

Michigan Wrestling Association
Fall Regional Meetings
October 17, 2018

Membership Drive

- Inform all in attendance on how to register for MWA membership.
 - Online at <https://www.michigangrappler.com/mwa>
 - Explain that you do not have to pay online. You can register and select to mail in payment.
 - Clinic Discount - Discount for coaches registering 3 or more coaches.
 - **Discounts**
 - \$125 for the 1st and/or 2nd coach
 - \$25 Staff Discount for the 3rd coach, only
 - \$50 Staff Discount for the 4th or more coach, only
 - All questions - email Christopher Dunham

Nominations and Voting

- Question about the process? Refer to constitution ARTICLE IV, Section 1, D, 4. https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0138/0423/2017_Constitution_and_By-Laws_10.28.17.pdf
- Regional - All seats (except for Tri-Cities (Vacancy)) will be held for at least 2 years due to inaugural vote last Spring.
- Executive Board - 3 open seats
 - Nominations and Voting will take place online leading up to Fall Clinic. Communication will come from Chris Dunham.
 - Voting results will be announced at 4:30 pm at Fall Clinic.
 - Timeline
 - Nominate open (really prenomination because they could last minute nominate at the meeting) 10/17 - 10/26
 - Bios posted on grappler 10/27 - 11/3
 - Voting to take place on 11/3 with electronic voting open from 12:00 and closes no later than 4:00 to allow for results to be stated at 4:30. I will email blast the link to all current coaches the voting link.

Fall Clinic

- NWCA Leadership Academy - [FLYER and Details](#)
 - Free to anyone attending Fall Clinic, pre-registration required
 - Starts Friday, November 2nd at 8:00 am
- Encourage attendance to both Friday and Saturday
 - Invite youth coaches, middle school coaches, etc.
- Breakout sessions
 - COY Presentations, off Season training/How to build interest, communication with wrestlers/parents, running a tournament/event, youth program building, officials panel, branding/Friday night duals, promoting multi-sport athletes

Hall of Fame Banquet Recognition

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- Executive Board voted on the following awards to be recognized at this years hall of fame banquet. Plan to have a more formalized nomination and voting process in place by this fall.
- AD: Pete Ryan, Saginaw Heritage
- Officials: Lynwood Leightner-Cheboygan, Clay McCreight-Mt Pleasant
- Volunteer: Brad Bennett
- Media: JJ Johnson
- Youth: Curt Cummings & Jim Fleet
 - Nominees will receive a ticket plus a guest ticket for the banquet

MHSAA Update

- Team State and Individual State
 - Same Locations, minor tweaks to improve efficiencies.
 - Team State @ Wings Stadium (Kalamazoo)
 - Individual State @ Ford Field
 - Adjustments?
- Shooter sleeves are not allowed this year in Michigan. Will be covered in online rule meeting.

Women's Wrestling

- State of Michigan update
 - Teams/Coaches interested

Regional Coaches

- New coaches in the region
 - New position within regions

Questions and Concerns

- Field questions from coaches and gather information to bring to executive board conference call that will follow regional meetings.

Open Dates

7:00 PM- Brad Anderson called meeting to order
32 MWA members in attendance.

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Opening statement-

How regional structure has taken place.
All Regions were represented in Lansing meeting last month.
Everyone's voice can be heard now through the regional meetings

Membership Drive

Fall Clinic Nov 2nd, 3rd.
Discounted rates to get more lower level coaches involved

Nominations and Voting

Tri-cities- Matt Bishop appointed only regional rep position open.
Three Executive board openings.
Nominations will be taken online along with voting
Voted new board members will be appointed position

Fall Clinic

Leadership Academy/Banquet, please attend
Kalamazoo central coach asked what workshop was all about.
Coach Gritter and Boudro explained layout of workshop to group
Coach Bittenbender- Lakeshore asked everyone to please attend Banquet
- Give respect to those being honored and put time into the sport.
- Also, added a push for Friday night duals. Cross town rivals

Hall of Fame Recognition

Regional awards given to expand those who do good for our sport
- Nominations from regions will be taken for next years awards

MHSAA Update

Team state- no comments
Individual state
- Mendon coach, splitting of mats in two divisions made it really hard for smaller division
- Kent City coach, Any way to provide live streaming on jumbotron to see all divisions?
- Also, project profiles to get wrestlers more recognition
- Bittenbender, Would like to see each division at their own locations.
- Rocky P. idea to the MHSAA was presented to the west region.
- Hedgecock, Talked on behalf of officials
- Officials are in regional committees as well.
- Bring issues to regional leaders to help get issues resolved in timely manner
- Officials agree that coaches/officials should have say in MHSAA tournys

Regional Coaches

Brian Maximousky- Sp? Rockford/FHC alum has taken over forest hills eastern.
Sparta- to have a new HC coming soon

Womens wrestling

Tom Bennett put together structure and it is back by MWA president

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Possible Varsity sport starting next season

Tom Bennett is setting up girl competitions around the state

- Kent county classic will have a girls mat for competition

* IDEAS PRESENTED BY REGION

Boudro- likes idea, will get more people around and involved in the sport of wrestling

Can we combine programs to make cohort teams to fill the 14 weight classes. 2-4 programs?

* Sunday night practices will happen in Northview high school 6-7:30pm

- Run by Casey, female ref and wrestler. STARTS NOV 1st.

Richardson- Rockford, Has asked female wrestlers to get a partner to assist with training partners

JJ Johnson- Davenport University will be adding female wrestling possibly next season.

13 states have girls wrestling already, Michigan needs to keep up for start way behind

MYWAY #'s for female wrestlers has double ever year for the last 2-3 years.

IT'S COMING EMBRACE IT AND GET CREATIVE!!!!

Addix Sports

Matt Dood spoke to group about sponsorship

- Offered deal they are running on two piece singlets
- Thanked everyone for great support the last few years
- Contact Addix and any sporting needs you might have

Open Discussion

Bittenbender- Why do we have Friday Seed meetings with trackwrestling?

- Why can't we do seed meeting Saturday mornings.
- Also, added a start time of 9am for Individual regionals
 - Allow travel time for teams.
 - Is this a state mandated time? Can each location decide time?

Ed Hedgecok- Can each regional get a member to be an officials recruiter?

- Provide Mentor program under experienced officials.
- Duane Watson's, Allendale HC, mentor program was shared to region
- MYWAY pushing parents back from mats allowing refs to get more comfortable with what they are doing. Hope this helps keep these guys involved in officiating.

District/Regional Pairings

- Why is release date in October. Coaches want to try and schedule teams and have schedules set by this time each year.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:14 PM