

**Kentucky Water Ski Federation Minutes**  
**Elizabethtown, Kentucky**  
November 05, 2011

Eric Kelley, President, was absent today and Joy Coomes, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M. in the home of Ed Sorace.

Kathy Kesheimer, secretary, supplied the members with copies of the July 16, 2011 minutes of the meeting. A motion was made by Joe Burkhead and seconded by Bobby Hill to dispense with the reading of the minutes. The motion was voted on and carried. In the absence of K. Kesheimer, Joy asked Cathy Burkhead to take the minutes for this meeting.

Ann Catlett, treasurer, supplied the treasurer's report with a balance on hand to date of \$2,789.29. Joy presented the report in Ann's absence. The expenses of our website are offset by an advertisement from Boat Works. The Southern Region has not yet paid for State Junior Development Clinic. Bobby Hill made the motion and seconded by Pat Coomes to accept the report. The motion was voted on and carried.

The Junior Development representatives, Pam Harris and Kathy Kesheimer, were not present for the meeting. The state members assisting with the Junior Clinic held at Twin Oaks Lake in June reported that the June clinic was very successful with approximately 16 juniors participating in the clinic. Many records for juniors skiing their best were accomplished. Brenda Baldwin, water ski instructor from Florida, was invited by KY Federation to come and coach our juniors to help accomplish their goals. We had 7 juniors from KY to win Most Improved Skier awards at Regionals.

The following Kentucky water ski clubs gave annual reports:

1. Cruises Creek- Bob Archambeau stated that the club had one tournament this year, and plans on one or more tournaments for 2012.
  
2. KY Lake Ski Nuts- Pat Coomes reported that 2 tournaments and one Junior Clinic were held in 2011. In 2012, the club plans to have 2 regular Class "C" tournaments, the State Championship Tournament, and the 2012 Southern Regionals Tournament. The slalom course in the south lake has been moved to accommodate better boat alignment coming around the islands into the course. We are asking other state clubs to help with the 2012 Southern Regionals with tasks such as: Practice schedule, boat handlers, video for tricks, buoy change out, design a state (KY) staff shirt for all workers, and other tasks. Call Pat Coomes for an update on duties to be filled to help make our 2012 Regionals very successful. (United We Stand-Divided We Fall)

3. **Muddy Creek Lake-** Mark Coomes reported they had low water for much of this year. Eric would like to have a 2012 Tournament, if possible.
4. **Stillwater-** Leon reported that they have approximately 18 skiers in the club. For 2011, they had two regular Class “C” tournaments and the Kentucky State Championships. In 2012, the club plans on having two tournaments.
5. **Taylorsville-** John Fowler stated that the club is alive and well. John introduced a new member of the club, Hartly Davidson, who was present at our meeting today. The club is expecting several new juniors to be skiing up to tournament level in the near future.
6. **Rough River –** Suzanne Webb and Ed Sorace reported that their water was high at the beginning of the skiing season. They have 23 families in the club with 67 individuals. The club hosted the Bluegrass Games at Freeman Lake in Elizabethtown. Competing were 15 class “C” slalom skiers and one novice slalom skier. The two-day tournament had slalom in the morning and wakeboarding competition in the afternoon. They plan on having one tournament in 2012, the Blue Grass Games. Congratulations to Suzanne Webb – two-time winner in the Nationals in Slalom in her division.
7. **Bluegrass Ski Club –** Ed Sorace stated that this club doubled its membership from 5 to 10 members. Five of these are tournament skiers.

**Old Business:**

- Two different sets of Kentucky water ski records are actually on file for all to see. One set of records is the KY State Championship, where you may set this record ONLY at the annual state tournament. The other set is recorded when a KY water skier breaks a record when skiing at any tournament within the state of KY. President Eric Kelley (in charge of records) and Suzanne Webb are currently working on some of these records and dates that are NOT correct! If you have any corrections, please send them to Eric and Suzanne to correct the skier and/or dates.
- The minutes in November 2010 proposed changes in the by-laws related to residency and qualifying for the State tournament; skiers must be able to show a record of residency. The proof of residency is based on and only based on AWSA record of residency.
- We gave a special “Thank You” to Suzanne Webb for our KY Water Ski Federation website. More sponsors are needed to help offset the expense of our website. If you know of someone, please contact Eric or Suzanne.

- The “Fly Boy Helmet” helped to raise more than \$3,500 for Junior Development at the Regionals. The helmet went for \$900. If you made a pledge for the helmet and have not paid what you donated, make a donation to KWSA for the amount you pledged.
- Kentucky had an Officials’ Clinic for drivers, judges, safety, and scorers in 2010. We do not have to conduct or go to another one for three years.
- Our state officers and Junior Development officers are checking with each other to make sure the correct paper work was completed and turned in to the Southern Region for our Junior Development Clinic. We may be reimbursed up to \$400 for the clinic.

**New Business:**

1. **The officers for the KY State Water-Ski Federation** that were nominated and elected for 2012 are:
  - President---Eric Kelley
  - Vice-President----Joy Coomes
  - Secretary-----Bob Harris
  - Treasurer-----Ann Catlett
  - Junior Development---The John Fowler Family
  - State Council—Tim McKune’s term ended. Joe Burkhead has 2 years remaining on the council. Pat Coomes has 1 year left. The members unanimously agreed to vote Tim McKune back for a 3-yr councilman position.
2. A 2012 KY State Federation Tournament bid was given by the Kentucky Lake Ski Nuts.
3. The deadline for KY Federation members to make nominations for the 2011 State awards is January 31, 2012. State Federation officials and councilmen will be voting on the 2011 KY awards after January 31, 2012:
  - Junior Skier of the Year
  - Member of the Year
  - Adult Skier of the Year
  - KY Water Ski Hall of Fame
4. It is planned for Brenda Baldwin to again coach our KY Juniors for our June 2012 Clinic/School. Her charge will be \$1,500 (travel included), and will be covered by donations from parents of participants. Some members have suggested also having an Adult Ski Clinic Day. Members suggested that the clinic should be sanctioned and should be planned well in advance. We need someone to write a request to KWSA for the 3-day Junior Ski School (for more advanced junior skiers). It has to be kept as a non-profit event, and details are needed on facts about the school, as well

as it being sanctioned with USA Water Ski. Eric or a Ski Nut member will take care of the sanction and the KWSA request.

**STATED BELOW ARE TENTATIVE WATER SKI TOURNAMENTS AND CLINICS HELD IN KENTUCKY FOR 2012. SOME DATES MAY CHANGE.**

**Tournament Planning for 2012 Calendar:**

- June 9<sup>th</sup> –Stillwater 2 Rd-3 event (5 pulls max)-(maybe 3 event)
- June 13<sup>th</sup>—KY JR 3 Days School (Advanced skiers)- KLO- Ski Nuts
- June 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> – 2 days -16<sup>th</sup> (S)-17<sup>th</sup>(T,J)- KLO - KY Lake Ski Nuts
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>—Blue Grass Games – Grassroots (Rough River)\*\*\*\*\*
- June 23-24<sup>th</sup> –Cruises Creek (23<sup>rd</sup>-All Slalom)-24<sup>th</sup>(T,J) - 3 rd-3 event
- July 13<sup>th</sup> —KWSF Junior Development Clinic -Ski Nuts Club
- July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>- KY State Championship-Ski Nuts Club
- July 25 – 28<sup>th</sup> ----2012 Southern Regionals @ Twin Oaks Lake
- August 14 – 18<sup>th</sup>----2012 Nationals @ West Palm Beach
- August 25<sup>th</sup> –Cruises Creek - 2 rounds, 3 Events (s, t, j,)
- September 1<sup>st</sup> ---Stillwater Labor Day Tournament – 3 Rd. Slalom
- September 8<sup>th</sup> -- David Moffitt Tourney -Ski Nuts-3 rd. & 3 events

\*\*\*\*\*Tim McKune and Ed Sorace will discuss June 23<sup>rd</sup> tournaments and report to President Eric and state club members on Dates for tournament.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS FOR 2012 TOURNAMENTS----** Please send your details to Suzanne Webb for our KY Federation website in advance.

With no other business to be discussed, Pat Coomes made a motion for the meeting to adjourn. Leon Leonard seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cathy Burkhead*

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(For Kathy Kesheimer, KWSF Secretary)

**20 Members Attending: Pat Coomes, Joy Coomes, Bob Archambeau, John Fowler, Andy Anderson, Leon Leonard, Joe Duff, Cathy Burkhead, Joe Burkhead, Errol Bryant, Patricia Bryant, Ed Sorace, Tim McKune, Bobby Hill, Tina Hill, Mark Coomes, Bob and Terry Harris, Suzanne Webb and Mr. Webb**

**1 guest: Hartley Davidson**