

USAWKS Wrestling
Board Meeting
July 9, 2017

Those in attendance: Mark Stanley, Joe Knecht, Rich Zimmerman, Steve Woody, Randy Hinderliter, Will Cokeley, Keith Ashpole, Matt Treaster, James Bilby, Richard Salyer, Scott Edwards, Mike Juby, Kathy Juby, and Alicia Edwards

Approve Previous Minutes: Richard made the motion to approve the minutes and Joe Knecht second the motion.

Freestyle/Greco Roman Season – Will Cokeley reported that he feels as though we may have too many training centers. He is looking at the training sites being based on experience and skills capabilities. He does not want to exclude anyone from participating, he wants to focus on getting kids better. He spoke about the possibility of starting the tournaments and clinics the weekend after high school state instead of waiting until after Kids State, not enough time for practicing. They also want to focus on getting kids out to more Regionals.

Southern Plains Camp- Only had 20 kids show up, conflict with the Baker Camp, by the time a decision was made it was late. The camp was held in Wichita this year, the opportunity for commuters was there, though it just did not happen. Jessie Theilke was the head coach/technician. Will sent out 8000 emails and received back 3 responses, not much feedback. Will asked the question, do we still want to keep chasing this camp. Will commented on his difficulties with communication and commitment from parents, attention span, etc., etc. Many suggestions were made for updating timing, format, communication, clinicians, name change, and possible change to an incentive program. After much discussion Will decided to put a proposal together with the existing budget and bring it back to our next meeting.

School Boy Duals- This was not our best year. There was some turmoil in leadership and communication all the way around. Kids had a great time. Will suggested putting James Bilby in charge

Cadet Duals – Travis Keal is running it, and he is doing wonderful at it. York, Pennsylvania was not the best place to have it this year. What if we have Cadet Duals, the weekend before at the same place as Junior Duals. Can we get some Kansas folks to help out so that he is not depleting his resources? Junior Duals – they charged \$350.00 per kid and had 2 teams. Eric Johnson worked hard to try and get kids to wrestle, we placed 4th in Greco. That was the highest we have placed in the state of Kansas by a Junior Dual team. In Freestyle we placed 9th, that sounds not so great though we only lost one dual, we went 8-1. We lost a number of All Americans this year because of the commitment to the service academies and kids in classes. Junior Duals – We took 2 teams to the California Greco Duals. Cook and his wife chaperoned this tournament. Fargo – Pat Kelly wanted to stay involved with wrestling so he is now our promotional coordinator. He is putting together a book for us. Hats off to Pat, he is a great ambassador for the sport. Will spoke about the transitional period and there are 3 people interested in shadowing him this year. They are James Bilby, Adam Venegas, and Travis Keal. He recommended that Travis Keal be the one to shadow him for this next year. After much discussion from the board, Will's proposed

succession plan was accepted by the board to have Travis Keal shadow him this year. It is a voted position so this position will need to be voted on at the next State Body meeting.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGES – Steve Woody would like to submit another by-law change. Mike brought this before the board for approval since it was submitted after the due date. Rich made the motion to accept it, Joe second the motion, all were in agreement.

From Kurt Lang – SECTION II DISCIPLINE (2) specifically “Upon the initiation of an ejection against an individual they must immediately leave the building in which the sanctioned event is occurring.”

There should be verbiage pertaining to that if the individual is a minor, they cannot be ejected from the premises unless you ensure of their safety or supervision. See HS rulebook Rule 8 Penalties and injuries Article 8 “A student may be removed from the premises only if there is a said authorized school personnel present to supervise aid student. If no supervision is available, the student shall be confined to the bench area.”

It would be wrong to assume that a person will refer to the high school rule for the enforcement of this section on discipline, plus most of USAW-Kansas participants are not high school students. It would put the organization and others at risk to also assume that the parents/guardians of our participants are always in attendance.

Recommended change: Add statement/sentence that says, “If the individual being ejected is a minor (ie: student) then Rule 8, Article 8 of the High School rulebook will be enforced by the host of the sanctioned event”. No motion was made to make this change, dropped for lack of a motion.

Matt Treaster spoke about Folkstyle wrestling and the six recommendations from the Ad Hoc committee for the State Tournament.

1. Split USAWKS Kids State Tournament
2. Age Divisions of the first state tournament would be 6U/8U/10U
3. Hold the first tournament state tournament the week before HS Regionals.
4. Hold the second tournament with 12U/14U/HS Division the second week in March
5. Allow the top 6 placers at each district qualifier to advance to the corresponding state tournament.
6. Keep District boundaries as currently in place.

Floor was open for lots of discussion. In the end, the board’s recommendation to the state body would be to move the state tournament up 2 weeks and stay in the same format that we have now.

Joe Knecht

1. Article I (4) RULE 1-2-3: Change the time between matches to 10 minutes. One of our top issues with the sport is the time required in a gym to compete. Currently a 30 minutes rest would require a minimum of 1.5 hrs. of “rest” between 4 commonly wrestled matches
Joe modified his proposal to 15 minutes. Will Cokeley made the motion to accept and Rich Zimmerman second the motion, all were in agreement.
2. Article II (14) instead of a published schedule of the district vs district matchups for a state tournament. Use a draw system each year at the conclusion of everyone’s district tournaments

and released thereafter. Richard made the motion that we accept this, Scott Edwards second it, vote was unanimous.

3. Add 190 lbs weight to 14U – We moved over to Mike's proposal on 4-4-2. Richard made the motion for us to move over there and Steve Woody second the motion. Vote was unanimous to accept the 4-4-2. No motion was made for Joe's recommendation to add the 190 lbs weight to 14U due to Mike's recommendation being accepted, it eliminates this.
4. They wanted to have another option presented alongside the committee recommendation. There were two thoughts, 1) the split causes lots of disruption and could be voted down. 2) if the split is voted down everything else is status quo which D1 does not want. With that said we want to submit a State Proposal to keep ages the same however moved up two weeks sooner. Richard made the motion we accept this proposal, Will second it. It was open for discussion. Richard made the motion we table this until Matt could be here for discussion. We moved on to number 5
5. Make HS division use 1:30 minute periods (instead of 2:00) and backside follow 1 min first period. Mike recommended we eliminate the backside statement follow 1:00 first period because our by-laws address this. Richard Salyer made the motion we accept this and Scott Edwards second it, all were in favor.

Mark Stanley - Proposal to move to 8 Districts – Joe made the motion and Randy Hinderliter second it. It was open for discussion. Voting results were, 1-abstained, 1- in favor and 9- opposed.

Jeremy Sekavec – Can we make it a bylaw or rule at a USA Kansas sanction tournament TrackWrestling must be ran? This was dropped due to lack of a motion.

Will Cokeley – When USAWKS has a qualifier process (such as but not limited to Middle School State and Elementary State for the National Duals) to form dual teams to participate in national events subsidized by USAWKS we will not permit other teams to be formed from wrestlers who didn't participate in qualifying process. No USAWKS member who qualified for a Kansas team will be allowed to participate for a team outside of the teams sponsored USAWKS. IF wrestlers did NOT qualify but participated in the qualifying process, they shall be permitted to form an additional team or participate for other team so long as they have NOT been offered the opportunity to participate on one of the USAWKS sponsored teams. Richard made the motion to accept Will's proposal to be tweaked by Matt Treaster, Mark Stanley second the motion.

Mike Juby - The following email is part of a broader subject that we should probably consider. Currently our bylaws have a number of rules for all sanctioned tournaments, but I know that they are not all adhered to. Here are three alternatives; there are certainly others as well.

1. Do we want to leave things as is, with the bylaws providing a guideline that is not enforced?
2. Do we want to remove the provisions that are routinely ignored?
3. Do we want to add penalties for clubs that do not follow rules

Doug Vander Linden – Richard Salyer made the motion to open discussion of moving Coffey and Osage County from District 1 back to District 3, Mark Stanley second the motion, 6- were in favor, 5- opposed. We will be redistricting these counties back to District 3.

Steve Woody – Request to submit a proposal to increase the Qualifying series entry fees to \$25.00. 6 were in favor and 4 opposed.

Election of Board Positions – Kathy Juby accepted to serve as Membership Director and James Bilby accepted to serve as treasurer. Vote was unanimous as approval for both of these individuals to serve in these positions.

Kathy spoke about the report her and James put together and emailed. Please let Kathy know if you did not get this, she will email it to you. Randy Hinderliter moved that we accept, and Richard second the proposal, all were in favor

Old Business – Location of 2018 State Freestyle/Greco Tournament. Will Cokeley made the motion to keep it in Hutchinson for 2018, Richard Salyer second the motion, all were in agreement. It will be May 5th and 6th of 2018

New Business- Mike spoke about and read some of the USA Wrestling Safe Sport Policy. Please see attached.

State Leadership Summit – It is August 10-13th, please let Mike know if you are interested in attending by July 23rd. Randy H. and Will C. are interested in attending.

State Body Meeting – District 4 & 1 will have their state body meetings in Salina on October 8th. District 1 is at 10:00am and District 4 is at 9:00am. District 2 & 3 are not interested.

Score Clocks – Richard S. will be authorizing a payment \$300.00 to Mark S., Joe K., and Scott E. for managing the clocks.

Card Numbers for Wrestlers- suggestions were made on how they could have their card and ID on them. Mike turned it over to Mark S. and the state committee to figure out how to handle this situation.

NAIA Tournament – We lost that tournament and mats have become a concern for the State Tournament. Mark is wanting to use Dollamur to rent the mats, he will need 8-10 mats

Steve Woody spoke about how well the back filling went for State. Mark S. will send out the numbers in an email to everyone.

Letter will go out to vendors after we decide the route we will take for state.

Keith Ashpole made the motion we adjourn, Joe Knecht second the motion all were in agreement.