

# WWCA Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, November 3, 2016

KI Convention Center

Green Bay, WI

8:00 p.m.

## Minutes

**Committee in attendance:** Chris Hansen (Hudson/District 1), Dallas Moe (Antigo/District 2), Jeff Matczak (Kaukauna/District 4), Scott Schmitz (Mineral Point/District 5), Mark Petersen (Camblesport/District 6), Kurt Kemnitz (West Allis Nathan Hale/District 7 co-rep), Craig Austin (Whitnall/District 7 co-rep), Mike Blasczyk (Appelton/Officials Representative), Dave Black (WWF Representative), Wendall Bean (Whitewater/Fall Clinic Chairman), John Quinlan (Whitnall/WWCA President), Randy Ferrell (Nathan Hale/WWCA President Elect), Dave McCarthy (Neenah/WWCA Past President) Bob Empey (Stoughton/Treasurer), Peter Moe (Cambridge/Secretary)

Call to order by John Quinlan at 8:10 p.m.

## I. Review and Approval of Minutes

- 1. Report and Approval**—WWCA secretary Peter Moe read and reviewed the meeting minutes from the May ??, 2016 meeting and the July ??, 2016 Hall of Fame meeting. During the reading points of emphasis and motions from the minutes were read. Dave Black made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Wendall Bean seconded and the motion passed.

## II. Treasurer's Report

- 1. Report and Approval**—Bob Empey presented the treasurer's report. Currently there is \$43,971.45 in the WWCA account. Scott Schmitz moved to approve the treasurer's report. Randy Ferrell seconded and the motion passed.

## III. Reports

### A. Fall Clinic

- 1. Report**—There are 429 members in the coaches association. Three hundred and forty one have signed up for the clinic. This is about 30 less members than last year. Many of the registrations came in the final week of the clinic. Most of the registrations were either mailed in or used credit card. Online registration was not added when Sports Ngin transferred last year's information to this year's information on the website. Are the lower numbers of the clinic directly related to the lack of registration option online? Hall of Fame banquet numbers are over 500.
- 2. Benefit of the Clinic**—Overall have lost numbers of participants and coaches in

wrestling and attending the clinic. What is the cause? Is it outside sources that is the cause of lower coaches numbers? Are more coaches using websites and technique sessions provided on wrestling focused websites as a substitute for coming to the coaches clinic because it is easier and less expensive for the coach to watch at home than travel to the clinic? What is good about attending the clinic? To give/get ideas and points of view, to help grow wrestling in Wisconsin. How do we sell, manage, and market ourselves to meet those needs of coaches that do not attend the clinic. Do members have a voice?

3. **Clinic Space**—The clinic this year is being held in the new wing of the KI Convention Center. Both the clinic and Hall of Fame banquet dinner will be held in the new wing. The Hyatt did not want to have two separate areas and wanted to have the clinic and dinner in the same area.
1. **The Hyatt**— The Hyatt has requested we sign a contract for 2018-19. Wendall said he has asked to hold off on signing for the 2018-19 clinic. Wendall would like to see how the clinic flows this year in the new space. As we see how the clinic runs this year, before we sign another contract with the Hyatt, maybe look into other venues. Due to lower clinic numbers perhaps a new location would bring more people to the clinic. By looking at other venues, maybe there would be one at a lower price. We should touch base with membership during the luncheon. As we consider a possible venue change, do we want to be limited on budget and sacrifice clinicians or hotel space? What is good for building wrestling in Wisconsin? Do we serve all areas of Wisconsin? What is our draw to the clinic? How do we know why coaches do not attend the fall clinic? Jason Stromberg volunteers to create a survey monkey to send out to the membership. Questions we could ask: What makes you come to the clinic? What could be better? Why don't you come to the clinic? What could entice you to come to the clinic? Cost of the clinic, travel to the clinic, date of the clinic and time(s) of the clinic. Are they okay how they are? As we consider those questions and reach to get answers to those questions, by moving the clinic, how does that effect how we educate our coaches?
2. **Cross Face**—The Cross Face subscription was not added into the clinic fee this year. Wendall said he did not cut ties with totally with the Cross Face. We did not include it in the clinic fee because the Cross Face fees were going up which would cause the clinic fee to go up as well and he did not have a clear picture of where the Cross Face was going. Maybe in the future we will partner with the Cross Face. Cross face is here as a vendor and a subscription reminder was included with the clinic information.
3. **Membership Card**—Wendall found a company in Madison that would be able to print membership cards. The printing company would be able to put names, I.D. numbers on the card. It would cost about \$130.00 for 600 cards printed in black and white. Cards were paper not plastic. Benefits of the cards: can be used to get into the Nicholas Suite, possible discounts with certain businesses. Talks about Badger

wrestling ticket benefits have not gone further. Every year new sets of cards would be issued. When? At the start of the clinic?

4. **Ben Provisor Thank You**—Olympian Ben Provisor sent a thank you note to Wendall Bean thanking the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association for their support.
5. **Donation**—Russ Hellickson made a \$50.00 donation to the Hall of Fame.
6. **College Duals and Throw Down in Title Town**—The dual for this year's clinic will feature UW-Oshkosh v. Lakeland College. Please sign-up for jobs to help run the dual. Throw Down in Title Town will start before the WWCA social. It will feature four matches; two women's freestyle matches and two men's greco matches. The WWF and WWCA are managing the even.

#### C. Officials

1. **Update**—Mike Blasczyk reported that they are expecting to have over 100 officials attend the clinic; walk-ins are encouraged. It has been positive experience over the past few years. Mike thanked the WWCA for allowing the officials clinic to be conducted along with the coaches clinic. The purpose of the clinic is to try and get consistent officiating across the state. Mike was in Stevens Point this past September and sat in an NFHS teleconference. Recently he worked on the assistant referee video and encourages coaches to watch the video to better understand the assistant referee's role. Mike reported on near fall points and arm trap rule changes. Mike notified the board about transgender wrestlers will weigh-in with the gender that person identifies as.

#### D. Public Relations

1. **Report**—Jason Stromberg notified the board that contact have been made for the Nicholas Suite. The caterer has gotten back to Jason for the suite as well. Jason is moving forward with what is needed to do at the state tournament.

#### E. President's Report

1. **Annual Luncheon**— After Thanksgiving start date will be discussed at the annual luncheon. We will discuss that 80 % of coaches were in favor bur coaches were not informed with all of the pros and cons of the change. The Executive board took a straw poll and showed that there was a large majority of the board against starting after Thanksgiving. What is good for the entire state? Districts reps need to send out info to say this is the topic but did you know? Issues to be addressed: salary, season is not extended, boarder states cannot compete against opponents, first of the year tournaments will be affected.

Everything is magnified by shortening the season, injuries, skin, grades, etc.

2. **1.5%**—The 1.5% minimum weight will be going into effect next year. John Quinlan will address the membership at the annual meeting about this change. Questions about the process will be fielded at the annual meeting. Wisconsin will become the 44<sup>th</sup> state to do it. All other states have somewhat of the same idea with the minimum weight but all have a little differentiation with how the rule is applied. Only difference between most states is how/when they input their weight data. The difference Wisconsin is looking at is to count all weigh-ins except the second day of a tournament.

#### F. Donation Requests

1. **Western Productions**—For support of producing the Bi-State, Richland Center, and Mineral Point Sectional. Cost \$200.00 dollars, tv and web and trackwrestling.com. One hundred dollars for state. The request was discussed but no motion was made to accept the request.
2. **Jim Douglas Donation**—Keith Swette made a request to the WWCA for a donation of \$1,000.00 to Jim Douglas and contributions to his induction to the National Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. The request was discussed but not motion was made to accept the request.
3. **JV Challenge Series**—Dave McCarthy made a request for the WWCA to cover the cost of the JV Challenge Series. Bob Empey made a motion to cover the expenses of trackwrestling.com, the challenge series regions and finals, and the challenge series coordinator expenses. Dallas Moe seconded and the motion passed 13-0.
4. **College Coaches Summit**—Dave McCarthy made a request of \$500.00 to the WWCA to cover the cost of the College Coaches Summit. Dallas Moe made a motion accept the request of \$500.00 to cover the cost of the 2017 College Coaches Summit. Scott Schmitz seconded and the motion passed 13-0.

#### G. Adjournment

Jason Stromberg motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dave Black seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Moe  
WWCA Secretary