

**USA Water Ski & Wake Sports
Executive Committee Call
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021**

Archambeau called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM ET.

ROLL CALL:

In Attendance: Bob Archambeau (President); Doug Robbins (Chairman of the Board); Dale Stevens (Vice President); Joel Johannningmeier (Treasurer/Secretary); Alex Lauretano (AAC Rep); Nate Boudreaux (Executive Director, nonvoting); Tim Cullen (Immediate Past President, non-voting); Kate Knafla (AWSA VP, nonvoting); Doug Ribley (NSSA President, nonvoting); Jim Grew (Past President, nonvoting)

Not present: None

Bob Archambeau opened the call by thanking everyone and giving a brief background on himself. Joel Johannningmeier, a new member to the EC, also gave the group a brief background on his experience.

Alex Lauretano said she hopes to identify the second AAC rep to be on the EC soon.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Quarterly BOD calls** - EC discussed adding scheduled quarterly BOD calls starting in March (others scheduled for June and September). Nate will send out a doodle poll/survey to determine the best day/time for the calls and calendar them, sending meeting requests to the BOD once a day/time is selected.
- **COVID-19 Recommendations** - Nate asked the EC to review the current COVID-19 recommendations on the website and provide any feedback/changes. HQ is planning an email communication to members reminding them of the COVID-19 recommendations and including information regarding the communicable disease exclusion in the USA-WSWS general liability policy. The question was asked if LOCs could purchase additional insurance coverage to cover the communicable disease on their own. Nate checked with EPIC (Insurance broker) and there really are no additional options.

The EC suggested we keep the current COVID-19 recommendations “as is” and monitor the situation throughout the year before suggesting additional LOC recommendations (e.g., providing a negative test prior to participating in any USA-WSWS sanctioned event).

- **Safe Sport Training Membership Requirement** - EC discussed and will make the recommendation to the BOD to make Safe Sport training a requirement for USA-WSWS membership starting in 2022. Nate explained how the process would work in the new membership system. Once someone signs up for a membership, a query is made to the Safe Sport database to check to see if that person is trained or not. If not, the member

will have 30 days to complete the training. Emails will be sent to members to take the training to become “active” USA-WSWS members. Until members take the training, they will appear in the database as “pending” members. The EC unanimously approved the recommendation that all members age 18 and up be required to take the training starting in 2022 (excluding supporting members and HNDs who are not active members). However, USA-WSWS will encourage all members required to do so in 2022 to take the training beginning in 2021 with the launch of the new membership system.

- **Background Check Appeal Process** - Discussed adding appeals language to the USA-WSWS background check policies and procedures. The organization has historically treated the background check as a “green light” (nothing reported) or “red light” (conviction reported), with the only appeal option being to challenge the accuracy of NCSI’s information. We have not allowed any further internal appeal. Under the USOPC Background Check Policy, we could offer an internal appeal if our policy allowed for it (similar to U.S. Ski & Snowboard - <https://usskiandsnowboard.org/safesport-athlete-safety/background-screening>). The EC was OK with having Jeff Smith move forward with creating “appeal” language. However, the EC wanted to discuss further the actual process as the EC does not feel comfortable hearing the appeal and would rather have it go to the judicial or risk management committee.

UPDATES

Integrass Membership System – Still plugging away; test environment created, APIs (direct connections of databases) with Safe Sport and NCSI initiated and tested; data mapping still in progress; walked us through the first draft of the individual membership workflow. Will walk us through family workflow and club membership workflow next week. Still on track for an early April launch.

USOPC audit – Nate preparing a background screen exception memo in hopes of lessening the number of USA-WSWS individuals who needs to be screened (currently all officials).

Beginning to plan to update training courses for new Learning Management System (LMS) – Jess leading.

- USA-WSWS Level 1 Instructor Course
- USA-WSWS Trained Boat Driver Course
- NSSA Class A Driver Learner’s Permit Course
- NSSA Continuing Education Driver Course
- AWSA Judges/Scorers Drivers Clinic
- USA-WSWS Safety Director Clinic

USA-WSWS/PCSM Headquarters

PCSM is interested in having the Lake Myrtle Sports Complex become an USOPC training center (soccer, baseball, lacrosse, water ski). Nate introduced Mark to the USOPC, and they will learn more in 2022. The first step is to get the sport NGBs to recognize the facility as a training

center for their specific sports (we can make the cable park and 3 event lake an official USA-WSWS site).

- The USA-WSWS home is now at 2701 Lake Myrtle Park Rd (PCSM headquarters).
 - Mark said PCSM is willing to put a USA-WSWS logo/sign outside the building.

Update on the 3-event lake (from PCSM)

- Location is directly adjacent to cable park.
- Engineering and design finalized along with cost estimate (\$2.6M - lake, tower, boat ramp, roads, parking lots, etc.). Hoping to schedule construction by summer/fall and should take 4 months to complete (estimated by end of 2021 or early 2022).
- The RV resort adjacent to the cable park is now open (Knapp family-owned).

Update on Foundation sale of the land (from PCSM)

- The land is essentially broken into three parts. The Foundation owns two parts and the Knapp family the third. The Knapp land is basically in the middle of the two Foundation pieces of land.
- The Foundation is looking to sell everything but has priced it very high. The city is interested in the small piece near the 3-event lake as the city already owns 90% of the property where the 3-event lake is going. The Knapp family is interested in the piece that includes the cable park, but they and the foundation are far off on price.

NEXT EC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WED, MARCH 17, 2021 AT 1 PM ET

ADJOURNMENT

Archambeau adjourned the meeting at 2:41 PM ET.