

2023-24 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF MISSOURI USA WRESTLING

Sunday, October 1, 2023

1:00PM

Location of Meeting:

Stoney Creek Hotel, Meeting Room

2601 S. Providence Rd.

Columbia, MO 65203

Greetings & Call to Order, Agenda, Introductions, Pat Ream

Meeting called to order at 1:04 by Chair. Pat introduced MOUSA Wrestling Executive Committee and Board of Directors and presented meeting agenda.

Executive Committee

- Chair – Pat Ream
- Vice Chair – Josh McNutt
- Secretary – Clint Smith
- Treasurer – Dave Marbough
- National Teams – Reggie Burress INTRODUCTIONS

All were present.

Board of Directors

- Coaches Coordinator – Mike Tuck
- Kids/Schoolgirl Development Coordinator – Eric Ward
- Kids/Schoolboy Development Coordinator – Donnie Horner
- Communications Director – Eric Gilkey
- Events Director – Erik Kivett
- Region A Coordinator - Max Hicks
- Region B Coordinator - Brandon Jolley
- Region C Coordinator – Sarah Smith
- Region D Coordinator – Steve Wilmoth

Absent: Officials Coordinator, Gary Hobbs and Women's Director, Scott Cutbirth

Introduction and announcement of new additions: Kids/Schoolgirl Development Coordinator, *Eric Ward*, and Kids/Schoolboy Development Coordinator, *Donnie Horner*.

Last Year's Minutes

Reading of the Minutes –*Presented By Clint Smith*

Approval of the 2022 General Membership Minutes:

Motion: Brandon Jolley

2nd: Nate Hunter

Status: Unanimous Approval

General Membership Information MOUSA New Address

Reminder the MOUSAW Address & Phone:

**108 S Washington
Diamond, MO 64840**

The Mailing Address:

**PO Box 243
Diamond, MO 64840.
Phone: (417)325-4100**

Special Recognition and Thanks to Membership:

- 5th largest state in country for USA Wrestling Membership
- Only of those that is 100% volunteer
- (shared athlete, coach, and other participation numbers)
 - Athletes: 6/7th in country
 - *with Coaches/Wrestling Leaders*, we are 5th

TREASURERS REPORT TREASURERS REPORT, Dave Marbough

Great Year. Numbers were up and, therefore, raised revenue.

Budgeted \$120K. Spent \$140K.

Anticipated \$216K. Actually made \$260K. With surplus, we can apply toward National Teams, equipment, etc.

- Will be updating clocks
- Bought new paddles for FS/GR, 3-man mechanics

Were over:

- Buses (because of inflation)
- Increased for National
- Increased for Women's National
- Increased for Officials: Rooms

Budget increases: raised budget in a few areas for inflation/price increases across board, new buses, and expansion.

- Raised Women's National Team Budget
- Raised Men's National Team Budget
- Added women's 16U Girls Dual. *In past only had 14U, Juniors.*
- Dates still up in year, but, anticipate a Utah trip, needed more

- Raised/added a new officials budget for hotels and other related expenses; rooms, etc. (new)

23-24 Finance Report

Motion to approve budget: Corey Roark

2nd: Max Hicks

Status: Unanimous Approval

–Budget Document

Proud to share that we are operating with a year's reserve in surplus. Several other states have had to take out operational loans as we all recover from COVID. We didn't have to and are in a very good place, financially.

Men's & Women's NATIONAL TEAMS REPORTS, *Reggie Burress*

Men's U16 & JR's Duals

–U16

Greco placed 11th out of 39 teams

Freestyle placed 9th out of 43 teams

Freestyle Team 2 placed 19 out of 43 teams

Biggest challenge was that we didn't have an 88 lb. wrestler. As result, lost 2-3 duals by 1pt. There is conversation of eliminating the class, but, no change as of yet.

–JR Duals

Greco 18th out of 36 teams

Freestyle 14th out of 39 teams

*Hard to get athletes to compete at Junior Duals

Men's U16 Fargo Results

–Freestyle

138 David Gleason 2nd

195 Isaac Ward 7th

195 Jace Renfro 8th

–Greco

138 David Gleason 3rd

170 Carter Brown 8th

182 Jackson Rotterman 4th

Men's JR Fargo Results

–Freestyle

100 Mason Brayfield 7th
106 Erik Egstad 8th
126 Brady Roark 5th
145 Gavin Linsman 8th
182 Peyton Westpfahl 7th

–Greco

100 Mason Brayfield 2nd
100 Kaison Schreier 6th
132 Zan Fugitt 2nd

*Hunter Taylor, 2X Fargo Champion was hurt
*Sampson Stillwell, Worlds
*Luke Lilledahl, World Finalist

Would love to have had all (3) of them wrestling with us. But, still continue to represent us well. Very proud of all of them.

Women's National Teams Report *(given by Reggie Burress)*

– First Ever 14U/Schoolgirl National Dual Team. The Team Went 3-5 & Finished 5th In the Bronze Pool
– We Took Two (2) Teams to the JR National Duals.

- MO ICE went 5-3 & Finished 5th in the Red Pool
- MO FIRE Became the First MO Womens Dual Team to Win the **JR NATIONAL DUAL CHAMPIONS**

– First Ever JR Greco Dual Team. The Team went 9-1 & Finished First in the Bronze Pool National Teams Report

** May be the only team to have won a National Championship in Women's National Duals, Cadet, and Juniors.*

Women's U16

– We took 46 16U Girls to Fargo
– Team Finished 3rd Overall
– 16U All Americans

- Jayci Shelton (2nd)
- Kailey Benson (4th)
- Jayden Keller (4th)
- Madeline Haynes (5th)
- Lilly Breeden (5th)
- Cali Dupree (5th)
- Sandy Breeden (6th)

Women's JRs

– We took 46 JR Girls to Fargo
– Team Finished 6th Overall
– JR All Americans

- Angelina Vargas (3rd)
- Sevreign Aumua (4th)

- Isabella Renfro (4th)
- Mariyah Brumley (5th)
- Janiah Jones (6th)
- Aroma Marrufo (6th)
- Brenya Crahan (7th)

Had a number of girls wrestling Internationally.

6th Year at MSHSAA; growing everywhere across the State

Great job promoting at all levels. HS numbers, Middle school, and kids are growing rapidly. Huge progress on hs coaches and MOUSA Wrestling Leaders for promoting so well.

Special thanks to membership for outstanding job to promote Girls' Wrestling.

Officials Report Officials Report -delivered by Pat Ream
6U/Rookie Tournaments – Mike McAllister was Head Official

Pat announced the addition of Mike McAllister to Assistant Officials Coordinator.

- He will report to Gary Hobbs
- He will run much of the State Folkstyle season this year

Girls/Boys State

– Day 1

- 9 Officials Downstairs with the Girls on 7 Mats
- 24 Officials Upstairs on 16 Mats

– Day 2

- 24 Officials for Wrestle Back Placements Matches & Finals

Total of 33 Officials

- KC- 16, STL-9, SWMO – 3, Central MO – 2
- KS – 2 & OK - 1

FS/GR State

- 13 officials (First Time “ALL” from MO)

Summer Tournament Officials – Freestyle / Greco

- Southern Plains – 9
- 16U (Cadet) Duals – 3
- Junior Duals – 3
- Fargo – 6 Most officials that MO has ever sent to Fargo.

Rick Schwabb's comments-

- We are continuing to grow our Missouri Officials' Participation at Fargo
- Support from MOUSA is helping growth
- Officials love gear packages, etc.
- Gratitude for MOUSA for support

-Internationally:

- Bill Harper will be retiring this year (at 60)
- He will still be working with Nationally

Schwab:

- Got first Final X
- Completed International Beach License

Scott Cutbirth:

- International Beach Certified
- One of 2 (out of about 20) now certified.
- Sport/Style is growing-
 - 50/50 on making it in Olympics
 - A lot less expensive and easier to setup

COACHES COORDINATOR REPORT -Mike Tuck

- Coaches Membership up 12% from previous year
- Active Coaches by Membership Year:
 - 2497 Active coaches' for the 2022-23 membership year
 - 2222 Active coaches' for the 2021-22 membership year
 - 1685 Active coaches' for the 2020-21 membership year
 - 2091 Active coaches' for the 2019-20 membership year
 - 2023 Active coaches' for the 2018-19 membership year
 - 1994 Active coaches' for the 2017-18 membership year
- Certifications issued 2022-23:
 - 0 Gold
 - 1 Silver
 - 494 Bronze
 - 113 Copper
- Nationally:
 - 0-3 Gold & 1 of 8 Silver for All States
 - Bronze #1; Copper #10
- Marty Hauck
 - Recipient of the USA Wrestling Greco-Roman Developmental Coach of the Year
- Brian Graham
 - Recipient of the Southern Plains Greco-Roman Developmental Coach of the Year

2024 STATE INFORMATION 2024 State Information -Pat Ream, Dave, Erik

Given the many problems with HyVee Arena, all State-level MOUSAW Tournaments for 2023-24 will be at a New Facility:

OZARK EMPIRE FAIRGROUNDS

3001 N Grant Ave
Springfield, MO 65803

Details on new venue:

*Pat shared photo of new venue

*Erik explained layout

- Matspace
- Plans
- Seating
- Changes/expansion to (new) building
- Downstairs (weighins, locations)

*Presale Tickets

*Concessions

*Trial Runs:

- 6U
- Rookie

*layout similar to Southern Plains Regionals, Mulvane, KS

*Parking

*Food

*Hotels

*Manpower

- Springfield Sports Commission: Used to it
- Fairgrounds

*Paying money to fairground to have us

*Security

- Springfield PD
- MSHP
- About (8) per

*WiFi

Concerns addressed:

- Parking: Fair grounds with ample parking
- Hotels:
 - Estimate 95% of those staying in Springfield will be no farther than 10 minutes away
- Food: Will walk through metal detector, but, not planning to check bags, etc.
 - Request to negotiate concessions.
- Seating: About 6,000

Springfield Sports Commission:

- Meeting with them regularly
- They want us here
- They are covering about \$12,000 (of \$18K) for us to use facility
- They have another event scheduled to use facilities in October
 - Will be complete and ready for us

2024 6U & ROOKIE STATE – 1/19-21, 2024

- Rookie Tournament will be on Saturday 1/20
- 6U will be on Sunday 1/21

*Preliminary run.

- this will help to give us a good idea of pros/cons
- help to plan for events moving forward

Districts 3/2/24 (Various Locations TBD)

- Top 3 Wrestlers from Each District will Advance to the State Tournament 2024 State Information

Post-Season Discussion; *Revisiting 2022 GMM discussion on merging clubs/districts to Super District or Super Regional, District realignment.*

- Consideration on TOP 6 out of Regionals
 - Concern over facilities
- *Reason for change:*
 - Dave Mathews' statistics
 - Retention: under 3% after 6 years; 97%
 - Shorten the season
 - Length of tournament/events (over fb, baseball, basketball: 3-4 hour commitment)
 - Especially concerning for new members
- Encourage split sessions, shorter day
 - Good feedback on split session
 - Split session is helping (Homfeld's) area; great for them
 - Jiu Jitsu is hosting 3-hour tourneys, getting 3-4 matches, gone: excellent retention numbers

State Championship

- Dates 3/8-10/24
 - With the Increase in Qualifiers, we will be running the Tournament as a Split Session.
 - Session 1 - Age Groups Starting Wrestling on Friday Night
 - Weighins around 3:00
 - Encouraged to consider full-day on Friday
 - Session 2 - Will be the Wrestlers who Did Not Wrestle on Friday and will wrestle up to the Placement Matches
 - Session 3 Will be the Friday Night Wrestlers and they will wrestle through the Placement Matches
 - Session 4 Will Be All Placement Matches Excluding the Championship Bouts
 - Sessions 4 & 5 will be only time all divisions will be together
 - Session 5 Will Be the Championship Bouts 2024 State Information
- ***District Champion w/ Byes

Girls State

- Date 3/30/24

*Propose FS Tournament

- EASTER is Sunday

FS & GR STATE

- May 3rd-5th, 2024

MOUSAW District & Regional Group Discussions DISTRICT/REGIONAL

Recessed at 2:21

REGION A: Max Hicks

District 1

REP: Brett Dixon

ALT: Omar Padilla

District 1 Site – Winnetonka

District 2

REP: Alicia Davis

ALT: Shani Kinney

District 2 Site – Excelsior Springs

REGION C: Sarah Smith

District 5

REP: Chris Demery

ALT: Greg Kivett

District 5 Site – Neosho

District 6

REP: Dane Crutcher

ALT: Nadine Albrecht

District 6 Site – Ozark

REGION B: Brandon Jolley

District 3

REP: Adam Bradley

ALT: Kip Barker

District 3 Site – Blue Springs

District 4

REP: Nate Hunter

ALT: Samantha Brown

District 4 Site – Lee's Summit

REGION D: Steve Wilmoth

District 7

REP: Dwayne Shelton

ALT: Corey Roark

District 7 Site – Owensville

District 8

REP: Jim Homfeld

ALT: Lance Schlick

District 8 Site – Hillsboro

Meeting dismissed to District Discussion at 2:19

Meeting returned to order at: 2:31, by Pat Ream

Request to all District Hosts to sanction right away. -Dave Marbough

MOUSAW Membership System & Safe Sports -Pat Ream

Safe Sport Requirements

- ALL USA Wrestling Coaches/Officials will be REQUIRED to take a FREE online Safe Sports Class in addition to your Background Check in order to get a Wrestling Leader's Card.
 - This is a USA Wrestling Requirement that ALL Wrestling Leaders take this online class in addition to your background check.
- Free Online training course(s)
 - Full Course – Required for all new wrestling leaders membership
 - Refresher Course – Required on annual basis for those that have already completed the full course.
 - Courses can be found at:
 - <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-wrestling/> or
 - <https://www.usawmembership.com/login> MOUSAW Membership

Safe-Sport Information:

- These Courses are Mandatory for all adults with “Regular Contact” with any minor athletes.
 - “Regular Contact”: Meaningful or direct contact which would be considered frequent, repeated, or consistent. It is relevant to assess both the nature of the action and the position of the parties involved. By way of example, but not by limitation, a volunteer at a scoring table would not be considered to have ‘regular contact’; whereas, a locker room monitor would be considered to have regular contact with a Minor Athlete.
 - Wrestling Leaders (Coaches & Officials)
 - Individual Club Board Members
- *Volunteers who only have incidental and observable contact with Minor Athletes at events are not considered to have regular contact.*
- Background Screening
 - Background screenings are still valid for a 2 years.
- Wrestling Leaders membership are limited to 1 year membership to coincide with the annual Safe Sport requirement.
- Minor athletes turning 18 during the season will be required to complete Safe Sport. (Parental consent box will need checked since athletes are 17 years old)

All USA Wrestling Chartered Clubs requirements.

- Offer the information about the available training at least twice per year. Send out email, handout, or letter to all club members.
- Each club will be responsible for tracking the notice and offering of this training.
- A format will be provided by USAW to allow for each club to report when, how, and what training was offered during the season
- 2022-2023 season. Any clubs not compliant with the offering and verified tracking of the minor abuse prevention training will not be allowed to sanction their respective club.

I will be sending out email reminders to all sanctioned clubs throughout the season to ensure we have all the information to meet these requirements.

MOUSAW 2023 Scholarship Recipients

2022 Scholarship Recipients

*Great participation

*sent our requests to MWA; Missouri Wrestling Association and others

*Had one vacant spot from last year, applied it to Garretty Lyons this year

2023 Recipients

- Region A - Eve Herlyn, Park Hill
- Region B - Jeremiah Smith, Summit Christian
- Region C - Gaven Bremenkamp, Springfield Central
- Region D - Jace Duemmel, Helias
- At Large - Haley Ward, Ft. Osage
- Women's - Maddie Kubicki, Park Hill South
- **Extra from 2022 -Garrett Lyons Pleasant Hill*

New Proposals & Amendments New Proposals & Amendments

Redistricting for 2024-25

Pat shared the BOD Approval for re-Alignment. Josh will be Chairing a committee to use Erik Gilkey's proposal and work with each District/Region (reps, etc.) to implement change. It will be very similar if different at all. District realignment will happen next season (2024-25).

*Erik Gilkey's District re-Alignment

- Re-alignment based on Numbers
- Josh will likely chair move
 - Will likely be some modifications.
 - Are going to this next year
- Need help/feedback, etc.

-(presented Erik's mat) Erik explained....

- Since 2017, showed numbers from every District and every club
- Shared Spreadsheet, broke down by club; what each club sent to Districts (from 2017-2023)

(Applause)

Proposal 1) While moving forward to a two(2) stage state series(district & state) from three(3) stage series(district, regional, state).

I propose we rename 'regions A,B,C,D' to 'Districts 1,2,3,4' respectively, and retaining the state seeding format of 1v4 and 2v3 at state and continue to hold district seeding meetings.

Motion: With District staying same this year, propose to table

Proposal 1: Pat Ream

2nd: Nadine Albrecht

Tabled

Proposal 2) With a shorter folkstyle state series we now have the ability for clubs to host freestyle/greco tournaments or 3style tournaments before our freestyle/greco state tournament.

I propose that we change state freestyle/greco bracketing from multiple small Madison style brackets to standard double elimination weight class brackets for all age groups.

Discussion: Younger kids, numbers may be too small (12U on down)

Go away from Madison Style bracketing. For all age-groups. Can't set up an age group for 2-3 weight classes. Call it "State Scramble."

Motion to reject: Alicia Davis

2nd: Sarah Smith

Approval

Not really a suggestion or proposal since I'm not a club leader, just a parent. But I just wondered, coming from District 7, if there has been any discussion about realigning the Districts to make the numbers more even. Looking at the numbers that I've seen, 7 consistently has more wrestlers than any other District. I've seen several brackets in the past where kids walk to state in other districts, but in 7 they are in 16 man (or more) brackets at districts. Hell my kids been in 32 man brackets almost every year at districts. The 1st year one of mine made it to state, everyone in his bracket walked to state, except the 4 from 7, and since the other regions didn't have 4 kids to send, it wasn't a full bracket. Meanwhile, there were several kids from 7 sitting at home. Just my opinion that evening it out might be a good idea.

Motion to Table -*No discussion*

Thanks!

Additional New Proposals

Discussion:

*Concern over some Districts having an open spot

- *Recommend making proposal for any changes to District, etc. now*
 - Don't have to wait until next year to make proposal
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MOUSA Hall of Fame

HALL of FAME Nominations

- Executive Committee Nomination:
 - Troy Brewer
 - Bill Harper
- General Membership Nomination
 - Nominations from the Floor:
 - Frank Kinney, by Alicia Davis; Unanimous approval

2023-24 MOUSA Hall of Fame inductees: Bill Harper, Troy Brewer, and Frank Kinney

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Teal Membership Discussion

- Will be discussing it and learning more at next USA Wrestling BOD
- Positive feedback from floor

Girls will still compete at Boys?

- Girls will continue until they have enough to have their own qualifier
 - Girls records do count in Boys Seeding
 - PIN will help
 - Junior High record counts
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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Corey Roark

2nd: Jeremy Sitzinger

Status: Unanimous

Time: 3:11

Minutes Submitted, by Secretary, Clint Smith, 10/6/23