

# Minutes of the USA Wrestling - Ohio Annual Meeting

## October 5, 2014

Attendees (30): Chris Kallai, Keith Carter, Mary Terbay, John Cvetic, Wendel Donathan, Jeff Kullman, Lauren Louive, Debbi Kallai, Carol Saniuk, Chris Kallai, Jr., Leo Saniuk, Charlie Smith, Bob Vallarelli, Jason Ashworth, Brian Church, Erik Burnett, Jonathan Handwerk, Jake Bontatibus, William Knight, Randy Simpson, Dom Mancini, Mark Gerhard, John Gramuglia, Jeff Ferrara, Pete Bolanis, Rick Davis, Troy McLaughlin

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). Twelve (12) 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 9:02 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. Other states are noticing what Ohio does and are asking questions about how we conduct our tournaments, team selections, etc.

Chris reviewed items from the Chairperson's meeting:

- Chris and Debbie Kallai won the President's Award for USAW – went to Croatia, Austria, Slovakia and Hungary.
- Change in places at regionals – now the top 4 regional placers will qualify to go to Fargo.
- Insurance benefits have changed: was \$1 million; now \$500,000.
- Support having wrestling designated as a core Olympic sport. Once the link is available, it will be posted on our website.
- Folkstyle Duals will be in June in Daytona Beach, FL – anyone can go
- National Duals have seeding / criteria changes; weigh-ins can be done on line or on paper; there will not be a true second
- FILA/ University – fees will be increased \$5 to help pay officials (not assigned officials)
- Pay to Stay at National tournaments is being introduced at designated hotels which result in a lower entry fee
- Chris Kallai was elected as a National At Large member.

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

Arnold Classic was well received – considered a success even though not much money was made. Discussions have been ongoing for 2015 but considering the calendar of events for the planned weekend it will probably be put on hold until 2016.

State tournament numbers were up for Kids and Schoolboy in both Greco and Freestyle. Numbers for Cadet and Juniors were down. It is believed that not having an ad in the state program may have contributed to that.

Qualifier tournaments were down about 300 but there was one less tournament in 2014 so about the same on average. Track Wrestling for Cadet and Juniors is mandatory at all qualifiers. It is preferred for Schoolboy. In 2015, we will also be allowing pre-registration up to Tuesday evening prior to the tournament. We are hoping that this enables us to narrow the window between the end of Greco and the beginning of Freestyle. Each qualifier must also supply a data entry person when the Freestyle weigh-ins are occurring.

Keith noted that for the next month, he can be reached best via email or text.

## 3. Secretary's Report – Mary Terbay

The Minutes of the 2013 USA Wrestling Ohio Annual meeting were approved as written. (Motion by Debbi Kallai; seconded by Leo Saniuk).

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

Membership numbers were up slightly for athletes. Coaches cards, clubs, officials and events were down. There were almost 3000 Folkstyle only cards; 1845 full, 27 high, 102 open.

There was a discussion concerning the payment for Membership – it is \$1000/year and has been flat for 5 years.

## 5. Treasurer's Report - John Cvetic

- a. John distributed copies of the financial statement comparing the financial position, income, and expenses for fiscal years 2014 and 2013. 2014 showed negative variance to budget. This was due primarily to the Fargo number of wrestlers budgeted at 170. Gear was purchased based on that to have on hand and only 147 wrestlers went last year. Also the membership budget was too aggressive. It is a lower amount for 2015.

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

John Cvetic said that the upcoming year's budget

- a. Adjusted membership fee
- b. Does not project an increase in card fees
- c. Arnold Classic not included in the 2015 budget

**Motion** by Rick Davis and **second** by Carol 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 7<sup>th</sup> ; freestyle, 12<sup>th</sup> place. There was a campout and training course.

In 2015 the training camp will be hosted by Randy Simpson. Hopefully all weights will be filled (3 missing in 2014). Every attempt will be to continue to keep the costs affordable and reasonable. There will be an open invitation to Novice division wrestlers to attend the training camp for a slight fee.

Posting needs to be done on the website – the competition level is getting tougher. We should target the Junior High coaches and wrestlers. OAC champs will still be able to wrestle for free at the State Tournament. Cost was \$475 and includes gear, hotel, food, camp and up to 17 matches.

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

Jeff noted that Chris Kallai was being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame on Oct 19<sup>th</sup>.

He distributed a flyer that talked about the Cadet team and the Cadet coaching staff. – it was agreed that no state can offer a better camp for the price than what Ohio did.

For the Duals, Cadets were Runner Ups in Greco and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Freestyle.  
At Fargo, they took 4<sup>th</sup> in Greco and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Freestyle.

The Schoolboys are coming up to Cadet and the results are showing the additional training.

**8. Junior Director's Report –Chris Kallai for Bryan Marcelli**

Chris thanked all for assisting with the Fargo preparation and trip; staff, support, camp and people at ST. Ed's. Chris will post more details on the website.

Bryan lost his son in a plane crash. Please keep Bryan and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**9. Open Director's Report –No report**

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

Lauren reported that the Women tournament schedule is posted online. She asked for a Women's section at qualifiers.

To help let other women see what the wrestling is about, invite girls to “perform” at a break during a tournament. She has 44 wrestlers that are available to go around to clubs to provide training/ encouragement.

**11. Folkstyle Director's Report** - Charlie Smith  
MVKWA teams are up a little with 2 actually in Indiana. There is a girls' tournament Oct 18<sup>th</sup> for all ages. Keith Carter mentioned that you can get on line for details – Northridge is hosting. Charlie mentioned that we still need to get the Firestone group into USAWO.

**12. Greco Development Director's Report** – Jim Speelman  
No report.

**13. Freestyle Director's Report** – Erik Burnett  
There is a huge interest from Schoolboy's wanting to attend the Cadet camp. Housing would be the issue; maybe a nominal fee could be charged for the camp and housing.

**14. Mat Officials Director's Report –Bob Vallarelli**

Bob thanked his “core” officials –these are the ones that worked most of the tournaments.

Bob also recognized Mia Kruggel for officiating at the World Team Trials.

The new compensation policy worked very well and will be continued going forward.

We need more adult mat officials. Discussion about how to get more officials will be during New Business.

If anyone wants training to be an official, please contact Bobby via the website.

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

Debbi reported that TRAK wrestling was used at qualifiers this year and the intent is that this will continue. Line bracketing will be used at Fargo this year but could still go back to vertical pairing. USAWO will use vertical pairing for Cadet and Junior at all Ohio tournaments.

There are 10 official pairers: 6 P3, 1 P2, 1 PE, 1 PC, and 1 P

Please have your coaches/ clubs encourage to recruit pairers.

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

Brian reported that the 2014 trip planned to Minsk, Belarus was postponed due to the unrest. This type of wrestling experience allows wrestlers to feel more at ease when up against international competitors.

There is a 10 day camp at Northern Michigan that will have world-wide participants. Brian will get this information posted to the website.

State Fair had some Canadian wrestlers.

Keith gave a special thank you to Brian for the great job done at the State Fair.

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

Carol distributed log in information to the USAWO website. There is a list of people that have edit capability and is easy. Suggested to use this for all tournament forms, e.g., withdrawal forms. We need to keep the website dynamic or people will not go there. There should be a page for duals and special tournaments (like Fargo) – if you need information, go there for it.

To get more followers raffle a flip head set.

USAWO does have Twitter and Facebook accounts. The Women's group posts some of their information on Facebook.

**18. Fund Raising -**  
No report

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following **Officers and At Large members** were elected for **two-year terms**:

Position	Nominations	Nominated by:		Close nominations:		Result
		First	Second	First	Second	
Vice Chairperson	Keith Carter	Leo Saniuk	Debbi Kallai	Leo Saniuk	Bob Vallarelli	Re-elected by acclamation
Treasurer	John Cvetic	Debbi Kallai	Bob Vallarelli	Leo Saniuk	Bob Vallarelli	Re-elected by acclamation
Membership	Clara Smith	Keith Carter	Leo Saniuk	Charlie Smith	Bob Vallarelli	Re-elected by acclamation
At Large	Troy McLaughlin	Pete Bolanis	Bob Valarelli	Chris Kallai	Leo Saniuk	Re-elected by acclamation
At Large	Robin Rayfield	Pete Bolanis	Bob Valarelli	Chris Kallai	Leo Saniuk	Re-elected by acclamation
At Large	Mike Mattin	Pete Bolanis	Bob Valarelli	Chris Kallai	Leo Saniuk	Re-elected by acclamation
At Large	Brett Shaut	Bob Varelli	Brian Church	Leo Saniuk	Jason Ashworth	Re-elected by acclamation
At Large	Chris Kallai, JR.	Keith Carter	Debbi Kallai	Leo Saniuk	Jeff Kullman	Re-elected by acclamation
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At Large	Leo K. Saniuk	Keith Carter	Debbi Kallai	Leo Saniuk	Jeff Kullman	Re-elected by acclamation
At Large	Harmon Sizemore	Wendeln Donathon	Jason Ashworth	Leo Saniuk	Jeff Kullman	Elected by acclamation
At Large	Barry Henderson	Wendeln Donathon	Jason Ashworth	Leo Saniuk	Jeff Kullman	Elected by acclamation
At Large	Jason Ashworth	Carol Saniuk	Bob Vallarelli	Keith Carter	Jeff Kullman	Re-elected by acclamation
At Large	Zach Ison	Carol Saniuk	Bob Vallarelli	Keith Carter	Jeff Kullman	Re-elected by acclamation

At Large	Mark Gerhard	Carol Saniuk Bob Vallarelli	Keith Carter Jeff Kullman	Re-elected by acclamation
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There was discussion about having a back up position for Membership Chairperson. This position is to be paid \$250. Motion to contact some prospective candidates and pay as noted was passed by all.

### **Special Guest - Brandon Shriner, Maximized Living**

Brandon noted that this is a chiropractic group and he will post information on the website. He would like to have a table at the tournaments – will that increase liability? Maximized Living has liability waiver forms. Brandon to see to John Cvetic for his review.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. National Events**

2014 FILA will be May 29, 30 and 31 – not Memorial Day weekend. There will be 16 mats. Contact Chris Kallai, JR. if you can supply mats and work those mats – it will pay \$300 and food.

2. With respect to Dual teams: The team is responsible for providing 2 USAWO officials, as well as coaches and a team leader (if not a coach) with travel and housing. This needs to be part of the Dual Team budget.
3. 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.
4. Kid's State Tournament will be Round Robin for Bantam, Intermediate and Novice. Schoolboy will be line bracket. Motion (Leo Saniuk; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Troy McLaughlin). Passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. Ad in Ohio State Tournament program**

Motion to have an ad in the 2015 Ohio State Tournament program (motion: C Saniuk; second, D Kallai). Passed.

#### **2. Market at State Tournament**

Motion to spend up to \$1,500 on marketing and passed.

### **3. Official Recruitment**

There was a long discussion about how to get more officials. USAWO has a core group of mat officials that can be relied on but their number is starting to dwindle and the replacements are not there in the numbers needed.

- each club would be responsible for at least one official or the following year the fee is \$100 not \$65. This does not make sense for all clubs – (e.g., MVKWA, which is folk-style).
- Each club provide 1 pairer and 1 mat official to work at least 1 other event.

Motion: Additional criteria for the Freestyle/ Greco clubs to have an official at the qualifier.  
Passed.

### **4. Lucas Marcelli aware for Cadet/ Junior**

It was decided to have an Iron-man type award for Cadet/ Juniors with points from qualifiers. Leo Saniuk volunteered to donate the award. It will named to honor/ remember Lucas Marcelli.

## **SCHEDULING OF 2015 USA WRESTLING - OHIO TOURNAMENTS**

The following tournaments are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for the 2015 season (pending confirmation of dates, completion of paperwork, and receipt of fees).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
May 23, 2015	Ohio State Dual Tournament	Boardman HS
August 3, 2015	Ohio State Fair	Columbus Fairgrounds
March 28, 2015	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Canton - Timken HS
March 28, 2015	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Worthington HS
April 4, 2015	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Franklin HS
April 11, 2015	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Carroll HS
April 11, 2015	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	N. Canton HS
April 18, 2014	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Lakota East HS
April 25, 2015	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Clay HS
May 2, 2015	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament and Ohio Kids State Tournament	Elyria HS
May 9, 2015	Sandy Cageo Ohio Greco State Tournament	Western Brown HS
May 9-10, 2014	Sandy Cageo Ohio Freestyle State Tournament	Western Brown HS

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING  
WHICH WILL BE HELD**

**SUNDAY, October 4, 2014.**