

## **ISWA Monthly Meeting**

February 12, 2023

**Call to Order:** Meeting called meeting to order at 12:00 pm by Pat Culp. Meeting was held via zoom.

### **Attendance:**

Pat Culp, Jennifer Pierson, Tina Fouts, Jeff Strueder, Jeanne Whetstone, Roby Webster, Mark Stevenson, Lou Silverman, Mary Friedt, Jim Littlejohn, Jonah Odum, Linda Robinson, Jason DeLois

### **Staff:**

### **Consultants:**

### **Guest:**

### **Secretary: Tina Fouts**

- Presented December minutes, which were sent in advance through USAW Membership website to review and provide updates
- Motion to accept minutes by Roby Webster
- Jeanne Whetstone seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously

### **Treasurer: Jeff Strueder**

- Financial documents were loaded to USAW library for review prior to meeting.
- Shared reports online.
- CDs finally closed with FCSC. Provided balances.
- Our position is improving.
- Budget vs actuals. Memberships, sanctions, charters, and donations showing as income
- Donations - \$2,000 from Coaches' Association; Restricted donation from the Dowdens.
- Equipment sales, Sponsorship T-shirt, hard cards, leader memberships also showing. Currently at 70% of budgeted.
- \$220 – streaming proceeds from Flo.
- Pat Culp has emailed Flo twice, to determine what this \$220 is (believed to be streaming proceeds).
- \$28,000 income for Elementary State.
- Middle school duals - \$15000 income.
- Women's' Folkstyle Nationals expenses showing.
- Coaches' Association Banquet – went up to \$30. We are in line for this expense.
- John Hurtle award added to expenses.
- Some cords were purchased and put into tournament budget.
- Cleared about \$14,000 on the event Elementary State Duals.
- Middle School State Duals – cleared about \$5,000 on this tournament.
- Financial review completed by accountant. Will receive an accounting bill soon for clean-up. Jeanne Whetstone made a motion to accept the treasurer's report
- Jennifer Pierson seconded the motion
- Motion passes unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **Folkstyle State**

- Jennifer Pierson reported the tournament committee has met several times.
- There is a walkthrough Thursday afternoon and then will have a follow up tournament meeting.
- Roby Webster said we will probably change location of weigh ins and door numbers. Will communicate that once it is finalized.
- Will have 25 mats inside of one location, 2 additional mats in the south gym, 14 in fieldhouse, 6 in south gym, 3 in west cafeteria, 2 in east cafeteria.
- Roby Webster will be reaching out with schedule for volunteers.
- Jonah Odum has been talking with 3X about Championship t-shirts.
- We did not have enough larger sizes like 2x and XL last year.
- Pat Culp said that she thinks there were T-shirts taken to the other facility. She thought we were going to use the girls' as a separate color. Jonah Odum will make sure this happens.

### **Meeting with Dave Matthews**

- Jen Ratliff, Jennifer Pierson, Pat Culp met with him.
- We are doing things a little different for our state tournaments.
- Will not be using Trackwrestling for registration.
- We will use USA Wrestling membership site. They will register under their profile.
- Dave Matthews has basically built our ranking system.
- We will no longer be using separation.
- Christina from USA Wrestling for the ranking system and how to register for folkstyle state.
- Trackwrestling scales – we can now use regular scales and use the scanner to scan their card and it will come up on the computer. It will show red or green, based on whether they made weight.
- Weigh ins will be done through USA and then will be imported into Trackwrestling.
- Jim Littlejohn said there are several officials who are already versed in it from working pre-season nationals.
- Rankings is based upon the athlete's card number, so they will not be able to delete tournaments or change things.
- There are only 2 other states using.
- Roby Webster asked about the phones not always working with the scanner. Pat Culp said that we will be able to scan for coaches' bands as well. She is having Dave Mathews place the code of conduct into the system.

### **WIN magazine**

- Pat Culp said she was contacted by WIN magazine and Illinois.
- If a state would pay \$1 per athlete, they would actually mail to each individual who signed up for the magazine (they currently receive a digital copy). We would have to pay them \$1 per athlete and we would get back \$10 per magazine.
- We are ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation at number of wrestlers. After discussing, we will not be taking them up on this.

## **Old Business**

### **Committees**

- Pat Culp provided a listing of the committees for 2022-2023
- Gear Committee: Jonah Odum, Jake O'Neill, Jason DeLois, Jason Miller
- Disciplinary Committee: Jennifer Pierson, Thomas Pompei, Mark Mundy, Josh Curry, Jimmy Tonte

- Tournament Committee: Jennifer Pierson, Roby Webster, Jen Ratliff, Linda Robinson, Jim Littlejohn, Mark Mundy, Tina Tonte, JD Minch
- Event Committee: Jennifer Pierson, Jen Ratliff, Roby Webster
- Audit Committee: Jim Littlejohn, Jake O'Neill, Nick Hull
- Scholarship Committee: Mark Stevenson, Mark Galka, Dalton Halbig, Michelle Kaster, Mary Friedt, TBD, Jim Littlejohn
- Women's Committee: Jason DeLois, Jimmy Tonte, Danny Struck, Nick Hull, Lauren Rioux
- Nominating Committee: Mark Galka, Mary Friedt, Dalton Halbig, Mark Stevenson, Michelle Kaster, TBD
- Awards (double/triple crown): Ryan Parrish, Linda Robinson, JD Minch, Lauren Rioux, Josh Curry, Jonah Odum
- Annual Meeting: Jennifer Pierson, Tina Tonte, Danny Struck, Nick Hull, Jeanne Whetstone

## **Consultant & Staff Reports**

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
  - Not present. No report.
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
  - Not present. No report.
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
  - Not present. No report.
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
  - Not present. No report.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
  - Not Present. Report via email.
  - Current Athletes – 8,698 – 15% Up from previous year – 52% New athletes
  - Current Wrestling Leaders – 922 – 3% Up from previous year – 26% New wrestling leaders
  - Current Clubs – 177 – Up 5% from previous year – 13% New clubs
  - Sanctioned Events – 96 – Up 1% from previous year
  - Certified Coaches: 1 Gold / 6 Silver / 348 Bronze / 498 Copper
- **State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
  - Not Present. Report via email.
  - Birth verifications are at an all-time high with more communications being emailed out about age verification before state competitions. The new membership boom with both Middle School & Elementary State Duals created faster deadlines to get verifications complete. Team packets for next season will be collected in advance to ensure team leaders complete the required paperwork.
  - State services wrapped up 2 state duals last month and are preparing for our largest state event next month. This year's wrestler gifts are ISWA shoelaces for Folkstyle State & ISWA mini towels for Freestyle/Greco State.
  - Clubs continue to renew charters and sanction events in the final weeks of Folkstyle season. Freestyle & Greco season is quickly approaching.
  - Continued website revisions to [www.iswa.com](http://www.iswa.com) with news articles, newsletters and event updates can all be found on our website.
  - The final stages of the 2023 Publication with the help of Jennifer Pierson are nearly ready for print. I am very grateful for her willingness to assist in this large project! May I suggest next year a willing volunteer or two in the proof process and data retrieving in October/November/December to help with the December deadline?

- Updates to Team Indiana registrations and weblinks are underway. New team leaders Theresa Rankin & Dan Mikesell have been contacted about ISWA team leader guide and result template deadlines for the ISWA office to ensure results for the ISWA book, social media and results/awards page with ISWA's website.
- Dalton Halbig has gained access to ISWA's one drive, ISWA email and training within the membership boards/committees link within [www.usawmembership.com](http://www.usawmembership.com).
- RSVPs are collected and invites for the Hall of Fame Banquet are complete. Mike McCarthy's plaque is done.
- State T-shirt sponsor logos are confirmed: Contenders, Red Cobra, IHSCWA, CIA, MCWC, USAW
- I have also shared the 2023 Jr, 16U & 14U Duals Packets with appropriate team leaders and Jeff Strueder to ensure deadlines. Thank you, Pat Culp & Mark Mundy, for sending the assigned officials for duals forms.

## **Directors Reports**

### **Vice Chair– Administration – Jennifer Pierson**

- No open items on disciplinary committee.
- John Hurrle committee met and Mike McCarthy was selected as this year's recipient. There were 17 nominations – most since she's been involved. A lot of quality nominations. She has reached out to let them know that we appreciate their involvement and encouraging them to nominate next year.

### **• Tournament Director – Roby Webster**

- Not much going on – getting ready for folkstyle.
- Middle School Duals and Elementary Duals went really well.
- Will be doing some evaluating on Elementary Duals. Had trouble filling small schools.
- Will get volunteer signups out as soon as we know doors.
- Discussions of location to receive coaches' bands.

### **▪ Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**

- Jennifer Pierson has been in discussions with her this week.
- Getting ready for Folkstyle State.
- They have decided on 2 locations for hospitality.
- Referee meetings will be in the main location (teacher's lounge).
- Deadline for scholarship applications is 4/1. Will check this week to determine how many applications we have received.

### **▪ Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**

- Not Present. No Report.

### **▪ Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**

- Bill Flatt's father passed away yesterday. He was a lifetime member of ISWA.
- Has been working folkstyle tournaments on Sundays

### **▪ Equipment Director – Jonah Odum**

- National team gear order for girls and Heartland Duals has been placed.
- Looking at those coming in within the next 2 weeks. Has had a lot of conversations around communication when shipped, estimated shipping times, etc.
- Looking forward to summer trips (duals/Fargo/Schoolboys, etc.).

- Has reached out to coaches to determine when the camps will be held. He needs dates or the gear may not arrive when they want them.
- Pat Culp said that they are working on the camp dates.
- He is team lead for Kids' Nationals.
- Having trouble reaching Delta Airlines to get trips taken care of. Has been on hold for multiple hours would like some help in coordinating this. Having a lot of trouble getting that done. Jennifer Pierson will try to assist.
  
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
  - Not present. No report.
  
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jim Littlejohn**
  - Will need to add a few additional officials with mat additions for Folkstyle State.
  - Is close to having the numbers that he needs.
  - Has 2 officials from Texas coming in this year (were here last year).
  - Has a handful of guys from Ohio coming in to help staff the mats.
  - Heartland Duals – 7 total going out.
  - Hoping to be good to get around for Folkstyle State from his knee surgery.
  - Jason Miller is taking care of the hotel rooms for the officials.
  - For Folkstyle Nationals, 5 officials going out (6 including Dan Feser).
  - 3 hotel rooms needed for this group.
  
- **Logistics Director – Lauren Rioux**
  - Not present. No Report.
  
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
  - Not present. Report via email
  - Leaving work early to go to Hobart HS to witness this non ISWA sanction State Folkstyle qualifier for finals at Brownsburg High School. Also wants to find out why Hobart coaches didn't return my calls. Needs to speak with their tournament director, Kyle Keith, too. This is a very small tourney on paper. 80 grammar school kids started at 9am CST and 60 middle school kids start at 1 pm CST. I read that the top 5 qualify
  - Will give Pat an update later (see below)
  - Update on Hobart kids grades 1-6 qualifier for their state championship
  - As you may be aware the Frosh - Soph High school State championship qualifier for women and men is going on at the same time in the same fieldhouse.
  - There are two state qualifiers in the state, Hobart and Evansville.
  - This is a huge event. Some 675 wrestlers from the north and Central Indiana. Saw that Indianapolis High Schools are here too. This tournament takes up 90% of the fieldhouse.
  - The grade schoolers take 2 mats. It's a very small tournament. The predominant clubs are Bulldog, Midwest Xtreme, Elite Wrestling Academy, and Region Wrestling.
  - Brackets are small and wrestlers and parents are packed in at end of fieldhouse. We call it organized chaos.
  - Hobart staff are very busy either playing refs
  - I'm assuming this Frosh-Soph qualifier is ran by the IHSCWA.
  
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
  - Reports from JD Minch about clubs. 2 brand new clubs and a few renewals.
  - Once high school is done, will reach out again to remind them to renew.
  - Several local tournaments – usually 200-300.

- Will start working on central regionals for mats and workers.
- **Section 3 – Vacant**
  - Not Present. No Report.
  - Jen reported he has introduced himself to the clubs and is getting up to speed.
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
  - We need two 75 ft extension cords, heavier gauge – so we don't have to put 2 together.
  - Will probably need 5 more 50 ft extension cords.
  - Mary Freidt asked that we mark the length on the cords.
- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
  - Keeping in touch with clubs via email.
- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
  - **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
    - Not Present. No Report.
  - **Cadet/Junior Director –Jake O'Neill**
    - Not present. No Report.
  - **Olympic Styles Development Director – Nick Hull**
    - Not Present. No Report.
  - **Kid's Director – Jason Miller**
    - Nothing new to report.
  - **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**
    - Not Present. No Report.
  - **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
    - Not present. No Report.
  - **Women's Director – Jason DeLois**
    - Upcoming Girls' 3/3-3/5 – working on filling two teams. Combined 16U/Jr. Deadline 2/17.
    - Only 5 girls on board right now.
    - Van and hotel scheduled.
    - Has had some interest for the 14U team.
    - Waiting for responses about ½ full at this time.
    - No gear to be provided.
    - Team dual fee is \$500 – with 9 girls at \$60 dollars we will be able to cover the trip.
    - Will work with Tina Tonte to build registration.
    - You can only enter with the club they are registered with. Working with Christina at USA to get all that were entered into open to move to Team Indiana.
    - Heartland Duals – Doug Strayer will be team leader.
    - Hotels are set up.
    - Will talk with Tina Tonte to set up registration.
    - Held 3/24-26 in Council Bluffs, IA.
    - \$300 for package.

- Shouldn't lose money this year based on expenses.
  - 723 card carrying members of women at this time, 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation.
  - Would like to make a proposal for parents who get gear for folkstyle nationals, and goes on junior duals – would like to discount \$225 if they are going on another trip with the same gear. This would help unity and would get parents to send their girls on more trips.
  - Jonah believes that we gave them \$25-\$50 discount – will have to double check.
  - Let him know what we decide.
- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
    - Was hoping to have the cultural exchange trip ready to go but had a snafu.
    - Asian Championship and situation in the area has put things on hold.
    - We are in a holding pattern right now, waiting for them to act. Will keep up updated.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
    - No present. No Report.
    - Has gotten the Elementary Duals team published and notification/process for challenge.
    - Deadline provided.
    - Middle school list is forthcoming.

**Additional items:**

Jennifer Pierson motioned that we adjourn the meeting.

Jeff Strueder seconded the motion.

Motion Passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 1:32pm**

**Next Meeting will be April 16<sup>th</sup>**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Fouts*

ISWA Secretary