



WWCA Regular Meeting March Agenda

Sunday, March 5, 2023

[Virtual Zoom Meeting](#)

Mtg ID: 882 7225 8210; Pass: 616776

9:00 AM



1. Call to order/Welcome (Bean); Attendance (Gerber)

[WWCA Constitution](#) - 11/2020

In Attendance: Wendall Bean (President; Convention Co-Chair), Jason Lulloff (President-elect), Pete Moe (Past President), Bob Empey (Treasurer), Ryan Gerber (Secretary), Chris Hansen (1), Pat Ratkovich (2), Jake Rebhan (3), Kyle Kleuskens (4), Curtis Fiedler (5), Kevin Koch (8), Randy Ferrell (Convention Co-Chair), Tom McGarvie (HOF; *Alumni-NV*), Mike Arendt (Officials), Jason Stromberg (Publicity), Doug Forsythe (*Web Director-NV*), Matt Verbeten (WWF), Luke Francois (Executive Director-NV)

Not in Attendance: John Schimming (6), Craig Austin (7), Tim Potratz (Awards)

2. Reports

a. Previous Meeting Notes

i. [WWCA November Business Meeting](#) - as taken by John Schimming

ii. [WWCA Annual Meeting](#)

iii. [WWCA Calendar](#) - will be updated with new WWCA and WWF dates shortly - has been shared with WWCA Executive Board for a year now - is available to be added to your Google Calendars - see Ryan or Jason for help

b. Treasurer's Report (Empey)

i. Account Balance as of \$29,773.67

1. Reminder of \$5,000 in this account exclusive to the Hall of Fame display in the Wisconsin Dells.

2. Nicholas Suite

a. Hospitality Costs - \$9,896.54

b. Security at Nicholas Suite - \$762.75

3. Working Budget - \$14,114.38

4. Fiscal year goes through the end of July which is different from previous years. Previous year ended in June (change in accountant)

ii. Clinic Account \$45,751.10 (Bean)

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1. A few checks of significant amounts are outstanding, in particular Jostens for coaches' awards.
2. Clinic profit and membership will be moved to the main account in summer.

c. President's Report (Bean)

- i. Membership Numbers: ~570 (565 at this time last year)
- ii. Individual State Tournament recap (**Lulloff/Bean**)
 1. Looking at improvements/tweeks
 - a. Girls schedule: weigh-in and wrestling, what will the process look like next year?
 - b. Seeds in the program
 - c. Towel tappers - are they needed anymore with ref tech
 - d. Boys and Girls OPC's are different - Running events, inputting data, tournaments that have both boys and girls divisions, etc
 - e. Better educating coaches on various topics, especially as it relates to trackwrestling and inputting data, especially as it relates to the girls OPC
 - i. WWCA YouTube video series - let's own this
 - ii. Encouraging the WIAA to streamline email bursts into digestible chunks
 - f. **Fiedler**: Input on Super Regionals D2/D3
 - i. Positive feedback overall
 - ii. 'Later' night - many events ended around 7:30 pm
 1. Minimum of 3 mats - 4 mats is better
 2. Jefferson used two gyms
 - g. Discussion on the Tuesday night Team Sectional - new this year was two Regional teams advance to Team Sectionals from D1
 - i. Difficulties with weight management
 - ii. Generally positive take - biggest concern continues to be the event on Tuesday night
 - iii. Conversation around strategy of the team sectional - do you send your starters, do you make a run at it if you know you don't have a great chance of winning in round one, considering travel.
 - iv. **Verbeten** - this is what D2/3 schools have been dealing with for years now - it's a privilege to compete at Team Sectionals

iii. Weight Class Options Survey - March 15th deadline

1. Please refer to the WIAA email of February 17th sent to all athletic directors of schools sponsoring wrestling
2. [Copy of WIAA Weight Classes Survey to Coaches](#)
3. Minnesota going to 13 weight classes, Illinois/Iowa/Dakotas possibly staying at 14 weight classes - question was asked how this affects border schools that wrestle interstate schedules
4. **Bean** - WIAA has indicated that we can change whatever our decision is after a year.

- iv. Spring/April District Caucuses
 - 1. Recommendations for agenda items (Discussion)?
 - 2. District Rep meeting date
- v. 2024/25 Fall Clinics - Hyatt Regency request/offer
 - 1. Hyatt wants to sign a new two year agreement - holding off for now
 - 2. Do we want to stay in Green Bay?
 - 3. Increasing costs vs. Amenities at hotel/convention center/city offerings
 - a. **Francois** - would take a lead on getting cost/bid comparisons
 - b. **Lulloff** - LaCrosse continues to be interested in hosting
 - c. Is there support amongst the group to look at other locations?
 - d. What are the items wanted/needed in a venue/location?
- vi. Girls Representative
- d. Individual State Tournament Seeding (**Hansen, Lulloff, Gerber**)
 - i. Recap
 - 1. Lots of very positive feedback from coaches regarding information that was provided to coaches in educating the state on the seeding process - coaches intentionally reaching out
 - 2. Another example of the WWCA taking the lead and using our digital platform to educate
 - ii. Data Results
 - 1. [2023 State Seeds](#)
 - 2. [WIAA State Tournament, Seed-Finish](#)
 - iii. Moving Forward
 - 1. Lots of positivity around seeding - tweaks this year were very well accepted
 - 2. One area of concern was the Sectional Champion component. This has been an area that adjusts the accuracy of seeding significantly. Would there be support across coaches to remove this?
 - 3. Do we continue to put out videos to educate coaching on seeding - yes, tweaks needed to update what we have
 - 4. Another concern on seeding was in regards to wrestlers not having the seeding criteria data points to be seeded higher - various reasons for this.
 - 5. Focus on the positives - things are much stronger in wrestling seeding vs other sports.
 - 6. Focus on other items such as the Tuesday night Team Sectional event, regional/sectional
- e. **Coaches Advisory Meeting: Wednesday, March 29 (Stevens Point) (Presidents)**
 - i. [WIAA Flow Chart](#) & [Current Members of the Wrestling Coaches Advisory](#)
(WIAA selects board members and creates the agenda items to be discussed)
 - ii. Agenda coming soon per WIAA

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- iii. Process for Recommendations
 - 1. Include Rationale?
 - 2. Further membership Involvement?
 - 3. Tentative list today with updates throughout the coming days via presidents followed by board approval/notification
- iv. Possible recommendations to be taken forward by WWCA
 - 1. Possibilities/Thoughts **(Bean)**:
 - a. Double elimination?
 - b. Increase Individual State Tournament consolation match length?
 - i. Discussion around double elimination and increasing to a full 6 minute match.
 - ii. **Reminder of time constraints set by UW. Kohl Center is the venue host that best meets our needs and numbers of spectators and they set times allowed to run the event. WIAA is looking to negotiate an increase in time.**
 - c. Modify substitution rule for tournament series?
 - d. Request study of equal divisions?
 - e. What does the WIAA see as the impact of potential WIAA Competitive Balance Index on the sport of wrestling
 - f. Various topics brought up by Executive Board members
 - i. Girls vs. Girls only
 - ii. 6 Minute matches at state - all
 - iii. Out of season contact
 - iv. 1.5% descent plan - Would go to that specific committee
 - v. 45 minute vs 30 minute wait time between matches
 - vi. Team Sectionals - WIAA allows for 28 weigh-ins, WIAA only gives 21 medals for distribution
 - vii. Discussion on sectional hosts of girls sectionals, for instance, number of site hosts/structure in general?
 - g. **Topics can be brought by the WWCA, however, there are non WWCA members on the Coaches Advisory Board and topics can come from anyone without prior knowledge from WWCA. Topics that are passed at Coaches Advisory can still be shot down within the process.**
- v. Collegiate Representative Update **(Koch)**
 - 1. National Qualifiers
 - a. D1: UW - 7
 - b. D2: Parkside - 5
 - c. **D3**: NCAA D3 National Qualifiers: Wisconsin ranked second w/ 20 WI wrestlers qualifying (New Jersey was best with 24)
 - i. Stevens Point - 1, Platteville - 2, Oshkosh - 2, Whitewater - 3, Eau Claire - 3, LaCrosse - 7
 - d. JC: Bryant Stratton - 2

- vi. Supporting/Referencing Documents
 - 1. [Copy of WWCA Sectional Survey Responses Summary, 2022](#)
 - 2. [Copy of Coaches Advisory Committee Meeting -WWCA Items - 2022](#)
 - 3. [Wrestling Tournament Procedures](#)
 - 4. [Winter Sports Regulations: Wrestling](#)
- f. Strategic Planning Session (**Francois**)
 - i. Process
 - ii. Date determination
 - iii. [Letter of Support](#)
 - iv. Marketing Plan
- g. Committee Updates (Informational only, limited/no discussion)
 - i. Spring nomination, voting and election process (**Forsythe, Bean**)
 - 1. Election year for District 7 and 8
 - 2. Election year for President Elect
 - ii. Academic All-State (**Schimming and Forsythe**)
 - iii. Officials Report (**Arendt**)
 - 1. Towel Tapers - benefit to prevent breakdown in technology (fail safe)
 - 2. Team Sectional - was there an attendance increase in D1?
 - 3. Meeting in April - Indianapolis for Rule Changes/Adjustments
 - a. 6 Match limit during regular season (concern out of medical advisory over number of matches being wrestled in a day/season)
 - b. 45 min vs. 30 min wait time between matches
 - c. Female Uniforms - 7 different proposals from across different states
 - d. Use of compression shorts as part of the uniform
 - e. Eliminate facial hair length rule
 - f. Eliminate the requirement of the 10' circle on the mats
 - g. Clarification of Medical FF vs. FF
 - h. Adding feet as supporting points while wrestling on the mat
 - 4. Continuing to need new officials - recruit in your community!
 - 5. Questions about identification of officials for ranking purposes - some officials have photos up on their officials ranking profile, some don't. Should officials have numbers on their shirts to identify them by said number?
 - iv. NWCA (**Moe**)
 - 1. Many conversations were similar to the national officials conversations
 - 2. Recommended to give a Staff Award for all assistants as opposed to just a single assistant coach - this would be the same as the NWCA
 - v. WWF (**Verbeten**)

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1. [Important WWF Dates, 2023](#)
2. [WWF Website](#)

vi. [Hall of Fame/Alumni/Sages \(McGarvie\)](#)

1. Meeting at the convention
2. Reorganization and update of the website to reflect current Hall of Fame members - update/move current information
3. Continue to collect items for Hall of Fame display (current collection housed in Stoughton)

3. Adjournment

Motion by Ferrell to adjourn. **Seconded** by Hansen.

Motion Passed - Unanimous - 2hr 45 minutes

Next Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 2023; 9:00 am
Business Meeting; Zoom Virtual Meeting

Future/Rolling Agenda Items

- Challenge Series
- Nicholas Suite Discussion
- District Caucus Reports
- Hall of Fame

Notes approved 18-0-1