

North Dakota USA Wrestling

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2019 - 5:00 PM Meeting Start

Type of Meeting: General Assembly

Meeting Facilitator: Dyke Boese, USAWND State Chairman

Invitees: All 2019 chartered members of North Dakota USA Wrestling

- I. Call to order-**Dyke Boese, Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.
- II. Roll call-**Dean Shearer called roll out to the attendees. There were 13 of 23 registered clubs represented. 50% of the clubs need to be present to meet quorum requirements.
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting-**Motion was made by Nevada Crimmins and seconded by Rich to approve of last year minutes. Vote was unanimous to approve.

IV. Director Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report – Dean Shearer presented our financial position from last year. There was an unexpected donation from last year that caused us to be under budget when the year was complete. We have been doing well with fundraising with raffle, donation, and \$1 per athlete at tournaments. We filed our 990 form timely with the IRS. Our goal should be to try to be budget neutral each year.
- b. Officials Director Report – Taylor Hellman has received good feedback from the clubs using the officials that he has been procuring. He has normally about 26-32 officials available each weekend. There is 24 High School kids and 8 'shadow' officials. He noticed a decrease in availability of the officials during the last part of the season (freestyle/Greco) He would like to purchase some 'official shirts' so that the officials are recognizable as a whole. Jeff Schumacher, previous official's director stated that was a good idea. Group thought so also.
- c. Women's Director Report – Bill Smith informed the group that the girls had an all American at world team trials this past year. They also had 5 wins in Fargo Nationals last year and were close to having an All American at that event. There are a record number of girls in ND wrestling in both High School and in the USA season. He is looking to get between 12-15 girls to go to Junior Women's duals in Tulsa this June. This is the group that we can have our biggest gain from if we commit to promoting wrestling for girls in our clubs and high schools. It sounds like in 2-3 years ND may be moving to having separate girls HS teams.
- d. Kids Director Report – Justin Decoteau stated that this year's report would be very short due to the biggest event (Elementary and MS duals) having snow travel hazards that ended up prevented our kids from attending. There were 80 kids ready to go, but heavy snow and bad road conditions lead to decision to cancel the trip. He is looking forward to next year.
- e. Cadet/Junior Director Report – Luke Mellmer gave an update from last year's main events, Junior Duals and Cadet/Junior Nationals. There were 2 Greco and 2 Freestyle teams that went to Tulsa last year. This year we are reducing the Greco team to 1 team due to lack of interest to get it filled. We are still taking about 40-44 kids to Tulsa this year. Last year we had 3 All Americans in Freestyle and 2 All Americans in Greco at Fargo Cadet/Junior Nationals. We have the potential to exceed that this year if everyone stays healthy. Last year, there were 45 kids that attended the Junior National camp, and 36 of them wrestled at Fargo. We would like to get those numbers a little higher as this is basically in our back yard and the cost is very reasonable.

- f. NCEP Director Report - Mark Lardy informed the group that he put on Freestyle/Greco clinics during State Folkstyle in an effort to get more kids involved in Freestyle/Greco. He has also made offers to ND High School coaches to come out and do clinics on Freestyle/Greco but that as of this meeting, no one has taken him up on that.
- g. Chairman's Report – Dyke Boese- through 4-25-19 our numbers of athletes with a USA membership is at 1,888 for the year, which is an increase of 125 from last year. Coaches increased from 315 to 321 this year also. Both are record highs. At this years' State Folkstyle tourney, there were 1,053 wrestlers competing. It appears that our numbers for State Freestyle and Greco are also up a little from last year. Dyke also mentioned that Social media such as snapchat and facebook has continued to increase as for number of users. Please note that USA Wrestling has made a decision to help make our sport safer by having all coaches and all the athletes over 18 years of age go through 'Safe Sport.' This is all done online and is a requirement. This does take some time to complete, so be aware of that.

V. Old Business

- a. Referee Education & Promotion Committee Report. This subject was tabled from last year. Committee members: Kevin White, Randy Burwick, Dan Hill, Luke Mellmer, and Jeff Schumacher. No update from this group this year. Motion was made and seconded to remove this committee. Vote was unanimous to remove.

VI. New business

- a. Select "Club of the Year" and "Milo Trusty" award winners: Club of the year was Mandan Wrestling Club and Milo Trusty award went to Randy Burwick.
- b. Officer Elections
 - 1) *At-Large Club Director (1-year term)* Nick Timm was elected.
 - 2) *At-Large Athlete (1-year term)* After discussion on this position, it was decided by the group to eliminate it and instead have 2 Student Ambassadors that would be promoting getting on and filling teams for Junior Duals. No decision was made on who these would be.
 - 3) *Kids Director (2-year term)* Justin DeCoteau was re-elected.
 - 4) *Secretary/Treasurer (2-year term)* Dean Shearer was re-elected.
 - 5) *State Chairman (3-year term)* Dyke Boese wanted to step down at the end of his term and not seek re-election. He nominated Mark Lardy who was elected. Mark was the current NCEP Director so that opened that position to be filled for 1 year. Jon Gums was elected to that position.
- c. 2020 Proposed Budget – Dean Shearer gave a handout to the group showing the various expense items and revenue sources that would be expected in FYE 2020 which starts in September 2019. There was an expected surplus of approximately \$4000 using best estimates of Revenue/Expenses. After much discussion there was a decision to have a committee come up with an idea or ideas on how to spend that amount. The committee consists of Luke Mellmer, Jeff Schumacher, John Mewes, Randy Burwick The committee was to have something back to the ND USA clubs by July 15th so we could vote on them. The following was approved by the group for our expected expenses for FYE 2020:

Tax Work/IRS Fees	\$300
State Director Meeting	\$500
National Director Meeting	\$1,000
Middle School Duals	\$2,500
Elementary Duals	\$2,500
ND Girls Duals (Omaha)	\$1,500
Junior Duals	\$12,500
Junior/Cadet Camp	\$6,000
Cadet/Junior Nationals	\$1,750
PreSeason Nationals	\$1,500
ND Girls Junior Duals	\$5,000
Schoolboy Duals (Indiana)	\$4,000
Northern Plains Regionals	\$1,000

Donation to ND Headlock	\$1,000
Donation to Dakota Grappler	\$1,000
Treasurer/Secretary Salary	\$2,000
Triple Crown Awards	\$1,300
Freestyle Clinics	\$600
HOF awards	\$600
Postage/Checks/Banking	\$100

- d. Select hosts for 2021 USAWND State Folkstyle and State Greco/Freestyle Tournaments.
 - 1) State Folkstyle – March 26 and 27 – Awarded to Matpac Wrestling Club
 - 2) State Freestyle/Greco – April 30 and May 1st-Awarded to Jamestown Wrestling Club
- e. Set 2020 tournament dates for USAWND clubs and 2025 State tournaments dates.
 - Jan 4
 - Jan 11
 - Jan 18
 - Jan 25
 - Feb 1
 - Feb 8
 - Feb 15
 - Feb 22
 - Feb 29 Gorillas
 - March 7 Rattlers
 - March 14 Dickinson
 - March 21
 - March 28 State Folkstyle-Bismarck
 - April 4 MatWrats Free/Greco
 - April 11
 - April 18 GF Gladiators/Bismarck Big Cat
 - April 25 State Freestyle-Jamestown
- f. Girls wrestling – Nevada Crimmins- Discussion was held on whether the girls could participate in both the boys division and girls division at state. The reason for competing in both is because there are such small brackets for the girls. After some discussion, it was left as is- meaning at this time, girls could participate in both divisions if they chose to.
- g. Referees – Wyatt Pollart- Looking for more opportunities to have HS refs work at the State tourney and to increase learning opportunities for youth refs that want to learn how to ref. Much discussion. No motions at this time.
- h. Other New Business- none presented

VII. Adjournment- meeting was adjourned approximately 7:15 pm