

## **ISWA Monthly Meeting**

October 13, 2024

**Call to Order:** Meeting called meeting to order at 12:02 pm by Pat Culp. Meeting held via Zoom.

**Attendance:** Pat Culp, Jennifer Pierson, Steve Mathis, Tina Fouts, Jen Ratliff, Lou Silverman, Linda Robinson, Roby Webster, and Jared Curcio, and Linda Robinson

**Staff:** JD Minch

**Guest:** Georgia Bartley

### **Secretary: Tina Fouts**

- Tina Fouts presented the minutes for the September 2024 Annual meeting, which were sent in advance through USAW Membership website to review and provide updates.
- Reminded all in attendance of the requirement to review the minutes of the prior to approving at each meeting, even if they were not in attendance. This will not only ensure that the minutes are reported accurately, but to avoid having to discuss items at subsequent meetings, that have already been discussed and or voted upon.
- Steve Mathis made a motion to accept the minutes as presented
- Jennifer Pierson seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously

### **Treasurer: Steve Mathis**

- Steve Mathis shared the reports in the meeting
- Not too much activity going on in the first month – we are on track.
- Walked through the Budget vs Actuals report for the month of September
- Walked through Statement of Financial Position report as reported 10/12/24
- Motion to accept was made by Roby Webster
- Jennifer Pierson seconded the motion.
- Motion passes unanimously.

Pat Culp reported that she has been meeting with Pete Isais and Christina about Kids' Nationals and has kept Steve Mathis in the loop. We will be running everything through the ISWA and then work with USA Wrestling after the account. An advance will be provided and then we will settle after completion.

## **Old Business**

### **Open board positions – Section 3 Director**

- Jennifer Pierson asked Georgia Bartley (guest) to step off the meeting and she would provide a text when she can rejoin.
- Reported that several interviews were conducted for this position. Georgia Bartley was selected as the recommendation for this position. She has worked with the ISWA for several years, is a great pairer, is active within her club and has been trained on the new bracketing system.
- Jennifer Pierson made a motion that the board accept Georgia Bartley as the new Section 3 Director.
- Roby Webster seconded the motion.
- Motion passes unanimously

### **Open board positions – Additional current openings**

- Jennifer Pierson reported that we posted additional positions
- Has worked on creating a job description for the new position of Communications Director
- Has worked on updating job descriptions for the open Women's Director and 16U/Junior Director position
- These were posted about a week ago
- The Communications Director will be someone who helps with social media, marketing, helps brand and push out information from the ISWA. Will need someone with a technical background as well as possibly a marketing background. Will help the ISWA move into the future.
- Please encourage applicants to reach out if they have the required experience.
- Women's Director – has been posted with an updated job description
- 16U/Junior Director – has also been posted with an updated job description
- These positions will all be open until October 16<sup>th</sup>
- Also reported that we have created a job description for a 3<sup>rd</sup> part-time office staff member.
- As our organization has grown, and continues to grow, we have seen a need to add this position. They will take on specific tasks and responsibilities. The person who fills this position will work in the office 2-3 days per week

### **New Business**

#### **Central Regionals**

- Pat Culp reported that this event will be held in Louisville, KY
- They are planning to run 20 mats
- They will also probably be running the world trials at the same time on those mats
- Has been working very closely with their state chair and feels Indiana will be pretty heavily involved for their first year hosting the event

#### **Women's National Duals**

- Pat Culp has been working with Pete and with Grand Park for this event
- We are planning to run 26 mats
- The plan is that we will have 2 fields and on ½ of one field, Grand Park will set up so that coolers can be brought to a picnic area
- We will use the 2<sup>nd</sup> field for the picnic area for coolers and for the Juniors that are being brought in this year
- We will use the original field and have it set up basically as we did this past year 16U and 14U girls

#### **Folkstyle State**

- Pat Culp reported that the contract has been signed with Columbus Nexus Park and the hospitality room. Will be using 3 rooms this year and there is a room for warming, for Linda
- We are not required to use specific restaurants and they do not have a catering unit. We are suggesting that we use local restaurants for hospitality.
- Jennifer Ratliff had sent an article regarding parking. There was apparently an event going on across the street and there must have been a problem. They are working on it now, but she will reach out to them next week to discuss.

#### **National Events**

- Everyone has been provided with a listing of the national events that are scheduled.
- Pat Culp reported that she and Jennifer Pierson will be meeting with Melissa Strayer this week, to discuss getting all of the rooms needed anything else we may need to get for the national events that we are hosting.

## **Kid' Folkstyle Nationals**

- Pat Culp reported that in addition to working with USA Wrestling on this event, she has also been working with Mary Friedt.
- Mary Friedt has been sending out emails and working on getting mats for the event.
- Will be reaching out to Penn to see if they wish to provide all the table workers as they did last year.

## **Consultant & Staff Reports**

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
  - Not present. No report.
  - Pat Culp reported that she just sent something over to Steve Pugliese that Jennifer Pierson had provided to her. The tournament wants to add some verbiage to the contracts that we sign with schools, that if they are unable to meet their obligations, (for example, we had done a walk-through with Warren Central before Folkstyle State, it wasn't until a day or two before our event that they notified us that our uploads and downloads would not be enough for streaming. We set up for streaming and there was not enough to allow us to stream). We want something in our contract outlining what recourse we have if the obligations are not met.
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
  - Not present. No report.
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
  - Not present. No report.
  - We have been having trouble with some of our emails bouncing back from certain providers.
  - Jennifer Pierson reported that Tina Tonte has been working on this with Chris Pruitt and he had sent over an agreement, perhaps feeling that this wasn't part of his responsibilities as a consultant or should be a paid service.
  - Pat Culp will reach out to him to discuss.
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
  - Not present. No report.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
  - Current Athletes – 1,882 – up 53% from last year with 29% new athletes
  - Current Wrestling Leaders – 351 – up 19% from last year with 10% new leaders
  - Current Clubs – 110 – up 25%, 6% new
  - Sanctioned Events – 28 – up 18% from last year
  - Certified Coaches: 1 Gold / 6 Silver / 176 Bronze / 215 Copper
  - Pat Culp asked JD to check with USA Wrestling to see why these numbers don't appear to be correct. Could possibly be based on who is active.
  - Currently working on IHSAA Wrestling Schools labels – making a spreadsheet of just the schools that wrestle.
  - Staying abreast of all clubs coming in as well as sanctions.
  - Pat Culp asked if we could provide a copy of the high school spreadsheet to Nick Hull, as he is working on bring Freestyle/Greco information to all the schools that wrestle.
  - JD Minch will work on something to provide to her for this. Will send to Nick Hull and Pat Culp.
- **State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
  - Not present. No report.

## **Directors Reports**

### **Vice Chair– Administration – Jennifer Pierson**

- Jennifer Pierson has been working on a number of things, including the new board positions.
- Will be scheduling interviews and provide recommendations.
- Has been working on creating a database for volunteers.
- This database will consist of people (non board members) who have done things to help the ISWA, such as table help, coming in and helping with inventory, having a specific skill that they might be able to use to help us.
- Has created a google form to send out and gather information. Will be sent to clubs and continue to compile those resources.
- Working with tournament committee. Want to make sure that we have something in our contract so that we have recourse if the host school isn't able to provide resources that they have agreed to in the contract.
- The contract has also been updated to replace TrackWrestling with Electronic Bracketing System (which allows for USA's Bracketing System, TrackWrestling, or whatever electronic system is appropriate.
- Has been working on getting the office computers updated.

### **Equipment Director – Jonah Odum**

- Not Present. No Report.
- Will follow up with him after this meeting to make sure everything is on target.

### **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**

- Nothing to report.
- Jennifer Pierson asked to have a tournament meeting organized for this month.

### **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**

- No report.
- Jennifer Pierson asked if she received the layout for Folkstyle State.
- Will look at it within the next couple of weeks.
- May go down to Columbus and take a look at the layout of the facility to understand what is being suggested. Jennifer Pierson and Roby Webster both said they would like to join her, if she goes down.
- Pat Culp wants to make sure that we are very clear on coolers in the area. Melissa Strayer had been to a wrestling event that was hosted there and they had coolers brought in. We also need roping to keep people from laying on the mats.

### **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**

- Bracketing training occurred at the office, 26 in attendance.
- Worked a tournament last week in Evansville that was run entirely on the new system. Went very well
- Ran one in Iowa as well and it went very well.
- Brooke ran one in Fort Wayne on the new system as well.

### **Social Media/Marketing Director - Vacant**

### **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Dalton Halbig**

- Not Present – No Report.

- Jennifer Pierson will follow up with him in the next week or so.

### **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jared Curcio**

- Received rules clarification from USA Wrestling and IHSAA as to how we are going to interpret the updates to rules for Women’s wrestling that we are adopting for IHSAA events. Based off of USA rule modifications for girls at Folkstyle Nationals and Tour of America events, that we are adopting for ISWA events and recommending for local events, we did put a video together and it was approved by the USWOA last week. They have posted this on their FaceBook page and several other locations.
- Working on updating for ISWA events and for the recommendations to local events. Should have it done in the next day or so.
- Working on slides for the NFHS meeting, met last Sunday with IHSAA clinicians and got those finalized and has videos from that and is working one that we can use.
- Has the updated USAW Rule book that we can start to use the verbiage that we can start to use.
- Wants to have a Q&A session for Indiana.
- Will get videos posted.
- Need to get a listing to send out to all clubs.
- Jennifer Pierson stated that the office can pull last year and current year from the messaging system and just provide who it needs to go to. The office can send it out if the information is sent to them, and copy her and she can add to social media.
- Needs to make some updates to the website regarding referees. Jennifer informed him to reach out to Tina Tonte and she will update
- Pre-season nationals is in a few weeks and there are 7-8 going out for that event.

### **Logistics Director – Melissa Strayer**

- Not Present. Report via email.
- Has reserved rooms for Folkstyle State for ISWA needs, 60 rooms
- Working with site search for Folkstyle State to set up for athletes/families
- Will begin working with Pat Culp regarding Kids’ Nationals

### **Section 1 – Mark Galka**

- Not present. Report via email.
- No report.
- Calling clubs about sanctions.
- Believes will receive an application from his area for 16U/Junior Director.
- Pat Culp said that they have requested she visit the section and she will be scheduling to go up there.
- Jennifer Pierson feels this would be beneficial for Section 5 as well, and she has spoken with Payton Halbig about this as well.

### **Section 2– Mary Friedt**

- Not Present. No Report.

### **Section 3 – Vacant**

- New Section 3 Director is Georgia Bartley
- Introduced herself.
- Discussion over getting her set up for ISWA email and once she is set up Jennifer Pierson will work with her to get her comfortable with this.

### **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**

- Not Present. No Report.

### **Section 5 –Payton Halbig**

- Not Present. No Report.

### **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**

- Not Present. No Report.

### **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**

- Not Present. No Report

### **16U/Junior Director – Vacant**

### **Olympic Styles Development Director – Nick Hull**

- Not present. No report
- Pat Culp reported that he has a huge project. He was making videos for Olympic Styles to post on our social media.
- He has formed company. He and his company’s COO walked Pat through this, and he has a 4-year contract with USA Wrestling. They did a presentation for USA Wrestling in Fargo.
- They will be doing training videos online. If someone wants to do a camp with someone like Spencer Lee.
- He can be at home, running a camp and on a pay-per-view format, clubs or individuals can join the camp virtually. The camp leader will be able to see all participants on his/her home screen and is able to correct something if he sees it is being done incorrectly. Pat believes it will hold up to 1,000 people on it.
- Jennifer Pierson asked when this will go live. Pat believes they are working on it now, and she isn’t sure when it will go live.

### **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**

- Not present. Report via email to Pat Culp and Jimmy Tonte.
- Nothing really to report, but that Ryan Parrish is working on Middle School flyer information.

### **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**

- Not Present. No Report.

### **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**

- Not Present. No Report.

### **Women’s Director – Vacant**

### **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**

- Has reached out to Marlene from New Zealand.
- The person in charge of cultural exchange will respond to him.
- Planning to go to New Zealand and possibly including Australia as well.
- Middle School – is thinking of taking them down to New Orleans.
- Jennifer Pierson asked to be notified once these trips have been finalized so that she can get the information out on our social media platforms.

### **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**

- Not Present. No Report.

- Jennifer Pierson reported that he had put together a Middle School Flyer and it had been reviewed and a few updates were completed.
- Will follow up with Pat Culp.
- Jennifer said that he has done a great job on this flyer.

Jennifer Pierson stated she will follow up with all section directors, but wants them to go deeper in the clubs (understand and provide information to coaches and others within the club). She is putting together some things for that and will be sending out to them soon, to help with their outreach to clubs.

Roby Webster motioned that we adjourn the meeting.  
Steve Mathis seconded the motion.  
Motion Passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 1:10pm**

**The next meeting will be November 10th at 12:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Fouts*  
ISWA Secretary