3.03C2 and D2**
- i. 3.03C2 Additionally, a skier age 18 or greater shall be REQUIRED to compete in the Open Division in an event (or in Overall) if his performance score(s) in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 10 Cutoff rating score for that event by 3:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the first Thursday of July, on any date, up to the National tournament Cutoff dates, within the current ski year.
 - ii. 3.03D2 Additionally, a skier age 35 or greater shall be REQUIRED to compete in the Masters Division in an event (or in Overall) if his performance score(s) in any reported division for that event equals or exceeds the Level 10 Cutoff rating for that event by 3:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the first Thursday of July, on any date, up to the National tournament Cutoff dates, within the current ski year.
 - iii. Rationale: Needed to change the wording in Level 10. The Cutoff dates were the same but the BOD changed the COD for Nationals and Level 10 needed to stay closer to Nationals. This gives skiers time to make arrangements depending on their status as an Elite skier.
 - iv. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
 - v. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx
- g. **PROPOSAL: 4.02B Change to reflect COD of Nationals.**
- i. 4.02B Ranking List Qualifications: a skier may qualify for the National Tournament in any event or overall by being ranked Level 8 at the Cutoff Date, which is 3:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the first Thursday after the preceding National Tournament. three weeks prior to the Thursday immediately before the start of the National Tournament.
 - ii. Rationale: We need to change this wording to reflect the decision of the BOD for qualification into the National Tournament. Clean Up item.
 - iii. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
 - iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx
- h. **PROPOSAL: 4.02 ADD/Change**
- i. 4.02A skier who enters the Elite Open division at the Nationals in any event is not required to ski in his Regional Tournament.
 - ii. Rationale: In the past only Open skiers could skip Regionals. The committee felt that with the new Level 10 and the fact that some skiers do not have the option of which division they ski in. It affects their choices for travel. This could attract more skiers to Nationals and possibly more to Regionals if they were going to skip one due to work or cost of two tournaments

close together.

- iii. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
- iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

i. PROPOSAL: 4.02C2

- i. Where the new Slalom division has a maximum speed slower than that of the original performance -- the buoy count score carried into the new division will be reduced by 6 buoys if the score was achieved in a class E, L, or R tournament (10.06.C).
- ii. Rationale: This is a clarification to the current rule which reduces the slalom scores by 6 buoys when a skier moves into a division with a lower max speed. While skiers are allowed to ski faster than Max speeds in a Class C tournament, the committee felt that letting graduating skiers scores from the Class E, L or R tournaments should not be transferred at the total buoy count. The skier will still have the option to ski above max speed if they choose to in their new division.
- iii. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
- iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

j. PROPOSAL: 6.10 Add Driver information:

- i. Equivalencies in Drivers from other Federations. Need direction from Drivers committee. Ham will be sending.
- ii. RC Meeting – Waiting on response from Ham. Will include chart in rulebook similar to Judges equivalencies.
- iii. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
- iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

k. PROPOSAL: Add 8.04E, F, G & H

- i. E. For tournament-supplied handle sections, the length shall be 150 cm - 2.5 cm (4'11" - 1") from inside of handle to inside of loop at a load of 20 kg (44 lb). The triangular portion of the bridle is 28 cm ± 4 cm (11 ½" ± 1 ½"), and the length of the handle is 30cm ± 6 cm (11-13/16" ± 2-3/8") (see appendix for diagram). The bridle (rope) maximum strain in elasticity is +2.5cm (1") (Maximum length after skiing is 152.5 cm (5'-0").
- ii. F. For skier-supplied handles in the Slalom and Jumping events, the length may be 150 cm + 2.5 cm/-10cm (4'11" +1"/-4") from inside of handle to inside of loop at a load of 20 kg (44lb). No tolerance on the triangular portion of the bridle. It is the skiers responsibility to ensure that the bridle (rope) does not exceed 152.5cm (5'-0") from inside of handle to inside of loop after skiing at a load of 20 kg (44 lbs).
- iii. G. A Slalom Switch or other appliance may be used to attach the slalom towline to the pylon. When so used, that appliance shall be considered a part of the boat/pylon, may be from 0.47 to 0.51m in length, and with a recommended length of 0.50m. The measurements of ropes used with such appliances shall be 0.50m shorter than the values shown in this table.
- iv. H. Class E, L and R events pulled with alternating ropes shall use lines of the same model and manufacturer, except for B1, B2, G1, G2, W6, and above when light towlines are available. (Light towlines (5MM (3/16") 8 Strands) for L & R are not allowed per the IWWF Rulebook.)
- v. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
- vi. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

I. **PROPOSAL: 9.16F delete:**

- i. Skier Furnished Jump Handle: The contestant may furnish his own handle, for which he is entirely responsible, with an attaching loop to attach to the tournament line, and which must comply with the handle section dimensions in the Appendix. The contestant's handle may be of any material. For Class E tournaments personal handles shall be measured by the dock starter immediately before the skier skis. It's the skier's responsibility that the handle is in tolerance after skiing.
- ii. Rationale: This is the wording that IWWF will be using.
- iii. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
- iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

m. **PROPOSAL: Corrected after omission when ZBS maximum speeds changed.**

- i. 10.06 Boat Speeds and Line Lengths (***)May be used for all Classes but certain scoring options do not follow with IWWF scoring, i.e., a skier will need to make a complete pass at maximum speed before the pass will count on the IWWF ranking list).
- ii. Move to 10.06B: Since 10.06A is about minimum speeds and 10.06B is about maximum speeds.
- iii. The LOC may opt to allow higher maximum speeds, up to 58 kph (36 mph) for male divisions and 55 kph (34.2 mph) for female divisions, excluding juniors, in a Class C only tournament, at their discretion.
- iv. B. The maximum allowed boat speeds shall be as follows:

Male Divisions	Maximum Speed	Female Divisions	Maximum Speed
Boys 1	49/(30.4)	Girls 1	49/(30.4)
Boys 2	55/(34.2)	Girls 2	52/(32.3)
Boys 3	58/(36.0)	Girls 3	55/(34.2)
Men 1	58/(36.0)	Women 1	55/(34.2)
Men 2	58/(36.0)	Women 2	55/(34.2)
Men 3	55/(34.2)	Women 3	55/(34.2)
Men 4	55/(34.2)	Women 4	55/(34.2)
Men 5	55/(34.2)	Women 5	52/(32.3)
Men 6	55/(34.2)	Women 6	52/(32.3)
Men 7	52/(32.3)	Women 7	49/(30.4)
Men 8	49/(30.4)	Women 8	49/(30.4)
Men 9	49/(30.4)	Women 9	46/(28.6)
Men 10	49/(30.4)	Women 10	46/(28.6)
Men 11	46/(28.6)	Women 11	46/(28.6)
Open Men	58/(36.0)	Open Women	55/(34.2)
Masters Men	55/(34.2)	Masters Women	55/(34.2)

- v. 1. A skier may elect to start at a speed higher than his division maximum speed, up to his respective Open Division maximum speed, and may not return to his division maximum speed on subsequent passes. Any passes skied at that higher speed shall receive credit for buoys as though they were being run at his division maximum speed.
- vi. 2. In Class C tournaments, the LOC may opt to allow higher maximum speeds, up to

58kph (36mph) for male divisions and 55kph (34.2) for female divisions, excluding juniors, at its discretion. In this case, the skier shall receive credit for the buoys run at the higher speed.

- vii. Rationale: After we revised the intent of the ZBS we inadvertently left out a rule. Need to put the rule back for the skiers that want to ski above maximum speeds in E, L, or R tournaments. Also was moved to another part of rule that aligns with maximum speeds. There has been confusion on when these two rules should be applied. This is not a change in the intent of the rules.

viii. **VOTE**

- 1. Yes:
- 2. No:

ix. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

n. PROPOSAL: Change 10.06B2

- i. 2. In Class C tournaments, the LOC skier may opt to ski at allow higher maximum speeds, up to 58kph (36mph) for male divisions and 55kph (34.2) for female divisions, excluding juniors, at its discretion. In this case, the skier shall receive credit for the buoys run at the higher speed.

ii. Rationale: ZBS should not be decided by the LOC, but the skier.

iii. **VOTE**

- 1. Yes:
- 2. No:

iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

o. PROPOSAL: Delete 10.08A3b

- i. IWWF has already taken this wording out of their rulebook. Boat is wider than boat guides. 10.08 Officials and Judging Area

A. Event Judges:

1. Each event judge shall independently determine the credit to be received by the skier in accordance with Rule 10.12, and shall communicate his results to the scorers immediately after each pass.

2. In all Classes of tournaments the event judge must continue scoring a run even though he feels the skier missed a gate.

3. Only one event judge shall ride in the towboat, hereafter referred to as the boat judge.

A. The boat judge and scorer shall check the boat time for each pass and identify reride situations in accordance with Rules 10.09 & 10.10.

B. The boat judge shall observe the boat path (see Rule 10.07). If any part of the boat deviates outside the bounds of the boat gates, the boat judge shall award an optional reride if the path of deviation was a disadvantage to the skier. If it was to the skier's advantage, a reride is mandatory.

C. There shall be two or three people in the boat.

ii. Rationale: This is consistent with IWWF and rule 10.07 covers this.

iii. **VOTE**

- 1. Yes:
- 2. No:

iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

p. PROPOSAL: 10.08D3: Omits the requirement for a video review judge in Class L

- i. 10.08D3 Configuration 3: ONE JUDGES TOWER between 3 and 4

b. This configuration requires two tower judges, Live Boat Video feed to a Judge for Class R/L. Boat Camera is NOT required for Class C/E. If the live boat camera feed/video is available to the two tower judges in Class L, an additional boat video judge is NOT required. -

see 10.08E below. Also, see Class L/R IWWF Rulebook requirements for use of boat video and video review judge (J4).

c. This is recommended required for sites where it is not feasible to have a tower on the opposite side of the course for Class L/R.

E. Boat Video: An additional option based on Configuration and Class, but required for Configuration 3 Class L/R.

1. A camera may be used in the boat to record the pass. This video may be used to resolve any issues.

2. Video Review Options:

a. Class L: When the boat video is available for immediately playback for the two tower judges, a boat video review judge is not required. IF the boat judge score is different than that of either tower judge, the two tower judges must review the boat video to determine the final score. When the live boat video is not available for immediate playback for the two tower judges, follow the same protocol for Class R as described in “b” below.

b. Class R: The live boat video will be monitored by a video review judge who will advise the Chief Judge if he disagrees with the event judges' decision. IF the video is available for the two tower, they can review with the boat video review judge to determine the final score. In such a case were a final decision cannot be determined or is not available for the two tower judges, the Chief Judge and the video review judge will review the video to determine the correct score. If they both agree on a score, it will become the official score. If they disagree, or agree that the video does not clearly overrule the score given by the event judges, then that score will stand.

c. Alternatively, the Chief Judge may act as boat video review judge. If he disagrees with the event judges' decision, he will ask the tower judges to review the video again. The final score will be decided by a simple majority.

ii. Rationale: The requirement to have a fourth judge has been omitted in Class L tournaments.

iii. **VOTE**

1. Yes:

2. No:

iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

q. PROPOSAL: Delete last sentence 10.16B2

i. For Class E, L & R tournaments personal handles shall be measured by the dock starter under the supervision of the Technical Controller (or his designee) immediately after the skier skis. Should the handle be out of tolerance, the skier's score in that round will be recorded as zero. (See Rule 13.02.F for head to head competition)

ii. Rationale: No longer needed since the handles are now being measured all the time immediately after the skier skis.

iii. **VOTE**

1. Yes:

2. No:

iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

r. PROPOSAL: 11.12 Add

i. The boat shall pass on either side of the RED entry buoy.

ii. Rationale: The chart in the appendix explains the color of the entry, optional turn and pre start buoys, but no colors are stated in 11.02. More clarity for skiers and officials.

iii. **VOTE**

1. Yes:

2. No:

iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

s. PROPOSAL: 11.07 Boat Path, Match IWWF time between first and second pass when the skier falls.

- i. The boat shall follow, as closely as possible, the path specified by the judges for the event. Such path includes the preparation time before each pass. The second pass shall be in the opposite direction. The boat must make a reasonably straight path through the course. If the skier falls during or at the end of the first pass he will receive a maximum of 30 45 seconds in which to be ready to be taken by the boat for his second pass. At the skier's option, if he did not fall in his first pass, the boat may stop between passes for a maximum of 45 seconds. In each case the time shall start when the boat gets to the skier.....
 - ii. Rationale: Matches IWWF wording.
 - iii. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
 - iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx
- t. PROPOSAL: 11.12A IWWF is removing, delete first sentence.**
- i. A. Except in the case of an attempted side slide (see Rule 11.12.J) A. a trick is any activity that occurs between two hesitations. Hesitations are defined as the complete stopping of the ski(s) and not the body motion of the skier.
 - ii. Rationale: Matches IWWF.
 - iii. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
 - iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx
- u. PROPOSAL: 11.12E, H, I and O, Add Credit for wake line tricks when ski/leg not over line and changing wording of trick vs turn for clarity.**
- i. 11.12E. A wake turn is a trick performed in mid-air while crossing the crest of the wake. A wake turn not executed in mid-air and across the crest of the wake scores zero. The ski will edge towards the wake, then the push/pop comes first then the rotation, or the push/pop and rotation come at the same time. The rotation cannot come before the push/pop. An inadvertent touch of the water with the ski tip during the rotation is acceptable on tricks with 540 degrees or more of rotation. Definition of a Pre-turn: A pre-turn is a turn off of a flat ski where the push/pop comes after the rotation has started.
 - ii. All wake line tricks (WL, SL and TWL) where the ski/leg does not go over the line can be credited as wake tricks if the other wake trick criteria are met.
- H. Stepmover line tricks (surface and wake) are credited only when the free foot touches the ski or water, or lifted ski touches the water. The skier may not put his leg or lifted ski across or on top of the line, the handle or either arm until he begins to execute the turn. The stepover and turn actions must be simultaneous. Immediately on completion of a FB stepover turn, the skier must have at least one arm between his legs holding the handle. It is not required that the free foot or ski touch the water prior to the execution of a stepover turn. A stepover turn not performed according to the rules for a 180 or 360 surface turn scores zero. (See 11.12E for wake tricks)
- I. Toehold stepover tricks must be a simultaneous action. The towing foot may not touch the water during execution of the stepover portion of the trick turn. The touching of the towing foot in the water immediately prior to or during the rotation of the ski while attempting a stepover trick will result in no credit for the trick. However, if the towing foot touches the water after all rotation has been completed, credit will be given.
- O. Once the skier has put the toe strap on his foot, any trick performed in which the foot in the strap intentionally touches the ski during the setup or execution of the trick turn shall not be scored.
- iii. Rationale: AWSA had asked for clarification regarding these tricks. This was addressed at their meeting and now we are incorporating these changes in our rules.

- iv. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
- v. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

v. PROPOSAL: 11.12J Add:

- i. All Side Slides (hand held and toe) includes a 90-degree turn from skiing position and a return to skiing position in the original direction. In order for a Side Slide to be a creditable trick, the skier must hesitate before commencing the trick, turn 90 degrees to either side, stop, return to the starting position, and stop. To perform the reverse, the skier must turn 90 degrees in the opposite direction, stop, return to the starting position, and hesitate again.
- ii. Rationale: Additional clarification and IWWF is using this wording now too.
- iii. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
- iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

w. PROPOSAL: 11.16C Change

- i. Rope release length? Make it the same as IWWF.
- ii. AWSA 11.16C A rope trick release mechanism up to 1.25 meter (49") 60cm (24") may be used (see Rule 11.18B).
- iii. Rationale: Make the length the same for both. Originally 1 meter was submitted but IWWF has 1.25m. Should match.
- iv. RC Meeting –Approved. This change needs to be reviewed by safety. (OK per Safety Committee)
- v. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
- vi. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

x. PROPOSAL: ADD IWWF wording to 11.20

- i. The Tricks event shall be recorded at all Class E, L and R tournaments (and other tournaments whenever possible) by a video camera from the boat. It is recommended that the camera be held/mounted higher than top of windshield to provide a clear view of the ski. If more than one video camera is used, the Chief Judge and Technical Controller shall declare one as the primary camera and one as the secondary prior to the start of the event. (See Rules 11.08.A, 11.08.B and 11.08.F)
- ii. Video from the boat shall be used for primary judging. For Judging purposes and record review process, only video from the official camera(s) can be used. The official camera may be any video from the same view (example from boat) as determined by the Technical Controller and Chief Judge.
- iii. Rationale: This is TC Committee recommendation, rules committee changed a few of the words. Matches IWWF
- iv. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
- v. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

y. PROPOSAL: Delete 13.02F

- i. 13.02F Handle Measurement: Should the handle be out of tolerance when the boat returns to the dock in a head to head round, the skier's performance in that round will be scored zero and the skier may not continue.
- ii. RC Meeting – Approved. Since all handles will now be measured immediately, there is no need for this sentence.
- iii. **VOTE**

1. Yes:
 2. No:
- iv. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

z. PROPOSAL: Delete from Appendix.

- i. JUMP 9.18: Disqualification
- ii. A jumper shall receive no further jumps in a round if, after leaving the boat's wake on a definite cut to the ramp, the jumper elects to pass between the boat course and the ramp, whether or not he retains the tow line. A judgment decision is required by a majority of the Event Judges as to whether the cut is "definite." Also see Rule 7.07.
- iii. Clarification by Rules Committee is that the skier may still record jumps prior to the infraction, score for overall and also qualify for Nationals if this is done at the Regional tournament. (2/26/13)
- iv. Rationale: This is still in rule 9.03 just not a disqualification. Was put into this section when the Disqualification section was revised.
- v. **VOTE**
 1. Yes:
 2. No:
- vi. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

aa. PROPOSAL: 13.04 Mini Course ADD:

- i. At the option of the LOC in Class C and below, skiers may choose to ski mini course buoys:
- ii. 1. Non-surveyed mini course buoys are to be placed by the LOC at a recommended distance of 8.5m +/- 1.1 meters from the centerline of the slalom course with green as the suggested color.
- iii. 2. Each mini course buoy is scored as 1/2 point. To get credit, the skier must go through the entry gates, around the mini course buoy and then cross the boat guide line closest to the buoy. No partial credit is awarded for mini course buoys.
- iv. 3. A mixture of mini course buoys and full course buoys can be used to attain a score. The mixture must be of consecutive buoys, once a buoy is missed (both mini and regular) no more buoys are counted in the scoring of that pass.
- v. 4. Mini course scoring will only be used on the first pass in Class C.
- vi. 5. A skier must make 6 full buoys to get a second pass in Class C.
- vii. 13.05 Other Optional Tournament formats
- viii. For other possible formats see www.usawaterski.org/AWSA/optionalformats...
- ix. Rationale: This proposal can be used for Class C. This was felt to have enough liberty but also retain enough guidelines to promote beginners into the ranking list. Skiers maximum score using the mini course is limited to 5 ½ buoys. The committee did not want to limit the LOC's from using other options for fun tournaments, which could still be run as Class F if desired.
- x. RC Meeting –Approved mini course. Other options for Class F scores with alternate formats will be placed on the USA Waterski web site under Rules.
- xi. **VOTE**
 1. Yes:
 2. No:
- xii. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

bb. PROPOSAL: Change Handle specifications in Appendix

- i. Reworded the "note" and placed more information into Rule 8.04.
- ii. *Note:
- iii. 1) For tournament-supplied handle sections, the bridle length shall be 150cm -2.5cm (4'11" – 1") inside handle to inside loop with 20 kg (44lb) load.
- iv. 2) For skier supplied handles in the Slalom and Jumping event, the bridle length may be 150cm +2.5cm (+1") inside handle to inside loop with 20kg (44lbs).
- v. 3) The Maximum bridle length of all SLALOM handles after skiing is 152.5cm (5'-0") with

20kg (44lb) load.

- vi. 4) All measurements are from inside the handle to inside of loop.
- vii. Note: For tournament-supplied handle sections, the bridle length shall be 150 cm \pm 2.5 cm (4'11" \pm 1") the triangular portion of the bridle 28 cm \pm 4 cm (11 ½" \pm 1 ½"), and the length of the handle 30cm \pm 6 cm (11-13/16" \pm 2-3/8") (see diagram). For skier-supplied handles in the Slalom and Jumping events, the tolerance on the bridle length shall be +2.5 cm/-10 cm (+1"/-4) with no tolerance on the triangular portion of the bridle. All measurements shall be from inside of handle to inside of loop.

A Slalom Switch or other appliance may be used to attach the slalom towline to the pylon. When so used, that appliance shall be considered a part of the boat/pylon, may be from 0.47 to 0.51m in length, and with a recommended length of 0.50m. The measurements of ropes used with such appliances shall be 0.50m shorter than the values shown in this table.

- viii. Rationale: IWWF has changed when the handle is measured. Because of rope specifications we want to make sure that when handles are measured before skiing as actual then they will not be too long when measured after skiing.
- ix. IWWF wording, Personal handles shall be measured by the dock starter under the responsibility of the Homologator, immediately after the skier skis. Should the handle be out of tolerance following a skier return to the dock, the skier's performance in that round is deleted.
- x. RC Meeting – Approved. This matches AWSA's rules and intent and TC Committee has approved.
- xi. **VOTE**
 - 1. Yes:
 - 2. No:
- xii. **EAST RECOMMENDATION:** xxx

cc. Informational item:

- i. PROPOSAL: Junior Divisions – On hold until IWWF makes any changes.
- ii. Rationale: The committee recognized that there is strong support for these division changes. IWWF is in the process of adding divisions within their rules. We want to make sure that we align to get the speeds and age divisions correct. This would require extra programming once everything is finalized. We will continue to discuss with members of AWSA.
- iii. No Action at this time.

dd. Conference Call follow up to review questions/answers on proposals and regional recommendations

- i. Meeting will be on Jan 21, at 7pm.
- ii. **ACTION:** Council is to review the proposals and bring the ones that they either need more information about OR want the east to 'reject and send back to the committee'.

24) Regionals – 1 hour

a. 2018 – Twin Lakes

- i. 2017 success story – The LOC/Region partnership worked well.
- ii. 2018 changes
 - 1. **2. Cost sharing model**, for 2018 we would have a straight 50/50 split of the revenue after expenses identified in this document.
 - 2. **4. Assumptions**,
 - A) Add one additional Assistant Chief Judge so we have one for each lake, trick and jump on the big lake and slalom on the back lake.
 - B) Get Regional Approval to have any 1 ev Sr Slalom Driver with experience at Twin Lakes the ability to drive with the approval of the Chief Driver. I spoke with Jerry Jackson from the Southern Region at the Malibu Open and he said that this is the policy they have adopted in the Southern Region since many of the best slalom drivers are slalom only.
 - C) Registrar will be responsible to set up the pay pal for the region well in advance of the season and all entries will go thru this account.

- D) Hotel will be booked for 4 nights(Wed thru Sat) for Judges, Scorers, Safety and Drivers (hopefully if we finish on Sat some of the officials will head out!). Additionally the only officials to get rooms on Tuesday are the Technical Controller and Chief Driver. (I will help to screen the Hotels for the base deals and offer options to the Region). Any officials who stay on site in campers or motor homes(they will have priority) will be given a \$100+/- credit per official toward entries. Non-skiing officials that camp are not compensated.
- Region:
 - C) Jr Development Chair will do all the coordination and scheduling for the event(I will be available to help block out the date and get the deposit in).
 - E) Chief Judge will have 2 Assistant Chief Judges, one for each lake.
 - G) I don't think we had an actual treasurer! Coordinate between registrar/co tournament directors and EVP.
- Twin Lakes:
 - A) Twin Lakes will provide their boats for Practice but request that each of the promo boats offer up 2 hours for practice on Wednesday. If only our boats are used Twin Lakes will keep all the practice revenue from Wednesday. Twin Lakes will offer practice on Monday and Tuesday using our boats and drivers and all this revenue will go to Twin Lakes.

iii. **6. Cost Sharing Approach**

- C) Sponsorship, Twin Lakes will handle local, Region will handle Regional and National. All will be split! Target should be \$10,000+ we only did about 5K in 2017, there is a big opportunity if we start early!
- D) Co Tournament Directors will determine who gets free banquet tickets. Need a discussion on cost of the banquet! The ONLY people that should be comped tickets are the appointed officials. See the officials expectation section.

Expenses to run the event:

- I) Fuel for boats from Wednesday morning practice thru the completion of the tournament!
- J) We will have 12 Porta Johns for the Regionals, we are evaluating alternate suppliers.
- I) Boat cleaning supplies (region to supply the manpower) See, promo boat committee section.

iv. **7. Labor Sharing Approach:**

- B) Boat Fueling - Twin Lakes and Region
- C) Secure boats at the end of the day - Chief Driver and Drivers along with the promo boat committee people.
- D) Dock Starters - Twin Lakes and Regional volunteers(hopefully Juniors)!
- J) Practice boat drivers and safety - Mon & Tues, Twin Lakes, Wed, Region
- K) Practice Coordinator - Mon & Tues, Twin Lakes, Wed, Region
- M) Porta let cleanup - Twin Lakes will address
- N) Radio Zar - Twin Lakes (2017 we had 18 radios, we now have 24) ☺
- O) Parking Attendant - Twin Lakes with help from Region!
- Q) Skier Goodie Bag – Region -added a new committee
- R) T-shirt coordinator – Region

25) **Nationals Update** – 15 min

- 2018 - Maize, Kansas – Mystic Lakes (8/7 - 8/11)
- Gary Noll selected as Chief Judge
- David Allen selected as Chief Scorer

26) **Vote on Officials** – 20 min

- Regionals Officials Suggested:
 - Judges (David Knight CJ, ??? ACJ, ??? ACJ):
 - Gary Noll??
 - Dave Robbins??
 - Jerry Stansberry??
 - Bill Cooper??
 - Kevin Driggers??

6. Doug Robbins (in support of ACJ as our aspiring official)??
 7. ???
 8. ALTERNATE: Ed Nichols??
 - ii. Drivers (Matt Byrne CD)
 1. Marie Fields??
 2. Ralph Hall??
 3. Al Harris??
 4. ALTERNATE Cole Maurer??
 - iii. Scorers (Tonya Maurer CScr)
 1. Dave Allen??
 2. Jennifer Fredrick Kelly??
 - iv. Safety (Karen Melnik CSaf)
 1. ???
 - v. Announcers
 1. Jim Powell will be the chief, others can assist (JJ Paulovich, Corey Vaughn)
- b. Nationals (3 lake site: 2 Judges, 2 drivers, 1 scorer)
 - i. Judges: xxx, xxx, ALTERNATE xxx
 - ii. Driver: xxx, xxx, ALTERNATE xxx
 - iii. Scorer: xxx, ALTERNATE xxx
 - iv. Announcing: xxx
 - v. Safety: xxx

27) AWSA East Regional Committee Reports - ## min

- a. Regional Clinics (Tonya Maurer)
- b. Regional Guidebook (Julie Erwin)
 - i. **Guide Book Due Date: 1/19/2018**
- c. Regional Jr Development (TG Powell)
 - i. [Safesport](#)
 - ii. Regionals
 - iii. Nationals
- d. Regional Nominating (**vacant**)
- e. Regional Records (Chip Shand)
- f. Regional Search/Site (John Davis)
- g. Regional Tournament Coordinator (Bill Fosbenner)
- h. Regional Webmaster (Darlene McCormick)

28) AWSA National Committees

- a. Executive (Jim Powell)
 - i. Report from Exec. Committee Meeting
 - ii.
- b. Awards (Hutch Haines)
 - i. **MOTION**: We should discontinue passing around the large trophies. Instead, we should have them refurbished and offer them to be on display at HQ with a nice write-up about each of the honored skiers. Awards would be continued in the form of a plaque that the recipient would keep.
 1. Second,
 2. Yes,
 3. No,
- c. Barefoot (Joe Malenfant)
- d. Boat Drivers (Al Harris)
- e. By Laws (Amy Craig)
 - i. By Laws
 1. ARTICLE X SECTION # –
 - Discussion
 - ii. P&P

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 - Discussion

- f. IAC (Ralph Hall, Hutch Haines)
 - i. Ralph would like to step down from IAC and is looking for an eager replacement.
- g. Judges & Scorers Qualifications (Dean Rudy)
 - i. **MOTION**: Request for Emeritus status for Marie Baker.
 1. Second
 2. Yes,
 3. No,
- h. Safety (Pat Byrne)
 - i. Report on new trick release rope discussion.
- i. Seeding (vacant)
- j. Skiers Qualification (Dana Hinman)
 - i. No News
- k. Technical (Chip Shand)
- l. Tow boats (Doug Robbins) 10 min.
 - i. Update on Boat Testing
 - ii. Clarification on weight use in tow boats.
 - iii. Clarification on tow boat requirements for various class tournaments. Approval procedure for use of older boats.
- m. Waterways (Amy Craig)
 - i.

29) Appointment of Safety Committee Rep.

- a. Simon Gray has expressed a desire to take on the position.

30) AWSA President Message

- a. MTF is moving forward. 321K is a step in the right direction. Member # went up! Considering “Compete” App funding. Website development? Target those that are not renewing and alumni skiers. Enter GPS in for sites...

31) AWSA Executive Item: (Jim Powell)

32) AWSA Executive Item: Teams @ Regionals/Nationals – .5 hours

- a. What is the next step?
- b. How is the team data working within scoring? Any news? Dave Allen

33) AWSA/USA Water Ski Executive Items (Doug Robbins) – 25 min

- a. AWSA SD Membership - Growth for first time since I was elected to BOD's in 2001
- b. Biennial review / membership trend / Change in AWSA seats & votes on the USA-WS BOD
- c. Membership Task Force Report
- d. USA-WS Technology Systems Overhaul
- e. HQ Building on Holy Cow Road & Lake Myrtle Project Update
- f. Safe Sport Update (see updates here <http://www.awsaeast.org/safe-sport-usaws-update-12-12-2017/>)

34) AWSA Board Meeting January 27,2018 – Agenda found here <http://www.awsaeast.org/awsa-board-package-jan-2018-agenda/>

35) Regional Recommendations for AWSA Meeting (non-rule related) – 15 min

- a. EVP: Motion to make email addresses and snail mail addresses available to EVPs and committee chairs
- b. EVP: Motion to convert the assistant judge/scorer/driver to an on-line entry process – no more paper or PDFs
- c. EVP: Motion to convert the clinic registration form into an excel version that can be easily uploaded to the ‘database’ – reduce effort at HQ
- d. Request for Emeritus status for Marie Baker (pending Region approval)

36) The EVP Awards (time permitting)

a. **Super Beast Award** presented to the young adult that has shown the highest level of volunteerism through the season or at the Eastern Regional Tournament. Need not be an AWSA official.

i. 2017 Nominations

1. Gal Bejerano
2. Cameron Davis
3. Emma Davis
4. Colin Frucci
5. Rai Chevalier
6. Tommy Wiley
7. Ava Cole
8. Emily Nichols
9. Freddy Davis
10. Elizabeth Powell
11. Robbie Craig
12. Whitney Shelhamer

ii. 2017 Award winners

1. Stephanie Shand
2. Marissa Shand
3. Shayne Rudy
4. Kacy Craig

iii. Plans for 2018 nominations

37) Adjourn 5:00pm