

## **ISWA Monthly Meeting**

December 14, 2025

**Call to Order:** Meeting called meeting to order at 12:20 pm by Pat Culp. Meeting held via Zoom

**Attendance:** Pat Culp, Steve Mathis, Jimmy Tonte, Tina Fouts, Jennifer Pierson, Mary Friedt, Nick Hull, Jonah Odum, Melissa Strayer, Julie Pine, Roby Webster, Lou Silverman, Mike Morgan, Jared Curcio, Dalton Halbig, Patrick Rowles, Payton Halbig, Thomas Pompei, Linda Robinson, and Danny Struck.

**Staff:** Tina Tonte, JD Minch, Georgia Bartley

### **Consultants:**

#### **Secretary: Tina Fouts**

- Tina Fouts presented the November draft minutes as previously supplied through USA Wrestling membership website.
- Jason Miller made a motion to accept the minutes.
- Payton Halbig seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Tina Fouts presented the October draft minutes as previously supplied through USA Wrestling membership website.
- After passing the motion, Mary Friedt advised she was unable to find the minutes. They had been previously posted. I reposted them and advised that we would have to re-vote to accept the minutes at the next meeting.

#### **Treasurer: Steve Mathis**

- Steve Mathis stepped through Income Statement.
- Shared copy of report on screen, copy to be found on website.
- Reported that it is early in the year, so activity is slower. No tournament action at this point.
- We are on pace to be in line with the budget.
- Stepped through the Budget vs Actuals report.
- Reports will be uploaded to the USA Membership Library.
- Starting to get costs coming in for upcoming events.
- Statement of financial position. Balances listed for all accounts.
- Roby Webster made a motion to accept the treasurer's report
- Nick Hull seconded the motion.
- Motion passes unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **Folkstyle Seating**

- Pat Culp noted that we have ordered 5 sets of portable bleachers. The cost will be around \$17,000.
- They will be stationed around the venue so that several mats will be viewable from each.

#### **Annual meeting revamp**

- Jennifer Pierson reported that she hasn't had a chance to get together on the annual meeting revamp at this point.
- Hoping to have a meeting by our next meeting, or January.
- She would like to let our clubs know our game plan for the revamp.

## **Open Positions**

- Will be looking for a new marketing/communications board member position.
- Andy Oberlin has stepped down from the position.
- Let the Executive Board know if you know anyone who would be interested.
- Will be posting on the website in the near future.

## **New Business**

### **Mats**

- Pat Culp reported that she has been working with Rudis for use of mats.
- They are providing 20 mats for Kids' Nationals and Women's National Duals.
- Working on helping them with transportation and we will hire a crew or 2 to unload, lay mats, and roll them up to put back on semi.
- She hopes to have all in place this week.

### **Folkstyle State**

- Pat Culp reported that we will need table workers.

### **Weight Classes for Middle School State Weight Classes**

- Pat Cup has been working with Patrick Rowles on the Middle School State girls' weight classes.
- Adjusting the Middle School and they have been sent to the Coaches' Association so that they can put these on their flyers.
- They will also offer wrestle-offs as they do for the boys and will include this information on the flyers for Middle School State.

## **Consultant & Staff Reports**

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
  - Not present. No report.
  - Pat Culp reported that Steve Pugliese stated that once a situation has been reported to SafeSport, there is little to be done by the overseer.
  - Still looking into candidate to take over the position.
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
  - Not present. No report.
  - Pat Culp asked Roby Webster have been in touch with her and have answered questions.
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
  - Not present. No report.
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
  - Not present.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
  - Athletes 7,731, up 5% from last year, 44% new members.
  - Leaders 933 up 15% from last year, 22% new leaders
  - Clubs 179 up 1% from last year, 10% new clubs
  - Sanctioned events 97 up 37% from last year
  - Coaches: 1 Gold, 8 Silver (increased by 1 since last meeting), 324 Bronze (increased by 69 since last meeting), Copper 513 (up 160 in past month)
  - Athlete increase of 3601 since last meeting, leaders increase 361 since last meeting, clubs increase 35 since last meeting, sanctions increase of 18 since last month.

- States that we are probably in the top 10 nationally.

### **State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**

- Draft publication sent out to members and is on resource page.
- Edits will be made and draft 10 to be updated by Monday.
- Pat Culp stated she has edits to send.
- T-shirt sponsors – reminders sent with January deadline.
- State tournament supplies have been ordered.
- Table runners ordered.
- There is a wait list for Elementary State.
- Call was held regarding waitlist.
- Chris Pruitt has been in communications with the office regarding the switch over to new website.
- Middle School State Duals – Jen Ratliff helped build registration, will be pushed out on Tuesday at 9am.
- Flyer has been sent to Ryan Parrish and Jennifer Ratliff and Jennifer Pierson for updates.
- Steve Mathis created a QR code for Elementary State.
- Question was asked if QR code will be needed for Middle School Duals.
- This is going through ticketing at Kids' Nationals.
- Steve Mathis stated no QR needed.

### **Staff – Georgia Bartley**

- Website is going well.
- Reaching out to Jennifer Pierson to meet with other directors on their area.

### **Directors' Reports**

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

##### **Disciplinary Committee Report:**

- Nothing to report.

##### **Regular Report**

- Reported the goal is to have the gear prior to Folkstyle State to be able to pass out to athletes at the event.
- Need a response by the end of the month on gear packet.
- Mike Morgan stated that we are recommending Rudis for a 2-year contract for the national team gear. This is the motion submitted for the National Teams Gear contract.
- Jason Miller stated that the committee met with Rudis and they came back and met every single need we had, including timeline and price.
- Jimmy Tonte stated we were looking for a one-year, they wanted 2-year and if everything went well, 3-years.
- Jennifer Pierson stated they will provide a designer to work one-on-one with us when we have an idea of the design we want.
- Jonah Odum asked how much they came down. What is the total price for athletes?
- Jennifer Pierson stated she doesn't have the spreadsheet in front of her as she just got off the plane.
- Jimmy said that they gave us everything we asked for.
- Mary Friedt seconded the motion.
- Motion passes with 1 opposed and 4 abstaining.

- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**

- Elementary Duals set-up will be late afternoon/evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> of January at Franklin.
  - Kids' Nationals will be the last weekend of January.
  - Middle School State Duals will be January 25<sup>th</sup> for any who can attend to help, please do so.
  - Meeting the first week of January for a tournament committee meeting.
  - Tina Tonte asked when our vendor contract for state tournaments vendor sales?
  - She stated that Wright Way had contacted office and would like to be considered.
  - Jonah Odum stated that an RFP should be submitted sometime this summer.
  - Will provide contact information to Mike Morgan.
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
    - Will be ready for upcoming events – Kids' Nationals will have 20 mats.
    - Steve Mathis asked if we need to take mat tape to Ft. Wayne and it was confirmed that yes, we do.
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**
    - Not Present.
    - Jennifer Pierson reported she is working on the scholarship application being added to national teams' portal and will get with the office on Thursday to show how the process will work.
    - Elementary duals – previously reported the number of teams have been expanded.
    - Middle School Duals' registration has been set up and will open on its own.
    - She thought there was some discussion on changing weights.
    - No Duals weight changes per, Pat Culp
- **Social Media/Marketing Director – Vacant**
    - Jennifer Pierson is filling in for the role until the position is filled.
- **Equipment Director – Mike Morgan**
    - Was discussed previously in this meeting and a vote was taken.
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Dalton Halbig**
    - Needs spreadsheet for events.
    - Will be using Event Link for Freestyle and Greco events.
    - Will be sent to him right after meeting.
    - He will not be at Elementary Duals State, traveling back from a national event.
    - Attending a pilot program in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Training Center in January.
    - Will be the head official for Central Regionals this year.
    - Trying to get licenses updated for officials.
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jared Curcio**
    - Is expanding the number of officials needed for Elementary Duals.
    - This has been updated.
    - Will continue to update as needed.
    - Will be back in Indiana Friday through January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Logistics Director – Melissa Strayer**
    - Directors needing rooms for Elementary Duals should let her know by Thursday.
    - Email sent out to those in charge of Heartland Duals, as there is a hard cut-off of 3/2/26.
    - After that date, rooms are released to public.

- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
  - Not Present. Report via email.
  - Had 450 wrestlers at Valporaiso last week.
  - New update, clubs slow at getting sanctioned, working with them and continuing to contact them regarding charters and sanctions.
  - Working with new brick factory coaches as well.
  
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
  - Working with Jennifer Pierson to get clubs chartered and sanctions.
  - There was a club that hadn't been at tournament meeting. Sanctioned tournament that was a late entry.
  - Worked with the other tournament on same day and they were fine with it.
  - Folkstyle Nationals; the truck coming (not sure exact date/time). Will be either Wednesday night or Thursday.
  - Has 6 basic clubs that brought mats in the past. They won't be bringing mats, but will be paying them to bring workers to unload, roll out, tape down and then again on Sunday, roll up and put in truck.
  - Will probably use 2 groups to unload and 2 groups to load.
  - Will be paying \$500 for each school.
  - Will send email out to clubs tonight.
  - Table help – in the works of getting clubs to volunteer – 20 mats, will need 40 people.
  - Asked for someone to bring mops, blowers, all things to clean mats.
  - Jennifer Pierson will include Mary on the tournament meeting for Kids' Nationals.
  
- **Section 3 – Jonah Odum**
  - Sent introductory email to clubs to introduce himself as the new Section Director.
  - Has been following up on inquiries regarding tournaments
  - Has had questions as to where parents are allowed to be and stating some are sneaking back and filming from areas where they are not allowed to be.
  - Wright Way asked if we had any type of special fund for those in financial need. Wondered if we can set something up.
  - Discussed possibility.
  
- **Section 4 – Julie Pine**
  - Getting acclimated to the role.
  - Opening up communication with Athletic Directors and Coaches and nurturing relationships.
  - Getting all tournaments covered.
  
- **Section 5 –Payton Halbig**
  - Was going to be at a tournament today but it was rescheduled for 2/17 or the week after.
  - Local tournaments are occurring and reaching out to them to see if anything is needed.
  
- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
  - Reported that he is working with Jennifer Pierson to get Mike Morgan set up with the new role and with Rudis.
  - Have been looking at singlet designs.
  
- **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
  - Is in high school mode.

- Has been reminding people to fill out applications for coaching opportunities.
- A lot of the same names as past coaches have been submitted.
- Will send a reminder after Christmas.
  
- **Regional Training Center – Josh Curry**
  - Not present. No Report.
  - After the meeting, his report was located and sent for documentation in the minutes.
  - Josh Curry reported via text that INT-RTC application will go out during Elementary Duals, next month.
  - Will continue to build girls-only locations as well as getting summer Sunday RTC practices set for Fargo.
  
- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
  - Hoping to purchase tickets for both trips this week.
  - There are 10 spots for the Middle School trip to Puerto Rico (7/11 – 7/20).
  - Looking at 6/27 – 7/9 for the South Africa trip.
  - Doesn't have prices yet. Working on locking in prices.
  - As soon as he has the information, will get the information to ISWA.
  - Expecting the High School trip to be around \$3,000 and the Middle School trip to be somewhere between \$1,200 and \$1,500.
  
- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
  - Heartland team leaders are covered.
  - Pretty sure all team leaders are covered but lots of time to confirm that.
  - Asked if we got the Team Indiana history document he made added to the website?
  - Looking ahead, he won't be at Folkstyle State, as that looks to be their national tournament again.
  
- **Kid's Director – Jason Miller**
  - Nothing to Report.
  
- **Girls/Kid's Director – Patrick Rowles**
  - Not much to report.
  - Reaching out to potential coaches to have applications submitted for Heartland Duals.
  
- **16U/Junior Director –Dan Mikesell**
  - Not Present. No Report.
  
- **16U/Junior Women's Director –Doug Strayer**
  - Not Present.
  - Is coaching today, nothing to report.
  
- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Nick Hull**
  - No updates.
  - Planning for 2026.
  
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
  - Not Present. No Report.

Jennifer Pierson asked to remind any clubs that need to reschedule to have them reach out to the office and the tournament committee will make sure there is not a conflict.

Pat Culp shared the new reporting options that are being shown by USA Wrestling. Showed Heat map and how the report can be filtered by different filters. Pin map – shows where majority of pin numbers are located. Can view all by nation, by state, by clubs, by RTC, etc. Pat can get these reports under her state reports so reach out to her if information is needed. Jennifer Pierson said this could help with where to hold events and where marketing is needed.

Jason Miller motioned that we adjourn the meeting.

Payton Halbig seconded the motion.

Motion Passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 1:50 pm.**

**The next meeting will be held on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 12:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Fouts*

ISWA Secretary