

Minutes of the USA Wrestling - Ohio Annual Meeting October 7, 2012

Attendees (37): Chris Kallai, Keith Carter, Mary Terbay, John Cvetic, Monica Kallai, Wendel Donathan, Jeff Kullman, Bryan Marcelli, Bob Vallarelli, Charlie Smith, Debbi Kallai, Pete Bolanis, Mark Gerhard, Chris Kallai, Jr., Troy McLaughlin, Chris Miller, Jason Ashworth, Scott Adkins, Brian Church, Ned Shuck, John Sopczak, Michael Coleman, John Mossing, Dom Mancini, Gary Wise, Lou Rosselli, Scott Hiemstra, James Lehman, Anthony Napier, Carl Caywood, Bonnie Mitchell-Ansell, J. Scott Ansell, Terrel Plagner, Steve Shie, Robin Rayfield, Mike Mattin, 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 nine) 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 fifteen (15) 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 9:02 AM.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS REPORTS

1. Guest speaker – Tervel Plagner –

Thank you for the support supplied by USAWO. The grass roots is an important movement to further the sport of wrestling and the growth of our future Olympians.

2. Chairperson's report – Chris Kallai

Chris thanked all the Tournament Directors, mat officials, pairing officials and Coaches for helping this past year. He also mentioned that Ohio had a good showing at Fargo.

Chris reviewed items from the Chairperson's meeting:

- Women's singlet will be the regular singlet
- "State" used in any title must be approved by the state board
- Weigh-ins – Juniors can weight in the night before at Regionals
- The OPEN license must be obtained via online. All funds will go to National office
- The National Tournament separation criteria has changed.
- Fees for the National Dual Teams must be in by April 1. Criteria used will be the same as used in Daytona with the stronger teams in same bracket. There will also be an exhibition mat added at every dual – constant wrestling will be allowed on that mat

- Byes will not count as a match
- .Mat side scoring will be used at all duals.
- Video of your team at a dual – every match – is available for \$500.
- Locations for the National Duals is out for bid now.
- Bob Vallarelli received the Lifetime Achievement Award for Officials

Volunteer of the year is Mark Gerhard.

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

3. Vice Chairperson's Report – Keith Carter

Chris Kallai was awarded the State Chairperson of the Year at Nationals.

The tournament numbers were up overall from last year approximately about 40%. Kids numbers were up dramatically over last year. Recommend to continue the free wrestling at freestyle and Greco qualifying tournaments for Bantam, Intermediate, and Novice and include Schoolboys in the wrestling free category. These qualifying tournaments will be compensated by USAWO for this.

It was agreed that having a Finals round at State was a good addition. Awards can stay as is. Looking into a 2-part belt buckle – for freestyle and Greco.

Need more officials – when hosting a qualifier bringing a new official. Paul, Pete and Bob are available for instructions.

It was suggested that we put on the website – HOW TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL.

Looking into a State Dual Tournament – need ideas/ suggestions. Limit to 4 to start, maybe represent Toledo, Dayton, Cleveland and Columbus. Get ideas to Keith.

We will continue with promoting the USAWO with an ad in the OHSAA program.

4. Secretary's Report – Mary Terbay

The Minutes of the 2011-12 USA Wrestling Ohio Annual meeting were approved as amended. (Motion by Debbie Kallai; seconded by Bob Vallerelli).

5. Membership Chairperson's Report – Monica Kallai

Membership numbers were down slightly. All state tournaments had increased number of competitors.

6. Treasurer's Report - John Cvetic

- a. John distributed copies of the financial statement comparing the financial position, income, and expenses for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. Card sales were down due to only having one national tournament. Fargo expenses went up for housing (NDSU raised housing rate) and we had to bear some hotel costs for the camps due to the numbers. In 2013 we will go to the tiered membership where a Folkstyle only card is \$15. It is proposed the Schoolboy wrestle at all qualifiers free with the purchase of the Freestyle card – a \$500 stipend will go to the host tournament to offset this revenue loss.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by acclamation (**Motion** by Wendel Donathan and **second** by Bob Vallarelli).

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

7. 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. Schoolboys finished 6th in Greco and 2nd in Freestyle.

Wendel suggested a letter to state placers to promote interest; he is also rotating the camp around the state to encourage wrestlers; emailed every parent about the meeting.

8. Junior Director's Report - Bryan Marcelli

Bryan thanked all those that helped to make this another successful year – Greg Urbas and the camp “helpers” and coaches. There were 2 Greco All Americans and 4 Freestyle. A suggestion to promote college coaches to come to our state tournament to help draw athletes.

9. 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 3 All Americans in Greco and 11 in Freestyle

10. Folkstyle Director's Report –Charlie Smith

The new tiered membership should help increase the numbers in this area. A big welcome was extended to Ourway. The Folkstyle state tournament will be at Nutter Center (Ourway will run it) March 30.

Folkstyle helps to grow the overall organization.

11. Women's Report – Chris Kallai for Lauren Louive

There were 3 women wrestlers that competed in Fargo – 2 were All Americans. Even with only 3 competitors, Ohio took 14th as a team. The goal for the upcoming year is to get a full team to go to Fargo.

12. Greco Development Director's Report – Jim Speelman

No report.

13. Freestyle Director's Report – Nate Carr

No report.

14. Sombo Director's Report

No report

15. Grappling Director's Report

No report.

16. Mat Officials Director's Report –Bob Vallarelli

Bob thanked his “core” officials –these are the ones that worked most of the tournaments. He also thanked the Tournament Directors who went above and beyond.

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. If there is anyone interested in becoming an official and has questions, contact Bob. He will have an information packet on the website to let wrestlers know what they need to do to become an official.

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

Debbi reported that pairers still need help when finishing Greco and setting up Freestyle. Good opportunity to learn a little about how to pair. Debbi is available to help train throughout the state just let her know.

Debbi stated that we have 10 PA3's, 1 PA 2, 1 P1C, 1 P1 and 1 P1E.

At Fargo, they have gone to mat side pairing with the computer at the mat side. USAW regionals will also be set up this way.

Pooling will be decided by head pairer at the tournament.

State tournaments must have internet access for Trackwrestling.

18. International Exchange Co-Director's Report –Brian Church

Twelve athletes went to London for \$2500 (included airfare). Brian would like to get information/ pictures on the website. He should send to Carol and she can get it posted.

19. Media / Promotions Director's Report – John Cvetic for Carol Saniuk

It was noted that the new website has maps to events and contains news articles. We still have the traditional sections – MVKWA has its own section. There are still some issues with .PDF files and “old” content that are being worked. Information for teams: before or during a tournament is available. \$1500 has been allocated to revamp our website – one new feature will be video support.

20. Open Director's Report – Ned Shuck

Ned encouraged and is encouraging college coaches to get involved. This is a great low-key recruiting opportunity – it is also good to get the college athletes involved.

Cadet camp was held at Heidelberg – great experience.

Ned to provide date for the Open tournament to get on the calendar.

21. Fund Raising Director's Report – Joe Daugherty

No report. Ned Shuck mentioned that in MN that they did pull tabs and earned major dollars with this for their fundraisers. There are requirements – possibly more frequent meetings and a gambling license. Ned volunteered to check with MN and get the details.

Constitution and By-Laws

There was a proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-laws to increase the term of At-Large Board members to 2 years. Motion by Charlie Smith to accept as proposed, second John Mossing – passed by acclamation.

The new paragraph reads:

7.5.1 The term of office for the At-Large Board Members shall be for **two** years beginning on the date of the Annual Meeting in the year in which they are elected and ending on the date of the Annual Meeting **two** years later.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Position	Nominations	Nominated by:		Result
		First	Second	
Vice Chairperson	Keith Carter	Debbi Kallai	Charlie Smith	Re-elected by acclamation
Treasurer	John Cvetic	Chris Kallai, Jr	Wendel Donathan	Re-elected by acclamation
Membership	Clara Smith Monica Kallai (co-directors)	Debbi Kallai	Charlie Smith	Re-elected by acclamation

Debbi Kallai suggested that we keep the same roster of At-Large Members that we currently have with two exceptions. That was agreed to by all present. The following individuals were nominated and seconded for **two-year** terms as **At-Large Board Members**. Motion to accept all nominees as listed by Charlie Smith, second by John Mossing.

Area	Nominations	Result
Northeast	Chris Kallai, Jr. Leo Saniuk Leo Saniuk, Jr	By acclamation
Northwest	Troy McLaughlin Mike Mattin Bonnie Mitchell-Ansell Mike Screptock	By acclamation
Southeast	Zach Ison Scott Adkins	By acclamation

	Gavin Speelman	
Southwest	Mark Gerhard Jason Ashworth John Sopczak Kipp Kahlenbeck	By acclamation

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tournament fees for Novice and under

This was successful – numbers more than doubled. It was proposed to modify this program to Schoolboy and under (and was voted / accepted during budget).

2. National Events

2013 Only one National event – FILA at the end of May in Akron.

3. Wrestling Mat

USAWO did not receive enough tickets to conduct the raffle. Options are to continue with the raffle, have a silent auction with a minimum \$4000 bid.

After discussion, it was decided to do the silent auction and keep the bid open to Dec.1 with a minimum \$4000 bid. Use our website. Bids close at noon.

Wendel Donathan made the motion as above; Charlie Smith seconded. The motion was accepted by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. USA Wrestling – Les Gutches

Les came in from the National office to let everyone know that USA National IS listening to the different states to come up with programs that are more affordable and workable in today's economy. The 3 levels of membership were discussed with the details of each level (insurance, magazine, etc.) provided. This information is also on the web so I will not repeat it here.

If someone wants to upgrade from Folkstyle to Freestyle or High Performance, then the competitor pays the difference only.

States that have gone to this membership structure have seen an increase in members. If you have any suggestions to improve this program or ideas on providing discounts based on some achievement level, please let Les know.

For non-athletes (coaches, officials) - must have background check and their card – USA W then provides secondary coverage. This includes travel back and forth to sanctioned events.

2. Special consideration for OAC – John Mossing

John wants to offer an Elite Agility Wrestling package – 2 clinics and 2 qualifiers to be included. He believes that this will help to encourage athletes to try Freestyle and Greco.

Discussion included that this is a great idea but would be better for the state to offer at regional training centers around the state, not just for 1 area. Open this concept to OAC, OURWAY, Schoolboy state champion, and State champion. If you win a weight division at the OAC or OURWAY tournament, you will get the “free” ticket to the GR/ FS Kids State. USAWO will offset this by paying the entry fee to the tournament director.

John Mossing motioned that we action the above for 2013; seconded by Jason Ashworth; passed by acclamation.

3. Core Curriculum series – Les Gutches

The Core Curriculum series (videos, technical information, skills, drills for Levels 1, 2 and 3) has been developed. It also has a test to ensure that the student has learned the concepts and understands what is being taught. It also provides a synopsis of the Greco/ Freestyle rules.

There is a Character Development brochure available which promotes wrestling all 3 styles interactively.

USAW can print 11 x 14 Olympic posters if anyone is interested. If there are more than 300 needed, USAW will do.

4. Gear drawing – Chris Kallai

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

Singlet	Jack Gillespie
Singlet	Charlie Smith
Grill set	Jason Ashworth

MVKWA will rotate the USA banner each weekend at their tournaments.

5. Women’s Fargo Team – Chris Kallai for Lauren Louive

Lauren has requested that she be able to establish a budget to send a team to Fargo. Discussion: USAWO will pay entry fee. Women should do the same thing that the men do – get sponsors to help defray their cost.

Another question is to allow the women qualify for Fargo at another tournament than the OHIO state tournament. After much discussion about the pros/ cons and rationale for this, the following motion was proposed by Wendel Donathan: Allow Women wrestlers to qualify for the OHIO Fargo team at either the Central Qualifier at Worthington or at the State Tournament; seconded by John Sopczak; passed by acclamation.

6. Schoolboy based dual – Carl Caywood

Host a dual with 12-16 teams with 80% have to go to same schools. Ourway will work to adopt the same “age” groups into their structure.

SCHEDULING OF 2013 USA WRESTLING - OHIO TOURNAMENTS

The following tournaments are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for the 2013 season (pending confirmation of dates, completion of paperwork, and receipt of fees).

Date	Event	Location
March 30, 2013	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Copley HS
April 6, 2013	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Oregon Clay HS
April 13, 2013	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Carroll HS
April 20, 2013	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Lakota East HS
April 27, 2013	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Elyria HS
April 27, 2013	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Worthington HS
March 30, 2013	Folkstyle State Tournament	Nutter Center
May 4, 2013	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament and Ohio Kids State Tournament	Dayton Stebbins HS
May 11, 2013	Ohio Greco State Tournament	Elyria HS
May 11-12, 2013	Ohio Freestyle State Tournament	Elyria HS

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 PM.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2013 ANNUAL
MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD**

SUNDAY, September 29, 2013.