

## USA Wildwater committee meeting minutes September 23, 2012

Present: Jeremy Rodgers, Tom Wier, Kurt Smitgall, Chuck Brabec, Doug Ritchie ( guest)

Excused: O'Sullivan, Eisner, Adams.

- Welcome
- Committee reports:
  - a. Treasurer: Tom O'Sullivan was not for confirmation but our account balance prior to 2012 expenses was approximately \$4000 and we have had approximately \$2500 and expenses specifically \$1500 for senior world championships and \$1000 for nationals in Jackson Hole.
- Old business:
  - a. **Fundraising:** Jeremy Rodgers provided an update that the board is in the closing stages of having an online "Click and Pledge" service that handles all of our online donation functionality at a competitive 2.75% rate and provides an instantaneous receipt for donors confirming their non-profit donation. This service will also provide institutional memory for future boards and securely archive all past donors. Gerald Baboa at USACK will be the administrator of this website for the Wildwater committee and maintain username and password info. in addition to wildwater treasurer Tom O'Sullivan. Chairman Eisner will send out the annual fundraising letter in approximately 2 weeks after the online functionality it is operational on the Wildwater website. The board has an annual operating budget of approximately \$3000-4000 and the 2012 fundraising goal is \$3000. Past donors in the past 5 years can be recognized at <http://www.usawildwater.com/USAWWDONORS06-08.pdf>
  - b. **2013 World Cup and Sprint world championship team:** Senior team trials took place last week in Massachusetts hosted by Mark Wendolowski with approx. 25 entrants combined. Tom Wier has agreed to e-mail all qualifiers with a congratulations and links to event information. He will set a commitment deadline of approximately February 1, 2013. Approximately \$500 of funding will be available for the senior Sprint world championship team as senior team funding inverts/is minimal during Jr. world championships years which will have priority in traditional fundraising years. That \$500 in funding would likely go to common team manager expense or entries and Emmanuel Bouchard would likely assist in identifying some resources to assist in transportation as he did in 2012 world championships.
- **New business:**
  - a. 2013-2014 event bid request will be sent out within the month of October 2012 for 2013 and 2014 events specifically east and west Jr. trials in the month of April 2013 in the Rocky Mountains (Glenwood Springs, Durango, or Denver) and East coast (NOC, Tom McEwan's Liquid Skills program), nationals in the Rocky Mountains (FIBARK) or eastern/Northeastern region in the months of May, July, or August, and Senior team trials indeed months of August through September in the geographic location with the highest number of active Wildwater paddlers likely to participate (Cheat Fest, NOC, FIBARK??). Funds are available to subsidize events for established race organizers. Race organizers may e-mail bids to Vice Chair [jeremy\\_rodgers@hotmail.com](mailto:jeremy_rodgers@hotmail.com) (underscore between first and last name) by **Jan 1, 2013**. Bids for 2014 events will also be welcomed! Please reference link to 2012 example bid example at <http://www.usawildwater.com/event-directors-repository/index.html> for bid submissions. Discussion on splitting Senior team trials again to represent the vast geographic area and limited financial resources occurred and the committee agreed that Senior trials would remain a single event and located where most U. S. paddlers would show up in spite of the historical trend that team trials continues to have a geographic majority from the host region. Event organizers will continue to be encouraged to provide a discretionary stipend to talented wildwater paddlers that travel a great distance to their event to encourage national participation.

- **Announcements:**

- a. Jeremy Rodgers announced that Italian national team wildwater paddler Luca Panziera (sp) may be coming to the United States next year to begin employment in Boulder Colorado as a meteorologist and would likely be strongly involved in the Dawson program.
- b. USA wildwater paddler, past national champion, past board member David Jones was just inducted into the ACA Hall of Fame. Congratulation David!

Next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 13 at 8pm EST via Skype. Reminder that all event bids are requested by January 1, 2013. All paddlers may attend the Skype meeting by emailing their Skype account information to [jeremy\\_rodgers@hotmail.com](mailto:jeremy_rodgers@hotmail.com) prior to meeting to be added.