

Minutes of the USA Wrestling - Ohio Annual Meeting

September 30, 2001

Attendees (28): Tom Knupp, Dave Riggs, John Cvetic, Clara Smith, Mark DiSalvo, Tadaaki Hatta, Eric Loveman, Don Hernan, Pat Schlatter, Larry Smith, Jim Speelman, Mary Terbay, Frank Jayne, Wendel Donathan, Pete Bolanis, Doug Short, Chris Wiley, John Sopczak, John Gramuglia, Tony DiGiovanni, Shawn Petty, Alexis Bolanis, Mark Gerhard, Mike Moos, Mickey Balmert, Chris Kallai, Bob Vallarelli, and Chris Miller.

1. Tom Knupp called for a count of clubs represented. Thirteen (13) were present and voted that they would constitute a quorum. At that point, the meeting was called to order (10:05 AM).

Officers and Directors Reports

1. State Chairperson report - Tom Knupp

Tom provided information about items that all needed to be made aware of:

- a. In May, OHSAA rescinded their ruling about coaching during the high school off-season.
- b. The Central Region is now the official region for all age divisions for wrestlers in the following states - OH, KY, IN, WV, MI.
- c. The Kids/Cadet Central Regional will be held in the Dayton or Cincinnati area on May 31, June 1 and 2, 2002. The site is yet to be determined.
- d. There is a change in pairings at Regional/National meets, where there are pools and multiple-day weigh-ins. If a pool has two or fewer competitors after the second day weigh-in, then the pools will be re-paired.
- e. Cadet and Junior weight classes have been modified. There are 17 weight classes for the Cadets: 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215, 275. There are 15 weight classes for the Juniors: 98, 105, 112, 119, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 152, 160, 171, 189, 215, 275. Plan accordingly at meets.

- f. Top 3 placers at the FILA Cadet Nationals will be automatic qualifiers for the state's national team.
- g. USA Wrestling has passed on a \$4 increase for each competitor's card to all states.
- h. There were 10 FS/GR state regional qualifiers in 2001, with entries up slightly from last year. Wadsworth took the crown with 475 total entries at their meet. The State Greco tournament was up 41 wrestlers to 246; State Freestyle was up 14 wrestlers to 367.
- i. The Central Junior/Senior Regional will be held April 5, 6, and 7 at a site in Indiana to be determined.

2. Vice-Chairperson report - Dave Riggs

Everyone did an excellent job this year from the high school coaches all the way up.

3. Secretary report - Sue Dennis

No report.

4. Treasurer report - John Cvetic

John passed out a packet of financial statements comparing USA Wrestling- Ohio financial position for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

Highlights:

- a. All sanctioned events broke even (which is planned).
- b. Central Kids/Cadet Regional tournament lost money - must be breakeven for 2002.
- c. Cadet and Junior National Teams broke even.
- d. Number of coach's cards were down slightly (488 in 2000 to 462 in 2001).
- e. Number of competitor's cards were down slightly (4,456 in 2000 to 4,398 in 2001).

5. Registration Director report - Clara Smith

We had 82 clubs last year and 64 events. Most of the events went well; few problems and they were addressed individually.

6. Kids/Schoolboy Director - Greg Woods

No report.

7. Cadet Director - Jeff Kullman (report given by Tom Knupp)

Cadet National team went very well. Ohio was well represented at the Nationals with 4 Greco All-Americans (2 Champions) and 7 Freestyle All-Americans (1 Champion and the Outstanding Wrestler). Unofficially Ohio placed 5th as a team in Greco and 4th in Freestyle.

8. Junior Director - Dave Riggs

Junior National team went very well. Ohio was well represented at the Nationals with 10 Greco All-Americans and 6 Freestyle All-Americans. Unofficially Ohio placed 5th as a team in Greco and 2nd in Freestyle.

The Junior Dual team was National champions.

9. Open Director - Jack Effner

No report.

10. Coaches Director - Mark DiSalvo

There were no real problems this year. Mark worked with Cadet and Junior Directors to fill teams, but had no problems with coaching staffs.

11. Wrestling Development Director - Tadaaki Hatta

Tadaaki has about 20 books for Bronze certifications, if any one is interested.

He will be happy to do a clinic or come and help. Contact him!

12. Folkstyle Director - Charlie Smith

No report.

13. Women's Wrestling Director - Kip Flanik (report given by Tom Knupp)

2001 was the best year ever in women's wrestling in Ohio. Ohio had 2 of the 6 World Team members, as well as 2 of the top women athletes in the nation.

14. Mat Officials Director - Sandy Cageao (report given by Tom Knupp)

There were 2 clinics held to train new mat officials. One was held in the SW (Franklin HS) and one in the NE (Walsh Jesuit HS). More than 20 mat officials (new and old) were trained. We still need more mat officials!

15. Pairings Co-Directors - Sue Dennis and Clara Smith (report given by Clara Smith)

Pairings went fairly well this year. One problem at Wadsworth - too few pairers (1 plus several part time) for the number of wrestlers (475). South seems to be OK with number of pairers; North is where we are short-handed at times.

We will continue to use vertical pairings at our regional qualifiers and state tournaments.

16. International Exchange Director - Brian Church

USA Wrestling hosted a Kids Tour (ages 10-15) through Scotland. Great experience for the wrestlers who went - good wrestling, new technique, great sightseeing.

We need to get more kids involved. USA Wrestling will provide fund raiser information and ideas to help kids raise their portion of the trip.

17. Media/Promotions Director - Bob Vallarelli

Website is up and under construction; address is www.usawrestling-ohio.org.

The web page format is set up.

There was a request to list state/regional/national schedule information.

18. Fund Raising Co-Directors - Eric Loveman and Chuck Franz (report given by Eric Loveman)

Eric reported that some items to consider for fund raising:

- 1) Work with USA Wrestling to sell equipment, clothes, etc. at regional and/or state meets
- 2) Use the TOP program - which allows selling from the catalog. If interested, the USA Wrestling Merchandising number is 1-800-727-USA1.

Election of Officers

The following were elected after being nominated and seconded. Voting was done where

needed.

State Chairperson - Tom Knupp

Secretary - Mary Terbay

Registration Director - Clara Smith

Kids/Schoolboy Director - Brian Church

Cadet Director - Jeff Kullman

Junior Director - Dave Riggs

Open Director - Joel Greenlee

Mat Officials Director - Bob Vallarelli

Co-Pairings Directors - Sue Dennis and Clara Smith

Media/Promotions Director - Bob Vallarelli

Coaches Director - Mark DiSalvo

Wrestling Development Director - Tadaaki Hatta

Folkstyle Director - Charlie Smith

Fund Raising Director - Eric Loveman

International Exchange Director - Brian Church

Co-Women's Wrestling Directors - James Martin and Clayton Smith

The following at-large members were also nominated and elected:

	Region
Doug Short	Central
Mark Gerhard	Southwest
Chris Miller	Southwest
Don Hernan	Northeast
Frank Jayne	Northeast
Pat Schlatter	Central
Shawn Petty	Northwest

Wendel Donovan	Southwest
Tony DiGiovanni	Northeast
Pete Bolanis	Northwest
Jack Nutter	Southeast
Chris Kallai	Northeast
Micky Balmert	Central

New Business

1. Increase participation in Kids (Bantam, Novice, and Midget) Wrestling in Ohio

There was good discussion about what to do to increase participation by the younger athletes in spring wrestling.

Many ideas were brought out. The ones that we are definitely going to try are highlighted.

Others may be implemented on a trial basis.

- a. Lower Kids entry fees to \$5/style at all USA Wrestling - Ohio events
- b. Run Kids brackets through at tournaments - use separate mats
- c. Provide special group rates for "clubs" for Schoolboy and younger
- d. Use at-large members as USA Wrestling - Ohio ambassadors to visit clubs in their areas to promote spring wrestling and answer questions. Side comment (use "star" high school athletes to attract kids)
- e. Allow exhibition matches outside of weight, age to get matches for the Kids
- f. Develop an educational program where the At-Large members contact club directors to demonstrate Freestyle/Greco wrestling during Folkstyle meets, practices - Brian Church offered to develop the program/materials for this - list of tournaments, the rules, what this can do for you.
- g. Have one large tournament
- h. Provide free clinics at Folkstyle tournaments

i. Have an information table at Youth, Junior High, and High School State tournaments

2. Proposed card and other fee increases

The following fees were discussed, modified in a few cases, and passed.

	Current	Proposed	Passed
Wrestler cards			
Schoolboy and under			
(individual or through club)	\$18	23	22
All Cadets and Juniors	20	25	25
At door of events (all ages)	20	25	25
Replacement cards	2	2	10
Coach's cards	20	25	30
Club Charter	50	60	60
Additional insured certificate	20	20	20
Event Sanction			
Folkstyle	25	40	40
Freestyle/Greco	25	40	100

3. Other business

1. World Championships are now scheduled for Bulgaria and Greece in November and December.

2. Ike Anderson, USA Greco Wrestling Development, has offered to put on a Greco camp in

Ohio in the April/May time frame. Cost will be offset partially by USA Wrestling.

Jim Speelman will contact Ike and get availability dates.

3. Restrictions on when USA insurance coverage applies to non-USAW sanctioned events are attached.

4. Any school/club interested in hosting the Kids/Cadet Central Regional, please contact

Tom Knupp for a bid package.

Requirements/procedures for 2002 USAWO tournaments

Some basic requirements:

1. Club must have charter application and fee in by December 1
2. Event sanction application and fee must be in by December 1
3. We would like to have the schedule out by the first of the year.
4. There will be a 1 hour block of time for weigh-ins.
5. Keep in mind that there are more weight classes for the Junior and Cadet divisions.

Scheduling of 2002 USAWO tournaments

The following tournaments are tentatively scheduled (pending paperwork/fee completion):

March 9	Southwest Ohio Classic	Dayton Carroll
March 16	State Folkstyle	Dayton Stebbins
March 17	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Dayton Stebbins
March 23	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Harrison
	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Toledo Waite
March 29(?)	GR Regional Qualifier	Delaware Hayes
March 30	FS Regional Qualifier	Delaware Hayes
April 6(?)	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Clyde (?)
April 13	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Dayton Carroll
	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Austintown Fitch
April 20	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Wadsworth
	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Franklin
April 27	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Burton Berkshire

April 28	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Cincinnati Finneytown
May 4	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Lakota East
	FS / GR Regional Qualifier	Madison
May 11	Greco-Roman State Championship	Marion Coliseum
May 18	Freestyle State Championship	Wadsworth

Meeting was adjourned at 3:07 PM.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: Next year's meeting will be Sunday, October 6, 2002 at the Holiday Inn in Columbus (Lane Ave).