

ISWA Monthly Meeting

August 3, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 1:00 pm by Vice Chair, Pat Culp

Attendance:

Board Members:

Onsite: Pat Culp, Tina Fouts, Jeff Strueder, Jim Tonte, Josh Curry, Jason, DeLois, Brady Eppert, Mary Friedt, Mark Galka, Michelle Kaster, Jason Miller, Darby Nicely, Jake O'Neill, Ryan Parrish, Jennifer Pierson, Lou Silverman, Mark Stevenson, Bart Welch, Jean Whetstone

Teleconference: Linda Robinson

Staff: Tina Tonte, JD Minch

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented June minutes, which were sent in advance by the office, to review and provide updates
- Ryan Parrish made a motion to accept the minutes
- Brady Eppert seconded the motion
- No discussions
- Motion passed unanimously, with one correction (Roby Webster spelling correction).

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- Presented financial reports, noting everything was covered in the budget meeting that was held just prior to this meeting.
- Jean Whetstone made a motion to accept the minutes.
- Brady Eppert seconded the motion.
- No additional discussions.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Central Regionals

- Will be held May 15-17, 2020 at Fort Wayne Coliseum.
- They are accommodating us for the next 2 years.
- Darby Nicely to work with representative of coliseum in Fort Wayne for hotels.
- Pat Culp is trying to work something out with Dolamur for mats.

Kids Nationals

- Discussed in budget meeting. Details will be worked through

Audit Report

- Bart Welch, chairman of the audit committee, reported that the committee reviewed the financials and move to approve financials.

Nominating Committee Report

- Jennifer Pierson, chairperson of nominating committee, reported that the committee met today and were unable to select slate today

- The ballots were to be postmarked no later than 8/1 and there is a potential that we have not received all valid ballots.
- The committee is meeting next Saturday and will determine the slate.
- Suggested we take the date of the budget meeting into consideration to give time to receive all nominations.
- Bart Welch asked about doing digital collection of nominations in the future. Maybe consider for next year.
- The committee will send out the slate to the board.

Annual Meeting

- September 8 at Lawrence North.
- Agenda discussed.
- Need everyone there at 7 am to help with set-up, gear lay out.
- Club registration will be from 8am – 9am; 9am welcome, roll call, roll into awards.
- Need award recipients for clubs, coaches, volunteers, etc. to be reported by the end of this week.
- Following awards will be officer nomination report from nominating committee, presenting slate.
- Followed by monthly meeting report; new business including rules and regulations, policies and procedures.
 - Letters have been sent to violators.
- Report from USA state leadership summit.
- Tournament bidding meeting. Beginner/advance Trackwrestling training will occur after this.
- Would like to have Steve Pugliese to give an update on Safe Sport.

Committee Reporting

Coaches' Council

- Fargo - improving Olympic styles reporting from Brady Eppert and Jake O'Neill.
- Discussing ways to build Olympic styles.
- Brady Eppert – there has been talk about revamping how RTC's are set up. Trying to have the RTC system set up to have national team prep practices. Looking at “if you are planning on or have qualified for a national team, provide them with locations to get some workouts in.
- Trying to set practices separate from regular RTCs to have national team practices.
- Still need to take care of grass roots, kids that are not at national team levels at this point.

Disciplinary Committee

- Nothing new to report

Scholarship committee

- Money has been sent to recipients' schools.
- Working on getting entire procedure online.

Tournament Committee

- Nothing new to report.
- We didn't have a contract with Warren Central for Folkstyle State. Pat Culp has created (based on USA wrestling), a bid form that is standardized.
- Has created Spec forms for each tournament that will go out to the schools that are bidding for a particular event. Once they say they can meet the specifications, Tournament Committee would have to approve venue. We would then reply to the school providing a contract for the event.

- There is then a checklist provided as to who is doing what. There is a deadline in place of September 1st to give us a couple of months to review and do a walk-through if needed.
- Passed around paperwork for review.

Folkstyle State

- Pat Culp and Jean Whetstone have been reviewing Folkstyle state.
- Warren Central, right now, is the only place we know of that can hold 23 mats.
- Keith Davison asked to have Cadets looked at because they are held over for a second day.
- Looked at boys – Juniors had 356 competitors; Cadets had 436 competitors
- Currently using 23 mats (70 bouts per mat – should be able to have them finished by 4pm)
- Always try to have Juniors done by 2pm.
- Talked about the number of bouts for the larger brackets. The key is how much is too much?
- Could we break into pools? Talked about possibly moving age divisions to different start times.
- Possibly looking at morning – Cadet and Juniors and noon – Pee Wee and Bantam.

New Business

Documents for distribution at Annual Meeting

- Pat Culp discussed the Tournament Bid document and how it is structured. Passed around for review.
- Also emailed updated Policies and Procedures for review and comment before Annual Meeting.
- Jeff Strueder will provide updated Budget document for Annual Meeting.

Middle School State Team Duals

- Ryan Parrish reported that we will tentatively hold this at Carmel High School on the day after High School State
- We will start with 16 middle school teams for the first year and see how it goes.
- Sunday, February 9th is individual middle school state

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
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
 - Current athletes – 9,179
 - Current Wrestling Leaders – 1415
 - 197 clubs – up 3% from last year
 - 133 sanctioned events up 2%
 - Certified Coaches – 1 Gold coach, 4 Silver, 373 bronze, 795 copper.
 - Provided name of the proposed club of the year

- **Director of Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
 - Inside stickers have arrived for the annual meeting
 - All hands needed for annual meeting. Don't forget to sign in
 - Jay Dowden will have option for our triple crown awards soon
 - Please provide names as soon as possible for awards (volunteer of the year, club of the year, etc.)
 - Has a list of reports that are still needed for the annual meeting
 - Red Pen is doing our report books this year

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Pat Culp

- Stated that there are 3 individuals interested in the Equipment Director position (provided the names)
- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**
 - Wanted to make sure we have budgeted for wires, etc.
 - Wasn't able to attend the meeting because his son is showing cattle today
 - Pat will provide information to Roby from the budget meeting and today's monthly meeting.
 - He feels the amount we are paying Warren Central for Folkstyle state is an appropriate amount
- **Tournament Staff Director – Randy Amos**
 - Not Present. No Report.
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
 - Not Present. Attended via telephone
 - Wants to take over lunches for volunteers at Elementary State Duals
 - Pat Culp also let her know about the upcoming Middle School State Duals
 - Felt all went well this year.
 - Schoolboy Duals – served about 70 officials; Social went well
 - Hotel was adequate because we didn't have as many attending the social as normal.
 - No complaints that she is aware of
 - Warren Central was a good facility. Had issues with kitchen staff but Jimmy Tonte and she were able to get it worked out.
 - Freestyle/Greco state went well at Avon
 - Elementary Duals - \$8 is too much for the lunch they provided. Wants to do hospitality ourselves.
 - Checking on logistics as to whether we can use concession stand or cafeteria
 - Folkstyle state went well. Didn't have problems with kitchen management staff as we did at Schoolboy Duals.
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Vacant**
 - Pat Culp and Jean Whetstone are working on advanced training and on OPC
 - High school coaches should be aware, when you are going to a tournament, you accept it and click on who is on the roster and it will do all stats.
 - High school is hoping all will go to this and it could do away with seeding meetings.
 - Working to train people on this to help high schools
 - Will check with Joe Downing to get involved in training.

- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
 - Report is in. Reported on what was discussed at pairings advisory committee in Fargo
 - There are some individuals who are not in good standing in Indiana. Has been reported through the proper chains.
- **Equipment Director – Vacant**
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - Not present. Report via email
 - 16 officials went to Fargo, we had the 3rd largest representation from one state.
 - Working on recruiting new officials and will be training as they come onboard
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Bart Welch**
 - Getting ready to complete year-end report.
 - Provided name of Folkstyle referee of the year
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - No Report
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Email to all clubs about annual meeting – must be there to bid. Encouraging them to go online and look at others to coordinate.
 - Reminded all to get ballot in on time for officer nominations.
 - Let clubs know of tournaments in Fort Wayne (HS team state and Central Regionals)
- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
 - Annual report is in.
 - Reaching out to section 3 regarding annual meeting, must be present to bid tournament.
 - Working on tournament coordination.
 - Would like to review last year's scheduling to assist in coordination.
 - Will remind everyone that they need new cards beginning 9/1.
 - Updating any charters so that whoever is there to bid is eligible.
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - Report is in.
 - Feels tournaments should be in the book or should have a link to view archived tournaments.
- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
 - Has been in contact with clubs providing annual meeting information
 - Annual report is in
- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - Not present. Report given by Jim Tonte – Danny Struck is in Florida at the National Coaches' Association
 - RTC is not working as it was set to be. There is a push to revamp what RTCs look like
 - Views this as more of a national team practice situation
 - RTC responsibility will be rolled under Danny's role
 - Leroy Vega had a long talk and said he has dropped the ball.

- Wants to add regional event as a qualifier.
 - Would like to propose that wrestling Greco would count as a qualifier for Freestyle.
 - Discussions around this – at this point, not approving
 - Cannot count an Iron Man as 2 qualifiers, feels this would help build Olympic style wrestling
 - Brady Eppert thinks we will have to be very careful as to how we word this to make sure it is clear.
 - Discussions around what are the qualifier waivers.
 - Jim Tonte will bring a list of the approved qualifiers (that are not local tournaments).
 - Jim Tonte, Brady Eppert and Ryan Parrish will meet and bring back the list for qualifiers.
- **Cadet Director –Jake O’Neill**
 - Annual Report has been turned in
- **Junior Director –Brady Eppert**
 - Fargo numbers were awesome.
 - Cadet boys – 2 runner ups, Seltzer and Bates.
 - Buchanan got 6th, Greco bates – 3rd, Layton bates – 2nd.
 - Juniors had no All Americans.
 - Competed well. Was a tough tournament.
 - Good thing that numbers are rising.
 - 2 years ago – 60 attendees, last year 88 attendees, this year – 96 (were over 100 but had a few injuries that had to pull out.).
 - Reports are in.
 - Would like to see national trips in books have a link to the website for specific information.
 - Working on RTC revamping.
- **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**
 - Report has been turned in
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Year-end report is in.
 - Planning for Elementary and Middle School State, Heartland Duals.
 - Talking with Patt Van Horn and may expand the number of teams for this year.
 - If this year is as big as the past year, we will need to possibly expand further.
 - Had 9-10 on wait list. Will open the first Monday of November (4th) for Elementary Duals team registration.
- **Regional Training Center Director – Leroy Vega**
 - Not Present. No Report
- **Greco Director – Josh Curry**
 - Will get report submitted this week. Has sample from last year to assist.
 - Looking at getting coaches that came to summit out to different parts of the state to hold open practices to learn Greco.
 - Wants to get dates before Fargo camp in front of them so that they can train with mini camps.
- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**

- Not Present. No Report
- Is also in Florida at the National Coaches Association

- **Women's Director – Jason DeLois**
 - Couple of new things – appreciates Pat Culp and Jake O'Neill held middle school state.
 - Smaller numbers but will have more next year.
 - Heartland duals, thanks for inviting the girls. Placed 3rd. in the hunt for the championship match. Fell short.
 - 14U Duals in Tulsa, 3rd place fell same date as Disney Duals.
 - Propose weight classes and age division for the girls to run alongside USA. No 6U.
 - Provided sheet that goes with what the boys are doing.
 - Would like to do the age/weight division chart using this sheet next year starting September 1.
 - Pat Culp to bring back the information from summit. Recommended we wait until we hear from summit before voting on the proposal.
 - Will do wrestle offs with Heartland Duals.
 - Women's advisory council – would like to form, suggested by Keith Davison.
 - Give strategic outline, develop think tank to improve numbers, develop a grass roots plan, develop a girls' only traveling tournament series in the state.
 - Recommend the following: Pat Culp, Jason DeLois, Darby Nicely, Chad Fauber, Todd Crull.
 - Executive board to discuss and approve.
 - 3rd proposal – Future Fargo Freshman Program – taking younger girls to Fargo to get the experience of being there. Maybe have them volunteer.
 - Board has concerns with supervision issues.
 - Fargo anticipating 20 athletes and at least 4 coaches. Thinks this would justify their own bus. 20 girls at \$750 - \$15,000 total and \$1560 (Jeff Strueder said cost is \$45 a night, meals at \$20 a day) agreed that if we can justify a separate bus, we will make it work.
 - Womens' gear – would like to do their own and not follow under Equipment Director.
 - Would like the design finalized early, in time for Folkstyle Nationals. He would be willing to work hand in hand with equipment director.

- **Fundraising Director – Nancy Campbell**
 - Report has been submitted

- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - 7 wrestlers had to struggle through beautiful weather in Hawaii
 - Tina Delois, chaperone was very helpful
 - The one disappointment was actual wrestling – they had 4 practices but didn't have any dual meets set up
 - Went on 4 different hikes, learned how to surf and had a beach day
 - Report is in

- **Logistics Director – Darby Nicely**
 - Sarah Frisz is sending in the report for the annual meeting
 - Needs information from coaches and team leaders for tournament dates and locations so she can arrange transportation and hotels
 - Sending spreadsheet to board members to determine who all will need hotel rooms for next year. Needs listing at least a month in advance of the tournament.

Motion to Adjourn

- Bart Welch motioned to adjourn the meeting
- Brady Eppert seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 3:56pm**Next Board Meeting September 8 at 9:00am at Lawrence North High School**

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts
ISWA Secretary