

GMWS ANNUAL MEETING MAY 3, 2023 (UNAPPROVED)

Our Annual Meeting was offered virtually and in person. Those who attended chose to participate virtually, and were Bruce & Donna Epstein, Fred Costello, John Witmer, Joe Bourgeois, Justin Campfield, David Smith, and Suzi Pike. The Meeting was called to order by Bruce Epstein (President) at 7:09pm.

2022 Minutes

Minutes from the 2022 meeting held on May 6, 2022 (unapproved) were read by the President. Motion to approve passed.

2022 Treasurer's Report

Bill Bruzzese (Treasurer) reported we have approximately \$3,525.96 in our Bank Account. The current balance in the Alan Rossi account is \$350.00. 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 2022 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

A Motion was made and accepted to elect the new slate of 2023 officers:

President- Bruce Epstein

Vice President- Justin Campfield

Treasurer-Bill Bruzzese

Secretary-Donna Epstein

Director Special Events-John Witmer & Ellen Fay

Director Membership Chair-Joe Bourgeois

Director at Large-Suzi Pike

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) is now organized by Dana Hinman. The purse available for awards is up to \$1,500. This makes NESS participating tournaments attractive. Our tournament will again be a NESS tournament. A motion to continue a \$100 donation the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention was approved.

New Business

Our Tournament is scheduled for August 26, 2023 at Wrightsville Beach. This year's tournament will again be limited to 27 skiers with a turn and burn option for rds 2 & 3. All Competitors and Officials must take Safe Sport course to participate. Fred Costello will again provide tshirts. No Clinics are currently planned in VT this year. There will be two courses on Waterbury Reservoir, the one near Blush Hill is up, and the second course at the Dam location will be up shortly. The Wrightsville course is up and the Lake Iroquois course is anticipated to be up in the next couple of weeks. Tournament tow boat insurance has increased dramatically. A motion was passed to pay the additional insurance cost for a club member to provide a tow boat at the tournament. A discussion was held concerning the status of the Starting Dock which had stability issues at the Tournament. The new starting dock addition worked well at last year's tournament. Scott Behner was presented the 2022 Alan Rossi Award. Our website has not been kept up to date. Bruce will discuss updating the matter with Darlene. Bruce led a discussion updating the status of the Wake Sport 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. The ANR Draft Rules are now proposing a 500 ft distance from shore requirement. The Draft Rules will go to Rule Making in June with at least one more public hearing included. Bruce will keep our members updated. A motion was passed for new two way radios for the tournament. Budget limit is \$200.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.