

AWSA Summer Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 – 2:00 p.m. CT

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- 1) Call to Order – 3:04pm ET
- 2) Introduction & Roll Call

Name	Position	Region	Report	Present	Email	Phone
Alex Lauretano	AAC	South	N/A	N	ski_alex@hotmail.com	
Barry Young	Director	West	N/A	Y	malski64@hotmail.com	
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Brad Corbin	EVP	West	N/A	Y	brad@lagunasalesgroup.com	
Brad Hartwell	Director	West	N/A	Y	brhartw@gmail.com	
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Dennis Downes	EVP	MW	N/A	Y	dennis.downes@pec1.com	316.409.1107
Doug Robbins	Director	East	N/A	Y	drobbs@teleplexinc.com	
Freddy Krueger IV	AAC	South	N/A	Y	ntmare230@gmail.com	
Jeff Surdej	AWSA President	MW	Y	Y	j_surdej@yahoo.com	
Jerry Baufsch	Director	SC	N/A	Y	jwbautsch@gmail.com	
Jim Jaquess	Director	South	N/A	Y	jfjaquess@gmail.com	
John Wilkens	Director	East	N/A	Y	jpskier@gmail.com	
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Kelly Koehler	Director	SC	N/A	Y	koehler.kelly20@gmail.com	
Kirby Whetsel	Director	South	N/A	Y	kwhetsel@charter.net	
Lauren Morgan	AAC	South	N/A	Y	l.morgan@mail.umsl.edu	
Lyman Hardy	Director	South	N/A	Y	lymanland@att.net	
Tony Drake/Michael O'Conner	Director	MW	N/A	Y	h2oskimo@gmail.com	
Nate Boudreaux	USA-WSWS ED	HQ	Y	Y	nboudreaux@usawaterski.org	
Pat Byrne	USA-WSWS Dir	East	N/A	N	patbyrne@outlook.com	
Peter Dahl	Director	MW	N/A	Y	peteradahl@gmail.com	
Ralph Hall	Director	East	N/A	Y		
Richelle Muhltnr	Director / Rules	West	Y	Y	oneskimom@gmail.com	
Robert Howerton	EVP (new)	SC	N/A	Y	screvp@gmail.com	
Roy Surdej	Director	MW	N/A	Y	randbsurdej@yahoo.com	
Scot Ellis	AAC	South	N/A	N	scot20@aol.com	
Taylor Garcia	AAC	South	N/A	Y	tgarcia@lawgarcia.com	
Tim Cullen	COB USAWSWS			N		
COMMITTEES & HNDs						
Will Bush	Towboat	W	Y	Y	willbush@att.net	
Hank Longo	Announcers	South	Y	Y	hlongo@tampabay.rr.com	
Jeff Clark	Bylaws	S	N	Y	jclark90@brighthouse.com	
Jeff Smith	IAC	MW	N	N	jsmith@honigman.com	
Bob Mayhew	Past Pres / HND	SC	N/A	N	skident@gmail.com	
Jerry Jackson	Technical Control	South	Y	Y	slalomjj@bellsouth.net	
Jim Powell	HND	East	N/A	Y	jim.skiboy@gmail.com	
Julie Krueger	HND (past Director)	SC	N/A	Y	julieskis35@yahoo.com	
Tom Nathan	Judges & Scorers	West	Y	Y	tom.nathan@verizon.net	
Tony Drake	Jr Development	MW	Y	Y	tony.drake@drakeandassociates.net	
Van Parker	HND (past EVP)	SC	N/A	N	jenniferandvan@yahoo.com	
Bob Archambeau	HND	S	N/A	Y		
Don Bucher	HND	MW	N/A	Y		
Mark Crone	OLR Guru		N/A	Y		
Lori Covington	Awards	SC	N	N		
Greg Badal	Drivers		N	N		
Inactive	Team Fund Raising	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Inactive	Ski Rec League	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Inactive	Social Media	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Inactive	Marketing & Membership	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Kirby Whetsel	Skiers Qualification	S	N	Y		
David Allen	Seeding	East	N	N		
Jim Babcock	Safety		N	N		

- 3) Announcement of Quorum
- 4) Appointment of Parliamentarian – Jeff Clark

- 5) Agenda Review
- 6) Confirmation of Voting Roll
- 7) Administrative Motions – Action items have automatic motion and 2nd - **Doug / Dennis**
- 8) Adoption of Agenda – **Jim / Doug – None opposed**
- 9) Presentation of Service Awards
 - a) Jim Powell eligible for HND
 - b) Van Parker eligible for HND
 - c) Julie Krueger eligible for HND
 - d) Robert Rhine III eligible for HND
 - e) Gordon Hall eligible for HND
- 10) Review & Approval of the January 2021 Meeting Minutes – **Lyman / Jim P – None opposed**
- 11) Ratification of BOD electronic ballots since last Meeting – **Lyman / Jim P – None opposed**

	Region	Position	2021-1		2021-2		2021-3	
			Nationals Classification		New Trick		Open Overall	
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Jeff Surdej	M	Pres						
Kate Knaffa	M	VP						
Delaina Downes	M	Sec						
Cynthia Logan	S	Tres						
Keith Lindemulder	S	EVP-S/COB		X (as EVP)	X (as EVP)		X (as EVP)	
Lyman Hardy	S	Dir-S		X	X		X	
Jim Jaquess	S	Dir-S		X	X		X	
Kirby Whetsel	S	Dir-S		X	X		X	
Jim Powell	E	EVP-E	X		X		X	
Ralph Hall	E	Dir-E	X		X		X	
Doug Robbins	E	Dir-E		X	X		X	
John Wilkins	E	Dir-E	X		X		X	
Dennis Downes	M	EVP-M	X		X		X	
Peter Dahl	M	Dir-M		X	X		X	
Mike O'Connor	M	Dir-M		X	X		X	
Roy Surdej	M	Dir-M	X		X		X	
Van Parker	SC	EVP-C		X	X		X	
Jerry Bautsch	SC	Dir-C		X	X		X	
Julie Krueger	SC	Dir-C		X	X		X	
Kelly Koehler	SC	Dir-C		X	X		X	
Brad Corbin	W	EVP-W	X		X		X	
Brad Hartwell	W	Dir-W	X		X		X	
Richelle Muhltnr	W	Dir-W	X		X		X	
Barry Young	W	Dir-W	X		X		X	
Scot Ellis	S	Athlete	X		X		X	
Taylor Garcia	S	Athlete	X		X		X	
Freddy Krueger	S	Athlete	X		X		X	
Alex Lauretano	S	Athlete	X		X		X	
Dane Mechler	S	Athlete	X		X		X	
Lauren Morgan	S	Athlete	X		X		X	
Nate Smith	S	Athlete						
Karen Truelove	S	Athlete	X		X		X	
Corey Vaughn	E	Athlete	X		X		X	
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- a) New board members take their seats
- 12) Nominating Committee Report – See report
 - a) No further nominations for President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer **Motion to close these 4 nominations – Jim J / Doug R – None opposed**
 - b) **COB nominations**
 - i) **Keith Lindemulder – has the majority and is COB**
 - ii) **Jim Jaquess**

- 13) Election of Officers outcome for next year
 - a) President – Lyman Hardy
 - b) VP – Kate Knafla
 - c) COB – Keith Lindemulder
 - d) Treasurer – Cynthia Logan
 - e) Secretary – Delaina Downes
- 14) USA-WSWS Executive Director's Report – Nate Boudreaux – See report
 - a) Doug Robbins pointed out the procedure for minutes of the USA-WSWS BOD meeting was somehow circumvented. The USA-WSWS chairman did not write, review, or edit those minutes that appear in the AWSA BOD packet.
- 15) AWSA President's Report & Executive Committee Report – See report
 - a) Past – Jeff – Thank you for the last six years and all your support. Kate has been working with Jeff on a list of duties to spread the responsibilities to other officers and committees and not have the whole burden be on the president.
 - b) Jr US Open - @ Belle Aqua in 2022, one bid for 2023 from Ski Wisconsin, Jr US Open are open until November,
 - c) Nationals 2021 @ Chicago – 686 without international skiers –
 - i) \$22K to webcast the Nationals and it is fully funded. \$5,000 title sponsor.
 - ii) US Open - \$81K in cash prizes.
 - (1) Will need to run the running orders combined. (Intl and Open)
 - (2) Ties will need to be handled a bit differently for the sake of time.
 - d) Motion to accept 2023 bid from Okeeheele and open the bid for 2024 to all Tony / Bob Harris – None opposed**
- 16) AWSA Treasurer's Report – See report **Motion to accept (Auto) – None opposed****
 - a) Will have another expense for Dave Allen's video webhosting
- 17) PanAm Report – See report
 - a) Verbally agreed (NOT OFFICIAL) France will hold 2022 Over 35 Worlds at the same site and approximate date.
 - b) U21 and U17 World's at Cory's is happening as planned
 - c) Elite World Championships in October at Jack Travers Water Ski School
 - d) PanAm Games in Santiago, Chili in 2023. link in the packet
 - e) PanAm Champions in late October early November for U14, U17, U21, Over 35. Over 35 world rules have been changed significantly. Dana to send out new rules. Six member teams in each age bracket.
 - f) A lot happening around pro points. Have moved from elite points to pro points.
 - g) PanAm Judges and Scores – finalized judging test and is fully online. Reach out to Dana if you have someone who would like to take it. Good for five years and then a retest is necessary.
 - h) New rulebook, v3.
 - i) Link in packet for EMS management system.
- 18) Standing Committee Reports
 - a) Towboat Committee – See report
 - i) Request to raise the amount for the local organizing club from \$750 to \$1000. Reimbursement would be the lesser of the insurance deductible, or the amount of the repair cost, not to exceed \$1000. – Automatic motion - None opposed**
 - b) Rules Committee – See report
 - i) Two new members – Danielle Dlugosh & Erin Kalkbrenner
 - c) Announcers Committee – See report

- d) Awards Committee – No report
 - e) National Drivers Committee – No report
 - f) Bylaws Committee – Nothing to report but wait for January!
 - g) International Activities Committee – See report
 - h) Judges & Scorers Committee – See report
 - i) The committee recommends that fast-track include an option for foreign rated officials to obtain an equivalent U.S. rating that the individual currently holds from a foreign federation using the same fast-track conditions already established for Regular and Senior Judges/Scorers. – Automatic motion - None opposed**
 - ii) The committee recommends the Board of Directors give final approval to Elgin Faulkner for Emeritus Judge in slalom, trick, and jump. – Automatic motion - None opposed**
 - i) Junior Development Committee – See report
 - j) Safety Committee – No report
 - k) Seeding Committee – No report
 - l) Skier's Qualification – No report
 - i) Robert dealing with licensing issues with those with dual citizenship, what is the mechanism to know when a skier has skied for a foreign team or has dual citizenship with our database. Action item for committee.
 - ii) Next NOPs and ranking qualifications are due now, should this be moved to the winter meeting so it could be ready for Nationals. None opposed to moving the effort to the winter meeting and would become effective at the next nationals. Committee will determine the permanent solution.**
 - m) Technical Committee – See report
 - i) Need data on SurePath and would like to mandate use in slalom and jump for 2022
- 19) Special Committee Reports
- a) Membership & Marketing Committee – No report - Inactive
 - b) Social Media Committee – No report - Inactive
 - c) Ski Rec League Committee – No report - Inactive
 - d) Team Fund Raising Committee – No report - Inactive
- 20) Regional Recommendations
- a) Eastern Region – No recommendations
 - b) Midwest Region – No recommendations
 - c) Southern Region – No recommendations
 - d) South Central Region – Have a special committee appointed to deal with the IWWF licensing. Potential members Robert Howerton, Mark Crone, Nate Boudreaux, Jeff Clark...
 - e) Western Region – No recommendations but THANK YOU to Jeff Surdej for his years of service!
- 21) Old Business – No old business
- 22) New Business – No new business
- 23) Time & Date of Next Meeting
- a) January 29, 2022 – (Auburndale) – 8am – Non opposed
- 24) Adjourn – Motion - Lyman/ Doug - Adjourned

Summer BOD Meeting Nominating committee report
Wednesday August 4, 2021

The biggest news from AWSA's nominating committee is that Jeff Surdej is not seeking another term as president of AWSA. Jeff has been a very hard working and productive president every year he's been serving and we as a group are going to miss his energy and leadership.

Having been the chair and only active member of the nominating committee since 2007 I too would like to be replaced on this committee and I'll look to do so in the 2022 season, once the new president is elected.

The following people are currently listed as the Nominating committee members:

MW - Emily Dammeyer

SO – Keith Lindemulder

SC – Kelly Kohler

East – John Wilkins.

West – Barry Young (Chair)

With thanks to Kate Knafla I learned this spring that our bylaws call for a full committee aligning with other committees within AWSA. In the past 13 years I've never run it this way.

As an action item I'm asking that each region and the AAC prioritize and name members on this committee, and name a name a new chair, so we as a group can do a better job searching and nominating officers to serve on the AWSA Board moving forward.

Currently the list of nominees for AWSA officers for the 2022 ski year are as follows:

President:	Lyman Hardy
VP:	Kate Knafla
Treasure	Cynthia Logan
Secretary:	Delaina Downes
Chairman of Board:	Keith Lindermulder

Between the writing of this report and the vote at the Board meeting nominations remain open and there may be additional people added to this list for vote.

Thank you,

Barry Young
Nominating committee Chair

Board of Directors Quarterly Call (Q2 2021)
July 28, 2021, 1 p.m. ET
Virtual Call

BOD In attendance:

Voting

Bob Archambeau, President
Jerry Bautsch, AWSA
Don Bucher, AWSA
Sam Dubbs, ABC (for Tina McCauley)
Michael Flynn, Independent Director
Joel Johanningmeier, NSSA, Secretary/Treasurer
Christy Kingsmill, NCWSA
Jason Lee, AAC
Gerry Luiting, NSSA
Doug Ribley, NSSA
Cheryl Ruston, NWSRA

Non-Voting

Nate Boudreaux, Executive Director (non-voting)
Jim Grew, Past President/Honorary National Director (non-voting)
Ed Hickey, USA-WSF (non-voting)
Kevin Michael, WSIA (non-voting)
Doug Robbins, Board Chairman (non-voting)

Guest

Scott Atkinson, USA-WSWS

BOD not in attendance:

Andrew Adkison, USOPC/AAC
Connie Bergmark, AWSA
Charlie Buckley, USHA
Tim Cullen, Immediate Past President (non-voting)
Alex Lauretano, AAC
Tina McCauley, ABC
Matt Oberholtz, USA-AWSWS
Connor Poggetto, AAC
Dave Rezin, AAC
Dale Stevens, VP
Kenny Stuart, AKA
Cathy Williams, USA-WB

BOD Call Minutes

Boudreaux took roll, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m. ET and turned the floor over to Archambeau as Robbins was running late. Archambeau thanked the board for attending.

Boudreaux gave a headquarters update via PowerPoint referencing the written update below.

Ruston asked about Safe Sport training and if members would be receiving email notifications when training is due. Boudreaux answered that the new membership system will send cadenced reminders about Safe Sport training similar to that for membership renewals (30 days, 14 days, 7 days, 3 days and 1 day from expiration).

Boudreaux asked the board if anyone had questions regarding the 2Q financials which were shared prior to the call. No specific questions were asked.

Johaningmeier gave a brief treasurer's report echoing Boudreaux's comments about the organization's solid financial status and encouraged board members to read the budget/finance notes that accompanied the financials.

Hickey gave an update on the USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Foundation (USA-WSF). He praised Polk County Sports Marketing (PCSM) for hosting (and live streaming) the very successful April 24 Hall of Fame ceremony and the opening of the water ski museum display at the Polk County Visitors Center. Hickey added that USA-WSF's treasurer Dennis Longo has made tremendous progress with the finances by straightening out insurance, banking and accounting issues which has saved the organization thousands of dollars. USA-WSF is now well-positioned to pursue its mission. USA-WSF and PCSM are now planning a Hall of Fame Induction and banquet to be held March 5, 2022 at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland, Fla. Since the first-time virtual offering was such a success, USA-WSF will continue this practice. USA-WSF's scholarship program, another key part of its mission, has expanded considerably this past year thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers. USA-WSF is defending itself in a lawsuit filed by David L. Hunter regarding charitable naming rights to the uncompleted Lake Myrtle Sports Complex in Auburndale, Fla. USA-WSF now has legal counsel from Kyle Tate who has agreed to represent USA-WSF without an up-front cost. USA-WSF is also dealing with challenges in its lease agreement with Correct Craft for the cable park, restaurant and pro shop constructed by USA-WSF at Lake Myrtle. USA-WSF borrowed from a bank to complete all of its obligations under the lease agreement after David L. Hunter failed to make donations in accordance with his Charitable Gift Agreement. Correct Craft voiced its desire to terminate the 20-year lease in late 2019, less than a year into the agreement but then reversed direction and decided to stay. The lessor/lessee relationship continues to be contentious. The income from the current lease does not cover the monthly loan payments. Correct Craft currently uses USA-WSF's property and parking that are not included in the lease agreement and refuses to enter into an agreement to lease this additional property. USA-WSF has listed all of its Lake Myrtle property for sale. Correct Craft showed interest in purchasing it and made an offer. The company subsequently reversed direction and withdrew the offer after obtaining an "appraisal" that showed a 35% decline in the property value from 2018 to 2021.

Archambeau encouraged Sports Disciplines to alert headquarters of any leadership changes that may be taking place at regional or national meetings (e.g., new directors, EVPs, etc.)

Robbins asked if any Sports Disciplines had specific updates and/or info on how summer events were going. Kingsmill said that collegiate membership should begin to tick up with the upcoming fall collegiate events. Johanningmeier was pleased at the turnout of show ski teams at the Wisconsin State Show Ski tournament. Ribley said the entries for the upcoming D1 and D2 Show Ski Nationals are trending well and both events will include several individuals acts in addition to team competition.

Boudreaux reminded the board that both the D1 and D2 Show Ski Nationals and the AWSA Nationals will be live streamed on www.usawaterski.org.

Boudreaux concluded the meeting at 2:10 p.m. ET.

(See written HQ update and financials below)

USA-WSWS BOD Quarterly Call Update – July 2021

Administration

- **Membership System** - New Integress membership and learning management system (LMS) testing still ongoing. We are likely looking at a September launch (after the busy Nationals month in August). You can review the membership registration staging area, MembersOnly dashboard and LSM staging area below.
 - Membership: <https://staging-portal.integrasssports.com/memberregistration>
 - Membership Dashboard:
 - ID: 800182227
 - Password: Member2@2!
 - LMS: <https://staging-lms.integrasssports.com/>
 - ID: nboudreaux@usawaterski.org
 - Password: Watersk!21
- **Kyle Tate/Brenda Nichols lawsuit and grievance vs. USA-WSWS** - A grievance and lawsuit were filed in early June by Tate and Nichols alleging several unsubstantiated claims against members of the Judicial Committee from incidents that happened in 2018. The grievance is unique in that it names the chair as well as members of the Judicial Committee, an AWSA director and the USA-WSWS Executive Director. Since the parties who normally handle grievances are being grieved against (Judicial Chair and Executive Director), Bob Archambeau is naming an interim judicial committee chair to move the internal grievance complaint forward. The interim chair will work with an independent legal firm to appoint a disinterested hearing panel. Steve Smith, a Colorado Springs based attorney who specializes in NGB litigation, has been retained by USA-WSWS to assist with the complaint. Steve Smith has responded to Tate's initial grievance explaining he did not follow the USA-WSWS bylaws when submitting his grievance/lawsuit. The grievance is first heard internally, then by a USOPC arbiter and then a lawsuit (if applicable). Currently our D&O policy has indicated it will defend the organization if there is eventual litigation; however, it does not apply to defending an internal grievance. Still waiting on the GL policy to make a determination. We would prefer the GL policy take the lead if there is eventual litigation as there is no deductible on that policy while the D&O policy carries a \$25,000 deductible.
- **Leopoldus Law Firm** - Contracted with a law firm (Leopoldus Law based in California) to assist Jeff Smith/Jeff Clark and bylaws committee with USOPC and Safe Sport audit revisions in addition to developing a checklist document for internal grievance claims and/or other internal investigations. The cost is minimal - \$3,000 in 2020 and \$2,000 in 2021. The attorney at Leopoldus who is assisting is a former USOPC auditor and will greatly assist our volunteers in making needed revisions to various USA-WSWS policies to stay compliant with the USOPC. The firm also has a list of disinterested volunteers (other attorneys) who are willing to serve on any USA-WSWS grievance hearing panels (e.g., Tate/Nichols grievance).

- **Human Resources** - Hired Frances (Fran) Buchanan as Business Operations Manager (starts Aug. 1) to replace Jessica Modrak who is leaving USA-WSWS to attend graduate school. Reviewed 107 resumes, conducted nine 30-minute meet-and-greet interviews, five hour-long final interviews and three staff interviews. Fran is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and received a Master of Science in Sport and Entertainment Management degree from the University of South Carolina. She spent the last three years with PGA of America serving as Volunteer Operations Coordinator for various PGA Championship events.
- **U.S. Coast Guard Grant** - We were informed in early July that our application for funding (for development of a towed water sports specific boating safety course) from the U.S. Coast Guard was not accepted. Had a very positive discussion with the grant administrators on how to improve our application in hopes of receiving funding in the future.

Finances

- **Expense Reduction** - Trimmed operating expenses by **21.8 percent** (\$1,564,743 to \$1,222,997) from 2019 to 2021 saving the organization **\$341,746** over a three-year span.
- **Additional Revenue** (Grants and Federal Assistance) - Over a three-year period from 2019 to 2021, secured a total of **\$468,602** in grant funding and federal assistance for the organization.

Total Grant & Government Funding Secured

2019

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| • | Women’s Sports Foundation (Learn to Ski event) | \$5,000 |
| • | Florida Sports Foundation (Learn to Ski event) | \$2,500 |
| | 2019 Total: | \$7,500 |

2020

- | | | |
|---|--|------------------|
| • | USOPC Administrative Grant (staff/accounting firm) | \$50,000 |
| • | USOPC Covid-19 Relief Grant (Operations/Elite Athlete Grant) | \$32,400 |
| • | USOPC Digital Media Agreement (move to new website) | \$50,000 |
| ○ | USOPC covered cost of cyber insurance | \$3,200 |
| • | PPP Loan #1– First Home Bank (fully forgiven) | \$95,500 |
| | 2020 Total: | \$231,100 |

2021

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| • | USOPC Administrative Grant (staff/accounting firm) | \$50,000 |
| • | USOPC Digital Media Agreement (move to new website) | \$50,000 |
| • | Connect Sports Event Grant (distributed to SDs) | \$5,000 |
| • | PPP Loan #2 First Home Bank (will be fully forgiven) | \$95,500 |
| • | Employee Retention Credit | \$29,502 |

2021 Total: \$230,002

Three-Year Grant, USOPC & Government Funding Total: \$468,602

Membership

- Total members as of June 30 is **12,528**
 - 3,959 individual active
 - 1,310 family head of household
 - 3,517 family active (spouse and dependents)
 - 2,354 under 25 active
 - 538 grassroots active
 - 165 Ambassador/Life active
 - 342 supporting
 - 340 Ambassador/Life supporting

Membership Marketing

- **Sports Engine** - Worked with Sports Engine to add water skiing to their list of sports on their website. Sports Engine is owned by NBC, and they will be promoting this site extensively throughout the Olympics on NBC, the Olympic Channel, and their various streaming channels. The idea behind the site is to give parents different options for youth sports in their communities - <https://www.sportsengine.com/water-skiing>.
- **100th Anniversary of Water Skiing** - USA-WSWS is partnering with Polk County Sports Marketing on a number of initiatives around the 100th anniversary in 2022 to include an expanded Awards Banquet (Gala), 100th themed branding at all National Championships, commercials for live stream events and social media, membership growth incentives, themed editions of *The Water Skier* magazine, goodie bags for Get on the Water Week and Basic Skills clinics, goodie bags for competitors at National Championships, various year-long giveaways of and contests for official 100th Anniversary merchandise. The September 2021 soft launch of the celebration includes the logo reveal, a teaser social media campaign counting down to 2022, an early bird preview flash sale of 100th Anniversary merchandise items, and an announcement in the fall issue of *The Water Skier*. We are also sending a request to our Sport Disciplines, USA-WSWS Clubs, USA-WSWS National Championships LOCs, sponsors, and industry allies to add the 100th Anniversary logo to their websites, social media platforms, event collateral (backdrops, posters, bibs, etc.). PCSM is investing more than \$50,000 in the initiative including \$12,500 directly to USA-WSWS for various marketing items.
- **Get on the Water Week** - Second annual membership promotion concluded in early July. Clubs were given free sanctioning and guest memberships for hosting a free clinic to introduce more people to the sport. Received 619 registrations for 25 free Basic Skills clinics hosted by 25 clubs across the country (55.17% of participants surveyed expressed

interest in joining their local club after the event). One club indicated that they gained 10 new club members from *Get on the Water Week*.

- Get on the Water Week Full Recap - <https://usawaterski.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/EZP9ngXhd5dHop9VFm2CdfAB9O4nBhLeP7MQXQ66RvGOTQ?e=B1fphM>

Sponsorship

- Working on MasterCraft renewal (expired June 30, 2021).
- Reaching out, with an introduction to USA-WSWS, to a list of RV, Truck, Gas/Petroleum and Hard Selzer companies (received 150+ contacts from Sponsor United that we are currently inputting into Salesforce).
- Working with Xero Shoes to introduce the brand to 6-8 top water ski and wakeboard athletes. Athletes will get product to see if they like it. Could open the door to a larger value in kind (VIK) opportunity for USA-WSWS to outfit our various National Teams (Xero Shoes has a similar relationship with US Artistic Swimming).
- Pitching/In the pipeline that receive communication at least once every few weeks are Progressive Insurance, Zero Off, ToYou Bars, Herbalife, Forrest T Jones (Liberty Mutual Insurance), So Good So You, Roswell Marine, Wet Sounds, Airhead, Kicker Audio, Hit it H2O, Zup Boards, Body Glove.
- Secured an additional partnership agreement from PCTSM (\$12,500) for promotion of the 100th Anniversary of Water Skiing (to cover costs of promotional items, signage, etc.).

Compliance / Safe Sport

- Working with Jeff Clark and Jeff Smith along with the new law firm to make final revisions to Bylaws and Policy and Procedures documents for USOPC Certification Review (due August 6). The Certification review occurs every four years and is needed to be recognized by the USOPC as a sport NGB.
- Continuing to develop a Safe Sport communication plan to members.
 - Created a Q&A video that was emailed to all members and highlighted on social media channels - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CATJvoAeglk&t=2s>.
 - Will be developing an animation “explainer video” in Q3/Q4 that will be used to help explain the board’s decision to implement Safe Sport training and what members need to do (received a \$4,000 grant from the USOPC to produce this video via Next Day Animations).

Misc.

- **Elite Athlete Development Grant** - Part of the USOPC COVID Relief Grant of \$32,400 from 2020. Per the USOPC, half was used for business operations (\$16,200 in 2020) and the other half for an Elite Athlete Development Grant (\$16,200 in 2021). Awarded 18 athletes a grant amount of \$900 each for training, entry fees, travel, etc. Athletes

represented AWSA, USA Wakeboard and Adaptive Sport Divisions. Will look to potentially continue the program with USA-WSWS funds in 2022 and beyond.

- **Connect Sports Grant** - Received a \$5,000 grant from Connect Sports, an organization that connects rights holders (NGBs) to cities to host various sporting events. The grant is restrictive to 2021 events with a focus on event operations. They understood that Covid had a significant impact on sports events last year and wanted to help jump start events for 2021. The funds were distributed to various Sports Disciplines to assist with 2021 National Championship event operations:

NSSA	\$1,500 (\$750 for D1 Nationals and \$750 for D2 Nationals)
AWSA	\$1,500 (Goode Nationals and US Open – hosted by same LOC in same week)
Barefoot	\$500 (National Championship)
Ski Racing	\$500 (National Championship)
Collegiate	\$500 (National Championship)
Wakeboard	\$500 (PanAm Cable Championship)

Note that there were no national events for Adaptive, Kneeboard or Hydrofoil.

- **Sony Music Copyright Complaint** - Dealing with a law firm representing Sony Music demanding a monetary settlement over a copyright issue with 25-plus show ski YouTube videos on the USA-WSWS YouTube Channel. All videos have been removed (or set to private), and we will look for a way to house them behind the membership wall in the future. Our current music licenses with ASCAP and BMI are for “live events” and do not include broadcast (TV or stream) performances. The license for recorded performances could grow to the tens of thousands in costs. We will continue to host these live streams on our website but after the shows, the archive will not be available to the public on Facebook or YouTube but rather behind the membership wall.
- Ben Groen barefoot water skiing push up video was featured on ESPN SportsCenter’s Twitter feed on May 18. SportsCenter has over 37.7 MILLION followers on Twitter. <https://twitter.com/SportsCenter/status/1394491870449971214>

**AMERICAN WATER SKI ASSOCIATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMER BOARD MEETING REPORT**

Exec met in early June, below is a summary of the meeting. A new exec will be chosen in early fall and a date and place of the winter exec meeting will be determined by the president.

A. NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

- a. U.S. Junior Open
 - i. 2021-SMRR June 26,27-fact sheet out – ready to go
 - ii. 2022 Bids - Accepted Bel Aqua's bid
 - iii. 2023 – bids due November 30, 2021 (we have one from Stillwaters, WI)
- b. Nationals
 - i. 2021 – Waters Edge – getting ready
 - Skiers will have choice of slalom line
 - Practice will go live July 1, need to be entered to book practice time slot
 - RV parking happening – information will be going out shortly
 - 1. Webcast – funding came through and is a go
 - 2. US Open – is back – Prelims will be the Open events in the National Tournament
 - Finals will be Friday night
 - International skiers will be allowed to ski in the prelim round to qualify for Finals
 - a. Entry Fees – Discussion on LOC keeping the entry fees for the US Open which will help with prize money
 - EC supports LOC keeping the US Open Fees
 - Contact with USAWSWS will need to be renegotiated
 - ii. 2023 Bids – West Palm is the only bid and will be voted on at the August meeting
- c. 2021 IWWF Events – Athlete
 - i. Junior and U21 Worlds-Cory's-August 22-29
 - ii. Senior Worlds-France-Sept 13-19 – CANCELED
 - iii. Pan Am Championships-Late October – Mexico
 - iv. Elite Worlds-Travers October 11-17
- d. Other Bids
 - i. 2021 Can am – it's a go – Canada will have a team
 - Dates: August 28-29
 - Location: Sky View, North Carolina
 - US will be supplying all officials

B. TEAM FUNDRAISING

- a. Elite is funded in the budget
- b. U14, U17, U21 Worlds – Discussion how to distribute funds
 - Prioritize oversea tournaments over local US Tournaments

Staffing - U17, U21 – same staff
Stipend for the team including staff
U21 will be used up the funds in the budget
U17 will use half of the funds in the budget this year

C. STRATEGIC PLANNING

- a. Promo Boat Strategy
 - Good feedback from Manufacturers about \$25 per hour for events
 - West – using more personal boats
 - Question about whether the money will be distributed to the Promo owners
 - Question about the incentive going to wrong place??? Manufacturer vs. Promo owner

Jeff,

Ski Wisconsin would like to be considered for the 2021 Jr US Open.

We would hold the tournament at Stillwaters in Oconomowoc.

We hosted the Jr US Open in 2019. We have also held three cash prize open tournaments and cash prize amateur tournaments.

Please let me know if there are any other specifics we can provide.

January 21, 2021

Mr. Jeff Surdej

President of the American Water Ski Association

Jeff

The Ski Club of the Palm Beaches would like to place a letter of intent for the 2023/2024 National Water Ski Championships. We would once again be honored to host this event and look forward to great skiing being held at Okeeheelee Park in West Palm Beach.

Sincerely

Charlotte Melchers

Ski Club of the Palm Beaches

Tournament Director

561-373-2684

President Report

Most of my report will be verbal, I will be stepping down and I want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity.

Financial Statement Notes:

- 1 **Contributions for Teams**, at \$2,289, is approx. \$500 less than this time last year.
- 2 **General Support from USAWS-WS**, at \$23,605, is just slightly less than Budget.
- 3 **National Entry Fee** - after conclusion of the Nationals.
- 4 **Regional Support for Junior Development**, at \$1,500.00, is \$250 more than last year at the request of Tony Drake.
- 5 **Membership Expense**, at \$500, is considerably under Budget.

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Bill	02/06/2021	email-J. Surdej	Florida Southern Water Ski Team	nwsa-awsa contest 2020	200.00
Bill	02/06/2021	email-J. Surdej	Sun Devil Water Ski Club, Inc.	nwsa-awsa contest 2020	100.00
Bill	02/06/2021	email-J. Surdej	Alabama Waterski	nwsa-awsa contest 2020	300.00
					<u>600.00</u>

Awards:	AWSA Nationals Crystal	\$	4,081.85	Expense
	US Open Women's Cash Prize	\$	3,000.00	Donation-Jim Grew
		\$	<u>1,081.85</u>	Net

- 7 **Officials Maintenance**, at \$140.97, is for BOD Background Screening.

- 8 **Meeting Expenses:** No in-person meetings. Balance is **Pink Sheet Scoring Pad Inventory** balance.

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Bill	03/25/2021	14031	Minuteman Press	300 Trick Sheet Scoring Pads-100 Sheets per pad	930.01
Check	05/26/2021		Bank OZK Debit Card	Jeff Surdey USPS	22.59
Deposit	06/02/2021	1271	Scott Stuart Mc Nerney	Postage for Pink Sheets ? - Scott Mc Nerney, CA	-22.59
Deposit	07/15/2021	1046	K. M. Mason	Pink Sheets (20 PKS)	-60.00
Deposit	07/28/2021	7797	Darr W. Leutz	Pink Sheets (20 Pads)	-62.50
Deposit	07/28/2021	5604	Minnesota Water Ski Association	Pink Sheets (16 Pads)	-50.00
Deposit	07/28/2021	2738	San Marcos River Ranch POA, Inc.	Pink Sheets	-70.00
					<u>687.51</u>

- 9 **Travel:** Zero to date.

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Scoring Website: Slightly above Budget.

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Bill	01/09/2021	2486	Mad River Consulting	Dave Allen Scoring System-waterskiresults.com (\$500) + 2 Gigs adde	515.00
Bill	04/21/2021		eLion Software Solutions	2021 License for Waterski Scoring Software-500.00 Euro	625.75
Bill	07/09/2021	1712814	via email Floyd McCreight	Renewal-CE Module for Scorers-Testmoz Account	50.00
					<u>1,190.75</u>

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Bank Service / Credit Card Fees, at \$118.67, is composed of wire transfer to eLion = \$50 and 3% Credit Card Fee on Team Donations.

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Uniform Inventory: Total Inventory Cost = \$4561.65. Reimbursement: \$2165.50. Remaining Inventory: \$2,396.15

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
Bill	06/25/2019				2,841.35
Deposit	07/02/2019		Peaches Boutique	USA Team Uniforms to be sold for \$100.	-100.00
Deposit	07/02/2019			Uniforms	-100.00
Deposit	07/02/2019			uniforms	-100.00
Bill	07/25/2019	8869759	Peaches Boutique	Team USA Uniforms - 2nd order	1,720.30
Deposit	07/30/2019	1705	Jeff Surdej	2 uniforms	-200.00
Deposit	07/30/2019	1702	Jeff R Surdej	2 uniforms	-200.00
Deposit	07/30/2019	2926	Dana Garcia	uniform	-100.00
Deposit	07/30/2019	1022	Jody Johnson	track suit donations	-1,600.00
Deposit	09/10/2019	1718		Uniforms	-100.00
Deposit	09/10/2019	1716		Uniforms	-100.00
Deposit	09/13/2019	22047		Uniforms	-100.00
Bill	09/18/2019	1852		Uniforms	-100.00
Bill	09/18/2019	20059144A	Peaches Boutique	Uniforms	670.50
Bill	09/29/2019	20059144	Peaches Boutique	Uniforms	281.50
Deposit	10/04/2019	1771	Jeff R Surdej	Uniforms	982.50
Deposit	07/28/2021	6502	Shannon Reese	Uniform	-100.00
Deposit	07/28/2021	2148	Jeff Surdej	Warmups	-200.00
				Uniforms	-1,100.00
					<u>2,396.15</u>

**USA WS American Water Ski Association
Budget vs Actual July 31, 2021**

	AWSA General		35 + Fund (RTF)		Elite Team Fund (RTF)		**U14 (RTF)		U17 Fund (RTF)		U21 Fund (RTF)		**Other Team Restricted Funds		Actual
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	
Begin Balance 1/1/21		86607.61	849.79	7450.89	8971.67	10978.81	4324.13	0.00							119182.90
Income															
Contributions		435.00	123.00	100.00	820.00	536.00	275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2289.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2289.00
Unrestricted Fund Dist 12/31/21															0.00
General Support	23670.00	23605.00									23670.00				23605.00
Interest Income	50.00	36.73									50.00				36.73
National Entry Fee	13500.00	0.00									13500.00				0.00
Regional Support	1500.00	1500.00									1500.00				1500.00
Team Support - Auction Items															0.00
Total Team Support	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	38720.00	25576.73	0.00	100.00	820.00	536.00	275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38720.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27430.73
Expense															
Awards / U.S. Open	7000.00	1081.85									7000.00				1081.85
Memberships/USAWS	5000.00	600.00									5000.00				600.00
Directors Insurance	600.00	626.40									600.00				626.40
Officials Maintenance	500.00	140.97									500.00				140.97
Meeting Expenses (Pink Sheets)	2000.00	687.51									2000.00				687.51
Travel	1500.00	0.00									1500.00				0.00
Scoring Website	1000.00	1190.75									1000.00				1190.75
Bank Service/Credit Card Fees	0.00	118.67									0.00				118.67
Uniforms (paydown of inventory)	0.00	-1300.00									0.00				-1300.00
Nationals Webcast	5000.00	-1430.00									5000.00				-1430.00
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	0.00									0.00				0.00
Team Expenses	0.00	0.00									0.00				0.00
Elite PA World Team	25000.00	0.00									25000.00				0.00
Programming	1500.00	0.00									1500.00				0.00
Total Expense	49100.00	1716.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1716.15
Net Income	-10380.00	23860.58	0.00	100.00	820.00	536.00	275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-10380.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25714.58
Ending Balance 07/31/21		110468.19	972.79	7550.89	9791.67	11514.81	4599.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	144897.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	144897.48
Notes:															
**Other Team Restricted Fund Balances 07/31/21															
Physician	3,463.24														25714.58
Can Am Team	-														-16842.27
MW Genl Team	-														8872.31
World Games	-														
Unallocated Team Funds	-														
PanAm Funds	-														
Total	3,463.24														

****Junior Development Funds held in AWSA Bank Accounts

Balance Dec 31, 2020	16,724.83
Income	1,500.00
Expenses	(18,342.27)
Balance July 31, 2021	(117.44)

Net Inc. Above: 25714.58
 JD Net: -16842.27
 Net Inc. OB: 8872.31

NOTE - Assets in Bank = 149,378.24

NOTE**Accrued Exp - Membership \$6930

13 Nationals Webcast, at \$(1,430), pending 2nd payment to TWBC upon completion of Nationals.

Goal:	\$	25,000.00
From GoFndMe:	\$	13,140.00
USAWS-WS	\$	5,000.00
AWSA Regions	\$	2,500.00
	\$	20,640.00
TWBC 1st payment	\$	(14,210.00)
TWBC 2nd payment +/- equals:	\$	(11,430.00)
	\$	(25,640.00)
AWSA Expense per Budget	\$	(5,000.00)

14 Team Expenses: None to date.

15 Junior Development: A deficit at 7/31/21, however, the Fund is normally replenished thru Nationals Banquet Ticket Sales and Silent Auction.

Fund Balance	\$	16,724.83
1/1/2021	\$	1,500.00
Income	\$	18,342.27
Expense	\$	(117.44)
7/31/2021, Deficit	\$	(117.44)

Please ask Tony Drake.

16 Other:

Accounts Receivable =	\$	-
Accrued Membership Exp =	\$	6,930.00
Assets in Bank =	\$	149,378.24

Dana Garcia
PanAm Representative for the U.S.
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310-721-1158
PAN AM REPORT

To: AWSA Board and Regional Councils

From: Dana M. Garcia
Pan Am Representative for the U.S.
IWWF TC Representative for the Pan Am Region

Date: July 26, 2021

RE: Pan Am and IWWF Report

I. World Title Events – 2021

- A. The 2020 Over 35 World Championships in France
 - 1. Cancelled by organizer. The 2020 Event will not occur.
 - 2. It is likely the organizer will be awarded the 2022 Over 35 World Championships. To be held at the same site and similar date.
 - 3. Baurech Lake in France
- B. U17 & U21 Worlds at Pickos Waterski School in Santa Rosa Beach Florida
 - 1. Dates: Aug 22nd thru Aug 29th 2021
 - 2. Bulletin Link; <https://iwwf.sport/u17u21worlds/>
 - 3. The event is moving forward as planned
- C. Elite World Championships at Jack Travers Waterski School in Groveland Florida
 - 1. Dates: October 11th thru October 17th 2021
 - 2. Bulletin Link: <https://iwwf.sport/waterskiworlds2021/>
 - 3. The event is moving forward as planned

II. Pan Am Games 2023- Santiago Chile

- A. The 2023 Pan Am Games will include 3 Event Waterskiing & Wakeboard
- B. Dates: October 2023
- C. Bulletin: <https://www.panamsports.org/sport-events/santiago-2023-panamerican-games/>

III. Pan Am Championships 2021: Open Division, U21, U17, U14, and +35,+45,+55,+65 Divisions

- A. Chapala Mexico- Boca Laguna
- B. Senior Dates: October 28 – 31, 2021
- C. Open, U14, U17, U21 Dates: November 4-7, 2021
- D. Bulletins:
 - 1. <http://www.iwsf.com/panamnews/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Bulletin-1-IWWF-2020-Pan-Am-Championships-U14-U17-U21-Open.pdf>
 - 2. <http://www.iwsf.com/panamnews/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Bulletin-1-IWWF-2021-Pan-Am-Championships-Senior-35-45-55-65....pdf>
- E. Rules: <http://www.iwsf.com/panamnews/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Pan-American-Waterski-Championship-Policy-and-Rules-for-All-Divisions.pdf>

IV. Elite Points Replaced by Pro Tour Points – Waterski Pro Tour

- A. New Pro Tour Website: <https://www.waterskiprotour.com/>
- B. Tournament Sanction Requests are still located in the prior “Elite Portal” <http://www.iwsfranking.com/2018/18EliteSanctionRequest.php>
- C. A sub-committee has been seated to handle Rules and other Technical Issues. This committee is to report directly to the IWWF TC.
- D. See Attachment #1- Current Pro Tour Rules + Point Framework
- E. See Attachment #2- Minutes from first Pro Tour Committee Meeting

V. World Waterski Council Recent Meetings and Highlights

- A. See Attachment #3- Minutes from WTC May 12&13 2021
- B. See Attachment #4 – Minutes from WTC May 21 2021
- C. See Attachment #5 – Minutes from WTC June 22 2021
- D. Highlights
 - 1. Trick Rope Release – Prior language, which for some reason had been removed, was put back in- disallowing manipulation of the trick release.
 - 2. BPMS and all of the Rules/Re-Ride Situations was initially mandatory for Elite/Pro Events- this requirement has been removed.
 - 3. Request to remove the Mandatory Requirement of BPMS at World Title Events this Summer- this is still pending discussion and vote.

VI. Pan Am Judges and Scorers

- A. The New Pan Am Judges Test has been fully implemented online.
- B. Retesting has been moving along
- C. The Rating is Good for 5 Years, and then a re-test is required. A judge must also participate in at least 2 tournaments every 2 years (5 tournaments every 5 years)
- D. Please see Harmonization of Officials in the IWWF Rule Book 3.06
 - 1. Level 1 Judge = Pan Am Judges
 - 2. Level 1 Scorer = Pan Am Scorer
 - a) *This is only needed if you wish to score at a World Championships*
 - b) *This rating is NOT needed for any other type of event, even a Pro Event.*
- E. Pan Am Score Test
 - 1. Ready for testing
 - 2. Comprised of an online Test and a Practical
 - 3. This is only needed if you want to officiate at a World Title Event, otherwise it is not necessary. I suggest only those interested in all 3 – Slalom/Trick/Jump apply.

VII. IWWF Rule Book Version 3

<http://www.iwsf.com/rules/2021/World%20Waterski%20Rules%202021-V3.pdf>

VIII. IWWF EMS- Event Management System

- A. Link: <https://ems.iwwf.sport/>
- B. Purchase Your License by logging onto the portal and creating your “Login”
- C. An annual license is \$25/year
- D. Licensing supports World Title Events
- E. A license is required for all athletes wishing to ski in L and R events.
- F. A license must be purchased before the event.
- G. By next year, the Ranking Lists “should” be managed on EMS.

Waterski Pro Tour + Points Framework

The Waterski Pro Tour

The Waterski Pro Tour is a yearly series of water ski events in the disciplines of slalom, jump and trick, competed in by both men and women. Each discipline will have its own Tour Leaderboard for men and women that will be updated throughout the year. This will culminate with the end of year Pro Standing in which placements for the season are finalized and a Champion is crowned in each discipline.

Pro Points

Each event on the Waterski Pro Tour will award Pro Points to the competing skiers in accordance with their final competitive position. The number of Pro Points allocated to each position will be determined by each event's respective classification.

Event Classification

Each event will be categorized as belonging to one of nine 'Star' or two 'Introductory' classifications (11 total classifications) that will determine how many Pro Points are on offer. The classification that each event belongs to relies on a variety of factors including financial prize budget, webcast etc.

A first time event can start at any of the 11 classifications.

Star Classification Events

Star Classification Events are required to provide all of the following:

- Webcast
- Live Web-Based Scoring System (Waterski Scoring software)
- Tournament Bibs
- IWWF Ratified GPS boat path monitoring (for applicable disciplines - currently just slalom)

Beyond these requirements the Star Classification will be defined by amount of prize money per discipline:

Star Classification	Minimum Prize Money Total per discipline (in USD)
9 Star	48k
8 Star	39k
7 Star	30k
6 Star	24k
5 Star	21k
4 Star	18k
3 Star	15k
2 Star	12k
1 Star (Women disciplines only - legacy system from Elite points)	9k

Introductory Classification Events

Introductory Classification Events are required to provide all of the following:

- Live Web-Based Scoring System (Waterski Scoring software)
- IWWF Ratified GPS boat path monitoring (for applicable disciplines - currently just slalom)

Beyond these requirements the Introductory Classification will be defined by amount of prize money per discipline as displayed in the following table:

Introductory Level Classification	Minimum Prize Money Total per discipline (in USD)
Introductory 2	7.5k
Introductory 1	5k

Introductory Events can only remain at an Introductory classification for the first and second year. After this, the event must upgrade to a 1 Star or higher classification or it will lose Pro Tour status.

If an event starts at Introductory 1, it must move up to Introductory 2 for the second year before again moving to a 1 Star or higher classification for the third year. However, if an event starts at Introductory 2, it may remain at the same classification for the second year before moving up to a 1 Star or higher classification for the third year.

Once an event has reached a 1 Star or higher classification it cannot go down to Introductory.

Differing Classification Levels Within Single Event

Events may have different classifications for different disciplines. In this instance, the event will be categorized as belonging to the relevant classification per discipline.

If the event has multiple Star classification disciplines, they each must be within a single Star classification of one another.

I.e. An event can have a Women's Slalom Prize Purse of \$15,000 (3 Star) and a Men's Slalom Prize Purse of \$12,000 (2 Star).

An event is not permitted to have a Men's Slalom Prize Purse of \$15,000 (3 Star) and a Women's Slalom Prize Purse of \$9,000 (1 Star).

If an event has one or multiple disciplines at a Star classification and one or multiple disciplines at an Introductory classification, there can be any combination of the two (providing the Star classification disciplines are within one Star classification of one another). This is to provide the event with the chance to build prize money for disciplines for the future.

Star Classification Upgrade for Multiple Disciplines in Single Event

If an event contains more than one discipline at a Star classification, the Star classification for each discipline will be upgraded one Star classification from the level they would usually qualify for based on Prize Money. This reflects the added value of having multiple disciplines involved in Tour events in the effort to promote water skiing.

eg. An event with \$12,000 for only men’s slalom would usually qualify for 2 Star classification. If the organiser additionally includes women’s slalom at \$9,000 (usually 1 Star classification), both disciplines are upgraded to 3 and 2 Star respectively.

This classification upgrade only concerns the inclusion of Star classification disciplines. The inclusion of an Introductory discipline will not result in an upgrade in Star level to either discipline. Similarly, the inclusion of more than one Introductory discipline will not receive an upgrade in terms of Pro Tour points.

There is only one single Star level upgrade available per event. The addition of extra disciplines beyond one addition does not result in further upgrades beyond the initial single level upgrade.

Event Competitive Format

Each event may use a competitive format of its choosing. For continuity and simplicity for the viewer, it is encouraged that the format used is taken from the Waterski Pro Tour endorsed format list (see separate document). If a different format is used, it must be outlined in writing and submitted at least 45 days prior to the event for publication and dissemination.

Pro Point Allocation for Each Event Classification

Minimum Prize Money (Per Discipline)	Event Classification										
	48k+	39k	30k	24k	21k	18k	15k	12k	9k	7.5k	5k
Placement	9 Star	8 Star	7 Star	6 Star	5 Star	4 Star	3 Star	2 Star	1 Star	Intro 2	Intro 1
1st	160	130	100	80	70	60	50	40	30	25	16
2nd	128	104	80	64	56	48	40	32	24	20	12
3rd	104	87	66	52	47	40	33	26	20	16	9
4th	80	65	50	40	35	30	25	20	15	12	7
5th	64	52	40	32	28	24	20	16	12	9	5
6th	52	39	30	26	22	18	15	12	9	6	3
7th	38	28	20	19	16	13	10	8	6	3	2
8th	28	22	16	14	12	10	8	6	3	1	1
9th	20	13	11	10	8	6	4	3	2		
10th	16	9	9	8	6	4	3	1	1		
11th	8	4	4	4	4	2	2				
12th	4	2	2	2	2	1	1				
Best Score	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1		

Additional Points for Best Score

The skier who performs the outright best score of a 3 Star or higher classification event, regardless of final placement, is awarded 2 points in addition to any Pro Points awarded for competitive placement. The skier who performs the outright best score of a 2 or 1 Star event is awarded 1 additional point.

The best score can be performed in any round of the event. If multiple skiers tie for best score 0 points are awarded.

Point Allocation for Ties in an Event

Should there be a tie in an event, the Pro Points for that placement and as many further placements as are involved in the tie are added up and divided evenly between all tied skiers. The number of points will be rounded to the nearest whole number.

eg. There is a three way tie for 3rd in a 3 Star event. 33, 25 and 20 are added to make 78 and split to make 26. Each skier in the tie receives 26 points.

Pro Tour Leaderboard/Standing

The Pro Standing/Tour Leaderboard ranks the skiers according to their Pro Point Total. The skier with the highest Pro Point Total is 1st and so on down the list. At the end of the year after the last event, the final Pro Standing reflects each skier's final position. The number 1 ranked skier on the list is crowned Pro Tour Champion.

During the season, when there are still events that can add to a skiers Pro Point Total, the ongoing ranking is called the Pro Tour Leaderboard. At the end of the season when placements have been finalized the ranking is called the Pro Standing.

The Pro Tour Leaderboard and Standing is calculated on a yearly basis starting on the first day of the calendar year. At this point each skier will start with 0 points. Pro Points are added throughout the season immediately upon the completion of each Pro Tour event, updating the Pro Tour Leaderboard.

Skiers Appearing on the Pro Tour Leaderboard/ Standing

Only those skiers who have collected points appear on the Pro Tour Leaderboard or Standing. There is no placement for those with 0 Pro Points.

Ties on Pro Tour Leaderboard/ Standing

If there is a Pro Point Total tie on the Pro Tour Leaderboard at any time during the season the skiers involved remain tied for that place.

If at the end of the season there is a Pro Point total tie involving two or more skiers on the Pro Standing, one further event is taken into account beyond those already involved in the calculation (see calculation criteria below). Should there still be a tie, then as many extra events are taken into account as are needed to break the tie. If a tie still remains it is broken by the best position in a 5 star event, followed by the next 5 star event and so on. If a tie still remains it is broken by the best position in a 4 star event followed by the next 4 star events, then 3 Star and so on.

Seeding in Events

The current Pro Tour Leaderboard (as adjusted after each event) is used for seeding skiers for each Pro Tour event throughout the season. Any ties on the Leaderboard are broken for the seeding with regards to the previous year's final Pro Standing (legacy Elite List for the first year). Tied skiers who did not appear on the previous years Pro Standing are seeded randomly.

For the first Pro Tour event of the season, the previous year's Pro Standing is used for seeding. Skiers who did not appear on the previous years Pro Standing are seeded randomly.

From the second event of the season onwards, those not on the Leaderboard (as they have 0 Pro Points) are seeded with regards to the previous year's Standing. Skiers with 0 Pro Points in the current year who did not appear on the previous years Pro Standing are seeded randomly.

Eg: The end of year Pro Standing for the previous year had Skier A in 1st, Skier B in 2nd and Skier C in 3rd. In the new year Skier B and Skier C enter the first event. Skier B will be top seed with Skier C 2nd seed.

Skier B wins the first event and Skier C comes 2nd. Skier B and C are 1st and 2nd respectively on the updated Leaderboard.

Skier A, Skier B and Skier C all enter the second event. Because Skier B and Skier C have the most points for the current year they are seeded 1 and 2 respectively. Skier A has no points. Skier A will be seeded below all the skiers who were awarded points in the first event (who are therefore on the Pro Tour Leaderboard) but above all the skiers who do not yet have points for the current year.

Skier Pro Point Total Calculation

Not all events are necessarily taken into account when calculating each skier's yearly Pro Point Total that defines their position on the Pro Tour Leaderboard and ultimately Pro Tour Standing.

Only events with \$12,000 or more cash prize per discipline (2 Star or higher, not including those upgraded through hosting multiple disciplines) will affect the total number taken towards the Pro Point Total. Events with less than \$12,000 cash prize per discipline will not affect the number of events taken into account. However, skiers may accumulate points towards their Pro Point Total by competing in these events.

(If \$12,000+ cash prize events count for less than 50% of the total events of the season (not including Introductory events) then events with \$9000 or more but less than \$12,000 will count as if they have \$12,000+ cash prize for calculating how many events that contribute to Pro Point Total.)

Confirmed Number of \$12,000+ per discipline Events Prior to the 1st Event of the Season	Number of Events That Contribute to Pro Point Total
1	1
2 or 3	2
4 or 5	3
6	4
7,8 or 9	5
10 or 11	6
12 or 13	7
14 or 15	8
Etc	

Each season, when the total number of \$12,000+ events is 10 or more, the number of events that are taken into account for the Pro Point Total is half the number of all events plus 1. If there are an odd number of \$12,000+ events, the number of events taken into account is half the number of these events rounded up to the nearest whole number.

When the total number of \$12,000+ events is between 7 and 9, the Pro Point total is taken from 5 events.

When the total number of \$12,000+ events is 5 or 6 the number of events taken into account is 4.

When the total number of \$12,000+ events is 1-3 the number of events taken into account is the same as the number of 2 Star or higher events.

Final Date for Confirmation of Number of Events that affect Pro Point Totals

The number of events that count towards the Skier Pro Point Total for the Pro Tour will be confirmed and finalized at the start of the opening day of the first event of the season. Any events registered after this will not affect the number of contributing events to the Skier Pro Point Total.

Event Sanctioning and Date Registration

No Star classification tour events involving the same discipline can overlap. Once an event is registered no other event may take that date. Introductory classification events may occur simultaneously to one another but cannot overlap with a Star classification event. However, events involving different disciplines may occur simultaneously.

I.e. A Star classification event only involving men's slalom is registered on a certain date. A Star classification event involving only women's slalom may be registered for that date in another part of the world.

All event requests must include Star/ Introductory classification commitment with Prize Money, Webcast plans etc detailed. Prize Money must be detailed in US Dollars.

Organisers may request a date for their event up to one year in advance. The latest date for a request is 45 days in advance of the proposed start of the event. No event registered later than this may be included in the Pro Tour.

Should an already registered event decide to upgrade their Star status (eg. new sponsorship allowing extra Prize Money or other qualifying criterion), it must be requested at least 45 days before the start of the event, in fairness to the skiers and their travel plans. An event can be downgraded to a lower classification due to non-compliance with classification requirements at any time. In this situation, beyond the loss of the previous Star rating for the current year, the event loses any right of refusal protection for the following year.

Organiser Right of Refusal for Date

After the successful execution of a 2 Star or higher event, the organiser has first right of refusal for that date/ weekend of the following year. This right is held up until the end of that calendar year or 6 months prior to the date in question, whichever is first.

Should a different event organiser request the date of a current year event for the following year prior to the expiration of the right of refusal and before the current year organiser has registered, the current year event organiser must either confirm their plan to hold their event within 30 days or before the right of refusal finishes (whichever is first) or surrender the date. No 2 Star or higher event can have its date taken by another event if it is confirmed for the following year within 30 days or before the right of refusal finishes (whichever is first), even if the newly proposed event is of a higher Star classification.

1 Star and Introductory events are given the right of refusal for the same weekend of the following year unless the proposed new event is of a higher classification. In this case the initial event must commit to meet that level of classification or surrender the date. The initial event organiser is given 30 days to confirm their plans.

Skier Access to Tour Events

There is to be no requirement beyond an entry fee and minimum score standard for a skier to enter a Tour event. The exception to this is when an event has a qualification criteria involving an invitation. Currently this exception only includes the US Masters. Any new events that propose such a requirement will have to consult with the WSC in order to acquire Pro Tour status.

Access to Countries Hosting Events

Pro Tour events must be accessible to the field of competitors. Only events where skiers have the ability to enter the country will be allowed to register for the Tour. If a proposed event is to be held in a country with travel sanctions to the point that a significant part of the field will not be able to enter, the event will not be eligible for Tour event status. If a travel restriction comes into place after Tour status has been awarded, Tour status may be taken away.

Glossary

Discipline

A competitive discipline involving one gender. eg Women's slalom.

Event

A tournament at which skiers compete for Pro Points and Prize Money in one or more disciplines.

Event Classification

The Star or Introductory level that each event belongs to based on a variety of factors including financial prize budget, webcast etc.

Pro Points

The points awarded to skiers at Waterski Pro Tour events based on their final competitive placement.

Pro Point Total

The total of each skier's points from a set number of the seasons events that determine placement on the Waterski Pro Tour Leaderboard or Standing.

Pro Tour Leaderboard

The running ranking of skier placement based on Pro Point Total during the season.

Pro Tour Standing

The final ranking of skier placement based on Pro Point Total at the end of a given season.

Minutes of the Waterski Pro Tour Technical Committee
16/07/2021
9 am est
duration approx 2 hours

Attendees

Name	Position	Attendance
Bruce Cockburn	Official AAO	no
Persoons Marie Anne	Official E&A	yes
Nikki Lee	Official PANAM	yes
Matteo Luzzeri	Organizer E&A	no
Rhoni Bischoff	Organizer PANAM	yes
Freddie Winter	Waterski Pro Tour Company rep.	yes
Will Bush	Consulent Technician.	yes
Bob Corson	Consulent Technician	yes
Glen Williams	WSC AAO	no
Candido Moz	WSC E&A	yes
Dana Garcia	WSC PANAM	yes
Neilly Ross	Skier	yes
Rodrigo Miranda	Skier	yes
Ryan Dodd	Skier	yes
Samantha Dumala	Skier	yes
Manon Constard	Skier	yes

Candido opened the meeting stating this group is a Technical Committee responsible for making recommendations to the IWWF TC, the ultimate authority on rules and technical issues.

Candido nominated Dana Garcia as the Chair of this committee and Marie-Anne Persoons as the Secretary. Both positions accepted.

- 1) Entry Fee Cap
 - a) potentially linked to total event cash prize
 - b) left to organizers
 - c) caps on dollar amounts
 - d) Final Decision: Outline **Suggested** Entry Fees within the Pro Point Rules
 - i) Suggested \$300.00 USD for a single event
 - ii) Suggested \$350.00 US for two events
 - iii) Suggested \$400.00 US for two events
 - e) The group thought it best to make suggestions to organizers vs mandates or rules.
- 2) Prize Purse Distribution
 - a) To ensure payout down to 8th place + payout not stacked too aggressively towards the top placements to ensure participation outside of the very top skiers - the basis for compelling competition.

- b) It was suggested the Committee to recommend using the Payout Schedule requested by the Jumpers some years ago.
 - i) Rhoni B. will share the spreadsheet previously provided by the Jumpers.
 - ii) This link will be incorporated into the Pro Point Rules
- 3) Discussion on increasing the number of spots receiving points at individual events
 - a) The current placements go to 10th place for \$9k and \$1k Events, and 12th place for \$12k thru \$48k.
 - b) Arguments for increasing the number to 20 or more
 - i) encourage skiers to attend events, even for small numbers of points
 - c) Arguments for not increasing the numbers
 - i) encourage skiers to achieve a place on the podium at top 12th or 10th place
 - ii) affords the points “Special Status”,
 - d) Final agreement to maintain status quo, however re-visit before next year begins.
 - e) Note: The Leaderboard on the Website will include all skiers with points (any number of points), therefore this list should be much larger.
- 4) Deadline for Organizers to Post their Event and thus play a part in the Final Calculation of Events used for each individual skier. This is not a deadline to participate in the Pro Tour
 - a) Organizers need to be given time to make their plans and put together sponsors, volunteers, and officials
 - b) Skiers require some time to plan their year, as travel can be expensive and demanding.
 - c) **May 1st**. Was the agreed upon deadline date for sponsors to post their intent to hold an event. The requirements of this post will be addressed later in this document.
 - d) An event which originally meets this May 1st deadline with the minimum of \$12,000 in cash prize for specific events (for example Men SL) may increase the cash prize to the specific event, if done 45 days before the event. There is no penalty and additional Stars will be awarded. If an organizer adds prize money after the 45 days, the additional stars will not be awarded.
 - e) Events which register after the May 1st date and 45 days before the start of their event may be awarded Pro Points, pending approval, however the event will not count towards the Final Individual Calculations.
- 5) Event Cancellation Policy
 - a) Does the cancelled event get 'punished' with eg no date priority for the next year or similar and if so how far out does this kick in?
 - b) Decision- this must be on a case by case basis. The committee understands there are many good reasons an organizer must cancel an event.
- 6) Duelling Pro Events on same weekends which might lead an event to cancel due to a lack of participation
 - a) For example, an organizer holds a cash prize event on the same weekend as a Pro Tour Cash Prize Event. The “non Pro Point” event pulls enough skiers away from the original event, causing it’s failure.
 - b) The event which caused the cancellation of the first event will not be awarded Pro Points.
- 7) Can events decrease their cash prize once “confirmed” to avoid cancellation?
 - a) Similar to the cancellation policy above, this should be on a case by case basis.
- 8) Best Score Points- See Bottom of the *Pro Point Allocation for Each Event Table*

- a) Current formula allows the skier to add as many of these “Best Score” Points based on the same number used for the Pro Point Calculation. If 4 scores are used to calculate a skier's points, then 4 “Best Score” point allocations are used.
 - b) Decision- Change to allow the Best Score to tally at every event. If there are 10 events, a skier could potentially earn 10 Best Skier Points.
 - c) This is a marketing strategy designed to encourage skiers to excel against their competition and not just “tie” to “make it in”.
 - d) Note- these bonus points only count if there is a pure winner. If two or more tie for the best score, then no bonus points are awarded.
- 9) Number of accepted skiers outlined by organizer at the outset. Minimum number of skiers accepted at an event. The issue was brought up of an event potentially limiting the number of eligible skiers which would disadvantage many skiers if they did not gain entry to the event. For example a \$21k event which only allowed 5 selected skiers.
- a) Agreement- Add language to the Pro Point Rule Framework which addresses a “fair” entry process
 - b) The solution probably lies in educating organizers vs mandating certain rules.
- 10) Minimum Cash Prize of \$15k is required for Night Jump
- a) Decision- agreed
- 11) Discussion to revisit the Stars and the \$9k case prize Level
- a) Discussion of limiting the influence of \$9k tournaments and how a \$9k addition of a second event increases the stars for a \$12k event but not the money. Jumpers, with their added risk are less inclined to agree with this proposal.
 - b) Example. By adding A \$9k women's jump, the men's event of \$12k is increased to the next star level however the money does not increase. The organizer gains with potentially more skiers while the jumpers take on more risk for the same dollars.
 - c) This will be revisited before the start of next year.
- 12) Organizers must announce event officials - especially drivers.
- a) Agreed- the Organizer must post their officials, including drivers with the first submission.
 - b) Agreed- changes can be made, however the updates should be 45 days before the event and posted.
 - c) The committee will ask the regions (Pan Am, EA, and Oceania) to provide a list of drivers. These will be compiled into one list and then analysed and reviewed with skier input. This list will be made available to organizers as a suggested list of drivers.
- 13) When \$9k events account for more than 50% of tournaments number of contributing events should be less.
- a) Agreed. The Event Calculation should be 50% of the tournaments, maybe even less.
 - b) A new table will be developed for this scenario
 - c) We do not anticipate this situation in 2021.
- 14) Seeding at Events- Enforcement of a Seeding Policy based on Pro Point Leaderboard or other performance based criteria.
- a) Agreed- an event should be allowed to place the prior year's winner as top seed
 - b) Use of the Pro Point Leader board as a suggested method of seeding events
 - c) Allow organizers to use other criteria- it just must be performance based.
 - d) Random seeding is not ideal, as the tie breaking can sometimes use the seeding and cuts to finals matter

15) 2021 Events which have yet to Fully Request Pro Point Status

- a) California Pro Am- Requested Pro Points in a “timely” manner, therefore this event will be included in the Pro Point Calculations
- b) Malibu Open and Mastercraft Pro have not yet fully submitted requests, therefore these events will not be included in the Final Calculation. They can still request Pro Points and Stars up to 45 days before the event.

16) Pro Point Submission Requirements.

- a) It is recommended that the organizer hold spots for the Top “#” of skiers from a chosen eligibility list, and hold said spots until a certain deadline is met. For example the top 20 Men’s Slalom Skiers are encouraged to enter by “deadline”, upon passing of the deadline additional skiers may be entered from “down” the list.
- b) The Committee will review the Organizers submission with diligence and make recommendations/suggestions and approve or disapprove the admission.
- c) Specifics
 - i) Prize Money per event
 - ii) Officials, including drivers
 - iii) dates of events
 - iv) Tournament Format
 - v) Towboat Use
 - vi) Entry Criteria
 - (1) Entry fee
 - (2) Number of Athlete Spots
 - (3) Which list will determine eligibility (Pro Point, IWWF Weekly, IWWF May List)
 - (4) Deadline to enter

Minutes of the WSC meeting 12-13/05/2021

Candido Moz	CM	Geoffrey Kee	GK
Robert Ritter	RR	Bruce Cockburn	BC
Dana Garcia	DG	Manon Costard	MC
Larry Gisler	LG	Donal Connolly	DC
Glen Williams	GW	Inv. Jose Antonio Perez Priego	JA
Richard Carlson	RC		

1. Request of Pro Organiser to not mandatory use BPMS and relative beride rules:

As this is a completely new rule and is creating some controversy, WSC has decided to postpone the mandatory use of BPMS at Pro Events until the end of 2021. It is still recommended to use BPMS as an informational tool and report on it's use should be sent by the Chief Judge to WSC. CM will send a letter to all organiser informing of the changes.

Rule 8.15 will be changed accordingly:

8.15: Boat Path/End Course Video

Boat Path Measurement System

A Boat Path Measurement System, (BPMS) is required for Titled Events (World or Confederation) ~~World Cup and Elite Events~~ during which all passes at 14.25 and shorter must be monitored with applicable tolerances and rules applied.

BPMS is recommended for "R" and "L" events. If used officially in "R" or "L" events, all passes at 11.25 and shorter must be monitored with applicable tolerances and rules applied. If used unofficially (information only) all rules regarding End Course Video must be followed (see BPMS not in use).

When used for information only, the Chief Judge should submit a report to the WSC describing how it was used and what issues – if any – were seen during the event.

BPMS may be RTK-GPS or Video based. The use of RTK-GPS systems is strongly recommended.

2. Request to not mandatory use BPMS and relative beride rules for Titled events:

WSC believe it is premature to take a decision now and should wait one month to take a final decision, during which time additional feedback will be gathered and changes made to the rule if considered necessary.

3. Competition approval on EMS:

WSC believe that all events, apart from the Titled one which are controlled by the IWWF Office, are under the Jurisdictions of the relative Federation and therefore registration/control is always up to them.

4. Homologation verification on EMS:

Each Confederation will control the events happening on their territory. A list of random checks will be made every year and the list will be posted.

For PANAM, it will be requested to Bob if he can assist.

5. Ranking verification on EMS:

Each Confederation will control that the correct competition scores, for the event organised on their territory, will be uploaded to EMS.

For PANAM, it will be requested to Bob if he can assist.

5. The requiring of a Level 1 Scorer at Cash Prize and Elite Events.

In the US, we have run many Elite and Cash Prize Events with a Senior US Scorer. This added level is not feasible and not necessary. I do agree, however, with the Level 1 Requirement to Score World title events

WSC agrees on the request the rule will be changed accordingly:

3.06: Harmonisation of Officials Grades

As there is generally only one Scorer and one Homologator at a competition, standards need to be stringent. Homologators at Cash Prize, Elite and Titled Events must be Level 1. Scorers must be Level 1 at Titled Events and minimum Level 2 at Cash Prize and Elite events. ~~Only Level 1 Scorers and Homologators will be permitted to work at Cash Prize, Elite or Titled events.~~

Minutes of the WSC zoom meeting held on 21/05/2021 – 0:00 Central European Time

Attendance

DC – Donal Connolly
CM – Candido Moz
CD – Christophe Duverger
LG – Larry Gisler
DG – Dana Garcia
JA – Jose Antonio
BC – Bruce Cockburn
RC – Richard Carlson
SF – Sergio Font

Rope Release

Recent competitions have shown the release person deliberately using the rope release (1m rope) to help the skier. This was never the intention of the rule change in 2019.

It was decided unanimously to reinstate in rule 15.12 the wording ***“The release person may not adjust or move the rope in any way to take up slack or allow extra length. He must hold it in one position or release it. Using the rope to intentionally aid the skier will subject the skier to disqualification”.***

This unanimous decision will be posted on May 21st and come into immediate effect.

Qualification for World U17 and U21

Situation for entries for the U17/U21 worlds was discussed.

Deadline for entries is Monday 24th but 2021 Ranking list is not yet available.

It was agreed that it is sufficient to complete the intention to enter (number of skiers) and pay the entry fee by the deadline. Skier names can be entered later with the official entry.

Independents (who do not currently know if they are qualified) will not be penalised for late entry.

Candido has prepared a preliminary list of skiers qualified based on the 2020 Ranking List and scores between May 1, 2020 and April 28, 2021. This will be published on May 21st.

Pro Tour Sub-Committee

As discussions continue between IWWF and the Pro Tour organisers it was decided to create a sub-committee to make essential decisions regarding Pro Events. Candido Moz, Dana Garcia and Glen Williams will start to form the committee and will propose a number of other members.

Minutes of the WSC meeting 22/06/2021

Candido Moz	CM	Manon Costard	MC
Robert Ritter	RR	Jacinta Carrol	JC
Dana Garcia	DG	Ryan Dodd	RD
Larry Gisler	LG	Inv. Jose Antonio Perez Priego	JA
Glen Williams	GW	Inv Bob Corson	BC
Bruce Cockburn	BC		

1. US Open

needs approval as a pro tour. Current rules say does not count in total since application after the closing date

YES as an exceptions

The competition will be considered for the Number of Events that affect Pro Point Totals

2. Pro Team Challenge wants to include MS, WS

initially they proposed that but an existing tournament had that date - since cancelled.

Ms, and WS will be added as an exceptions. This will not be consider as a priority for 2022 event registrations.

The competition will be considered for the Number of Events that affect Pro Point Totals

3. US Masters

A lot bad communications or missing communications has going on and this has create some misunderstanding.

For this reason the US Masters declined to participate in the Pro Tour, however it was brought to our attention during this meeting that the organizer did not contest the use of the event in Pro Point Calculations

WSC agreed to use the final score of the Masters to allocate Pro points.

4. World Championships - included in Pro Tour? Points assigned in each event?

YES as exception for the 2021.

The competition will be considered for the Number of Events that affect Pro Point Totals

The competition will be classified as a 5 star event.

Equal number of points will be allocated for men and women in all 3 events.

The goal is to fully include the Worlds in the Pro tour for the future. (condition that is subject to the awarding of cash prizes).

5. Mastercraft Pro – and Malibu Open

Those 2 events are pending, still missing some information, like prize money etc.

WSC has agreed to include both in the list of events to be considered for the Number of Events that affect Pro Point Totals, only if all missing information will be received by the end of June.

Issue that has araised during the discussion:

Final Date for Confirmation of Number of Events that affect Pro Point Totals
 Events that included Night Jump (points awarded)s
 Entry Fee (set standards)
 Those issue will be adressed to the Pro Tour Committee.

Before leaving the meeting JA has informed the WSC that:
 After a long negotiation, all the problems have been resolved and a company called “Waterski Pro Tour Company”, of which the IWWF is a 25% shareholder, is in the process of being set up.

5. Appointment of the Pro Tour Committee

Selection criteria adopted:

- a) 3 Event Organisers one for each Confederation (AAO, E&A, PANAM)
- b) 3 Experience Official one for each Confederation (AAO, E&A, PANAM)
- c) 3 WSC Members one for each Confederation (AAO, E&A, PANAM)
- d) 2 Consulents Technician
- e) 1 Representative of the Waterski Pro Tour Company
- f) Skiers that represents all the disciplines.

Based on the availabilities that have been sent to the WSC, the following people has been appointed:

Name	email	Position
Bruce Cockburn		Official AAO
Persoons Marie Anne		Official E&A
Nikki Lee		Official PANAM
Bruce Cockburn		Organizer AAO
Matteo Luzzeri		Organizer E&A
Rhoni Bischoff		Organizer PANAM
Freddie Winter		Waterski Pro Tour Company rep.
Will Bush		Consulents Technician.
Bob Corson		Consulents Technician
Glen Williams		WSC AAO
Candido Moz		WSC E&A
Dana Garcia		WSC PANAM
Neilly Ross		Skier
Rodrigo Miranda		Skier
Ryan Dodd		Skier
Samantha Dumala		Skier
Manon Constard		Skier

For the skiers WSC has decide to appointed all those who give their availability.
 A special thanks to all those who have given their availability and who have not been named doe to the selection criteria adopted.

Candido Moz

Towboat Committee Report

August 2021

To: AWSA Board of Directors

From: Will Bush
George Lindy

ACTION ITEM:

Towboat Damage

As a result of a recent towboat damage incident in the Southern Region, and discussions with the towboat manufacturer, the Towboat Committee is recommending raising the reimbursement for repair, when a towboat is damaged in a sanctioned event.

This request would raise the amount for the local organizing club from \$750 to \$1000. Reimbursement would be the lesser of the insurance deductible, or the amount of the repair cost, not to exceed \$1000.

CURRENT POLICY

Damage

A club (local organizing committee) is responsible for any damage to a towboat from the time it is delivered to the event site for use until it is returned to the promotional owner or his agent. In the event a towboat sustains damage at an event, a club (local organizing committee) is responsible for reimbursement to a promotional towboat owner of either his deductible or for repair costs up to a maximum of \$750.00. Cleaning costs are not considered damage. Failure to pay damages, when appropriate, may result in loss of sanction for this and future tournaments.

PROPOSED POLICY

Damage

A club (local organizing committee) is responsible for any damage to a towboat from the time it is delivered to the event site for use until it is returned to the ~~towboat promotional~~ owner or his agent. In the event a towboat sustains damage at an event, a club (local organizing committee) is responsible for reimbursement to a ~~promotional~~ towboat owner of either his deductible or for repair costs up to a maximum of ~~\$1,000 750.00~~. Cleaning costs are not considered damage. Failure to pay damages, when appropriate, may result in loss of sanction for this and future tournaments.

AWSA RULES COMMITTEE REPORT
BOD SUMMER MEETING
August 4, 2021

The AWSA Rules Committee continues to be active with a couple of votes regarding the new IWWF trick and a clarification for Regionals and Nationals for age division/open skiers.

The new IWWF trick was adopted into the AWSA rulebook. The BFLSL5F (Wake Flip Ski Line 540 B-F) #66 is worth 950 points.

The clarification and rule change for Rule 4.02:

A skier who enters the Open division at the Nationals in any event is not required to ski in his Regional Tournament ***except if skiing for age division overall (See Rule 4.06). Revised 6/4/21***

IWWF revised their Rule 9.12 regarding rope releases:

A rope wrapped around the pylon and held by the release person may be used as a release mechanism. The rope measured from the inside of the attaching loop must not be longer than 1m. For safety reasons this rope shall not have knots or splices (excepting the knot or splice which constitutes the mechanism to which the rope is attached to the pylon).

The release person may not adjust or move the rope in any way to take up slack or allow extra length. He must hold it in one position or release it. Using the rope to intentionally aid the skier will subject the skier to disqualification.

AWSA currently has this in our rulebook:

11.18B. In the trick event, the tow rope will be attached directly to the tow pylon or supplied trick release. Manipulation of the tow rope by the release person during the performance of tricks is prohibited. This person will be considered part of the skier's equipment and subject to Rule 7.07.C.

BPMS (boat path monitoring system) is currently being used at tournaments and will be required next year for L & R tournaments. This year BPMS is recommended to work through rules, bugs and general knowledge of how the system will work. We want drivers and skiers to be comfortable with the new technology. So far BPMS sounds positive for drivers and will help to improve their skill. However, rules/rides along with the interfaces with the judging app and WSTIMS require more time for all involved to get comfortable.

Our committee is planning to meet in November with a Zoom meeting again. Don't forget to submit any changes to us to review.

This year's members remain the same except the Mid-West representative has changed. Jeff Surdej has stepped down and in his place is Erin Kalkbrenner. Also, Bob Mayhew has retired and is replaced by Danielle Dlugosh. Thanks to both Jeff and Bob for their participation and we welcome Erin and Danielle.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richelle Muhlitner, AWSA Rules Chair

Happy Summer to our Announcers!

While announcing this year I would like for you all to promote the new USA Water Ski & Wake Sports Foundation and Hall of Fame Hall of Fame Museum, located in Polk County's Visitor Information Center, located at 101 Adventure Court in Davenport, Florida. Open 8am to 5pm, 7 days a week; admission is free!

Please direct them to our website: www.usa-wwf.org for more information. Please encourage your audience to become a member of the Foundation or make a donation, or both. 😊 All of that can be done on the Foundation Website.

On the Foundation Website you can learn about our Scholarship Programs and watch Student Videos who have received a Foundation Scholarship and how beneficial it has been.

Also on the Foundation website you can watch our Hall of Fame Inductee Interview Videos.

I encourage all of you to become a member, make a donation or both. 😊

Please click on the link below to get to the "AWSA Announcer Manual and Guidelines". It is extremely important that you read and follow the guidelines, especially the first 4 pages, including the "Chief Announcers Responsibilities"

MELANIE IS ADDING THE LINK

Wishing you a fun and enjoyable summer!

Thanks a million for being an Announcer Team Member!

Hank Longo

AWSA JUDGES & SCORERS COMMITTEE REPORT

2021 SUMMER BOARD MEETING

To: AWSA Board of Directors
From: Tom Nathan, Chairman

ISSUES FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. **ACTION ITEM:** [Additional option for Fast-Track.](#)

There are many U.S. event participants who maintain their foreign federation status as well as having earned official's rating(s) from their home federation. The U.S. database does not contain or maintain foreign individual ratings, and many have expressed the desire to be recognized as U.S. officials. It does not make sense to have these experienced officials go through the process of establishing an assistant rating, then following the processes for upgrades. [The committee recommends that Fast-Track include an option for foreign rated officials to obtain an equivalent U.S. rating that the individual currently holds from a foreign federation using the same Fast-Track conditions already established for Regular and Senior judges/scorers.](#)

B. **ACTION ITEM:** [Emeritus Judge application from Elgin Faulkner – South Central Region](#)

An application has been received by Elgin Faulkner for Emeritus Judge. Elgin meets the requirements for Emeritus, his application was approved by the South Central Region at their summer 2021 council meeting and has also been approved by the Judges & Scorers Committee. [The committee recommends the Board of Directors give final approval to Elgin Faulkner for Emeritus Judge in slalom, trick, and jump.](#)

Junior Development

Junior Banquet planned for Thursday at the local bowling alley. Tickets can be bought online and more details: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdrax9topRWTManSYRnqhS4r1pVJfKfYpEPiwmDgOR49nP5A/viewform>

We are doing the auction online this year.

We provided life jackets for team members this year, shirts and other give aways.

Following Nationals, I will be stepping down as the chair of junior development. I am coming in as the WI rep for the MW region and I would like to find a new role for AWSA.

Thanks,

Tony Drake

TC Report -2021 Summer -8-1-21

- 1) **BPMS** -We continuing to work with IWWF on rules for BPMS (GPS). Expect more rule changes in 2022. My recommendation for 2022 is that all Class E/L/R tournaments (Slalom) to requires BPMS (mandatory), used as a guideline/aide only. We are not ready to make this mandatory for re-rides based on data collected. However, we need to revise the guideline to where EC Video is not required with BPMS being monitored, because this provides data, verse someone interpretation of EC Video.

JUMP: We are working on one method for calculating Jump Boat Path CL. (15m line + 2m or CL between 15/19; currently SP does both). We are also looking at the tolerance on all boat guides buoys as we did in Slalom. I think we should also make it mandatory to use BPMS in Jump starting calendar year 2022, for driver information only, to allow data to be collected for future rule changes.

COURSE- One of the problems is the boat guides are not in a straight line, (Pre-gates off). We did add rules on making the course straight. 2022 will include the Pre-gates (within 4cm of the avg line). However, we have courses that do not meet the new recommended tolerance. For sites running Class E/L/R need to correct their course to ensure the boat guides are straight per the rule.

WSTIMs- David Allen has done an outstanding job and continues to make all this work/integrating with each other, which will eventually make the job easier for all TCs and help all drivers.

Boat GPS antenna Mount- Slalom/Jump Testing – I have only seen an average of 2cm difference between the GPS antenna mounted on windshield vs pylon (maybe up to 4cm at Pre-gates). Some drivers stated they have seen an average of 2.8cm. Regardless, for major tourn, we need to continue mounting on pylon until we get something in writing from committee.

Wifi- Some sites are still having issues with internet for WSTIMs to collect all the data. It appears that there's been less issue with Rover with internal mobile data.

Sure-Path Closed loop system is available that does not require internet. In the future they are looking at an on-site message board (Waterskiconnect) between WSTIMs and SP Rover that does not require internet.

- 2) **Video Stopwatch (VSW)** (Trick timing) and **Video Tape Measure (Jump)** (replacing Corson XP software) are being used with no issues. Chip Shand has developed two excellent software programs. RECOMMEND every LOC and TC download (Free), and use if not using LIVE feed for Tricks, VSW is a must. <https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Water-Ski/Three-Event-Water-Skiing/Technical-Controllers>

- 3) **AWSA Rule Book-** BOD voted (2021 Winter Meeting) to remove all the IWWF specifications/requirements from the AWSA Rule Book that are in the IWWF Rule Book and are controlled by IWWF (reference IWWF Rule # that's applicable in the AWSA rule). We have marked up the entire rule book deleting all the duplication associated with specifications/rules. This will be submitted to the Rules Committee to review, and the TC Committee will submit to the BOD at the 2022 Winter Meeting.
- 4) **National Record set in CLASS E:** Rules have been added to the rule book for Class E over the years that could change the skier performance compared to someone skiing in Class L. This presents an issue when it comes to National Records. We should not have two separate criteria/standards. The TC Committee Members agree that skiing criteria between Class E and L must be the same for National Records. We have marked up the AWSA Rule book to ensure that Class E skiing criteria is the same as Class L. Only difference between Class E and L should be administrative rules that do not provide an advantage in Class E vs Class L. This will be submitted to the Rules Committee for review, and the TC Committee will submit to the BOD at the 2022 Winter Meeting
- 5) **IWWF Rules:** Two rule request have been submitted to PanAm for evaluation.
IWWF 8.13 (Slalom Boat Video) Class L; with only one center tower, allow CJ or designee to review boat video using camera from boat (NOT LIVE Feed) if there's a discrepancy in the score. Current rule requires LIVE Boat Video if configuration has only one tower.
IWWF 9.05 (Trick Fall): Allow age group +75 or older one fall OOC without penalty.

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Pan American Region

updated August 2021

Rules of Policy for the Pan Am Water Ski Championships – All Divisions

**The current IWWF Rule Book will be used in all cases other than those set forth below by
the Pan American Tournament Council
(established as of January 2, 1992 with amendments noted)**

OPEN DIVISION

- a) A country may have a team of 3 skiers regardless of qualifications, and a maximum of 6 skiers per IWWF Championships rules. (2021)
- b) In slalom finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length. (2010)
- c) Finals will be one half the **paid** entry list, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a max of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers. (2006)

Under 21

- a) Rules as per IWSF rulebook, with noted exceptions (started this Division in Chile 1996).
- b) Four skiers total, three maximum of any one gender. The best three scores to count towards team score.
- c) Best three scores count towards team score.
- d) In slalom finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length. (2010)
- e) Finals will be one half the **paid** entry list, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a maximum of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers. (2021)

Under 17

- a) Rules identical to the rules used for the Junior World Championships, with noted exceptions.
- b) Six skiers, four of any one gender. The best three scores to count towards team score. (2018)
- c) In slalom finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length. (2010)
- d) Finals will be one half the **paid** entry list, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a max of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers. (2021)

Under 14 (2018)

- a) Rules identical to the rules used for the Junior World Championships, with noted exceptions.
- b) Six skiers, four of any one gender. The best three scores to count towards team score. (2021)
- c) The maximum age of any skier participating is 13 years as of December 31 preceding the Tournament.
- d) In slalom prelim: Boys: 43k-55k; Girls: 40kph-52kph (2006). In finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length. (2010)
- e) Finals will be half the **paid** entry list, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a max. of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers. (2021)

+35, +45, +55, +65 Divisions

- a) Rules identical to those used for the World 35+ Championships (IWWF rulebook)
- b) Six skiers total from each Age Category (+35, +45, +55,+65), Four maximum of any one gender. (2019)
- c) The best three scores from each Age Category to count towards each Age Category team score. For example, one country could win the +35 Age Division and another country could win the +45 Age Division.
- d) In slalom finals, skip one pass and go to the next higher speed or rope length. (2010)
- e) Finals will be one half the **paid** entry list, rounded up to the next skier, but limited to a max of 8 skiers and a min. of 4 skiers. (2019)
- f) The first 5 of the Pan Am Ranking List in a discipline in any divisions may ski as an Individual Skier. (2019)
- g) Slalom (2019)

(1) 2 Rounds Semi-Finals and 1 Round Finals

- (2) Slalom Finals Selection- 1st half from the best score and the 2nd half from the best average score. If odd number- then last in based on best average score.
- (3) Min Starting Speeds for All Divisions: Women (43k), Men (48k)
- h) No Skier can be part of two divisions. (2019)

ALL DIVISIONS

The tournament should be run, if possible, with the classification of at least “L”

The Pan Ams will be seeded.(2006)

JUMP HEIGHTS: (Minutes Aug 1998) For advancing from 1.65m ramp height to 1.80, it takes a proven performance of 50m. For advancing from 1.50m to 1.65m ramp height, it takes a 38m proven performance. Should be sent in with the entry (i.e. IWWF rule)

CHIEF JUDGE will set the ultimate deadline for declaring jump heights. (Aug. 1998)

ONE SKIER from each country may ski in both their divisional team (by age) and on the Open Team, if so qualified. (1994)

PRACTICE:

Practice at the Pan Am Championships

Must be fair and equal for all Federations

Must be listed in the bulletin with details of how it will run

No skiing during any Awards Ceremony

No skiing during the Opening Ceremony

No skiing after the competition until the first segment is complete

After a segment of the competition starts, no participating athlete will practice on the competition site

Rule 14.14 Wild Cards- will be determined by a vote of the Pan Am TC after the intent to enter deadline has passed and the number of entries has been determined. If there is sufficient time remaining to conduct the tournament; Wild Cards should be considered.