

Minutes of the USA Wrestling - Ohio Annual Meeting October 2, 2005

Attendees (36): Tom Knupp, Mary Terbay, John Cvetic, Doug Howard, Jeff Kullman, Bob Vallarelli, Debbi Kallai, Carol Saniuk, Charlie Smith, Jim Speelman, Tadaaki Hatta, Brian Church, Eric Loveman, Frank Baxter, Pete Bolanis, Wendel Donathan, Mark Gerhard, Eddie Jayne, Frank Jayne, Chris Kallai, Sr., Leo Saniuk, John Gillespie, Troy McLaughlin, Bob Latessa, John Sopczak, Todd Haverdill, Jim Lehman, Jon Horn, Monica Moyer, Chris Kallai, Jr., Bob Dies, Zach Ison, Jim Dies, Anthony Mohler, Santos Cageao, Mike Eschrich

Tom Knupp called for a determination of quorum. To have a quorum, at least 25% of the Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members (i.e., a minimum of nine) must be present along with representatives from at least 10% of the Chartered Clubs (i.e., a minimum of eleven). Twenty-one (21) Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members were present, and fourteen (14) Chartered Clubs were represented at the beginning of the meeting. Since it was determined that we had a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS REPORTS

1. Chairperson's report - Tom Knupp

Tom provided some information from the State Leaders Summit held in Colorado Springs in August.

- a. CADETs will be able to qualify for Fargo at all Cadet regionals
- b. FILA CADET added a heavy weight class
- c. A 3-way tie at duals was re-written to determine pool placement
- d. The FILA rules as of January 15th will be used
 - Freestyle clinch will be once per match
 - 2 minute periods for all age divisions
 - Power bomb is considered brutality and competitor will be DQ'd
 - Rule book should be out by mid-February
- e. A Sears-cup type of competition will be started in 2006, with points awarded at the duals and at Fargo for Cadet and Junior divisions
- f. Mat officials must have the state name on their back at Fargo.
- g. State chairperson meeting will now be at the state leader summit in Colorado Springs in August
- h. There will be one parade of states in Fargo.
- i. FILA Cadets and University in Evanston will be a Friday, Saturday, Sunday in 2006
- j. A competitor can now represent the US in both styles at World Championships
- k. Ohio submitted a funding request to increase memberships. Decision has been delayed.

2. Vice Chairperson's Report - Dave Riggs

No report

3. Secretary's Report - Mary Terbay

Mary presented the minutes from last year's meeting. **Motion** by Sandy Cageo and **second** by Debbi Kallai to accept the minutes. **Motion passed** by acclamation. Mary thanked all of those who submitted written reports at the meeting since it made doing the minutes much easier.

4. Treasurer's Report - John Cvetic

John distributed copies of the financial statement comparing the financial position, income, and expenses for fiscal years 2004 and 2005. Some of the highlights included:

- a. Even though some of our membership numbers were down, the income was about the same due to the increase.
- b. The State Tournament was down about 61 competitors.
- c. The Schoolboy and Cadet Dual teams and the Cadet, Junior, and Women's National teams broke even.
- d. Support service was increased expense due to an increase in official license reimbursement and lodging bills for officials working the Central Regional.

Motion by Pete Bolanis and **second** by Debbi Kallai to accept the treasurer's report. **Motion passed** by acclamation.

John also distributed the proposed budget for 2006. Some of the highlights included:

- a. No increase in membership fees proposed. USA National froze membership cards for at least 2 years.
- b. Assessment is budgeted to continue. This year \$3400 went to offset the Junior champion in both Greco and Freestyle for the Fargo trip. \$3500 went to help offset Cadet Dual team expenses and \$630 went to help offset the Schoolboy Dual team expenses.
- c. Budget includes sending officials to regional and national tournaments.

Motion by Debbi Kallai and **second** by Bob Vallarelli to approve the budget. **Motion passed** by acclamation.

5. Registration Chairperson's Report - Mary Terbay for Clara Smith

Mary reported that we had another record year in 2004 as follows:

Category	2005	2004	2003
Competitors			
Total	5395	5570	5129
Bantam - Schoolboy		3237	NA
Cadet - Open		2333	NA
Coaches	505	623	533
Club Charters	107	104	96
Event Sanctions	70	68	70

2006 Club Charter packets and Event Sanction forms are available by contacting Clara at cescheetah@aol.com or 513.574.0787.

6. Kids / Schoolboy Director's Report - Doug Howard

Doug reported that Team Ohio competed in 3 Schoolboy duals: the Middle School Duals in Danville, IL, and finished fifth, without having a full team; and the Schoolboy Duals in Greco and Freestyle. Again, there was not a full team. We won most of the matches but lost due to forfeits.

Improvements for next year include a team camp and also encouraging Schoolboy wrestlers to compete in state championship.

7. Cadet Director's Report - Jeff Kullman

Jeff thanked Todd Haverdill, Jim Lehman, Chris Kallai, and Leo Saniuk and all of the coaches for their assistance with the National Team. The camp was moved this year and the site (North Royalton HS) worked well.

The Cadet Team placed second in Freestyle with 9 All-Americans, 2 champions, and 2 runner-ups, and fourth in Greco with 10 All-Americans, 1 champion and 1 runner-up.

Jeff emphasized the importance of our Cadet Teams, since this is the athlete's first real chance to see national competition and the college coaches start looking at the athletes at this time.

8. Junior Director's Report – Leo Saniuk for Dave Riggs

Leo reported that the Junior Dual Team did well. In Greco, we were 11th place; with one undefeated wrestler and 2 wrestlers with only 1 loss each. In Freestyle, Ohio had a 9-1 record; 2 undefeated wrestlers; 2 with only 1 loss each and every wrestler had a winning record.

Ohio had 6 All-Americans in Greco, and we had 8 All-Americans and 1 runner-up.

Some improvements for next year: have the coaches in place earlier in the year which will provide better organization and better petitioning process.

It was noticed that many of the Seniors did not compete. This was due to senior burnout, injury and cost. We are going to continue to look at ways to defray expenses (e.g. take busses).

9. Open Director's Report - Brian Keck

No report.

10. Coaches Director's Report - Jim Speelman

Jim reported that coaches are needed in advance and that there are many coaches needed for the special teams. There is a coaches application on line and this MUST be filled out. The deadlines are on the applications.

We will need to have a coaches' meeting this upcoming year to go over the changes in rules and to be sure that everyone understands them. Jim has started a database with coaches cards. We have over 300 certified coaches in Ohio and 8-10 with the silver or gold certification.

We will be adding some new pages to the web: coaches, officials and summary of financial information.

11. Wrestling Development Director's Report - Tadaaki Hatta

Tadaaki was present at two tournaments, but there were no official wrestling clinics held in 2005. He recommended that the clinic have a different format. Having a freestyle clinic prior to freestyle wrestling starting at the qualifier is not practical – Greco wrestling is still happening.

12. Folkstyle Director's Report - Charlie Smith

There were 300 competitors at the State Folkstyle Championship in 2005. This was down from last year.

13. Women's Wrestling Director's Report - Tom Knupp for Jim Martin

Tom reported that the Women's Dual team took fourth in Fargo with 3 All-Americans and 1 Champion.

There are open mats for women two times a week. Information needs to get out to girls interested in wrestling.

Cadet Women's competition is on hold until the numbers increase in the Junior division.

14. Mat Officials Director's Report - Bob Vallarelli

Bob reported that there were many clinics and rule interpretations (thanks, Jim Speelman) and that Ohio has 87 mat officials and 16 pairers. There will be an officials page on the internet shortly.

Bob stated that he has found that it is a problem to get mat officials to commit to work tournaments which hampers him in committing officials for tournaments.

National has set criteria to upgrade mat official status. The official form is on the internet.

Clinics will need to be setup for officials to review the rule changes. There will be a CD available with the rules. USAWO will pay the license fee for all officials that have worked at least 2 tournaments during the 2005 season. Unfortunately the renewal forms must be hand-written which slows down the process.

There was a suggestion to renew the pairers' licenses in Fargo since they are allowed to do that.

15. Pairing Tri-Director's Report - Debbi Kallai for Sue Dennis and Carol Saniuk

Debbi reported that there were two instructional clinics for new pairing officials in 2005. Carol Saniuk is now a P2, doubling our number of P2's in Ohio. Debbi urged that we need more pairers and then tournaments would run smoother. She also suggested that the pairers be located away from the gym to minimize mistakes due to interruptions. The tournament directors handbook suggests that each tournament have a liaison for this purpose.

It was suggested that we need to improve the transition from Greco to Freestyle, in terms of getting all the paperwork (brackets, pairing, bout sheets) completed.

16. International Exchange Director's Report - Brian Church

Brian reported that the exchange with Belarus did not occur due to their visas being declined. There is a problem if the visa requestor cannot prove that they will return. Little interest in any other exchanges.

In the past, the cost is around \$2500 plus a passport. If anyone is interested, they should plan early. Brian submitted a list of opportunities for 2006. If anyone is interested, I have a copy and so does Jon Horn.

There are tours scheduled for Minsk, Belarus and China in June.

17. Media / Promotions Director's Report - Carol Saniuk

Carol reported that the web site is using the PDF file format successfully, now that she has the PDF Writer software. She also sent results to the Akron, Toledo, Hamilton, Elyria and Inquirer with little or no press received for the Fargo team.

The website is updated as soon as the information is received. The Cadet Dual results are there, but the Junior results had not been received as of the meeting.

A change for next year for the Head Pairer will be to fax or email the top 6 wrestlers in each weight class right away to Carol so that we can get the web updated quicker.

If anyone has any suggestions of items to put on the web site, please contact Carol.

18. Fund Raising Director's Report - Eric Loveman

Eric reported that he has United Way in Central Ohio has postponed the process of adding new recipients until spring. USA Wrestling has added candy as a fund-raising activity for those that are interested.

Miscellaneous

Sandy Cageo mentioned that this would be his last year as international mat official due to age limit requirements imposed by that organization. Tom reported that Sandy was honored with the Mort Geller award for the international mat official of the year for 2005.

Proposed Constitution and Bylaws Amendments

The following amendments were proposed, discussed and voted on:

1. A proposed amendment to Article 3.2.2 Voting Rights would limit the number of Clubs that one individual may represent.

Motion by Brian Church and **second** by Leo Saniuk to accept the amendment as proposed by the Executive Committee. **Motion passed** by acclamation. The amended Article 3.2.2 will be substituted in our Constitution and Bylaws, distributed by email to all voting members, and published on the web site.

2. A proposed amendment to Article 3.3.3 Voting Rights add voting rights to Senior Mat Officials, Senior Pairing Officials, Senior Certified Coaches and all past USAWO Chairpersons. Senior officials are defined as:

Mat	M1C status or higher
Pairing	P2 status or higher
Coach	Silver or gold level

Motion by Leo Saniuk and **second** by Pete Bolanis to accept the amendment as proposed by the Executive Committee. **Motion passed** by acclamation. The amended Article 3.3.3 will be substituted in our Constitution and Bylaws, distributed by email to all voting members, and published on the web site.

3. A proposed amendment to Article 4.2 Election of Officers would prohibit Officers from holding Director or At-Large Board Member positions at the same time.

Motion by Jim Speelman and **second** by Doug Howard to accept the amendment as proposed by the Executive Committee. **Motion passed** by acclamation. The amended Article 4.2 will be substituted in our Constitution and Bylaws, distributed by email to all voting members, and published on the web site.

4. A proposed amendment to Article 4.4.2 Vice Chairperson would add Tournament Coordinator to the duties of the Vice Chairperson.

Motion by Debbi Kallai and **second** by Carol Saniuk to accept the amendment as proposed by the Executive Committee. **Motion passed** by acclamation. The amended Article 4.4.2 will be substituted in our Constitution and Bylaws, distributed by email to all voting members, and published on the web site.

5. A proposed amendment to Article 5.2 Directors would add the position of Beach Wrestling Director to the list of Directors.

Motion by Bob Vallarelli and **second** by Pete Bolanis to accept the amendment as proposed by the Executive Committee. **Motion passed** by acclamation. The amended Article 5.2 will be substituted in our Constitution and Bylaws, distributed by email to all voting members, and published on the web site.

6. A proposed amendment to Articles 10.4 Notice and 10.6 Minutes would allow e-mailing and web site posting of meeting notices and minutes in place of mailings.

Motion by Leo Saniuk and **second** by Brian Church to accept the amendment as proposed by the Executive Committee. **Motion passed** by acclamation. The amended Articles 10.4 and 10.6 will be substituted in our Constitution and Bylaws, distributed by email to all voting members, and published on the web site.

A letter will be sent to voting members to inform them of this amendment change and to allow them to receive mailings by informing the USAWO Secretary that this is their wish.

7. A proposed amendment to Article 15 Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws would allow e-mailing and web site posting of amendments in place of mailings.

Motion by Leo Saniuk and **second** by Wendel Donathan to accept the amendment as proposed by the Executive Committee. **Motion passed** by acclamation. Article 15.2 will be added in our Constitution and Bylaws, distributed by email to all voting members, and published on the web site.

A letter will be sent to voting members to inform them of this amendment change and to allow them to receive mailings by informing the USAWO Secretary that this is their wish.

8. A proposed amendment to Articles 13 Internal Grievance Committee and Procedures would clarify the grievance and disciplinary procedures.

This amendment actually captures two procedures. One when there is time to address the issues over some defined time period and one when there is a need for immediate action (e.g., at an out-of-state competition).

Article 13.2 Allegations was further amended to read “of any person currently holding a USA Wrestling card.”

Motion to accept as amended by Bob Vallarelli and **second** by Leo Saniuk.

Motion by Leo Saniuk and **second** by Brian Church to accept the amendment as amended. **Motion passed** by acclamation. The amended Article 13 will be substituted in our Constitution and Bylaws, distributed by email to all voting members, and published on the web site.

9. A proposed amendment to Article 4 Officers would create the position of Past Chairperson as an Officer.

This would increase the number of Officers to an even number (six). The position would not be elected and could be hard to manage if the Past Chairperson had to move out-of-town, for example.

The proposal was withdrawn by the originator.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND AT-LARGE BOARD MEMBERS

The following **Officers** were elected for **two-year** terms:

Position	Nominations	Nominated by: First Second	Close nominations: First Second	Result
Chairperson	Chris Kallai	Leo Saniuk Jim Speelman	Wendel Donathan Carol Saniuk	Elected by acclamation
Secretary	Mary Terbay	Debbi Kallai Carol Saniuk	Leo Saniuk Bob Vallarelli	Re-elected by acclamation
Vice Chairperson ¹	Leo Saniuk	Bob Vallarelli Pete Bolanis	Sandy Cageao John Sopczak	Elected by acclamation
Kids/Schoolboy Director	Doug Howard	Leo Saniuk John Sopczak	Chris Kallai, Jr Charlie Smith	Re-elected by acclamation
Cadet Director	Jeff Kullman	Chris Kallai, Jr Eric Loveman	Sandy Cageao Eric Loveman	Re-elected by acclamation
Junior Director	Dave Riggs Jim Speelman	Pete Bolanis Leo Saniuk Bob Vallarelli Jon Horn	Eddie Jayne Frank Jayne	Jim Speelman
Open Director	Brian Keck	Leo Saniuk Chris Kallai, Jr	Mark Gerhard John Sopczak	Re-elected by acclamation
Mat Officials Director	Bob Vallarelli	Pete Bolanis Eric Loveman	Charlie Smith Wendel Donathan	Re-elected by acclamation
Pairings Co-Director	Debbi Kallai Sue Dennis Debbi/Sue as co's	Charlie Smith Debbi Kallai John Sopczak Wendel Donathan Doug Howard	John Sopczak Jon Horn	Re-elected by acclamation
Coaches Director	Jim Speelman	Bob Vallarelli Charlie Smith	Tadakki Hatta John Gillespie	Re-elected by acclamation
Wrestling Development Director	Erik Burnett	Tadaaki Hatta Leo Saniuk	Eric Loveman Doug Howard	Elected by acclamation
Folkstyle Director	Charlie Smith	John Sopczak Debbi Kallai	Sandy Cageao Pete Bolanis	Re-elected by acclamation
Media Director	Carol Saniuk	Chris Kallai, Jr Debbi Kallai	Doug Howard Charlie Smith	Re-elected by acclamation
Fund Raising Director	Wendel Donathan	Frank Baxter John Sopczak	Eric Loveman Bob LaTessa	Elected by acclamation
International Exchange Director	Brian Church Jon Horn	Eric Loveman John Sopczak John Cvetic Carol Saniuk	Frank Jayne Doug Howard	Jon Horn

Women's Wrestling Director	Jim Martin Dave Breezly	Bob Vallarelli John Sopczak Jim Speelman Doug Howard	Bob Vallarelli Sandy Cageao	Jim Martin
Beach Wrestling Director	Jeff Bucher	Pete Bolanis Jon Horn	Leo Saniuk Debbi Kallai	Elected by acclamation

1 this is a one year position due to the resignation of Dave Riggs, as Vice Chairperson

The following individuals were nominated and seconded for **one-year** terms as **At-Large Board Members**. All nominees were elected by acclamation. These individuals will be given the responsibility of helping promote USAWO at clubs in their areas and helping at Qualifier Tournaments in their area.

Northeast	Northwest	Central	Southeast	Southwest
Bob Dies Tadakki Hatta Frank Jayne Chris Kallai, Jr.	Pete Bolanis Mike Eschrich Troy McLaughlin	Brian Church Eddie Jayne	Joel Greenlee	Frank Baxter Mark Gerhard Zach Ison Chris Miller John Sopczak

OLD BUSINESS

1. Job Descriptions for Officers and Directors

The Tournament Coordinator duties will be moved the Vice Chairperson job description. The final compilation of all job descriptions will be posted on the web site under General Information as soon as they are approved by the Executive Committee.

2. Policies and Procedures

A procedure for the SELECTION OF COACHES needs to be written. A recommendation is due by the end of October. Committee: **Jim Speelman**, Leo Saniuk, and Chris Kallai.

A recommendation was made that one form be used for discipline/ medical and that it be signed by both parent and competitor.

Doug Howard stated that he would like to see some changes in The SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR SCHOOLBOY DUAL TEAM procedure. A committee was

formed to have the recommendation approved and the procedure posted on the web by December. Committee: **Bob Vallarelli**, Doug Howard, Mike Eschrich, Troy McLaughlin, and Jeff Kullman.

The SELECTION OF THE CADET DUAL TEAM procedure requires a modification in the selection from the state championships. **Frank Baxter** to rewrite and send to Leo Saniuk by the end of October.

A modification to the funding for the Junior Dual team was discussed. A committee was formed to write up their recommendation by the end of October. Committee: **Jim Speelman**, Jon Horn, Bob Latessa, Eddie Jayne, and Todd Haverdill.

THE SELECTION OF THE CADET AND JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAMS requires a clarification in that returning All Americans can petition on the team without wrestling but they are not automatically on the team. They must be selected via the petition process.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mat and Pairing Officials

It was recommended that each club have a pairing and mat official as part of their club.

Questions that need to be answered: what about Folkstyle only clubs?
How many tournaments would they have to work?
What is the penalty if a club doesn't do it?

Bob Vallarelli will put together his recommendations and needs to include how to track this. This is due to the Executive Committee by mid-November.

2. Miscellaneous Folkstyle information

The Junior High State is not a sanctioned event. It was recommended that the **Registration Chairperson** prepare a summary of the advantages of being part of USAWO. Contacts in various parts of the state will talk to non-USA clubs to try to get them to join. Leo Saniuk volunteered for Akron; Mike Eschrich for Toledo.

3. Officials Compensation

It was recommended that the Officials Compensation be revisited, especially with the gas prices being what they are. **Bob Vallarelli** will submit a policy change for long travels by mid November.

4. Coaches for National Teams

Jim Speelman said that he wanted to get the list of coaches for the special teams earlier this year. He gave Carol Saniuk the modified Coaches' form to put on our website. The deadline for submittal has been changed to January 1. This will enable the coaches to talk to the athletes starting at state and to be able to follow them through the spring season. This should help the petition meeting go quicker.

REQUIREMENTS / PROCEDURES FOR 2006 USA WRESTLING - OHIO TOURNAMENTS

1. Tournament Agreement Forms (i.e., contracts) must be returned to **Leo Saniuk** no later than December 1, 2005. If these are not returned by January 1, 2005, there will be a \$50 late charge assessed for each form that is late. Event Sanction Forms and Club Charter Applications go to **Clara Smith** must be sent by December 1, 2005 also.
2. Officials must be paid according to the Official Compensation Policy. If this is not done, the tournament will be fined at least the amount that the officials are underpaid and placed on a two-year probation. If the violation occurs again within that time frame, the tournament will be dropped from the USAWO schedule. Leo Saniuk will monitor this.
3. If there are not enough mats at the tournament based on the minimum number listed on the contract, the tournament will be placed on a two-year probation. If the violation occurs again within that time frame, the tournament will be dropped from the USAWO schedule. Leo Saniuk will monitor this.
4. Tournament Reports are due back to the **Leo Saniuk** within one (1) week of the tournament along with a check for the Junior/Cadet/Schoolboy entry assessment. If reports are late or the check is not included, a \$50 late fee will be assessed.
5. The tournament **MUST** have **CERTIFIED** medical person on site for the **ENTIRE** tournament.
6. USAW's insurance company recommends a pre-tournament site inspection of the facility. Tournament Directors will receive an inspection form with their tournament guides.
7. Call **Clara Smith** at least two weeks before your tournament to arrange for USA Wrestling cards.
8. Be sure that you have at least two (and preferably three) working scales available.
9. Be sure that you have enough Mat and Pairing officials and enough help to sell USA cards, handle registration and weigh-ins, and work the tables.
10. Go over instructions with registration and weigh-ins **before** registration starts.
11. Cut off registration and weigh-ins at the designated times.
12. Send all card applications and unused USA cards to **Clara Smith** within one week of the tournament.

SCHEDULING OF 2006 USA WRESTLING - OHIO TOURNAMENTS

The following tournaments are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for the 2006 season (pending confirmation of dates, completion of paperwork, and receipt of fees). Copley may need to change their date, Beechwood would like to have a tournament on April 15th and Berkshire/ Kenston might be interested. Chad Dennis has to let Leo Saniuk know about March 25th for his qualifier and Wendel Donathan has to see if he can change his date.

Date	Event	Location
March 11, 2006	SWOC (Folkstyle)	Dayton Carroll HS
March 19, 2006	Folkstyle State Championship	Dayton Stebbins HS
March 18, 2006	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Dayton Stebbins HS
March 25, 2006	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Lebanon HS
March 25, 2006	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Copley HS
April 1, 2006	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Toledo Waite HS
April 1, 2006	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Dayton Carroll HS
April 2, 2006	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Olentangy Liberty HS
April 8, 2006	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Watkins HS
April 15, 2006	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Elyria HS
April 22, 2006	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Wadsworth HS
May 6, 2006	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Lakota East HS
May 6, 2006	Ohio Kids State Tournament	Dayton Stebbins HS
May 13, 2006	Ohio Greco State Tournament	Marion Harding HS
May 20, 2006	Ohio Freestyle State Tournament	Wadsworth HS

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2006 ANNUAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006.