



**WATER SKI CANADA**  
**2003 ANNUAL CONGRESS**  
Theme: *"Communicating Success"*

**November 21-23, 2003**  
**Calgary, Alberta**

**MINUTES**

**Attendees**

Elizabeth McKnight, BC	Paul Roberts, ON
Kim McKnight, BC	Louis Simard, QC
Bob Schroeder, BC	Paul Bowie, NS
Jacque Gazley, BC	Ardeth Smith, PEI
Russ Dickson, AB	Stewart Smith, PEI
Jo-Anne Moore, AB	Peter Person, WSC President
Karen Gosse, AB	Steve Gosse, WSC Technical Director
Dan Velcic, AB	Glenn Bowie, WSC Sport Development Director
Joe Zasada, AB	Linda Carroll, WSC Director at Large
Shawn Gratzfeld, AB	Richard Gray, Athlete Representative
Robert Price, AB (Saturday portions only)	Paul MacDonald, WSC Barefoot Ctte.
Loni Price, AB (Saturday portions only)	Chris Bourne, WSC Adaptive Ctte.
Cindy Maradyn-Hawkins (Friday only)	Jeremy Matthews, WSC Wakeboard Ctte.
Faye Nontell, SK	Marie Lefebvre, Sport Canada rep
Mike Liefers, SK	Dan Wolfenden, WSC Executive Director/Recording Secretary
Keneen Magnowski, MB	Chris Masson, WSC Programs Manager
Jim Desjardins, MB	Janelle MacPherson-Kenney, WSC Sport Development Officer
Cathy Butler-Scott, MB	
Karen Shaffer, ON	
Jim McClintock, ON	
Gemma Cutler, ON	

**1. Presidents Opening Remarks**

WSC President, Peter Person, called the meeting to order. He thanked all for taking the time to attend the meeting and expressed hope that attendees would find the agenda interesting. He made some special introductions, thanked Water Ski Alberta for hosting the Annual Congress and invited Russ Dickson to outline the social agenda for the weekend. He publicly thanked Glenn Bowie for having served as interim chair of the National Team Development Committee.

Peter provided some remarks on the past year, our accomplishments and challenges, and how we all need to better communicate our sport and its many successes.

**2. Confirmation of Voting Rights**

The attendees were invited to introduce themselves, and to declare provincial voting privileges as applicable. The number and allocation of votes were confirmed as below.

<i>Delegate</i>	<i>Region</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Bob Schroeder	BC	3
Elizabeth McKnight	BC	2.5
Dan Velcic	Alberta	2
Jo-Anne Moore	Alberta	2.5
Faye Nontell	Saskatchewan	2
Mike Liefers	Saskatchewan	1.5
Keneen Magnowski	Manitoba	1
Jim Desjardins	Manitoba	1.5
Karen Shaffer	Ontario	1.5
Jim McClintock	Ontario	2
Louis Simard	Quebec	3
Paul Bowie	Nova Scotia	1
Ardeth Smith	PEI	1
Stewart Smith	PEI	1
TOTAL		25.5

Peter confirmed the interpretation of By-Law 4.02, thus allowing Quebec full votes at this Congress, having had one delegate of each gender at last year’s Congress, but that the wording of 4.02 is somewhat ambiguous and should be more clearly specified with a future By-Law amendment.

**3. Agenda**

**Motion**      Moved by Karen Shaffer, seconded by Stewart Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. Minutes**

**Motion**      Moved by Louis Simard, seconded by Russ Dickson to approve the minutes of the 2002 Annual Congress, November 15-17, 2002 as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. Reports**

An addendum to the Major Events Committee report was circulated.

**Motion**      Moved by Jim McClintock, seconded by Bob Schroeder to receive the Executive Board and Committee reports as presented.

**CARRIED**

Upon questioning, the Faye Nontell confirmed that SWSA has altered its fiscal year, thus explaining what might appear to be dated Saskatchewan financial statements.

**Motion** Moved by Stewart Smith, seconded by Faye Nontell to receive the Provincial reports as presented.

**CARRIED**

Peter noted the Sport Canada and championship reports that were included in the Congress manual but needn't be approved by Congress.

## 6. Audited Financial Statements

Peter conveyed the regrets of Diane Lauzon, WSC Finance Director, who was unable to attend due to work commitments.

**Motion** Moved by Bob Schroeder, seconded by Louis Simard to accept the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2003 as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 7. Appointment of Auditors 2003 - 2004

Peter reported on the positive performance and pricing of the current auditors, and the recommendation of the Executive Board that they be re-appointed for this fiscal year.

**Motion** Moved by Stewart Smith, seconded by Elizabeth McKnight to appoint the firm of Ousley Harvey Clipsham Deep to conduct the Water Ski Canada audit for the year ending March 31, 2004.

**CARRIED**

## 8. Executive Board Meeting Summary

Peter Person relayed the following highlights from the Executive Board meeting, which began earlier on Friday:

- They received a report on developments on the World Anti Doping Association (WADA) and the Anti-Doping Code, materials for which were included in the Congress manual and for which a presentation will be made on Sunday;
- Received an update on the Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) program;
- Reviewed the recommendations of the Official Languages Commissioner regarding sport and reviewed WSC Officials languages Policy, noting that greater efforts must be made.
- There will questions and plans re hosting of events, but will come out in separate Congress agenda items.
- Reported on progress of the Hall of Fame committee and program.

**9. Executive Board Election Candidates**

Peter reported the positions up for election at this Congress, the election to occur on Sunday morning, and each of the duly nominated candidates as below. He advised that Jim Clunie had withdrawn his name from consideration as High Performance Director

High Performance Director	Russ Dickson, Jim McClintock
Director at Large	Jo-Anne Moore, Paul Roberts
Technical Director	Steve Gosse

Each candidate was given the opportunity to address Congress.

**10. Major Events Committee Presentation on Rotational Hosting System**

On behalf of the newly struck Major Events Committee, Paul Roberts presented the recommended hosting strategy outlined below for national events to address the difficulties of finding hosts for major championships in a more timely fashion. The concept would mean provinces would know well in advance when they would be hosting for planning purposes.

Event	Provincial Host					
	BC	AB	SK/MB	ON	QUE	Atlantic
Classic	2004	2008	2006	2009	2005	2007
Wakeboard	2004	2007	2009	2008	2006	2005
Barefoot	2007	2008	2006	2005	2004	
Adaptive	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	2004	TBA
Marathon					Annually beginning in 2005	

*Cycle repeats thereafter*

*Operational Principles*

- Events alternate from EAST-WEST;
- Province proposes 2 ½ years in advance to the Major Events Committee which specific city/site to host the event;
- If, for whatever reason, a province cannot host the scheduled event, it must advise the Major Events Committee at least two years in advance, in which case, the event would go to another province in that region to maintain the EAST-WEST rotation.

Delegates were asked to talk about the concept in upcoming Regional meetings.

**11. Regional Meetings**

Peter advised that the meeting would adjourn so that each Region could conduct their respective meetings, asking for someone to be designated to take minutes, and report back on Sunday.

*The meeting was adjourned and re-convened on Saturday, November 22*

## 12. Business Plan

Dan Wolfenden made a presentation on the Water Ski Canada Business Plan, outlining the organization's mission statement, vision, values, 10-year time frame, four main pillars/goals and the many deliverables that were established. Each deliverable has been assigned to a committee. In order to operationalize the plan, a two-year workplanning process and corresponding budgeting process is being implemented. It represents a very ambitious plan, and for it to be effective, must be monitored, championed and remain adaptable.

## 13. Major Events Committee Presentation

Three members of the Major Events Committee, Jo-Anne Moore, Paul Roberts and Karen Shaffer introduced the rationale for the formation of the committee, the issues that were identified at last Congress, and the recommendations of the committee.

Karen expanded upon the main reasons for hosting, as follows:

- Promotion of the sport and its athletes
- Sport/athlete development vehicle
- Revenue generation

The committee felt that promotional and revenue generation objectives have been thwarted for the current Canadian championships because of their placement in rural areas. It was felt that a separate event should be created that would become the primary promotional/marketing vehicle of the association, while the focus of national championships should be on the skier and optimum conditions coupled with more practical hosting obligations.

### *Recommendations*

1. That, effective beginning in 2005, WSC create an annual multi-disciplined international invitational event to serve as the primary promotional and marketing event of the association.
2. That the hosting/financial model for the national championships be amended to reduce the WSC financial commitment and the financial risk to a host committee. This would entail a wholesale revision to the hosting obligations.

General details for the recommended international event were shared as follows:

- To include all disciplines in some shape or form, be it a competition or demo, water ski and wakeboard to be most prominent
- The location is deemed critical if it is to achieve its promotional and marketing objectives
- The location to be selected by WSC using the following criteria:
  - Urban
  - Accessible
  - High traffic area
  - Beach front
  - Ability to piggyback with other ancillary events
  - Good local sponsorship possibilities

- Good availability of volunteers/human resources
- Be a national effort, WSC controlled
- Does not necessarily need to be record capable
- Have the services of a professional event manager who should be secured now leading up to the first event in 2005
- Consistent site (at least 3 years in one location, if not permanently)
- Option to consider additional events if it becomes successful
- The field size to be very small, and by invitation
- Prize monies significant enough to attract top skiers/riders

Various possible locations were mentioned, notably in large metropolitan centers. The title to be developed at a later point. Bilingualism would need to be considered as well as title sponsor phraseology and any trademarking issues.

General details for the recommended Re-Alignment of National Championship Hosting guidelines were shared as follows:

- Given that hosts have already been selected for 2004 and sponsorship contracts mandate the existing model, recommendations were targeted to begin effective with 2005 events.
- Nationals focus being on 'the tournament', providing optimum skiing/riding opportunity for participants; the best sites be targeted, recognizing that promotional/marketing thrust would be deflected to the international invitational event
- Financial model be on more of a user-pay basis
- WSC not bear productions costs in order to televise national championships; if no network is willing to produce the event, the championship to receive no telecast; telecast resources to be focused on the international invitational event;
- Host to own all registration fees;
- No WSC hosting grant, unless there are national sponsors who have been secured for the event, in which case a portion be relayed to organizers;
- WSC not fund appointed officials, host to draw upon most local and proximate qualified judges while still fulfilling RC requirements; appointments to be proposed by the host for consideration and approval by the WSC Officials Committee. The prospect of having to provide some expense assistance to out-of-province officials was seen to be further incentive to do increased officials training in the years leading up to a national championship;
- Technical hosting requirements not be sacrificed, all RC requirements to be maintained;
- An Open event still occur as at present to provide aspiration, draw and some marketability; National Team members still be encouraged to attend.
- The non-technical hosting obligations be relaxed, removing many 'mandatory' requirements although they could remain as options for the host at their discretion. The following requirements were identified for removal as mandatory:

VIP lounge	Event program
No Executive Board meeting expenses for the host	TV hosting requirements/expenses
Opening ceremonies	Auction
Ground transportation	Merchandise
Security reduction	Banquet

Free banquet tickets to officials, WSC  
sponsors or representatives  
Officials awards  
Backdrop

Officials accommodation expenses (billets  
suggested)  
bibs

Questions and comments arose from the floor as to time of year for the international event (uncertain) and an already full calendar, the importance of having the members of the national team still in attendance at the nationals, the removal of WSC hosting grants for nationals, and the implication of an uncapped nationals entry fee.

Any formal motions needed were deferred to Sunday.

#### **14. Communications/Media Presentation**

Karen Clark made a presentation, "Water Rules: How to Make a Splash with the Media", distributing an accompanying 10 page booklet.

Dan Wolfenden followed with a presentation on the Water Ski Canada Communications Plan, its objectives and WSC efforts over the past year, and ideas on how provincial members and clubs/schools can attempt to also garner greater media awareness.

#### **15. Luncheon Address: Strategic Planning for Athlete Development**

Dr. Stephen Norris of the Canadian Sport Centre Calgary made a presentation on the need to develop a more systemic and inclusive athlete development model that takes into account physiological and maturational development principles, less focused on early competitive results, and greater emphasis on physical development versus our trend to more costly on-water technical development.

#### **16. Membership Database Presentation**

Peter Person and Linda Carroll made a presentation on the membership database needs, challenges and possible solutions. The outcomes of the presentation and discussions that followed included:

- A national database should exist;
- Addressing this need must be expedited;
- Before making a decision and spending considerable monies to either develop specific software or to pay large user fees for a web based system, there was a need to:
  - Try and find a more consistent 'national' membership structure/categories and corresponding fees versus the 9 very unique sets of provincial structures and fees that exist;
  - Learn what the different membership related data collection, various output needs, and technological capabilities that each province and WSC need/possess;
  - Subsequently research the different options that might suit our needs.

BCWSA offered to send their modified/enhance version of Skidb software to other provinces upon request.

## **17. Presentation on Programs for Athletes with a Disability**

Chris Bourne, chair of the WSC Adapted Towed Water Sports Committee, presented a slide show on the recent 2003 IWSF World Disabled Championship held in Altamonte Springs, Florida, demonstrating the different disability classifications, the remarkable capabilities of these athletes and Team Canada's participation.

He reviewed his committee's activities of this past year, explained the different services that they can provide and the resources that were available. A resource package and video tape were distributed to each delegate. He further presented on the number of Canadians with a disability, how conducive our sport is for participation, about the equipment available, technical rules for different classifications, and how provinces and clubs can offer the sport to persons with a disability, encouraging delegates to simply show the initiative and, between the assistance and a little bit of creativity, very successful programs can be easily launched.

*The meeting was adjourned and then re-convened on November 23.*

## **18. Presentation on Programs for Athletes with a Disability, Cont'd**

Chris Bourne continued with the presentation, putting delegates through an exercise. Each of four groups were given a specific scenario of a person(s) with a disability who expressed an interest in water skiing, and were tasked to come up with a plan on how to best plan and deliver a positive experience for them.

## **19. Sport Canada Remarks**

Marie Lefebvre, Sport Canada Policy Officer, addressed the group. She thanked WSC for allowing her to attend the meetings. She expressed her positive impressions of the leadership of the organization, of Congress, the media efforts being made, the association's business plan, the planned initiative of an international event and a lean-mean nationals, and the input from committees. Water Rules!

## **20. Competency Based Education and Training (CBET) Presentation**

Janelle MacPherson-Kenney provided an overview of what CBET. The presentation consisted of an explanation of:

- what the transition from the current NCCP standards to the new CBET program will mean;
- the Coach Development Model (what type of coach will fit into each context);
- the Participant Development Model (where a participant of different levels would fit into the system for each discipline);
- the process to be taken for the development of the outcomes, criteria and evaluation (description of what these are and a draft of what they will entail);
- Where WSC is in the process.
- What to expect in the future of the CBET transition.

## 21. Reports from Regional Meetings

A representative from each meeting was asked to share highlights of their meetings.

### *Western*

- Manitoba will host the 2004 Westerns on July 30-August 1 long weekend in Winnipeg, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Water Ski Manitoba;
- Participants enthusiastically endorsed the rotational hosting system, with some suggested changes to the years/rotation. There was some concern expressed on the cycle as it relates to National Team travel demands in World Championship years.
- BCWSA expressed some frustration on issues for which it felt there had been insufficient activity, namely membership database, coaching materials and athlete development for 17-21 year olds.
- The four Western provinces have made plans to have a Western Regional Training Camp in 2004, where, for example, each province would send a specific number of athletes.

### *Eastern*

- Rotation system deemed positive, weakness was lack of a Quebec record capability site and being up so early in the cycle.
- Strong information from all three areas (ON, QC and Atlantic) showing growth.
- Some positive developments/activity in New Brunswick.
- Quebec reported its best season in their history, recognizes its their 'turn' to host events, and staged an Extreme multi-disciple event in 2003.
- Ontario had a strong administrative effort thanks to Gemma Cutler's addition; their Board has been re-structured without discipline specific positions, and they have placed greater emphasis on grass roots and promotion.
- ON and QC had projects for persons with a disability.
- Acknowledged a lot of international activity by athletes from the Region.

The question arose on 'where to from here' on some of the issues identified. The following was noted:

### *Re Membership Database*

- It was agreed that a Membership Committee should be appointed with one representative per province. The Executive Board was tasked to review. The following individuals expressed their willingness to serve: Joe Zasada, Keneen Magnowski and Kim McKnight.

### *Post Meeting Note:*

The Executive Board subsequently created a Membership Working Group, appointed Kim McKnight as the chair, and will ask for each province to designate a suitable representative to serve on the Working Group to work towards the above tasks.

### *Re Athlete Development*

- Each province should designate a 'champion' for the 'gap', developing athlete, who as a minimum, could better coordinate information flow.
- PSO Coach Grant program reports/athlete evaluations should go somewhere.
- WSC should undertake the needs assessment suggested by Dr. Norris.

- WSC should provide greater leadership, leaving to the provinces to do is not good enough.
- Jim McClintock and Russ Dickson responded that, regardless of which of them is elected as High Performance Director, both were committed to address this need and that 'something' would be done.

<b>Motion</b>	Moved by Kim McKnight, seconded by Elizabeth McKnight that the High Performance Director create or adopt a committee or working group for the elite provincial athlete, and implement the athlete development model as recommended by Dr. Norris.
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**CARRIED**

*Post Meeting Note:*

The Executive Board subsequently created an Athlete Development Committee, appointing Russ Dickson as the chair.

## 22. By-Law Amendments

Peter introduced the amendment proposals.

### Re: Executive Board Nomination Process

*Current*

5.02 Any individual, in good standing of a member, maybe nominate as a candidate for an elected position on the Executive Board. Nominations must be delivered to the national office at least ninety (90) days before Congress. A valid nomination includes; a biography of the nominee, sport executive experience, employment history, a letter signed by the nominee indicating agreement to serve and fulfill all duties and responsibilities of such office if elected, and a letter of endorsement from the individual's provincial/ territorial association. All valid nominations are circulated to the members, and Congress delegates at least twenty-one (21) days before Congress. Current elected Executive Board members are not required to follow the procedures set out above. They may, upon written notice to the national office received not less than 90 days before Congress, need only indicate they wish to stand for re-election.

*Proposed Amendment (**changes in bold italics**)*

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***Should no nomination be duly received for a respective position, the Executive***

***Board may either (a) appoint any individual in good standing of a member, or (b) leave the position vacant.***

Peter noted that a 2/3 majority is required to amend the By-Laws. He explained that there is 'gap' in the current By-Laws surrounding nominations for EB positions in that there is no prescribed process to deal with a situation when there are no nominations brought forth by the membership for any particular position.

Louis Simard suggested that nominations should be allowed from the floor. Peter explained that this is another alternative but pointed out that this option could not be considered at this time since this suggestion had not been duly submitted 45 days in advance of Congress.

An open vote was conducted.

**APPROVED** unanimously.

### **Re: Organizational Name Change**

#### *Current*

- 1.01 The name of the organization is WATER SKI CANADA, abbreviated to WSC. The French translation of the name of the organization is SKI NAUTIQUE CANADA, abbreviated to SNC.
- 1.03 Its members recognize WSC as being the sole governing body representing water skiing in Canada, on a national and international basis.

#### *Proposed Amendment (changes in bold italics)*

- 1.01 The name of the organization is ***WATER SKI & WAKEBOARD CANADA***, abbreviated to ***WSWC***. The French translation of the name of the organization is SKI ET PLANCHE NAUTIQUE CANADA, abbreviated to SPNC.
- 1.02 Its members recognize ***WSWC*** as being the sole governing body representing water skiing and wakeboarding in Canada, on a national and international basis

#### *Change references to "WSC" throughout...to "WSWC"*

- 1.02, 1.03
- 2.01
- 3.01, 3.02, 3.03, 3.06, 3.07, 3.09, 3.11
- 4.01, 4.03, 4.04, 4.05, 4.06, 4.08, 4.09, 4.13
- 5.07, 5.13, 5.15, 5.21, 5.22, 5.23, 5.24
- 6.01
- 8.01, 8.02
- 9.02
- 10.02

Discussion ensued on the proposal. It was noted that wakeboarding has emerged as a unique and new sport activity performed behind towboats on the waters of Canada. To recognize this new discipline, various discussions have been held to get input and comment on how to name and represent ourselves and our individual identities. This is the name change suggestion of the WSC Wakeboard Committee. There was some concern expressed that other disciplines

might feel excluded since only water ski and wakeboard would be reflected in the organizational name. It was purported that athletes in the these other disciplines are included under 'water ski', since they consider themselves to be barefoot water skiers, water ski racers, disabled water skiers and so the proposed name would still be inclusive for those disciplines as they are at present without having to add all the specific discipline names to the organizational name. Wakeboarders do not consider themselves water ski wakeboarders. Marketing efforts into the seemingly growing wakeboard corporate community are hampered with the current water ski exclusive name. It was pointed out that other national associations around the world have adopted Water Ski & Wakeboard phraseologies... or have severed without.

Peter expressed concern with bringing forth a proposal, which if defeated because Congress doesn't like the name, could possibly send the wrong message to the wakeboard community. A straw vote was conducted to gauge where the group was at in its thinking.

An open vote was conducted.

**APPROVED** by 2/3 majority.

Dan Wolfenden confirmed that these amendments would only take effect once Industry Canada approval has been received.

In response to a question Peter responded that the Executive Board would now be looking further at the organization logo, and in fact has already been discussing and reviewed prototype sketches.

**23. Election of Officers**

Peter Person reviewed the three positions due for election and the election process.

Russ Dickson advised that he is withdrawing his name as a candidate for the position of High Performance Director. Peter subsequently declared Jim McClintock as High Performance Director by acclamation.

Karen Gosse, Glenn Bowie and Jacquie Gazley were appointed as scrutineers. Ballots were distributed.

The scrutineers reported a problem with the first ballots in that the number of votes held by each delegate was not specified on most ballots.

**Motion** Moved by Dan Velcic, seconded by Keneen Magnowski to destroy the first ballots.

**CARRIED**

A second set of ballots was distributed.

The election results declared Jo-Anne Moore as the elected Director at Large.

**Motion** Moved by Faye Nontell, seconded by Karen Shaffer to destroy the ballots.

**CARRIED**

Peter confirmed that Steve Gosse is declared as Technical Director by acclamation.

## 24. WADA Presentation

Due to time constraints, Peter advised that the planned presentation on the World Anti Doping Association (WADA) and the WADA Anti-Doping Code would not occur. He referred delegates to the comprehensive materials included in the Congress manual.

## 25. Sport Inclusion in Future Canada Games

Peter referred delegates to the materials in the Congress manual on the sport selection process currently underway for the 2009 and 2011 Games. In response to questions, Chris Masson responded that:

- Difficult to say on the likelihood, though we will make our best efforts and we need provincial support in lobbying its provincial/territorial representatives who sit on the Canada Games Council;
- Inclusion of criteria for emerging sports helps the case for wakeboarding;
- Inclusion of a water ski event for persons with a disability would be received very favourably;

## 26. Events

### *2004 Water Ski/Wakeboard Championships*

Kim McKnight made a presentation on the 2004 Canadian Water Ski Championships and the 2004 Canadian Wakeboard Championships. They are confirmed as follows:

Water Ski August 19-22, 2004 Albert Dyck Park, Abbotsford, BC  
Wakeboard August 27-29, 2004 False Creek, Vancouver, BC

### *2004 Barefoot Championship*

Louis Simard presented the major details for the 2004 National Barefoot Championships, in conjunction with a planned Disabled Championship. The event is tentatively scheduled for August 20-22 or September 3-5, 2004 at the Olympic Basin in Montreal, Quebec.

### *2004 Disabled Championship*

Peter Person reported that the WSC Adaptive Water Sports Committee is still assessing the feasibility of staging an inaugural Disabled Championships tentatively targeted to be held in conjunction with the barefoot event, and plan to confirm its status one way or the other by February 1, 2004.

*2004 Annual Congress*

Glenn Bowie made a presentation on the bid to host the 2004 WSC Annual Congress, circulating materials. Peter Person noted that this was the only bid, and pointed out that the dates proposed are one week later than normal, November 26-28, 2004.

**Motion** Moved by Karen Shaffer, seconded by Russ Dickson to award the hosting of the 2004 WSC Annual Congress to the Nova Scotia Water Ski Association to be staged in Halifax.

**CARRIED**

*2005 Annual Congress and Beyond*

Faye Nontell spoke briefly on the Saskatchewan Water Ski Association's intent to bid for the 2005 Annual Congress. It is intended for Saskatoon, by the river, in the business district. Peter invited a formal bid for decision at next year's Congress.

Peter also relayed interest by the PEI Water Ski Association in once again hosting a future Congress, and encouraged such to be brought forward.

*Professional, International Event/National Championship Hosting Re-alignment*

In order to receive direction, Peter asked for input on how the organization should proceed with this event.

**Motion** Moved by Dan Velcic, seconded by Stewart Smith to endorse the concept of creating a WSC international, invitational multi-disciplined event targeted for commencement in 2005, and to correspondingly re-align national championship hosting guidelines beginning in 2005, tasking the Major Events Committee and Executive Board to further efforts towards possible implementation.

**CARRIED**

*National Championship Rotational Hosting Concept*

Likewise, Peter asked for the wish of Congress on this concept.

**Motion** Moved by Keneen Magnowski, seconded by Jo-Anne Moore to endorse the concept of the national championship rotational hosting system as presented and to task the Major Events Committee to develop a specific cycle based upon the input provided by Congress, towards implementation beginning in 2005.

**CARRIED**

Peter thanked the Major Events Committee for its work.

**27. Adjournment**

In closing, Peter thanked outgoing Executive Board members, Linda Carroll and Ross Outerbridge, thanked Water Ski Alberta for their wonderful hosting, and congratulated all on an excellent Congress.

An evaluation form was circulated to elicit additional feedback on the meeting.

<b>Motion</b> Moved by Faye Nontell, seconded by Russ Dickson to adjourn the meeting.
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**CARRIED**

**Distribution**

Congress delegates and attendees  
Provincial Presidents  
Provincial Offices  
WSC Committee Chairs  
Sport Canada