

USA Kansas Wrestling
Board Meeting
7/10/16

Present – Joe Knecht, Scott Edwards, Patty Ochs, Randy Hinderliter, Steve Woody, Keith Ashpole, Will Cokeley, Matt Treaster, Richard Salyer, Mike Juby, Kathy Juby, and Alicia Edwards

Previous Minutes- No previous minutes to approve

Report on the 2015-2016 Freestyle/Greco season- Will Cokeley reported- There was an incident with two pillows from the motel they stayed at. Numbers were down this year, had a few injuries. No one below 120 lbs., signed up for Fargo this year. There were too many injuries. Out of the 8 All Americans that they were expecting to put on the team this year, they ended up with 3. Has been a summer of many injuries and a lot of work. Junior Duals encountered a lot of financial issues as well. Oklahoma contingent that puts on the tournament decided to go for the Stay to Play Model. Cost for staying at the Holiday Inn this year cost them \$2,000.00 more. Had to pay the rate that USA Wrestling mandates that they pay. They are seeing the same thing happening with Days Inn for Fargo. They are not providing more for the extra money they are paying. More discussion about the cost of hotel costs. Pete wants a meeting at Fargo, wants a cheaper price. Looking at reviewing Louisville, Kentucky. There was more hotel discussion. Also was discussion about Fargo and some possible changes. We peaked out at 65 wrestlers and now have 54. There have been a lot of injuries and a challenging Freestyle/Greco year. We only have 17 Cadets going to Fargo. We had 2 full teams and had to turn people away, now only 17 are going School Boy is down as well. These are the lowest Cadet numbers Will has seen. We don't like the 2 pound 4 pound allowance must wrestle 2 matches. Will spoke on this a bit more. We had at least 2 National Champs at School Boys, Keegan Slyter and Kyle Haas won. Also Quinton Saunders got the Triple Crown. Will has been working hard to get more kids going to Fargo. Cadets were right on budget and Juniors is over budget. Joe reported on some of the female results from Body Bar. We took a team to the California Greco Duals. It is a FILA Junior event.

Southern Plains – Looks like the cost was slightly above what was budgeted. We did not have a Southern Plains camp due to the Penn State Camp with Baker University. We only had 12 kids sign up.

Proposed Rule Changes –

1. Proposal to implement or bring back the heavy weight division for each age group or at least the younger age groups. Mike asked for a motion, this died for lack of anyone wanting to make a motion
2. Steve Woody Proposal – He chose to drop it.

3. Redistricting - There was a map that shows the current boundaries and the redistricting boundaries. Richard Salyer made a friendly motion to accept the proposed changes, see the attached. 8 were in favor, 2 opposed, the motion was passed.
4. Joe Knecht Proposal Change – Article II Section II – Joe made the motion for the rules to state, for the purpose of eligibility of entering a Sub-District or District tournament, the competitive member has to be a resident of Kansas or must be enrolled in a Kansas educational school system, be a member to a Kansas chartered club and not entered in another states qualifying series in that season. Exceptions to this rule are subject to notification and permission from the corporate board. Application must be received on or before January 1. The State Tournament Director will be notified of any person permitted to wrestle under this permission. All questions on the determination of eligibility shall be resolved by the corporate board. Richard Salyer second the motion vote was unanimous.
5. Joe Knecht Proposal Change #2 – Joe made the motion to eliminate the requirement that each District establish a deadline 72 hour prior to the seeding meeting after which no additional entries shall be made. Vote was unanimous.
6. Joe Knecht Proposal Change #3, On Backfilling Brackets – Joe Knecht made the motion on having full brackets at state. For the purpose of creating full brackets at the state tournament. We will back fill brackets by district in an annually rotating fashion. Districts will be able to backfill each weight class with their 5th/6th district placers. If a district does not have a wrestler to fill in, the next district will have the opportunity. Selections will follow a serpentine approach for example: District 1,2,3,4,4,3,2,1. One district gets one available position per weight. Richard Salyer seconded the motion, vote was unanimous.
7. Change of Chartered Clubs – Page 2 Article III paragraph 1. Do we want to add a majority of the practices be held in Kansas. No motion was made to add it.
8. Role of Clubs in the State Qualifying series – Must the club be a USAWKS Chartered Club. This was taken care of with Joe's proposal change to Article II Section II.
9. Suggestion to State Committee to eliminate words "Wrestling Club" to clean up the brackets a bit.
10. Sanctioned Clubs – No motion was made on this.
11. Email from Doug Vander Linden – The email was read and no recommendations were made at this time.

Election of Board Positions – Membership Director, Treasurer- Richard made the motion that Kathy stay in her position at Membership Director and Patty Ochs stay in her position at Treasurer. Randy Hinderliter second the motion, all were in favor of this.

OLD BUSINESS –

1. Compensation for Clock Manager & Custodians –
These individuals are putting in a lot of time by taking care of these clocks and computers. Mike feels as though they need to be compensated for the work they are doing. It was also recommended that we pay some type of rental fee to those that are allowing us to keep the trailers on their property, as a clock custodian. This was open for discussion. Zack has resigned from District 2 as a Clock Custodian. Custodians and Manager are going to come together to come up with a way to make sure everyone is compensated fairly for what they do. Also, to make sure that the clocks come back in an orderly fashion. Please come back to the board with what you have discussed.
2. Management Software – Talked about installing management software for locking down the computers and controlling them remotely. Joe requested a quote from Betrees and he does not recall getting it back. He is going to search his email and see if they have gotten back with him. Joe also has not heard from Justin on clock updates. There are glitches in the software for the clocks and Justin just wanted to have one contact person to get all of this taken care of.
3. Weekend On-call – Mark brought up the idea about a weekend on-call and setting up a schedule so not all people are contacting Joe. Have a list of people on who is able to run Trackwrestling. Will suggested that if this is going to be done, then they need to be paid as much as your head official.
4. Utilizing Video Kits – We have 14 video kits plus the server. We used them in a handful of events this past year and we did not charge for the use of them. We also made the video available at no cost for streaming and archiving. We absorbed that fee. What it cost us for some of these events is Battle For The Belt - \$227.00. The High School 4A State Championships cost was \$506.00 and Kids State was \$303.00. High School 4A has 70% more viewership. Southern Plains was \$172.00. Total we have spent for providing this is \$1,209.00. Do we want to charge a flat fee, do we want to charge them a fee for streaming, do we want to look for sponsors to underwrite the cost? Right now we are going to be picky as to who we are going to have use it. General discussion was that feedback was positive from viewers. Joe said there is a way that we can do a pay wall for streaming and archiving. We will continue for another year at not cost to select tournaments and develop some numbers to get sponsorship. There were not objections to this idea so Mike will plan on doing this for another year and not charge any viewer fee.

NEW BUSINESS –

1. New Position on the board for Equipment/Facilities Director – There was discussion about this. It was suggested that maybe we hire someone for this. Richard and others that help will discuss this and bring back some information.

2. Card Price Increase - There is a proposal to increase card prices. This increase will be locked in for 4 years. What is being proposed is that coaches cards will be increased by \$1.00, increase athlete membership by \$1.00, the High School team memberships would increase by \$100.00. There were others but only mentioned the ones that will affect us. Richard made the motion to keep athletes at \$35.00, Coaches at \$40.00, pass along the \$5.00 for the additional insurance to the clubs, Joes seconded the motion, vote was unanimous.
3. KWCA – The weekend of our State Body Meeting, October 9th, KWCA is offering to us to use some rooms to have our District meetings that morning then attend the State Body Meeting that afternoon. District 4 will be participating in this. The KWCA is having some breakout sessions on Saturday. Is there anyone wanting to participate in teaching a class. Joe, Will, Randy, and Kathy commented that they would be interested in doing this. Mike will get more information from the KWCA and get back with those that have offered to participate.
4. Randy Hinderliter – Steve Foster was going to be the new person taking over Randy's position as NCEP, he has been fairly unresponsive to this. Scott Edwards has shown interest in taking over this position and attending a fall clinic. Things look to be moving to ebooks and online classes.
5. National Folkstyle Committee – Matt Treaster reported on some conference. This is a push for a step out rule, stall calls are too subjective, changing the dates for age groups to September 1st instead of January 1st. 2 piece singlets, mouth pieces and headgear. There was discussion about summer series Folkstyle duals. He was a bit disappointed because they did not tackle on how to retain more kids. They are going to meet up at Fargo to finalize.
6. Mike – Presented Joe Knecht with a check from Blue Chip from the fundraiser that they did for 2 families back a few months ago. Our next meeting will be a budget meeting held online. No date has been set at this point. Joe discussed two more cameras and possibly a server. In August is the State Leader Summit in Colorado, same weekend as the opening ceremonies for the Olympics. Let Mike know if you are interested in attending.

The motion was made to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.

