

Florida Waterski Federation
Minutes of Annual Meeting
July 7, 2017

President Curtis Rabe called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm. Present at the meeting: Curtis Rabe, President, Stan Switzer, Vice President, Michele Seal, Secretary, Jeff Clark, Treasurer, Brian Guyer, Dennis Longo and Monica Seal, Council; Gordon West, Sharon Baker-Brown, Donna Switzer, Jody Seal, Bill Martins, and Gerry Carson and his son.

President's Report: Curtis Rabe gave his President's Report. A brief discussion followed about having the annual meeting on Friday evening, as this is the first time this has been tried. It was suggested to begin earlier than 7 pm. Discussion followed about the team skiing at Nationals. Dennis Longo is the team captain for Florida this year. Dennis requested 4 (or more) bibs for the Nationals team skiers. A Motion was made and seconded for the Federation to pay for 6 or more bibs for the Team skiers, with a limit of \$200; vote was taken and the Motion was approved. The next discussions included the new 1-2-3 concept, Zero based scoring, and the need to increase USAWS membership. The Junior Development Coordinator, Brian Walsh, was not able to make the meeting but sent Curtis a report: Brian started as Junior Development Coordinator this year; 2 clinics were held this year in November and April with 16-17 skiers per clinic. Ski Paradise donated their site for one clinic and Florida Southern donated gas and brought in some collegiate team skiers as coaches. The Federation received \$613 for these 2 clinics. Mr. Walsh is not able to continue next year as the Junior Development Coordinator. Bill Martins agreed to be the new J.D. Coordinator.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Jeff Clark to approve the December 2016 Minutes, Stan Switzer seconded and the Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Clark presented the Treasurer's Report and reported that 538 members have paid to date in 2017. Michele Seal moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Dennis Longo seconded, and the Report was accepted and approved.

The Annual elections then followed: Curtis Rabe stated that he is not able to continue as President at this time. Stan nominated Gordon West and Gordon accepted the nomination; Brian Guyer is also willing to serve as President; Gordon was elected by acclamation. Election of Council Members then followed. Brian Guyer, Dennis Longo, and Monica Seal were elected by acclamation. Stan Switzer was re-elected Vice President by acclamation; Michele Seal was re-elected Secretary by acclamation, and Jeff Clark was re-elected Treasurer by acclamation. Jeff indicated his intention that this will be his last year as Treasurer. Information is needed from Charlotte Melchers regarding the Hall of Fame Committee Members so this will be handled by email.

Discussion then followed about the Federation's Facebook page. Curtis thanked Monica for her work on the Facebook page. Monica indicated she has had questions, including inquiries about what the Federation does. She needs people to send her things so she can post them. It is requested that information be sent to Jeff Clark for the website and also to Monica Seal for

Facebook. Gerry Carson suggested an “online tournament” in which Florida Federation members post their own scores and Brian Guyer suggested adding videos, such as a “Wipeout Wednesday”.

Old Business: none

New Business: Stan Switzer proposed to have a Florida State Tent at Regionals again this year with bottled water. Last year about \$250 was spent. Motion was made, seconded and approved for up to \$250 for a Florida State tent at Regionals. After discussion, it was decided not to have a tent at Nationals in Texas as there is no guarantee where the tent would be and it's a 4 lake site. Curtis then suggested we have sites start thinking now about hosting the State tournament in 2018. Dennis stated that tournament hosts need to know what it takes to put on the State tournament; Jody suggested we look at changing the date of States and not be locked into being so close to Regionals. Jeff stated that States is a qualification tournament for Regionals and also that it is a closed tournament (no other tournaments are held this weekend across the State). Jody Seal then began a discussion about the proposed Level 10 and stated that it affects Florida skiers more than any other state, and also affects the Southern Region as a whole. Jody suggests that a push is made to rescind this. Jeff stated it is scheduled to go into effect the day after Nationals. Dennis stated that no one understands the ability based competition concept. Dennis also stated that the Zero based scoring is placing people skiing with longer line lengths at the top of the ranking lists. Stan stated that the proposed Level 10 forces the skier to ski in a certain division and feels this will cause a loss of membership as people do not like to be forced into things. Jody also stated that AWSA President Jeff Surdej will push to eliminate the option of skiing above speed in age divisions.

Motion was then made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.