

## Minutes from East Region 10/18/18

### Introduction/Welcome (Greg Mayer) GM

In attendance 19 coaches 2 officials

- Stated all regions across the state would be following the same agenda
- Our collective voices are being heard, evident by information shared from MHSAA at rules meeting at Lamphere (presentations by Dan Hutchinson and Sam Davis)
- Greg Mayer: Concern about why coaches are still being announced for unsportsmanlike given the rationale for doing it in the first place (Per Sam Davis). It was initially put in place so head coaches would know their assistants have been hit and be informed. If there was another one the head coach would be removed... This has changed because assistants can now be ejected so there is no need to inform the head coach via public announcement.
- Chad Danovich: it also informs officials that coaches have been hit... thinks it's helpful

### Membership Drive (all areas covered/discussed) GM

- 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
  - Reminded that officials can also be members
  - This agenda would be shared via MiGrappler likely 10/19/18

### Nominations and Voting (Covered/explained) GM

- 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](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.
- Preston Trend, Richmond: can non-regional members nominate candidates for different regions ie East member nominate for Tri-Cities?

## Fall Clinic (All areas Covered) GM

- 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 (Covered) GM

- 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

Is Bill Delia a Member of HOF? If not he should be. Greg Mayer

## MHSAA Update (all items discussed) GM

- Team State and Individual State
  - Same Locations, minor tweaks to improve efficiencies.
  - Team State @ Wings Stadium (Kalamazoo)
  - Individual State @ Ford Field
  - Adjustments?
    - Morsette, Anchor Bay: would really like a coach's room to get a cup of Coffee, I agreed...
- 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
  - Teams/Coaches interested WWT, Fraser, Algonac, East Detroit
  - All Girls practice/s, Co-op Teams for regions/areas
  - Texas has 10 weight classes for girls may want to look at their model

## Regional Coaches (Addressed) GM

- New coaches in the region
  - New position within regions
  - New coaches introduced East Detroit, Port Huron, Richmond (Assistant)
  - Encouraged to join MWA

- Question posed to the Group... How do you feel the regional representation is going so far do you feel your voices are being heard? (GM)
  - Dennis Parks WDLS: likes that we are talking about the sport/coaching profession not just about our athletes (AKA Seed meetings...) It's a good forum to talk about the profession
- Streamlined efficient communication from the top down is a goal of the MWA for coaches and officials so we are all on the same page at the same time.
- How do we build attendance at regional meetings? Starts with the people in the room tonight.

#### Questions and Concerns

- Field questions from coaches and gather information to bring to executive board conference call that will follow regional meetings.
- Morsette, Anchor Bay: suggested NOT rotating officials during dual meet competitions match by match, round by round acceptable. Makes it difficult to coach because each official sees things differently what would be stalling in one match may not be in another in the same dual. Believes it would help with consistency for dual meets.
  - This is not a rule but recommended by officials to keep them all engaged and working... (Strickler/Danovich)
  - Suggested they use extra officials as assistants for another set of eyes to help get it right provide more consistency
- Wayne Tommolla, HF2: Questions decision/s about who hosts Division 1 Individual Regional. No Individual regional held in Macomb County in years despite large population and requests to host (Dakota).
  - Suggested rotating regional sites between the two districts involved yearly (similar formula as with Team Regional). In 2018 district A schools have option 2019 District B schools have option
- Would Youth Coaches as members of MWA (MYWAY/MMWA) have authority to make changes at the high school level?
  - In situations regarding MHSAA (Rules...) participating programs would only have one vote per program regardless of number of members. That vote would belong to High School Coach. (Greg Mayer) as discussed previously with MWA board/ reps
  - Possibly "Associate Members" Non-Voting but able to nominate/be nominated for HOF
- Few coaches not a fan of receiving letters from officials to rate them even if they have already...
  - Suggested multiple rating option on site (believe this already exists)
  - Have assigner put officials in calendar so it populates tournament/s officials automatically
  - Team hosting enter officials for tournament on track (tournament director or head official)
- Re-engaging graduated wrestlers into coaching and/or officiating?
  - Coaches provide information about opportunities for either at their end of year banquets
  - Have info at state tournaments about how to become an official possibly through PA before finals (this may already be happening)
  - Veteran officials providing equipment for new officials (shirts, discs...)
  - Discount for first year officials dues
  - Put athletes in coaches roles during the season (lead instruction...ect)
- Map of schools and what region they should belong too... For MWA

#### Open Dates