



Monthly Newsletter -- May, 2009

From The President

Hello Everyone,
Well spring is here, what a great week we had. Lots of sunshine and warm temperatures! I'm sure many of you have already been on the water and are dealing with all the aches and pains that come with spring skiing. Even with the warm temperatures and sun shining, we had a great turn out at our last meeting. Thank you once again for those who were able to make it. Your input and thoughts are very valuable to the success and growth of our sport. Things are looking good for the upcoming season. As of now, it is looking very positive for a memorial dedicated to our hall of fame members. We now have a company willing to donate a large rock that can be used as the monument and the equipment to move it in place at Island Lake. Next step is getting the approval of Ramsey County. There will be brand new docking in place for our MWSA tournaments this year! Thanks to Dock and Lift for their very generous donation and Tom Skramstad for coordinating, we will now have safe durable docking. If you're in the market for a new dock, please stop in and talk to Tim Latterner or check out their website at www.dockandlift.com. There are also some other company's that have been very generous to this organization over the years. If you're in the market for ski equipment, boat repair, upkeep, or looking at purchasing a new boat, please keep in mind Minnesota Inboard (Malibu dealer) and Midwest MasterCraft. They have done a lot over the years from donating equipment for our auctions, sponsoring the State Tournament T-shirts, and giving money for our junior development programs. Summer is quickly approaching and with that comes our State Tournament. Each year at the State Tournament, we vote on board members for the upcoming year. This is your chance to become more involved. With regards to the present board members, everyone is willing to serve another term with the exception of Kate Knafla and Hannah Shirkey. Kate has taken on secretary duties for AWSA and would like to step down as our state representative. Hannah would like to step down as MWSA secretary and run for the state representative spot. So we are definitely in need of a new secretary. Please keep in mind all of our MWSA positions are open. If you're interested in running for any of the positions, please do so. It's good for the organization. If you're one who likes to get your entry taken care of early, we now have on-line registration up and running for the 2009 season. There is only one more meeting left. For those who have been unable to attend over the winter please, come by and share your ideas or your concerns for the organization and sport you love. Thanks,
Chris Kosek

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,
In reference to the comment in the last newsletter concerning "Tree Huggers" I would like to draw attention to the article in the March/April issue of The Water Skier on page 22 by Leon Larson. We should know how our boats consume energy as well as showing a concern for the impact our sport has on the environment and not simply collecting information to be used "against". Remember what you resist persists. To those who see our sport as merely tearing across the water on a plastic board, as a superfluous and ridiculous use of resources we are an easy mark. We cannot be arrogant.

Sincerely,
Verna Clark

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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2009 Tournament Schedule

Date	Name	Events	Location
May 30-31	name TBD	3 S	New Germany, MN
June 5-7	Jr Development		Various
June 19-20	Paradise Lake	3 Slalom	Chippewa Falls, WI
June 26	Center City Warm Up	2 S	Center City, MN
June 27-28	Center City Record	2 S T J	Center City, MN
July 3-4	4th of July	3 Slalom	Glenwood, MN
July 4-5	4th of July	2 S T J	Glenwood, MN
July 11-12	Greater Midwest Open	2 S T J	Shoreview, MN
July 18-19	10,000 Lakes Pick-n-Choose	2 S T J	Quarry Lake, MN
July 25-26	State Championship	1 S T J	Shoreview, MN
July 31-Aug 2	Midwest Regionals	1 S T J	Waters Edge, IL
August 11-15	U.S. Nationals	1 S T J	West Palm Beach
Aug 21-22	Grand Prix Stop 1	3 Slalom	Glenwood, MN
August 22-23	Grand Prix Stop 2	2S 2T 2J	Glenwood, MN
August 29-30	name TBD	STJ	Pine Island, MN
Sept 4-5	Fall Paradise Lake	ST	Chippewa Falls, WI
Sept 11-13	Island Lake 2 Round	2 S T J	Shoreview, MN
Sept. 19-20	Dry suit Open	3S	Center City, MN

AWSA SAFETY CLINICS

Safety clinics Scheduled for the upcoming months. If you are interested please contact Herb Schulte at 952-929-9766

schul005@tc.umn.edu

May 15th in Rochester Minn..

May 23rd at Herbs House.

Collegiate Update

The spring collegiate season is off to a chilly start but not on the water. Heather Donen starts off with an overall title at the Scott Coley Wisc. Open with wins in slalom and jump. At the Janya Totzig open she had two second place finishes in slalom and trick. Madalyn Baldwin scores a victory in slalom and a second in jump at the Trotzig Open and Kelly Borns starts her season off strong with a second in slalom and 3rd overall at the Scott Coley Wisc. Open. Who says she can only slalom. With the men next Matt Knafla continues his dominating performances with two overall titles in the two tournaments. With wins in Slalom and tricks at both tournaments. Can anyone stop him. Other Minnesotans skiing are Kristen Putrah, Amanda Lund, Michelle Joyce, Morgan Baumgard, Alex Rome, Ben Rome, Jeff Cadry, William Quin, and Matt Olson.

Minnesota Water Ski Association Junior Development Clinic, June 5–7, 2009

I hope everyone is enjoying the winter. We are planning ahead to this year's Junior Development Clinic which will be held June 5 – 7th, 2009. Things will be a little bit different this year. There will be various off water games along with prizes. All coaching this year will be provided by coaches from the Midwest Region that are AWSA certified coaches with extensive experience working with skiers at all levels including national level competitors. We will be using the same lakes as last year: Trophy Lake in Glenwood, Abbie Lake in Buffalo, Pine Island in Rochester and Quarry Lake in Shakopee. The registration for Abbie and Quarry Lakes usually fills within a week of the newsletter going out so please respond early if you want to ski at either of these locations. We continue to get new skiers and usually have to turn kids away from the metro locations. It's encouraging to see so much interest by our youth in water skiing. We would like to thank all of last year's sponsors and encourage you to patronize their business: Lakeview Family Dentistry, Minnesota Inboard, MWSA Silent Auction (Kate Knafla, chairperson), the Tank Family, Trophy Lakes Estates, Quiznos, Dominoes, and Dave Syverson Auto Mall.

What we offer

- 3 ski rides per day on a private ski site with instruction from AWSA certified coaches.
- 3-event instruction (slalom, trick, jumping). Sorry, but no wakeboarding.
- 2009 competition ski boats
- Tons of fun! The clinic starts at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, June 5, and ends around noon on Sunday, June 7th. Unfortunately, some schools this year are running all day on Friday and we will pull skiers when they arrive. We will provide lunch on Friday and Saturday and a MN Jr. Development T-shirt for each skier.
- We ask that all skiers are able to get up on 2 skies prior to the clinic.
- The clinic is open to skiers in Boys 1-3 and Girls 1-3 (Ages 17 and under).

How to register

- Send in the completed form at the bottom of this page (one form per child) and a check payable to MWSA for \$149 per child.
- Registrations will only be accepted by mail and will be taken on a first come first served basis. We will start a waiting list if the clinic fills.
- Every participant must be an active USA Water Ski member due to insurance purposes and a MWSA member. Join USA Waterski at: <http://usawaterski.org/pages/Join.html> or by calling 1-800-533-2972. The cost is \$40/year for juniors. Guest memberships, good for that weekend only, will be available at each site for \$10.00. Join MWSA by going to: <http://www.MNWaterski.com>. On the home page go to "About" and then "Join the MWSA."
- A pre clinic mailing will arrive in June.
- Once your registration has been received (you will receive an e-mail confirmation) make hotel reservations if necessary. E-mail Chris Kosek (ckosek200@msn.com) for a list of hotels for any of the locations.

MWSA Jr. Development Clinic

Name _____ DOB _____ T-shirt size: Youth S M L or Adult S M L XL

Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____ USA Water
Ski# _____

List in order of preference where you would like to ski:

- _____ Glenwood
- _____ Abbie Lake (Buffalo)
- _____ Quarry Lake (Shakopee)
- _____ Pine Island (Rochester)
- _____ Please check here if you would like directions to your ski site.

Send Registration Form to:

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For further information contact
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March Meeting Minutes

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:04.

Old Business

- 1)MWSA Direction – Darren Janzig has heard from the barefooters. The Show skiers think it is a good idea, but not necessarily committed to the idea. The wakeboarders don't want to commit.
 - a)Discussion on what we should do – 1) We need to lay the foundation and carry it out ourselves and recruit the other disciplines, 2) We need to put ideas down on paper of what the purpose of an umbrella organization would be, goals, benefits. Get ideas from the membership throughout the 2009 ski season and then put the ideas into a formal presentation to give to the other disciplines.
- 2)Promotion and Growth – (Chris Kosek for Jim Rose)
 - a)The website is 6 weeks behind in the design and layout. Periscope is the company working with Jim Rose on the project. At the next meeting we should have a mock up of the website to show and the final product should be ready at the end of May.
 - b)Officials Clinic – we have (will) received monies from Trophy Lakes I, III, Prior Lake, and Chippewa Falls to help pay for the room rental/lunch at the hotel.
- 3)Legislation – (Nito Quitevis)
 - a)There is discussion on the grandfather rights on lakes, boats that change the wakes and size/length of docks
 - b)Surveys are being done on boating trends around the state
 - c)Issues have come up with members about decibels of boats
 - d)The cost of spraying weeds have increased over the past year
- 4)Officials Development – No Report
- 5)Junior Development (Chris Kosek/Jeremy Knafla)
 - a)21 juniors have registered so far. The coaches are in place for all the lakes. We should have the safety directors needed for each site.
 - b)Greg Anklan will make up a flyer about the novice event at state which will be handed out at each of the clinic sites.
- 6)Docks
 - a)Tom Skramstad has been in contact with Dock and Lift who are willing to donate 64 feet of dock to MWSA. The sections bolt together along with the uprights. They are easy to take apart and store. Larry Knafla is concerned about the straight section which may not have the necessary support/stability, but if a foot plate is used on the uprights it should stabilize the dock.
 - b)Darren Janzig has checked with a company in Nisswa but their dock is not much different then the dock section we have now.
Nito Quitevis made a motion to go with the donation from Dock and Lift, seconded by Herb Schulte. Motion Carried
- 7)Hall of Fame Plaque – (Nito Quitevis)
Nito has been in talks with McGoff who has all sizes of boulders and slabs of marble. McGoff has agreed to deliver the boulder for free. We are moving in the right direction for the plaque just not sure if it will be done by this year, but would be nice if done by state. Question – What do we want the plaque to say??? Need to work on this over the next several weeks.
- 8)Hall of Fame Nominations – Darren Janzig will be sending out a letter this week regarding the nominations.
- 9)Banners for the State Tournament – The jump will have a jumper on the banner and the 2 banners on the walkways will have a slalom skier.
- 10)694 Billboard (Steve Nelson) – When looking at the cost of a billboard it is not very practical for our organization. We may be able to put a banner across the bottom of an unused billboard for the weekend, but we may have to pay for that also.
- 11)National Shirts (Jenny/Dave Kaldor) – Still working on the shirts but will cost about \$15-\$17 per shirt

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12) Awards (Herb Schulte) – State Tournament

The current trophy for State costs approximately \$15. A regular metal trophy will cost approximately \$10. If we did metals the cost would be approximately \$7. Herb Schulte may be able to get the engraving on the metal/ trophy taken care of and the cost could be less.

Larry Knafla motioned to have metals at this years state tournament with some metals having a slalom skier, some with a trick skier and some with a jumper, Seconded by Roy Knafla. Motion Carried

New Business

- 1) Board Positions – We are seeking nominations for all positions on the board. Chris Kosek is willing to stay as President, Darren Janzig is willing to stay on as Vice President, Dave Kaldor is willing to stay on as Treasurer. The Secretary position is open as Hannah Shirkey is interested in the State Representative position on the Midwest Region Board. Kate Knafla is currently the AWSA Secretary and will still be a member of the MWSA board. All positions are open for nominations.
- 2) Island **Lake** – **The water level is down and if a tournament was to be held today it would be dangerous. What should we do if the water level is low in mid June?** Darren Janzig will talk with the board of Trophy Lake III about the possibility of allowing MWSA to host the State Tournament at that site. Should we be in contact with Trophy Lake IV, New Germany about the possibility of holding the GMO at that site?
- 3) Website – We need someone that will be able to post new information on the site as the information becomes available. Peter Dahl says that he would be able to do it if it **came to him in a cut and paste format.**
- 4) Larry Knafla motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm, seconded by Dave Kaldor. Motion Carried.

April Agenda

Call to Order

Chris Kosek

Secretary's Report

Hannah Shirkey

Treasurer's Report

Dave Kaldor

Old Business

1. (Committee Chairs) Promotion and Growth (Jim Rose) Legislative (Nito) Officials Development (Theresa Wright) Junior Development (Chris)
2. Docks (Do we need to pick them up)
3. H.O.F. dedication. (Nito)
4. H.O.F. Nominations (Darren Janzig)
5. Banners (We are we at)
6. Jenny Kaldor (Cost for National shirts)
7. Awards for State (Herb)
8. MWSA tournaments (Follow up with Darren on alternative site if unable to hold at Island Lake)

Classified Ads**For Sale:**

Wooded Lots - Beaver Lake Estates. One acre wooded lots for sale in new residential development on 100 acre Beaver Lake, near Owatonna, Minnesota. Each lot has deeded access to an outlot with 246 feet of shoreline. Each lot will have their own shoreline area suitable for placement of a dock and lift. Accusink Slalom course on the lake available for use. For further information, contact Pete Plunkett at 507-438-9503 or e-mail at peter.plunkett@minnesotasurety.com or take a look at our website at www.beaverlkestates.com. Lots priced from \$79,900. Common well included. Septic system additional.

·**Looking** for youth trick skis. Good condition. Todd and Annette Jones 612.309.8703

·**3500 pound** aluminum lift with or without canopy. Please call Pete Plunkett at 507-438-9503.

·**1999 SKINAUTIQUE** (closed bow) Hunter Green and White, Ford 351 GT-40, heater, rear seat, Ramlin trailer, Perfect Pass Pro, (Stargazer upgrade available), 877 hours. Oil changed every 50 hours with Mobil One. \$16,000 Contact David MacMillan 701-309-0337 or email daveskimac2@mac.com. Pictures available.

·**1999 Malibu Response LX** with perfect pass and heater. Bimini top and wake plate. In great shape. \$17,500 Call Jim at 952-457-8939.

·**Free** - Swim Raft 8'x8' - Wood raft on 4 plastic 55 gallon barrels. Good Condition. Greg Anklan 651-257-7401.



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