

Wildwater Committee Meeting Minutes, 11/3/03

In attendance (via skype): Tom Wier, Chuck Brabec, Jeremy Rodgers, Kurt Smithgall, Tom O'Sullivan, Denny Adams. Note: O'Sullivan was unable to vote due to problems with his skype connection.

2014 National Events

• 2014 Nationals

- We have one bid for nationals from Chris Norbury, who wants to put on the event in association with Cheat Fest in May of 2014 (Wier).
- Nationals was held in the east in 2013, and it would be ideal to have Nationals in the western US, but we have only one bid from the east (Brabec).
- FiBArk did not submit a bid, but we should work with them for an event in 2015 (Rodgers)
- Holding nationals as part of a larger festival like Cheat Fest is a good idea (Smithgall)
- Motion to vote to adopt Norbury's bid for 2014 Nationals (Wier), Seconded (Smithgall)
- Unanimous in favor of holding 2014 Nationals in conjunction with the Cheat Fest.

• 2014 Western Junior and Senior Team Trials

- We have two bids for Western Senior Team Trials for 2014, one from Colorado and one from Washington State. The Colorado bid also includes 2014 Western Junior Trials, and is the only bid received for Western Junior Trials (Wier)
- We need to consider the location of Junior Team Trials in 2014 and 2015 when we make this decision. We like to have juniors and seniors racing together if possible.
- The Durango Bid is complete and looks like the organizers have thought about the event (Smithgall and Brabec).
- Motion to adopt the bid from Colorado for 2014 Western Junior and Senior Team Trials (Wier), Seconded (Brabec)
- Unanimous vote in favor of holding 2014 Western Junior and Senior Team Trials in Durango in April 2014.

• 2015 Western Senior Trials

- We received one bid for 2015 Western Team Trials, from Washington State (Wier)
- The course is good, and will likely be at a good water flow for the race (Wier).
- We need to be clear if we select this location that the event is for senior trials only, and that we still need to find locations for junior trials for 2015 (Brabec)

- Motion to adopt the bid from Marin Millar in Washington for 2015 Western Senior Team Trials (Wier), Seconded (Adams)
- Unanimous vote in favor of this bid.

- **2015 Eastern Team Trials**

- We currently have no bids for 2015 Easter Senior Team Trials for 2015 (Wier)
- There is a new race on the Lehigh River in Pennsylvania in late August or early September that could be a good race course (Smithgall)
- The Lehigh Classic has a facebook page- for info about the race, check it out (Brabec)
- Smithgall will contact Mark Zakutansky w/ Appalachian Mountain Club regarding this race. Wier will provide Smithgall with required details.
 - Chuck- check facebook page for Lehigh classic.

New Business:

- Fibark board has changed. Ed Loeffel has retired from running the wildwater events. Can we reach out now and find contacts to make sure that 2014 FiBArk has a strong wildwater presence? (Rodgers)
- A facebook page for USAwildwater could be a good idea from a publicity and fundraising standpoint, as it will make the iGive account much more visible (Rodgers)
 - Only those with facebook accounts can access it; we would need to be careful to make the website the primary vehicle for new information and have the facebook page point to the website (Brabec)
 - We should table this discussion for now. The newly elected board next year will investigate, make recommendations, and if we proceed, will assign a board member to be the primary admin for the page.
 - Tabled
- Action Items:
 - Wier will contact all race directors regarding bids, and have them provide a who/what/when/where fact sheet or press release.
 - Brabec will send out e-zine with bid announcements and nomination time periods.