



# WWCA September Meeting Agenda

Sunday, September 20, 2020

[Virtual Zoom Meeting](#)

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9:30 AM



## Review & Voting Procedure

- A. 8 Day Review Window for September virtual meeting notes: **8:00 am 9/21/20 thru 9/28/20**
- B. 2 Day Voting Window opens at **8:01 am on 9/28/20** and **closes at 8:01 am on 9/30/20**
- C. Voting will be done via the link below. The survey will be turned off until the window opens.

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## 1. Call to order/Welcome (Moe); Attendance (Gerber)

***In Attendance:*** Pete Moe (President), Wendall Bean (President-elect; Convention), Bob Empey (Treasurer), Ryan Gerber (Secretary), Chris Hansen (1), Pat Ratkovich (2), Jason Luloff (3), Justin Lancaster (4), Curtis Fiedler (5), John Schimming (6), Craig Austin (7), Kevin Koch (8), Mike Arendt (Officials), Tom McGarvie (HOF; Alumni-NV), Tim Potratz (Awards), Jason Stromberg (Publicity),

***Not in Attendance:*** Randy Ferrell (Past-President), Matt Halter (*Web Director-NV*), Matt Verbeten (WWF)

## 2. Meeting Objectives

- Review District Rep meeting information,
- Update Executive Committee on Virtual Clinic,
- Discuss Executive Director

## 3. Reports

### a. [Secretary's Report](#) (Gerber)

### b. Treasurer's Report (Empey)

- i. Account Balance as of 9/20/20: \$33,923.53
- ii. Not much activity since July 1
- iii. **Empey** gave a summary of expenses since June
- iv. **Bean** recently deposited this: 19,172.56 (membership/fall clinic) \*this deposit brings the account up to the amount highlighted above.
- v. **Bean** shared the financials of the clinic account - currently at \$21,975.00 (floor for the clinic)

Motion to Accept Treasurers' Reports by **Schimming**, Second by **Ratkovich**;

- c. Officials Report (**Arendt**)
  - i. Reminder of NFHS Rules Changes/Season Rules
  - ii. Points of Emphasis are finished and sent off to the WIAA (Friday, 9/18/20)
  - iii. Video for coaches coming soon
  - iv. Guidelines/Recommendations for Board of Control was supposed to be sent Friday to the Board for consideration
  - v. (2) November Zoom meetings - in lieu of officials clinic - 11/10, 11/17 8-9pm (Tuesdays)
    - 1. Rules interpretations
    - 2. Formulating topics right now
  - vi. **Gerber** asked if there has been any change in officials registration
    - 1. **Arendt** responded that in his conversations with officials, many are waiting until there's a clearer picture of what wrestling will look like, what competitions will look like
    - 2. Number of registrations is still low - up a bit from the 50% that Wade gave us
- d. Awards Report (**Tim Potratz**)
  - i. Deadline for self-reporting awards was today (9/20/20)
  - ii. Many self-reporting awards have come in recently (22 total wins/years)
  - iii. Procedure for this year
    - 1. **Potratz** will get the awards and distribute those to district reps for individual distribution
    - 2. Award winners will be on the website
    - 3. Award winners recognized in the virtual convention
    - 4. Possibly mention this years award winners at next years convention for official recognition
  - iv. (1) '50 Years in Coaching Award' recipient this year - Marshfield
- e. Public Relations Report (**Stromberg**)
  - i. Has reached out to contacts at the UW Kohl Center - hasn't heard much from them
  - ii. Concerning a bit that there isn't much contact back
  - iii. **Empey** mentioned that UW Athletics has announced that no state tournaments will be held on UW campus this fall.
  - iv. **Bean** asked when we typically sign a final contract with UW - **Stromberg** responded it's typically 3-4 weeks before the state tournament.
  - v. **Bean** brought up not signing a contract until late, in the event the Kohl Center is unavailable and talking with them about costs.
  - vi. **Moe** brought up the idea about trying to replicate the Nicholas Suite at different locations if the tournament is split between 3 locations. **Moe** asked that this be on the November meeting.
- f. WWF Report (**Verbeten**)
  - i. Via text to **Moe**: WWF has planned to host an event if the WIAA doesn't host a state tournament. A date has been selected. **Empey** added that they reserved the Chula Vista Dome and selected dates but in no way would this compete with the WIAA season.

- ii. **McGarvie** brought up the question about whether these events undermine the pandemic issue. Currently organizations are running events and the WWF hosting an event would do the same.
  - iii. **Lulloff** added that “a prominent member of wrestling in Wisconsin” contacted him about hosting a middle school wrestling event in the event that a middle school season isn’t happening. Had a good conversation on multiple perspectives of this. Wanted to emphasize no competition with WIAA. This individual mentioned wanting to work with the WIAA.
  - iv. **Fiedler** asked a question to **Empey**: Asking for clarification on the WWF scheduled event running if the WIAA had a state tournament. Asked if the event would be held if some schools can attend a state tournament versus all. Would the WWF run it if schools (Dane Co) couldn’t happen but everyone else could. **Empey** said the WWF wants to be with the WIAA and not compete.
- g. Web Director Report (Halter)**
- i. No report - **Matt Halter** wasn’t in attendance
- h. Hall of Fame/Alumni Report (McGarvie)**
- i. No report - no new information to provide here
  - ii. **Ratkovich** asked if there have been many nominations that have been sent in this year.
  - iii. Brought up the creation of a Lifetime Service Award again for consideration. May address assistants or people in different wrestling communities.
  - iv. **Gerber** asked what the ‘Special Service Award’ was which is listed on the website. After discussion, this is a service award given to people who have served on the WWCA Board. It was discussed that this needs a new title to better define this.
  - v. **Moe** asked **McGarvie** for a proposal for a Lifetime Service Award at a future meeting.
- i. Challenge Series Report (McGarvie/Fenwick)**
- i. Currently looking at back-ups sites for each regional in the event the original host site cannot host.
  - ii. Looking for an alternate site for the Women’s event in the Wausau area (health guidelines)
  - iii. Looking for an alternate site for the actual finals event for the same reason as listed for needing an alternate regional site.
  - iv. Looking to move information from the wiwrestling site to the WWCA site
    - 1. This would apply to the guidelines for updates/changes
    - 2. Help with traffic to the WWCA website
  - v. **Fiedler** asked what happens to the Challenge Series if the WIAA pulls the plug on its state series/county guidelines
  - vi. **McGarvie** talked about possibly adding a weight class for the event below 106 - won’t work b/c there isn’t an official weight class below 106 in NFHS rules
  - vii. **Lulloff** offered a possibility of a ‘1st year only’ division and then another division for everyone else for each weight class.
- j. Past President Report/NWCA Report (Ferrell)**
- i. No report - **Randy Ferrell** wasn’t in attendance

#### 4. District Rep August Meeting (Moe/District Reps)

- a. [District Rep Meeting Minutes](#)
  - i. Seeding Individual State
  - ii. Adjustment of the 7:7 rule to a match count/event count/etc
- b. Future Road Map
- c. Communication
- d. President's Message

#### 5. District 4/State Series Revision Plan (Moe/Lancaster/Berna)

- a. **Summary of Meeting**
- b. Reviewed [Presentation from District 4](#)
- c. **Gerber** asked for clarification on the District 4 Plan - is this about adjusting the way we do wrestling or are we still looking at 3 equal divisions - **Lancaster** clarified that this has evolved into improving wrestling in the state above going to 3 equal divisions. The qualifiers are different and need to be looked at closer.
- d. **Lancaster** discussed how this plan creates an actual roadmap for the future.
- e. **Fiedler** talked about the 5 year window being quite aggressive - may be more of a 10-15 year plan.
- f. **Lancaster** mentioned that in MN, the participation count is 14 events or 45 matches (use one or another
  - i. **Moe** mentioned that this may be more record keeping for coaches
  - ii. **Lancaster** mentioned that the 7:7 rule may be making things tougher if you are sending kids to different events throughout the year
  - iii. **Fiedler** mentioned that this would require coaches to input data into trackwrestling consistently
- g. **Moe** asked for a final draft for recommendation for seeding the state tournament and for match/event count for review from WWCA Executive Board for submission to WIAA
  - i. **Fiedler** - seeding the state tournament discussion has already been done
  - ii. **Empey** - the current brackets aren't conducive to seeding where a higher seed could be left out on the backside (currently, we don't have double elimination)
  - iii. **Lulloff** - realize there are roadblocks with any proposal that comes out - 'test drive' the proposal this year and make necessary adjustments in the future.

#### 6. Virtual Clinic (Bean/Committee)

- a. [Fall Clinic Report](#)
- b. [Virtual Clinic Notes](#)
- c. Virtual Clinic Layout/Platform/Overview
  - i. Coaches Insider
  - ii. Going live with the Virtual Clinic - October 1
  - iii. No cost to members
  - iv. Wednesdays: Oct 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11 (7:30-9:00 pm)
  - v. 9 Collegiate presenters (8 live, 1 pre-recorded)
  - vi. 40 pre-recorded sessions from the NWCA (3 month window)
- d. Awards Recognition

- e. Vendors
- f. Annual Meeting - Nov. 11 @ 8:15
- g. Overall Cost - \$5 per participant; **Bean** suggested paying each collegiate coach \$100, needed to renew raffle license @ \$25

## 7. Review of Information from Board of Control Meeting - 9/18/20 (Moe)

- a. **Moe** gave updates - no discussion on winter sports
  - i. Wade forwarded WWCA guidelines and recommendations to medical board
  - ii. Wade mentioned our recommendations went further than other sports

## 8. Constitutional Items (Gerber) - Tabled to November

- a. *Article V (Meetings) - adjust the language of Regular meetings from "Fall Clinic", "State Tournament", "Spring Meeting", and "Hall of Fame selection date" to something more generic. Yes, we meet those dates, but we moved the State Tournament meeting - which is a good thing - and our constitution doesn't reflect that, nor does it need to say specifically, "state tournament".*
- b. *We have 1 mention of voting saying "Only active WWCA members will be eligible to vote. Each member shall have one vote." A couple problems with that:
 
  - i. *It contradicts Article IV by stating all active members where Article IV limits voting to certain members, and...*
  - ii. *We need to define, per Roberts Rule, what a quorum is. I bring this up because there have been several instances in my time as Secretary with lower voter turnout. I'm assuming that a non vote is an abstention which has been questioned by other board members. Based on Roberts Rule, there are multiple ways to view an abstention as it relates to a quorum.**
- c. *Finally, we don't really have anybody responsible for historical archiving and record keeping of our business. By having somebody responsible for that, we'd reduce the risk of 'rumor and innuendo' and false claims. The Secretary humbly volunteers.*

## 9. Executive Director (Moe)

- a. **Moe** - this has been in discussion a number of times throughout the last few years
- b. **Empey** mentioned that he was called by Tom about this issue - talked to Luke Francois about the position. Is advocating to listen to Luke Francois since it's his issue.
- c. **Gerber** added concern regarding this issue being an ever present issue on our agenda
- d. **Bean** mentioned that the November meeting is going to be very busy, that meeting isn't necessarily the best time to have this discussion.
- e. **Hanson, Fiedler, Bean** all mentioned would be interested in listening.
- f. A number of coaches mentioned maybe not having another big presentation at the November meeting

Motion to listen to a presentation on the possibility of an Executive Director at the March 7 business meeting by **Curtis Fiedler**, 2nd by **Wendall Bean**  
Vote to approve 9-0-4

## 10. Set Next Meeting

- a. November 8, 2020 @ 9:00am

## 11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by **Jason Lulloff**, 2nd by **Bob Empey**  
Vote to Adjourn passed unanimously, no abstentions  
3 hr, 15 minutes

### Next Meeting

Sunday, November 8, 2020; 9:00 am  
Zoom Virtual Meeting  
Business Meeting

### Future/Rolling Agenda Items

- Girls State Wrestling 2021-2022
- Virtual Clinic
- End of the Year Voting/Recognition for 20-21 Season

**Notes Approved** - 14 Approve, 0 Disapprove, 4 Abstain