

Minutes of the USA Wrestling - Ohio Annual Meeting October 11, 2009

Attendees (29): Chris Kallai, Leo Saniuk, Mary Terbay, John Cvetic, Monica Kallai, John Sopczak, Jeff Kullman, Bob Vallarelli, Jerry Nadeau, Debbi Kallai, Carol Saniuk, Pete Bolanis, Wendel Donathan, Mark Gerhard, John Gillespie, John Gramuglia, Tom Knupp, Chris Kallai, Jr., Bob Dies, Troy McLaughlin, Leo Saniuk, Jr., Brian Walsh, Marty Naufel, RJ Hickey III, Keith Carter, Eric Brett, Dewayne Adams, Tina Shindel, Bill Shindel

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 nine). Eighteen (18) Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members were present, and nine (9) 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 – Chris Kallai

Chris noted that everyone should keep things moving during their reports. There are a lot of items to cover so get to the point and complete your reports.

Chris thanked all the Tournament Directors, mat officials, pairing officials and Coaches for helping this past year. He also thanked all those that helped in any way at the FILA Cadet/ University tournament and the Central Regional and the coaches/ clinicians for the Fargo teams and the dual teams. Ohio is truly a "hot bed" of wrestling.

It was noted that the state tournaments would go back to the May timeframe due to lower numbers in June. Good numbers at the qualifiers; great participation/ results at the Junior National Duals, but only 150 wrestlers ended up going to Fargo.

Chris is now on the Junior Council committee at the National level – more input for Ohio.

MMA helped out with the Fargo team gear, which was a big hit in Fargo – great quality – easy to sell some of the excess. We want to plan on using them in the future.

In 2010, Ohio will again host the FILA Cadets/ University tournaments. We will need volunteers. Ohio has a good reputation concerning their officials. Cleveland Sports Commission is bidding on the Senior / Junior Nationals. The current status is that it is probable that Cleveland will get this. There will be 8 mats – set up starts on Tuesday; wrestling on Wednesday; Level 1 officials are the only ones that can work the Senior Nationals.

Starting this year, USAWO would like to start a Volunteer of the Year Award. First recipient is Sam Brandenburg, from Grizzly Club. He will receive a jacket and dinner for he and his wife.

National news: There is a new website being launched in the near future, WRESTLING NATION, which will contain information on wrestling, the ability to buy wrestling materials, interactive for officials training.

Card fees raised \$1.25; for online cards – we used to get \$.75; we will no longer receive this. The Executive board proposes that we do not pass this on.

Charters and sanctions will go up \$15

For 2011, we are looking at ways to save some money by doing our own processing.

National office has a person that is there to gather feedback from the State reps. If you have anything you need or think could be improved, see Chris as soon as possible.

2. Vice Chairperson's Report – Leo Saniuk

As part of the Vice Chairperson's job, he was in charge of Tournaments. There were 2202 wrestlers at the qualifiers, slightly down from last year. Once we hit the June tournaments (qualifier, state tournaments) the numbers plunged. Greco was especially hard it.

We did not do as well in Fargo in Greco as Freestyle. The Greco program needs some attention.

Coaches/ Officials – better working relationship. Propose several meetings to get changes to coaches; suggested the Friday before a Qualifier is a perfect time for this.

Please review the Job descriptions, make modifications, if necessary, and return to Leo. There was a change to the At Large Directors – propose changes to make it easier to get the \$100 – 40% of Qualifiers and one State meet.

Leo announced that this is his last year as Vice Chairperson. Anyone interested in the job should contact Leo and start training during the 2009-2010 season.

3. Secretary's Report – Mary Terbay

The Minutes of the 2008 USA Wrestling Ohio Annual meeting were approved as written. (Motion by Wendel Donathan; seconded by Pete Bolanis)

4. **Membership Chairperson's Report** – Monica Kallai

Monica will handle membership issues for the North and Clara Smith will handle South; their email addresses are on the web.

Card sales were up for last year – an unexpected pleasant surprise.

Monica mentioned that all Tournament Directors will have to contact her with their proposed USA Cards sales person for their tournament. She will then OK them or not. The person must be very attentive to details and able to ensure that proper documentation, recording, etc is carried out.

5. **Treasurer's Report** - John Cvetic

John distributed copies of the financial statement comparing the financial position, income, and expenses for fiscal years 2008 and 2009. Some of the highlights included:

- a. USA Wrestling Ohio has inventory of team gear due to purchasing gear for 185 and only having 150 wrestlers going to Fargo. These items are selling, so this is a timing issue.
- b. Card sales brought in extra money due to the MVKWA coaches cards – one year up beat

The Treasurer's report was accepted by acclamation (**Motion** by Bob Vallarelli and **second** by Chris Kallai Jr).

John Cvetic said that the upcoming year's budget

- a. Propose not to raise card fees to the athletes even though USAW has raised fees \$1.
- b. Propose to pass the USAW \$15 fee increase for event sanctions and clubs on to the same
- c. Membership Chairperson currently gets \$.25/card; The Executive Board proposes that this be changed to a flat fee of \$500 x 2 (\$500 each co-director)
- d. Has coaches cards with decreased revenue from 2009
- e. Eliminate the champion stipend put into effect to get the "best" wrestlers to the State championship. This will also drop the stipend fee for the tournament directors. In lieu of paying this amount, the Tournament Director will be responsible for mileage and hotel for USAWO officers/directors that come to the tournament or work it (e.g. USA card sales)
- f. Recognition for the wrestler that competes in the MOST USAWO events – 1 Cadet and 1 Junior – use a point system, count Qualifiers, State Folk, SWOC, Central Regional, State Tournaments, FILA Cadets; separate

points for Greco and Freestyle. **Motion** by Bob Vallarelli and **second** by Monica Kallai to have the Cadet and Junior Directors and the Executive Board define the boundaries up to \$1200. **Motion passed** by acclamation.

- g. 2009 was the last year for the women's stipend of \$1000.
- h. Central regional goes to Indianapolis, so we save \$4000
- i. Reduce athlete costs: 2 options
 - i. Drop all athlete card prices by \$1
 - ii. Drop Schoolboy and under by \$2 and leave Cadet/ Junior / Open the same. This would help with MVKWA which has a meeting in a few weeks to decide to switch to AAU or not.

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Motion by Debbie Kallai and **second** by Bob Vallarelli to accept the budget as proposed and to reduce card fees by \$2 for Schoolboy and under. **Motion passed.**

6. Kids / Schoolboy Director's Report – John Sopczak

John thanked his coaching staff for the Schoolboy Duals, which was a very tough tournament. We did better in manning a full team this year. In Greco, Schoolboy went 1-5; in Freestyle 3-3. The team camp was held at OSU and was excellent. John announced that this would be his last year in this position.

7. Cadet Director's Report - Jeff Kullman

Jeff reported that there was a problem with where to have the camp – a big Thank You to St Ed's for hosting and coordinating this. He gave a lot of the credit to the stability of the staff. Special thanks to clinicians and coaches.

Still no Cadet Duals in 2009 – this needs to change. If anyone has any suggestions, contact Jeff and he will set up a meeting with Executive Board.

At Fargo, this is the first time that college coaches begin to look at you. Some thought to structure camp differently with 2 three day camps and then go to Fargo.

8. Junior Director's Report –Jerry Nadeau

Jerry also thanked Coach Urbas and Mrs. Wolfe for all the work/ preparation that went into hosting for the camp. He also recommended Eric Burnett, Todd Haverdill, Mike Moos to always handle the Junior Duals – excellent.

The Junior teams had the numbers down and the quality not at the same level as in the past but still did well. We need to get the top level athletes on the team.

Coaches should apply as early as possible to see wrestlers at the Qualifiers and to promote during the high school season.

9. Open Director's Report – Joel Greenlee

No report.

10. Folkstyle Director's Report – John Sopczak for Charlie Smith

Support for Folkstyle needs to continue – numbers were down at the State Tournament. We may need more promotion of this, especially from the North. Thanks to the Folkstyle group for all their work.

11. Women's Director's Report - Kip Flanik

No report but it was noted that the women had 5 All Americans and took 8th overall.

Side note: There is a lot of gear left over but not as much if Bill Shindel had not done an outstanding job of selling gear in Fargo. Sales were open to officials, athletes and coaches. Some changes will be made to improve the process – no credits after check in date; a second adult is needed in the room when sales are happening to maintain order; an order form so that items can be ready ahead of time; work with coaches so that the room can be open when the athletes are available

12. Greco Development Director's Report – Jim Speelman

No report but contact Jim if you want a Greco clinic.

13. Freestyle Director's Report – Jim Lehman

Contact Jim if you want him to hold clinics on Freestyle.

14. Beach/ Sombo Director's Report

No report

15. Grappling Director's Report – Brian Walsh

Brian stated the wrestling fundamentals are part of the Grappling sport. There are some differences and in some ways it is safer than wrestling (tapout allowed). Ohio hosts the Arnold Schwarzenegger tournament, which is huge. If

anyone would like a Grappling demo or to add it at the end of a tournament, let Brian know.

16. **Junior Dual Meet Director-** Eric Burnett for Mike Moos

Junior team received the Rollie Hoover Sportsmanship Award – behavior is good; handle adversity well; this award is given by the officials and in 2009 there was overwhelming majority for Ohio to receive it.

Team Ohio was the Junior Dual National Champions for Freestyle.

Team members mentioned that they had to pick the events that they wanted to participate in and selected Duals over Fargo.

17. **Cadet Dual Director –** Bob Dies

No report

18. **Schoolboy Dual Director –** Wendel Donathan

Covered in Schoolboy report.

19. **Mat Officials Director's Report -** Bob Vallarelli

Bob reported that Coaches liaison worked well. There are 11 M1's in the state and it is critical that we develop a feeder program. There needs to be one person contact to get information to the coaches/ clubs. There are 104 clubs (53 are MVKWA), so we should have more officials.

Bob and Leo will be working on a plan to recruit more officials and report back to the Executive Board.

20. **Pairing Co-Director's Report -** Debbi Kallai

Debbi reported that there is a spreadsheet to estimate the timing for a tournament end. Sue and Debbi do a spread sheet for who is assigned where; in the North this year, Debbi divided Head Pairer duties among the other pairers.

State tournaments must have internet access for TRACK wrestlers.

21. **International Exchange Director's Report –** Leo Saniuk for Jon Horn

Email Jon if you have any ideas. Next year's trip is in the planning process.

22. **Media / Promotions Director's Report -** Carol Saniuk

Carol reported that Full Circle promotion will be revising the website. If you see an issue, contact Carol right away. Mr. Mossing took some great pictures at Fargo – thank you.

Send Carol pictures taken at wrestling events and she can get them posted. Also encourage others to use / look at the website. MVKWA has started to use to post club information.

Encourage everyone to sign up for the newsletter – there are about 160 total currently receiving the newsletter.

23. Fund Raising Director's Report – No report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Job Descriptions for At Large Members

Leo discussed the At Large Board members job description. He proposed that we change the \$100 compensation to be for 40% of Qualifiers and 1 state tournament.

Motion by Bob Vallarelli and seconded by Debbi Kallai. **Motion passed** by acclamation.

Job descriptions are on the web. Please read.

Motion to accept job descriptions as posted by RJ Hickey; second by Carol Saniuk. **Motion passed** by acclamation.

2. Dual Meet Teams

USAWO will pay entry fees for the Dual Meet teams (Schoolboy, Cadet, Junior). The Cadet Dual Team needs to be active and get a team together.

3. Online Memberships

USAWO is looking into processing our own cards, clubs and event sanctions – this would save us \$5/ card.

4. National Events

The Central Regional will be in Indiana for 2010.

FILA Cadets/ University will again be at the University of Akron – need volunteers.

Discussion about whether USAWO should continue to support the National events.

- Central regional is an obligation that rotates among the central regional states (IN, MI, OH) – also gets more Ohio wrestlers to the event when we have it.
- The University Nationals require a lot of help since it is held at a facility that does not have wrestling – bring in mats/ clocks, etc. On the plus side, it is good experience at a national level at a local site.
- Senior Nationals – a premier event on the National schedule. We only have to assist Cleveland.
- All events are perceived to help promote wrestling; are better for Ohio families to have in Ohio
- We have looked to have Duals in Ohio which will help budgets and may increase participation.

It was decided to continue to seek national events but that there must be a volunteer base in the area the event is being held. In the case of FILA Cadets at Akron, if Akron University does not have the volunteer we are to drop the hosting of this tournament or move to a different venue.

5. Moving State Greco and Freestyle tournaments

These tournaments will go back to the May timeframe. There was a discussion to hold them on the same weekend – Greco on Saturday and Freestyle, start on Saturday and finish on Sunday. This would be more convenient for officials, one trip for athletes and parents. Cost \$40 if both or \$25/ style – hold only one weigh-in.

Keep the idea of a team trophy.

Motion to combine the state tournaments and change fees by Chris Kallai, Jr; second by Monica Kallai. **Motion passed.**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Position	Nominations	Nominated by:		Close nominations:		Result
		First	Second	First	Second	
Chairperson	Chris Kallai	Bob Vallarelli	Carol Saniuk	Tom Knupp	Chris Kallai Jr	Re-elected by acclamation
Secretary	Mary Terbay	Debbi Kallai	John Sopczak	Pete Bolanis	Tina Shindel	Re-elected by acclamation
Junior Director	Jerry Nadeau	Bob Vallarelli	Debbi Kallai	Pete Bolanis	Tina Shindel	Re-elected by acclamation
Cadet Director	Jeff Kullman	Monica Kallai	Debbi Kallai	Tom Knupp	Chris Kallai Jr	Re-elected by acclamation
Schoolboy Director	Wendel Donathan	John Sopczak	Debbi Kallai	Pete Bolanis	Tina Shindel	Elected by acclamation
Open Director						Open position
Mat Officials Director	Bob Vallarelli	Pete Bolanis	Tom Knupp	Pete Bolanis	Tina Shindel	Re-elected by acclamation
Pairing Officials	Debbi Kallai Sue Dennis	Tina Shindel	Wendel Donathan	Chris Kallai Jr	Tina Shindel	Re-elected by acclamation
Folkstyle Director	Charlie Smith	John Sopczak	Carol Saniuk	Mark Gerhard	John Gramuglia	Re-elected by acclamation
Freestyle Development Director	Jim Lehman	Jerry Nadeau	Debbi Kallai	Chris Kallai Jr	Bill Shindel	Re-elected by acclamation
Greco Development Director	Jim Speelman	Bob Vallarelli	Debbi Kallai	Tina Shindel	Bill Shindel	Re-elected by acclamation
Beach Director						Open position
Sombo Wrestling Director	William Everidge	Jeff Kullman	Eric Burnett	Monica Kallai	Chris Kallai Jr	Re-elected by acclamation
Grappling Director	Brian Walsh	Bob Vallarelli	Debbi Kallai	Chris Kallai, Jr	Tina Shindel	Elected by acclamation
International Exchange Director	Jon Horn	Wendel Donathan	Troy McLaughlin	Debbi Kallai	Tina Shindel	Re-elected by acclamation
Fund Raising Director						Open Position
Media / Promotions Director	Carol Saniuk	Chris Kallai Jr	Monica Kallai	Debbi Kallai	Bill Shindel	Re-elected by acclamation
Women's Director						Open Position

The following individuals were nominated and seconded for **one-year** terms as **At-Large Board Members**. All nominees were elected by acclamation.

Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	Southwest
Dave Cline Chris Kallai, Jr.	Carmen Armenta Martin Naufel Troy McLaughlin Robin Rayfield	Zach Ison	Mark Gerhard Keith Carter Leo Saniuk Frank Baxter

NEW BUSINESS

1. Promote USAWO

Everyone was asked to promote USAWO to High School coaches and athletes.

2. Officials Compensation

Some minor tweaks to last year's compensation.

3. New Tournament

DeWayne Adams of No Limit Wrestling club will be hosting a tournament at the Dayton Convention Center on July 10, 2010.

4. State Tournament

State Tournament splits will be

For one style only: \$25.00 entry fee

USAWO	\$14.50
Host	10.50

For both styles: \$40 entry fee

USAWO	\$24.00
Host	16.00

It was suggested that there be a survey to see if athletes and parents like the combined tournament.

SCHEDULING OF 2010 USA WRESTLING - OHIO TOURNAMENTS

The following tournaments are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for the 2010 season (pending confirmation of dates, completion of paperwork, and receipt of fees).

Date	Event	Location
March 13, 2010	Folkstyle State Championship	Dayton Stebbins HS
March 27, 2010	SWOC (Folkstyle)	Dayton Carroll HS
April 3, 2010	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Elyria HS
April 10, 2010	Ohio Schoolboy Festival	Delta HS
April 17, 2010	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Dayton Carroll HS
April 17, 2010	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Oregon Clay HS
May 8, 2010	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Copley HS
May 8, 2010	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Lakota East HS
May 1, 2010	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament and Ohio Kids State Tournament	Dayton Stebbins HS
May 15, 2010	Ohio Greco State Tournament	Wadsworth HS
May 15-16, 2010	Ohio Freestyle State Tournament	Wadsworth HS
July 10, 2010	Dayton Open	Dayton Convention Center

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD

SUNDAY, October 3, 2010.