

2008 Western Region General Membership Meeting
Ski Park Lake, Orting, WA
July 23, 2008

Meeting called to order: 8:25 pm
78 people in attendance

Welcome and thank you to Ski Park Lake for hosting the Regionals.

Introduction of council persons and directors.

- Sam Lee, Jay Fitzpatrick, Owen Letcher, Merle Vasbinder, Tad Scharpf, Larry Goodwin, TC Boice

Council meeting held Sunday.

Recommendations to the Board from the Western Council

As of last Sunday you could now use a score from a C class tournament as a last chance qualifier. The council's position is to either get rid of the no exceptions rule or abide by it.

Regional guides going online. The west would like to continue to have a printed guide. We've been assured that we will continue to receive the funds from HQ for at least one more year to support the printed guide.

Scoring/Rankings List: We don't have a good rule for dealing with scores that are performed out of tolerance. The council has requested that the rules committee come up with a recommendation to the BOD for addressing this.

Treasurer's Report: Tad Scharpf

We receive a great deal of revenue from our regional guide ad sales which will go to support the printed guide.

Winter meeting was under budget due to snow storm and most not being able to attend.

Travel stipends for traveling board members and officials. The west is not well represented so we'd like to see more people participating in those events, team trials, rules committee meeting, etc.

We try to plan for break even budget each year.

Elections: Dave Vogt

All elections were non-contested. Brad Jamison Nevada/Utah; Todd Yoakum Oregon; Tad National Director. If anyone wants to get involved and participate, please step up and do so. Speak to Dave or your councilperson.

Rich Slingerland Award: Richelle Matli

Explanation of the award and prior recipients. 2008 Recipient: Larry Goodwin

Regional Junior Development Committee for the West: Steve Garcia, Greg Tate, Patty Hocking, Lisa Wilson. National Committee: Randy Hinkle & Charlene Brown, Chair. They met to discuss ideas and ways to bring new blood to junior development.

Awsawest.net: Laura Johnson would like some support with the web site. If you're interested, please contact Barry or Laura.

Questions/Discussion

2009 Regionals at Laku Landing, Colorado

2010 Regionals at Broadside Harbor in Idaho

Judy Stanford: What can we do as a group to have some say in all of these changes that are affecting us? We're trying to be vocal about these issues. Attend the national meeting to voice your opinions. It carries a lot of weight having representation there. Also the general membership meeting here is a good place to vocalize your thoughts. Please do so.

Bob Hardeman motioned to adjourn. 9:02 pm