

## **ISWA Monthly Meeting**

April 11, 2021

**Call to Order:** Meeting called meeting to order at 12:01 pm by Pat Culp

### **Attendance:**

Pat Culp, Tina Fouts, Ben Nicely, Jimmy Tonte, Jeff Strueder, Jennifer Pierson, Jason Miller, Mary Friedt, Roby Webster, Bart Welch, Lou Silverman, Michelle Kaster, Brady Eppert, Josh Curry, Mark Stevenson, Thomas Pompei, Jeanne Whetstone, Mark Mundy, Danny Struck

**Staff:** Tina Tonte, JD Minch

**Guests:** Jodi Webster

### **Secretary: Tina Fouts**

- Presented March minutes, which were sent in advance by the office, to review and provide updates
- Motion to accept minutes presented by Mark Mundy
- Ben Nicely 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.
- Money is still coming in (memberships, etc.).
- Only real changes since last meeting were Folkstyle State proceeds have come in.
- We had lower numbers in the tournament and less revenue due to limitations.
- Heartland Duals money starting to come in.
- Added Showcase Qualifier and registration and gate fee, but not sure if is finalized.
- Trouble with reporting from Flow Wrestling – they are not providing specifics.
- Streaming money did not come in so it should still be coming.
- Starting to pay out expenses for mat officials for national tournaments, etc.
- Revenue under budget for Folkstyle state.
- Fees from IRS have been removed or waived – IRS has found our taxes.
- We will need to stay vigilant in regards to our expenses.
- Motion to accept presented by Jeanne Whetstone
- Jennifer Pierson seconded.
- No additional discussions
- Motion passed unanimously

### **Old Business**

Pat Culp stated that the Tournament Committee just met and she will let Roby Webster speak on this. We did receive board of health approval to host at Avon.

### **Freestyle/Greco State**

- Pat Culp reported that the qualifier requirement has been lifted for this year, athletes do not have to participate in 2 local tournaments this year to attend Freestyle State.

- We do need to have a conversation about Central Regionals. In the past you had to compete at State to go to Central Regionals and qualifiers for Fargo from Central Regionals do not count against our numbers.
- Brady Eppert asked if we could have a waiver in place that if an athlete competes at UWW Juniors they will still be able to participate in Central Regionals.
- He will check to see if placing or winning at UWW Juniors will qualify for Fargo.
- There has been a change in Fargo qualification numbers from Central Regionals.
- Jimmy Tonte, Danny Struck, and Pat Culp will be meeting on this and making a determination.
- Josh Curry has a concern – if Central Regionals qualifying numbers are going down, and if we have kids going to UWW's and planned to go to Central Regionals, would this affect athletes in that they may not be qualifying for Fargo.
- Jimmy Tonte said Fargo is allowing 6 per state and you cannot use Central Regionals for qualification for Fargo as far as state numbers.
- Discussions around the numbers for the national team for Fargo.
- Danny Struck will have an answer on the confirmation by tomorrow night's coaches' council.
- Motion presented by Jimmy Tonte to allow a waiver for a kid's that for athletes that wrestle in UWW to wrestle in Central Regionals
- Mark Mundy seconded the motion
- No additional discussions.
- Motion passes unanimously.

### **Central Regionals**

- Pat Culp reported that Mary Friedt has been working hard to set up.
- Any club who would like to work, let her know.
- She needs 2 – 4 more mats and will have it covered.
- If we know of any clubs that would like to work, let us know.

### **14U Duals**

- Pat Culp reported we will be using 14 mats, 1 for exhibitions.

### **16U Duals**

- Pat Culp reported they had a walk-through at Grand Park
- Will be using 14 mats – 1 for exhibitions.
- Working on socials and equipment.
- Anyone planning on being at either even, please let us know.
- We need board members at each event if we could.

Pat Culp reported she has had questions on the flyer and she believes we voted to allow (a couple of years ago) – girls to wrestle pee wee for Freestyle. She said it is listed on the flyer.

Mark Mundy moves to open both Folkstyle and Freestyle for girls' Pee Wee at our state tournaments.

Roby Webster seconded the motion.

Thomas Pompei asked about singlets for that size. Pat Culp will check on this with Steve from 3X gear. Motion passes unanimously

Tina Tonte asked for event shirt deadline (for names to be placed on the back) for the flyer.

Roby Webster stated in the flyer, for Cadet trip, it was around \$600 since it was accounting for transportation and hotels. Roby Webster made a motion to change cadet trip to \$300 and leave same as Schoolboy Duals. Jennifer Pierson seconded the motion. Jeff Strueder said we need to look at what we are spending on gear for these trips. Brady asked what the team fee is and determine the actual

cost. Thomas Pompei said it is \$750 per team per style, for both U14/U16. Discussions around cost of gear and camps and we are losing money on the trips.

Motion – passed unanimously

JD will update flyer. Wanted to know if they will run the 16U/14U team camp together. Jimmy Tonte is working on something now. Will try to get it together for tomorrow night at coaches' council. They are looking at combining the camps. Waiting to hear something from Emmanuel lead council (Cody Johnson)

## **Committee Reporting**

### **Coaches' Council**

- Danny Struck reported that they had a great meeting last month.
- Took minutes and will send them out to board.
- Tomorrow's topics are all things duals, camp, coaches nailed down.
- Do we need to do it the same as last month with kids first then older kids second?
- Pat Culp thinks that works well.
- He will try to remember to send an email in the morning. Catching up on kids' things and then discuss duals.

### **Tournament Committee**

- Roby Webster reported we are allowing 3 spectators per wrestler and we are going to allow wrestling siblings in with the wrestler.
- Families with 2 wrestlers in different times, we are allowing their wrestlers to come with the parents.
- We are sticking with 4 club coaches and if over 30 athletes, extra coaches.
- Weigh-ins, athletes will enter door 33 and proceed down hallway.
- Spectator's passes will be figured out.
- Cadets and Juniors will enter door 33, the remaining will enter door 31.
- Masks will be mandatory just like Folkstyle.

### **Disciplinary Committee**

- Pat Culp will send an email about something that happened at Folkstyle State.

### **Scholarship Committee**

- Report via email - that 11 applications were submitted.
- Linda Robinson is having difficulty accessing and Tina Tonte has reached out to Sports Engine to receive help.
- Spreadsheet has been created of the applicants.
- Mary Friedt said she was trying to set up a Zoom meeting but she isn't sure since she doesn't have access.
- Tina Tonte will email spreadsheet.
- Meeting is scheduled for April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm with committee, but is dependent upon Sports Engine getting back with us.
- Committee members for this year are Mark Mundy, Michelle Kaster, Mark Galka, Mark Stevenson, Mary Friedt J D Minch and Linda Robinson

### **Women's council**

- No report.

### **Gear Committee**

- No report.

### **Annual Meeting Agenda**

- Jennifer Pierson reported she will be working on it in June.
- Sent email to committee members to try to have a meeting next week, and set out a schedule on timing.

### **Middle School Committee**

- Jake O'Neill reported via email,
- Discussions on Middle School State
- ALL TENTATIVE
  - Qualifier date: 1/30/2022
  - Qualifier Venues: Crown Point, Penn Huntington Carmel, Warren Central, Mooresville, Jeffersonville, Evansville.
- Championship date: 2/6/2022
- Championship Venue: Center Grove

### **New Business**

#### **USA Wrestling**

- Pat wanted to point out USA wrestling said state associations could be undergoing an audit. They would send us a list of things they need to look at. Not a true audit, making sure we are doing what we should be (under new business).
- Pat Culp reported that USA wrestling reached out to us on UWW 23's, asking us if we would like to host on Memorial Day weekend. Tournament committee decided we picked up 2 tournaments for them this year and we just didn't feel like we could take on any more. She will communicate that we cannot host this year, maybe next year.
- Jeff Strueder asked if they have any accounting from their tournaments, we received \$7000 from USA wrestling for qualifier. We were supposed to get registration and gate. But there was no breakdown on what we had received. He would like to be able to do our own audit of them.
- Pat Culp is going to email Flow Wrestling to see if we can get some better financial accounting.

### **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
  - Assisted Tina Tonte with some items last week
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
  - Not Present. No Report
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
  - 5,467 athletes, down 39% with 41% new athletes
  - 1,098 wrestling leaders, 18% down with 47% new wrestling leaders
  - 178 clubs, down 7% with 15% new clubs
  - 48 sanctioned events
  - Coaches: 1 Gold, 6 Silver, 457 Bronze, 678 Copper

- **Director of Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**

- Thanked various board members for mailing out needed items to board members.
- Asked who should be the point of contact for the flyer and should she remove Jodi Webster?
- Thanked Michelle Kaster for assistance in coordinating Freestyle/Greco state flyers for awards podium.
- Thanked Ben Nicely for adding COVID form and Coaches' Code of conduct to online google form.
- Prepping for us transportation details and camps
- Reported King of Ring is June 6-10 and conflicts with Duals. Ben Nicely is following up with the committee.
- Any director that cannot access their ISWA email needs to reach out to the office at [office@iswa.com](mailto:office@iswa.com) prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. All directors should be using their ISWA email.
- Reminded all that any emails for her should be sent to [office@ISWA.com](mailto:office@ISWA.com). There were some important emails that were missed because they were sent to an incorrect address.
- Coach Gary Myers is trying to gain his Gold Coaches' certification with USAW. Has been reaching out to Mike Clayton with USAW since October and wondered if anyone could help.
- Website pages are being updated. Let the office know at [office@iswa.com](mailto:office@iswa.com) if there is anything you need to have updated.
- Clubs are starting to use the [www.iswa.com/clinics](http://www.iswa.com/clinics) page for camps and clinics. Currently 4 camps are advertised.

## **Directors Reports**

### **Vice Chair– Administration – Ben Nicely**

- Working with tournament committee lining up things for upcoming tournaments.

- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**

- Roby Webster thanked board for help with Folkstyle State.
- Wrestlers and parents were happy. We learned some things and will implement improvements.
- We are dropping 14U and 16U Duals down to 14 mats.
- Walkthrough at Grand Park occurred and found that they have a bar available. We need to bring this up....do we want bar open at tournament?
- After discussion – no to open bar.

- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**

- Not Present.
- Report via email
- Folkstyle State went well at the fairgrounds, with 2 buildings being used.
- Thanked Jason DeLois and J D Minch for assistance with loading and unloading at the fairgrounds.

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

- No report.
- Ben Nicely said he didn't hear anything major from the Folkstyle State or qualifier.

- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**

- Had a couple of Folkstyle tournaments to work.

- Had someone ask if scholarships will be available for Fargo and to let her know this week.
- Will be at Central Regionals and 14U.
- **Equipment Director – Vacant**
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
  - Lining up officials for State and Central Regionals.
  - Working with Bart Welch to set up contracts like Folkstyle.
  - Should be running 20 – 25 for State Tournaments.
  - Has been in contact with Darby Nicely.
  - Tournaments are being covered well. Much less this year.
  - Will keep moving forward.
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Bart Welch**
  - Finished up a couple – National Showcase.
    - Numbers down from original estimate. Jim Littlejohn was head official
  - 7 officials at Folkstyle Nationals - good matches.
  - Heartland Duals coming up – a few officials going out to that to represent Indiana.
  - Was able to bring in a Big 10 official – Angel Rivera – as a clinician for officials.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
  - No present. No report.
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
  - Not present. Report via email
  - Is available for State Freestyle/Greco tournament for awards and gate.
  - If there is a USA or former Team USA guest, can host this area.
  - Attended the Olympic Trials in Ft. Worth last week.
  - Home grown women's Olympians – Sarah Hildebrandt and Kayla Miracle
  - Mason Parris placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and is on the Team USA.
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
  - Working on Central Regionals – emailed clubs for table workers – has 8 of 12 mats.
  - Working on workers and checking with organizations (like national honor society).
- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
  - Before Folkstyle state had up to 42 sanctioned clubs in her area.
  - Have had a tournament every weekend.
  - Weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> is the only weekend no tournament is scheduled at this time.
  - Answering questions about Freestyle/Greco state. Will be promoting.
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
  - Not much to report.
  - He can still get a truck if J D Minch will give him a time to get the truck to the office.
- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
  - Thing have been slow – not much going on.
  - Will be at Central Regionals.
  - Will do either 16U/14U – wherever she is needed.

- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
  - Coaches' Council will meet tomorrow.
  - Working on filling Olympics Style Director
- **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
  - Coaches' applications went out. A little lower number of requests than normal.
  - Should have the list available so that we know who all has applied.
  - Working on Gary Mayab staying later to do some kids things. Coming in 5/7 for coaches' clinic. That would be the weekend between state finals and central regionals.
  - Working on trying to get an athlete appearance. USAW hasn't said no yet but they said they would get back with him
- **Cadet Director –Jake O'Neill**
  - Not present. Report via email
  - Collaborated with other director positions about national team roles for team leaders and coaches
    - 16U Duals
      - Team Leader: Corey Graham
      - Coaches: Galan Early, Dylan Lydy, Isaac Ray
    - Fargo
      - Team Leader: Jake O'Neill
      - Coaches: TBD
  - Collaborated with other director positions about national teams' camps
    - 16U Duals Camp
      - Held in conjunction with 14U Duals camp
      - Camp Venue: TBD
      - Camp Dates: TBD
    - Fargo Camp
      - Camp Venue: Marian University
      - Camp Date: July 8 - 11
- **Junior Director –Brady Eppert**
  - Junior Duals at Marian
  - Fargo camp at Marian.
  - Thomas Pompei said they are working on situation with leaving cars at campus. Spoke about potential coaches for camps.
- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Vacant**
- **Kid's Director – Jason Miller**
  - Not Present. No Report.
- **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**
  - RTC'S have been relatively slow assuming spring break.
  - Mostly central Indiana is back in school now.
  - 278 in the last 2 weeks at RTC throughout the state.
  - Another 60 added per Jimmy Tonte that had not been reported.
  - 42 coaches.
  - Decent numbers based on the numbers of open RTC's this year.
  - Evansville Mater Dei opened this past week.

- Hopefully with schools opening up next year there will be more opportunities. Several have said they postponed until next year, hoping to host next year.
  - Overall, there have been some great clinicians.
  - Lydy and CJ have been to a couple of different camps this past week.
  - 3 weeks of RTC remaining until Freestyle/Greco season.
  - Brandon James, Cody Lecount, and CJ have been to the Franklin RTC - former team Indiana members.
- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
    - We have new Junior Duals team leader – Tom Hall, Trine University coach
    - Jonah Odum Kid's Nationals team leader
    - Following up with Corey Graham, Steve Livingston, and Ryan Parrish.
    - Need to make sure they all have access to Sports Engine.
    - Need website updated.
    - 14U/16U Duals and Fargo pages and flyers.
    - Discussion on kid's nationals.
    - They will include Jonah Odum on the Coaches' Council meeting tomorrow night.
    - Danny Struck will invite him.
    - Bradley at Marian should be hosting Juniors and Fargo 12-14<sup>th</sup> June for Juniors.
    - Sometime between July 9-11 for Fargo, but not set in stone yet.
- **Women's Director – Jason DeLois**
    - Not present. Report via email
    - Another great month for women's wrestling. Is
    - 35 girls represented Indiana at 2021 USAW Girls Folkstyle Nationals in Coralville, IA
    - 20 placed in the top 8 and were All-Americans.
    - We had 3 1<sup>st</sup> place 5 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 7 4<sup>th</sup> place, 1 5<sup>th</sup> place, 1 6<sup>th</sup> place and 3 8<sup>th</sup> place finishers
    - We finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place below Arizona in team points
    - Has been organizing and all girls RTC and higher concentrated girl rooms round the state to get our girls' freestyle experience most of the need.
    - Currently 7 rooms participating and can see the numbers are growing
    - Josh Curry has done an awesome job getting these posted to the RTC page.
    - Going to Heartland Duals next weekend in Council Bluffs, IA.
    - Girls' Duals team is made up from 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
    - Will be encouraging everyone to come to a practice at Warren Central on Thursday for team building.
    - The team should do very well because most are good experienced wrestlers and all but 2 are in middle school.
- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
    - Has no report will start working on next year's trips in August.
    - Pat Culp asked if we weren't going to try to do something close by this year since we couldn't travel.
    - He said there were possibilities of teams going to Disney Duals, doing something with teams in Florida.
    - Pat Culp said if Jimmy Tonte decides to do something, to let us know.
- **Logistics Director – Darby Nicely**
    - Blocking rooms for all of our remaining events.



- Need team leaders for Fargo and Juniors to know numbers of athletes and coaches and needs to book buses.
- Will be stepping away at the end of the season. She will be done after Fargo.

Josh Curry stated that National Honor Society hours are due prior to the event, so they will not be able to help at Freestyle/Greco State but they will be able to staff it.

Use Jennifer Pierson's ISWA email address for contact for volunteers for Freestyle/Greco State.

Roby Webster stated he is excited about 2 girls representing ISWA (Indiana) at Olympics. Would like to get them an ISWA t-shirt to put in our book. Promote what they have done. Work with promotional ideas.

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**Motion to Adjourn**

- Roby Webster made a motion to adjourn.
- Josh Curry seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 2:11pm**

**Next Board Meeting June 27 at 12:00pm to be determined (Zoom or office).**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Fouts*  
ISWA Secretary