

## ISWA Monthly Meeting

April 9, 2017

### Call to Order:

Louis Rosbottom called the meeting to order at 12:00pm and welcomed the newest board member, Lou Silverman. Lou is the head coach at North Central and will be the Cultural Exchange Director. He was on the board for 9 years in the 1990's. He will be working with Danny Struck and Howard Jones to get up to speed.

### Roll Call:

**Board Members:** Louis Rosbottom, Tina Fouts, Renee Schoettle, Chris Lynch, JD Minch, Jennifer Pierson, Michelle Kaster, Patt Van Horn, Bart Welch, Jean Whetstone, Pat Culp, Sharon Rosbottom, Linda Robinson, Danny Struck, Nick Hull, Thomas Pompei, Jason Miller, Lou Silverman

**Staff:** Lauren Rioux, Tina Tonte

### Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented February minutes
- Jean Whetstone made motion to accept the minutes
- Michelle Kaster seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously

### Treasurer: Renee Schoettle

- Provided approximate income amount from Folkstyle State, including amount received from our Vendor, 3x
  - Provided the amount of expenses thus far for Folkstyle State
  - Gate receipts were down over last year – in part due to requirement for coaches to have coaches membership, which provided free entry
  - Determined the need to count coaches bands next year to account for totals
- Spoke with the accountant completing our review and it should be completed next week
- Discussed the contract with 3x and what we are receiving from them
  - Board Shirts and singlets for Freestyle state in addition to compensation
- Jason Miller made a motion to accept
- Linda Robinson seconded the motion
- Sharon Robinson asked for the account balance in savings, which was presented as well as checking account balance
  - Noted that several bills are coming due soon
  - Motion passed unanimously

## Old Business

### Website

- Demonstration of the new website was presented
  - Louis Rosbottom asked board members to peruse and provide feedback by Wednesday of next week
- Discussions held around whether to include the opportunity to pay for trips on the website or through Paypal
  - Determined it is a bit premature at this point to make a decision. There are costs associated with paying on website as well as through PayPal.
  - Further discussions to come

## New Business

### 3x Items for upcoming Freestyle/Greco State

- Brandi Cash sent a picture of the shirts that will be available for purchase at Freestyle/Greco State
- Chris Lynch discussed singlets being provided for Freestyle State
  - Singlets will be presented for Junior age group and below

- 3x is sending us 9 different sizes of girls' singlets for sizing and that can be handed out to winners
- Will complete order form to obtain their address, correct size, etc and keep the forms at the office. 3x will send singlets to the office and we will disseminate from there.
- Patt VanHorn asked if there had been any additional advertisement regarding the free singlets for the winners in Freestyle, thinking this could help our numbers
  - This has been communicated on FaceBook and other social media
  - Chris Lynch will contact Trackwrestling to see how much it would cost to create a flyer to attach to each tournament regarding the free singlets to the winners of Freestyle State
  - Was also mentioned that we could do a mass email
  - Contact Trackwrestling to get advertisement on tournaments in Indiana this month (regarding the singlets)

#### **Folkstyle Nationals**

- Shirts were not taken to the tournament
- Pat Culp will look up the Indiana Wrestlers who participated and provide to Chris Lynch
- Chris Lynch will work with 3x to get the shirts and we will determine how to get these to the athletes
- Louis Rosbottom will put together a letter of apology and we will try to get these delivered within 2 weeks of receipt

#### **Directors Reports**

- **Vice Chair**– Chris Lynch
  - **Membership Staff** – Lauren Rioux
    - Athletes – 8137 (8016 last year), Coaches – 1231, (891 last year); Clubs – 190 (182 total last year)
    - Officials 98 (84 last year)
    - 110 Sanctions (90 last year)
    - Louis Rosbottom commented that membership is down nationally
  - **Director of Services - Staff** – Tina Tonte
    - Ordered flyers for Freestyle/Greco state from Crystal Graphics
    - Wristbands are in, trash boxes and large trash bags have been ordered
    - 2 qualifier requirement and information regarding the shirts and singlets have been posted on FaceBook and in the newsletter
    - New website – working on the introduction and getting familiar with it
      - Emailed link to all board members
      - Any changes, please notify her ASAP
    - Discussed speaking with Jay Dowden to order clips for the lanyards for coaches
    - Mark Durham contacted the office to determine what was loaded on the Apple computers
    - Some of the plates came off the plaques – Jay Dowden is working with Tina Tonte to get these repaired
    - Has been receiving inquiries regarding coaches' clinics
      - Confirmation that you cannot obtain copper and bronze certifications on the same day per USA Wrestling
    - Asked if we wanted to use Signup Genius again
      - Patt VanHorn confirmed yes and that Randy Amos will be coordinating volunteers/table help again
      - Will be using the same set-up as Folkstyle State
    - Followed up with Tom Dolly regarding the Women's tab on the website and it is visible on the new website
    - Waiting for information regarding the women's camp from Tom Dolly
    - Renee confirmed that a review has been completed on who took copper/bronze at Folkstyle and one coach has a refund coming
  - **Sports Medicine Director** – Nicole Moss
    - Not Present. No Report.
  - **Tournament Staff Coordinator** – Vacant
  - **Law & Legislation Director** – Steve Pugliese
    - Not Present. No Report.
  - **Equipment Director** – Brandi Cash
    - Not Present
    - Chris Lynch reported that she is working with 3X Gear on national team gear
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director** – Ryan Parrish

- Not present.
- Jason Miller reported that Heartland Duals are this weekend and both teams are ready
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
  - Not present
  - Reported via email
  - Freestyle update – Chesterton Freestyle Duals – 4/22 at Chesterton High School
    - Age divisions – Grades 7 – 12, 8 teams
    - Contact Keith Davison for further information (keith.davison@ampf.com)
  - Hobart Wrestling Club is now on list of 2017 Regional Training site for north section of the state on Wednesday's at 6pm at Hobart High School
    - Contact Zach Johansen @ 219-689-1613
    - Asked to have the website updated
  - Has turned in his selections to Sharon Rosbottom for scholarships
  - Advised he will be working Freestyle/Greco state and provided times he can work gate
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
  - Not present. Report via email
  - People she has spoken with were happy with Folkstyle State, only a few negative comments about coaches being required to have coaches credentials
    - Believes it will go much smoother after this first year
  - Most clubs in this section are not practicing very much due to baseball but she is working on promoting freestyle
  - Bellmont had High and Middle School teams that had planned on participating in the Penn Duals at Notre Dame and were disappointed that the event was cancelled
    - A lot of time and effort was put into making arrangements – hotels, etc
- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
  - Good feedback on Folkstyle State
    - One criticism was broken awards
  - Communicating with clubs regarding the 2 tournament participation requirement for qualification
  - Had numerous calls regarding New Palestine tournament – wrestlers' weights being questioned and them not discussing with a parent or a coach, just taking the kids and weighing them.
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
  - Not Present. No report
- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
  - Reaching out to clubs – nothing negative other than awards
  - People did not seem happy with the new awards
- **Vice Chair – Chris Lynch – for JD Minch**
  - **Tournament Director – Patt Van Horn**
    - Tournament meeting held prior to board meeting
      - Discussing what did and did not work at Folkstyle State
      - Moving into Freestyle/Greco State
      - Needs all hands on deck for these tournaments
      - Needs a lot of help with traffic flow at weigh ins
    - Folkstyle went well for the most part
    - Things are looking good for Freestyle/Greco State
    - We need to come up with a way to look at local tournaments when they are not following guidelines
      - Pairings, officials, etc; not staying in age groups, etc
      - Need to, as a board, look at this because it is becoming more prominent
    - Tournament information for running a tournament is available on the website as well as given to clubs in a packet and the annual tournament meeting
  - **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
    - Not Present – report via email
    - Asked for clarification on the number of mats for state
    - Most events have been covered by our officials this year
    - Asking for early notice for requesting officials is much appreciated
    - Has begun recruiting for state and national events
  - **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Bart Welch**
    - 50 officials worked
      - Some worked one day

- Some came in on Saturday after working another tournament
- Some complaints – common issues – but overall a good mix of officials as far as experience
  - Able to work most of them out with coaches and parents
- Officials that went to Folkstyle Nationals did a good job
- Have a couple of officials going to Heartland Duals
- Will start recruiting officials for next year
- Is going to start using Google Forms to start tracking who is available
- **Pairing Officials Director** – Jean Whetstone
  - Continuing to help local tournaments
  - Helping Pat Culp with state
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director** – Pat Culp
  - State Tournaments are in and activated
  - Need to put in information for all of the Freestyle duals so that the athletes can choose for participation
  - Culver cancelled their tournament scheduled today
  - Yorktown had around 60 sign up yesterday
  - Working on setting up the Freestyle database
    - Need administrator passwords for all tournaments
    - For non-track tournaments – they need to send her a spreadsheet providing participants
  - Louis Rosbottom recommended sending a couple of pairers to Folkstyle Nationals next year
- **Scholarship Director** – Sharon Rosbottom
  - 17 applications received
  - Selection committee meeting right after the board meeting
- **Hospitality Director** – Linda Robinson
  - Folkstyle state went well
  - Kandace Miller will not be able to help with lunch at Freestyle state so will need help
- **State Coaches Director** – Danny Struck
  - Receiving coaches applications
  - If anyone receives inquiries about coaching have them go to the website and complete the coaches' form
  - There is a hierarchy that coaches are supposed to adhere to whenever possible, regarding the types of tournaments that they coach before moving up to the next level
  - Thanked Lou Silverman for coming onboard to take care of Cultural Exchange
  - Bart Welch asked about Coaches Certification Clinics and how to accomplish these certifications
    - Copper and Bronze are available online with videos of about 4 hours each
    - Copper allows you to coach at local, state and regional level for kids and for national level for kids (schoolboy down)
    - Regionals for Cadet and up requires a Bronze certification
    - Silver or gold certification has to be a hosted clinic (pen, paper, etc), do trips, hands-on experience
- **Regional Training Center Director** – Nick Hull
  - Discussed multiple tournaments they are scheduling or thinking of scheduling at Sparta
  - He recently took over Sparta and can put down a total of 8 mats
  - Would like to make his facility the hub of wrestling for the state – feels it could save us from having to secure sites and host schools
  - Asked if the board would have any interest in hosting a freestyle state duals tournament
    - Some discussions ensued
    - Louis Rosbottom thinks this is a great idea. Some research would need to be done to determine how to structure this – weights, ages, etc.
  - Nick Hull has found a place that can put up an elevated stage and thinks it would be great for finals and to build some excitement around the finals.
  - The stage would be \$2000 and checking with Avon to see if this is something we could do at their facility
  - Nick Hull made a motion to put up the elevated stage at Avon, if we are able to work it out
  - Bart Welch seconded the motion
  - Discussions – would like to try to find sponsors to pay the fee. Louis Rosbottom indicated we should plan on paying the fee ourselves for at least this year. We will need extra table skirts.
  - Motion passed with 2 abstaining
- **Cultural Exchange Director** – Lou Silverman

- Working on bringing himself up to speed
- Has reached out to Danny Struck and Howard Jones
- Contact has been made with New Zealand but no response at this time
- Probably not going to be able to go this summer due to late response
- Japanese have confirmed they are coming later in the summer
- **Team Leader Director** – Thomas Pompei
  - Team Leaders are set for Schoolboy Duals, Cadet and Junior Duals and Fargo
  - Duals camp is set for Sparta, locked into the facility overnight
  - Looking at laundry situation
  - Set for June 9 – 11
  - Jason Deluis wants to be team leader for the women's team
  - Fargo camp – Indiana Tech
    - Women will be there as well with separate living facilities
    - June 29 – July 1 – finished early Saturday morning
    - 6 practices/6 meals
    - Will get with Tina Tonte with information for the packets
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- **Transportation Director** – Sarah Frisz
  - Not present. No Report
- **Kid's Director** – Jason Miller
  - No Report – will have more after the weekend
- **Cadet Director** – Brady Eppert
  - Not Present – No Report
- **Junior Director** – Jim Tonte
  - Not present – No report
  - Tina Tonte reported Jim followed up with Danny Struck regarding camp and with Patt Van Horn with changes regarding Folkstyle State
- **Greco Director** – Gary Myers.
  - Not present. No Report
- **Women's Director** – Tom Dolly
  - Not Present – No Report

Louis Rosbottom reminded everyone of the June 25 meeting which will be a re-cap of our state tournaments and any new ideas. There will not be a July meeting and the exact date and time of the Budget meeting in August will be communicated when confirmed.

JD Minch gave a donation from the Coaches' Association to the ISWA for the use of their equipment.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

- Chris Lynch made motion to adjourn
- Bart Welch seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 2:09 pm**

**Next meeting Sunday, June 25 at 10:00 am**

Renee Schoettle let everyone know that the ISWA made a donation to the Hayden J Clark Trust Fund.

*Tina Fouts*  
ISWA Secretary