

ISWA Monthly Meeting

March 7, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 12:04 pm by Pat Culp

Attendance:

Pat Culp, Tina Fouts, Ben Nicely, Jimmy Tonte, Jeff Strueder, Jennifer Pierson, Jason Miller, Mary Friedt, Roby Webster, Jason DeLois, Bart Welch, Jake O'Neill, Danny Struck, Lou Silverman, Michelle Kaster, Brady Eppert, Jennifer Ratliff, Josh Curry, Mark Stevenson, Ryan Parrish

Staff: Tina Tonte, JD Minch

Guests: Jonah Odum, Jodi Webster

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented February minutes, which were sent in advance by the office, to review and provide updates
- Jason Miller made a motion to accept the minutes
- Lou Silverman seconded the motion
- No discussions
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- Reports Shared in advance through USA Membership board webpage
- Presented reports that were provided in advance.
- We have only had expenses.
- We are starting to get memberships coming in. They are down, but not surprising.
- Donations – several small ones, through our website.
- Duals finances are in. We did only bring in about ½ of what was budgeted.
- Accounting fees for financial analysis and taxes will show next month.
- \$1440 fee from IRS saying we did not file taxes. Accounting firm is working with the IRS on this. Taxes are completed.
- IT equipment costs include scales.
- Discussed financial results from Elementary State. Number of teams was down. Need to take this into account when budgeting for next year.
- Discussed financial results from Middle School State
- Jennifer Pierson made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.
- Ben Nicely seconded the motion.
- Jason DeLois asked about cost per teams for entry.
- Discussed raising team prices.
- Jeff Strueder stated the Audit Committee had taxes for review. They were emailed to the members.
- Let Jeff know if there are any questions.
- Motion passed unanimously

Old Business

Folkstyle State

- Pat Culp stated that Ben Nicely and Roby Webster will give an update.

- Don't forget Roby Webster is sending out a worker's list with assignments for the weekend. If you are unable to complete your assigned duty, let us know.
- Weigh-ins start at 5:30.

Freestyle/Greco State

- Josh Curry and Ben Nicely are working on it and have the information for the board of health.

Central Regionals

- Pat Culp reported we are starting to put together specifics for the tournament.
- Will work more on it in the next week or two
- Will be held in Ft. Wayne.

Showcase Qualifier

- Pat Culp asked to get the word out to promote this event.
- Any state champion in any of their 4 years of high school, as long as still in high school, are pre-qualified.
- We have around 50 signed up currently.
- Indiana Girls' Wrestling champions also count for pre-qualifications.
- We maybe want to promote this event at state finals as well.
- Let Pat Culp know of any ideas you may have, to promote.
- Athletes who want to only wrestle in the HS qualifiers, can get a USA card for only \$5.

14U Duals

- These are being held at Franklin Community High School.
- Jimmy Tonte said Franklin needs COVID restriction sheet.
- Pat Culp will work on this.

16U Duals

- These are being held at Grand Park
- Pat Culp finally heard back from them and they are working with her for arrangements.
- We have the Ft. Wayne Coliseum on hold in case it doesn't work at Grand Park.
- Working with their IT people and food people to try to get the information worked through.

Track Wrestling Scales

- Pat Culp reported the scales are here for the state finals.
- They did not come with scanners, has ordered them and will work with Justin early next week to get them set up.
- Scales can also score at tables.

Open Board Positions

- Pat Culp reported we will be posting 2 jobs – Equipment Director, Olympic Style Promotional Director.
- Will let us know when they are posted so that we can get interviews set up.

Wrestlers cutting weight

- Pat Culp reported that one of the things we spoke about last meeting was weight loss. We had a couple of complaints about a club in section 1 about wrestlers cutting too much weight.
- The response we received from USA Wrestling is that they have a weight loss policy.
- She will write something up and get out to all clubs.
- It will basically say this is not something that we enforce, and Executive Committee will come up with some type of policy and procedure.

- It is hard to address unless we have some type of proof.
- We will dig in a bit further to see what stance ISWA will take on this.

Committee Reporting

Coaches' Council

- Danny Struck has sent an invitation for tomorrow night.
- Council has a monthly schedule – will resend link tonight or early tomorrow.
- Trying to departmentalize for the younger group
- Kids' Nationals will be discussed in the first 30 minutes
- Starting at 8:30, will be discussing other items.
- Olympic Styles and RTC's discussions will begin at 9.

Tournament Committee

- Roby Webster will try to get workers list out (finish up tonight) for everyone to look over.
- Will have 3 people taking temps before they even come in the door, and checking off spectators.
- Need all onboard from the board to make this happen.
- Parking passes will be handed out on Friday night.
- Ben Nicely said we received additional passes for those helping to run the tournament.
- Jodi Webster asked about teams who were submitting table workers for team points. She hasn't received any
- Has had individuals reach out.
- Ben Nicely will work with her after the meeting.
- Roby Webster indicated a club must be sanctioned to get the 4 coaches' passes.
- Ben Nicely said if there is a question about a specific club's status, they can contact him.
- Tina Tonte asked if code of conduct and COVID forms were attached to registration for coaches.
- Weren't able to do that because the coaches do not provide emails.
- Ben Nicely is working on a plan to address these forms.
- Will have a tournament meeting on Tuesday to finalize.
- Roby Webster found the banner and will get PVC pipe to hang it.
- Mary Friedt asked how wrestlers will get in the door? Ben Nicely said they will be marked with a marker for the age division and weight.

Disciplinary Committee

- No report. Ben Nicely will work on getting a replacement for Brady Eppert, as he was released from the committee at the end of last year.

Scholarship Committee

- No report.

Women's council

- Jason DeLois stated no meetings have been held at this point.
- Jake O'Neill discussed the status of getting women's wrestling sanctioned at the state level for Indiana.
- Working with IHSAA executive board.
- Has a 3-pronged approach, one being that there is already a tournament in place, the data piece (27 states sanctioning and over 70 colleges offering), and liability approach.
- Jason DeLois gave information on concussions (Tennessee took this approach) with females forced to compete with male athletes and sooner or later a liability issue.

- He was told to make sure to include total number of competing athletes (boys and girls) – Title 9 references.
- Jake O’Neill, Greg Ratliff and JD Minch are heading into the meetings.
- Officially taking place first week in May.

Gear Committee

- No report.

Annual Meeting Agenda

- Jennifer Pierson advised nothing to report at this time.
- Will have meeting at end of March.
- Hurtle award was put on hold because the banquet was cancelled.
- Tina Tonte asked if we were going to announce the winners.
- We need to find an alternate way to announce and present.
- Do we know if the banquet will be rescheduled? Danny said they are looking at having it in conjunction with the Fall clinic. Nothing is in stone yet.
- Jennifer Pierson will reach out to committee to determine when and how to announce this and present the award.
- Mary Friedt suggested presenting at Folkstyle state.

Middle School Committee

- Jake O’Neill had nothing to report at this time.

New Business

- No new business discussed.

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present, no report
- **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**
 - 4696 athletes
 - 887 wrestling leaders
 - 152 clubs
 - 45 sanctioned events
 - Reported in this week alone, we had 40 athletes sign up and 21 clubs (since last Monday)
- **Director of Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
 - Working on updating the website.
 - Lots of clubs coming through for the drop down for track wrestling.
 - Folkstyle state prep.
 - Discussions about clubs that have bid tournaments but haven’t yet sanctioned.
 - Jimmy Tonte asked if there was a way to reach out to determine if they plan hold the tournament.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Ben Nicely

- Working hard to get everything lined up for Folkstyle state, Folkstyle Showcase and Freestyle State.
- Mark Mundy is currently assigned to Rome for a UWW event
- Has been assigned as the clinician for 14U, and was the head official for the northwest regional for the NCWWA (NCAA schools with Women's Wrestling).

- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**
 - Nothing additional to report.

- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
 - No report.

- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**
 - Trying to get through state and showcase.

- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
 - Has been fielding emails about the upcoming state tournament.
 - Had a complaint about a 7th grade Cadet not being able to move up to Jr age division.
 - A PA veteran wanted to compete at our tournament and did not realize until after he registered and paid that this is only open to Indiana residents. After discussions, a refund minus the credit card fees has been submitted.
 - Feels Friday night will be extremely challenging but is confident our group will be able to pull it off.

- **Equipment Director – Vacant**

- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - Not present. Report via email.
 - Beginning to get our officials lined up for the Freestyle/Greco season.
 - Rules clinic for officials is going on today, and we have several officials assigned to regional and national events.

- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Bart Welch**
 - Getting ready for Folkstyle state.
 - Has enough officials but has a couple of open slots for Saturday.
 - Will be sending rooming list to Darby – will work with her to get the listing over.
 - Working with Jim Littlejohn and Mark Mundy for qualifier, the showcase in IA and USA Nationals the weekend after that.
 - Roby Webster will give him information about Eric Lucas who would like to work this weekend.

- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Nothing to report.
 - Thanks to everyone for help at Middle School and Elementary Duals.

- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Not present
 - Received email after meeting concluded.
 - Should be available to assist with the next 2 weekends.

- Section 1 clubs are ready for state.
- Now should have 40 clubs sanctioned.
- That would be the most he has had in memory.
- Has reached out to all clubs on the guidelines for both state tournaments.
- Can work the door for admission and help with awards.
- Need more than one person.
- Please set up awards/podium near announcer/pairing tables at the fairgrounds.
- Assumes there will be no athletes for the USA table. If there is, he can handle this too.
- Stated we should have information at hand for the high school college recruiting showcase qualifier, March 19-21st and he can help with the info to recruit for USA event.

- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Emailed all clubs in the section a lot of changes and challenges for Folkstyle state told them to check the website for all information needed.
 - Central regionals – told them that we would need table help, more details later.
 - Trying to keep touch and a couple of new clubs, helping them get going.

- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
 - Section 3 is having tournaments – discussed the clubs that have and are going to host tournaments.
 - Has been speaking with members of clubs, coaches, and answering questions and reminding them of deadlines and restrictions.
 - Had someone reach out from OH that registered, will notify Pat Culp, for Folkstyle state.
 - Jennifer Ratliff said she could help with this.

- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - JD Minch has kept him updated on the new clubs in the area and renewals.
 - Spoke with him yesterday, will not be at state Friday or Saturday.
 - He won't be at tournament until Sunday.
 - JD Minch will need help loading the truck on Friday.
 - Will have the office send an email as to when the truck will be loaded.
 - JD Minch is handling the truck. He will handle the truck for the following weekend (needed for Sunday only)

- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
 - Contacting clubs, JD Minch is doing a great job keeping all up-to-date.

- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - Tomorrow night coaches' council meeting at 8:30
 - Younger groups will be discussed first, 9-older groups 2nd then Olympic style.
 - Application for coaches have been sent for summer trips, 39-40 in at this time.
 - Will be asking for suggestions from coaches' council.
 - Sent out reminders to every coach (high school coaches) reminding them about next weekend, signing up their clubs, etc.
 - Sent out 2 emails with those updates this spring.
 - **Cadet Director –Jake O'Neill**

- Alara Boyd won NCWWC championships, qualifies her for Olympic trials.
- Having conversations about 16 U Duals, Fargo.
- Cory Graham is back onboard for team leader.
- Some schools will not be out of school at the time of camps.

- **Junior Director –Brady Eppert**
 - Things will get ramped up after this weekend.
 - Thinks Alex Johns will still be team leader.
 - Will be working on camp and other team plans.

- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Vacant**

- **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**
 - Sorted out Heartland Duals gear for trip.
 - In place for 3/28 wrestle offs for 2 elementary and 2 middle school teams
 - Tina Fouts, Tina Tonte and Jennifer Ratliff will be at wrestle offs to assist.
 - Dan Feaser, Jared and Kenny will help with refereeing that day.

- **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**
 - RTC started this past week.
 - Jimmy Tonte had one the week before.
 - Currently we have 5 locations – Avon, Perry, Franklin, Ft Wayne Carroll, Hobart.
 - Potentially 3 more locations – Jeffersonville, Carmel/Zionsville to split, Warren Central.
 - Has had difficulty with schools not letting outsiders into the school.
 - Hoping we will get more schools as COVID numbers continue to drop.
 - QR code is being used to track attendance.

- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Not Present. No Report.
 - Jimmy Tonte reported that Indiana Tech brought home a trophy top 4 in NAIA.
 - Passed up Cumberland.
 - Wondered what the awards area will look like, will need information.

- **Women’s Director – Jason DeLois**
 - Has had some requests come up
 - Has had some people with concerns about bumping up.
 - Pat Culp has agreed to do all the weight classes instead of combining.
 - 70% increase seen in the past when we had actual weight classes instead of combining.
 - We can still do the Madison blocking if there are only 2 girls in a weight class, but they have the option to move up.
 - They would still get their individual championship if they registered in a weight class that is combined.
 - Showcase is coming up – a little concerned with the numbers (only 50 entered at this time/ 41 boy and 9 girls).
 - Girls Folkstyle Nationals – 160 girls registered at this time (13 from Indiana).
 - Will be taking a group of girls in a van – showcase is on Saturday and Nationals on Sunday.
 - Girls’ wrestle offs were today. No one showed for wrestle offs.
 - Now has a full team for Heartland Duals.
 - Thinks we will do well.

- Would like to do a freestyle camp May 1st and 2nd. Was reminded that freestyle/Greco state is that weekend. Will discuss at coaches' council coming up with a new date.
- Would like to move forward with one order of gear for the whole year for the girls and would work with the new gear director.
- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - After a conversation with Jimmy Tonte, we are looking at potentially doing something with cultural exchange with Disney Duals.
 - Will contact some clubs to discuss.
 - Hope to return to normal next summer.
- **Logistics Director – Darby Nicely**
 - Not present. Report received by email
 - Rooms have been blocked for Heartland Duals
 - Has signed the contract for Central Regionals
 - Needs a cut-off for Avon to know when she can book rooms
 - Josh is working with their Athletic Director and central office and hopes to have an answer by this week.
 - COVID plan has been sent to central office and AD.
 - Rooming list for Folkstyle state will be sent out this week.

JD Minch reported that Ryan Parrish, Roby Webster will be starting around noon to load – JD will have to get the truck. Will need a ride to the hotel on Friday and Saturday. They want the equipment to be at the fairgrounds by 2pm. Need to have it on the truck by 1:15 or so. Jason DeLois, Jennifer Ratliff will help.

Motion to Adjourn

- Michelle Kaster made a motion to adjourn.
- Josh Curry seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:53pm

Next Board Meeting April 11 at 12:00pm to be determined (Zoom or office).

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts
ISWA Secretary