

Pairing Advisory Council Meeting
Fargo, North Dakota
Friday July 14th, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

Members present:

USWOA Board Members - Jeff Jones, LeeAnn Johnson, and Monica Shommer

West Reg - Debbie Kelly and Geni Johnshoy

Southern Plains - Cassie Lowery

Central Reg - Patti Rossbottom, Pat Culp (Zoom)

SE Reg - Kelli Shuffler

Northern Plains - Mark Bullington & Jolene Bonte

NE Reg - Ed Gould, Melinda Watkins

USAW STAFF - Pete Isais, Chrsi Kalai

Absent Members: Eve Duncan,

Additional Pairers present: Vickie Tolin, Danielle Dalton, Kera Wentzel, Heather Kerr

Meeting called to order at 12:02 by Jeff Jones

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Kelli Shuffler read minutes from the 2022 meeting. **Motion** to accept by LeeAnn Johnson; **second** by Ed Gould **Approved** as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Testing: LeeAnn reported that 11 people had passed the P3 test this year. LeeAnn reached out to Kelli Shuffler about joining the testing committee and they would like to update the tests, as well as making them available on the membership site.

Clinic: Debby Kelly reported no changes and they would reconvene after the Fargo clinic Debby teaching P1, Darcy P2

P&P: Ed reported that they have not met this year but have a number of things to present this year.

Evaluation: Monica reported that they would like to move the evaluations to the membership system and would like to update the eval rankings. They would like to develop an evaluation system for head pairers to make sure that we are assigning qualified pairers to events.

OEP: Jeff reported that they did no OEPs at regionals this year. They are going to try to do those more at the state level.

Data: Jeff reported that all event data was updated up to Fargo and that will be updated after.

Assignment: Jeff has changed the structure of the committee to only involve the USWOA board members.

Grassroots: Jeff reported that the committee met and they are working with the OEP committee to get these integrated at the state level.

OLD BUSINESS

P&P - Jeff wants to establish an October 1st deadline on certification and recertification to receive assignments in the upcoming year

Motion by Monica, Second by Ed Gould - Approved

Rebranding Pairers

Monica spoke on her proposal to work with USAW events on replacing the name "Pairer". She proposed changing Pairer to Tournament or Management Official (T1, T2, T3). Ed recommended following UWW and using Competition Management Official. Motion by Ed Second by Lee Ann - 8 yes Motion Approved COMPETITION MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL

Monica made a motion to change the TSO to Competition Technology Official. Second by Jelene Approved

The discussion of categories, specifically the E, was brought forth and discussion ensued regarding keeping the E or getting rid of it like the mat officials. Several ideas were brought forth and the discussion was tabled.

MAKING PAIRING BETTER

1) *Require assigned Pairers to work local and state tournaments.* Pete said the best way to stay proficient is to practice. That begins at the state level. Lee Ann asked if the P&Ps need to be updated to reflect the high school tournaments that pairers may be working in their state, especially in states that won't use their pairers. Lee Ann made a motion to change the P&P and Maintenance "USAW State Championship" to State Championship. Danielle asked for discussion, and changing the language to remove USAW. Motion withdrawn.

- 2) Update our P1 and P2 clinics and testing to include more about tournament timing.
- 3) A lot more Zoom Training for Pairers - Via zoom chat, Pat asked for more training and possibly a check list for TSO's.
- 4) Mentorship ? - More experienced Pairers would start mentoring less experienced pairers to enhance skills.
- 5) OEPs at State Tournaments instead at Regionals - Per Pat, via zoom chat, she would like for Regions to be able to assign their own pairers to save on cost. Chris Kalai agreed, as a state chair, he reported that the central regional chairs met and this was their consensus.

NEW BUSINESS

Awards

Alice Riggle – Bie Gie Fenwick

Bernie Norris – Ed Gould

Gene Whetstone - Emeritus - Motion LeeAnn second Geni

Waivers

Karen Ebel - Geni and Monica

Upgrades

1 to 1E

Celena Call - Not Upgraded

Kera Wenzel - Upgraded

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Jolene Bonte - Upgraded

Eve Duncan - Upgraded

Ed made a motion to approve and Jolene second.

Any Other New Business -

Adjournment

Lee Ann made a motion and Geni second. Adjourned 1:55PM

PAC Committee reconvened on 7/22/2023.

Members present: Jeff Jones, Monica Schommer, LeeAnn Johnson, Ed Gould, Melinda Watkins, Mark Bullington, Cassie Lawery, Debbie Kelly, Geni Johnshoy, and Chris Kallai.

Meeting was called to order by National Pairings Director, Jeff Jones, at 8:16am.

LeeAnn Johnson made a motion to change the name of Competition Management Officials to Operations Officials.

Motion was second by Monica Schommer.

Pass with majority vote.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Geni Johnshoy.

Second by Cassie Lowery.

Passed with majority vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19am.