

AUSAW GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE:

2/11/23

TIME:

1:01 PM

FACILITATOR:

Bob Ottum

IN ATTENDANCE

Danielle Loutzenhiser-Secretary
Bob Ottum, Chairman
Kim Ottum, Communications
Jerry Glynn, Mat Officials
Jeanette Perkins, Outgoing Head Pairings
Official
Sarah Clausen
Joy Glynn- Proxy for Mid Valley
Brandon McGuire- Proxy for Avalanche
Johanna Bushue Chugach Eagles
Lindsey Yip-Alaska Battle Cats
Jeremy Novak-Alaska Battle Cats
Brandi Cooley-Arctic Warriors

ZOOM

Roxanne Makamson Vice
Chairman/Proxy Pioneer Grappling
Megan Mickelson-Kids Chiarman
Randy Hanson -Junior Cadet Chairman
Mike Kimber-Womens Director
Tanys Dickinson-Treasurer
Mark Loutzenhiser-Coaches Director
Westley Bockert- IGA
Chad-Juneau Youth Wrestling
Stacey Medeiros
Dominique Randall-Mat-Su Matmen
Stan Steffensen-Kenai Kaveman
Tiphannie Power-Proxy Nikiski Freestyle
Sarah Michael-Soldotna Whalers
Chad & Regina Blood Valdez Youth

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jerry Glynn moved to approve the meeting minutes. Domonique Randall 2nd. All in favor. No oppose.

2023 AUSAW BYLAWS

All membership was asked to read over the Bylaws that have been e-mailed out. The questions were as follows and resolved adequately.

1. Will the proxies and nominees use 5.6 from now on? (Sarah Michaels)
2. Why is Team Alaska 5.10?

Dominique Randall (Mat-Su Matmen) motions to approve the Bylaws as stands. Brandon McGuire (Avalanche) 2nds the motion. All in favor, no oppose.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: BOB OTTUM

1. Still continue a good relationship with school districts and ASAA with our equipment and Trackwrestling use. Local areas have invested in lighter TV units which is cheaper and beginning to replace our clocks.
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3. Mass email communication being used by the USAW Membership system will sometimes get caught in Spam folder. Please actively start checking your Spam Folder in mid-Jan and do it regularly through State. Mass emails may be sent out anytime during the year, but during club season is of the utmost importance.
4. The 2022 season and State Championship was a great rebound year that almost got up back to pre-Covid numbers. A huge thank you goes out to all the Staff and volunteers for their dedication. Without you, this past season wouldn't be possible.
5. A huge thank you to Lindsey & Alaska Battle Cats for taking on the difficult job of security at the state tournament at the last minute. We appreciate you.
6. Trackcast live video was available at state streaming of matches all 3 days of State and went well.
7. The new mat format set up change went very well, and we will continue to do it that way.
8. We were able to bring up out of state Mat Officials again which is great, Jerry will speak on that.
9. State Leaders Summit in Colorado Springs went well. Hopefully be able to go in 2023.
10. Changes are coming in Tournament running software from the new Flo-Track merged company.
11. There is a change in our Safe Sport Coordinator, Tela Bacher is taking over for Westley Bockert.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT: ROXANNE MAKAMSON

1. No report submitted.

TREASURER REPORT: TANYA DICKINSON

2. Cash balance in General account is \$27,140.18 (includes \$12092.70 paid for medals/awards)
3. Cash balance for Team Alaska account \$3,170 (\$1,400 in receivables outstanding)
4. Certificate of Deposit \$65068.51 (\$10,000 was withdrawn during Covid)
5. FY 2022 revenue \$282766 (up \$132,339 from Previous year)
6. FY 2022 expenses \$262,343 (up & 71,424 from Previous year)
7. FY net profit \$19,663 (up \$55,189 from previous year)
8. Saving \$2,150 per month in payroll
9. Upcoming major expenses for 2023 season include Menard Center \$15000, hospitality room \$5000, misc. state expenses \$5000, officials and pairing pay \$38000.'
10. Reminder to Officials and Pairers to submit current W-9 in order to be paid at season end.
11. Request for Official and Pairer travel to outside tournaments must be pre-approved by Cahir or Vice Chair and Head Official.

COMMUNICATIONS: KIM OTTUM

No report given.

SECRETARY: DANIELLE LOUTZENHISER

Meeting notes are report.

COACHES DIRECTOR: MARK LOUTZENHISER

1. Last year the numbers for coaches have climbed since AUSA shut down for COVID.
2. The season ended with 372 Wrestling Leaders. 114 were bronze 211 were copper.
3. This season we are starting low with certifications, 156 with 54 bronze and 85 copper. This number is lower than last year and will only hurt the kids.
4. Bob has been asked to send a reminder email to get their qualifications complete prior to the season. It is not Bobs or Marks responsibility but the individual club and coach.
5. Look forward to growing the knowledge base for our coaches and if there are and questions don't hesitate to contact me.

CADET/JUNIOR DIRECTOR REPORT

1. Season 2022 Recap, 29 HS wrestler competed at Western States, 22 HS wrestlers at Fargo. Need to increase numbers/quality of wrestlers at Fargo. Only 4/28 boys HS State Champs attended Fargo.
2. Season 2023 focus is increasing numbers/quality for Fargo (July 15-23). ·Ideas for informational meetings for 16U/Juniors at weekend tournaments, limit costs as much as possible (travel, dorms/hotels). Set travel expenses asap so parents can plan.
·Work with coaches/clubs statewide to recruit wrestlers. · Possible mini camps,
·Establish sign-up deadline? ·Finalize July camp with Bockert.
3. Team Gear/Store: Establish a store for gear orders. Shorts or gear packer for Fargo singlet. Singlets 2- or 4-year design.

KIDS DIRECTOR- MEAGAN MICKELSON

1. There was a lot of successful wrestling in the lower 48 over the summer.
2. Team Alaska camp held in Palmer was the largest so far on record.
3. Upcoming dates for the 2023 season: Women's National April 14-16, Spokane, Washington. Turf Wars, June 19 & 20, Farmington, Utah. Western States, June 21-24, Farmington, Utah. Kids Nationals June 26 & 27, Farmington, Utah.

WOMENS DIRECTOR-MIKE KIMBER

1. Girls participating in wrestling through the years: 2019: 407→2020: 333→2021: 194→2022: 359→2023: 43. There were 51 Female athletes at June camp, 6 at Fargo camp. 4 were kid all Americans, 1 was a junior all American.
2. Started an informal partnership with Wrestle like a girl.
3. Promote June & Fargo camps as well as attend. Increase Participation in Out of state events.
4. Focus on 1 or 2 tournaments to attend.

PAIRING DIRECTOR: JEANETTE PERKINS

1. Majority of the pairing team in 2022 have 3 years or more of service. Very few new recruits. Some of the more experienced Pairers are retiring and we didn't have

enough coverage to staff all the tables. Thank you to those who stuck it out with little to no breaks. I appreciate you. We sent 3 pairers out of state this year.

Congratulations to Sarah Clausen on passing her P1 test.

2. I am very thankful to work with all my friends in wrestling over the past 20+ years.

HEAD MAT OFFICIAL :JERRY GLYNN

1. Held 2 Pre-Season ZOOM clinics, minimal attendance.
2. OEP with Tod Blank (CA) Clinician before PGA event, a dozen attended.
3. 11 tournament weekends, 18 tournament days, 3 person Mechanics preferred.
4. AK state at Menard (Celebrated return)-10 mats, total of 33 officials participated, 3 being out of state senior officials.
5. Please encourage anyone 13 and over with 2 years of wrestling experience to come out and help referee. We supply the uniform shirt, whistle, wrist bands and whistle. Will supply a reference to any official that requests one.
6. Joanna Bushue suggested that maybe we contact high schools to see if they might want to partner up and see if there is a avenue for seniors to use refereeing as their senior project?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

1. **State Chairman.** Danielle Loutzenhiser nominates Bob Ottum. Kim Ottum 2nds. Nobody else is nominated. Nominations are closed. Vote is called. All in Favor, no opposed. Bob Ottum is the continuing State Chairman
2. **Treasurer.** Kim Ottum nominates Tanya Dickinson. Jerry Glynn 2nds. Nobody else is nominated. Nominations are closed. Vote is called. All in favor, no opposed. Tanya Dickinson is the continuing Treasurer.
3. **Membership Director.** This position has been rolled into the State Chairman position due to technology upgrades. No elections for this positions is needed at this time but the position will remain if BOD decides it is needed in the future.
4. **Communications Director.** Danielle Loutzenhiser nominates Kim Ottum, Dominique Randall 2nds. Nobody else is nominated. Nominations are closed. Vote is called. All in favor, no opposed. Kim Ottum is the continuing Communications Director.
5. **16U/Junior Director.** Kim Ottum nominates Randy Hanson, Danielle Loutzenhiser 2nds. Nobody else is nominated. Nominations are closed. Vote is called. All in favor, no opposed.
6. **Kids Director.** Dominique Randall nominates Meagan Mickelson, Roxanne Makamson 2nds. Nobody else is nominated. Nominations are closed. Vote is called. All in favor, no opposed. Meagan Mickelson is the continuing Kids Director.
7. **Women's Director.** Jerry Glynn nominates Mike Kimber, Dominique Randall 2nds. Nobody else is nominated. Nominations are closed. Vote is called. All in favor, no opposed. Mike Kimber is the continuing Women's Director.
8. **Pairings Director.** Dominique Randall from Mat-Su Mat-Men nominates Sarah Clausen, Tiphannie Powers from Nikiski 2nds. Joy Glynn, proxy for Mid Valley Wolves nominates Stacey Medeiros, Brandon Mc Guire, proxy from Avalanche 2nds. Roxanne Makamson, proxy for Pioneer Grappling, nominates Danielle Loutzenhiser. Westley Bockert for IGA 2nds. Danielle and Stacey are ok with the vote being open, Sarah is not and requests the vote to be closed. The vote is cast. Bob and Kim Ottum tally the vote together. Stacey wins. The numbers are not read.

POSSIBLE VIDEO REVIEW

1. Would need approximately 10-12 ipads, at \$500 an ipad = \$7000 (approximately). 12 mats at state. We would use the video review in the afternoon.
2. Questions to ask? How quickly can it be done? Can we implement during the middle of the season? Will we require extra volunteers? Will they be paid as well?
3. Jerry will make a letter asking for donations.

MAT OFFICIAL UPGRADES

1. It is now possible for mat officials to upgrade in Alaska at the state tournament.
2. As of now there is not an OEP for pairing officials. Danielle will see what she can find out.

TEAM ALASKA

Team Alaska is still in need of a director. Wes stepped down at the end of the year. Any persons interested in the position, please contact Bob. It has been requested by the member that a list of responsibilities be made available. Lindsey Yip (ABC) says Matt Unterberger may have some interest.

REMINDERS

- Safe Sport, have it in your room, it is your responsibility as a club.
- Nikiski will have a tournament Sitka weekend.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dominique Randall is asking for the that the Members think of a way to help the Annual Planning & Tournament Date Selection Meeting become a less stressful meeting with the picking of dates.

Dominique Randall motions for the meeting to be adjourned at 3:23 PM Jerry Glynn 2nds.
All are in favor.