

WWCA Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Chula Vista Resort

Wisconsin Dells, WI

5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Committee in attendance: Scott Schmitz (Mineral Point), Dave Black (WWF Representative), John Quinlan (Whitnall), Randy Ferrell (Nathan Hale), Jeff Matczak (Kaukauna), Jacob Larsen (Sparta), Eric Anderson (Viroqua), Chris Hansen (Hudson), Dave Meyer (Lomira), Mike Blasczyk (Appleton/representing wrestling officials), Bob Empey (Stoughton/WWCA President), Justin Tritz (Trackwrestling.com), Wendall Bean (Whitewater), Jim Stephenson (Waunakee), Andrew Melton (Spooner), Mike DeRoehn (UW Oshkosh), Mel Dow (Stoughton), Scott Kluever, Peter Moe (Cambridge), Dave McCarthy (Neenah/WWCA President elect)

Call to order Bob Empey at 5:37 p.m. He opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending the meeting. Dave McCarthy was appointed time keeper for the meeting.

I. President's Report

A. Summary of State support for Olympic wrestling

1. Bob Empey made a summary of state support to keep wrestling in the Olympics. The WWCA has turned to Wisconsin State Senators to show support for Olympic wrestling.

B. Summary of donation to Alumni group

1. Bob Empey summarized a past motion for the Alumni group to be able to spend up to \$400.00 for the purchase of a scanner to help scan documents of Wisconsin wrestling history.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 21, 2012 meeting

1. **Discussion and approval**--A motion was moved and seconded for approval of the minutes as seen on the WWCA website. After discussion an amendment was made to the past minutes. Scot Schmitz moved to approve the minutes as amend. Dave Meyer seconded and the motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

1. **Discussion and approval**--Currently there is \$30,728.65 in the WWCA account from Bob Empey. Dave McCarthy had a question on suite rental and food at the state individual tournament(\$5,600.00) Discussion and clarification followed. There is currently \$55,731.81 in the main account. John Quinlan moved to approve the treasurer's report. Scott Schmitz seconded and the motion passed.

IV. Reports

A. Hall of Fame

1. Conference championship schools and coaches/self reporting--Jeff Behrens could not attend but sent reminders about collecting conference championship coaches and schools. There was a reminder for coaches to self report 100 career wins, 200 career wins, etc.

2. Hall of Fame election--The June 2, 2013 meeting will elect new members into the Hall of Fame. The deadline for nominations of new Hall of Fame members will be May 15, 2013. More details to come.

B. WWCA Golf Outing

1. Date, attendance, and sponsorship summary--Bob Empey presented an e-mail from Blaine Felsman about the WWCA golf outing held on June 2. Attendance, sponsors, and raffle prizes was discussed. There currently is one hole sponsor and no raffle prizes from district reps. and only a few foursomes that have been put together.

a. Participation--Numbers indicate there is little interest from the WWCA members to attend the golf outing (typical numbers for past outings has been between 30-40 golfers). Questions were asked: Is it worth the time and effort to put together? How many clubs run their own golf outing fund raisers? How many want to put in the time for the golf outing? Would having a theme for the outing generate more interest and participation (i.e. Keep wrestling in the Olympics)? Is the WWCA okay without the golf outing as a fundraiser? Discussion to these questions led to the decision to let Blaine make the decision on the WWCA golf outing.

b. Improvement of attendance and sponsorship--In the mean time, try to find people to golf, hole sponsorships, and raffle prizes. The committee could get approximately 16 more golfers.

Wendall Bean would take the next two weeks to gather inquiry through e-mails on how many more golfers we can get.

2. Hole sponsorship--The cost of sponsoring a hole is \$50.00 or \$100.00.

3. Other--Bob Empey will contact Blaine for further discussion.

C. Fall Clinic Updates

1. Update--Wendall Bean updated the WWCA on the 2013 fall clinic. The 2013 fall will be held November 1 and 2. We are now dealing with Hyatt exclusively and will be given the same package and hospitality package as we have had in the past.

2. Clinicians--Two clinicians have been booked. Mike Hagarty, head coach at Blue Springs High School, MO. Scott Davies, head coach at Flathead High School, MT.

a. There was discussion about clinicians from Wisconsin vs. out of state clinicians from other college programs. It seems counter productive to use out of state college coach clinicians--by being a clinician at our clinic those coaches can benefit recruiting and program promotion. We want to have a good Wisconsin showing.

3. Clinic Improvements--Suggestions for the clinic was discussed.

a. Suggestions were: Have an informal rotation of clinicians and coaches, spring clinic for freestyle and greco, the WWF and WWCA jointly sponsor clinics and clinicians in the fall at area State Colleges on their campuses. Clinicians and athletes would need to be USA Wrestling card carrying members.

b. We would like college coaches also to be WWCA members.

c. There was discussion on having a practice session, clinicians showing more drills, how to schedule, how to run practices rather than just technique sessions. Wendall Bean stated that we do have a practice session now and it is the lowest attended session of the clinic.

d. Past clinic feedback suggests it is well organized clinic.

4. Donation--There was a donation from a current Hall of Fame member, Robert Miller, of \$250.00 to the WWCA. This donation was for membership fees for the past 10 years.

5. WWCA Clinic Account--Wendall Bean notified the WWCA that Google locked the WWCA Clinic Account due to wanting tax information. Wendall said it took a few months to get the account unlocked but the account is unlocked.

6. WWCA November clinic meeting--The meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Friday morning November 1, 2013. Meeting room TBA.

7. Other--An issue about negative budgets and schools tightening their restrictions on monies. This may cause the clinic to move to different dates (Saturday/Sunday dates rather than the current Friday/Saturday dates) due to coaches not getting reimbursed for clinic fees and travel fees from their schools.

V. Alumni Update

1. Thank you--Jim Stephenson updated the WWCA about the alumni. He thanked the WWCA for the donation of money for the new scanner. He informed the WWCA that the headquarters in Dodge Land is serving well as space to collect Wisconsin wrestling history.

2. Wisconsin Wrestling History Book--Jim informed the WWCA that the Alumni would like to put together a book that would be around 350 pages of Wisconsin wrestling history.

3. Collection of wrestling history--Jim said the Alumni would like to collect any wrestling history from Wisconsin schools.

VI. State Tournament Series

A. State Team Tournament Series

1. Suggestions for proposal changes--Bob Empey reported that in order to get changes made to the state tournament series things need to come through the WWCA then to the Coach's Advisory Committee. If there is to be any proposed changes there needs to be solid support for the proposal; reason backed by research, proof, good reason for change, etc.

2. WIAA proposed Team State change--There was discussion to the WIAA State Team Tournament change: Allow Division 1 teams to wrestle quarter finals and semi finals on Friday night; currently teams wrestle quarter finals Friday night and Semi Finals Saturday morning.

- i.** Division 1 wrestling would start quarter finals at 5:30 Friday night and semi finals would start at 7:30 Friday night.
- ii.** Division 2 and 3 would wrestle semi finals at 10:00 a.m. Saturday morning.
- iii.** Finals for all three divisions would start at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Peter Moe moved to accept the WIAA proposal to change Division 1 State Team Tournament to wrestle quarter finals and semi finals Friday night. Scott Schmitz seconded and the motion passed.

B. State Individual Tournament Series

1. State tournament series changes—Do we need a change for the individual state tournament series? Super regional? Four qualifiers to the state meet from individual sectionals in divisions 2 and 3?

- a. Discussion was tabled for further discussion for the next WWCA meeting.

C. State Individual Tournament Seeding

1. Seeding of State Individual tournament—Justin Tritz from Trackwrestling.com presented to the WWCA information about seeding the state individual tournament. Can the tournament be seeded? Yes. Seeding can be set-up based on criteria and a point system based on the criteria.

- a. Criteria *could* look like this:

- i. All individuals in the bracket are compared with each other.
- ii. The better wrestler between the two compared wrestlers is awarded one point.
- iii. If there is a tie between the two wrestlers, each receives 1/2 point.
- iv. All wrestlers in the bracket would then be ranked.
- v. Head to head
- vi. Common opponent
- vii. State place from previous year
- viii. State qualifier from previous year
- ix. Wrestler's record

- b. Most of the criteria is available with Trackwrestling.com.

2. Seeding criteria problems—Discussion followed with the question asked, if this was good seeding criteria?

- a. Problems discussed with the criteria was:

- i. Not all coaches use Trackwrestling.com
- ii. Not all coaches take the rules test and will know/understand new seeding criteria
- iii. Some teams compete outside of Wisconsin
- iv. Ethically-will coaches use the system correctly--forfeit to better wrestlers/report matches on Trackwrestling.com
- v. It has been found that 50-60% of wrestling matches in Wisconsin is imputed into Trackwrestling.com

b. Mike DeRoehn stated that at the NCAA level a similar system is used with the National Tournament with little problems.

Scott Schmitz made A motion was made and seconded to have Justin Tritz collect data to seed the Team State Tournament. After discussion the motion was amended for the coaches involved in the Team State tournament to seed the teams in the tournament.
Wendall Bean seconded and the motion passed.

3. Rules video--There was a suggestion in order to make coaches more responsible to watch the rules video was to require a coach to watch the rules video before they are able to enter minimum weight and hydration test results. Can a link be made through Trackwrestling.com that will lock a coach out of the minimum weight entry until they view the rules video?

4. Other--The state tournament seeding topic was tabled for further discussion at the next meeting.

VI. JV State Tournament

1. Discussion--Tabled for discussion for the next WWCA meeting.

VII. Items for next WWCA meeting

- A.** Hall of Fame inductions
- B.** JV State tournament
- C.** State tournament seeding

Andrew Melton motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mel Dow seconded and the motion passed.

The next meeting will be June 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Chula Vista Resort in the Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Moe
WWCA Secretary