

When: January 5, 2019 (Start at 9, end by 5:00pm)

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

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- 1) **Appointment of Secretary**
- 2) **Roll call**
- 3) **Review agenda**
- 4) **Treasurer Report (Marie)**
- 5) **Election of New Treasurer**
- 6) **Rules Committee / Rules Proposals (David Allen, Gary Noll)**
- 7) **Regionals**
- 8) **Nationals Update**
- 9) **Break for Lunch**
- 10) **Vote on Officials**
- 11) **AWSA East Regional Committee Reports**
- 12) **AWSA National Committees**
- 13) **AWSA President Message**
- 14) **AWSA Executive Item: (Jim Powell)**
- 15) **AWSA/USA Water Ski Executive Items (Doug Robbins)**
- 16) **AWSA Board Meeting January 27,2019 – Agenda found here <http://www.awsaeast.org/awsa-board-package-jan2019/>**
- 17) **Regional Recommendations (non-rule related)**
- 18) **The EVP Awards**
- 19) **Recognizing Our Newest HND**
- 20) **Remembering Lee Mershon**
- 21) **Group Photo**
- 22) **Adjourn 5:00pm**

Details Below...

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

Additional Membership Attendees (names noted below)

TG Powell (Jr. Development) – VA	Dawn Gearheart - PA
Marie Baker (Treasurer) - PA	Don Christman - PA
John Paulovich – NY	REMOTE
Steve Lohr - VA	Becky Bartlett - NH
Ann Lohr - VA	Bill Cooper - VA
Ralph Hall - VA	Dan Warner - NY
Al Harris (Boat Drivers) – VA	John Corkery - NY
Don Nichols - DE	John Wilkins - NY
Mason Gearheart - PA	Steve Vincent - MD

Total Attended: 38 people attended representing **10** of our 14 states.

Yellow: Actions and Votes

GREEN: Motions and East Region Recommendations

Official start time 9:02 am.

- 1) **Appointment of Secretary**
 - a. Dean Rudy was appointed as secretary for the meeting.
- 2) **Roll call**
 - a. See previous page
- 3) **Review agenda**
 - a. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.
- 4) **Treasurer Report (Marie) - 20 min**
 - a. Review 2018-year end (note that year start should include \$2,208.77 in Regionals Tournament Checking Account)
 - i. Marie reviewed expenditures and revenues for the main bank account and reported that it had just been audited. It was noted that her report did not include any information from the Junior Development bank account or the Regionals event bank account. Marie reported that these would all be combined before being forward to HQ.
 - b. Budget Items for 2019
 - i. **Motion** by Tonya, that for 2019 only, that the \$25 funding provided for juniors at regionals (to boost junior attendance) be split between the main bank account and the junior development bank account. TG Powell was in support. Motion Passed.
- 5) **Election of New Treasurer After 30+ years as the treasurer, Marie is stepping down.**
 - a. Nominated: Scott Miller (currently VA State Federation Treasurer)
 - i. Scott Miller (VA) was nominated for the position. Dave Allen seconded. **Approved by acclamation.**
- 6) **Rules Committee / Rules Proposals (David Allen, Gary Noll) – 1 hour**
 - a. **See Rules Committee Report**
 - i. Proposal 3: Splits B2 into two age groups (u12, u14). Vote of those present with 19 for & 4 against.
 - ii. Proposal 5: Move current U18 to U17. Unanimously no support from anyone at the meeting.
 - iii. Proposal 6/7/8: related to level 10 skiers (elite). No arguments against these proposals were put forth.
 - iv. Proposal 11 & 14 were discussed for clarification.
 - v. **Proposal 15:** Approved but recommend further modification of number of scorers during 4 lake nationals from 2 to 3.
 - vi. **Proposal 20:** Trick: separating BB & O category of tricks. Eastern region supports conforming to IWWF rules.
- 7) **Regionals**
 - a. 2019 – See Bid Attached from Avon Old Farm Skiers
 - i. **Council Vote on bid for 2019/2020 Eastern Regionals**
 1. **The two year bid as presented by Avon Ski Club was accepted by acclamation.** The club shared some changes from prior regionals. The entry will include the cost of one site practice ride which can be taken anytime that is available. Also, there will be no formal banquet at the regionals, rather an informal social gathering with a food truck available on site.

8) Nationals Update

- a. 2019 / 2020 West Palm, Okeehetee (8/6/2019 - 8/10/2019)
- b. Matt Byrne selected as Chief Driver (yea Matt)
- c. From Exec Meeting
 - i. Nationals
 1. Officials, 2 Scorers Per Region, more announcers and safety. Action item. Form committee to look at dividing appointed officials into more shifts and not week-long commitments. Action item. Suggest to West Palm Beach to use 3 lakes for Nationals in order to not spread out the crowd.
 2. Trick Officials, 1 from each region plus 3 more.
 3. Entry fees and Late fees
 - Single Event \$165.00
 - Two or More Events - 2 events \$200.00; 3 events \$235.00
 - Family of Three - \$430. Additional Family Member - \$80.00 each
 - Late Date - should be Monday/Tuesday after Regionals. Raise to \$15.00 per 24-hour period. Motion to accept. Passed 7-2.
 4. Practice Boats-LOC now paying boat companies \$5 per practice pull
 5. National Awards. Action Item. Keith Lindemulder to head up committee to revamp national official awards.
 - ii. America's Cup-August 7th 6pm
 1. Finances
 2. L9/L10
 3. Form event group. Action item to form an America Cup Committee to organize and assure the annual success of the event as it moves from LOC to LOC.

9) Break For Lunch 12:05 – 12:33

10) Vote on Officials – 20 min

- a. Regionals Officials Voted on:
 - i. Judges (CJ, Dave Knight / ACJ, Dave Allen)
 1. Bill Baker
 2. Bill Cooper
 3. Jon Thacher
 4. Dave Robins
 5. John Polovich
 6. Gary Noll
 7. Wick Merchant as ALT
 - ii. Drivers (CD Matt Byrne)
 1. Brett Brandau
 2. Cole Maurer
 3. Marie Fields
 - iii. Scorers (CScr, TG Powell)
 1. Jennifer Frederick-Kelly
 2. Susan Maximuk
 - iv. Safety (CSaf, Karen Melnik)
 1. Kathy Callan (Kathy will work on qualification. Karen will yield to Kathy if she is qualified in time.)
 - v. Tech. Control
 1. Chip Shand
 - vi. Announcers
 1. Jim Powell
 - vii. Aspiring Official
 1. Dan Warner DRIVER
 - viii. Registrar on-site
 1. Marie Baker

- b. Nationals Officials (4 lake site: 2 Appointed Judges, 3 Assigned, 2 drivers, 2 scorers, 1 Safety)
 - i. Judges
 - 1. Bill Cooper
 - 2. Gary Noll
 - 3. David Knight
 - 4. ??
 - 5. ??
 - ii. Scorers
 - 1. TG Powell
 - 2. Dave Allen
 - iii. Drivers
 - 1. Ralph Hall
 - 2. Doug Robbins
 - iv. Announcer
 - 1. Jim Powell
 - v. Safety
 - 1. Karen Melnik

11) AWSA East Regional Committee Reports - ## min

- a. Regional States - Status and recent activities were shared
 - i. CT (Matt Byrne) – Avon has lots of work to do for Regionals / Lots of Kids skiing / Bantam Lake having activities as well.
 - ii. DE (Brett Brandau) – Two strong clubs, but not much else to note.
 - iii. MA (David Allen) – Oakham site is going through transition, may be ownership change coming. Many skiers in the state, a lot that don't do tournaments. Things are good.
 - iv. MD (Karen Melnik reported) – Will have OLR at states, VA has been very helpful.
 - v. ME – Dave Robbins will be involved this year. We'll see him at Regionals...
 - vi. NH (Scott Behner) – 5 tournaments, full with wait lists / JD very strong / hosting ME tournament as well.
 - vii. NJ (Bill Fosbenner) – Johns Lake and Dividing Creek, successful 2018 looking forward to 2019.
 - viii. NY (Dean and George) – Many scheduled and some smaller "pop-up" tourneys. NESS finals at Pangaea again this year.
 - ix. PA (Jon Bickel) – Daves Pond having tournaments / lost site due to dam at John Burns / New Promo boat in area, may have some additional sites step up.
 - x. VA (Karen Melnik) – Congrats to TG, great success with 5 lake Junior Dev. Program / Tournaments nearly every weekend / Lee Mershon Memorial tournament Sept. 7th at Loch Cochrane in Richmond, VA. / 3 round trick tournament on a Saturday at Lohrs Lake / Timberlake having Family Fun Day, clinic to train new people about tournaments.
 - xi. VT – (Justin Campfield) - Chris Rossi led JD, doing again this year
 - xii. WV – Some WV skiers involved with activities at Deep Creek Lake in MD
- b. Regional Clinics (Tonya Maurer)
 - i. Let Tonya know what you need. Online clinics well attended.
 - ii. Take a poll prior to winter meeting to see if we
- c. Regional Guidebook (Tonya Maurer)
 - i. **Guide Book Due Date: January 25, 2019**
 - ii. Tournament sanctions must be completed by January 25th to be in the book. Please help by making sure all your information is in prior to that date.
 - iii. Please talk to Tonya if you're thinking about a tournament in early July. She's concerned about officials for PRE REGIONALS in CT
- d. Regional Jr Development (TG Powell)
 - i. [Safesport](#)
 - 1. Many people took the Safesport training. TG is very please that folks took it on and we all understand that awareness of the program is vital and valuable.

2. Training is good for 2 years
3. Any new JD volunteers or coaches need to take the training for this year.
- ii. Regionals
 1. SuperBeast Challenge at Regionals this past year. Encouraged juniors to get more involved and help out. The passports and little prizes were a lot of fun for the kids.
 2. The Castle was a great time of fellowship for the juniors.
 3. The 2019 JD Regionals party looks to be awesome, Becky Bartlett will be overseeing JD activities at Regionals since TG will be Chief Scorer.
 4. Becky Bartlett is officially part of the JD Committee
 5. 6/23 – 6/27 Coble Ski School Eastern Region JD training
- iii. JD Clinics
 1. 5 JD clinics throughout the region this past year!
- e. Regional Nominating (Jean Giove stepping down after years of service. Thanks to Jean!)
 - i. Appointments to Nominating Committee
 1. Tonya Maurer (Chair)
 2. Jon Thacher
 3. John Polovich
 - ii. Vote by members in attendance
 1. Results: Unanimous approval for all Appointments
- f. Regional Records (Chip Shand)
 - i. Reminder to use form on website to submit regional records.
- g. Regional Search/Site (John Davis)
 - i. Jim Powell will work with John to form an expanded committee for a more organized and proactive approach to finding and developing sites.
 - ii. Tonya Maurer on committee.
- h. Regional Tournament Coordinator (Bill Fosbenner)
 - i. Pre-Regionals didn't make the sheet. Check USAWSWS
 - ii. Notify Bill and pay sanction asap if you are having a pop-up tourney.
 - iii. Sanction Fee \$125 to Region, \$175 to USAWSWS plus PayPal CC merchant fee.
- i. Regional AWSA Promotion and Outreach
 - i. Posting on website
 1. Leadership should all know how to log in and make a post on the site. Let Jim or Darlene know if you need help logging in.
 - ii. Darlene McCormick will continue to host the site as long as the funding for scoring system website helps to cover the cost. Otherwise we'd be looking at expense around \$300 for hosting.
 - iii. AWSAEAST.ORG needs a new web master as Darlene is stepping down. Please see Jim Powell if you are interested.
 - iv. Website and Social Media updates
 1. Make posts to website, add link to Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AWSA.East/>
 - v. Outreach Committee (recommendations) I will also follow up with email blasts.
 1. Brett Brandau recommends the state council to post regularly regarding, results, records and things happening in their areas. Jim will follow up...
 2. Looking for a Web Leader...
 - vi. Tommy Harrington at AWSA and Scott at USAWSWS could really use a social content partner from each region if you can find someone who is willing to provide regional news and pics for AWSA's social media.

12) AWSA National Committees

- a. Executive (Jim Powell)
 - i. New email communication through USA Water Ski Database
 1. Jon Thacher points out that this was voted on and passed at National BOD meeting 2 years ago.
 - ii. Emphasis on new tournament formats. ie Wednesday Ski Leagues
 1. Avon Summer Slalom League should go National

2. NESS type series in other Regions
 3. Jim Debella has 3 years of Wed. night Ski league. Virtual teams, updated every week, winning team takes the big prize. Many participants are “non-tournament” skiers.
 4. Alternatives can go into guidebook...
 5. National Scoreboard that can be sorted in a variety of ways. Age, Skill level, Location, etc.
- iii. **AMBASSADOR/WHERE2WATERSKI.COM**
1. **Motion** that state and regional committee members should go to enter their information in the new web site as an ambassador: where2waterski.com and also consider putting their ski site information in. Motion passed.
- iv. **USA-WSWS DIRECTOR SEATING – Rethinking best Representation now that we have less than 5 seats.**
1. Karen suggests representation from Pres., Chair, and another leader from AWSA.
 2. Pat feels that vote at summer meeting would be last choice. Rotation would be preferred. Regional Reps would be knowledgeable and perfectly qualified.
 3. It was agreed that sending the AWSA President and then rotation of Regions would be a good way to select and fill three USA WSWS Directors.
- b. Awards (Hutch Haines) – Slalom Skier of Year: Regina Jaquess | Trick Skier of the Year: Erika Lang | Jump Skier of the Year: Freddy Krueger | Overall Skier of the Year: Regina Jaquess | Junior Skier of the Year: Kennedy Hanson | Team of the Year: 35 and over Mens Team | Volunteer of the Year: Jeff Surdej | Athlete of the Year: Regina Jaquess.**
- c. Boat Drivers (Al Harris)**
- i. Senior drivers should be making sure that at least one recording of their driving is getting uploaded for review by the driver committee. This should be occurring at all record tournaments already. Contact Al Harris if you have any questions. We need to have an increased emphasis on getting this done.
 - ii. **Uploading end course video**
Videos from all E/R record tournaments are already uploaded by tournament TC's, so those are handled. If a Senior Driver didn't drive in a record tournament, a video from a C tournament would suffice. But not all E/R lakes have an EC video setup and few hold record tournaments. The question for our committee is, should we accept for C tournaments, video that does not conform to the established quality standards to make it less of a burden to meet the requirement? If we did decide to accept lower quality videos for C tournaments, we should probably have them clearly labeled.
 - iii. **Online Driver Clinics**
There is a pretty strong desire for this, especially since online clinics for other officials seem to be well-received. Since our committee is now proposing dropping any requirement for physical boat driving at maintenance clinics, there is really nothing in the way of conducting maintenance clinics on line. I expect there will be increasing pressure for this from other regions as well.
 - iv. **Substituting a clinic for tournament driving credit**
This proposal was accepted in the meeting, but while we were discussing it, it occurred to me that when our committee talked about it, we said you could substitute one clinic for a tournament credit in a two-year period. What our committee didn't discuss was, for which of the three events? Should we allow substitution for all three, or just one and the individual chooses which one? We probably need to address this in the wording update for the Driver Policy Manual.
 - v. **Eastern Region stuff from last year**
In last year's ER Winter meeting, fast tracks were proposed for initial tricks qualification and maintenance, for drivers who already hold both Regular or Senior slalom and jump ratings. I passed this on to our committee last January and at the national Summer board meeting, Ham

said something about us working on it. But I don't recall our discussing it in our committee, so I don't know where we stand on it. In parts of ER geography we have difficulty getting adequate tricks drivers to tournaments, so this is an important request for ER. Just below, I'm quoting what ER proposed last January.

"ER supports the idea of Reg and Sr 3 event drivers whose ratings are current for slalom and jump having their tricks ratings be treated as current if they have not had opportunity to drive the necessary events for maintenance."

- vi. ER also proposes that Reg or Sr drivers who do not have a tricks rating be allowed to fast track to it if they take the online training module for boat judging and take and pass the normal written and on water qualifying tests to become a tricks driver. They would just not need to meet the other prereq requirements. It is felt that this would help alleviate a shortage of drivers for tricks."
- d. By Laws (Amy Craig)
- i. Amy looking to step down, Jim asked for recommendations.
- e. IAC (Doug Robbins, Hutch Haines)
- i. Q&Ps are on website for over 35 PanAm Games.
 - ii. ER sent 4 Skiers to PanAm Games in Chile. All skied well, several Team Golds
 - 1. Emma Davis
 - 2. Blake Keller
 - 3. Quinn Haines
 - 4. Hutch Haines
 - iii. Thanks to the Region for reimbursement of airfare for our Team USA members.
 - iv. Thanks to Steve Lohr for the Team USA Uniforms!
 - v. Junior US Open to be held in Wisconsin for 2019 – ER skiers should consider going.
 - 1. Boat Drivers wanted, good opportunity to gain experience in international comp.
- f. Judges & Scorers Qualifications (Dean Rudy)
- i. **ACTION ITEMS:** The committee was asked to consider allowing the Collegiate Nationals tournament as credit toward upgrade to Senior Judge/Scorer. The current policy is not to include either Collegiate All-Starts or Nationals for aspiring Senior upgrades (see attached Policy Manual and Quantitative Requirements). Jeff Surdej shared a number of points about Collegiate Nationals with the committee for consideration of this change. The J&S committee supports this idea and recommends the BOD **APPROVE** allowing Collegiate Nationals (but not Regionals or All-Stars) as credit toward upgrade to Senior Judge/Scorer. **All were in agreement**
 - ii. Judging and Scoring Officials that work at a tournament and are qualified for multiple jobs can get credit for all jobs for which they're qualified. Officials should check in with the Scorer to get the information in.
 - iii. Rule changed so that you need to have 8 events within a 4 year period, rather than 4 events in a two year period.
 - iv. Aspiring Judges and Scorers can now use a clinic as one of their required events.
- g. Safety (Pat Byrne) – Nothing to report.
- h. Seeding (P&P 4.1.1 Approval of Records)
- i. **Motion:** Policies & Procedures should be updated to reflect that records will be approved and kept by Tech Committee. Motion passed.
- i. Skiers Qualification (Dana Hinman)
- C. RATING PERCENTAGE FOR LEVEL 9 (OPTIONAL OPEN/MASTERS)**
- The ratings are set to include skiers in the 93rd percentile of the total M1/W1/M2/W2/OM/OW and M3/W3/M4/W4/MM/MW skiing population ~~or as~~ described below:

1. for men in jumping:

-5.5' Ranking, 93rd percentile of M1 & M2

-6' rating, twelve feet is added to the 5.5' rating

-5'/35.4mph Ranking, 93rd percentile of all those jumping at 5'/35.4mph

-for ratings at lower speeds, eight feet is subtracted for each 2mph decrease

-the 5.5'/31.7 mph rating, twelve feet is added to that for 5'/31.7 mph

2. for women in jumping:

-5'/33.6 Ranking, 93rd percentile of W1 & W2

-for ratings at lower speeds, eight feet is subtracted for each 2mph decrease

-the 33.6mph/5.5' rating, twelve feet is added to that for 33.6mph/5'

D. RATING PERCENTAGE FOR LEVEL 10 (MANDATORY OPEN/MASTERS)

Set each year by SQC, current L10 ratings are:

OMS-2@41

OWS-5.5@38

MMS-2 @41

All remaining events and divisions due not have an L10 in 2019 due to lack of 5 skiers meeting the minimum rating.

E. Time FramesThe above ratings and cutoff levels will be based on the previous year ski data and will be proposed each summer meeting to be effective at the following ski year. For example, 2016 year data will be used to determine the 2018 ski year Qualifications and will be presented at the 2018 summer meeting.

j. Technical (Chip Shand)

- i. Are any sites in the ER still using the Johnson metering system?
- ii. NO

k. Tow boats (Brett Brandau)

i. Thanks to Doug Robbins for 17 years on the Tow Boat Committee!

- ii. All major manufacturers brought boats for testing. New Nautique 200 is still an approved boat. However, the 2019 will be the Promo Boat and be used at Regionals and Nationals.
- iii. Promotional Boat Availability: It was brought up again, as in past years, that we do not have enough traveling promotional boats available. After a discussion the following motion made:
- iv. **Motion: Add to P&P** - Each boat manufacturer must pull at least 20% of the east's tournaments in order for that boat brand to be used at our ER regional tournament. It was moved that we raise that percentage to 40% starting with the qualifications for the 2020 regionals. Motion passed (13/0)
- v. We need better data on which tournaments are being pulled by promo vs. old boats.
- vi. When you sanction your tournament, click the link to request a promo boat for your tournament.

l. Waterways (Amy Craig) – Nothing to report

13) AWSA President Message - Jim shared priorities and news items including:

- a. Let Ron Koenig know if National Boat Auction is a good idea. How to make it work?
- b. Virtual Slalom Ski app
 - i. Go to the App Store on your iPhone and download to play
 - ii. AWSA Funded the app
 - iii. Rate the app and send feedback
 1. Virtual Slalom Ski app. AWSA has invested in this application and Jim encourages all eastern regional skiers to try the application and more importantly to give it a 5 star rating in order to help promote our sport.
 - iv. AWSA has received a contact list of over 600 people from the app so far
- c. Target those that are not renewing and alumni skiers.

14) AWSA Executive Item: (Jim Powell)

a. AWSA Executive Item: Teams @ Regionals/Nationals

i. 2019 Teams

1. Who will run team skiing in the region (team commissioner) **Becky Bartlett**
2. What teams will make up the region (states/Areas, etc.) TBD
3. Who will captain each of those teams TBD

15) AWSA/USA Water Ski Executive Items (Doug Robbins)

a. Nate Boudreaux new Exec. Director of USA WSWS – Marketing background forward thinking...

b. WSDA (disabled water sports) is now USA Adaptive Water Ski and Wake Sports

c. Foreign boat drivers must have an MVR background check in order to drive at USAWSWS tournament.

d. Water Skier Mag, now 4 quarterly issues rather than 6

e. New Sanction Fee for all but GR go up by \$25

f. Sanctioned Practice fee will be \$50 per year for club practices

g. New USA WSWS Membership Fee

h. Guide Book Update

i. USA WSWS is phasing out there funding for the Regional Guidebooks

1. In 2019 USA WSWS will cover \$3,000 toward cost of the guidebook. Expected cost to ER around \$900.
2. In 2020 USA WSWS will cover \$1,500 toward cost of the guidebook. Expected cost to ER around \$2,400+
3. In 2021 there will be no funding provided. Expected cost to ER around \$3,900+

i. USA-WS Technology Systems Overhaul, analysis taking place over the next year.

16) AWSA Board Meeting January 26,2019 – Agenda found here <http://www.awsaeast.org/awsa-board-package-jan2019/>

17) Regional Recommendations for AWSA Meeting (non-rule related) – Jim will prepare formal written recommendations to deliver at the AWSA National Winter Meeting.

a. EVP: Provide the Access to member contact information in the EVP's Region

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

- i.** Not only the excel sheet but anything to do with drivers clinics and drivers testing should be automated / entered by computer as well.

d. From Corey Vaughn - USA Waterski explore an online way to collect State Federation dues.

e. Increase the number of required pulls by boat manufacturers per region to qualify for participation at the AWSA Nationals. Currently 20%, to be increased to 40% starting with the 2020 Nationals.

f. Develop a virtual drivers clinic similar to the Judging and Scoring clinics

g. Fast track drivers that wish to obtain a Regular Trick Driver rating. If the driver is already a Senior Slalom and Senior Jump Driver, they should be able to take the online trick training and test to become Regular Trick.

18) 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 Award winners

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

ii. At the 2018 Regionals, more than 30 juniors participated in the "Super Beast Challenge". These young folks helped out in a variety of ways during the tournament and received recognition.

iii. 2018 Super Beast Award Winners

1. **John O'Brien**
2. **Makenzie Frederick**

19) Recognizing Our Newest HDN (Honorary National Director) – Thanks to Jon Thacher for your continued service.

20) IN MEMORY – We'd like to recognize in these minutes the life and great contributions of our friend Lee Mershon. Boat Driver, Skier, EVP, Rules Committee and all around good guy. Lee will be missed.

21) (GROUP PHOTO)



22) Adjourned at 5:00pm