

WWCA Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, February 28, 2015

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Madison, WI

7:00 a.m.

Minutes

Committee in attendance: Chris Hansen (Hudson/District 1), Kevin Black (District 3), Jeff Matczak (Kaukauna/District 4), Scott Schmitz (Mineral Point/District 5), Dave Meyer, Mark Petersen (Camblesport/District 6), Randy Ferrell (Nathan Hale/District 7, Bob Olson (New Richmond/WWCA Website Director), Mike Blasczyk (Appelton/Officials Representative), Dave Black (WWF Representative), Jim Stephenson (Waunakee/WWCA Alumni Chapter), Jeff Behrens (Whitewater/Hall of Fame and Awards Chairman) Wendall Bean (Whitewater/Fall Clinic Chairman), Mel Dow (Stoughton/Public Relations Chairman), Wade Labecki (WIAA), Don Hartman, John Quinlan (Whitnall/WWCA President Elect), Bob Empey (Stoughton/Past President and Treasurer), Peter Moe (Cambridge/Secretary), Dave McCarthy (Neenah/WWCA President)

Absent: Dallas Moe (Antigo/District 2)

Call to order by Dave McCarthy at 7:00 a.m.

I. President's Report

1. **Report**—Dave welcomed all and opened the meeting by allowing questions that the executive board had for Wade Labecki (WIAA).
2. **Questions**—Wade Labecki (WIAA) was asked to be at the beginning of the meeting for a question and answer session for the WWCA Executive Board.
 - a. **Regional Concerns**—Scott Schmitz shared concerns about regionals to Wade Labecki. Scott expressed his concern about D3 regionals and the discrepancy between numbers of participants between each regional. Scott suggested the WIAA assign regional host sites in May as they normally do, but wait and assign teams to those specific sites later in the wrestling season once squad size of teams were determined. This would help disperse the numbers of participants participating in all regionals.

Wade's response was that it was not possible for the WIAA to do that. It is too time consuming and the tournament planning procedures are too difficult. Wade wondered if the super regional is looked at, that might solve the issue. Kevin Black asked if they could the previous years numbers and apply that when aligning regionals to help even out the regional numbers that way and to assign a person from the wrestling community to assist the WIAA on assigning teams to regionals?

- i. Dave McCarthy: Do we want to have the coaches advisory to look at the super regional again?

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- b. **Super Regional**—Discussion ensued about the super regional at the D2 and D3. The super regional discussion ended at previous meetings due to the complication of the rules, especially with the possibility of exceeding the five matches a day rule. Other rule complications were the one and done in the first round of the tournament, using the correct brackets, etc.

- i. The question was brought up what if Wisconsin made an adaptation to be able to exceed the five matches a day limit just for the WIAA tournament series?
- ii. How would the pig tail match work?
- iii. Possibility of making it a sectional qualifier to state series which would free up a weekend for a dual tournament into the team state tournament. Use the Minnesota model as an example.

1. Arguments against this is one less post season opportunity for schools.

- iv. If super regional direction would be picked up it needs to be unified by all coaches. So that all can see the direction rather than randomly coming up with ideas to cater to specific needs. Too much of a stalemate. Find a specific plan/proposal for the super regional.
- v. The Executive Board formed a committee of D2 and D3 coaches to research and develop a proposal for the super regional. The committee will consist of: Jeff Behrens, Scott Schmitz, Peter Moe, Dave Meyer, Mark Petersen, and Wendall Bean.

- c. **Regional Team Scoring**—Discussion ensued about team points at regionals. Dave Meyer brought up that team points have been decided by byes that don't count if a number one seed loses in the finals. Can the scoring of byes be changed?

- i. Wade Labecki: When making proposals for rules changes think of all the possible scenarios and the effects of those scenarios.

- d. **Team State Awards**—Team State medals and names announcements at the awards ceremonies will do announcements of the names of each athlete on the team when the awards are being presented. Afterward, contact the WIAA to purchase more medals for the individuals that did not receive a medal.

- e. **Team State Seeding**— Seeding team state can be brought up again—needs to

be explained further for purpose and validity.

3. **Challenge Series**—Dave McCarthy reported that the challenge series was successful. A big thank you goes out to the individuals involved in the process: Dan Hein, Wausau West host, Tom McGarvie, the WWF, Cliff Keen, and everyone else that help put the

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challenge series together. We are in the process of looking finalizing regional sites for next season.

- a. **Concerns**—Number of participants at each site. Travel for teams to site locations.
 - b. **Challenge Series Dates**—Next year's challenge series dates will be January 9, 2016 for the regions tournaments and January 23, 2016 for the finals tournament.
4. **Athletix.us**—Work to enhance the program is being addressed. Coaches will go into the WIAA sites to rank officials. Wade stated the WIAA is developing their own site to rank officials on in the future.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES –October 31 Executive Board and November 1 Annual, 2014 meeting

1. **Approval**—Scott Schmitz made a motion to accept the minutes as posted. Dave Black seconded and the motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

1. **Discussion and approval**—Bob Empey presented a detailed treasurer's report. Currently there is \$40,872.81 in the WWCA account. Scott Schmitz moved to approve the treasurer's report. Randy Ferrell seconded and the motion passed.
2. **Accountant Information**—Bob Empey reported that the IRS application is in.
3. **Hall of Fame Display**—\$2,500.00 donation for the Hall of Fame display. This money will be set aside for future use of the Hall of Fame display.
4. **Donations**—For tax purposes a written request needs to be submitted by Tom McGarvie in order for him to receive the \$1,500.00 he requested.

IV. Reports

A. Hall of Fame

1. **Awards Chair**— Dave McCarthy and Jeff Behrens have been talking and have come up with names to fill the awards chair position.
2. **Individual State Awards**— Jeff will not be present at the awards ceremony tonight and needs someone to fill in. Randy Ferrell and Dave Black volunteered to help with tonight's awards. Jeff needs help with setting up awards for the state tournament. Do we want to consider the idea of having the champion's high school coach to hand out the awards at next year's state tournament? This would help the

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process of awards at the individual tournament and be quite an honor for each coach. Those in attendance felt, Hall of Fame members would be in favor of having the high school coaches hand out the awards.

5. **End of the Year Awards**— Nomination window has not opened (should have opened February 24) the web site is unable to do the nomination and voting process. Sport Ngin might not be able to have this.
 - a. How do we collect nominations and votes if the web site is unable to do so? District reps could request from coaches in their district for nominations and votes by e-mail. There needs to be a secondary way of collecting nominations and votes. The membership list is not current yet. Sport Ngin cannot add new members to the list. Coaches are still joining the association at this time.
 - b. District reps need to work and develop ways of collecting nomination and votes. Jeff Behrens will create an e-mail and forward it to the district reps.
 - c. WWCA Executive Board members will work with Sport Ngin to correct situation asap.

B. Public Relations

1. **Nicholas Suite**—Mel Dow reported that Nicholas Suite security has been added at a cost of \$589.00 this should help cut on expenses and loss of products as people walk out the doors. There has been a few thefts in the suite; please be mindful of others items. The Hall of Fame members are enjoying their experience in the suite with the changes that have been made for this year. If anything is needed please let Mel know.
2. **WIAA State Coaches Floor Pass**— Coaches, please do not abuse the passes given out by the WIAA. There have been a number of people that have passes to the Kohl Center floor during the state tournament that are not coaches. Coaches will lose out on extra passes if this continues. Kevin Black brought up the idea of the possibility

of having a picture pass to prevent this from happening. It was noted that was being looked into.

C. WWF

1. **Update**—Dave Black reported that everything is going well for the WWF.

D. Officials

1. **Update**—Mike Blasczyk reported on the status of officiating.
2. **Assistant Referee**—The assistant referee looks great. It seems to be a great

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addition and the officials seem to be getting on the same page. Official's calls are getting more consistent and officials are taking on leadership roles in keeping that consistency.

3. **Takedown Consideration**—Mike brought up the topic of counting when a wrestler is around the ankles, on the perimeter or anywhere else on the mat, as a takedown? This seems to be accepted in surrounding states as a takedown. Thoughts have changed throughout the years on if it is a takedown or not. There was support within
4. The association to count it as a takedown. The rule will be looked into further.

E. Fall Clinic

1. **Report**—Wendall Bean reported on the fall clinic. 363 coaches attended the clinic in November, which is down from the previous year. One hundred coaches sent in non-clinic registrations. There are 463 total association registrations. Wendall has received more registrations this week.
2. **Clinic Account**—There is \$10,570 in the account—this is a good number due to the fact that there were low numbers at the clinic this year. Do not have this month's statement but once that is received the money will be transferred over to the account with Bob Empey. Extra expense \$5,400 for awards which is up from the past.
3. **Clinic Evaluation**—Coaches seem to be pleased with the clinic format and the clinic is well attended. The Wisconsin collegiate coaches, as clinicians, is well received by the membership. The official's clinic has been received well too.
 - a. Suggestions for clinic improvements/new clinicians? Clinicians that cover leadership.

- b. The clinic seems to impress people and have strong numbers compared to surrounding states.

F. Web Director

1. **Report**—Bob Olson reported on the state of the web site. Bob Olson has been working on getting items and pictures on the web site. Coaches need to create an account on the web site.
2. **Web Site Issues**—There is concern about the problems that are coming up with Sport Ngin. We need to seriously consider the future with Sport Ngin if they are unable to perform the tasks we need them to. The money has been sent to Sport Ngin but we are not sure if the contract has been sent to them yet.

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G. Alumni

1. **Report**—Jim Stephenson reported to the WWCA .
2. **Hall of Fame Display**— Hall of Fame display came together really well and is on display at the Dome in the Wisconsin Dells.
3. **History**—History has been moved from Dodgeland to Watertown. May need to use the allotted \$500.00 that was once requested due to the move from Dodgeland to Watertown.
4. **Help**—The Sages community has been getting smaller. Help is needed to help keep the committee going if anyone is interested to help file or organize items let Jim know.
5. **Other**—At the end, Jim brought up a conversation about the state of wrestling. He relayed his concerns to board and discussion ensued about the state of wrestling and possible ways to improve wrestling in Wisconsin. The following were topics of discussion:
 - a. Are there too many weight classes? Would reducing the weight classes help.
 - b. What is the emphasis of wrestling on? Is it on the individual aspect of the sport or the team aspect of the sport? More individual opportunities or more team opportunities?
 - c. There are lots of layers to the problem with wrestling and each is unique within itself.

- d. Uniform rule change? There is a large percentage of youth athletes that say they do not wrestle due to having to wear a singlet. Discussion of possible uniform changes took place that may help athletes come out for wrestling.
 - i. Dave Black made a motion for the WIAA to approve an option to have the use an eligible two piece uniform (shorts and tight fitting t-shirt). Randy Ferrell seconded and the motion passed.

H. Adjournment

1. **Golf Outing**—Dave McCarthy will talk to Keith Swett about the golf outing.
2. **Reminders**—Please create an account on the web site. Individual and team state observations bring to Dave McCarthy.
3. **Future Meetings**—Clinic and Banquet November 6 and 7 of 2015. Next meeting: Hall of Fame meeting on Sunday July 12, 2015 in Stevens Point.

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Scott Schmitz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Behrens seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Moe
WWCA Secretary