

GMWS ANNUAL MEETING MAY 6, 2022 (UNAPPROVED)

Our Annual Meeting was offered virtually and in person. Those who attended chose to participate virtually, and were Bruce & Donna Epstein, John Witmer, Joe Bourgeois, Dan Pike, Jamie Carroll, Tom Berry, Jay Provencher, Darlene McCormick, and Tofer Sharp. The Meeting was called to order by Bruce Epstein (President) at 7:06pm.

2021 Minutes

Minutes from the 2021 meeting held on May 12, 2021 (unapproved) were read by the President. Motion to approve passed.

2020 Treasurer's Report

Bill Bruzzese (Treasurer) reported we have approximately \$4,418.89 in our Bank Account. The current balance in the Alan Rossi account is \$650.00. Bruce stated the Alan Rossi Funds were kept separate for accounting purposes. The Funds are not to be available for GMWS expenditures. The Club will send \$300 to East Region Junior Development, which includes donations to the Alan Rossi fund from out of state clubs. Bruce filed an e-card with the IRS documenting our 2020 expenditures were under \$50,000. Our club is a Social Club(501C) approved by the IRS. The club will need to file an e-card yearly documenting expenses under \$50,000.

Election of Officers

The new slate of 2022 officers are:

President-Bruce Epstein

Vice President- Temporarily vacant *

Treasurer-Bill Bruzzese

Secretary-Donna Epstein

Director Special Events-John Witmer & Ellen Fay

Director Membership Chair-Joe Bourgeois

Director at Large-Suzi Pike

* Dan Pike new Board Member. Justin may fill VP

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was approved that dues for membership remain \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Currently new or existing members can sign up online for recurring membership through Paypal, or pay yearly dues by check or cash. Joe indicated that he currently has about 73 emails that go out to current and former members. NESS (North East Slalom Series) organized by Justin will continue this year. A motion to continue a \$100 donation to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention was approved.

New Business

Our Tournament is scheduled for August 27, 2022 at Wrightsville Beach. This year's tournament will be limited to 27 skiers with a turn and burn option for runs 2 & 3. All competitor and Officials must take Safe Sport course to participate. A Motion was passed to contribute \$200 to fund T shirts. No Clinics currently are scheduled. There will be two courses on Waterbury Reservoir, one near Blush Hill, and a second course at the Dam location. The Wrightsville course is up and the Lake Iroquois course is not yet up. A discussion was held concerning the status of the Starting Dock which had stability issues at the Tournament. A motion was passed to budget \$1,500 to add a Floating Dock. Chip Jones was presented the 2021 Alan Rossi Award. Our website has not been kept up to date. Darlene led a discussion on getting the website current. Toffer and Jaime are willing to volunteer. Bruce led a discussion on a Wake Board Petition submitted to ANR by an organization called Responsible Wakes. The Petition requests amending the Use of Public Waters Rules for a 1,000 ft distance from shore, Wake Board Zones, and a 20 ft depth requirement. Bruce expressed his opinion that the Petition did not follow the Rules that have minimum acreage limits for high speed boating and PWC. Also Bruce feels the 1,000 ft would not be enforceable by the State Police. Wake Boarding did not exist when the Rules were adopted. Wake Boarding should be included and be treated fairly; however, adopting the Petition as written would result in more Petitions, since Wake Boarding could exist on any high speed Lake which would then intensify conflicts. Bruce asked for GMWS endorsement to support utilizing the current Rules format in order to submit to ANR our position. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.