

Minutes of the USA Wrestling - Ohio Annual Meeting October 16, 2011

Attendees (31): Chris Kallai, Keith Carter, Mary Terbay, John Cvetic, Monica Kallai, Wendel Donathan, Jeff Kullman, Charlie Smith, Debbi Kallai, Carol Saniuk, Pete Bolanis, Mark Gerhard, Jack Gillespie, Tom Knupp, Chris Kallai, Jr., Troy McLaughlin, Leo Saniuk, Jr., Leo Saniuk, Aaron Perez, Chris Miller, Bob Vallarelli, Jim Speelman, Jason Ashworth, Scott Adkins, Brian Church, Paul O'Donoghue, Kipp Kahlenbeck, Joe Daugherty, Lakia Henderson, Lauren Louive, Ned Shuck

Determination of quorum: To have a quorum, at least 25% of the Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members (i.e., a minimum of ten) must be present along with representatives from at least 10% of the Chartered Clubs (i.e., a minimum of eleven). Nineteen (19) Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members were present, and eleven (13) 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 9:10 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 reviewed items from the Chairperson's meeting:

- Line bracketing is up to the Director and Head Pairers for state. Line is viewed as "fan friendly" AND WILL BE USED for SB and younger at Regional/National USAW events.
- Dual fees will be \$775/ dual team
- 2 piece uniform is approved for folkstyle use
- A schoolboy may wrestle at any regional but will only qualify for Nationals at the regional for his/ her area.
- Need to build up the grassroots participation; Our Way has been successful focusing on the younger wrestlers.
- USAW will keep the same weight classes as last year; they will NOT follow the weight class change for high school for 2012
- Schoolboy Nationals will go on a rotation basis (state to state) if it does not approve (15 hr day is too long).

- Try to make the Fargo trip more attractive for senior wrestlers. Discussion of doing an overseas tour for first place finishers at Fargo.
- Background checks are reduced to \$15 – still good for 2 years. Now the card can also be purchased for 2 years.
- FILA tournament will be at Akron University May 31 – June 2.
- Ohio (Cleveland) is trying to be the host for the State Chairperson's meeting for 2012.
- Chris Kallai was elected the Vice Chairperson for the Junior Council. He is looking to run for Chairperson (then he could be on the Olympic council)
- Debbie Kallai is now a P1E – which means she can now run a National tournament. She came up with a color coded system for pairing that other states started using for Dual Tournaments.

The Volunteer of the Year is Greg Urbas from St. Edwards.

If you have any volunteers that you feel should be considered for this honor, please get with Chris or Keith.

2. Vice Chairperson's Report – Keith Carter

The tournament numbers were up overall from last year but the number from Novice and lower have drastically decreased. Suggestion to possibly wrestle for free, different medals.

The combined State tournament went well and was well attended. Numbers were up over 2010. Moving weigh-ins up helped to boost Greco.

A suggestion/ consideration is “do we want a true finals” round at the State tournament to spotlight the best wrestlers?

One Man mechanics at qualifiers should be approved – this helps to get the wrestlers involved with helping.

In 2012, there will be more weekends available for qualifiers.

3. Secretary's Report – Mary Terbay

The Minutes of the 2010 USA Wrestling Ohio Annual meeting were approved as written. (Motion by Leo Saniuk; seconded by Bob Vallerelli).

4. Membership Chairperson's Report – Monica Kallai

Membership numbers were up slightly. Starting in January there is a possibility to register on-line via a different website with the potential of more revenue to USAW-O.

5. Treasurer's Report - John Cvetic

- a. John distributed copies of the financial statement comparing the financial position, income, and expenses for fiscal years 2010 and 2011. 2011 was basically a breakeven year. We are able to sell much of the old inventory of apparel (thanks Chris and Keith). Support category is going down year over year as we try to "work smarter" – communicate electronically vs. mail, etc.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by acclamation (**Motion** by Debbi Kallai and **second** by Tom Knupp).

John Cvetic said that the upcoming year's budget

- a. Propose not to raise card fees to the athletes
- b. Revenue for 2012 is down by \$1000 due to only one National Tournament.

Motion by Debbi Kallai and **second** by Bob Vallarelli to accept the budget as proposed; approved by acclamation.

The new membership process must be defined but the thought is that there will be a link on our website; all names will be collected and then sent in one submission to National office.

We also have a very good wrestling mat. There will be further discussion under new business. But the Board is suggesting that we raffle the mat and use the revenue to help promote grass roots youth. This would be monitored by a committee with members from MVKWA, OYL and Toledo.

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

Wendel was pleased with the Schoolboy participation. He also stated that he felt that the moving the training camp around the state allowed the wrestlers to see different venue and competition. The Schoolboy Duals will be in Indiana June 6 – 10.

He suggested that the National office should send a copy of the magazine to all Schoolboy's and under.

7. Junior Director's Report - Jeff Kullman for Brian Marcelli

Jeff thanked Brian for stepping in and doing a good job and thanked all those that helped to make this another successful year – Greg Urbas and the camp "helpers" and coaches. Jim Speelman did a great job preparing the athletes for Greco.

8. Cadet Director's Report –Jeff Kullman

Jeff felt that the State tournament went well and thanked all for assisting with the Fargo preparation and trip. Both teams performed well with one national champion.

9. Folkstyle Director's Report –Charlie Smith

The State Folkstyle tournament was cancelled for 2011.

Charlie mentioned that there are discussions about the Tournament of Champions possibly going to a USAWO tournament.

He also encouraged everyone to think of ways to bring more of the younger athletes into wrestling.

10. Women's Report – Lauren Louive

Lauren stated that she wants to promote Women's Wrestling in Ohio. She is available to do camps and clinics. There are 15 colleges that now have Women's Wrestling. There is also a new committee for Women at the national level, headed by Pat Fox.

It was suggested that she get with MVKWA and OYL to help promote women at that level also.

11. Greco Development Director's Report – Jim Speelman

Jim stated that he is working with Tim Dernlan at Ashland University. There is an open mat environment 2 days/ week with one day devoted to Greco. There was a Greco one day camp with 3 sessions. The sessions are open to all.

11. Freestyle Director's Report – Jim Lehman

No report.

12. Sombo Director's Report

No report

13. Grappling Director's Report – Brian Walsh

No report.

14. Mat Officials Director's Report –Bob Vallarelli

Bob thanked his “core” officials –these are the ones that worked most of the tournaments. Out of 28 licensed officials in the State, only 12 qualified to officiate at the national/ regional level. He also thanked the Tournament Directors who went above and beyond.

A “feeder” program for officials was suggested. We need ideas to get the interest back in officiating. Numbers have decreased year over year – Ohio is not alone; other states are seeing the same problems.

Keith Carter was congratulated on his upgrade to a M1C.

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

Debbi reported that FILA officials must go overseas at least once/ year to stay certified at that level. Thank you to all the pairers – the numbers are growing. There is a new P3 – Jennifer Haffely (thanks Mark for bringing her on). Debbi is available to help train throughout the state just let her know.

Debbi proposed allowing pre-registration and pre-payment for the State tournament. Brackets could then be done in advance. Discussion about “showing” the championships – have a finals round. Pooling will be decided by head pairer at the tournament.

State tournaments must have internet access for Trackwrestling – successful use at the State tournaments in 2009-2011.

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. If there is a problem getting on the website or with content (missing, needing to be added, corrections) email Carol at cbsan@roadrunner.com. Also if you are having an event, provide Carol with the information and she will see that it is posted.

Our new website will support video.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Position	Nominations	Nominated by: First Second	Close nominations: First Second	Result
Chairperson	Chris Kallai	Tom Knupp Chris Kallai Jr	Bob Vallarelli Tom Knupp	Re-elected by acclamation
Secretary	Mary Terbay	Carol Saniuk Bob Vallarelli	Tom Knupp Chris Kallai, Jr.	Re-elected by acclamation
Junior Director	Brian Marcelli	Debbi Kallai Carol Saniuk	Monica Kallai Pete Bolanis	Elected by acclamation
Cadet Director	Jeff Kullman	Carol Saniuk Chris Kallai, Jr	Pete Bolanis Chris Miller	Re-elected by acclamation
Schoolboy Director	Wendel Donathan	Debbi Kallai Carol Saniuk	Aaron Perez Troy McLaughlin	Re-elected by acclamation
Open Director	Ned Shuck	Pete Bolanis Charlie Smith	Brian Church Bob Vallarelli	Elected by acclamation
Mat Officials Director	Bob Vallarelli	Pete Bolanis Debbi Kallai	Jim Speelman Carol Saniuk	Re-elected by acclamation
Pairing Officials	Debbi Kallai Sue Dennis	Carol Saniuk Charlie Smith	Pete Bolanis Bob Vallarelli	Re-elected by acclamation
Folkstyle Director	Charlie Smith	Pete Bolanis Carol Saniuk	Chris Kallai, Jr. Tom Knupp	Re-elected by acclamation
Freestyle Development Director	Nate Carr	Aaron Perez Keith Carter	Jason Ashworth Wendel Donathan	Elected by acclamation
Greco Development Director	Jim Speelman	Bob Vallarelli Debbi Kallai	Tom Knupp Paul O'Donoghue	Re-elected by acclamation
Beach Director				Open position
Sombo Wrestling Director				Open position
Grappling Director				Open position
International Exchange Director	Jon Horn Brian Church	Leo Saniuk Pete Bolanis	Bob Vallarelli John Berry	Elected by acclamation
Fund Raising Director	Joe Daugherty	Brian Church Pete Bolanis	John Cvetic Leo Saniuk	Elected by acclamation
Media / Promotions Director	Carol Saniuk	Debbi Kallai Leo Saniuk Jr	Charlie Smith Chris Kallai, Jr	Re-elected by acclamation
Women's Director	Lauren Louive	Charlie Smith Mark Gerhard	Jeff Kullman Wendel Donathan	Elected by acclamation

The following individuals were nominated and seconded for **one-year** terms as **At-Large Board Members**. Motion to accept all nominees as listed by Pete Bolanis, second by Debbi Kallai.

Area	Nominations	Result
Northeast	Chris Kallai, Jr. Leo Saniuk Leo Saniuk, Jr	By acclamation
Northwest	Carmen Amenta Troy McLaughlin Ralph Cubberly Mike Screptock	By acclamation
Southeast	Zach Ison Scott Adkins Gavin Speelman	By acclamation
Southwest	Mark Gerhard Jason Ashworth John Sopczak Kipp Kahlenbeck	By acclamation

OLD BUSINESS

1. USAWO Participation

Move to close this item by acclamation by Jeff Kullman, second by Jim Speelman.

2. National Events

2012 Only one National event – FILA at the end of May in Akron.

NEW BUSINESS

1. National Promotions

The Marriott is now a “partner” of USA Wrestling. There will be a representative for the state of Ohio.

Promotion of football players who discuss how wrestling helped make them into the player that they are today. These posters can be ordered online.

2. FARGO Participation – Paul O’Donoghue

Paul thanked everyone in the room for all the work/ support that goes into developing the athletes for national participation. With the State tournament being the only way to get on the team, Ohio is losing some of the better wrestlers (high placers at the High School State Tournament did not want to go to Fargo).

For the first time ever, the Greco team was set immediately, there were NO petitioners for the team; others declined.

Ohio must decide if we want a developmental program or an Elite program. The team is selected from the State championships. We could have our State tournament earlier or have different selection criteria so the team is picked earlier before other commitments are made.

Does OHIO need a system for training? Other states do and that may be part of the solution.

Motion: Form a committee (Schoolboy, Cadet, Junior, Freestyle Development, Greco Development directors, and Paul O’Donoghue) to research what is being done successfully by other states and put forth a recommendation as to what Ohio should do at the next annual meeting. (Motion by John Cvetic, second Mark Gerhard – passed by acclamation)

3. Clinic Help - Ned Shuck

Ned, originally from Minnesota and now at Heidelberg U, offered to help with clinics. Just let him know.

4. Gear drawing – Chris Kallai

Some gear that was received during the year was distributed via drawing.

Bag	Charlie Smith
Bag	Joe Daugherty
Card Holder	Wendel Donathan
Card Holder	Keith Carter

Free advertising poster Jason Ashworth (Western Brown)

5. Wrestling promotion – Monica Kallai

Promote wrestling on Facebook and Twitter. The more positive “press” the better for the sport to become better known.

6. Tournament fees for Novice and younger

Discussion was to allow Novice and younger age groups wrestle for free at Ohio Freestyle/ Greco qualifiers. Some concern that the younger athletes do not know how to do freestyle and Greco and that may be why the numbers are lower.

Motion: Have a one year trial (2012) where Novice and younger age groups wrestle for free. Motion by Leo Saniuk; second by Debbie Kallai. Passed by majority.

7. Wrestling Mat won in Fargo

Discussion about what to do with the wrestling mat won in Fargo. Currently it is in storage.

- Option 1: Raffle the mat for a set amount of tickets; proceeds to be used to promote grass roots wrestling
- Option 2: Rent the mat to a club for a year or a set amount of time. All transportation fees, insurance to be borne by the renting club.
- Option 3. Keep for USAW-O use.

Motion: Sell the wrestling mat to generate income for grass roots by Charlie Smith, second by Bob Vallarelli. Passed by majority.

Motion: Sell the wrestling mat raffle tickets for \$100 with a maximum of 250 tickets. There is a minimum of 100 tickets to be sold. Funds to be earmarked for Grass Roots. (Motion by Charlie Smith, second by Leo Saniuk). Passed by majority.

John Cvetic will design the flier/ ticket for the raffle and also generate a "rental" contract.

8. Line Bracketing

Discussion about whether to do vertical or line bracketing at the State Tournaments. **Motion:** Leave the decision up to the Head Pairer for the tournament by Keith Carter, second by Kipp Kahlenbeck. Passed by majority.

9. 2012 Tournaments

The cost of forms will be reduced to \$30. Forms will be sent via .PDF to the Tournament Directors and the secretary.

Where should the state tournament be? Best solution is Columbus but not much support from that area currently. Wadsworth cannot host in 2012; should the tournament go back to the south?

Motion: Host the 2012 State Tournament in the south by John Cvetic; second Pete Bolanis. Result was a tie; Board subsequently voted after the meeting and the State Tournament will be in the South for 2012.

Should the tournament rotate between North, South, Central? Board will decide for next season.

SCHEDULING OF 2012 USA WRESTLING - OHIO TOURNAMENTS

The following tournaments are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for the 2012 season (pending confirmation of dates, completion of paperwork, and receipt of fees).

Date	Event	Location
March 24, 2012	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Lakota East HS
March 31, 2012	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Worthington HS
March 31, 2012	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Copley HS
April 7, 2012	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Oregon Clay HS
April 14, 2012	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Elyria HS
May 5, 2012	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Carroll HS
April 28, 2012	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament and Ohio Kids State Tournament	Dayton Stebbins HS
May 12, 2012	Ohio Greco State Tournament	Western Brown HS
May 12-13, 2012	Ohio Freestyle State Tournament	Western Brown HS

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD

SUNDAY, September 30, 2012.