

ISWA Monthly Meeting

February 14, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 12:05 pm by Pat Culp

Attendance:

Pat Culp, Tina Fouts, Ben Nicely, Jimmy Tonte, Jeff Strueder, Darby Nicely, Jennifer Pierson, Jason Miller, Mary Friedt, Linda Robinson, Roby Webster, Jason DeLois, Bart Welch, Jake O'Neill, Danny Struck, Lou Silverman, Mark Mundy, Michelle Kaster

Staff: Tina Tonte

Guests: Kandy Miller

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented December minutes, which were sent in advance by the office, to review and provide updates
- One typo edit reported by Tina Tonte – will update
- Jason Miller made a motion to accept the minutes
- Jeff Strueder seconded the motion
- No discussions
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- Reports Shared in advance through USA Membership board webpage
- The only change - moved \$20,000 from savings to checking.
- The timing was due to purchase of scales, etc.
- Our position has held about the same.
- Budget vs Actual – still down on athlete memberships and charters due to no tournaments in 2020.
- Elementary Duals Team State money came in. We received gate fees, less than half of budget.
- Received \$433 from streaming.
- Team fees budget amount wasn't adjusted due to change in number of teams.
- Middle School Team State - not much has changed in expenses.
- Book has been printed and shipped and was under budget. Far less printed this year.
- Officials - still getting background checks.
- Cost of scales went under IT.
- Jason Miller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report
- Lou Silverman seconded the motion
- No additional discussions held about the report
- Motion passed unanimously
- Jeff Strueder reported that our financial review (in lieu of an audit) was completed.
- Starting with year over year trends.
- Shows \$30,000 loss for last year.
- This gives us a good trend to look at moving forward.
- Should help with soliciting donors moving forward.
- Shows how money is brought in and spent.
- Taxes need to be reviewed by audit committee.
- Will get out to budget committee.
- Will try to get a digital copy of taxes to distribute to the audit committee.

Old Business

Upcoming ISWA Sponsored Tournaments

- Pat Culp reported that the tournament committee just met prior to this meeting. Roby will discuss under committee reporting.
- Folkstyle State will be held at the fairgrounds, in 2 buildings (a block to a block and a half apart).
- Due to the board of health, we have to break it down into sessions.
- Cadets will have the full building one day and junior the other day.
- Moving forward with this plan and got approvals necessary.
- COVID screening will be involved.
- It is going to take every single board member to pull this off.
- Roby will work on the list, assigning people to tasks for the day.
- We have to check people in, temperatures to be taken, make sure screening form has been completed.
- It will be tough with the 2 locations, once assignments are received, you need to make sure to let us know if you need to switch.

Folkstyle State

- Roby Webster reported a walk-through of the fairgrounds was completed.
- First thing is there is no tolerance for masks.
- There will be a designated eating area. With that, there will be no reason for the spectators or athletes to have masks down if not in the eating area.
- The flyer is almost ready to go out.
- If caught without a mask on, they will be removed from the building. This is for COVID protocol.
- Will be a little tougher for coaches due to 2 buildings.
- Weigh-ins will be held by alphabetical order. Will help with social distancing.
- At the end of the scheduled weigh-in times, there will be a segment for those who cannot make their designated time.
- Will be clearing the building after each session and will clean and sanitize.
- Limiting 4 coaches per clubs.
- Discussions were held about concerns for clubs with larger numbers of athletes competing.
- Ben Nicely said they will discuss in tournament committee and come up with better solution.
- Mary Freidt said she can see a problem with a kid not wrestling because he doesn't have a coach.
- Jennifer Pierson asked about a parent who is a coach, and can he get a coach's band. (not adding to the coaches' number total). Yes, they just won't get free entry.

Freestyle/Greco State

- As far as we know, it is still a go at Avon.
- We have the Gathering Place as a back-up because the numbers are lower. We may need to have sessions if we have it there.
- Darby Nicely would like to get the hotels lined up.
- Ben Nicely will reach out to Josh Curry to see where the school stands at this time.
- Qualifiers – Roby Webster moves that we remove qualifiers for this year only.
- Jimmy Tonte seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Roby Webster stated we need to make a change to the flyer on the website to reflect this.

Committee Reporting

Coaches' Council

- Danny Struck reported that is all for starting them back up, times are confusing.

- Will start them back up.
- He and Jimmy Tonte will get together and schedule for next month.

Tournament Committee

- Nothing additional to report. Will try to keep all involved as final plans are solidified.

Disciplinary Committee

- No report

Scholarship Committee

- Linda Robinson stated she will be sending committee stuff out.
- She has received some emails from people regarding scholarship applications.
- Athletic directors were emailed this past week.

Women's council

- Jason DeLois stated nothing to report at this time.

Gear Committee

- Pat Culp reported we have our gear.
- Jason Miller asked about gear in the office – is it all for Heartland.
- Pat Culp stated the design will be the same and we need to order for Fargo, etc.
- She has the original spreadsheet and will check it and compare.

Annual Meeting Agenda

- Nothing to report

Middle School Committee

- Jake O'Neill said Folkstyle state has been moved to his conference weekend.
- Pat Culp said we were taking into consideration the scheduling for sessions for Folkstyle State, taking in mind the conference schedules for middle school.
- Jake likes the idea of trying to get the state to move their middle school seasons to coincide with Elementary Duals season.
- That would also allow for no overlap of Folkstyle with Freestyle/Greco season.
- Thinks it will take a couple of years to get it done.

New Business

- Pat Culp asked coaches to get with Tina Tonte for Social Media postings. Need to get them going again.

Athletes Cutting Weight

- Pat Culp said parents are noticing that there are some kids that are intermediate or novice and they weigh about 100 lbs. and they are weighing in at other events and are dropping about 20 lbs.
- She sent an email to Tony Black to see if USA Wrestling has a policy on this to enable us to put something out about it.
- Discussions around what we can or cannot do to enforce.
- Concern was raised about enforcing and unenforceable rule.
- At this point, we are waiting until we hear back from USA Wrestling and then we will have to circle back around.

High School Showcase Qualifier (regional qualifier)

- Will be held at the fairgrounds in the Expo building. Mats will remain there after Folkstyle State.
- 700 wrestlers is the limit. 250 girls additionally.
- Schedule is on the mat.com.
- Will split the weight classes. Will have lighter weights in the morning, higher weights in the afternoon.
- Will come back for final rounds the next day.
- Advertisements should be out there. Sending information to the office.
- Pat Culp asked for thoughts about asking Joe Caprino to put a banner on his site.
- We will need to man this event as well Friday – Sunday, March 19-21.
- We have to treat this as our own. We will have to provide workers, table help, streaming, etc. will still have to follow COVID rules.
- Mark Mundy is the head official for the tournament.
- We get all the door money and all but \$10 of the wrestler entry fee and we get \$10 of the \$15 coach's band.
- Darby Nicely will coordinate rooms for this event as well.
- Pat Culp said any of our high school state champions will already be qualified for this.
- She asked about our girls, because of IHSGWA and they will take the champions from that event.
- USA Wrestling is ordering awards and shipping to us but we will have to pay for them.

Freestyle/Greco State

- April 30 – May 2 at Avon (for now)

Central Regionals

- Will be held at Ft. Wayne Coliseum
- USA Wrestling provides officials and pairings personnel
- Darby Nicely is working on hotels.
- Will be held May 21-23

14U Duals

- June 9 – 13 at Franklin High School

16U Duals

- June 9 – 13 at Grand Park in Noblesville

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present, no report
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
 - Not present – no report
 - Pat Culp that Nicole Moss has been informed of all the events and she will have medical on the scene
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
 - Not Present. No Report
 - Pat Culp reported he was unable to boot up some of the older computers to make updates.
 - May need to order additional computers later
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**

- Not Present. No Report
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
 - 3941 athletes, 36% new athletes
 - 690 leaders, 36% new leaders
 - 124 clubs, 7% new clubs
 - 40 sanctions
- **Director of Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
 - Books have been mailed and there are some extra in the office.
 - Has had a lot of feedback from the photo contest. Members seemed to appreciate getting to submit pictures. Winners were noted and Ryan offered a gift card and that information went out.
 - Middle School state tournament, JD helped with coaches' bands.
 - JD Minch has been working hard with the income sheet that goes to Jeff Strueder.
 - Middle School State, added an alternate date for qualifier because Girls' winter nationals conflicted with the Heartland Tryouts.
 - Sanctions are coming in and being added to the event schedule.
 - Working with tournament committee about Folkstyle state.
 - Will need award count for the 2 different podiums.
 - Have 2 new clubs. Organizer kits have been ordered.
 - Coaches' Association Banquet has been postponed for HS state, along with Hurrle award winner presentation.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Ben Nicely

- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**
 - Nothing additional to report.
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
 - Had a couple of questions for Folkstyle state
 - Pat Culp confirmed we are having dinners for Folkstyle state
 - Bart Welch confirmed 20 referees for Friday night, 46 referees each day of wrestling. 9 officials for weigh ins on Saturday night.
 - Asked if for High School State we could donate the waters that we have on hand to the tournament? (4 cases of water, some Gatorades and sodas in the coolers)
 - Linda Robinson made a motion to donate the remaining drinks to IHSAA tournament
 - Ben Nicely second the motion
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**
 - Not present. Report via email
 - Has mostly been busy with High School and a few open tournaments.
 - Has been working a lot on all the ISWA tournaments for February and March.
 - We have and will continue to use this year's tournaments to help get all our pairers acclimated to streaming since we are finding it necessary to expand in this area.
 - We may need to consider buying a few more new computers in the future to help us accommodate a larger volume of streaming, as we are not sure our older ones will work with streaming.
- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
 - Not present. No report.

- **Equipment Director – Vacant**
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - Working on lining up officials for the showcase.
 - Trying to recruit people who do all 3 styles.
 - Then will work on those for Folkstyle.
 - Working on getting some referees upgraded so they can start travelling to national events.
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Bart Welch**
 - Working on filling spots for upcoming tournaments.
 - Has 20 plus officials assigned so far and other tournaments coming up to assign.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Not Present
 - Pat Culp said he wanted to thank everyone for helping at Elementary and Middle School Duals.
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Not present
 - Pat Culp said he has called her a couple of times.
 - Has sent out information to his section about Folkstyle State changes.
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Will be contacting club and letting them know about Folkstyle State, 14U and 16U tournaments and Central Regionals.
- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
 - Section 3 had a couple of tournaments last month.
 - Nice to see the mats coming back to life.
 - A couple of tournaments coming up this month.
 - Has been staying in touch with host clubs.
 - Communicated the change in dates to clubs for Folkstyle state.
 - Reaching out to clubs to stay in touch with those that haven't been able to start back up.
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - Not present. No Report
- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
 - Has been contacting clubs to let them know of changes to Folkstyle state and about the upcoming tournaments.
- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - Looking at coaches' council meetings and Jimmy Tonte and he will get together with coaches.
 - Applications for coaches have been sent out, some have been filled out.
 - If you know people asking about trips, tell them get their applications requested.
 - **Cadet Director –Jake O'Neill**
 - 16U duals - coming up with a game plan for camp, as well as Fargo camp plans.

- Will be held around July 8th (after moratorium).
- These have been the big topics of discussion.

- **Junior Director –Brady Eppert**
 - Not present. No Report

- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Vacant**

- **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**
 - Heartland Wrestle offs will be held March 28th for middle school and elementary boys.
 - Doors open at 7am, first weigh ins at 7:15 and last 3:15 with wrestling starting at 4pm.
 - Jason DeLois will have a couple of girls’ wrestle offs will be at a separate time.
 - Tina Fouts will be there and Jen Ratliff will work with pairings and brackets.
 - Has a mom helping with gear distribution
 - Tina Tonte will be there to work with registration and payment.
 - Will need help with screening and temperature checks.

- **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**
 - Not Present.
 - Jimmy Tonte said Josh Curry is sending out information for RTC’s and we are a few weeks out for these starting.
 - Danny Struck said he has spoken with Josh Curry and he is trying to get everyone that held RTCs for the past year, if they are interested in having this year.
 - Waiting on school responses.

- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Not Present. No Report.

- **Women’s Director – Jason DeLois**
 - Discussed upcoming girls wrestling events (non-ISWA events).
 - Has been talking about High School Qualifier – top 5 get to go to the HS Showcase.
 - Championship on Saturday and Girl’s Nationals on the following Sunday.
 - April – Heartland Duals – has been able to put together a strong team.
 - Every girl on the team right now are middle schoolers.
 - The other 2 weight classes (lower weights) will hold wrestle offs on the southside at Contenders on Sunday March 7, and 9am
 - Freestyle – with COVID, no location for camp or clinic at this time.
 - Thinks that he will run a freestyle clinic right before freestyle nationals in Irvington.
 - Has been in touch with Lauren Weave, Ohio girl who lives at the Olympic Training center so she may be able to do the Freestyle clinic.

- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Looking to resume travelling in 2022.
 - Hope to resume them but no further updates at this time.

- **Logistics Director – Darby Nicely**
 - Elementary and Middle School Duals room costs were under budget.
 - Will not be using the hotel again, due to trouble with rooms and receipts.
 - Folkstyle state - rooming list has been sent out.
 - SiteSearch link has been sent to the office.
 - She has had questions about table help and rooms.

- Discussions were held about who rooms are provided for.
- Working on rooms for HS Showcase
- Heartland Duals has been problematic.
- She had our hotel block completed at a hotel connected to the venue with free parking through the visitor's bureau.
- The bureau promised us that the link was only ours until April 4th
- They then gave our link to USA Wrestling who posted it on their website.
- She went to book our ISWA/Officials rooms and there were only 7 rooms left.
- Called the Visitor's Bureau to figure out what happened and how they could fix it.
- They said the best they could do was get us 3 different hotels because "everything in the area is fully booked"
- Currently working on booking links for these 3 hotels and getting ISWA/Officials rooms booked.
- Will not go through Visitor's Bureau in the future.

Pat Culp stated she had someone ask why we are not allowing Girl peewees to wrestle. Discussions as to whether or not to set up a separate pee wee division in the girl's tournaments. Jason DeLois feels we monitor the numbers for the next couple of years. For this year, we will have them wrestle in the regular tournament.

Pat Culp asked for Darby about ISWA provided rooms. In the past, we have had workers we have paid for rooms for – normally we only get rooms for board members, pairers, and officials. The group (Jeffersonville) used to get 2 rooms, then we dropped it down to 1 room. Discussions around whether or not to have the association continue to pay for these room. Mary Freidt thinks we do not need to pay for that type of room. Roby Webster made a motion that we only get rooms for the board, officials and pairers. Mary Friedt seconded the motion. Ben Nicely requested to amend the motion to add any ISWA staff as needed. Mark Mundy seconded the amendment to the motion. Roby Webster agreed to the amendment to the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Strueder stated that after scholarships are selected and approved, we need to vote on them and put in the minutes, per the accounting group.

Pat Culp stated that the tournament committee will be meeting in the next day or so to finish ironing out the details of the upcoming tournaments.

Motion to Adjourn

- Tina Fouts made a motion to adjourn.
- Ben Nicely seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 2:43pm

Next Board Meeting March 7 at 12:00pm to be determined (Zoom or office).

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts
ISWA Secretary