

## **Minutes of the USA Wrestling - Ohio Annual Meeting September 29, 2013**

Attendees (30): Chris Kallai, Keith Carter, Mary Terbay, John Cvetic, Wendel Donathan, Jeff Kullman, Bryan Marcelli, Lauren Louive, Ned Shuck, Debbi Kallai, Carol Saniuk, John Sopczak, Chris Kallai, Jr., Leo Saniuk, Chris Miller, Bob Vallarelli, Jason Ashworth, Scott Adkins, Brian Church, RJ Hickey III, Erik Burnett, Harman Sizemore, Barry Henderson, Robin Rayfield, Jonathan Handwerk, M. Madusco, John Gillespie, Bill Schindel, Tony Black, Jake Bontatibus

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 thirteen). Eighteen (18) Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members were present, and thirteen (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 9:05 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.

Chris reviewed items from the Chairperson's meeting:

- There are some weigh-in changes for Cadet Duals due to the problem of wrestling two styles and still wrestling during next style weigh-ins. Teams will still have to weigh in as a team but accommodations will be made.
- Bracketing at Fargo will be line bracket. USAWO will use vertical bracketing for Junior and Cadet and line for Schoolboy and under.
- Singlets must be 60% red or blue – Chris will need to approve
- Separation criteria is changing for Fargo and for the Duals – see Chris for further details
- It was decided that \$1 from cards will be for insurance and to help fund International team (e.g., World team).
- Coaches going to Fargo need to be aware that a Medical Alert will only be cleared via their doctor.
- Wrestling is approved by the Olympics for 12 years but it is not designated as a “core” sport.

**2. Vice Chairperson's Report – Keith Carter**

The tournament numbers are up again.

State Duals was very successful and want to expand this for 2014.

The compensation change for the mat officials worked very well. This method will be extended to include the pairers for 2014.

**3. Secretary's Report – Mary Terbay**

The Minutes of the 2012 USA Wrestling Ohio Annual meeting were approved as written. (Motion by Leo Saniuk; seconded by Debbi Kallai).

**4. Membership Chairperson's Report – Keith Carter for Clara Smith**

Membership numbers were up slightly (8.3%). Coaches cards, clubs and events were up 14% to 20%. Officials were down 17%.

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

- a. John distributed copies of the financial statement comparing the financial position, income, and expenses for fiscal years 2013 and 2012. 2013 showed an increase of \$4500 on the balance sheet. Computers were increased to obtain new computers for TRAK wrestling. Big increase was due to membership.

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

John Cvetic said that the upcoming year's budget

- a. Propose that the tournaments pick up the cost for TRAK wrestling.
- b. Dual Teams will have to include one mat official in their budget.
- c. Anticipate an increase in membership cards

There was a discussion about getting some marketing for training camps/ clinics. There was a motion to add \$2000 to the budget for Marketing/ clinic promotion (Motion by Leo Saniuk; second Jake Bontatibus); approved by all.

**Motion** by Mary Terbay and **second** by Leo Saniuk to accept the budget as proposed; approved by acclamation.

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

Wendel was pleased with the Schoolboy participation and felt that the wrestlers were very focused and performed well. In Greco, they came in 8<sup>th</sup> ; freestyle, 12<sup>th</sup> place.

**7. Cadet Director's Report - Jeff Kullman**

Jeff distributed a flyer that talked about the Cadet team and the camp clinicians. – it was agreed that no state can offer a better camp for the price than what Ohio did. The flyer was distributed to all registered clubs subsequent to the meeting.

For the Duals, Jeff noted that a proposal is due to him by March 15<sup>th</sup>; a decision will be made by April 1<sup>st</sup> as to who the Team Leader will be. The proposal must contain the following:

- How to qualify (get on the team)
- Coaches/ staff
- Budget
- Procedure for team selection

Ohio can have 2 teams per style but there will only be one set of coaches. The Team Leader can be a coach and can do both styles of wrestling.

**8. Junior Director's Report –Bryan Marcelli**

Bryan thanked all for assisting with the Fargo preparation and trip; staff, support, camp and people at ST. Ed's. The number of seniors that went to Fargo was up last year. It was stressed that college coaches look at Fargo when picking their recruit class.

Bryan re-iterated the Dual Team Process that Jeff laid out – see Cadet Director Report.

**9. Open Director's Report –Ned Shuck**

Cleveland State will be holding an OPEN tournament this coming year prior to Universities. Should this also be a Cadet/ Junior tournament. Ned will travel to do clinics – just call. If you are near a college with wrestling, call them and try to schedule with them.

Idea to host an OPEN tournament with Friday weigh-ins; wrestle Saturday or Sunday. There is an OPEN division at every qualifier.

**10. Women's Report – Lauren Louive**

Lauren reported that four women wrestled in Fargo; with 2 All Americans. The women are wrestling at other tournaments for experience. She asked that all encourage girls in K-8<sup>th</sup> grade to come see a tournament.

**11. Folkstyle Director's Report - Charlie Smith**

No report.

**12. Greco Development Director's Report – Jim Speelman**

No report.

**13. Freestyle Director's Report – Nate Carr**

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. There were 60 mat officials this year that worked tournaments. We need to have training on how to officiate.

Bob also recognized Mia Kruggel for becoming a FILA official.

The new compensation policy worked very well and will be continued going forward. This will be expanded to cover pairers as noted above.

We need more adult mat officials. Discussion about how other states get officials – if a club must have an official; all coaches must be officials; incentives/ points for showing up.

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

Debbi reported that there are not enough pairers and that the pairers need help. There will be changes with line brackets. TRAK wrestling was used at qualifiers this year and the intent is that this will continue.

Please have your coaches/ clubs encourage to recruit pairers.

Congratulations to Bob Vallarelli and Tom Knupp for being honored as Life Time Officials at Fargo.

## **16. International Exchange Director's Report –Brian Church**

Brian reported that there is a 2014 trip planned to Minsk, Belarus – this would include Moscow and a trip to the Black Sea.

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

Carol thanked Wendeln and Zach Ison for their contributions to the website. She mentioned that we should link to Facebook and Twitter. Be sure to send your information to Carol timely and try for more dynamic pictures. Try to be sure that your picture shows faces and not just the back of heads.

## **18. Fund Raising -**

No report

### **Special Guest - Tony Black, National office, State Services for USA Wrestling**

Tony discussed the website that USAW-National is offering – cost is free to USAW states, the national office is picking up. Stats will be available by Q1 2014. It can provide the applications to sign-up for camps, Fargo, can handle membership. It also provides schedules and calendars.

Things to consider: migration of domain is important.

Overall, USAWO membership is up, revenue to the state is up, revenue to national office is down.

Keith and Carol to evaluate the new website and make recommendation for USAWO to use or not.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. National Events**

2014 FILA will be in Ohio Memorial Day weekend. There will be 14 mats. There has been an issue getting workers.

The Akron Sports commission has put a bid in for 3 year commitment to continue to host this. They will use local clubs to bring mats and to work. Sports Commission will pay expenses. This is supposed to be true but USAWO still has to foot some expenses

Pros and cons concerning keeping support of FILA tournament in Ohio.

- There are only 30-35 wrestlers from Ohio that participate in the event.
- Having the tournament in Ohio allows Ohio officials to not travel as far
- Having the tournament causes Ohio to lose a qualifier weekend.
- Ohio is slated to host the Central Regional in 2016 and 2017 – losing another weekend.
- Moving the OH State tournament to Memorial Day weekend causes Ohio to lose seniors to graduation.

Motion: USAWO not host FILA after 2014; motion defeated. USAWO will offer to host.

2. The Ourway relationship is not good and we have severed ties.
3. With respect to the OAC champion being able to wrestle free at the State tournament, only 2 champions participated.
4. The mat was won by Uniontown Lake

### **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               | Debbi Kallai  | Jeff Kullman    | Jeff Kullman       | Chris Kallai, Jr. | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Secretary              | Mary Terbay                | John Cvetic   | Debbi Kallai    | Leo Saniuk         | Bob Vallarelli    | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Junior Director        | Bryan Marcelli             | Chris Kallai  | Jake Bontatibus | Leo Saniuk         | Brian Church      | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Cadet Director         | Jeff Kullman               | Leo Saniuk    | Chris Kallai    | Leo Saniuk         | Debbi Kallai      | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Schoolboy Director     | Wendel Donathan            | Debbi Kallai  | Jason Ashworth  | Chris Kallai       | Leo Saniuk        | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Open Director          | Ned Shuck                  | Brian Church  | Jason Ashworth  | Leo Saniuk         | Jason Ashworth    | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Mat Officials Director | Bob Vallarelli             | Carol Saniuk  | Debbi Kallai    | Leo Saniuk         | Jake Bontatibus   | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Pairing Officials      | Debbi Kallai<br>Sue Dennis | Mary Terbay   | John Sopczak    | Leo Saniuk         | Jason Ashworth    | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Folkstyle              | Charlie Smith              | John Sopczak  |                 | Chris Kallai       |                   | Re-elected by             |

|                                 |                             |                                   |                                   |                           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Director                        |                             | Debbi Kallai                      | Leo Saniuk                        | acclamation               |
| Freestyle Development Director  | Jim Lehman                  | Keith Carter<br>Leo Saniuk        | Bob Vallarelli<br>Jake Bontatibus | Elected by acclamation    |
| Greco Development Director      | Jim Speelman<br>Jeff Simons | Leo Saniuk<br>Bob Vallarelli      | Leo Saniuk<br>Bryan Marcelli      | Elected by acclamation    |
| Beach Director                  |                             |                                   |                                   | Open position             |
| Sombo Wrestling Director        |                             |                                   |                                   | Open position             |
| Grappling Director              |                             |                                   |                                   | Open position             |
| International Exchange Director | Brian Church                | Keith Carter<br>Leo Saniuk        | Mary Terbay<br>Ned Shuck          | Elected by acclamation    |
| Fund Raising Director           | Brad East                   | Bryan Marcelli<br>Jake Bontatibus | Leo Saniuk<br>Chris Kallai        | Elected by acclamation    |
| Media / Promotions Director     | Carol Saniuk                | Debbi Kallai<br>Bob Vallarelli    | Chris Kallai<br>Bob Vallarelli    | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Women's Director                | Lauren Louive               | Debbi Kallai<br>Bob Vallarelli    | Bob Vallarelli<br>Leo Saniuk      | Re-elected by acclamation |

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Arnold Classic**

This is a Folkstyle event at Schottenstein. \$5 if OAC; \$10 if USAWO. TRAK Wrestling will be used and is for Schoolboy and under. It is NOT open to High School wrestlers. There will be 8 mats.

### **2. State Tournament – when / where to have?**

Discussion concerning moving the State Tournament from Mother's Day weekend to another weekend.

Motion: Have the State Tournament for Cadets/ Juniors to May 10. May 10<sup>th</sup> is the weekend.

Kids/ Schoolboy State Tournament will be May 3 by acclamation.

Host site for the Cadet/ Junior State Tournament will be Western Brown.

### **3. Fargo Petition process**

It was recommended to change the petition process to wrestle at Fargo to:

The only ones that can petition are the following:

- Athlete that has attended and completed at least 3 qualifiers
- Athlete is a returning All American for the same style and same division and has attended at least one qualifier
- Athlete has a medical reason that spans the qualifiers

### **4. Official compensation change**

In 2014, there will be a \$7 assessment for the tournament for each Cadet and Junior that wrestles. This money will go to the head pairer and head mat official to split up as compensation. Money will be allocated to cover hotels first, then mileage, then compensation.

5. USAWO would like to extend a huge thank you to Westfield Insurance Foundation for their gift of \$500. Randy Green, one of their employees and one of our volunteers, submitted for this from his company.

### **6. USAWO Constitution and By-Law change**

Proposed to change the By-Laws to eliminate the emailing / sending of minutes but post to the USAWO website. The time frame was changed from 30 days after the meeting to 45 days. **Motion:** As noted above by Leo Saniuk, second by Jake Bontatibus. Passed by majority.

### **7. Sunday workouts at Cleveland State**

Cleveland State hosts Sunday workouts. You must have a USA card. There are 2 sessions: one from 12 to 1:30 and the other 1:35 to 3:15. It is free and all are welcome.

### **8. Change to Qualifier format**

It was proposed that Novice and under wrestlers come in at 10 for weigh-ins. They will be paired in round robin groups of 4. Freestyle will be wrestled first and then Greco second. Hoping to have them completed by 1. Groups will be set so wrestlers are within 2 years age of each other and within 15% weight.



Schoolboy will be line bracketed unless there are 4 or less wrestlers in the weight class and then they will be round robin.

Cadet/ junior will be vertical paired.

## **9. Women Wrestlers at Fargo**

Lauren described some of her undertakings trying to build the program. If you know of any girls interested in wrestling, please have them or their parents contact Lauren. She would like to get a camp set up prior to going to Fargo.

## **10. Sandy Cageo Recognition**

It was decided to USAWO would like to recognize Sandy for all of his contributions to the state and to the sport. After much discussion, it was decided that the Dual Meet Championship will have a traveling trophy named after Sandy and the State Tournament will be the Sandy Cageo State Tournament. The USAWO Person of the Year will be acknowledged at this time also.

## **11. Job Descriptions**

It was suggested that the Job Descriptions be updated to include supply marketing type of information to all Director's descriptions

**SCHEDULING OF 2014 USA WRESTLING - OHIO TOURNAMENTS**

The following tournaments are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for the 2014 season (pending confirmation of dates, completion of paperwork, and receipt of fees).

| <b>Date</b>     | <b>Event</b>  | <b>Location</b>      |
|-----------------|---|----------------------|
| March 2, 2014   | Arnold Classic - Folkstyle                                | Schottenstein        |
| March 30, 2014  | North Duals   | Lutheran West HS     |
|                 | South Duals   |                      |
| May 4, 2014     | Ohio State Dual Tournament                                |                      |
| August 2, 2014  | Ohio State Fair   | Columbus Fairgrounds |
|                 |   |                      |
| March 29, 2014  | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament                                | Copley HS            |
| March 29, 2014  | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament                                | Worthington HS       |
| April 5, 2014   | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament                                | Oregon Clay HS       |
| April 12, 2012  | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament                                | Carroll HS           |
| April 19, 2014  | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament                                | Lakota East HS       |
| April 19, 2014  | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament                                | Elyria HS            |
|                 |   |                      |
| May 3, 2014     | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament and Ohio Kids State Tournament |                      |
| May 10, 2014    | Sandy Cageo Ohio Greco State Tournament                   | Western Brown HS     |
| May 10-11, 2014 | Sandy Cageo Ohio Freestyle State Tournament               | Western Brown HS     |

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD**

**SUNDAY, October 5, 2014.**