

## **ISWA Monthly Meeting**

October 9, 2022

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

### **Attendance:**

Pat Culp, Jeff Strueder, Tina Fouts, Thomas Pompei, Jason Miller, Jennifer Pierson, Jennifer Ratliff, Linda Robinson, Danny Struck, Jonah Odum, Jeanne Whetstone, Jason DeLois, Jimmy Tonte, Ryan Parrish

**Staff:** Tina Tonte, JD Minch

**Consultants:** Chris Pruitt

**Guest:**

### **Secretary: Tina Fouts**

- Presented September minutes, which were sent in advance through USAW Membership website to review and provide updates
- Motion to accept minutes presented by Jeff Strueder.
- Jonah Odum seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously

### **Treasurer: Jeff Strueder**

- Presented financial statements online
- Money is starting to comm in from memberships and sanctions.
- This is shown in the spreadsheet titled Budget vs Actuals – memberships, sanctions, charters coming in.
- Received \$1,000 from Mrs. Dowden for scholarship.
- Sold gear at annual meeting
- No expenses yet, except for normal administrative expenses.
- Background checks mostly went through office. If you haven't been refunded, send receipt to Jeff Strueder.
- Insurance has been paid.
- Postage for awards that had to be mailed.
- Mat officials – UWW fees for background checks and licenses.
- Believes we have all expenses from annual meeting.
- IT equipment. Timing – half was spent in August (last year's budget) and half in September (this year's budget). Best buy processing shows all in this year, but partially from last year.
- \$1000 was spent for women's camp in Franklin and 1200 went to Coaches' Association for camp in conjunction with them for college coaches coming in.
- Fargo housing 1590 was deposit.
- Rent and utilities.
- Jason Miller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report
- Danny Struck seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

### **Open Board Position**

- Pat Culp will send the notification of the open board position to the office to post (Section 3 Director)

### **Indiana Ranking System**

- Pat Culp reported that USA Wrestling did a video for us that was shown at the annual meeting.
- They already have something in place that we can use for separation criteria for state. The system is weighted. Takes specific information into place.
- We are going to go back 2018 and list all of our events and USA National events.
- She would like to include High School State in the criteria. We should be able to pull it over.
- Asked if anyone has any event that they feel we should use in the rankings. None mentioned.
- Events will have to be on Trackwrestling or Flo to be able to be included.
- The USA Video is on our website for anyone to review.

### **Committees**

- Pat Culp asked anyone on the call wants to be on a certain committee to reach out to her.
- Otherwise, she will place people on committees she thinks they would be best suited.

### **Streaming with Flo**

- Pat Culp stated we are still working out the details. Flo is meeting this week. They are currently proposing to us that they no longer want to rent out streaming equipment.
- They will make sure we get our equipment for this year. She believes 28 is the most we will need for a single event this year. This would be for Folkstyle.
- Flo wants to pay us money for us to get our own equipment.
- They will be including ISWA, Coaches' Association, High School Girls' and any event we run for USA Wrestling.
- \$32,000 is the amount offered, and we will be paid after the final even each season (sum of the whole) spread out 1 – 4 years.
- They are paying us money to buy our own equipment.
- We will still earn money based on streaming.
- We would get \$55 for every subscription since we do quite a bit of streaming.
- Waiting on the final numbers from Flo.
- Jen Ratliff asked if we got clarification of renewals and we will get it since it is automatic. Pat Culp said that we will receive the money on renewals.
- Chris Pruitt wants to know if there is any issue with us creating our own content or if they will allow us to still post for our own needs.
- Jen Ratliff reported that 24 new computers and 24 new cameras have already been purchased.

### **Consultant & Staff Reports**

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
  - Not present. No report.
  - Pat Culp reported that SafeSport audits will be starting to make sure that we are doing things correctly and following the rules set forth.
  - She will work with Steve Pugliese to make sure we have things lined up for tournaments.
  - Will look into a checklist of sorts, to provide for any tournament
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
  - Not present. No report.

- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
  - Would like to have the model numbers of the newly purchased equipment.
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
  - Not present. No report.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
  - Current Athletes - 875 -- up 30% / 23% new
  - Current Wrestling Leaders - 252 -- up 2% / 8% new
  - Current Clubs - 78 -- up 2% / 8 % new
  - Sanctioned Events - 21 -- up 17%
  - Certified Coaches
    - Gold – 1
    - Silver – 3
    - Bronze – 155
    - Copper - 158
- **State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
  - Annual Publication - Currently State services is removing duplicate addresses from last year's membership to prepare the mailing of the annual publication.
  - Publication files are also being revised in preparation for Dec. deadlines with printer.
  - Any photo contest images please email [office@iswa.com](mailto:office@iswa.com) before Nov. 1st.
  - ISWA Website - USAW has announced a new contract with Sports Stack for all state websites. This means USAW will no longer contract with Sports Engine. Those clubs who have a webpage on the ISWA website will be contacted when information becomes available. Sports Stack will offer similar features and designs as [www.themat.com](http://www.themat.com) and the USAW membership site. A more uniform look will be ISWA's new website face. Please be patient as State Services transitions that data over to the new website provider. More info to come.
  - Club/Events - State services working with membership services (JD Minch) on charter clubs and those clubs hosting events this season. Please allow 2 weeks to process the request. Visit <https://www.iswa.com/sanctionanevent> for the steps to complete the process.
  - John Hurrle Nomination-The mailing prep is underway for this annual mailing.

## **Directors Reports**

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

- Stated she is in a learning process of her new role
- Asked for anyone to reach out to her and let her know if she is missing anything that she may need to be involved with.
- Has been working with Jennifer Ratliff, Pat Culp, and Roby Webster on tournament things.
- Working on tournament bids – meeting has been scheduled.
- Will be talking about clubs that haven't attended the annual meeting but then wants to add a tournament as soon as the annual meeting is over.
- Looking at being a little more stern this year, discussing hard line of no, cannot add in a tournament if you weren't at the meeting.
- Looking at different scenarios.
- Pat Culp stated that when Columbia City first became a club, when the Dowden's were in power, if you didn't attend the annual meeting, and if you didn't send a head pairer and head official, you weren't able to hold a tournament.

- We state on our website that you MUST attend the annual meeting you will not be able to host an event.
  - She feels we should discuss this as a board, we should say no if the rules aren't followed.
  - We need to hold true to our rules.
  - Jeff Strueder mentioned possibly making the punishment punitive (higher price to sanction) instead of not allowing them to host.
  - Discussions of differing scenarios.
  - Danny Struck provided thoughts – his first year, brought Rulon Gardner in to speak and that raised the attendance at the annual meeting.
  - Jennifer Pierson asked how we can help the coaches identify someone from their club to attend the meetings.
  - Will look at other options for the annual meeting.
  - Nothing to report for disciplinary committee.
- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**
    - Not Present.
    - Report via email.
    - Franklin will be hosting Elementary Duals and Middle School Duals this year.
    - Jennifer Pierson stated that they have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday to discuss items that she referred to earlier in the report.
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
    - Stated she hasn't been invited to any meetings for tournament committee meeting.
    - Pat Culp stated they have an event committee that has met, but the tournament committee hasn't yet met.
    - Jennifer informed the board that Roby Webster will schedule tournament committee meetings for the actual running of the tournaments, soon.
    - Everything went well last year. Looking forward to this season.
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**
    - Working on training.
    - Will try to set up some open Trackwrestling trainings.
    - Will send information to the office to publish and send out.
    - Someone was looking at giving away the other computers. She will need the 2 cases for the really old computers, for the new ones.
    - Linda Robinson asked when she can pick the old computers up.
    - Pat Culp said that we need to clear our stuff off of them.
    - The ones that are being given away are the Gateways and the Dells.
    - Linda Robinson said she can wipe them, if Chris can walk her through.
    - Jen Ratliff said we will need to keep the mice and the mouse pads.
    - Still discussing which Registration System we will be using for our state tournaments.
- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
    - Nothing to report for ISWA related items.
    - Has been contacted by a couple of high schools to assist with tournaments.
- **Equipment Director – Jonah Odum**
    - Has all bids in for national teams' gear

- Athlete package – ¼” long sleeve sublimated jacket, 1 pair of sublimated warm-up shorts, sublimated t-shirt and screen print t-shirt, sublimated backpack/embroidered and 2 singlets
- Referee – 1 polo, 1 t-shirt, 1 hat, and 1 backpack
- Coaches’ package – 1 polo, 1 t-shirt, 1 pair shorts, 1 hat, and 1 backpack
- Requested 2 totals. One with referee package and one without referee package
- Requested bids from RUDIS, Barbarian, NearFall, 3x Gear, EI Sports, and Blue Chip (did not return a bid)
- Will send a copy of the bid report out so all board members can review.
- He is aware of customer service issues – has a call with the VP of sales to try to work through these issues.
- Jonah asked to keep the information to board members.
  
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
  - Not present. No report.
  
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jim Littlejohn**
  - Not present. No report.
  
- **Logistics Director – Lauren Rioux**
  - Not present. No report.
  
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
  - Not present. Report via email
  - Section 1 had one event so far this season.
  - Correction of note - The Boilermaker RTC Folkstyle open scheduled for October 2 was cancelled and will be rescheduled for Saturday October 29th.
  - Coach Leroy Vega will send in update this upcoming week.
  - There are 20 tournaments scheduled in Section 1
  - Posted tournaments are correct except for Boilermaker RTC.
  - Will go through this again this week and report to office of changes.
  - Will work on several club emails that are listed but are incorrect.
  - Several club directors or their representatives need to get their clubs sanctioned for the 22-23 year.
  - Goal is set for November.
  - Tina Tonte reported that when clubs charter themselves, the email address that they enter in USAW is fed to our website.
  
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
  - Thank you to JD Minch and Tina Tonte for updates and she is updating her records and will contact clubs next month.
  
- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
  - Section 3 has 19 clubs sanctioned – 3 new for the year.
  - Section 3 hosted girl’s Midwest nationals – 19 dual teams and just under 300 girls for the open.
  - Sent email to all clubs from last year with a link to sanction and a reminder to do so.
  
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
  - Not Present. No Report.

▪ **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**

- Not present. Report via email.
- Has emailed the clubs about the upcoming season to get in touch with her if they need assistance.
- Asked for an update about the club that didn't attend the annual meeting and wanted to sanction an event the next day.

▪ **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**

- Reported that we have revamped Team Indiana qualifications
- Changes to Heartland duals (Jason Miller will speak to this) and dual teams.
- Top 4 for dual teams top 4 for Fargo.
- Full information will be provided once updated.
- Girls' camp went really well. Thanks to the ISWA, Jason and Women's coach.

▪ **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**

- Coaches' application has been made out for next year, with changes made.
- Will send again to Pat Culp and Jimmy Tonte to make sure it is how we want it to look.
- Had a log of struggles with our Fargo staffing so we will be doing a separate application process for Fargo so that the requirements are clear.
- Will be sent for review this week.
- Trying to get a little more of high school coaches involved.
- Will also roll out at the fall coaches' clinic to high school coaches.
- The very next day will be forwarded to all clubs.
- Discussed his attendance at the Missouri Coaches' Association meeting.
- An Indiana kid made the U15 trip to Columbia

▪ **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.
- Regarding gear – Ryan Parrish and some other coaches for the Heartland trip would prefer 2 shirts of some sort (not polo)

▪ **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**

- Not present. No report.

▪ **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**

- Nothing to report.
- Will be communicating soon with people to do trips.
- Equipment – especially for Fargo – maybe we could supply more polos than shorts.
- Coaches and Team Leaders are in Fargo for 10 days so more shirts would be nice to have.

▪ **Women's Director – Jason DeLois**

- Asked about changes to national trips team qualifications.
- Top 3 from State and Duals top 3 from State per Jimmy Tonte (was reported in prior report that it was top 4).

- These are the first looked at, prior to going to a committee.
  - Thomas Pompei asked why we went away from hand selecting the Junior Duals teams.
  - Pat Culp said we had quite a bit of push back from individuals stating the top 4 should be considered prior to hand picking.
  - Jason DeLois feels that decisions shouldn't be made without involving the people who need to tell the athletes who will be going.
- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
    - Not present. No report.
    - Jimmy Tonte stated that he is working on Korea, Seattle and Portland.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
    - Heartland Duals – switched how we determine the team.
    - We no longer have a state tournament that determines the teams.
    - We have always had wrestle offs to determine the teams – with not many showing up so we end up hand picking the teams.
    - Some kids drive 3 hours to wrestle offs with no one to wrestle.
    - Will form a coaches' committee – 7-person committee consisting of 2 current board members (Jason Miller and Ryan Parrish), one representative from large team champions, one representative from small team champions, one representative from Middle school duals champion, and 2 at-large representatives from sections that are not represented in 1-4 above.
    - After committee formed, will hand pick team.
    - Will then be publicized.
    - Then a scheduled wrestle offs – will have to sign up to challenge the team members picked.
    - If people have questions about Heartland, reach out to him.

**Additional items:**

**Request from USA Wrestling to bid national women's tournament.**

- Pat Culp checked and there are no venues available for us to be able to host.

Jason Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jeff Strueder seconded the motion.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 1:57pm**

**Next Meeting will be November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Fouts*

ISWA Secretary