

Florida Waterski Federation  
Minutes of Winter Meeting  
December 1, 2018  
Lake Myrtle Sports Complex

President Brian Guyer Called the meeting to order at 11:15 am. Present at the meeting: Brian Guyer, President, Jeff Clark, Treasurer, Phil Miklo from Action Water Sports, Lelani Travers, Bill Wenner, Ruth Johnston, Charlotte Melchers, Eddie Roberts, Eugene Fry, Michael McCormick, Phil Hughes, Dana Garcia, Drew Ross, Kris LaPoint, Ben Stadlbauer, & Vincent Stadlbauer.

President's Report: Thank you for attending. The remaining board members are either at Senior Worlds or unable to attend today. Only Jeff Clark and Brian Guyer in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from July 13, 2018 meeting passed to group. Motion by Bill Wenner to accept. Second from Ruth Johnston. Minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Clark presented and reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Lelani Travers motioned to accept, Eddie Roberts seconded, and the report was accepted.

Junior Development: no report

Dana Garcia agreed to keep the meeting minutes.

Old Business:

Florida State held Sixty-Nine Events this past year.

Brian Guyer asked if anyone was interested in Bidding for the Florida States. No response from group. Mentioned that Action Watersports and Ski Fluid may be interested.

New Business:

Discussion regarding the "Protected Tournament Rule"

Drew Ross- presented the following case. The "Protected Tournament Rule", as it is currently applied, is limiting our Florida State from satisfying the large demand for tournament rides by all skiers. Due to our ability to provide World Class events for all skiers the demand is high and we know that most tournaments are filling months in advance, locking skiers out of good tournament ski weekends, and forcing families to travel out of state in search of tournament rides. The demand is so high, that tournament sites have added an extra day to their weekend tournaments to attempt meeting this high demand. Families with multiple children are unable to allocate the time required to travel out of state and may not have the financial ability either. There are ample judges to fulfill the needs of two sites, especially if we work together and utilize judges from out of area and other countries. Bottom line, the demand for rounds is not being fulfilled by our current situation and this is stifling our growth.

Michael McCormick- Received a call this year from Jeff Surdej about tournaments. Was very surprised at this call as the President of AWSA has never been involved in local tournaments before. Asked Drew if he tried to circumvent the process by emailing individuals not involved in Florida Federation tournaments.

Drew Ross- Disagreed with the analysis made by Michael. Drew sent a request and called Michael to share a weekend, which was declined. Subsequently an email was sent to others.

More back and forth between Michael and Drew, until Brian Guyer interrupted.

Brian Guyer- I have asked Drew for a written proposal which will go to committee. Unfortunately only myself and Jeff Clark are here today. Discussed why the original rule was put in place; to protect sites from losing officials. Will share Drew's request with all the committee via email, followed by a discussion on how to proceed. Mentioned a rule change will also need to be voted on by the membership. Note, sites are allowed to miss one year and not lose their protected status. The board will follow the current policy in place.

Kris LaPoint- We are getting our officials from out of Florida (other states) and Europe. Over ½ of skiers in their tournament do not reside in Florida. Suggested that April and October, due to their inherent demands from Ranking List, should have different rules than the rest of the year. Suggested a tighter radius for the "Protected Tournament Rule".

Brian Guyer- reiterated that the current rules would be followed today.

Jeff Clark- discussion about the decline in skier numbers and LOC's abusing the current system.

Lelani Travers- discussion about the need for more C Class tournaments- allows inclusion of new families/skiers, lower costs, and training for officials.

Drew Ross- further discussion- The current policy is vague. I see the intent. What is the rule.

Group discussion agreed the rule was One hour away not One-Hundred miles, and Class C is exempt. Strong discussion as to whether the rule is applicable to a site vs a club (some sites have multiple clubs). Are clubs given "Two Protected Days" or is it the Site (using Site Id). One site could have several clubs and therefore more than two "Protected Days" a year. Several in attendance felt protection should be held by "site".

Ruth Johnston – what is the rule

Brian Guyer- Read from the Florida Fed Rules  
This is a footnote

*Note; The General Consensus has been that a class C and a class, E,L,R tournament can be held on the same weekend as long as the sites are not too close together (minimum of*

*one-hour driving distance between sites); but do not schedule two E,L,R, tournaments the same weekend within this close proximity.*

Brian Guyer- again requested Drew Ross – please put your request in writing

Drew Ross- I will provide.

Charlotte Melchers- began a discussion regarding judges ratings. Please make sure your new judges are actually trained in the rules. Do not pass people without assuring they are competent.

Eddie Roberts- Moved to adjourn, seconded by Dana Garcia, meeting adjourned.

Tournament Selection Begins at end of Meeting:

Meeting began with a back and forth discussion regarding who qualifies as a new club/site and thus eligible to pick dates first before utilizing the “drawn” number system. Is the “new” referring to a site or a club? Final solution- the group accepted using “site” only as the definition of “new”. Perhaps “site code” would be helpful.

**Current Protected Dates were listed and Site Owners were asked to respond if they wished to keep their protected dates:**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Weekend in April:	Florida Southern College	Date Kept. Not in attendance.
4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend in April:	McCormick Lakes	Date Kept
1 <sup>st</sup> Weekend in May (Sat):	Champions Lake	Date Declined
1 <sup>st</sup> Weekend in May (Sun):	Swiss Ski School	Date Kept
Mother’s Day Weekend (Sat):	Ski Paradise	Date Kept
2 <sup>nd</sup> Weekend in May:	Florida Inboards	Date Kept. Not in attendance.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend in May:	Sunset Lakes	Date Kept
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend in May:	Ski Watch	Date Kept. Not in attendance.4 <sup>th</sup>
Weekend in May:	Victory Lake	Date Kept. Not in attendance.
1 <sup>st</sup> Weekend in June (Sat):	Lakeland Waterski Club	Date Kept
1 <sup>st</sup> Weekend in June (Sun):	Ski Club of the Palm Beaches	Date Kept
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend in June(Sat):	Ski Paradise	Date Kept
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend in June:	Ski Watch	Date Kept. Not in attendance.
1 <sup>st</sup> Weekend in July:	Stillwater/Space Coast	Date Kept. Club needs ok fr HOA
2 <sup>nd</sup> Weekend in July:	Florida State Champs	Date Kept. Host TBD
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend in July:	Ski Fluid	Date Kept. Not in attendance.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Weekend in Sept:	Stillwater	Date Kept
(After Labor Day)		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend in Sept:	Victory Lake/Jax T Skiers	Date Kept. Not in attendance.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend in Sept:	Ski Club of the Palm Beaches	Date Kept
1 <sup>st</sup> Weekend in Oct:	Sunset Lakes	Date Kept
2 <sup>nd</sup> Weekend in Oct (Sat):	Champions Lake	Date Declined

2 <sup>nd</sup> Weekend in Oct (Sun):	Swiss Ski School	Date Kept
3 <sup>rd</sup> Weekend in Oct	Ski Fluid	Date Kept. Not in attendance.
4 <sup>th</sup> Weekend in Oct:	McCormicks Lakes	Date Kept
1 <sup>st</sup> Weekend in Nov:	Isles of Lake Hancock	Date Kept
1 <sup>st</sup> Weekend in Nov:	LaPoint Ski Park	Date Kept

### Tournament Picks for New Ski Year:

Pick #1 is from a New Club. Clemson Skiers by Mike and Josefin Hurst. New like Site they just bought. Phil is their representative.

Chose: Sunday, June 16, 2019

Now begins the “Numbered System” for tournament choices.

#1	Stillwater/Eugene Frye	Saturday and Sunday, June 8-9, 2019
#2	Drew Ross	Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21, 2019
#3	Swiss Ski School	Sunday May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
#4	No person	
#5	Dana Garcia	Friday thru Sunday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019 (to be determined with Sunset Pro Event and Swiss Protected Sunday).
#6	Mike & Josefin Hirst	Sunday, September 15 <sup>th</sup> 2019
#7	LaPoint Ski Park- Kris	Saturday and Sunday, April 6 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
#8	Michael McCormick	Pass
#9	SCPBT/Charlotte	Saturday and Sunday, October 19 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
#10	Action Water Sports/Phil	Saturday and Sunday May 25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019. Class C.
#11	Sunset Lakes- Lelani	Saturday June 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2019. If Gene Davis Avail
#1	Stillwater	Pass
#2	Drew Ross	Pass
#3	Swiss Ski School	Pass
#4	No person	
#5	Dana Garcia	Saturday and Sunday, September 21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019.
#6	Hirst	Pass
#7	LaPoint Ski Park	Pass
#8	Michael McCormick	Friday, April 26 <sup>th</sup> 2019 & Friday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> 2019 Added all Friday's before his Events.
#9	SCPBT- Charlotte	Saturday and Sunday, June 29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
#10	Action Water Sports/Phil	Saturday and Sunday, October 12 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2019. Class C
#11	Sunset Lakes- Lelani	Wednesday, June 19 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday July 10 <sup>th</sup>

Done

Note: Nationals are in Okecheelee/SCPBT- and America's Cup is scheduled for Wednesday Night of Nationals and the Big Dawg finals are scheduled as well.