

WSKA Meeting Bakio Wednesday 24th October

Agenda

- Confirm goals of association
- Determine next location (bids)
- Rule Changes, boats, length, categories.
- World cup
- Elect officers

Introduction, review of agenda

Pete, Rusty, Joey, Rick, Stuart, Andrew, Toca, Txabi

Confirmation of goals of association

- Rick reviews goals and intentions of the organization.
- Rick asks if anyone wants to change goals, no change.

Treasurers report – Stuart – detail of where the WSKA money goes. We have \$3000 dollars in the bank account. Used mainly for web site maintenance. Bank account allows us to promise things, credit, etc. Ensures our ability to pay for contest necessities.

Rule changes – Rick – open to the floor to propose rule changes. ~

Eric Sadler US West – Would like to make a boat for international class without current restrictions. Opinion of developing the big wave potential of the sport. Would like fins and concavities.

Nathan eades mentioned skill involved in using no fins

Russ Buskirk likes the finless and stock aspect of the class

Pete from Valley said he'd like fins

Dave Johnson thinks fins give boats more control

Pete is a fan of the stock aspect of the international class but also sees the option for a new exhibition class

John from Scotland suggests an exhibition class with open rules

Malcon is concerned with having to bring another boat to worlds. Likes the leveller aspect of the international class. Paddler skill becomes a bit more of the primary result.

Demany Smith thinks we need to know as a whole if the events are raising in participants as a whole, if there is a decline maybe there needs to be a new solution. Possibly changing the category.

Pete from Valley suggests the long boat as a way to bring people into the sport

Malcom, problem with fins is it makes it too easy.

Wouter Winberg suggests that if big wave surfing is important it can be designed outside of competition restraints.

Rick says one of rationales historically for long boats was based on river boats being out in the surf, some people have wanted to maintain that aspect of the sport.

Country vote:

East, West, Jersey, Scotland, Catalonia, Italy, Canada would like a day to discuss. Will return to this for a vote. Definition of Sadler proposal, length stays same, fins and concave hull acceptable. Issue will be fins, or concave or both.

Any other rules changes.

Jono proposes to raise the age of masters and do away with grandmasters. Suggest raising ages to 45.

Anthony bell asks what his reasoning is for it.

Jono says it adds heats and time to events raising age allows for dealing with the raising of the ages.

Dave from Scotland says we're making a big age gap if we take away the grandmasters

Charles from US East suggests more age bracketing based on age groups.

Alexander Stubbs from US East suggests age brackets for juniors, cadets, etc. Especially a cadets age bracket.

John S from Scotland suggests more attention on the younger end of the sport, what you really want to say is you choose what class you surf.

Tracy from Scotland suggests that grandmasters show a good amount of experience and leadership in the sport.

Toca, hard to compete against younger classes.

Eric wonders why we don't have a grandmasters class in the team event.

Demany asks why gm and m surf twice, but hp surfs once

Russ buskirk suggests theres two sides, age brackets or none

Rick suggests we could reduce this down to one category

Pete suggests looking at what requirements are for age classes

Wouter adding to age bracketing, you don't enter the mens class very competitively as a younger paddler, age bracketing would associate that.

Morlee would suggest bracketing for women too

Scotland says we'd increase junior attendance with age bracketing.

Edu suggests holding off more discussion until later date

Alexander stubbs suggests up to 16 cadets, then an older junior category with a cutoff of 20.

England suggests adding younger class to the team event.

Tom suggests we look at data over the last 2 years and determine class by that.

Morlee asks if we have committees to look at that.

Rick suggests that when we form committees we get nothing done.

Chris Harvey suggests that more categories might be more trouble, suggests separate junior class event.

Pete proposes limiting to bracket plus open

Alexander stubbs clarifies that at this event no other juniors entered into the open class.

Malcom proposes you can enter as many classes that you like.

Demany in defense of people who are middle aged, you are limited to one class

Dave proposes that we go by decades, you can enter your decade and the open

Pete proposes that in the team event, in particularly the juniors and the ladies, we have more alternate slots.

Rick: Question has been raised that surfing more than 10 waves in your heat would result in a DQ or an interference.

Steve B suggests that if there is a 10 wave limit then you need a way to get back to the beach.

Joey suggests that there is a way of notifying people in a heat of how many waves they have.

Malcom proposes that there is a 10 wave limit and there is both visual and audio notification.

Dave suggests you can take as many waves as you want, as long as you aren't limiting people.

Steve B suggests that the contest should be about a surfer using a wave, rather than encouraging blocking, etc.

Chris Harvey proposes wave location would have to be limited to a 4 or 5 star rated wave.

Dan Green suggests that we stifle our sport if we don't hold it in the best possible wave.

Rusty suggests that the world cup is to allow for a better break

Nathan suggests that you cant book the surf.

Malcom suggests that getting competitors housed and fed is the easier part of the event organization.

Tamsin suggests that people are willing to sacrifice for the surf break.

Malcom would like to see all IC boats are presented to a checking committee

Edu proposes that we require that the next worlds to have the electronic scoring system to make things more exciting for the spectators and competitors. He suggests we buy one to take from place to place.

Selection of the next location for Worlds:

Roberta has said that in 2014 Brazil is thinking of having a world xgames for paddling and they will be meeting to talk about including surf kayaking. And Roberta has suggested that we make the World Championships a part of that event.

Argentina is putting in a bid to host the event.

Brazil is putting a bid in to hold the event in 2009 in Florionopolis, possible in September 2009

US East is putting in a bid for the event at the Outer Banks of North Carolina, in September 2009

South Africa has put a bid in from Neil Baxter. There is a large interest in a group of paddlers from SA.

5pm Friday we will vote on all proposals.

World Cup: Rusty: World Cup every even year. World Cup Qualifiers. Possible host sites for qualifiers.

Nominations for the next WSKA committee:

Toca
Roberta

Rick
Joey
Rusty
Stuart
Pete
Andrew