

ISWA Monthly Meeting

February 3, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 12:05 pm, via teleconference

Attendance:

Board Members: Keith Davison, Pat Culp, Tina Fouts, Jim Tonte, Randy Amos, Mary Friedt, Mark Mundy, Jennifer Pierson, Linda Robinson, Danny Struck, Sara Frisz, Jean Whetstone

Staff: Tina Tonte, JD Minch

Guest: Chad Fauber

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented December minutes, which were sent in advance by the office, to review and provide updates
- Jean Whetstone made a motion to accept the minutes
- Mary Friedt seconded the motion
- No discussions
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- Not present
- Financials were sent to the office and sent out in advance of the teleconference to review.
- Keith Davison spoke with him this week and there was nothing of note to discuss
- Discussion and approval of financials were tabled until next meeting

Old Business

Interface for Trackwrestling/Score Clocks

- Pat Culp reported that she thinks something is wrong with the interface so she sent 2 of them back to the manufacturer and he is going to work on them and either get them fixed or determine why we can't get them to work on our computers.
- We will be ready to go once he gets them up and running.
- On a side note, would like to bring up in June review of state tournaments that Ryan Parrish would like to move forward with a Middle School Duals State tournament (maybe on IHSAA regionals weekend).

John Hurtle Award Committee

- Jennifer Pierson reported that the committee met and discussed the candidates and Lou Silverman was chosen to receive the award
- He has been notified and we are working on RSVPs to office for attendees.

2019 Elementary State Duals – Lessons Learned

- Keith Davison asked for discussion about the tournament.
- Mary Friedt talked about timing as this was a very hectic weekend. Friday night was the girls' state regionals, Saturday was the IHSWCA High School State Duals tournament in Ft. Wayne and Sunday was our State Elementary Duals.

- She wonders about moving it to another weekend. She stated that if the Team High School tournament is still on the weekend then perhaps, we should consider another weekend. J. D. Minch confirmed next years' tournament is on January 4th.
- We need to check on dates for high school girls state.
- Tina Tonte's feedback was that we had a waiting list and wonders about increasing the numbers of teams allowed to compete.
- Pat Culp, Ryan Parrish, and Jason Miller have been talking about possibly expanding.
- Keith Davison talked about disciplinary letter that went out to a coach due to an offense at the tournament. Discussed problems he has had in the past in his region and the fact that there was an infraction with regards to wild card at the tournament this year.
 - A coach from another team came to the table right away with their money and protested.
 - Then there was an issue that he complained about. Pairings had his team wrestling a team for a second time and he tried to head that off and said it wasn't right and should be re-paired. We didn't re-bracket and they lost the second time.
 - He complained about table worker who didn't stop the clock, tore into the state chair in front of his coaching staff, complaining that we are always trying to treat him badly.
- Pat Culp sent a disciplinary letter stating his infraction, that he was caught cheating and Keith Davison will have a follow up conversation with him but invited him to consider not coming back. He would like the board to support him.
- Mary Friedt asked if we have provided warning in the past.

2019 Schoolboy Duals (14U) Planning

- Keith Davison reported having received 1 check already, with entry form.
- USA Wrestling has 16U duals website built. Ours is not built yet.
- Reached out to USA Wrestling and Pete is waiting for a form from us to finish.
- Last communication was from Christina Hargrove that she would get back with us early in the year.
- UWW 18U team trials will only be in Las Vegas this year so we will not have it in Indianapolis.
- Tina Tonte to take reference to this off the website.
- Keith Davison asked Tina Tonte to follow up with USA Wrestling.
- Got \$2,000 in last week as a donation with no strings attached.
- Shelbourne is back onboard as a sponsor.
- Tanita scales donated 2 scales. Not received yet. \$3,000 value.
 - We are going to try to either monetize by raffle or give away.
 - Maybe sell cheap raffle tickets.
 - Tina Tonte will follow up with Ben.
- Mark Mundy reported needing 70 beds for referees for Schoolboy Duals.

Safe Sport Update

- Referee made a complaint via FaceBook messenger in November. Occurred at a NuWay event.
- This individual was suspended from ISWA events last year for 6 months
 - Keith Davison spoke with USA Wrestling's representative to Safe Sport.
 - Disciplinary letter sent and individual needs to take training, working with Mike Clayton at USA Wrestling.
- Keith Davison will follow up with Steve Pugliese to report

New Business

Folkstyle State

- Pat Culp reported they had a tournament meeting on Wednesday, several people joined in office and online.
- Were able to get a lot accomplished. Everyone on committee was able to join one way or another.
- Went through agenda - team competition – Jay Dowden is ready when we have a winner.
- Jay Dowden completed inventory and ordered additional supplies needed for awards. We have a large supply of neck bands.
- Need to order sleeves for USA cards, etc.
- Flyer/ad is complete on website.
- Trackwrestling is set up and ready to go.
- Will be running 23 surfaces in 4 areas of school.
- We need to talk about mats because Warren Central is not able to use the dolimer mats this year because Indy Nationals tournament is using them.
- Pat Culp is putting before the board – ISWA may want to consider paying for the rental of the mats.
- Jimmy Tonte thinks he may need to rent 6 additional mats.
- We as a board need to consider renting the mats. We pay \$200 per mat at Franklin. Ben Davis was asking for \$350 per mat but we communicated to him not to go there, to ask other facilities first. Once we hear how much they are charging we will determine how we will handle.
- Mary Freidt feels we need to do something to assist.
- Pat Culp stated that we as a board should pay the school that we are renting from, directly for the mats.
- Going to look at borrowing the 3 clocks from Lawrence Central
- Security – we have to use Warren Central’s police force but before we commit, she wants to sit down to make sure they understand what we need, due to lack of cooperation in the past. We need open communication.
- Hotel rooms – information has been sent out.
- Patty Rosbottom is the head pairer
- Beth Lybarger is in charge of weigh ins.
- We have 33 officials so far, reaching out to Ohio for additional, making sure they are licensed.
- Wants to use 10 scales – ISWA has 5, Warren Central has 3 so we will need 2 more.
- Going to be sending email Thursday night after registration has closed about cell phone restrictions in the weigh in area.
- Using same area as last year for weigh ins but setting up a little differently.
 - Explained the entry and line ups for weigh-ins. Going out on the other side of the building. Coaches bands and spectator bands will be in the same area.
- Getting big parking signs again to assist in directing.
- Awards – has a boarder on the existing poster board, ink has been ordered Ryan Parrish trying to get at a discount.
- Volunteer shirts, Linda Robinson went through and sorted the sizes and number of t-shirts needed. These have been labeled for Folkstyle. We still have 2 boxes of shirts to sell.
- Tina Tonte is sending email to clubs for sign-ups for team points and setting up sign-up genie for individuals. This will help Randy Amos with covering tables.
- Working on assignments for board members as all must assist (entry door, coaches’ bands, etc.)
- Will need an announcer in each of the 4 areas that wrestling is taking place.
- Mary Freidt will communicate with them through mat chat for each of the 4 areas.
- Nicole Moss is lining up trainers.

- We still need a national anthem person – Jimmy Tonte is checking with school to see if someone is interested.
- Hospitality, working with Linda Robinson for Friday/Saturday night – making sure those workers get food and drinks since they are in another area of the school doing weigh ins. Linda Robinson will take care of this.
- For breakfast supplied by ISWA, this has typically been only for referees and board members. Talked to Tina and Jimmy Tonte about the possibility of Warren Central parents providing breakfast for their workers.
- Need to make sure Thomas Johnson has everything for vendors.
- Talked to Jason DeLois, he wants regular weight classes for the girls' tournament
- Jean Whetstone will add weight classes.
- Mark Mundy talked about the kids from Warren Central using too much hospitality. Will talk to Linda Robinson about this. Jennifer Pierson will provide her assistance in monitoring workers and hospitality.
- Keith Davison's thought – he would rather err on the side of caution and provide more hospitality.
- Tina Tonte thinks we should take the food to the workers at the tables and that might help with confusion.
- Pat Culp has prepared layout of mats and numbering for set-up and truck loading scheduling
- Has labeled items that are to come on the truck.
- Tina Tonte asked if the clinician for bronze/copper clinic has been decided and asked to let office or Pat Culp know. Danny Struck will be there to run it.
 - If someone is trying to get their silver, he will have them do the clinic to help finish it. Tina Tonte needs to know what all they need. Danny Struck will get with her and provide final information.
- Tina Tonte discussed the athlete gifts. Dr. Shelbourne provided 2100 water bottles. To get the additional bottles that we need (300) it will cost \$412.
- Sending email to t-shirt sponsors to let them know about some changes.
- Indicated to Linda Robinson that she reached out to Kandace and Charlotte Miller about safe sport...need to make sure that any staff has background checks completed.
- Tina Tonte stated that she spoke with Dan Feser about the donation we usually get from Pepsi. He has retired but did put in the order for the donation. She just isn't sure we will get the product as we have in the past.
- Sarah Frisz working on spreadsheet with emails. Update for room needs if you have access.
- Staying at Rodeway/Clarion Inn for Folkstyle State and for Schoolboy Duals for ISWA workers.
- Needs rooming list for Schoolboy Duals, working on those reservations.

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
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
 - Current athletes: 6730; Wrestling Leaders: 1044, Clubs: 175; Sanctioned events: 111.
 - Coaches' certifications: 1 Gold, 4 Silver, 2440 Bronze, 539 Copper

- Concerning Hurrle award – spoke with Jim Littlejohn and asked him to present award at banquet (pending authorization of board) - approved
- **Director of Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
 - Publication is at the printers
 - Red Pin has been great to work with. Keith Davison gave virtual high-five to the team as they have put in a lot of hours
 - Club charters and sanctions steady
 - Communication with section directors for renewals
 - A couple of tournaments had to cancel and re-schedule due to weather
 - Communications to section directors with new dates
 - For weather related situations, need to make sure section directors are following up with clubs in their area for changes

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Pat Culp

- **Tournament Director - Vacant**
 - Pat Culp reported at the beginning of the call
- **Tournament Staff Director – Randy Amos**
 - No updates.
 - Week before Folkstyle state – team signups and sign up genius to go on website
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
 - Reported good tournament meeting on Wednesday
 - Will be ready for Folkstyle state.
 - Will make sure food is taken to workers in weigh in area.
 - Tina Tonte wanted to make sure that Heartland Duals is being communicated with Jason and Ryan for their needs.
 - Touching base with Jason again this week. Feels they are ready for Brownsburg.
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Vacant**
- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
 - Working wrestling tournaments most Saturdays and Sundays.
 - Sent email to Central Regionals pairers, letting them know their ability to request assignments are up and running, provided tricks to get through the process.
- **Equipment Director – Thomas Johnson**
 - Not Present. Keith Davison spoke on his behalf.
 - Plugging Olympic styles and team trips.
 - Still engaged as equipment director but making determination as to whether Heartland Duals should be the same designs.
 - Finishing design work.
 - Tina Tonte followed up about volunteer shirts, Heartland Duals and T-Shirt sponsors; deadlines
 - Knows to communicate with Pat Culp regarding T-shirts.

- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - Still working with officials to recruit for state and local tournaments.
 - Always looking for anyone who knows someone – identify and he will encourage.
 - Will get with Bart Welch regarding some referees from Ohio as he has had some requests.
 - Gearing up for Folkstyle state – looking forward to Freestyle.
 - Keith Davison asked if there is anything we can do as far as FaceBook followers – put some plugs in to have them contact Bart or Mark for more information, if interested.
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Bart Welch**
 - Not present. No Report.
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Not present. Report via email.
 - Is at Portage Folkstyle open today – Superbowl Sunday – The Cherie K Open – 360 wrestlers
 - Tournaments held in his area this season
 - December 16 – Hobart Holiday Snowbrawl – 310 wrestlers
 - January 6 – Merrillville Folkstyle Open – 350 wrestlers
 - January 13 – Chesterton Folkstyle Open – 450 wrestlers
 - January 20 – Crown Point Folkstyle – 403 wrestlers
 - January 27 – Valparaiso Wrestling Club – 310 wrestlers
 - Will continue to work with clubs on freestyle wrestling. Some clubs have their hands tied because they need High School coaches on board after Folkstyle season is completed.
 - Does not happen for many clubs.
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Agrees with everything Mark Galka said about Freestyle and Greco.
 - Clubs in her area stop at spring break.
 - Appreciates the information about sign-ups for volunteers for clubs and individuals at Folkstyle state.
 - Will continue to encourage people to get involved in state.
 - Has had several tournament cancellations. Will make sure her area knows of changes.
- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
 - Working with clubs in section 3 that primarily work with high schools to get them sanctioned.
 - Sent reminders and they should be coming in the next week or so.
 - Has had a lot of tournament cancellations. Rescheduled, due to weather.
 - Has been attending a few local tournaments.
 - Wants to get with Pat Culp, has noticed some issues. Not sure if club or track related and wants to understand, with help from Pat Culp, best practices and trouble shooting.
 - Wants clubs to have positive experiences.
 - Keith Davison mentioned that some perplexing things have been happening.
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - Not present. Report emailed to office and presented on the call
 - Elementary State Duals at Franklin – feels it went well.
 - Indian Creek looking for ways to improve their tournaments to have more mat space.

- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
 - Not present – attended Wednesday’s tournament meeting
- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - Tina Tonte is following up on Folkstyle state list from tournament meeting
- **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - Sent another round of coach’s applications – 25 signed up
 - Team leaders for every trip have been chosen
 - Projected coaches for every trip
 - Alex Johns is team leader for Junior Duals
 - Cory Graham for Cadet Duals again
 - Fargo – Jason DeLois for girls and all the same from last year
 - Has had 2 teleconferences with Terry Steiner and Gary Mayab, fall through
 - Next Wednesday or Thursday invite will be sent to any coaches for call with Terry Steiner
 - Josh Curry and Gary Mayab are working on a date for a Greco meeting. Mayab wants to show us things on the web so conference call isn’t working.
 - Looking at a week day in the evening.
 - Asking for \$1,000 from budget for Greco only RTC night, Mormier Peckovich moved to Louisville and would like to engage him.
 - Discussions around this topic. Keith Davison will follow up
- **Cadet Director –Jake O’Neill**
 - Not Present. No report
- **Junior Director –Brady Eppert**
 - Not present – report provided via email
 - Confirmed Alex Johns will be Junior Duals team leader. Josh Holden will help Alex in any way he can.
 - Has spoken with Sasha, the donations person at Subway. Sent her the sponsorship flyer. Will ask for a donation of \$15,000. She is meeting with the group that makes those decisions and should have an answer back to him very soon. Will touch base later this week.
- **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**
 - Not present. No Report.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Not present. No Report
- **Regional Training Center Director – Leroy Vega**
 - Not Present. No Report
- **Greco Director – Josh Curry**
 - Not present. No Report.
- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Not Present. No report

- **Women's Director – Jason DeLois**
 - Not Present. No Report
- **Fundraising Director – Nancy Campbell**
 - Not Present. No Report
- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Not Present. No Report
- **Transportation Director – Sarah Frisz**
 - Rodeway/Clarion booked for Folkstyle state. – would like to get the rooming list in by the end of next week. Keep her posted to add to the list
 - Freestyle/Greco weekend – will be using Comfort Inn in Plainfield. Will be starting rooming list soon. Needs to send list to hotel by 4/19
 - Schoolboy Duals – needs officials' requirement (reported earlier in call by Mark Mundy)
 - Using Country Inn and Suites for officials, along with their social room for free – no problem with bringing in our own refreshments.
 - Rodeway/Clarion will be used for ISWA workers. Will be starting rooming list for that as well.
 - Checking on credit card authorization forms – they have either sent or asked for a rooming list. Will get with Jeff Strueder for authorization.
 - Working on 16U/Cadets for airlines – looks like Southwest has the best price.
 - Also checking on policy for changing names for tickets and timing. ID's make it not such a problem if names don't match up.
 - Looking like booking 27 wrestlers, 4 leaders, 2 officials. Needs to double check on the 2 officials' requirement.
 - Helps to get them committed as early as possible for athletes.
 - Trying to get flights booked in the next week or so.
 - Best Western City Center is a plus, within walking distance to venue. Used them last year and will try to use them again this year.
 - Booking to 18U Duals and buses for Fargo and hotels for drivers.
 - Linda Robinson asked about when she will have access to social room for Schoolboy Duals. Will double check
 - Keith Davison reported he has been in touch with directors regarding the trips – cost, etc., making sure website is good, forms, etc.

Motion to Adjourn

- Mary Friedt made a motion to adjourn
- Mark Mundy seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 2:01pm

Next Board Meeting April 14 at 12:00pm in office.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts
ISWA Secretary