

Utah Windriders Association Annual Meeting Minutes
April 30th 2009, 7:30-8:15PM Meeting 8:15-10:00PM Videos
Location: Brewvies Pub, 677 S 200 W, Salt Lake City, Utah

Attendance: 84

Sarah Ranes, Linda Schlappy and Josh S. collected membership dues at the door. Thank You!

Welcome and thanks to all who came. Second time doing meeting at Brewvies. Thanks to all who have paid their membership.

Current Checking account balance is \$4,055

Financial policy- All membership dues and donations to be deposited into America First Credit Union Checking account. All checks to be signed by two people. Three signers are currently on the account. Rick Heninger, Bob Houk, and Josh Shirley.

Thanks to all the volunteers for all they do for the UWA riding community.

Craig Goudie's forecasts continue to help us get our local rides here in Utah and continual assistance on the website.

Kenny Farnsworth has begun giving us winter forecasts which now makes the UWA a year round organization.

Josh Gubler's expertise and time on updating the website. Along with the officers who have done a lot to make the website as helpful as possible.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS:

Rick McClain opened the floor to nominations for UWA officers.

Confirmations of all existing officers.

It was also moved that the UWA add a second Historian/Photographer, Leo Chan was kind enough to accept that nomination and affirmative vote.

2008 Officers Rick Heninger-President

Josh Shirley-VP Windsurfing

Heather Shenck-VP Kiting/ Social Chair

Sarah Ranes- UWA Social Chair

Les Vierra- UWA Kiting Community Liaison/Political Rep

Bob "Trip" Houk-UWA Treasurer/Secretary

Rick McClain- UWA Membership Chair

Mike Rossberg- UWA Website Chair

Leo Chan and Fred Grundell- UWA Photographers/historians

UWA Volunteers to be recognized:

Craig Goudie- Summer Weather Forecasts

Kenny Farnsworth-Winter Kiting Forecasts

Josh Gubler- Website!!!

OFFICIAL VOTE: We had a vote to take this policy from a decision made by individual officers to a policy VOTED into effect by UWA members. It was motioned that UWA registrants must use their FULL FIRST AND LAST NAMES on the website. However, an initial for 1st name is fine if you have specific preference that way. It was voted for unanimously for all those present. (details of this vote are in the minutes)

NATURE OF ORGANIZATION of the UWA:

We want the UWA to serve as a communication and facilitation of fun via the Website. This year with the economy we've seen a reduction in postings... Actually it was thought that less work would mean more riding... But I guess that theory is not working this year!

We'd like to have more events in concert with the industries of the sports or at least make sure that the UWA makes a big presence to those events. Such as the Snowkite Masters that Brian and Heather with Ozone kites put on every year. It puts the liability in the hands of those with financial vested interest which is the best way.

UWA WEBSITE POLICY ON NICK-NAMES

The discussion was brought up about the issue of account names on the website.

-Originally the idea to have people use their full first and last names was because the UWA went for a year or more without a website because of spambots and other viruses that infected the host site because of anonymous names being registered.

-Also, it has been seen in other websites when anonymous names are allowed to be used, people "flame" or cause problems or web drama at a much higher rate.

-It's also very time consuming for the Web administrators to go through all the anonymous names to accept the REAL PEOPLE. When we take the filter off of the website there are attempts EVERY TEN minutes by bots with nicknames trying to be accepted as registrants. With full first and last names that are recognizable we can filter through them much faster and simply cancel the ones that aren't full names. It saves US a ton of time.

-Finally, when real names are used on the website it helps all of us to get to know people better thereby facilitating safer sessions on the water or snow because more people can avoid sailing or kiting alone.

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UTAH LAKE COMMISSION

Thanks to a few of the people who have kept up on the Utah Lake Commission. Mike Losser specifically went to one of the early meetings and brought it clear to our attention that they are deciding right now on the future public development of Utah Lake. Rick Heninger has read up on all of their plans and emailed the commission members about the specific needs of the UWA members... Kites and Windsurfers, from road access needs to beach access needs. The email included all of the things that the Columbia Gorge has done to accommodate the Windriders including the volunteerism that would be available from the UWA for projects. Also, Rick Heninger attended the main meeting where the final plans were "unveiled". The plans leave a lot of room for flexibility.

Please read the posts about the Utah Lake Commission to get up to speed on what's going on. Reed Price is the Utah Lake Commissioner who is well aware of our needs now but we will need to stay on the ball with this issue. The parties who

have concerns with Utah Lake are environmental Flora and Fauna concerns to Development Recreational/ Residential/ Industrial/ Commercial. We're right in the middle.

SAILING/RIDING SITES: (mentioned)

WINDSURFING and KITEBOARDING

-Grantsville... Morning sailing sessions are for real and bring out a fun morning crowd...

-Utah Lake Provo Boat Harbor needs something, some kind of cleaner access to the water but the issue is still being pushed to put sand or gravelbags in the shoreline on the points.

-Pelican Bay Marina (Saratoga Harbor)- Rick Heninger is working with the mayor there to get the free entrance for non-motorized craft for free policy on a permanent basis. So leave less than you bring.

-SSB was underwater still.

- Lindon is being cleaned up more and more...

-Lincoln Beach

-RUSH! Save it! We need water!!!

-Deer Creek Thawed.... Watch for Craig's forecasts...

-Sulphur Creek- Barely thawed!

-GORGE and MAUI ... No comments...

SNOWKITING

-Richardson flats-access is going to be a problem. They have posted it. Don't trespass if it's posted.

-Home Depot field- Still ok... But respect it and don't leave any trash behind, park as far off the road as possible. Don't in any fences climbing over etc.

-Skyline drive still sweet... Big ol' parking lot now... Respect the snowmobilers. Keep the peace. Careful where you lay your lines for long periods of time.

-Strawberry- Just be careful... Kite with a buddy if possible.

-Powder Mountain... Nobody had any real comments... Ask on the website.

SUMMER 2009 SCHEDULE

-UWA Meeting April 30th Brewvies with Video Meltdown 2008 and Swap June 6th Powerex. (done)

-UWA Utah Lake Festival... Windsurfers and Kiteboarders should be there to make a presence for the Utah Lake Commission to see us there. (Update: Thanks to many who came and Jason M. who brought some Stand up Paddle boards to make it a blast... It was great and there were a few beginner windsurfers taking up the breeze. Thanks to all who came. Reed Price made note of it)

-Utah Summer Games- Brett Bingham of the Utah Sailing Association spoke at the meeting.

-Encouraging all to Participate, Deer Creek, Sailboat beach. \$20 entrance.

-Encouraged kites to participate. Great opportunity to gain exposure.

-56 different sports participate in the Utah Summer Games

-UWA Sulphur Creek Campout... Same gig! August 21-23!!! Come up... It is fun regardless of wind and now we've got the stand up paddle boards!

MISCELLANEOUS:

Meeting adjourned and a TON OF DAKINE, BIG WINDS, NEIL PRYDE, POWEREX, OZONE, UWA STICKERS etc. were given out.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE SPONSORS Thanks to Sarah, Rick H, Josh S, Grant, and Brian Shenck for tracking down the swag and prizes.

THANKS TO CRAIG GOUDIE for editing a UWA windsurfing vid and to DARRIN FOWLER for supplying some stoked up video and DAVE AND RACHEAL GRIFFITHS for their video contribution for the Meltdown.

Meeting ended at ~8:15PM... Videos ended at 10 minutes to 10PM!!!

Thanks again to all who came! Hope more will come and enjoy the event next year.