

ISWA Monthly Meeting

June 11, 2023

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

Attendance:

In Person:

Pat Culp, Jennifer Pierson, Jimmy Tonte, Tina Fouts, Jeanne Whetstone, Roby Webster, Mark Stevenson, Lou Silverman, Mary Friedt, Jim Littlejohn, Lauren Rioux, and Jennifer Ratliff

Via Zoom:

Jeff Strueder, Jason DeLois, Dalton Halbig, Michelle Kaster, Jonah Odum, Jake O'Neill, Thomas Pompei, Linda Robinson, Danny Struck, Ryan Parrish (via telephone), Mark Mundy

Staff: Tina Tonte, J.D. Minch

Consultants:

Guest: Steve Mathis (via Zoom)

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Pat Culp reminded all board members to review the draft board minutes prior to each monthly meeting. These are provided on the USA Wrestling website.
- Tina Fouts presented the minutes for April, 2023, which were sent in advance through USAW Membership website to review and provide updates.
- Jean Whetstone made a motion to accept the minutes
- Lauren Rioux seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- Jeff Strueder stepped through the Statement of accounts.
- Also stepped through Budget vs Actuals report.
- Both reports were provided in advance of the meeting on the USAW Membership website.
- Not much changed...donations coming in occasionally.
- Taxes are done. We had to pay a couple hundred dollars to straighten out what was reported from the IRS - that we had not filed late.
- Our printing bill was up this year. This has been paid.
- Sent flowers to Nick Hull's dad's funeral and a donation honoring Mark Mundy's father.
- Has paid most licensing for officials.
- Budget meeting – will be doing a game show battle room this year as our after meetings gathering.
- Need to let Jeff know by August 1, who will be attending this year.
- There is a Mexican restaurant next door to the battle room for dinner.
- The venue is near the Castleton mall. East of Ale Emporium.
- Some summit travel has been paid.
- Paid an additional amount to Warren Central due to the school increasing cost of custodial, security, etc.

- We took their increase and split the amount with Warren Central. This changed the line item for the facility charge.
- Scholarships have not yet been paid.
- We need to update Mary's mop that was destroyed at Central Regionals. Looking at Monster mop from Kennedy Industries. We will arrange to replace.
- Mark Mundy made a motion to accept financials
- Roby Webster seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Awards banquet was held for the first-time last year and was a huge success.
- We did a brunch that was catered.
- People liked the special treatment for the double and triple crown winners.
- Jonah Odum wondered if we might want to expand to include All Americans, Team Indiana teams that win or do well, and national placers.
- Discussed expanding.
- Pat Culp asked if we want to expand to include ISWA Volunteer of the year, Coach of the year, etc.?
- Discussed changing from a banquet to providing appetizers.
- Mary Friedt mentioned the possibility of having this event the day before the annual meeting which would be September 9th for 2023.
- Planning to have this on August 6th – day of the budget meeting and invitations will be sent out.

New Business

2023-2024 Calendar

- Pat Culp had Tina Fouts email the calendar in advance of the meeting, and for those attending the meeting in person, a paper copy was provided.
- Pat Culp asked all to review the notes on calendar (listing tournament and meetings dates).
- Jimmy Tonte asked about the dates for Big 10's. This will be looked into.
- We will not have meeting in March.
- Folkstyle Nationals are the first weekend in April, 2024.
- We will leave Freestyle/Greco State in flex until USA Wrestling has discussions after Fargo. This will allow us to take into consideration, any changes or discussions.
 - 9/10/23 – ISWA Annual Meeting
 - 10/8/23 – Monthly board meeting
 - 11/12/23 – Monthly board meeting
 - 12/10/23 – Monthly board meeting
 - 1/1/24 – Elementary Duals
 - 1/28/24 – Middle School State Duals
 - 2/11/24 – Monthly board meeting
 - 3/8-3/10/24 – Folkstyle State
 - 4/6-4/7/24 – USA Folkstyle Nationals
 - 4/14/24 – Monthly board meeting
 - 5/3-5/5/24 – Freestyle/Greco State tournament
 - 5/17-5/19/24 – USA Central Regionals
 - 6/9/24 – Monthly board meeting
 - 8/3/24 – Monthly board meeting/Annual budget meeting
- Roby Webster made a motion to accept the 2023-2024 Calendar
- Jonah Odum seconded the motion

- Motion passed – with tentative on Freestyle/Greco State dates

Tournament Recap

Elementary Duals

- Discussed dropping small school numbers and possibly add to number of large school numbers.
- Discussion that adding 2 teams extends the tournament by 2 hours.
- Jimmy Tonte asked about mirroring IHSAA classification for school sizes.
- Discussed possible options of looking at A, AA, AAA, AAAA divisions.
- Ryan Parrish stated that ultimately, he needs to be able to get more large schools in.
- He is not opposed to medium and large school classifications.
- With 32 teams we need 16 mats.
- Ryan Parrish would like to do 12 AAA and 12 AAAA teams with 8 combined A and AA teams.
- Jim Littlejohn does not like 12 teams due to byes and extension of the day.
- Jen Ratliff said we could do 3 pools of 4 which would eliminate byes.
- Ryan Parrish said with 3 pools of 4, 3 winners of each pool and the highest scoring 2nd place team for the championship round.
- Wants to have a deadline under which they cannot register a second team.
- After 7 or 14 days, if we still have openings then a second team can be registered. Or we could allow them to register a second team but the second team goes on a waiting list and will be told if they are in.
- Will go 8, 12, and 12 as mentioned above.

Middle School State Duals

- No changes to the tournament for next year.
- Pat Culp said one school asked if we were going to start doing large and small schools. At this point, we have not had a big ask for this.

Folkstyle State

- Went pretty well this year.
- Scanning at weigh ins and ranking system worked well.
- We had 80% accuracy in ranking.
- Jen Ratliff said there were some internet issues – possibly incorrect contact in the pre-tournament meeting.
- She feels we need to have an in-person meeting with school personnel.
- Jen Ratliff said we will be revising bid documents.
- Will be asking for exclusivity (no additional events to be held at the school on the same weekend). This would help with parking issue we experienced.
- Pat Culp discussed the possibility of moving awards to the “Hall of Fame” hallway.
- We will want to check about any constructions projects that might hinder the running of the tournament.
- Possibility of push back bleachers in main gym and add an additional mat
- Pricing as presented and not able to jump it up to account for last minute up charging.
- Pat Culp talked about the workers list for board members.
- We must pay attention to this list, especially for this tournament due to size.
- Add to tournament guidelines for officials to have an accessible location to secure their belongings.
 - Coaches’ bands: Tina Tonte noted that it is hard to man 2 locations for coaches bands.
 - Talked about best location for coaches’ bands.
 - Discussed having Dave Matthews create a promo code for the team’s head coach to be free.
 - Maybe 2 free coaches per club.

- Lauren Rioux made a motion to provide each club with 2 coaches' wristbands for no charge with any additional club coach bands at \$10 per band.
- Jonah Odum seconded the motion.
- Motion passed
- Dalton Halbig feels we need additional security duties. Will need to discuss with head of security. Tournament committee to create duty list for security officers working the events.

Freestyle/Greco State

- Discussed needing more help in awards. We also need a 10 ft HDMI cord to hook the computer to the large television monitor outside of the cafeteria. This will help in notifying the crowd of the order of award presentations.
- Jen Ratliff will try to stagger sessions to lessen the crowding toward the end of sessions in the awards area.
- Discussed holding Greco state tournament.
- Need something in awards to keep the spectators back.
- Will look for something to assist with that.
- Pat Culp will look into this and a karaoke machine.
- Discussed using door 33 for only weigh-ins on Friday.
- Will use doors 28 and 31 for entry on Saturday and Sunday.
- Talked about the dates for Women's Nationals – in Spokane. April 14-16 2023, April 12-14, 2024, per Dalton Halbig.
- Dalton Halbig and Mark Mundy asked to get the dates confirmed.
- We are looking at Mother's Day weekend and hoping for 18 mats.
- Women's Freestyle could be held on Saturday and Women's Greco on Sunday.
- Will need to contact Jay Dowden if we need medals for women's Greco.

Central Regionals

- We will need 18 mats.
- Pat Culp is hoping to have grant money from Ft. Wayne and from the state.
- Need a new vendor for hotel rooms.
 - SiteSearch cannot even find our events.
 - We were one of the biggest regionals in the nation this year.
- Dalton Halbig asked about spreading the scales out more – 1 to each mat. We could then put athletes in the bleachers and call them down one row at a time.
- Thomas Pompei wanted scales at the far end of the mats.
- Roby Webster talked about skin check at the far end as well.
- Jen Ratliff and Pat Culp suggested putting the athletes in bleachers and bring them down one row at a time.
- Tina Tonte asked about getting awards earlier. Roby said we had enough awards.
- Several asked if we must have the national pairer running the tournament. Indiana does a much better job of running large tournaments.
- Security is needed.

Miscellaneous

- It was noted that we need to add 6U as double crown winners.

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present. No report.

- Pat Culp reported that she has spoken with him about a couple of Safe Sport issues that were sent on to USA Wrestling
- **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**
 - Current Athletes – 10,838 – 13% Up from previous year – 54% New athletes
 - Current Wrestling Leaders – 1,362 – 7% Up from previous year – 34% New wrestling leaders
 - Current Clubs – 210 – Up 3% from previous year – 18% New clubs
 - Sanctioned Events – 116 – Up 2% from previous year
 - Certified Coaches: 1 Gold / 9 Silver / 530 Bronze / 809 Copper
 - Office has been mailing earned plaques, lost & found items, and award singlets
 - Keeping an updated list of all National Trip participants
 - Receiving trip gear and helping to disperse to Team Leaders
 - Maintaining information via email and website

State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte

- Attended Central Regionals. Always valuable to work alongside Dave Mathews from USAW.
- Office sent off 14U & 16U duals team Indiana from the office. Due to limited parking, Fargo and Jr duals pickup/drop off will be moving to BGHS & Mooresville. Wrestlers and families have been notified.
- Sports Engine donation/credit card payment link is live. All trip registration is being monitored by ISWA office. Any donations mailed, payments are communicated with wrestler and team leader. Mondays and Fridays J.D. emails balances to team leaders and Jeff Strueder.
- After annual meeting prep, will be working with Jen Pierson to begin transition to new website platform for www.iswa.com.
- Annual meeting prep is underway along with new award ceremony.
- Double and Triple Crown list created. AM Awards contacted and invitation to be created as details unfold.
- Team plaques and post-state singlets mailed.
- Office would like to request online conflict of interest/whistle blower forms move electronic due to zoom meetings and less in person meetings.
- Today's Calendar dates will be added to website including this Tuesday's Kollin Moore mini summer camp. State services will be onsite to assist with check ins.
- Pat Culp requested a quote for annual meeting booklet.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Jennifer Pierson

- Working from social media standpoint for the last couple of months – getting out more information meeting with committee for annual meeting.
- Looking at hosting satellite locations.
- Looking at Zoom, event for breakout rooms after the general meetings.
- Working with the section directors to have a location in their area for hosting satellite.

- Hoping to have an update within the next couple of weeks.
 - Meeting next week to go over bid forms with Jen Ratliff and Roby Webster.
 - Will be working with Dalton Halbig to transfer some of the nomination process.
 - Will start looking at sports connect to see what next steps are.
 - No disciplinary report.
 - Will still be doing sessions after the general meeting.
 - Jen Ratliff would like to work on navigating USA system and ranking system.
 - Will work with others to determine what is needed by the clubs, to determine the breakout sessions.
- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**
 - Thanked everyone that helped this year. We put on some big tournaments.
 - Jennifer Pierson has had someone communications about all freestyle qualifiers should be run on track.
 - We were using USA check-in system which gave some validity to the qualifiers that were not run on track wrestling. Doing that, it made it easier to check for the qualifiers.
 - Made a motion that all ISWA sanctioned Freestyle qualifiers be run on track wrestling or Flo Wrestling, to be considered a qualifier for the state tournament.
 - Lou Silverman seconded the motion.
 - Motion passed
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
 - Hospitality went well this year.
 - Scholarship has sent Jeff Strueder 4 recipients to be paid out.
 - Office sent another one today.
 - Will send Jeff Strueder a text to let her know when the checks will go out.
 - Will give it another week to see if the other 2 recipients will send information, if not received, she will call and ask for the payment information.
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**
 - Working on developing training on USA system for registration and seeding system.
 - Would like to teach on these items at annual meeting.
 - Recent P3 certifications – Julie Shepherd, Christy Dunnuck, and Brook Carlton.
 - Need a couple of new monitors.
 - Need some large ones and some to use for mat side as well as 10 ft HDMI cord.
 - Looking at avenues for streaming since we do not know exactly what will happen with flo wrestling.
- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
 - 2 new central regionals pairing representatives for the region
 - PAC (Pairing Advisory Committee) - Pat Culp and Patty Rosbottom.
- **Equipment Director – Jonah Odum**
 - Thanked J.D. Minch for organizing the team gear.
 - Has approved invoices.
 - Waiting on boys' Fargo gear, should be in next week.
 - Will review contract for gear next year.
 - Had a much better delivery experience this year.
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - Heard from officials at 14U that many wanted it back in Indiana.
 - They were hoping things come back.

- All upcoming duals are covered.
- Will have 2 at 14U, 2 at 16U.
- Working on coordinating Fargo.
- Anytime someone is removed from our tournament, they should also be removed by an officer and trespassed from the tournament. If they return, they should be arrested for trespass.
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jim Littlejohn**
 - 4 representatives from Indiana went on the Trip to Virginia Beach, went well.
 - He was administrator. Also attending were Nick Littlejohn, Jerry Ingalls, and Paul Vitorisi. Paul was asked to come back for next year.
 - 27 teams from Indiana participated.
 - Almost 400 teams total.
 - Thanked the board for approving their participation in the tournament.
- **Logistics Director – Lauren Rioux**
 - She has not heard from Cadets, assuming all was ok.
 - 14U had a few hiccups but got through it.
 - Juniors leaving from Mooresville tomorrow.
 - She will be there for departure.
 - Fargo, was asked to secure a 3rd bus for the boys. No deposit was required. 4 total busses, 3 have paid deposits.
 - June 17th is the deadline to register for Fargo. Fargo trip will be leaving from Beech Grove.
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Not present. Report via email
 - Looking at locations for the annual meeting (satellite).
 - Has spoken with Jason Cook with Hobart, who is checking with the school for availability. Provided him with the requirements.
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Looking at a couple of different schools and how it will work for the annual meeting.
- **Section 3 – Dalton Halbig**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - Jennifer Pierson will talk with him about whether his section will host an offsite location.
 - Discussed truck arrangements for this upcoming year.
 - Bid applications are required to be in by September 1st – per Jennifer Pierson.
- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
 - Has communicated with Jennifer Pierson regarding the annual meeting.
 - Will work with her to get a support team around her.
- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
- **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**

- Trips are filled.
 - Elijah Baily replacing someone on Junior Duals.
 - Adjusted registration so that someone must put in their ISWA number before they can even register (for coaches).
 - Jimmy Tonte, Danny Struck and Pat Culp have been talking about adding to the guidelines, for transparency on the way the coaches are chosen.
 - Team leader for U17 pan am games next week.
- **Cadet/Junior Director –Jake O’Neill**
 - 16U Duals are underway this week.
 - Greco team finished 1st in the Green/Yellow pool (25th Place)
 - Freestyle team finished 3rd in the Bronze/Copper pool (9th)
 - Junior Duals are underway this week.
 - Greco and Freestyle team set, along with coaching staff.
 - Fargo – itinerary details finalized; coaching staff finalized.
- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Nick Hull**
 - Not Present. No Report.
- **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**
 - Not Present. No Report
- **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**
 - Not Present. Report submitted to Jimmy Tonte.
 - RTCs are still going on.
 - Participation has been lower from northern RTCs.
 - Some side saying that most kids are starting to go back toward Folkstyle.
 - Those that are focusing on Greco still say that they have had good improvement.
 - Looking forward to the camp at Franklin this week.
 - Trying to make a good push for RTCs for those kids who are planning to go to Fargo for the next month.
- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Trips underway, team leaders doing a good job.
 - Completing their trip reports.
 - Having a hard time filling 2 teams for Cadets.
 - Fargo numbers coming in.
 - Working with Danny Struck very closely.
 - Sending email to coaches going to Fargo to make sure they have all the information that they need to know.
 - Pat Culp asked that the athletes be made aware that there are certain things that they will get sent home for.
 - Will get J.D. Minch’s permission to do business cards with QR codes again.
 - We will turn it into a google doc. Work on it in the next couple of weeks.
- **Women’s Director – Jason DeLois**
 - Discussed women’s wrestling numbers over the last few years. On the rise.
 - 10 girls in on duals.
 - Working on assisting Avalyn Mosconi registered online.
 - Good camp at New Palestine.
 - Was not able to fill the 14U team.

- They will be wrestling Greco as well.
 - Good 16U Junior team.
 - Had one back out yesterday.
 - Fargo: had 30 last year. Goal was 50 this year.
 - Tentatively has reached out to 32 who have said they will go.
 - Believes he can get 40 to go and has 4 coaches lined up.
 - 4 of the girls are pulling double duty with the boys.
 - Working on having coaches assigned to wrestlers before camp so that they can build relationship with the coaches before they wrestle.
 - Girls weigh in Friday and wrestle Saturday and Sunday.
 - Girls only camp.
- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Turkish team not coming in June.
 - Could not get Visa's.
 - Hungarians are coming 7/11 and staying at South Bend and then go to Jeffersonville.
 - They will end on the north side of Indy.
 - Working on transportation.
 - Athletes are 15-20 years old, 2 girls and 11 boys. 5 adults.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Looking at duals and adjustments

Additional items:

Nothing additional.

Jim Littlejohn motioned that we adjourn the meeting.

Mary Friedt seconded the motion.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:35pm

Next Meeting will be August 5th with budget meeting beginning at 9am and normal monthly board meeting in the afternoon (right after lunch). To be held in the office.

The following meeting will be September 10th at Lawrence North High School. Looking into the possibility of satellite locations in each region.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts

ISWA Secretary