

ISWA Monthly Meeting

June 30, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 12:05 pm

Attendance:

Board Members:

Onsite: Pat Culp, Tina Fouts, Jeff Strueder, Michelle Kaster, Jason Miller, Mark Mundy, Darby Nicely, Ryan Parrish, Danny Struck, Bart Welch, Roby Webster, Jean Whetstone

Teleconference: Keith Davison, Jim Tonte, Tina Tonte, Nancy Campbell

Staff: Tina Tonte (teleconference), JD Minch (onsite)

Guest: Clint Gard, Rochester; Jodie Webster, Normonco

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented April minutes, which were sent in advance by the office, to review and provide updates
- Ryan Parrish made a motion to accept the minutes
- Jeff Strueder seconded the motion
- No discussions
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- Presented financial reports, which were emailed to board members in advance for review.
- Went through financials
- Stated that he will be checking with Linda Robinson who had previously volunteered to look into a conservative investment vehicle to recommend to the board to gain some earnings on some of our funds
- Statement of financial activity, discussed expenses, income, funds from donations
- Revenue is slightly behind plan but all information is not in yet.
- Stated that he still needs information for scholarships so that the checks can be sent for the recipients
- Pat Culp is checking with Linda Robinson
- Jason Miller made motion to accept treasurer's report
- Michelle Kaster seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

2019 State Tournament Series

Elementary Duals

- Pat Culp reported that the tournament committee would like to add a wait list for 4 additional small teams (will not add until 4 have registered so the first 3 will be wait listed)
- We had 11 teams on the wait list this year. Would like to grow the tournament
- Recommending we start small and see how it grows
- We can continue to use Franklin and add 2 more mats in the fieldhouse and 2 more in the gym

- Will check with Linda Robinson to see if we want to provide hospitality since the box lunches that were provided by Franklin had a price increase
- Wants to add a section in pre-registration where the registering team will add all of the schools in their school system to aid in verification

Folkstyle State

- Looking at adjustments with the weigh in process. Still want to use the bay area that we used this year
- Planning to move the station for copies of cards to another area, possibly in a room as you originally enter the bay area for weigh ins
- Talked about staggering weigh in times. Having certain groups weigh in at certain times (possibly one-hour increments) and having the last hour or hour and a half as an open time that athletes can come if they cannot make their actual assigned time
- Would like to see if this helps with the congestion
- Also reviewing the possibility of starting Cadets and Juniors at an earlier time. Will review the numbers of registered athletes to see what makes the most sense
- Pat Culp is also going to speak with Justin from Trackwrestling to see if he can come up a ranking system for Indiana. This would help take our separation criteria a step further
- Talked about the PA system at Warren Central. Seems to be working with our ability to mat chat to all gyms and announcements can be made in each wrestling location
- Looking at the issue with Cadets that weigh in on Friday and then don't wrestle until 2pm on Saturday. We may start them early on Saturday to help reduce cost on parents. Might alleviate an extra night in the hotel
- Discussed wi-fi and the inability to connect on phones to follow Trackwrestling. Pat Culp will discuss with Jim Tonte (as the school's contact)
- Discussed an alternative to place a large screen in each area that shows the schedule of matches to assist coaches in keeping up with their wrestlers

Freestyle/Greco State

- We need to make sure that when the athletes are weighing in that they understand they are to weigh in wearing a red or blue singlet. We will add this information to the registration as well as the blast email that goes out to all athletes just prior to the event
- Will add another championship mat
- Will be revamping schoolboy and novice a bit
- Jason DeLois wanted to talk about the girls not going to the championship mat. Pat Culp explained that they are their own separate tournament and it isn't easy to pull them into the mix. She will work with Jason DeLois to address his concerns
- Pat Culp also mentioned that the number of round robins creates difficulty in determining which matches will actually be the championship match
- Pat Culp discussed the fact that we signed a 3-year contract with Trackwrestling due to the savings for our clubs to run their tournaments on Trackwrestling. With that, they agreed to provide streaming equipment for our state tournaments and they watch and help with any issues. We get no revenue from the streaming and the individuals have to pay to watch. Those fees all go to Trackwrestling
- Would like to request or require that the last chance qualifiers be run on Trackwrestling to assist in monitoring for the qualifiers. We could pay the cost and provide a pairer

Schoolboy Duals

- Mark Mundy stated that we have a requirement to provide an exhibition mat. Some athletes were stating that they had wrestled 17 matches in a day. That is not the intent of the exhibition

requirement and a better job needs to be done in policing the exhibition area and controlling the number of matches the athletes are wrestling. We need to address this for next year

Miscellaneous

- Danny Struck asked about the girls' state tournaments and wondered if there are 5 girls in a weight class, is it required that they each wrestle all of the other girls in the class
- He feels that if a girl goes 0-5 that it could push them away from the sport
- Pat Culp said we can put them on a regular bracket. She thinks Jason is trying to get the girls more matches. Can discuss with Jason DeLois
- Ryan Parrish asked if we might want to consider weighing the girls in early and having their tournament on Friday evening while the remaining weigh ins are happening. They could even run exhibition matches on the empty matches as they are wrestling the tournament
- Pat Culp put this suggestion on a list of things to discuss with Jason DeLois
- Jeff Strueder asked if we can look into opening the doors at 6 if weigh ins are scheduled for 6. This will alleviate waiting online for an extended period of time. He feels this will help in coordinating the door/entry situation

Local Tournaments

- Discussed having everyone on Trackwrestling for freestyle qualifiers
- Discussed how violations will be handled for those clubs who do not attend the annual meeting and then contact the office to bid a tournament. A letter was already sent identifying the violation. A new letter will be sent reminding them that someone from their club charter must attend this year to bid a tournament.
- Will be having section directors be more active in coordinating tournaments in their area
- If a second violation of bidding a tournament and not attending the annual meeting they will not be able to sanction a tournament (they will be declined)
- Another issue that was discovered is clubs not verifying USA wrestling membership cards as well as combining Cadet 8th graders with Juniors
- Lack of waiver forms was a problem as well
- These items will be discussed specifically at the Annual Meeting
- If the clubs are in violation of these types of things, after receiving a warning, they will not be able to host a tournament the next year
- Local tournaments seemed to be running smoothly for the most part and we try to provide assistance where we can

Annual Budget Meeting

- Had discussions around the date as there were many conflicts
- Danny Struck made a motion to streamline the budget meeting and August board meeting to one day, August 3, and postpone the social to a floating date
- Ryan Parrish seconded the motion
- Jeff Strueder will provide the affected board members with their budget and actual reports for this year
- Board members will be advised to submit their budget with changes highlighted and explanations of said changes a week prior to the budget meeting (July 27th)
- All trips and team budgets will be pre-submitted
- Any additional items will be considered as we have in the past
- The budget meeting will be held from 8am to noon with the normal monthly board meeting to follow at 1pm in the ISWA office
- Any board member that needs a room for the night before the meeting, contact Jeff Strueder
- Motion passed unanimously

Annual Meeting

- Will be held on September 8 at Lawrence North High School, starting at 9am
- Pat Culp brought up that requests have been made to have satellite meetings maybe through Google Hangout, with Section Directors attending the satellite meetings
- Many cannot attend because of a conflicting wrestling tournament
- Had discussions about the possibility of doing this but it was felt that too many people would be involved to hold separate meetings. Rules are discussed, which are important to communicate to the clubs as well as the difficulty in counting votes. Also, we hold training sessions that need club representatives to be in attendance
- At this point, we are going to hold the meeting as we have in the past
- Pat Culp needs a separate room for pairing training
- Will be set up the same as last year
- Last year we were missing a microphone/PA system. We will need that this year
- Will recognize the Triple and Double Crown winners first, as we did last year, as well as the volunteer and coaches/referee awards
- Will follow last year's agenda

Committee Reporting

Coaches' Council

- Keith Davison reported that Brady Eppert, Jake O'Neil, and Blake Maurer had a discussion about team selection and filling teams and staffing
- Feels we need to create more awareness for Olympic styles
- Danny Struck stated that there is money in the RTC budget that hasn't been used and we could possibly use that to help
- Danny Struck feels that coaches need to get together to work on how to make the process of selecting and recruiting for these teams can be done better
- If we have a new team leader, our directors need to help the staff
- Suggested possibly having a coaches' meeting at the office to work through these issues

Disciplinary Committee

- Keith Davison reported that there has not been a lot of activity
- Had a report from a high school on an assistant coach and it was reported up through Safe Sport
- Steve Pugliese was made aware of the report
- One coach had was a little bit threatening and had conditions placed upon him, was put through training and certain obligations to fulfil and done a nice job following up
- All 18-year-old Juniors now must fulfil Safe Sport training
- Pat Culp stated we need to send something about this new requirement to all clubs about the new requirement for 18-year-old Juniors before the season starts

Scholarship committee

- Pat Culp texted Linda Robinson and she was asked to provide her spreadsheet to Jeff Strueder by tomorrow to allow the scholarship funds to be delivered to the respective schools

Tournament Committee

- Pat Culp reported that there have been discussions about doing a middle school team state duals tournament. If we choose to do this, we need to get it on the calendar
- We originally spoke about doing this on sections weekend
- Clint Gard had concerns about how this would affect local tournaments
- Discussions around potential dates

- Clint Gard spoke about extending the Freestyle/Greco season and for the little kids to start earlier (October or November) and go into Freestyle/Greco after Christmas
- Need to form a committee closer to March to look into this
- Committee was formed – Ryan Parrish (chair), Danny Struck, Pat Culp, Roby Webster, Jason Miller and Jimmy Tonte.

Central Regionals

- We will be hosting in 2020 and 2021
- Will be having tournament at the Ft. Wayne Coliseum
- 2020 date is May 16-17
- Will be working diligently on organizing the tournament and working with clubs from the norther part of the state for mats.

New Business

Proposed board member additions

- Jeff Strueder made a motion to accept the recommendation for Roby Webster as Tournament Director and Darby Nicely as Logistics Director
- Bart Welch seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously

Dates for 2019-2020 State Tournament Series

- Elementary Duals – January 5, 2020
- Folkstyle State – March 13-15, 2020
- Freestyle/Greco State – May 1-3, 2020
- Central Regionals – May 15-17, 2020

Audit Committee

- Bart Welch (chair), Jean Whetstone, and Linda Robinson

Nominating Committee

- Committee is made up of the 5 section directors, Jodie Webster and Darby Nicely.
- Ballots are to be returned to Jennifer Pierson in sealed envelope which are not to be opened until the committee meets at the budget meeting.

Consultant & Staff Reports

- Keith Davison stated that there has been a lot of focus on Duals for the last month.
- Schoolboy Duals went great. Steve Livingston sent a nice email out to the teams' parents.
 - With us hosting, makes it easier for us to fill teams. We had an "X" team as well as the 2 normal teams.
 - Warren did a great job of hosting.
 - Indiana created the tournament in 1997
 - This tournament gave birth to Cadet and Junior Duals.
 - USA Wrestling was happy with the outcome.
- Danny Struck stated that Cadet Duals went really well. They will not be going back to Spokane, WA next year. Recommended adding experiences for the athletes, no matter where the teams go. It will be an added benefit.
 - Placed middle of the pack.
 - Junior/Cadet camp at University of Indianapolis. They did a great job and he recommends we hold it at the same place if they want to host again.

- Roby Webster spoke about the selection process for Junior Duals. Feels we need to approach the kids earlier.
- Jodie Webster stated that from a parent's standpoint, cost can be a factor. She mentioned that her son was able to go to Disney Duals for \$100 due to fundraising opportunities.
- Jason Miller feels we need to do more with fundraising to offset trip costs to get the better athletes to go.
- Keith Davison feels we need to work on marketing our Cadet and Junior Duals teams.
- Discussions around pricing, other states costs and ideas on how to work on preventative pricing and getting other kids to go.

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present, no report

- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
 - Not present – no report
 - Christina Hargrove needed yellow/red card information. Was confirmed that this information was provided by the office.

- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
 - Not Present. No Report

- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
 - Current athletes – 9,173 – up 8% over last year
 - Current Wrestling Leaders – 1415 down 2%.
 - 197 clubs – up 3% from last year
 - 133 sanctioned events up 3%
 - Certified Coaches – 1 Gold coach, 4 Silver, 371 bronze, 794 copper.

- **Director of Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
 - JD provided report – sent around 3 art proofs for annual meeting gifts, window clings.
 - 4imprint – 250 for \$415. Second quote – Your Image Inc. – doing our books, 250 for \$500, 3rd quote – Vistaprint – 250 for \$1200.
 - Recommendation from Tina would be to use the window cling similar to what we had before, using 4imprint. JD has worked with them for over a decade – they do good work.
 - Received Schoolboy Duals plaque.
 - Pat Culp received a thank you for Columbia city event – family.
 - Scholarship – thank you note from recipient of Rolly Hoover scholarship (John Ruble from Belmont) who is going to Purdue University, Ft Wayne
 - Triple crown award design – has been in contact with Jay Dowden – has the list of names of winners.
 - Need to provide information if we want changes to the design – report to office soon.
 - Jeff Strueder asked about checking on outside window cling. Tina will get a quote for outside one and provide quote.
 - Keith Davison is setting up Fargo registration in the membership system – setting up Jason Miller, Brady Eppert, and Jake O'Neill to allow them to register their athletes.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Pat Culp

- Equipment Director position is still open. Everything has been set up and paid for as far as equipment. There are some missing bags, that has been taken care of.
- JD Minch said they are set to arrive on Thursday
- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**
 - Pat Culp reported he has been shadowing her all year and will be a great fit
 - Everyone on the tournament committee has a manual that has all of the vital information for each tournament
 - Welcome, Robby!
- **Tournament Staff Director – Randy Amos**
 - Not Present. No Report.
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
 - Not Present. No Report.
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Vacant**
 - Pat Culp reported that training is set up for advanced pairers.
 - Working with individuals to do beginning pairings class at annual meeting.
- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
 - Has been nominated for a second 2-year term on national pairings committee
 - Has a meeting coming up in Fargo
- **Equipment Director – Vacant**
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - 14 mat officials and 2 pairers will be working in Fargo.
 - Housing and transportation have been arranged
 - Meals and housing are covered by USAW
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Bart Welch**
 - Looking forward to next year
 - Looking into implementing better reporting (unsportsmanlike, etc.)
 - Working on software and will have information for budget meeting
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Not present. No Report
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Not Present. No Report
- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
 - Will be sending report
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - Not Present. No Report
- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
 - Has been in contact with clubs providing annual meeting information

- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - 17 coaches going to Fargo (from every area of the state, a few college coaches, academy coaches and high school coaches)
 - Coaches' Association clinic is 10/17-10/18 at Warren Central High School – Mark Manning (Nebraska) will be in attendance
 - Coaches' Summit is in August this year, will be naming coaches of the year before the summit. Has started that process
 - **Cadet Director – Jake O'Neill**
 - Not present. Report provided via email
 - Cadet Duals
 - Finalize trip itinerary with Sarah Fritz
 - Finalized camp housing and meal plan with UIndy
 - Finalized roster with team leader Cory Graham
 - Attended camp and passed out gear
 - Fargo
 - Made phone calls to qualifiers and followed up
 - Made phone calls to possible recruits
 - Fielded registration forms and payments
 - Coordinated with Brady Eppert and Steven Bradley (Head Coach at Marian University) to finalize housing and meals for camp
 - Corresponded with office on payments and registrations
 - Communicated with coaches about camp practice plans and expectations at camp
 - Finalized rosters, rooming list for camp, and payments
 - Delivered gear to camp and organized it for issuing
 - Corresponded with the office on wrestlers with balance due
 - **Junior Director – Brady Eppert**
 - Not present. Report provided via email
 - Junior Duals
 - Corresponded with team leader Alex Johns to build the roster
 - Junior Fargo
 - Built the Fargo Junior roster
 - As of camp we have 51 Juniors planning to attend Fargo
 - Set the agenda for Fargo camp
 - Corresponded with the Fargo coaches about camp and camp schedule
 - Coordinated gear order numbers with Jake O'Neill and Keith Davison
 - Submitted Fargo housing application
 - Finished up with Fargo camp
 - Putting together Fargo rooming list
 - Plan to register the Juniors for the Freestyle and Greco Fargo tournament
 - **Kid's Director – Jason Miller**
 - Schoolboy Duals was pretty successful. Waiting on report from Steve Livingston.
 - Kids Nationals going on right now. Several kids requested waivers and were approved.

- April 9-11 for Heartland Duals for next year. Will work with Darby to provide information for hotels.
- Discussions around Wisconsin Dells Freestyle/Greco. May want to look at it in the future.
- Reported that we had gotten away from it because we couldn't fill the buses. Jimmy Tonte suggested we should look into it.

- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Starting on potential Middle School Duals project

- **Regional Training Center Director – Leroy Vega**
 - Not Present. No Report

- **Greco Director – Josh Curry**
 - Not present. No Report.
 - Danny Struck reported that he was at Fargo camp
 - In conjunction with Coaches association Gary Mayab was in at the end of the school year and did a session working on a Greco implementation hoping it moves forward.

- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Not Present. No Report

- **Women's Director – Jason DeLois**
 - Not Present. Report via email.
 - Combined team of 1st-8th graders for Heartland Duals team and they placed 3rd overall, 2 athletes went undefeated over the weekend. Rianne Murphy and Devyn Moore (received MVW trophies from the Heartland staff)
 - We sent a 14U team to Tulsa. 14U Duals was run alongside the Junior Boys/Girls Duals. Three of the girls made the USA Wrestling All Tournament team going 6-0.
 - Heather Crull of Northeastern Knights WC
 - Rianne Murphy of Region Wrestling Club
 - Kaylie Petersen of Mauer Coughlin Wrestling Club
 - The team placed 3rd overall, giving up 3 forfeits. Feels we would have had a full team if Disney Duals was not the same date
 - Will work on filling the team sooner next year to avoid this and feels he can take two teams next year (one Junior and one 14U)
 - Congratulations to Alara Boyd for winning UWW Junior Finals best of 3 at 62kg at women's nationals in Irving. She will represent Team USA at Junior World Championships August 12-8 in Tallin, Estonia. Currently is ranked #1 and 138 for HS girls in the nation and will represent Team Indiana at Fargo July 12-18.
 - Took 14 girls to Women's F/S Nationals under Team Indiana
 - 12U Ella Gahl; 1st, Maddie Marsh; 3rd, Ky'la Johnson; 4th, Kendall Moe; 5th, Paislee Chambers; 7th, Kayla Roell
 - 14U Heather Crull; 1st, Rose Kaplan; 2nd, Devyn Moore; 5th, Sydney DeLois; 5th
 - 16U Charisa Fauber, Hershol Pol, Jasmine Hale
 - Junior Alara Boyd; 1st
 - We should be taking 13 girls to Fargo (largest number taken to date). 8 are 16U and 5 are Juniors
 - Anticipates larger group next year due to strong group of younger girls

- **Fundraising Director – Nancy Campbell**
 - Not Present. Reported by Jimmy Tonte.
 - Not a lot of action.
 - Subway donated \$5,000 in product

- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Not Present – report provided via email
 - Wanted to thank South Bend Riley, Jeffersonville and Carmel clubs for hosting the New Zealand wrestlers and coaches in April
 - New Zealand had a great experience
 - Hawaii trip is scheduled to leave on July 18 with 4 boys and 4 girls
 - Terry Reed has helped from Honolulu to set up what looks to be a very enjoyable trip. Final payment due tomorrow

- **Logistics Director – Darby Nicely**
 - Needs to know if we are adding excursions to duals trips.
 - Only thing to report at this time is that we will not be using the same hotel for Folkstyle in the future

Keith Davison began a discussion around attendance (or lack of) for board members at board meetings. Asked to have board members contacted that haven't been attending to determine if they intend to be active. We will review and contact individuals to determine if they intend to attend the meetings. Also discussed working board needs to assist at the tournaments.

Motion to Adjourn

- Roby Webster made a motion to adjourn
- Bart Welch seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 3:24pm

Next Board Meeting August 3 at 1:00pm in office.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts
ISWA Secretary