

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
FLORIDA WATERSKI FEDERATION
JULY 13, 2013

The annual meeting of the Florida Waterski Federation was called to order at 9:10 p.m. by President Gordon West.

Gordon presented his presidential report and thanked the Space Coast Water Ski Club for hosting this year's Florida State tournament. The minutes of the December 2012 meeting are posted online and no further secretary's report is available. The Dec. 2012 minutes are approved as posted. Jeff Clark presented the Treasurer's report and indicated that the Federation is on track financially. Regarding Junior Development funds, the Travers and Pickos ski sites have both done some junior development but have not requested any reimbursement. In fact, no reimbursements for Junior Development have been requested in approximately 3 years. In addition to Travers' and Pickos' involvement, Florida Junior Development has received support from Mike and Kerry Morgan. The Treasurer's Report was submitted for approval by Leon Larson and seconded by Stan Switzer, and approved.

Old Business: The USA-WS late fee for requesting to sanction a tournament sooner than 14 days was reduced from \$200 to \$100. The Florida Federation also charges a late fee. So far in 2013, 9 tournaments were cancelled in Florida for monetary issues or weather-related. As the Florida council must approve all sanction requests, to facilitate the communication needed between the council Stan Switzer moved that the \$50 late fee remain in effect. Motion seconded by Dennis Longo, motion approved.

New Business: Tournament hosts need to be informed to update any changes of officials before their tournament is held, for any changes that are different from their sanction application. Tournament hosts need to be educated about the ramifications of not updating their officials. The ramifications include loss of sanction, loss of tournament insurance, and scores/scorebook removed. Tabled for the December 2013 meeting.

A discussion followed about requests for funds. The Ski Club of the Palm Beaches requested support from the Florida Federation as well as the Southern Region for the 2013 Nationals, for either water bottles for skiers or monetary assistance for banquet or dinner for the splash eye official's clinic. Lyman Hardy/Lymanland requested \$2,000 for advertising for the Southern Regionals. It was decided that the Florida Federation will not make any separate contributions at this time. Both entities are receiving \$500 (each) from the Southern Region in support of these events.

A discussion then followed about providing a Florida Tent at the Southern Regionals. This has been done in the past for approximately \$370. This year the Florida Tent can be located 50' ahead of the jump. Stan Switzer moved to allow a total

budget of up to \$500 to include coolers, water, ice, etc. Motion seconded by Jody Seal, motion passed. The Federation already has a Florida banner that will be displayed at the tent.

Election of Officers: The annual election of officers then took place. No other nominations being made, the following will continue in these positions:

President/Council:	Gordon West
Council:	Dennis Longo
Council:	Jody Seal
Council:	Stan Switzer
Vice-President:	Curtis Rabe
Treasurer:	Jeff Clark

A nomination followed for Secretary for Michele Seal. Position accepted, Michele Seal will be the new Secretary.

Discussion then followed about the need for a new Junior Development Coordinator. Junior Development should teach at several levels, including accomplished youth skiers teaching other kids, in addition to traditional clinics. Several members present indicated that they would send out some emails to solicit help for our junior development. Curtis mentioned that Minnesota has a strong junior development program, and suggested Paula Chapin from MN as a contact person for ideas and information.

No further business coming before the meeting, motion to adjourn was made by Ruth Johnston. Motion seconded and approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Michele Seal,
Acting Secretary

Tabled for Dec. 2013:
Notify tournament hosts about updating officials info