

## **Minutes of the USA Wrestling - Ohio Annual Meeting October 23, 2016**

Attendees (33): Chris Kallai, Keith Carter, Mary Terbay, John Cvetic, Wendel Donathan, Jeff Kullman, Jim Bostic, Bryan Marcelli, Chris Kallai, Jr., Bob Vallarelli, Jason Ashworth, Brian Church, Erik Burnett, Jake Bontatibus, Dom Mancini, Zach Ison, Tom Knupp, Amanda Burr, Jim Lehman, Leo Saniuk, Leo K. Saniuk, Carol Saniuk, George Shore, Tracie Shore, Rae McDonald, Jon Burr, John Handwerk, Robin Rayfield, Nick Swaldo, Charles Lambert, Bart Freidenberg, Rick Davis, Mark Hawald

Determination of quorum: To have a quorum, at least 25% of the Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members (i.e., a minimum of eight) must be present along with representatives from at least 10% of the Chartered Clubs (i.e., a minimum of eleven). Nineteen (19) Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members were present, and eleven (11) 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 9:09 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.

Highlights from the Chairperson's report:

- USAW-OH will hold fees even though USAW National is raising card fees (John to cover in more detail in his report).
- USAW is looking into having a skill level for younger wrestlers – this is being proposed
- To be eligible for USAW the card carrier must be a U.S. citizen.
- Pairers/ Mat officials are asking for more compensation at the national level. Currently they are paid if they work the entire tournament but officials want to be paid per session. This is being held off at this time
- UWW ran well. The Cleveland Sports Commission has stated that they will give USAW-OH a \$3500 check from their proceeds for this tournament. Once received, we will use to help offset Fargo costs for the athletes. This tournament is up for bid again for a 3 year timeframe.
- We need more officials – given the age of most of our current officials, we need to encourage the parents of the younger wrestlers to get involved and to become officials.
- Skin checks must be done by a medical person. A proposal at the national level, is if an attempt is made to cover up a skin condition (make-up, etc.) then that wrestler will be taken out of the tournament.

- USAW has a new president – Bruce Baumgartner. Bruce wants to work with the Women’s Director and talk about hosting a Women’s tournament in Pennsylvania.
- The Central Regional went will in Michigan in 2016 and it will be in Michigan again for 2017. Ohio is up for 2018 (2 year rotation).
- Volunteer of the Year is Sue Dennis.

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

Tournaments

- Qualifier numbers were higher than last year with one less qualifier.
- Ohio sent 174 athletes to Fargo; State tournament numbers were also up.
- Help is requested at the tournaments to do registration and weigh-ins from the At Large members.
- Congratulations to Brian Church for a great job at the Ohio State Fair. Numbers were good and the Women’s number in particular was huge. There were many international competitors as well.
- St. Ed’s hosted the training camp again last year but they have indicated that this was their last year. Because of this, a bid package has been sent out to all Ohio colleges with wrestling to host the camp. This will cost us more and we are working to help offset this increase by also bidding out the State Duals and requiring the State Dual site to pay USAW-OH a \$2500 stipend.

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

The Minutes of the 2015 USA Wrestling Ohio Annual meeting were approved as written. (**Motion** by Bob Vallarelli; seconded by Leo Saniuk).

**4. Membership Chairperson’s Report – Jim Bostic**

Fees for clubs, coaches cards and tournament sanctions have gone up \$5.

Membership numbers were:

Athletes	4741, down 53 from last year
Clubs	110, down 4
Event sanctions	61, down 2
Officials	50, up 9

**Membership Chairperson’s Report – Amanda Burr**

MVKWA numbers:

Athletes	2565, down 60
Teams	73, up 6
Coaches	147, up 13
Events	53, down 1

## 5. Treasurer's Report - John Cvetic

John distributed copies of the financial statement comparing the financial position, income, and expenses for fiscal years 2015 and 2016. USAW-OH finished close to budget. Some items to note – there was money not spent for clinics and Coaches' Council, also the Women did not participate in a Dual meet. Bus transportation to Fargo was higher than budget due to the RNC being held at that time which was partially offset by the team staying at Wisconsin White Water rather than a hotel. Marketing dollars was spent for ads in the OHSAA state program and in the OAC program.

The 2017 budget was also presented. USAW-OH is projecting a break even on cards and Fargo is anticipated to break even (after the \$10K already allocated to this tournament).

- Discussion was held as to why USAW-OH needs to spend \$10,000 per year for Fargo. Should the costs be raised to the athletes to help offset this cost? USAW-OH shows an overall surplus at the end of the year. John will supply a breakdown of costs to Bob Vallarelli and Jake Bontatibus. Costs include covering approximately 40 officials that do not pay and the logistics to move 200+ people. The State Duals is an opportunity for USAW-OH to make money.
- USAW will be raising freestyle/ Greco and coaches card fees over the next 3 years (\$1, \$1, \$2, respectively). Folkstyle cards will remain the same. USAW-OH is proposing not to raise card fees. If we raise card prices, will we lose athletes?
- Discussion concerning using the surplus to help offset the duals. It would make a huge difference to dual athletes but a nominal difference to Fargo ones. It was suggested that money be allocated to the duals once an itemized breakdown of their expenses has been reviewed.
- **Motion** by Leo Saniuk (seconded by Bob Vallarelli) to raise Freestyle/ Greco card fees by \$5 for 2017. This would mean \$45 per card for online registration and \$50 at door (no change). Motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by acclamation (**Motion** by Bob Vallarelli and **second** by Leo Saniuk).

**Motion** by Bob Vallarelli and **second** by Wendel Donathan to accept the budget as amended with card increase; approved by acclamation.

**Motion** by Jake Bontatibus (second by Rick Davis) to provide \$2500 to Schoolboy Dual team, \$2500 to Cadet Dual team, \$2500 to Junior Dual team and \$2500 to Women's Fargo team once a budget and the financials for that dual team is published and distributed. Motion passed.

Last year USAW-OH passed a motion that each club would receive a \$150 stipend if they provided an official for the season (minimum of three tournaments). Bob Vallarelli indicated that this would be set up for 2017.

- 6. Kids / Schoolboy Director's Report – Wendel Donathan**  
Wendel announced that this would be his last year as the Head Coach for the Schoolboy dual team. He would like to find someone that could work with him this year to learn the ropes.

Schoolboy duals – Ohio did not place this year due to weight classes not filled. The training camp at Elyria was great.

- 7. Cadet Director's Report - Jeff Kullman**  
Jeff thanked his staff and to the Coaches' Council for helping to create energy towards the development of the best system for each wrestling style at all levels.

Fargo Team – 8<sup>th</sup> in Greco (5 All Americans; 6 All Americans with adopted “son”) and 4<sup>th</sup> in Freestyle (2 champs, 6 All Americans). Dual team – Mike Mattin did a great job. Fargo results were impacted by injury and skin issues.

It is critical that if an athlete go to a Regional event that the coaches are made aware of this. This now affects the team seeding. Dual teams are selected by the coaches. Schoolboy use the State tournament placers.

Cadets must go to their area regional to qualify automatically for Fargo.

- 8. Junior Director's Report –Bryan Marcelli**  
Bryan believes that the Coaches' Council will help to move the focus on each style and will improve our results. He thanked St. Ed's for hosting the training camp (again). Duals won the Freestyle championships. Fargo went well with 4 All-Americans in Greco and 7 All-Americans and 7<sup>th</sup> place in Freestyle.

- 9. Open Director's Report –Rae McDonald**  
Rae has put a high level video on the website to help with training.

At the college level (at Mt. Union), they compete the trifecta. There is currently a Freestyle club there and they are hoping to become a regional training center.

- 10. Women's Report – George Shore for Lauren Louive**  
Women is the fastest growing sport in the nation –showing a 160% growth. Two from Ohio are on the World Team. There is an awesome mix of opportunity for women – many full ride scholarships are available. Based on what is being seen currently, Ohio has a good shot to place in the top 3 at Fargo and to have 6-8 members on the World Team.

11. **Folkstyle Director's Report** - Amanda Burr for Charlie Smith  
MVKWA has over 2800 wrestlers this year, 73 clubs and approximately 200 coaches – making MVKWA the largest folkstyle wrestling organization in the nation.
12. **Greco Development Director's Report** – No report
13. **Freestyle Director's Report** – Jim Lehman  
Coaches' Council is working to come up with a structure approach to wrestling based on style. There have been some good ideas from the Coaches' Council group for implementation. They are working to move from good to great.
14. **Mat Officials Director's Report –Bob Vallarelli**  
Bob announced that Jim Speelman was inducted into the Ohio chapter of the Wrestling Hall of Fame this year. He joins Chris Kallai, Robin Rayfield and Mary Terbay as USAW-oh members.

Bob thanked the dual team coaches for their prompt compensation to officials. Six Ohio officials went to Fargo. More officials are needed. If there is a problem with an official at a qualifier/ tournament, contact the head official for that tournament to have it addressed.

If anyone would like a clinic, let Bob know so we can get it set up. Also he is putting together a video for training Mat Officials.

15. **Pairing Co-Director's Report** – Carol Saniuk for Debbi Kallai  
Carol reported that we will use Madison block for the Kids.

Most people that are currently pairing do not have wrestlers anymore. This is another area where we need some younger pairers and people that can be training on how to run a tournament.

16. **International Exchange Director's Report** –Brian Church  
Brian reported that 2016 was a great year for international participation. There was a tour to Moscow and Minsk (details can be found on the International page on the website) where athletes were able to train with the Russian Olympians. There was international competition at the Ohio State Fair and at the Northern Michigan Greco training camp. Plans are already in process for the 2017 International Tour from June 5 – July 19.

Brian was complimented on this being the most activity for an international report ever.

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

Carol reported on some of the stats for the webpage.

- There were 826 views in the last month (527 from Ohio, some from China and Russia). More activity on the web in the timeframe leading up to Fargo.
- Duration of a visit is 1 minute, 45 seconds.
- Bounce rate is 55% (front page only); around Fargo timeframe it was 48%.
- Return viewers was 73%

Some of the most used pages on the website are OPEN, MVKWA, International and State Fair.

Encourage parents / coaches to send in pictures so they can be posted.

Facebook has 1093 members and lots of pictures are posted here.

**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	Mary Terbay	Bob Vallarelli	Tom Knupp	Leo Saniuk	Re-elected by acclimation
Treasurer	John Cvetic	Leo Saniuk	Bob Vallarelli	Tom Knupp	Rick Davis	Re-elected by acclimation
Membership Co-Chair	Jim Bostic Amanda Burr	Keith Carter	Bob Vallarelli	Leo Saniuk	Jason Ashworth	Re-elected by acclimation
<b>At Large</b>						
<b>Northeast</b>						
	Leo K. Saniuk					Re-elected by acclimation
	Jon Handwerk					Elected by acclimation
	Chris Kallai, Jr.					Re-elected by acclimation
<b>Northwest</b>						
	Troy McLaughlin					Re-elected by acclimation

Mike Mattin				Re-elected by acclimation
Robin Rayfield				Elected by acclimation
<b>Southwest</b>				
Jake Bontatibus				Elected by acclimation
Zach Ison				Re-elected by acclimation
Jason Ashworth				Re-elected by acclimation
Mark Gerhard				Re-elected by acclimation
<b>Southeast</b>				
Harmon Sizemore				Re-elected by acclimation
<b>Central</b>				
Maryia Ivenova				Elected by acclimation

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- UWW – Chris Kallai**  
Attendance is increasing.

This tournament is up for bid for 2017 and is looking for a 3 year contract. The Sports commission would like to have this again. Some changes include full size mats only (contact Chris Kallai Jr if your club would like to provide mat/ workers for this event – assuming Ohio wins the bid).

**Motion** by Jeff Kullman (seconded by Rae McDonald) to have USAW-OH support the bid package for the UWW. Passed.

- Lucas Marcelli award winners – Dom Mancini**  
This year's winners:  
Schoolboy: Jacob Beverly of SW Force  
Cadet: Kyle Rider of Stampede  
Junior: Brandon Byers of SW Force

These names will be added to the Year to Year plaque and plaques for each individual winner. **Motion** by Zach Ison (seconded by Carol Saniuk) to award each age group winner \$250 to be used for any USA wrestling event. Passed.

3. **RUDIS update – Keith Carter**

Keith mentioned that a license agreement was signed with Rudis to sell USAW-OH log apparel and we will get 20% of their sales.

- \$1000 was received from the Schoolboy State tournament and that money went to the Schoolboy Duals;
- \$ 500 was received from the Cadet/ Junior State tournament and went to Fargo;
- \$ 500 was received from online sales.

4. **Tournament Director's meeting update – Keith Carter**

Keith mentioned that the Coaches' Council had proposed some changes to allow more opportunities to automatically qualify to our State tournaments in order to get the best quality wrestler at our State tournaments. These recommendations were modified some at the Age Directors meeting. The automatic qualifying criteria are:

- Any USA National event that an athlete competes in automatically qualifies them to the USAW-OH state tournament in the style that they competed. USAW-OH will post a list of the USAW National events that qualify for the state tournament on the website. A qualification form MUST be submitted to Keith Carter at least one week prior to the State tournament for the qualification to be valid.
- The top 2 placers in the OHSAA state tournament or the O. A. C Middle School State tournament will automatically qualify for the state tournament in both styles. A qualification form MUST be submitted to Keith Carter at least one week prior to the State tournament for the qualification to be valid.
- Any USAW-OH wrestler that competes in a USAW-OH qualifier and completes the tournament will automatically qualify for the State tournament in the style in which they competed.

**Motion** by Keith Carter (seconded by Mary Terbay) to accept the qualifying criteria as listed above with the exception of bullet #3 being modified to remain as current (top 6 in each style). Passed. The qualification form must be filled out and sent to Keith, as well as a USAW athlete card purchased (card number on the form) 1 week prior to the State tournament to automatically qualify.

Qualifiers for the Women are not working very well. **Motion** by Keith Carter (seconded by George Shore) to allow an automatic qualification for the Women at the State tournament. Passed.

**Motion** by Keith Carter (seconded by Jason Ashworth) to charge \$5 for Schoolboy athletes per style and have the Ohio Bantam, Intermediate and Novice athletes wrestle for free at the qualifiers. Passed.

**Motion** by Keith Carter (seconded by Carol Saniuk) to change the Greco format for the Bantam, Intermediate and Novice athletes at the qualifiers to have Greco clinics ONLY (from 11:00 to 11:30) except at the last qualifier prior to Kids State.



Passed. The Greco clinic is something that the AT Large members can assist with. Also there was discussion of getting some of the older (Fargo) athletes to assist with the clinics.

The Central Regional will be back to Ohio in the rotation in 2018 and 2019. Currently Wendel is working with the Roberts Center (on I71 near Wilmington) to be the site for this. If negotiations are successful, USAW-OH will not have any financial responsibility for this. **Motion** by Wendel Donathan (seconded by Bob Vallarelli) to allow USAW-OH to bid on the Central Regional. Passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Officials gear package – Bob Vallarelli**

Bob mentioned that he felt that the officials (mat and pairing) that attend National tournaments should receive a complete team gear package. This was NOT part of the officials compensation or incentive package so costs would have to be borne by the tournaments. He also included that officials (mat and pairing) should receive shirts for working the state tournament. This would be approximately 7 – 10 officials for Fargo and 3-4 officials for the Team Duals. It was noted that the Dual Team budget should already be including one mat officials (per style) in their planning. It was agreed that if an official worked any of the Duals and Fargo, only one set of gear would be provided. Wendel noted that he needs size information by April 1<sup>st</sup> if the officials are to receive a gear package.

**Motion** by Bob Vallarelli (seconded by Rick Davis) that for all teams that require an Ohio official to be present, the official assigned should be provided a team gear package, consisting of a jacket, coaches shirt(s), bag. Passed

### **2. Coaches' Council – Jim Lehman/ Jeff Kullman/ Keith Carter**

Jim discussed the proposed structure change for USAW-OH to change the focus to wrestling style from the age group structure that we currently have. The proposal would have a structure with

Freestyle Director	Greco Director
Freestyle Head Coach	Greco Head Coach
Freestyle Staff	Greco Staff

The current Freestyle Development and Greco Development Directors are not addressing the complete training package and it is believed that the above structure would allow this. The Age Directors would be eliminated with this approach. The style director would be responsible for ALL age groups – Kids, Schoolboys, Cadet, Junior, Open and Women. This would include selecting Head Coaches and reviewing budgets for the Schoolboy, Cadet and Junior style dual teams as well as the Fargo style team and coaches. After much discussion to try to understand what the structure would be and how the Director position

would handle all the age groups, it was decided that the Coaches' Council would look at the Job Descriptions and modify them as necessary to describe this vision. This would then be presented at next year's meeting prior to the elections (in case of Director elimination or additions).

Coaches' Council had also recommended a change to the USAW-OH mission statement. This was moved to being a part of the Coaches' Expectations document to provide focus.

Coaches' Council proposed that USAW-OH pay for the Coach's card for those individuals that coach on a national team and wrestle. The individual would be responsible for the Athlete card and for the background check. Jeff Kullman **motioned** (seconded by Bryan Marcelli) that USAW-OH pay for the coach's card as noted above once the background check has been passed. This passed. This was approved with the following stipulation: The Age Director will then submit a list to John Cvetic for reimbursement of the Coach's card for those individuals.

Separation criteria for the State tournament will be reviewed by the Coaches' Council.

- Petition form is due to Keith by March 1, 2017
- Petition process is due to Keith by April 1, 2017

### 3. All Star Classic – John Cvetic

The All Star Classic will be held in Cleveland this year on November 5<sup>th</sup>. In addition Cleveland State will be offering open mats from 11 to 1. The cost is \$250/ team and will give the team access to open mats and 25 tickets to the classic. If interested, contact Scott Richter, 440.823.6421.

### 4. Fargo Training camp – Keith Carter

In 2017, USAW-OH will be responsible for the logistics/ cost of the Fargo training camp. Currently this is about \$14000 more to our Fargo budget. Negotiations are still ongoing to get this cost down and money is being allocated from State Duals (\$2500) and from State tournament (\$3K-5K, if a surplus) to help offset this increase. **Motion** by Leo Saniuk (seconded by Chris Kallai, Jr) to raise the entry fees to the FS/ GR State tournament from \$25 one style/ \$30 both styles to \$30 one style/ \$50 both with the additional funds to go to offset Fargo costs. Motion passed.

It was noted that with USAW-OH taking responsibility for the State Tournament (it will be at Otterbein University), everyone must help – At Large members, Columbus area clubs, etc.

### 5. State Tournaments/ Qualifiers – Keith Carter

The Freestyle/ Greco State Tournament was proposed to be Mother's Day weekend. **Motion** by Chris Kallai, Jr. (seconded by Bryan Marcelli) to move the State tournament to the May 6-7 weekend. Failed.

**Motion** by Jon Handwerk (seconded by Chris Kallai, Jr.) to move the State tournament to the May 27-28 (Memorial Day) weekend. Failed.

**Motion** by Keith Carter (seconded by Bryan Marcelli) to have the USAW-OH State tournament the weekend of May 13-14. Passed

Elyria and Lakota East both had interest in running the Kids State tournament and both had the April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup> dates available. Elyria won the vote for the tournament and it was decided that it would be April 29<sup>th</sup> to give the Schoolboy Director time to get his team together.

See next page for list of State tournaments and qualifiers.

Next general meeting will be Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> if the Super32 is not that weekend. If it is the meeting will be Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. The date will be posted on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

## **SCHEDULING OF 2017 USA WRESTLING - OHIO TOURNAMENTS**

The following tournaments are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for the 2017 season (pending confirmation of dates, completion of paperwork, and receipt of fees).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
April 23, 2017	Ohio State Dual Tournament	Ohio Northern University
April 1, 2017	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Carroll HS
April 2, 2017	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Indian Valley HS
April 8, 2017	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Mt. Union College
April 15, 2017	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Westerville South HS
April 22, 2017	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Delta HS
April 29, 2017	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Elyria HS
May 6, 2017	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	Lakota East HS
May 7, 2017	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament	John Carroll University
April 29, 2017	GR/FS Qualifier Tournament and Ohio Kids State Tournament	Elyria HS
May 13, 2017	Sandy Cageo Ohio Greco State Tournament	Otterbein University
May 13-14, 2017	Sandy Cageo Ohio Freestyle State Tournament	Otterbein University

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD**

**SUNDAY, October 16, 2016.**