



Monthly Newsletter -- November, 2009

From The President

Hello Everyone,

Well, here we are again! Another season has come to an end. What a summer it has been, one of the coldest I can remember, and with the lack of rain for the first time in my 30 years of skiing, we were unable to ski at Island Lake. Mother Nature sure made the transition from summer to fall easy, with one of the most beautiful Septembers that we have had. Even despite this summer's cold temperatures and low water levels, it was an exciting summer. Another ski site is up and running in New Germany; Craig Timm setting world records in jump and slalom and now a Memorial in place at Island Lake.

With fall here and winter just around the corner, it is now when we start planning for next year. Unfortunately, that planning is not limited to what tournaments MWSA will be having. There are many things that happen from clinics, tournaments, equipment and the direction that the membership would like to see MWSA heading. With another winter upon us and many decisions to be made, I'm asking you, the backbone of this organization to get involved with these decisions. Please take some time to come and partake in the meetings, we understand not everyone can make it every month, but imagine if all of you could make it to one meeting over the course of the winter. The thoughts and feedback you provide would be valuable to the growth of this organization. We had our first meeting at Dave & Busters in October and I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend. We had a great turnout with a number of new faces. Please look over the minutes from the last meeting, there are a few areas that we need volunteers for. Some of the key areas we are looking for are Growth & Development chair, and Jr. Development chair. We are also in need of some help putting together the Jr. Development Auction for next summer. Kate Knafla has handled this task for many years and would like to step down. This is a very important part to the growth and success of our Jr. Development program. If anyone is willing to take this on, please contact myself or Kate.

Thanks,

Chris Kosek

P.S. My apologies for the absence of the Presidents article in the October news letter, unfortunately my mother has been very ill since May. Along with the added responsibility of my mother and family, it has made the load a little heavy.

Sunday, November 22nd., 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be at *Dave & Buster's*, 11780 Fountains Way Maple Grove, MN 55369
763-493-9815

MWSA Baquet To be held in conjunction with the meeting.



November 22nd	March 10th
December 9th	April 14th
January 13th	May 12th
February 10th	

Who to call? MWSA Officers and AWSA local representatives

There are several people in the area you can call with your questions and comments. We want and like to hear from you!

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2010 Tentative Tournament Schedule

Date	Name	Location
March 27	Safety Clinic	Edina, MN
June 5-6	Summer Kick Off	New Germany, MN
June 11-13	Junior Development	Various Sites
June 18-19	June Paradise Lake	Chippewa Falls, WI
June 25	Center City Warm Up	Center City, MN
June 26-27	Center City Record	Center City, MN
July 2-3	4th July Tourny 1	Glenwood, MN
July 3-4	4 th July Tourny 2	Glenwood, MN
July 10-11	Greater Midwest Open	TBD
July 17, 18	10000 Lakes	Shakopee, MN
July 24-25	MN State	TBD
July 30-Aug 1	Regionals	Wilmington, IL
Aug 8-14	Nationals	Wilmington, IL
Aug 20-21	Grand Prix Stop 1	Glenwood, MN
Aug 21-22	Grand Prix Stop 2	Glenwood, MN
Aug 27-28	Fall Slalom Fest 1	Pine Island, MN
Aug 28-29	Fall Slalom Fest 2	Pine Island, MN
Sept 3-4	Fall Paradise Lake	Chippewa Falls, WI
Sept 11-12	Island Lake	TBD
Sept 18-19	Drysuit Open	TBD

November meeting agenda

Location, Dave & Busters, 11780 Fountains
Way Maple Grove , MN 55369

763-493-9815

Time, 7:00-8:00 P.M.

— Agenda Topics —

Call to Order

Chris Kosek

Secretary's Report

Jeremy Knafla

Treasurer's Report

Dave Kaldor

Old Business

1. Jr. Development (Date's, Fee's, Sites, Coaches,
Chair)

2. Tournaments schedule and fees.

3. Is website up to date?

4. Committee Chairs Promotion and Growth
(Need Chair) Legislative (Nito) Officials
Development (Theresa Wright) Junior
Development (Need Chair)

New Business

1. Membership Dues for 2010

2. Tournament Directors for GMO, State & Island
Lake September 2nd.

Anything else?

COLLEGIATE UPDATE

Ian Arvesen of Pine Springs Mn. jumps Iowa State to the D1 Nationals at the 2009 Midwest Collegiate Regional.

After 5 events Iowa State was in a disappointing 5th place and out of the D1 nationals. Then came the jump event and Ian kicked his team with a massive 127 foot jump, 10 feet farther than his previous best. With a 3rd place finish and valuable points this propelled Iowa State to a 2nd place finish and a trip to Arvin Ca. for the 2009 Collegiate Nationals.

Matthew Knafla Of Iowa State continues his hot slalom with a 2nd place finish at the Midwest Collegiate Regionals. With steady skiing Matthew was able to finish 5th overall at the regionals

Heather Donan is rock solid for the Univ. Of Wisc. Madison. By consistent skiing in all 3 events Heather places 4th overall at the Midwest Collegiate Regionals.

Also competing at the Midwest Collegiate Regional from Minnesota are Jemma Wahl Univ. Wisc. La Crosse, Kelly Borns Iowa State, Abby Hitchins, Univ. Wisc. La Crosse, Matthew Lund Univ. Wisc. Stout, Todd Shneider Purdue, Mat Lokar Michigan, Alex Rome Univ. Wisc. Stout,

For more info. on Collegiate skiing go to www.mcwsa.com

Editors column

Here we are in November already. I have already witnessed a blizzard from my deer stand while I was bow hunting. The wind was blowing and snow falling, leaves were still on the trees I questioned my sanity for sitting there. This was supposed to be fun. Hopefully November will be better or I will consider going south for the winter. Nothing really exiting going on at the household besides Jeremy be recruited by Purdue and Iowa State for water skiing.

The winter Banquet is coming up with the meeting to follow so don't go to any MWSA meetings on Tuesday or you will be the only one there.

Roy

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Call to order

Chris Kosek called to order the annual meeting of the Minnesota Water Ski Association at 7:17 pm on 10/13/09 at Dave and Busters in Maple Grove.

Roll call

Jeremy Knafla conducted a roll call. The following board members were present: Chris Kosek, Dave Kaldor, Kate Knafla, Jim Rose, Darren Janzig, and Jeremy Knafla. MWSA members present were: Molly Casanova, Jenny Kaldor, Joe Bester, Herb Schulte, Larry Knafla, Phil Jirsa, Jim Olson, Nito Quitevis, and Steve Nelson.

Approval of secretary's report

Jeremy Knafla distributed minutes from the July meeting. Kate Knafla motioned to accept the Secretary's report as written, Dave Kaldor seconded, motion carried.

Old Business

1. Online Registration. The number of people using online registration for MWSA tournaments was four times higher than the previous year. The costs for using online registration were determined to be insignificant in comparison to the convenience of using it. Using a cut-off date for online registration with a contact person listed after the cut-off date online and in the regional guide was discussed.
2. Fall Banquet Location. Dave and Busters was discussed for \$25 per person. Children rates may be less, Dave Kaldor will follow up on this. Dave and Busters offers a chicken buffet (BBQ or lemon) and a Mexican buffet. A \$10 game card is included in price. Possible dates are Nov. 8, Nov. 15, or Nov. 22. Dave will contact Hannah Shirkey with the final date and prices. The E-vite will then be sent out by Hannah Shirkey.
3. Hall of Fame. The 2009 presentation will be done at the banquet. Darren is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Hall of Fame which are due December 31, 2009.
4. Website. The coding for the new website is now completed. A dozen pictures taken at the 2008 State Tournament have been made available to use on the website so long as we credit Joseph Scott (photographer). Photos from the 2009 Center City Warm up and Record tournament have also been made available to us as long as we credit Sajous Photography. Consent will be asked of the skiers whose pictures are chosen. Some concerns were voiced about the domain hosting with the new website code. Jim rose will check into this. Peter and Molly are planning on doing the upkeep of the new website.

Meeting Minutes cont.

1. Committee Chairs.
 - Promotion and Growth. Jim Rose will be stepping down and will need a replacement. Contact Chris Kosek if interested.
 - Legislative. Nito Quitevis will continue as chair unless someone voices interest. Jim Olson has been a great help on the committee because of his understanding of the politics.
 - Official Development. Theresa Wright was not present and will be contacted about continuing as chair. Jenny Kaldor will stay on as junior representative.
 - Junior Development. Chris Kosek is stepping down as chair and will not be hosting clinic at Abbey Lake this year. A new chair is needed urgently. Contact Chris Kosek if interested.
2. Facebook. The Minnesota Waterski group on Facebook will now be updated more frequently with current information from the meetings and tournaments. Jenny Kaldor will be in charge of keeping the page updated. If you are not in the group, please join.

New Business

1. New Equipment. We will need two new radios, four slalom lines, one jump line, two new cameras for video trick timing and calling, four memory cards, additional medals for GMO and the 2 Round, tarp to cover new docks, and PVC cases for the banners. Equipment should cost around \$1,000. Jim Rose motioned to buy all items, Nito Quitevis seconded, motion carried.
2. Junior Development. Possible change of date for the clinic. May also only ski on two days or ski less rounds over the three days because of tired skiers. More skiers from Iowa are expected to attend this coming year. Possible locations are Center City, Shakopee, and Pine Island. Discussion of going back to hiring all out of state coaches, a mix of in and out state, or all in state coaches. If a mix were to be used participants should pay more for the out state coach than the in state coach. The budget may exceed the benefits of out state coaches. Site coordinators need to be found and will report to the committee chair. Discussion of why we lost 19 participants from last year. Dave Kaldor will formulate a short questionnaire and send to all participants from past few years to assist in making 2010 a great clinic.
3. Island Lake Permits. Permits that were paid last year will rollover to this year.
4. Hall of Fame Unveiling. Nito Quitevis gave a speech at the unveiling. The county officials were present and astounded with our association. They said that they will continue to support our organization's use of Island Lake well into the future.
5. Safety Clinic. The safety clinic will be held Saturday, March 27 at Herb Schulte's house. You may contact him at (952)-929-9766.
6. Steve Nelson suggested that maybe for 2010 Junior Development that we could have rash guards instead of T-shirts. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
7. Steve Nelson also suggested that we take a look at the membership dues for 2010. Chris Kosek said that he would put it on the November agenda.

Adjournment

Steve Nelson moved to adjourn, seconded by Herb Schulte. Chris Kosek adjourned the meeting at 9:16 pm.

Next Meeting

To be determined – depending on the date and location of the banquet.

Minutes submitted by: Jeremy Knafla

Classified Ads**For Sale:**

Trick Ski wanted. 43" or 44" Connelly preferred. Call Roy at 763-420-8503

84" Connelly LS300 Jumpers blank with stoke tips (2000-2002?), good condition \$1100. These are 1/4" narrower for light skiers. Will sell XS Wiley bindings for \$75.

66" 2008 Radar MPD blank skied on 2 months \$250 (one middle hole has a screw broken off in it that should be removed although I skied on it like that)

65" 2006 HO Monza blank skied on one season \$150

2007 Wally Course with Wally Sinker, purchased new for \$2900, never used, still in boxes. Asking \$1900.

2000/2001 Phantom \$66, used several seasons, \$50. Contact Karen Moon at skimoon@hotmail.com



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