

ISWA Monthly Meeting

June 27, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 12:10 pm by Pat Culp. Meeting was held in person at the ISWA office and via zoom

Attendance:

In Person: Pat Culp, Tina Fouts, Jeff Strueder, Jason Miller, Danny Struck, Jason DeLois

Zoom: Ben Nicely, Josh Curry, Mary Friedt, Mark Mundy, Thomas Pompei, Jennifer Ratliff, Linda Robinson, Lou Silverman, Roby Webster, Bart Welch, Jeanne Whetstone

Staff: JD Minch (in person)

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented April minutes, which were sent in advance to review and provide updates
- Motion to accept minutes presented by Ben Nicely
- Bart Welch seconded the motion.
- No discussions
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- Reports Shared in advance through USA Membership board webpage
- Presented reports that were provided in advance.
- Financial position not much has changed, numbers are as of June 21
- Total cash position provided. Budget vs actual
- Biggest events – still waiting for receipts and bills to be paid.
- Income – came in as about 50% of budgeted membership and about the same for sanctions and charters
- Still have some lingering items that will continue to come in. Biggest deficit – not nearly as many people as we had hoped.
- Discussed income from recent tournaments – Cadets/Schoolboys (will be combined as we go forward)
- Junior duals – credit card fees are the difference between budget and actual
- Kids' nationals' trip – still have payments coming through the system
- Appears we have a pretty strong Fargo contingent this year
- Folkstyle state pretty much break-even – or a little loss
- Went through financials for the trips, which are reflected on the financial reports.
- Discussed payment process for 14U and 16U.
- Jason DeLois is asking about renting, building a facility for our own use to decrease the cost of facilities.
- Discussed facilities used and how we can work on this issue going forward.
- Josh Curry is on a Greco nation team group and others talked about Grand Park being awesome.....talked about it hosting both 14U and 16U together at Grand Park.
- Jason Miller made a motion to accept Treasurer's report
- Josh Curry seconded the motion
- No additional discussion
- Motion passed unanimously

Old Business

Open Board Positions

- Pat Culp reported that the open positions are Olympic Styles Director and Gear Director
- Applications were due 6/15 and will be choosing 2 from each group (Admin and Programs) to conduct interviews.

New Business

Recap of State and National Tournaments

Bid process and application process

- Discussed current online process

Grand Park

- Pat Culp brought up to Pete Isais the thought of Indiana hosting 14U, 16U, and Junior Duals all at Grand Park. He recommended she bring it up at the leadership conference

Elementary Duals

- COVID restrictions but we were able to pull off

Middle School State Duals

- Was held at The Gathering Place
- Pat Culp reported that they loved having us.
- They are now under new management
- They are just not big enough for our larger tournaments.

Folkstyle State

- Pat Culp reported all in all it went very well.
- Jason Miller heard a lot about the format. Sessions were very popular and people said they would like to continue following that format.
- Jason DeLois reported that he heard complaints from parents who had 2 kids in 2 different facilities. They didn't like that they couldn't take the one child to the facility for the other one.

General topics

- Pat Culp reported that phones can be used in weigh-ins again. USA Wrestling allows phones again, due to the fact that they are weighing in in singlets.
- Ben brought up moving elementary duals and moving to the Saturday before middle school duals. Pat asked to bring it up when we are setting the calendar. This would be regional weekend.
- Jen Ratliff stated we need to look at women and deciding how to do weights. She said we have to decide how we are bracketing weights moving forward.
- Pat Culp said it will be weight class only, no more Madison Block.
- Jennifer Ratliff said that another issue is that the women need to either have their own tournament or will they be a division of the normal state tournaments?
- She said that if it is a division in the regular tournament, there is no way to separate them out for team award.
- Pat Culp stated we need to decide as a board, do we do an individual women's team/academy award. If we do, they will need to have their own tournament.
- Jason DeLois asked about the difficulty of setting up a separate tournament. Jen Ratliff said it is a little extra work, but we just need to know in advance.

- Jason DeLois said he felt a separate tournament might be the best, since we are streaming all mats now. He feels we want to host separate tournament.
- Roby Webster moved to vote to have a separate tournament for girls for Folkstyle and Freestyle.
- Ben Nicely seconded the motion.
- Jeff Strueder asked about the ability for them to wrestle in both.
- Jason DeLois had a small handful of girls that want to wrestle both.
- Ben Nicely feels we need to have the choice either/or for Folkstyle.
- For Freestyle we run the tournament on different days. We run the women's Freestyle and Greco on the same day.
- They wouldn't be able to wrestle Freestyle and Greco.
- Bart Welch suggested for the safety of the wrestlers for Folkstyle, women must choose to participate in either the men's tournament or the women's tournament if they are on the same day.
- For Freestyle, women can choose to participate in the men's tournament as long as they are held on separate days.
- Discussed the option of boys choosing to wrestle in the girl's tournament.
- New friendly amendment made by Bart Welch: For all ISWA State Tournaments, for the safety of the athlete, each individual athlete must choose only one tournament on a given day, that they are eligible to participate in.
- Roby Webster accepted the friendly amendment.
- Ben Nicely also accepted.
- Motion passed unanimously

High school qualifier

- Pat Culp feels we could move to a school if they continue to have it and negotiate with USA Wrestling for better terms.

Freestyle/Greco state

- Pat Culp had people approach her wanting to know if we would be interested in hosting a Freestyle/Greco state Duals.
- Discussions around whether we want to host something like this.
- Pat Culp talked with Ryan Schilling from Trackwrestling and he can build a ranking system for Indiana to help with seeding.
- She would like to roll this out at the Annual Meeting.
- We need to identify events, and determine points that will be used.
- Need to put a committee together to determine what would be used and we can ship the information off to Ryan Schilling.
- She will put a committee together from both sides of the board and let them know before the end of the meeting.
- Jen Ratliff mentioned a concern with the minimum number of athletes on a team for team competition – it dropped the number of teams for Freestyle/Greco.
- Jen Ratliff made a motion to lower the team number (minimum athletes) for Freestyle and Greco to 6 athletes to make them eligible for the team competition.
- Jason Miller seconded the motion.
- Motion passes unanimously.

Central Regionals

- Pat Culp reported we received a lot of positive comments on the location.
- Ours was the largest Central Regionals that has been held.
- We have it for 2 more years.

- Ft Wayne Coliseum is reserved for 2 more years, but can change locations if we need to.
- Jeff Strueder feels we need to clear up the entry process (coaches' bands, etc.).
- Jason DeLois said we need to specify women's division in the flyer in the future.
- Pat Culp would like to increase the number of mats to 16.

14U/16U duals

- Pat Culp reported we will need to get a list of athletes from the office for building our database.

Gear

- Pat Culp talked about the fact that we have had so much extra gear in the past, and have sold some at a highly reduced price at the annual meeting.
- We are now creating a spreadsheet of gear and sending to Rudis.
- Billing is separated by team which helps Jeff Strueder.
- When the gear comes back from a trip, we are passing it along to the next trip
- We will be inventorying it and ordering additional if we need more.
- We are trying to use up anything that comes back.
- Jason Miller asked if the gear being returned will it be credited to that team's trip to reduce the cost.
- 14U/16U gear came back and JD did inventory it.
- Important that if you need additional gear, let Pat Culp know for now, if you need additional gear so that we can keep track of this.
- There are 400 singlets in the garage from 2018-2019.

Calendar for 2022-2023 (21-22 should already be out there).

- Last year we did it a little early. Do we want to do it in the August meeting?
- Will do this in the August meeting.

National Teams

- Pat Culp reported that she has several new clubs asking how they make the teams to go on trips.
- Danny Struck is coming up with a really nice flyer.
- We will put something out to our clubs and on the website.
- She would like to roll this out at the annual meeting.
- Jason DeLois asked if we could remove the requirement for Freestyle state for women to go to Fargo.
- After discussions, we will leave it the same as the boys.
- Pat Culp said we can work on the wording. She would like the flyer reviewed prior to the annual meeting and will review at the next meeting.
- Reported that we want to do a review with the team leaders from the trips to get their input from this year's events.
- Thomas Pompei has solicited information from the leaders and will combine the information into one document.
- Per Jason Miller, Jonah Odom is also working on preparing a report on the Kids' Nationals.
- We will be reimplementing some things we started before COVID hit.

Heartland Duals

- Pat Culp asked Jason Miller to work on how the athletes will qualify for Heartland Duals to review at next meeting to roll out for annual meeting.

Annual Budget Meeting

- Jeff Strueder asked for Saturday, August 7th for budget meeting.
- Budget meeting in the morning and monthly meeting in the afternoon.
- Will be held at the office.
- Pat Culp stated we will make Zoom an option but personal attendance is requested.

Annual Meeting

- Will be held September 12th. Will check with Lawrence North to see if we can go back there.

Committee Reporting

Nominating Committee

- Jennifer Pierson - Lead
- Mark Galka
- Mark Stevenson
- Mary Friedt
- Michelle Kaster
- Lou Silverman - board member
- Julie Shepherd - member at large

Coaches' Council

- Danny Struck reported that they have met
- Next will be reviewing trips.
- Should probably do one in July.
- Will get with Jimmy Tonte to pick a July date to recap every trip and will hold off until August to talk about Fargo.

Tournament Committee

- Reviewed state tournaments earlier in the meeting.
- Roby Webster thanked everyone for their assistance.

Disciplinary Committee

- Ben Nicely reported they have been busy
- Sent 4 letters for tournaments held 4/18
 - 3 complaints for Southport – disciplined with \$125 per violation or can opt to take a 1-year hiatus from sanctioning a tournament.
 - Letter sent to Mark Durham to notify him of an issue.
 - Letter sent to Kevin English regarding an issue that has been resolved.
- Letter sent about Freestyle State Duals May 8th and the situation was resolved outside of ISWA.
- Jeff Strueder said that one party was upset that we didn't take action.

Scholarship Committee

- Of the 3 left to pay out, she has received verification for 2 of them
- Hasn't received David Pierson information yet.

Women's council

- Nothing to report.

Gear Committee

- No report.

Annual Meeting Agenda

- No report.

Middle School Committee

- No report

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present
 - Pat Culp has worked with him on a couple of issues.
 - He approved us using the cell phones in weigh in.
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
 - Not present – no report
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
 - Not Present. No Report
 - Pat Culp reported that he helped with problems with our email issues
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
 - Not Present. No Report
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
 - 5,763 athletes, down 36% with 43% new athletes
 - 1,147 wrestling leaders, 17% down with 48% new wrestling leaders
 - 184 clubs, down 4% with 15% new clubs
 - 59 sanctioned events, down 48% from last year
 - Coaches: 1 Gold, 6 Silver, 496 Bronze, 702 Copper
- **Director of Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
 - Not Present. No Report.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Ben Nicely

- Has been dealing with committees
- Was clinician at 14U.
- Had 8 ISWA members at 14U
 - 2 were assigned and 2 had to be there – their school. He was disappointed in the numbers helping.
- Heard positive comments about how we handled the tournaments.
- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**
 - Nothing new to report.
 - There were 4 of us at 16U the whole time with a few who were in an out.
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
 - Reported it was rough having 2 tournaments the same weekend, but we made it through.
 - Will have receipts to Jeff once she returns from out of town
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**
 - Has mostly been recovering from tournament season.
 - Looking at ways to motivate clubs to send individuals to pairing training.
 - We do not have enough to go around.
 - Looking for incentives or something to help.

- Working on revising tests.
- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
 - Can assist Jen with tests, she is on committee at national level to revise tests.
 - Working on getting ready for Fargo.
- **Equipment Director – Vacant**
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - Everything went pretty well at 16U and 14U
 - Had a good number of Officials from Indiana representing. Also had 2 at Junior Duals.
 - With COVID, we haven't done as much as in the past.
 - Have 10 officials registered for Fargo.
 - Central Regionals: Illinois wrestlers probably won't be at central regionals next year.
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Bart Welch**
 - Not much going on for Folkstyle right now.
 - Is now on college officials' board.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - No present. No report.
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - As info comes from the Office, will contact this year's Clubs and reach out to anyone who did not join this year and invite them back, including the Annual Meeting tournament bid process etc.
- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
 - Not Present. No Report
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - Not Present. No Report.
- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
 - Not Present. No Report.
- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - All trips are planned.
 - Coaches' Council met to finalize that.
 - Put a few more coaches than normal due to higher numbers.
 - Approximately 130 at Fargo camp (planned for).
 - Worked with team leaders to get that set up.
 - Junior duals were harder to do.
 - **Cadet Director –Jake O'Neill**
 - Not present. Report via email

- Communicating, organizing and facilitating Fargo Trip
- **Junior Director –Brady Eppert**
 - Not Present. No Report
 - JD Minch said to indicate Ditto to Jake O’Neill’s report
- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Vacant**
- **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**
 - Kid’s Nationals just ended.
 - Received lots of feedback from Jonah Odom that he received praise from a bunch of parents – hoping it goes on next year.
 - Will write letters to parents.
- **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**
 - Indiana National Team Regional Training Centers went well this year. As I continue to make practice plans year to year, the plans and the implementation of the plans by our locations will improve as well.
 - The scan in process (a QR code) went well except for our old school coaches out there.
 - From the Sign in Sheet, we had over 1000 Coaches and Wrestlers sign in. I want to tighten that up more next year. I would like to use some of my budget to get a couple of the clubs that used the sign in sheet regularly a reward.
 - I will talk to Jimmy Tonte and figure out what that looks like and bring it to the next meeting.
 - All in all, it was a good year. Always room for improvement.
- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Team leaders did a great job.
 - Following up with what went well and will compile and send to the office.
- **Women’s Director – Jason DeLois**
 - 2021 ISWA Freestyle State I would like to take Fargo qualifier for Freestyle state off flier.
 - There is no qualifier for the girls. Why would we limit those who want to participate?
 - Despite the complaints about the way things were bracketed we experienced the highest number yet with 79 which increased by 22 from the previous Freestyle State in 2019 which had 57.
 - 2021 Women’s Freestyle Nationals - 19 Indiana women participated in the 2021 World Team Trials in Irving, Texas.
 - There were 7 divisions and Team Indiana placed Top 10 in 4 of them from 14U to U23 with the highlight placing 2nd to California in the U15 division in which we had two 1st placers a 2nd, a 4th and an 8th.
 - All in all, of the 19 who went 9 of them walked away with All American status and 5 of those 9 were double All Americans in two divisions.
 - And just when you thought it couldn’t get any better. Those five who doubled up, 3 of them claimed a World Team spot for Team USA at upcoming high level International Tournaments by finishing 1st in their divisions.
 - Those 3 are:
 - 1. Alara Boyd of Yorktown who currently wrestles for McKendree University. Alara placed 1st in the UWW Junior division at 65kgs. This will secure her spot to wrestle in the 2021 UWW Junior World Championships in

Ufa, Russia on August 16th-22nd. Alara also placed 2nd in the U23 division at 65kgs.

- 2. Rianne Murphy of Valparaiso who currently wrestles for Region Wrestling Academy. Rianne placed 1st in the UWW U15 division at 50kgs. earning her a spot on Team USA for the 2021 UWW U15 Pan-American Championships in Mexico City, Mexico on October 21-24th. She also placed 2nd in the UWW Cadet division at 46kgs.
- 3. Julianna Ocampo of South Bend who currently wrestles for Midwest Wrestling Academy. Julianna placed first in the 15U division claiming her spot on Team USA at 46kgs for the 2021 Pan American Championships in Mexico City, Mexico. Julianna dominated the field not only pinning and Tech falling every opponent but she didn't allow 1 point to be scored on her the entire tournament.
- Those who placed are: (oldest to youngest)
 - 1. Alara Boyd - UWW Junior 65kg. 1st, UWW U23 65kg. 2nd
 - 2. Trinity Malave - UWW Junior 50kg. 8th, UWW Cadet 49kg. 7th
 - 3. Rianne Murphy - UWW U15 50kg. 1st, UWW Cadet 46 kg. 2nd
 - 4. Heather Crull - UWW U15 50kg. 2nd, UWW Cadet 46kg. 5th
 - 5. Julianna Ocampo - UWW U15 46kg. 1st
 - 6. Ella Gahl - USA 14U 127lb. 3rd, UWW U15 58kg. 8th
 - 7. Ysabelle Ocampo - UWW U15 42kg. 4th
 - 8. Olivia Crull - USA 14U 92lb. 8th
 - 9. Paislee Chambers - USA 14U 136lb.
- 2021 USAW Junior Duals - We were hopeful to take two teams consisting of a 14U team and a combined 16U/Junior team, but may have structured it wrong thinking the younger girls would travel on the bus with older girls. Parents of the 14U girls seemed to be concerned that their daughters would be traveling without them with strangers. If the Junior girls could travel with the boys team it would help lessen the expense of buses. Then in turn the 14U team will be responsible for their own transportation and housing which should lower their trip cost by at least \$300.
- With that being said I would like to make a motion that we restructure it this way to save money and also to encourage the younger girls and parent to go on the trip. So, I would like to make a motion that next year the junior girls team travel with the boys' team.
- 2021 ISWA Women's Fargo - This year the ISWA will send 19 women to Fargo. Of these 19 we have 9 Juniors and 10 16U (Cadets). This will be the largest number of women sent to Fargo to date and I am hopeful that we will also place in the top ten as we have some very good older women competing as well as a very seasoned younger group coming in.
- As we move forward, I think it's very exciting that even though we are in the COVID ERA we are still experiencing growth which says the train is on the track and is moving full steam ahead.
- I would like to thank the ISWA for sponsoring all the women's trips this year as they have been very successful and maybe in the future, we will be able to add more trips as our women have proven themselves on a national level.
- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Going to begin working on next summer's trips
 - There will be 2 trips (Czech Republic in June for high school and middle school to Alaska in July).

- **Logistics Director – Darby Nicely**
 - Is resigning her position.
 - Submitted contacts and basic times and when they should be taken care of and where things were held this year.

Have received reports from multiple board members who are no longer receiving emails regarding board meetings, that come from USA Wrestling site. Will be working on getting this corrected.

Motion to Adjourn

- Jeff Strueder made a motion to adjourn.
- Jason Miller seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 3:15pm

Next Board Meeting August 7 at 1:00pm in office (with a zoom option).

Budget Meeting August 7 at 9:00 am in office. Attendance in person preferred, but zoom option available.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts
ISWA Secretary