



**January 18, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

Meeting called to Order by Steve Weber at 7:02pm

**Officers in Attendance:**

Justin Bloyer  
Steve Weber  
Darren Janzig  
Kate Knafla  
Peter Dahl  
Chris Kosek

**Unable to Attend:**

Bob Bulfer  
Dan Larson

**Guests in Attendance:**

Scott Gordon  
Kevan Fager

**Officer reports:**

Secretary's Report – Reviewed Minutes from last meeting. Motion to approve by Darren Janzig, Seconded by Kate Knafla. Motion to Approve Carries.

Treasurer's Report – Current PayPal balance at \$250.00 per off season standards. US Bank account balance is \$14,846.40. \$11,359.70 is Junior Development Fund and \$3,486.70 is General Fund balance. Steve Weber requested approval to send a plant in memory of JoAnne Wahl to her family. This expense was approved. Motion to approve by Peter Dahl, Seconded by Scott Gordon. Motion to Approve Carries.

**Committee Reports:**

Officials Committee – Kate Knafla shared that from the email sent out to gauge interest in an in-person officials clinic, we have received eight (8) responses. Three (3) of these members have already taken a clinic, and five (5) would be new. Other members shared that they would be in attendance to keep their ratings or advance them. Conversation was had about hosting the event at TPC Twin Cities again, with a date to be determined at a later time.

Web/Media – No current updates at this time. Scott Gordon made the suggestion that when posting to Facebook in the future that we also include skiers last names so that anyone reading the post who may or may not know who the skier is can identify him/her.

Junior Development – Maddy Wegleitner shared that the dates have been confirmed with all three (3) sites for the weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration will open on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost for this year's clinic will be discussed later in the meeting during New Business. The increase will offset the increase in boat hours and fuel, but the losses on the program will be offset by the aforementioned balance in the Junior Development funds. Maddy's next steps will be to secure boats for the event and finalize registration details.

**New Business:**

Junior Development – Discussion on cost for the 2023 event was held, tabled until later in the meeting, and then a motion was made by Steve Weber and seconded by Scott Gordon to set the fee at \$150.00 for this year's event.

Hall of Fame – It was announced that Peter Dahl has been nominated and approved as the 2023 Recipient of the Hall of Fame Award for the Minnesota Water Ski Association.

Regionals – Darren Janzig said that regionals fees will be \$125 for 2023. This is an increase of \$15.00.

Nationals – Kate Knafla found that registration for Nationals will be \$175 - \$245 per skier, a family of 3 will be \$460, and each additional member is \$90.

**Old Business:**

Tournament Schedule/Sanctions/FEE INCREASES for GMO, State, and Fall 2 Round

A significant portion of this meeting was devoted to a deep conversation on the tournaments hosted by the MN Water Ski Association. This conversation continued from our November Board Meeting where board members asked Steve Weber to provide additional detail on who our skiers are, and potentially how fee increases could affect our membership and tournament participation.

Overall, we had 111 unique skiers participate in our tournaments in 2022. Of those participants, the average individual skied less than 1.5 tournaments with us. There were 35 kids and 76 adults. At the GMO tournament we had 39 skiers (11 kids/28 adults), State brought us 80 skiers (29 kids/51 adults), and Fall 2 Round was 46 skiers (14 kids/32 Adults).

After much debate and discussion, it was motioned by Scott Gordon and seconded by Steve Weber that we increase the GMO fees \$10, State by \$15, and 2 Round by \$10. The motion carried. The "L" tournament registration fees will be discussed offline by those that ski Class L, and a motion to vote via email will be sent out at a later time.

Additional discussion was held on the conversation of membership dues. It was the recommendation of Steve Weber that the current dues structure be eliminated in favor of an additional increase to the tournament fees that would offset the dues received. Knowing that most skiers only skied 1.5 tournaments, it could save some people monies, but could also cost others more. After much discussion, Chris Kosek suggested that this would result in less dues being received by the state association, and Darren Janzig made the recommendation that a line item be added in USA Waterski to request dues payment at the time of registration for the tournaments. A motion was made by Steve Weber that Individual dues be set at \$25 and family dues be set at \$60, the motion was seconded by Scott Gordon. The motion carried.

Scott Gordon suggested that the verbiage to add to each sanction be as follows: "MWSA membership is required for all MWSA-sponsored tournaments. If you haven't already paid your dues, please check this box and pay with your tournament registration."

**Next Meeting Date:**

February 21, 2023 at 7:00pm

Via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88608799549?pwd=UHpKvnc1MDFpSi9JNXVJcEQzd3FQdz09>

**Meeting Adjourned by Steve Weber at 8:54pm**