

ISWA Monthly Meeting

November 13, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 12:00 pm by Pat Culp. Meeting was held via zoom.

Attendance:

Pat Culp, Jeff Strueder, Jimmy Tonte, Tina Fouts, Jennifer Pierson, Jason Miller, Jennifer Ratliff, Jim Littlejohn, Danny Struck, Jonah Odum, Michelle Kaster, Lou Silverman, and Ryan Parrish

Staff: Tina Tonte, JD Minch

Consultants:

Guest: Payton Halbig, Dalton Halbig

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented October minutes, which were sent in advance through USAW Membership website to review and provide updates
- Motion to accept minutes by Jason Miller
- Michelle Kaster seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- Financial documents were loaded to USAW library for review prior to meeting.
- Showed reports online.
- Membership and administrative expenses are the only changes this time of year.
- Athlete memberships, Sanctions, and Charters are coming in.
- Equipment sales at annual meeting.
- Motion to accept the Treasurer's report – Michelle Kaster
- Jim Littlejohn seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.
- Taxes have been submitted to accounting firm.
- Fargo – the expense shown was for refund of deposit and accounting for damages.

New Business – No new business for this month

Open Board Position

- Section 3 Director position is open. Pat Culp reported that we received one application for the position and the committee is working on setting up an interview. The deadline for applications was set for November 11th.

Indiana Ranking System

- Pat Culp has this all put together and is ready for it to go to Dave Matthews at USAW.

Committees

- Pat Culp is finishing up the committee assignments and this should go out this week.

Streaming with Flo

- Pat Culp reported last month about the agreement that Flo Wrestling was wanting to enter into with us.
- They are still working on it.
- Flo sent a sample contract for us to review.
- She sent it to Steve Pugliese and he didn't have any problem with it but wondered if we really want to enter into a 5-year contract.
- Pat Culp reported that Chris Pruitt has several problems with the contract.
- She will be reaching out to Flo Wrestling to discuss.

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Pat Culp reported that she had been in contact with him regarding the Flo Wrestling contract.
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Pat Culp reported that she has been working with him on the Flo Wrestling Contract.
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
 - Current Athletes - 3345
 - Current Wrestling Leaders - 468
 - Current Clubs - 121
 - Sanctioned Events - 42
 - Certified Coaches
 - Gold – 1
 - Silver – 4
 - Bronze – 228
 - Copper - 272
- **State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
 - Working with J.D. Minch on age verifications daily.
 - Has been updating sanctions on the website.
 - Finalized contract with Stack Sports – will provide a link explaining how to transfer from Sports Engine to Stack Sports.
 - Will be working with Pat Culp as to when the system will go live.
 - Pat Culp asked if USAW is paying for Sports Engine for this year.
 - Tina Tonte stated that she understood that USAW will pay for Stack Sports for the first year.
 - Pat Culp will reach out to have this verified.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Jennifer Pierson

- Nothing to report for the Disciplinary Committee.

- Has been working with tournament committee for Elementary and Middle School State Duals.
 - Notification that she will be learning the new website system and looks forward to helping support Tina Tonte with that.
 - Starting social media posting of tournaments last week and will continue weekly now through the end of the season.
- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Jennifer Pierson gave report on tournament committee.
 - Reaching out on awards for Elementary and Middle School State Duals.
 - Will be in contact with Jim Littlejohn regarding referees.
 - Making sure all set-up for tournaments are taken care of and will work with J.D. Minch on equipment transporting.
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Jennifer Pierson reported that she will be sending an email with questions and requirements for Elementary State Duals.
 - No update on the scholarship committee
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**
 - Reported she is about half way through the software on the new computers.
 - We still need these new computers because the old ones we have are just too slow to use at tournaments.
 - Working on first weekend of events.
 - Wants to make sure we have enough help for the Friday night before the upcoming big weekend.
 - Pat Culp is working on it and has spoken with J.D. Minch.
- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
 - Not present. Report via email
 - Working on setting up local tournaments.
- **Equipment Director – Jonah Odum**
 - Has determined that the vendor will be Rudis. Was a financial decision.
 - Their packs combined (competitors, coaches, referees) other vendors are nowhere close.
 - Has had candid discussions with the representative and the vice president at Rudis about what we expect and how we will move forward.
 - Working on designs.
 - 3X is the state vendor for duals.
 - They have the dates for our tournaments, and locations.
 - Would like to have camp dates for our duals teams as soon as possible so that the gear is available prior to the camps.
 - Will work with J.D. Minch to pull team numbers and sizes to try to get these ordered as early as possible.
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jim Littlejohn**

- Had a pretty good trip to pre-season nationals.
 - A good number of Indiana kids and coaches were out there.
 - Good mat time experience for officials.
 - Lots of good discussions about things seen at this tournament.
 - Asked that someone review the website – pull up state tournaments, there are conflicting information.
 - Middle School State Duals, the heading says it is on the 9th but in the body of the flyer it says the 8th. Need to be cleaned up a bit.
 - Need to update Folkstyle State and Freestyle/Greco State.
 - Jennifer Pierson asked if we will be OK on Elementary and Middle School State for referees. He said that yes, we should be good. Just needs to know how many mats.
 - Jimmy Tonte asked about bricks being used, are we moving toward this?
 - Jim Littlejohn stated that the biggest problem with video reviews is getting the referees used to the process.
 - We should consider using this at our state tournaments.
 - Jennifer Ratliff said if we are using track kits, we aren't able to use our connectors so the tower clock may not be exactly the same as the video.
 - Reported that Mike McCarthy is retiring from officiating.
- **Logistics Director – Lauren Rioux**
 - Not present. Report via email.
 - Hotel rooms are booked for both Elementary and Middle School State Duals.
 - Has links for spectator rooms through Site Search as well for all of our events this upcoming year.
 - Will start working on Folkstyle State, Freestyle State and Central Regionals in the next few weeks.
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Not present. Report via email
 - Section 1 still has 24 clubs that still need to be chartered for the 2022-23 season. I need to call out to them again. Some have tournaments scheduled.
 - King of Ring Bash at Merrillville community center is first tournament in area on December 11th. The Double bracketing for this tournament means Rookies can do Rookies & and regular divisions and Girls can do Girls and Boys bracket.
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Not present. Report via email.
 - Appreciate the updates from the Office on status of Clubs in our Section.
 - As usual, Clubs who are run by high school coaches are slow to renew. I will give all Clubs who have not renewed a gentle reminder and reach out and welcome new Clubs.
 - Also, will encourage all to get tournaments sanctioned and on the ISWA calendar.
- **Section 3 – Vacant**
 - Pat Culp reported we received one application for this position, Dalton Halbig
 - Scheduling an interview via Zoom for this week or the beginning of next week.
 - Jennifer Pierson has sent out reminders of clubs not chartered, reminding them to charter and to get their tournaments sanctioned.
 - She has also been helping with questions.
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - Not Present. No Report.

- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**

- Not much to report.
- Will be checking with clubs to make sure they have sanctioned their tournaments and charter is completed.

- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**

- Working on team selection sheet. Should be viewable today.
- Top 3 placement spots will be offered, in order, for Duals Team with one being chosen.

- **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**

- Stated it was fun to coach 2 Indiana kids in Columbia.
- Donating to the colleges went over really well. Showed a lot of support.
- Went over coaches' application at the fall clinic.
- Sent the applications to those in attendance first.
- There were 12 coaches that applied right after the clinic.
- Will be sending out to others soon.
- Application has deadlines are publicized on the information sheet to get people to apply early and to be able to tell someone they are too late, if they apply much later.
- Today will send out to high school coaches who were not at the clinic.
- December the coaches who are licensed through the state will receive applications.

- **Cadet/Junior Director –Jake O'Neill**

- Not present. Report sent to Jimmy Tonte
- Reviewed national team gear budget sent by Jonah Odum
- Discussed IHSWCA Middle School Qualifiers and Championships with the hosts of qualifiers and a committee of IHSWCA members.
- Will be discussing team leaders for 16U Duals, Junior Duals, and the Fargo trip with Thomas Pompei, Danny Struck, and Jimmy Tonte.
- Will discuss camp options for national team trips with Thomas Pompei, Danny Struck and Jimmy Tonte.
- Will discuss coaches' selection for national team trips with Thomas Pompei, Danny Struck, and Jimmy Tonte.

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

- Not Present. Report sent to Danny Struck.
- Biggest opportunity currently is Women's wrestling, so he expects these numbers will grow the most.
- New ladies' tournaments are popping up exponentially with Folkstyle, new families, a lot of spirit, a lot of excitement, a lot more opportunities.
- May officially take advantage of it with ISWA promo fliers at these IHSAA events.
- Working on videos for roll out in February (expecting to have them all completed by January) as well as setting up school teams with freestyle duals.

- **Kid's Director – Jason Miller**

- Nothing new to report.
- New selection process for Heartland hasn't been posted yet. Jimmy Tonte stated that he is making changes and the process will be ready to post today.

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

- Not present. Jimmy Tonte reported on his behalf.

- Wishes to discuss having fewer RTC's.
- Wants to work on structures so that it will help wrestlers be great.
- Tina Fouts brought up the beginners' tournament and the fact that she has been seeing complaints from coaches on FaceBook that new wrestlers are wrestling state champions.
- Discussed how to communicate to clubs what a beginner's tournament should be.

- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Pat Culp stated that he is working on team leaders and getting them approved by the board.

- **Women's Director – Jason DeLois**
 - Not present. No report.

- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Sent out emails to clubs in Seattle and Portland for the middle school trip, no response yet.
 - Sent out 2 emails to South Korea.
 - In the early process of trying to connect and organize the trips and will report when he has additional information.
 - Jim Littlejohn provided a name of someone who has a club in the New Orleans area for a non-overseas trip.
 - Initial thought is to have both trips co-ed.

- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Elementary Duals – we are pretty close to full in both divisions.
 - Need a lot of board members to be there to help make this run.
 - Will start working on Middle School Duals next.

Additional items:

Guests were given the opportunity to speak.

Dalton Halbig – introduced himself. Stated he has applied for Section 3 Director position. Is willing to help, just let him know what he can do. Stated if anyone needs officials for clubs, they should start the search quickly because it is sometimes hard to schedule. Having a licensed official is a plus for continuity.

Payton Halbig – stated he is trying to get more involved and help with state items. Looking to help Michelle Kaster to lighten her load a bit.

Jennifer Ratliff asked if Linda Robinson had picked up the old computers yet because she needs the cases for the new computers. Was told to go ahead and remove the old ones from the cases, if they have not yet been removed.

Indian Creek asked to enter 2 teams (1 in each division). This was discussed and the flyer indicates they can do this.

Jim Littlejohn made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Michelle Kaster seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:40pm

Next Meeting will be December 13th

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts

ISWA Secretary