

ISWA Annual Meeting

September 10, 2023

Call to Order:

Pat Culp called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Provided opening comments. She asked that for any conflicts with events for clubs to please work it out with fellow section members. Pat also stated that this is a good time to get workers for your events. It is great to for clubs to work together on events. Working together makes strong events in each section and makes us stronger as a state. Referred to agenda. Reminded of 2020 and all we have been through with COVID and the aftermath.

Tina Fouts confirmed we have a quorum with 27% of governing body in attendance and that we can conduct official business

Pat Culp provided the following

Fun Facts: Information to show how we have grown as an organization and as far as wrestling across the nation.

- 5,000 clubs across the nation.
- 35 states had all-time records.
- 297,000 USA members.
- 500 more wrestlers at Fargo.

ISWA

- Athletes were up 13% (10,890 wrestlers).
- Female wrestlers were up 40% (998 female wrestlers)
- Kudos on growing number of clubs (210 for 2022-2023) (up 3% with 18% being new clubs)
- Folkstyle State participation was up. We had almost 2800 athletes (2,410 boys, 302 girls).
- Freestyle State numbers were also up. 1035 boys
- Freestyle numbers were up 89% for girls.
- 570 boys Greco. Will be adding girls Greco next year.

Roll Call:

Board Members: Pat Culp, Jeff Strueder, Tina Fouts, Jim Tonte, Jennifer Pierson, Mary Friedt, Mark Galka, Dalton Halbig, Payton Halbig, Nick Hull, Michell Kaster, Jim Littlejohn, Jason Miller, Mark Mundy, Jonah Odum, Jennifer Ratliff, Linda Robinson, Lou Silverman, Mark Stevenson, Danny Struck, Roby Webster, Jean Whetstone

Lifetime Members: Helen Mankey, JD Minch

Office Staff: Tina Tonte, JD Minch

Consultants: Nicole Moss

Wrestling Clubs:

Section 1: Boilermaker RTC, Bulldog Premier, Chesterton Wrestling Club, Elite Athletic Club, Hammer Down Academy, Highland Wrestling Club, Hobart Wrestling Club, Hybrid Wrestling Club, Portage Wrestling Club, Rick Larsen Wrestling Club, Rochester Wrestling Club, Valparaiso Wrestling Club, and Wheeler Wrestling Club

Section 2: Apache Wrestling Club, Columbia City Wrestling Club, Decatur Wrestling Club, Garrett Wrestling Club, Jet Wrestling Club, Jimtown Wrestling, Leo Wrestling Club, Little Indian Wrestling Club, New Haven Wrestling Club, Northwood Wrestling Club, Penn Wrestling Club, South Bend Wrestling Club, Snider Wrestling Club, Warrior Regional Training Center, Wawasee Wrestling Club, Western Wrestling Club, and Whitko Club Wrestling

Section 3: Avon Wrestling Club, Beech Grove Wrestling Club, Carmel USA Wrestling Club, Cascade Youth Wrestling Club, Contenders Wrestling Academy, Fishers Wrestling Club, Franklin Central Wrestling Club, HSE Wrestling Club, IHSWCA, International Gryphons WC, Indy West Wrestling Club, Legends of Gold, Monrovia Youth Wrestling Club, Mooresville Wrestling Club, Normonco Wrestling Club, Panther Wrestling Club, Perry Meridian Wrestling Club, Roncalli Wrestling Foundation, Southmont Wrestling Club, Southport Wrestling Club, WEBO Wrestling Club, and Zionsville Wrestling Club

Section 4: Alexandria Wrestling Academy, Center Grove Wrestling Club, Columbus East Wrestling Club, Columbus North Wrestling Club, Delta Wrestling Club, Dragon Wrestling Club, Franklin Wrestling Club, Greenwood Wrestling Club, Indian Creek Wrestling Club, Jay County Wrestling Club, Jennings County Wrestling Club, Shenandoah Wrestling Club, Whiteland Wrestling Club, and Yorktown Wrestling Club

Section 5: Bloomington South Wrestling Club, Floyd Wrestling Club, Mater Dei Wrestling Club, Maurer Coughlin Wrestling Club, Princeton Wrestling Club, Southridge Wrestling Crew, Tell City Wrestling Club, and Team Jeff Wrestling Club

Law & Legislation – Safe Sport Update

- Steve Pugliese not able to be here.
- Pat Culp reported he has been working on Safesport.
- Central Regionals had a safe sport soft audit.
- Next year will filter down to state event and club vents.
- A Safesport representative may show up.
- Everyone will have to make sure we are dotting I's and crossing T's.
- She is working on getting a checklist put together to make sure all is taken care of.
- We had a minor event at Central Regionals. It was resolved.
- A Girl complained that a boy was touching her.

Secretary – minutes

- Tina Fouts directed all board members in attendance to the August minutes that were provided with the packets and sent to board members in advance to review.
- Roby Webster made a motion to accept the minutes
- Jennifer Ratliff seconded the motion
- No questions or additional discussions
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report:

- Jeff Strueder directed all in attendance to the treasurer's report and annual budget
- The financials in the packet are the proposed budget for this year.
- Stepped through the items on the proposed budget.
- Actual financials were shown on overhead and are located on the website.
- Stated this was a good year for ISWA. We have turned things around after the financial position we were in following COVID.
- We raised admission to help with that and watched our budget closely.

- Stated that USA Wrestling raised prices on memberships again, but we did not raise membership prices.
- We brought more in on tournaments than expected.
- Women' teams are fastest growing area.
- We are building teams out to match this growth.
- We did not send anyone overseas due to travel issues.
- Brought Hungarian team in.
- We hosted Central Regionals. Our experience has shown that in the 1st year of hosting an event, we usually make mistakes. We do better each year.
- We will have Central Regionals for one more year and then it will go in rotation to the other 4 states in the region.
- Expenses – nothing stands out.
- Bottom line was \$142,000 profit on the year.
- Helped with cutting costs and put money back into the bank.
- \$23,000 profit budgeted for next year.
- Jean Whetstone made a motion to accept the proposed budget
- Jennifer Ratliff seconded the motion
- No oppositions, motion carries.

Nomination Committee Report

- Dalton Halbig, committee chair, explained the nomination process
- Provided Nomination process – nomination committee consists of the 5 section directors, a board member and an at large club member.
- Presented the slate of nominations as follows:
- State Chair: Pat Culp
- Vice Chair Programs: Jim Tonte
- Vice Chair Administration: Jennifer Pierson
- Treasurer: Steve Mathis
- Secretary: Tina Fouts
- Went through the positions one by one, asking for nominations from the floor.
- No nominations came from the floor
- Nominations were closed
- Voted for each position as listed above and they all passed unanimously

Audit Report

- Nick Hull reported that an audit was conducted on expenses and income from this past fiscal year.
- No problems or discrepancies discovered.

New Business:

Central Regionals

- Indiana is hosting Central Regionals again this year.
- Pat Culp wanted to clarify that Indiana will actually be running the tournament this year, not just hosting. This past year, there was a national pairer assigned and Indiana did not actually run the tournament.

14U Duals

- We have hosted this event since its inception, until 2022-2023 season

- USA Wrestling put it out for bid and requested a sizeable fee to allow us to host the event.
- We will bid on the event next year.
- USA Wrestling is now requiring all national events be held in large venues instead of schools
- We are looking for grant money to assist

Folkstyle Nationals

- Folkstyle Nationals are normally held around spring break time and has been held in Iowa
- Will be held in January 2024 and we will host the event the weekend of January 27-28 in Fort Wayne
 - 14U/12U will wrestle on Saturday
 - Sunday will be little kids.
 - Middle School State Duals will also be held in Fort Wayne in conjunction with Folkstyle Nationals

Rankings

- There was a video shown last year on updates to the membership system that was presented by Dave Mathews with USA Wrestling.
- We provided data to him and he put the information into the ranking system.
- We ran all 5 of our state events using ELO numbers from the ranking system.
- We have no complaints about the brackets and experienced over 86% accuracy.
- We will continue to use ELO system moving forward

ISWA Updates – Pat Culp

- Approved using ELO system at all national events.
- Athletes will no longer need to enter criteria as they register for our state events.
- We can just use style specific results or all combined.
- ISWA will have a new website – will be discussed in workshop
- Teal Certification – we recommend taking the course. The course is free until 9/30/23. Looking at teal certification contest for the numbers by club.
- Want to encourage clubs to help with officials. Working on preparing training. Would love to have more women coaches and officiating.

USA Wrestling Updates – Pat Culp

- Approved using ELO system at all national events.
- A list of items that USA approved at the leadership summit was presented to those in attendance and will be listed on the ISWA website
- Several age groups had weight classes added (included in the 2024 USA age division/weight class listing

USA Wrestling approved changes were presented as a motion to accept.

Jean Whetstone seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

Triple crown awards have never included 8U in the past. Proposed to USA Wrestling and they accepted. Will now be recognized.

How to make National Teams

- Danny Struck and Jimmy Tonte discussed how to be chosen as a national teams coach and team member. Stated there were no notable changes.
- Handout was provided to those in attendance. They listed clearly in the handouts, how to make the trips.
- Handout included reference to petitions for team trips and the national team(s) selection committee information.
- For coaches, make sure applications are in by the deadlines communicated. Applications are located on the website.
- A little more consideration will be given to a coach for the trip, based on the number of qualifiers that coach has going on the trip.
- Will no longer be based on state placement by team.

Virtual meetings

- Nick Hull advised the attendees that if they are interested, we are looking into a way to host the annual meeting with satellite locations, virtually. Attendees indicated they would be interested in this as an option
- We will continue to explore and hopefully will have a way to do this within the next year or two.

Awards Presentation

- An Awards Banquet was held at the Franklin Community High School auditorium in August.

Rules/Regulations

- Jennifer Ratliff went through the handout booklet containing the 2023-2024 rules and regulations made for tournament directors.
- This information is also available on the ISWA website under the tournament section.
- If clubs have questions, please reach out and we will help you.
- Jennifer Ratliff went through the rules and regulations for sanctioning and running an event.
- Went through the 2023-2024 Club Organizing and Tournament guide (of which a copy was provided to all clubs in attendance).

Annual Reports

- Annual reports are in the book – all directors are required to write a report for the 2022-2023 year and they are included.

Meeting broke up without motion to adjourn. Meeting ended at 9:58am. Tournament bid meeting was held and administered by Jennifer Pierson, then attendees divided out to attend training sessions.

Submitted by
Tina Fouts
ISWA Secretary