

## Wildwater Committee Meeting Minutes

2-28-16

Meeting conducted by Skype

In attendance: Tom Wier, Doug Ritchie, Jeff Owen, Michael Beavers

1. Introductions: all board members introduced themselves and their involvement with wildwater.
2. Board Structure
  - a. Number of board members- Denny Adams resignation leaves us with 7 board members
  - b. Quorum- 4 is a quorum, so we can conduct business tonight
  - c. Michael Beavers concern- lifetime USACK memberships are not recognized by ACA- Katie Hansen
3. Selection of officers:
  - a. Tom W proposed that we vote to select the following officers as a slate for the committee:
    - i. Chair- Tom W
    - ii. Vice chair- Doug Ritchie
    - iii. Secretary- Jennie Goldberg
    - iv. Treasurer- Michael Beavers
    - v. Athlete Representatives- Marin Millar and Will Coggan
  - b. A motion to accept the slate made by Jeff Owen; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael beavers
  - c. Voice vote taken: all in favor.
  - d. Additional discussion from Jeff Owen- We need to find an honorary officer (under bylaws section IV.B.3.) who will oversee fundraising. Other board members are in agreement and an action item from this meeting is that all board members will work on finding such an officer.
4. Assignment of other duties
  - a. Tom W proposed that we assign the following duties to members of the wildwater committee:
    - i. Nationals- Jeff Owen
    - ii. Junior and Senior Team Trials- finding locations- Marin Millar and Will Coggan
    - iii. Communications- Website portion- Tom Wier
  - b. Voice vote on these three assignments- all in favor.
  - c. Discussion on finding rankings editor:
    - i. Jeff Owen- We need to specify which races are included in rankings, and clarify how they are calculated. Then we can find someone who will calculate them.
    - ii. Action item: get rankings methodology set first, then find someone to do it.
5. Team Trials/Nationals Rules
  - a. Discussion on proposed nationals and team trials rules:
    - i. Jeff Owen: We need to define the way that race organizers are expected to run races. If we are following ICF rules, we need to specify which rules are flexible for race directors (boat control, etc.)
    - ii. Michael Beavers: the safety rules are more important, not boat control
  - b. The nationals and team trials need to be approved by March 31.
  - c. Action item: Tom will add language for race directors regarding race directors rules. Tom will send out for comment and vote from whole committee.

6. Budget:
  - a. Tom W moves that we place a spending moratorium until we have an official account balance from the ACA
    - i. Motion agreed to by all members present.
  - b. Discussion on revenue sources for USA Wildwater. iGive currently sends regular checks to us, and we need these checks to be deposited in an account for us. Action item- Tom W will change the account at iGive and send the checks directly to the ACA.
7. Team Trials selection for 2017 2018 teams
  - a. 2017 Eastern Senior Team Trials bid on the Potomac from Andrew McEwan
    - i. Discussion: the bid looks good.
    - ii. A motion to approve this race was made by Jeff Owen; a 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Michael Beavers
    - iii. Voice vote: All in favor
8. Tabled: Discussion of 2018 selection race in NOC. This race may fit in well with combining major large events with our current low participation. We will return to this discussion in a summer meeting when 2017 races are taking shape.
9. Development:
  - a. Discussion on development as our greatest need. Jeff Owen: We need to increase exposure; one way to do that is to combine wildwater events with larger events as much as possible. Tom Wier: We need a plan of action- specific goals as suggested by Jeff and others, amounts of money needed to achieve those goals, and a plan to use the money . If we can put that together, we give our future fundraising officer the grounding needed for grants and donors.
  - b. Michael Beavers: Start a Google docs brainstorming spreadsheet- all will email Michael their Google profile or Gmail address to share the Google doc. TW will send email to board asking to send Michael their information on Google.
10. Meeting adjourned.