

Florida Waterski Federation
Minutes of December Meeting
December 2, 2017, Held at Sunset Lakes

President Gordon West called the meeting to order at 9:07 am. Present at the meeting: Gordon West, President, Stan Switzer, Vice President, Michele Seal, Secretary, Jeff Clark, Treasurer, Brian Guyer, Dennis Longo and Monica Seal, Council; and Cyndi Benzel.

President's Report: Congratulations to Team Florida for winning the Team Competition at Nationals, thank you Dennis Longo for coordinating the team. Also a thank you to Bill Martins for taking over as Junior Development Coordinator. Bill held one JD Clinic this year at Sunset Lakes; another clinic was also held at Ski Paradise. A Drivers/Judges Clinic was held at Sunset Lakes. We will soon be receiving the funds from the Southern Region for these clinics.

Secretary's Report: July 2017 Minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Dennis Longo to approve the July 2017 Minutes, Jeff Clark seconded and the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Clark presented the Treasurer's Report and reported that membership is expected to be over 700 members for this year (including the two tournaments being held this weekend). Discussion included the team bibs at Nationals with the suggestion that more bibs are needed. Dennis Longo moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Stan Switzer seconded, and the Report was accepted and approved.

Old Business: Discussion included collection of dues. President West then said he will follow up with Charlotte Melchers as to whether any Hall of Fame Committee Members are up for re-election. Discussion followed about the Florida State tournament. Would a different date for Florida States or changing the expectations of the banquet and junior party open up the interest of tournament hosts in holding the tournament? Should we continue to include the Hall of Fame induction at the banquet? Michele Seal made a motion that the Federation pay the full sanction fees for the State tournament. Brian Guyer seconded and the motion was approved. There are no bids at this time for the 2018 State tournament. Dennis Longo suggested that all tournament hosts should be notified as to what the Federation supports for the State tournament. It was then discussed and decided to keep the July meeting on Friday night.

New Business: Gordon reviewed the Rules Committee proposed changes which have been posted on the Federation webpage (if not yet posted to Facebook it will be added). Discussion followed with the concern that non U.S. drivers should also be required to have a motor vehicle review. Jeff Clark indicated that this is in the process and that information is pending from Ham Wallace. A review of protected tournament dates was then conducted: the 3rd weekend in April Hall of Fame hasn't happened in four years; 2nd weekend in June Hancock and 4th weekend in September, Hancock, have not been held in three years, 2nd weekend October Ski Fly Club hasn't been held. Jeff will update the Policies & Procedure manual to omit these. For scheduling information, Easter is April 1st in 2018. Brian Guyer stated that all tournament hosts need to be reminded that they must come through the Federation first to get tournament approval.

No further business coming before the meeting, Stan Switzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brian Guyer. The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m. and the 2018 tournament selection followed.