Florida State Federation General meeting December 6, 2008

Meeting called to order by Kerry Morgan Vice President at 11:05 A.M.

Vice President Report:

Due to other obligations President Brian Guyer was unable to attend this General Meeting or the Regional Meeting in Atlanta.

Following members were present to make a quorum:

Roger Skalko	Donna Switzer	Kerry Morgan
Cindi Benzel	Jim Jaquess	Phil Hughes
Mike McCormick	Stan Switzer	Ruth Johnston
Denise Grimm	Randy Lund	Greg Chapman
Lelani Travers	Art Cozier	Nathalie Donny
Ty Oppenlander	Cindy Wilson	Eddie Roberts
Diana Griffin	Mark Griffin	*Leon Larson
Gordon West	Jeff Clark	*Jim Grew
*Gene Davis	*Steve Locke	Greg DeTray

*Came into meeting, but did not stay the entire time.

Kerry Morgan reported that membership was up this year in the FWSF; we have 638 members for 2008, which is an increase of 75 members over 2007.

The Regional Meeting is set for January 10, 2009 in Atlanta Georgia.

Secretary Report:

Minutes from the July 10th meeting were passed around in the General meeting, read by Lelani Travers in the board meeting. Motion was moved to accept by Gordon West and seconded by Stan Switzer, minutes approved.

Treasurers Report:

The financial reports were passed out and Jeff Clark reviewed the reports. The following was covered in detail by Jeff:

1. Approximately \$1,200.00 was paid to Ski Paradise for the FL State Championships.

That amount was summed up with the following details,

One half the cost of officials T-shirts = 84.81

One half the cost of an officials banquet ticket = \$516.08

Tent cost for junior development = \$455.00

Snacks and drinks junior development = \$63.00

HOF inductees and one guest banquet ticket cost = \$257.95

*Also noted here Kerry and Mike Morgan paid for the junior banquet cost as a donation to the FWSF, as they have done in the past.

- 2. Jeff explained that at the beginning of each calendar year the Hall of Fame account receives \$300.00 (journal entry) to cover the cost of the banquet and other items for the coming year.
- 3. Jeff explained the PayPal fee cost and the need for a convenience fee of \$1.00 that would need to be added to the membership fees (single & family) to cover the costs when paid by PayPal. This will be a link on the website, the membership fees will remain the same when paid at the tournament sites or by mail.

Motion to accept the Treasurers' report by Eddie Roberts, second by Leon Larson. Approved

Old Business:

A Junior Development Coordinator is still needed for the state:

Discussion; we need three coordinators for each area in Florida, south, central and north, with one coordinating Chair. Discussion was tabled, as no one seemed to have a clear idea for a plan to find a junior coordinator at the moment.

New Business:

- 1. New registered Agent needed for the corporate filing with the State of Florida: Jeff Clark was appointed to replace Guy Haggard
- Florida Federation Web Site: Jeff Clark showed the group the website from NC. Will follow the simple KISS rule and keep it simple. Discussed and passed by the Board. Name will be Florida Water Ski Federation.org and it will be placed on the Go Daddy servers.
- 3. **Southern Region Midwinter Meeting, January 10, 2009**. Donna Switzer and Jeff Clark will be the alternates for Jody Seal and Brian Guyer, as both are unable to attend. Discussed and approved in the Board meeting
- 4. The current Florida Hall of Fame Committee will stay in place until the Florida State Championships and then replacements of those whose terms are expiring will be elected at the summer General Membership meeting.
- 5. Junior Development will receive \$1.00 per member of the membership dues (journal entry transfer at the end of the calendar year) to help with the cost of the

junior banquet at states and other junior development activities. (D.J. At banquet, water and snacks at states etc.) Discussed and approved in the Board meeting.

- 6. Ruth Johnston asked not to pay the regional sanction fee for States. She was told that was not acceptable. Discussion followed; she said the banquet cost Ski Paradise \$33.00 per person. They were not able to break even with that kind of cost. Discussion followed: motion was made to raise the juniors' entry cost by \$5.00. (\$70.00/\$80.00/\$90.00) and to keep the family plan the same. Motion to accept by Eddie Roberts second by Roger Skalko. Approved
- 7. Jeff Clark brought up the idea of a three day states so more people would be able to ski at the FL State Championships as he thinks states may become larger due to ranking vs. ratings changes. The discussion was tabled for a year to give time to collect data. Ruth Johnston stated that they have never turned a Florida resident away.
- 8. Phil Hughes said that he thought class "C" sites should all be homologated since we have ranking vs. rating now. Discussion followed that class "C" sites should be the job of the Chief Judge to verify the tournament site. There was not any resolution on this issue.

Adjourned for lunch:

All protected dates were reviewed and revised.

Tournament dates were selected and accepted. Michael McCormick moved to accept the dates, second by Donna Switzer approved by yea vote.

• Note: The Hall of Fame Club must release dates for Lake Grew if it is not acceptable to ski by the 15th of February.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30