



## 2006 Annual Congress

November 17 – 19, 2006  
Laurel Point Inn  
Victoria, British Columbia

### MINUTES

#### **Present:**

Chris Bourne, ON (Adaptive Ctte)  
Steve Bush, BC (WS NT Coach)  
Paul MacDonald, ON (BF Ctte)  
Pat Messner, ON (AD NT Coach)  
Louis Simard, QC  
Richard Gray, BC (Executive, BF NT Coach)  
Kim McKnight, BC  
Scott McKinley, BC  
Ilka Schutte, BC  
Jo-Anne Moore, AB (Executive)  
Jaret Llewellyn, AB  
Mike Collombin, AB  
Steve Gosse, AB (Executive)  
Diane Lauzon, QC  
Peter Person, BC (Executive)  
Russ Dickson, AB  
Paul Melnuk, ON  
Suzanne Velcic, AB  
Dan Velcic, AB  
Jim Desjardins, MB  
John McCammon, BC  
Mike Lieffers, SK (WB NT Coach)  
Sheri Seiferling, SK  
Melanie Savard, QC  
Laurie Coombs, BC  
Brendan Burns, BC  
Gene Leech, BC  
Ken Caine, BC  
Cory Bate, BC  
Dayton Cox, BC

Paul Roberts, ON (Events Ctte)  
Jim McClintock, ON (Executive)  
Karen McClintock, ON  
Mark Joudrey, NS  
Jodie Melbourne, NS  
Barb March-Burwell, SK  
Randy Novlan, SK  
Darrel Schutte, BC  
Ian Harder, BC  
Dale Erb, BC  
Harry Booth, NB  
Sheri Blackmore, BC  
Richard Blackmore, BC  
Michelle Grant, MB  
Mike Collingwood, NL  
Lorne Staley, BC  
Shawn Shorsky, BC  
Jacob Kimmerly, BC  
Barb Shanks, BC  
Doug Ritchie, BC  
Cecilia Ritchie, BC  
Kelly Owens, BC  
Brady Burns, BC  
Ken Wing, BC  
Art Wonga, BC  
Ian Kellow, BC  
Robert Price, AB (WB Ctte)  
Dan Wolfenden, (WSWC Office)  
Nathalie Muller (WSWC Office)  
Chris Henry (WSWC Office)  
Dr. Stephen Norris, (Presenter)

### 1. President's Opening Remarks

Glenn Bowie welcomed everyone to congress and introduced Scott McKinley, President of WSWBC, who in turn welcomed everyone as well.

### 2. Confirmation of Voting Rights.

The number and allocation of votes were confirmed as follows:

<i>Official Voting Delegate</i>	<i>Province</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Scott McKinley	BC	3
Ilka Schutte	BC	2.5
Dan Velcic	AB	3
Jo-Anne Moore	AB	2.5
Barb March-Burwell	SK	1.5
Randy Novlan	SK	1
Jim Desjardins	MB	1
Michelle Grant	MB	1
Karen McClintock	ON	2
Jim McClintock	ON	2
Louis Simard	QC	2
Diane Lauzon	QC	2
Marc Joudrey	NS	1
Jodie Melbourne	NS	1
Mike Collingwood	NL	1

TOTAL ELIGIBLE VOTES 26.5

Accordingly, a majority vote was determined to be 13.5 votes and a 2/3 majority to be 18 votes.

### 3. Agenda

<b>Motion</b>	Moved by Karen McClintock, seconded by Louis Simard to approve the agenda as presented.
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**CARRIED**

### 4. Minutes

Louis Simard noted an error in the minutes, that he was indeed attendance on Friday evening before having to depart for a family emergency.

<b>Motion</b>	Moved by Louis Simard, seconded by Dan Velcic to approve the minutes of the 2005 Annual Congress, November 18 – 20, 2006 as presented.
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**CARRIED**

## 5. Reports

**Motion** Moved by Jim McClintock, seconded by Dan Velcic to receive the Executive Board, National Committee and Provincial reports for information as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Audited Financial Statements

**Motion** Moved by Ilka Shutte, seconded by Jim McClintock to accept the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2006 as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 7. Appointment of Auditors

**Motion** Moved by Diane Lauzon, seconded by Scott McKinley to appoint the firm of Ousley Hanvey Clipsham Deep to conduct the Water Ski and Wakeboard Canada audit for the year ending 31 March 2007.

**CARRIED**

## 8. Membership Application from Water Ski and Wakeboard New Brunswick

Glenn Bowie introduced Harry Booth who has led the effort to New Brunswick's application for provincial membership with WSWC, referencing the application documents submitted in accordance with the By-Laws and included in the Congress manual.

**Motion** Moved by Karen McClintock, seconded Mike Collingwood by to accept the provincial membership application of Water Ski and Wakeboard New Brunswick.

**CARRIED**

Harry Booth thanked the membership and pledged his support for the development of a vibrant New Brunswick membership.

## 9. Executive Board Meeting Summary

Dan Wolfenden reviewed notable outcomes from the Executive Board meeting that took place immediately prior to Congress.

## 10. Rule Amendments

Delegates were advised that the Executive Board had approved several water ski rule amendments. Copies of the amendments were distributed and will be further communicated to the membership via various means.

## 11. World Championship 2009 Bid

A presentation was made on the association's planned bid for the 2009 World Water Ski Championships at Predator Bay in Calgary, AB. Glenn Bowie introduced the background for the hosting objective, the formation of a bid committee, its due diligence, and the work that has been done to date. Paul Melnuk presented the bid committee's vision and objectives for the event:

- i. **Financial Profitable:** generate surplus, corporate participation, charitable vs marketing fundraising multi-year;
- ii. **Entertainment Package:** Off water program, family oriented festival, engaged community (cultural groups), games, retail section, Lake 2 may be used for kids skiing or learn to ski;
- iii. **5,000 – 10,000 per peak day:** people introduced to and value the sport spectatorism;
- iv. **Optimum Showcase of Sport:** Visibility, image projected, announcers, replays, showcase our Canadian Athletes, home turf advantage for our athletes;
- v. **Superb Technical execution:** great conditions, world record/personal best suited, well organized;
- vi. **Canadian and U.S. water ski community engaged:** Generate ownership of event from entire community, not just Alberta, in volunteerism attendance, showcasing their provincial/local association, pride and fundraising. Due to proximity and potential, tap into USA water ski community;
- vii. **Legacy:** Create long lasting benefits such in partner, site, membership, volunteer, officials and coaching development. Create fundraising and hosting models for others/future.

Dan Velcic and Mike Collombin outlined the site and host club's capacity for hosting such an event. Jaret Llewellyn presented an athletes perspective of what it would mean to be able to compete in a World Championships as hosted in Canada.

## 12. Rip 'n Ride Presentation

Suzanne Velcic, chair of the WSWC Grass Roots Committee, provided an overview of the Rip 'n Ride program:

- Provides young people with goals.
- Children more motivated when their achievements are known.
- Nationally standardized; gets the same program across the country.
- Great marketing for WSWC. Gives awareness to our association and our athletes.
- Overview of physical materials.
- Safety is a key component to the program.
- Overview of the website.
- Benefits: increases membership; promotes the sport; ready made package; easy to use; foundation for the sport; branding; marketing schools; encourages people to come back.

Ian Harder presented the success that the Vancouver Water Ski Club has had implementing the Rip 'n Ride program:

- Revenue maker: \$2000.00 per camp.
- 42 kids at camp.
- 3 boats running.
- Different activities (i.e. arts and crafts, races)

- Strong group of volunteers (around 20)
- Gives jobs to young people in the community.
- Have created a worksheet.
- 2 hrs of skiing a day; 1 hr in the morning & 1 hr in the afternoon.
- Many participants attain Gold level by the end of a 3 day clinic.
- Tax receipts mailed to parents.
- Certificates given at a year-end banquet for members.
- Sells out very quickly; good hype around the camp amongst parents.

Jaret Llewellyn presented his experience being asked by Water Ski and Wakeboard Alberta to conduct a provincial wide Rip 'n Ride tour in the summer

- Showed video clips from clinics.
- Marketed it in the press
- Was very busy, had to add extra days to meet demand.
- Had 100% success rate with the kids.
- Grassroots experience: first timers.
- The certificates were very useful in motivating the kids pushing each other.
- Need to promote the program with sponsors.

Dan Wolfenden relayed the pressures to further implement the program. He introduced the time and objective of the Rip 'n Ride workshop session on Saturday. He spoke about the importance of getting more numbers into the program, and how to convert that into membership numbers.

*Saturday, November 18, 2006*

### **13. Long Term Athlete Development Presentation**

For the better part of the day, Dr. Stephen Norris and the association's LTAD Steering Committee presented the LTAD concept, work that had been done to date, referencing the draft report that had been circulated upon registration, and led the delegates through plenary and small group sessions towards understanding and moving forward with adoption of an LTAD Model for WSWC.

Additional workgroups were formed to tackle technical program and domestic calendar issues. The Steering Committee is working towards completion on the report by April 2007.

### **14. Workshop Sessions**

Three concurrent sessions were conducted to address issues and needs. A highlight reported by session spokesperson as follows:

#### **i. World Water Ski Championships 2009**

*Paul Melnuk:*

- Fundraising focus through charitable donations vs. marketing dollars.
- Event vision as being festive with 10,000+ spectators on peak days.

- Ensuring that there is a legacy for years to come.
- Legacy objective includes an education process for PSO's and NSO's in terms of a new fundraising culture.

## ii. Wakeboard Issues

*Robert Price:*

- Inclusion: NSO changed the name to include wakeboarding.
- WB should participate better with NSO. It was noted by Glenn Bowie that the Wakeboard community neither nominated any wakeboarders or volunteers for either an Executive Board position, nor any of the annual sport awards for WSWC, even after several requests and e-mails.
- WB wants to learn from the WS experience, but wants its own program as well.
- The committee changed the governing rules for Nats; the reasons for that change were not communicated properly.
- Frustration expressed by membership for the confusion for the age categories.
- PSO's would like to see more consistencies across the country; athletes would have a better understanding of what to expect at competitions.
- The committee needs to ensure that a grace period is set between announcement of changes and implementation.]
- There also was a concern of turning our backs on WWA. There is a need for better communication, as we remain members of both the WWA and the WWC.
- Need to open lines of communication between the PSO and the committee.

## iii. Rip 'n Ride Implementation

*Suzanne Velcic*

- Stressed that the program is in its first full year of implementation and needs patience with the implementation.
- As the coaching program reaches more people, more people will learn about R 'n R.
- A representative in each province would be beneficial.
- Face to face meetings with camps and schools are needed.
- Use boat shows and local advertising.
- Proactive provincial implementation is needed, such as BC's rebate concept whenever a group returned info back to the PSO.

*Sunday, November 19, 2006*

## 15. Acceptance of Long Term Athlete Development Model

To move forward with the LTAD project, the membership was asked to approve the framework of the LTAD report.

**Motion** Moved by Jim McClintock, seconded by Dan Velcic to accept the LTAD framework, and to authorize the Executive Board to approve the final report targeted for completion in April 2007.

**CARRIED**

## 16. Regional Meeting Reports

A spokesperson was asked to report on the highlights and outcomes from the Regional Meetings that were held on Friday evening.

### *Western Meeting*

- Weekend before WS Nationals, Alberta plans to have a RC tournament to ensure the site is ready for the weekend.
- 2007 BF Nationals in AB.
- Questioning of competitive licenses and the efficiency of the paper work.
- Events scheduling: Westerns and Nats too close.
- National support for new site development needed, such as having the office put together a technical manual on the development of a site (i.e. construction to lobbying).
- WB rules: WWC rules accepted, which caused issues for the Nationals program.

### *Eastern Meeting*

- Nova Scotia: 5 tournaments; membership up from 150 to 190; one Rip 'n Ride clinic with 20 participants; SkiAbility program was a success; Dragon Boat Fundraiser was a huge success; up next: database for membership.
- Newfoundland: Mike Collingwood gave a history of the province and spoke to how there is some interest again in the province.
- New Brunswick: excited to join the association and create a membership group; still in its infancy.
- Quebec: received government grants due to participation; traveling coaching clinics; cable park WB tourney; participation at nationals was outstanding; expected 100 at Nationals but had 141; Provincials had 60 participants in both WS and WB; Wakesurf competition with 40 participants; adaptive program is bustling.
- Ontario: membership down; more WB tournaments, more grassroots activities, equal amounts of WS events; hosted Adaptive Nationals, Barefoot Nationals, and Easterns; SkiAbility Ottawa was very busy.

## 17. 2013 Canada Summer Games Sport Selection

Glenn Bowie explained the assessment and selection process for sport inclusion in the 2013 Canada Summer Games, referencing materials that were included in the Congress manual. The selection criteria were reviewed, and each provincial association was asked to advocate with their respective provincial government to ensure that the sport's rating, which counts for 32.5% of the overall assessment, achieves the best score possible.

Discussion ensued on the importance of Canada Games and our participation at the event, the exposure for our athletes is great, is a great motivator for our association, and how PSO's help is critical.

### **18. SkiAbility**

Chris Bourne, chair of the WSWC Adapted Towed Water Sports Committee, presented an update on the SkiAbility program and some further developments pending:

- Program has been running well across the country.
- 300 new skiers this year.
- Opportunity for supplemental funding this year from Sport Canada, informally cited in the area of \$34,000.
- Objectives for further activities with possible supplemental funding: increase participation through communication; instructor training; development of skill progression program; further engaging PSO's and clubs to ensure viability of the program over the long term; develop a sponsorship strategy; administrative funding; and equipment funding.
- There is a demand for equipment. Hope to use the same program as last time with PSO's, possibly with local groups as well, to equally share costs for equipment
- Instructor training demand: may look to hold a clinic down south before April 1, 2007. Want provinces and clubs to nominate people interested in adaptive ski instruction.

Pat Messner asked for as much support as possible from all provinces in quest to raise money for the 2007 Adaptive Worlds in Australia.

Dan Wolfenden stressed the importance of the PSO's to be ready to move with new initiatives should the government commit supplemental funding.

### **19. Membership Dues**

Peter Person reviewed the pilot year for the revised WSWC membership fee structure that was first implemented in 2006, summarized as follows:

\$20.00	per Active Family member
\$9.00	per Active Single member (exception of \$5.50/member for MB due to insurance exemption due to coverage through Sport Manitoba)
\$1.00	per Associate member
\$0.00	per Event member

He reported that an analysis indicates a drop in membership revenues as the pilot did not yield the numbers that had been suggested with the revisions, that some provinces may not be reporting either all membership or in a consistent way from one to the next. The importance of full membership was emphasized, from government funding, inclusion and important membership revenue perspectives.

**Motion** Moved by Jim McClintock, seconded by Jo-Anne Moore to extend the pilot of the membership fee structure through to 2007.

**CARRIED**

## 20. Confirmation of the Future Championships

The status and details for future events were established as follows:

- 2007 Westerns – Saskatoon, Aug. 3-5
- 2007 Easterns – Quebec, July 27-29, location TBA by January 31
- 2007Atlantics – Halifax, Aug. 4-5
- 2007 Wakeboard Nationals – Summerski, Newmarket, ON, dates TBA by January 31
- 2007 Adaptive Nationals – Will be either of AB integrated with able bodied Nationals, in SK or AB, further discussions and planning required, location and dates TBA by January 31
- 2007 Barefoot Nationals – Alberta, specific venue and dates TBA by January 31
- 2007 Water Ski Nationals – Predator Bay, Calgary, AB, August 15-19, with extended format, dates, training and complementary events prior to, and a junior provincial team competition/scoring system to promote provincial team concept
- 2008 Wakeboard Nationals – Wascana, Regina, SK, dates TBA

Paul Roberts reviewed the timetable and principles for the nationals hosting rotational cycle and asked for provincial cooperation in confirming details two years out.

## 21. Host Selection for 2007 Congress

Glenn Bowie reported that one formal bid had been submitted for the hosting of the 2007 WSWC Congress, no such bids yet received for 2008

**Motion** Moved by Karen McClintock, seconded by Jo-Anne Moore to award the 2007 WSWC Congress to Water Ski and Wakeboard Manitoba as hosted in Winnipeg.

**CARRIED**

## 22. Election of Executive Board Members

Glenn Bowie explained that four Executive Board positions were up for election at this Congress.

He reported that, in accordance with the By-Laws, nominations and election of the Athlete Representative position was conducted amongst international level athletes who had represented Canada within the previous five years, and that Richard Gray has been elected by acclamation.

He referenced nomination materials in the Congress manual, noting that a single nomination had been put forward for the positions of President and Finance Director, and therefore that the following should be elected by acclamation:

Glenn Bowie – President  
Paul Melnuk – Finance Director

No nominations had been received for the position of Sport Development Director. Glenn Bowie explained that, the By-Laws provide that, should no nominations be received for a position, the Executive Board has the authority to leave the position vacant or to appoint an individual to the position, and that such options will be discussed at the Executive Board meeting that immediately follows Congress.

<b>Motion</b>	Moved by Jim McClintock, seconded by Scott McKinley to elect by acclamation Glenn Bowie as President and Paul Melnuk as Finance Director.	<b>CARRIED</b>
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Glenn Bowie acknowledged the work and contributions of outgoing members, Diane Lauzon and Pat Carroll.

### 23. Other Business

#### *Canadian Rankings List*

John MacCammon raised issues surrounding the Canadian ranking list:

- Deadline to get results into the office not clearly defined on the website.
- Recommendation: extend October 31<sup>st</sup> to a later date.
- Ensure website is updated to reflect policy.

Glenn Bowie pledged to look into further and to follow-up with John.

#### *Provincial Championship Results for Nationals Qualification Purposes*

Dale Erb suggested that, in keeping with LTAD concepts, some provinces might be requesting to the technical committee that the provincials happen after the Nationals. Consequently, there will be a new way to needed to qualify for Regionals.

<b>Motion</b>	Moved by Jim McClintock, seconded by Dan Velcic to require the WSWC Technical Committee to consider a rule change for 2007 to allow a provincials to occur after Regionals with an alternate competition being designated as a qualifying event for Regionals.	<b>CARRIED</b>
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### 24. Adjournment

Glenn Bowie concluded the Congress with a warm thank you to Water Ski and Wakeboard British Columbia for such great hospitality and organizing a successful congressional weekend.

<b>Motion</b>	Moved by Jim McClintock, seconded by Scott McKinley to adjourn the 2006 Congress.	<b>CARRIED</b>
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