

Whitewater Slalom Association of Alberta
October 21, 2007
Professional Development / Planning Session Notes

Location: Tim Hortons Children's Ranch, Kananaskis

In attendance:

Judi Frank, Greg Hunter, Althea Shaw, Sue Clark, Mike Holroyd, Ian Jobe, Saskia Van Mourick Lynn Jobe, Marilyn and Lloyd Lyons, Bill Frank, Lorel Dederer, Karen Hirl, Matt Frank, Adrian Cole, Lahav Wolach.

Presentation on "Committee Workshop"

Karen Hirl/Lynn Jobe/Mike Holroyd

- Committees need good communication
- Celebrate success
- Know mandate –vision, values, mission
- With reference to WSAA strategic plan
- Work plan from action plan
- Terms of Reference:
 - Authority and accountability
 - Terms
- Effective Committees

Report from Athletes

Matt Frank/Adrian Cole/Lina Holroyd

What is important to you as an athlete?

- *Motivation*
- *Good coach*
- *Focus*
- *Positive environment*
- *Supportive team& bonding*
- *Encourage cadets*
- *Setting realistic goals*

How can WSAA help you achieve this?

- *Camps, iLog, variety of training & racing*
- *WSAA support coach and all athletes,*
- *Sites for skills, meet once a month*
- *PTT in other locations, playboating, variety*
- *Team uniform, team activities -challenges*
- *Help with clubs, ASG, mentors*
- *Weekly, long term*

Other ideas – paddling machine, clubs have races, cross training

Members comments

What frustrates you about WSAA?

- *Communication – email, phone, hearing back about questions*
- *Announcements – timely*
- *Members Database – communication with clubs*
- *Preplanning for camps - expenses and budget for athletes and families*

What things has WSAA done right?

- *THCR connection (Sue, not sure that what is ?)*
- *Athletes happy with program*
- *HP in Alberta*
- *More C boats*
- *PTT, NAC, JTT'08*

Three top suggestions for improvement:

- WSAA/AWA support Clubs
- Sharing of best practices between clubs
- Coach mentoring
- Recreation community/TAK linkages formed
- Communication- board share in planning
- Members /Board - go with decisions

Coaches comments

Mike Holroyd/ Saskia Van Mourick

- Transparency
- Any communication is good
- Effective board – delegate – give direction
- Coaches responsible for offering a solution?
- Request board to be prepared, have agenda, appropriate time
- -report on what's been done or not done
- WSAA coordinate with club – timeliness/template

Events

Mike Holroyd/ Saskia Van Mourick

- ASG - AWA coordinates with help from WSAA
- AWA and WSAA give clubs support at events
- Less events/ better quality
- Youth leadership diploma – mentor
- Pool instructor certification (recreation centres)
- Senior TAK – help plan events

Committees

Communication

Judi Frank./Althea Shaw/Sue Clark

Website, Listserve, discussion board, Keeping Current

HP Liaison

Karen Hirl/ Judi Frank

Club Liaison	Saskia Van Mourick- AWA TD
Events	Mike Holroyd/ Greg Hunter
Equipment/ Facilities AWA liaison- Ian Projects – off sites F. D.- 3 year plan ?	Ian Jobe/Lloyd Lyons
Membership Database	Lahav Wolach/ Sue Clark/ Saskia Van Mourick
Budget/ Administration	Ian Jobe
LTAD	Saskia Van Mourick/ Karen Hirl
Uniform	Mike Holroyd/ Lorel Dederer/ Karen Hirl
Provincial Team	Greg Hunter/Mike Holroyd
Special Events	
JTT ASG	Lorel Dederer/Joanne Cole/ Sue Clark Judi Frank(report/ timing) Saskia Van Mourick- AWA TD
Fundraising (promo/ F. R.)	Lorel Dederer

Events Discussion

ATS and HP fees	Judi Frank
Structure and Clarity	Judi Frank/ Saskia Van Mourick/Mike Holroyd
JTT date (to be determined with CKC)	Judi Frank
National training Centre – send letter to Sven	Judi Frank/ Mike Holroyd

Board Monthly meeting – 1st Wednesday of month 6:30-7:30PM