

Minutes of the USA Wrestling - Ohio Annual Meeting October 3, 2010

Attendees (25): Chris Kallai, Leo Saniuk, Mary Terbay, John Cvetic, Monica Kallai, John Sopczak, Jeff Kullman, Charlie Smith, Debbi Kallai, Carol Saniuk, Pete Bolanis, Wendel Donathan, Mark Gerhard, Jack Gillespie, John Gramuglia, Tom Knupp, Chris Kallai, Jr., Troy McLaughlin, Leo Saniuk, Jr., Keith Carter, Jason Eskew, Scott Hiemstra, Tony Napier, Aaron Perez, Les Gutches

Determination of quorum: To have a quorum, at least 25% of the Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members (i.e., a minimum of eight) must be present along with representatives from at least 10% of the Chartered Clubs (i.e., a minimum of ten). Fifteen (15) Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members were present, and eleven (11) 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 9:00 AM.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS REPORTS

1. Chairperson's report – Chris Kallai

Chris thanked all the Tournament Directors, mat officials, pairing officials and Coaches for helping this past year. He asked for feedback about the combined State Freestyle and Greco tournament. Feedback was positive – a request to try to reduce the time span between the two styles. Suggestions made were to move weigh-ins up an hour for freestyle. A comment was made that more runners were needed.

Chris passed out various pieces of information that he obtained at the Chairman's meeting: 2010-11 Wrestling Update, by Bob Colgate (potential new weight classes); Central Regional Data overview; USA Wrestling Long range plan (USA Wrestling mission/ actions); themat.com Ohio data; track wrestling information.

Some changes for 2011:

- the eligibility for weight class has been changed to allow the wrestler to participate at the weight attained at Fargo even if different than the qualifying weight.
- Seeding for Junior National Duals will take into account the Fila Champion and placers
- Women – will have their own committee and board
- Funding – discussion concerning a fully funded world tour for Junior champions. This is an attempt to encourage the seniors to participate in the National event.

- You can now purchase a 2 year coach/ officials membership – to coincide with your background check. USAWO will reimburse one year at a time. Send your information to Clara or Monica and they will send to John to write the check.
- No floor passes will be needed for the coaches at Fargo.

2. Vice Chairperson’s Report – Leo Saniuk

As part of the Vice Chairperson’s job, Leo is in charge of Tournaments. Qualifier numbers were up slightly, but the numbers of officials were down (especially in the south).

As a note, national tournaments are taking two weekends that could be used for qualifiers for 2011.

All clubs sanctions and event sanctions are on line.

Fargo is becoming more of a development tournament – fewer seniors are attending. Dual teams may also hurt the Fargo participation. We should hold to deposit deadlines since we don’t always get the best wrestlers (seniors) any more.

As this is Leo’s last year in this position, he thanked everyone for their help and support.

3. Secretary’s Report – Mary Terbay

The Minutes of the 2009 USA Wrestling Ohio Annual meeting were approved as written. (Motion by Leo Saniuk; seconded by Charlie Smith)

4. Membership Chairperson’s Report – Monica Kallai

Membership was down in athlete and coach cards. Events were up and charters were up. This position has been a co-chair and the recommendation is to continue this way.

5. Treasurer’s Report - John Cvetic

- a. John distributed copies of the financial statement comparing the financial position, income, and expenses for fiscal years 2009 and 2010.

The Treasurer’s report was accepted by acclamation (**Motion** by Carol Saniuk and **second** by Debbi Kallai).

John Cvetic said that the upcoming year’s budget

- a. Propose not to raise card fees to the athletes

- b. Advised that Fargo costs may have to increase – John was asked to provide a breakdown of the money for the Fargo to give to parents in their packets so they can understand.

Motion by Chris Kallai, Jr and **second** by Tom Knupp to accept the budget as proposed; approved by acclamation.

6. Kids / Schoolboy Director's Report – Wendel Donathan

Wendel was able to fill two full teams for the Schoolboy Duals. They were not the “best” in the State but a good team effort and great development opportunity. Wendel felt that the cost for the wrestling is a very good deal. Please push the Schoolboy Dual participation.

7. Cadet Director's Report - Jeff Kullman

Jeff thanked all the people that stepped up to make another good wrestling experience for the Cadet's.

Aaron Perez handled the Cadet duals – Aaron wants to improve the training and wants to have it as a group. He is looking to Asics to sponsor the team to help with costs/ gear.

At Fargo, this is the first time that college coaches begin to look at you.

8. Junior Director's Report –Chris Kallai, Jr.

Chris thanked all that assisted him in leading the Fargo team. He said that there were great attitudes. The Greco team was young; the freestyle team had three All Americans and 1 champion.

For the Junior duals – great competition; finished third.

9. Folkstyle Director's Report –Charlie Smith/ John Sopczak

Support for Folkstyle needs to continue – numbers were down at the State Tournament. In 2011, the tournament will move to April to see if that improves attendance.

Firestone Youth has a dual Folkstyle tournament – may be able to discuss with them about attendance and changing the format.

10. Greco Development Director's Report – Jim Speelman

No report.

11. Freestyle Director's Report – Jim Lehman

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

12. Beach/ Sombo Director's Report

No report

13. Grappling Director's Report – Brian Walsh

No report.

14. Mat Officials Director's Report – Pete Bolanis for Bob Vallarelli

Pete reported that number of mat officials continues to go down. Officials liked the combined Greco/ Freestyle State tournaments. The "South" needs officials desperately. Suggested a co-chair of this position – one north; one south to help promote to others in the area.

15. Pairing Co-Director's Report - Debbi Kallai

Debbi reported that we now have 3 P1's in the state. Tina Shindel is now a P1C and Carol Saniuk is a P1. Mrs. Brandenburg passed her P3 test.

State tournaments must have internet access for TRACK wrestlers – successful use at the State tournaments in 2010.

16. International Exchange Director's Report –Jon Horn

No report.

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

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

There was a discussion of being able to support videos on the USAWO web site. These would not be real time but videos that are taken or sent in. Les Gutches mentioned that USA Wrestling has a U Tube site and we can link to that – thus saving costs on our end.

Track wrestling maintains a profile for each wrestler. It would be good to update the profile by wrestler after each qualifier.

GUEST SPEAKER – LES GUTCHES, USA WRESTLING

Les Gutches talked about the USA Wrestling initiatives to support the states.

He also explained about the insurance coverage.

| | Coverage | time after accident | Clubs |
|---------|----------|---------------------|-----------|
| Our Way | 25K | 90 days | 1 million |
| USA | 1M | 365 days | 5 million |

Athlete is covered to/ from competition and also to “any” wrestling event (e.g., school). Practice is covered – year is from Sep 1 to Aug 31

Cost of cards: 87% goes back to wrestling in form of insurance, magazine and support. Direct wrestling support is 47%; development 40%

Looking at ways to recruit and maintain new athletes. Wrestling has the lowest retention rate of all sports surveyed. Look at different ways to promote the sport by evaluating what is important to parents and athletes. One of the key USP (unique selling point) is the development of character and self confidence. Also the ability to have positive role models.

Background checks are done to prevent the “bad” coach, etc. from getting too close to the athletes. There are many “rejects” that occur from the process so it is doing what it was intended to do. USP is to sell safety – that is the best insurance.

Survey was conducted to find out what wrestling styles are athletes/ parents interested in. Results show that they want

- Folkstyle
- Freestyle
- Greco

Asked if Les could pull out the data for Ohio responses to see if we can improve our offerings.

Respondents also want

- more tournaments closer to home (less driving)
- run more efficiently (less time at event and less down time at event)
- right experience level competition

Take aways are that dual meet tournaments are a plus (typically close, fixed time).

USAW has sales materials to promote wrestling. Keep in mind that “time” is money. Character development is a key promotion – mentoring is an aspect of this.

To contact Les with questions/ suggestions, lgutches@usawrestling.org

GUEST SPEAKER – SCOTT HIEMSTRA

Scott showed the corner rug set for mat corners.
They are available for \$219/ set.

The SE Regional Training Camp will be held at Bridgeport in the Steubenville area.
Bobby Douglas is interested in being more involved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Prior to voting, the Vice Chairperson position is being modified to remove the Tournament Coordinator responsibilities. This calls for a change to the constitution. **Motion** made to modify the constitution by Leo Saniuk and seconded by Carol Saniuk. **Motion passed** by acclamation.

Prior to voting for Membership, a discussion was held about the number of votes that the co-chairs for Membership have as part of the Executive Board. It was agreed that there is one vote per position. The Membership co-chair vote will be rotated. After the vote, it was decided that Clara Smith will have the vote for 2010-2011 and Monica Kallai for 2011-2012.

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

| Position | Nominations | Nominated by: | | Result |
|------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| | | First | Second | |
| Membership | Clara Smith/ Monica Kallai (co-chairs) | Debbie Kallai John Sopczak | | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Treasurer | John Cvetic | Chris Kallai, Jr Carol Saniuk | | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Vice Chairperson | Keith Carter | Pete Bolanis John Sopczak | | K. Carter elected |
| | Chris Kallai, Jr | Charlie Smith John Sopczak | | |

Open Positions:

Fund Raiser: Aaron Perez appointed

It was decided to not have Tournament Co-ordinator position(s). Secretary will send out the contracts; other responsibilities will be done as noted in the Job Descriptions.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Official Compensation Policy

It was noted that the Central Regional should count as a qualifying event. Fargo officials gear was kept as previous, at Team Leaders discretion.

Motion by Charlie Smith and seconded by Debbi Kallai. **Motion passed** by acclamation.

2. USAWO Participation

Proposed to set up a committee to come up with some “award” system to encourage participation at USAWO events.

It was suggested to set up committee to provide recommendations and costs. Committee to consist of: Jeff Kullman, John Sopzacak, Jack Gillespie, and Carol Saniuk.

3. Volunteer of the Year

Allan Hoon from the University of Akron was nominated for all his work/ support for the Fila Cadets/University Nationals tournament. There were no other nominations.

4. Thank you

A big Thank You to Leo for his years of work, above and beyond.

5. National Events

Should USAWO continue to support National Events? Much discussion about whether this was good for the grassroots. It is good for Ohio. The Akron tournament is considered very good. Recommendation was to not go back for the Open/ FILA Senior. Two tournaments is one too many.

Grade school (Schoolboys) need events.

2011 Ohio will host 2 National events

2012 Possibly 2: FILA Cadets/ University and World Team Trials
 2013 Only one National event

The following individuals were nominated and seconded for **one-year** terms as **At-Large Board Members**.

| Area | Nominations | Nominated by: First Second | Result |
|-----------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Northeast | Dave Cline Chris Kallai, Jr. Leo Saniuk Leo Saniuk, Jr | Monica Kallai Carol Saniuk | By acclamation |
| Northwest | Carmen Amenta Troy McLaughlin John Mossing Mike Screptock | Pete Bolanis Debbi Kallai | By acclamation |
| Southeast | Zach Ison Scott Hiemstra | Charlie Smith Leo Saniuk | By acclamation |
| Southwest | Mark Gerhard John Berry Jason Ashworth John Sopczak | Debbi Kallai Chris Kallai, Jr. | By acclamation |

NEW BUSINESS

1. National Team deposit

The deposit to be on the National Team will be raised from \$100 to \$250.
 Overall costs are not anticipated to increase by the same amount.

2. Folkstyle tournament

A Schoolboy folkstyle tournament can be held anytime during the season. Need to watch how far away the tournaments are scheduled.

3. USAWO Officials

USAW officials need to be certified and have a successful background check

SCHEDULING OF 2011 USA WRESTLING - OHIO TOURNAMENTS

The following tournaments are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for the 2011 season (pending confirmation of dates, completion of paperwork, and receipt of fees).

| Date | Event | Location |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|
| March 26, 2011 | SWOC (Folkstyle) | Dayton Carroll HS |
| April 2, 2011 | Folkstyle State Championship (dropped) | Dayton Stebbins HS |
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| April 2, 2011 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Copley HS |
| April 9, 2011 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Lakota East HS |
| April 16, 2011 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Dayton Carroll HS |
| April 16, 2011 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Elyria HS |
| May 7, 2011 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Oregon Clay HS |
| | | |
| April 30, 2011 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament and Ohio Kids State Tournament | Dayton Stebbins HS |
| May 14, 2011 | Ohio Greco State Tournament | Western Brown HS |
| May 14-15, 2011 | Ohio Freestyle State Tournament | Western Brown HS |

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2011 ANNUAL
MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD**

SUNDAY, October 9, 2011.