



WWCA Summer Meeting Agenda

Sunday, July 12, 2020
Virtual Zoom Meeting
9:00 AM



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

In Attendance: Pete Moe (President), Wendall Bean (President-elect; Convention), Randy Ferrell (Past-President), Bob Empey (Treasurer), Ryan Gerber (Secretary), Pat Ratkovich (2), Jason Lulloff (3), Justin Lancaster (4), Curtis Fiedler (5), John Schimming (6), Craig Austin (7), Kevin Koch (8), Tom McGarvie (HOF; *Alumni-NV*), Tim Potratz (Awards), Jason Stromberg (Publicity), Matt Verbeten (WWF), Keith Swett* (*Alumni Representative - NV*), Mike Arendt (Officials), Teague Fennick (*Challenge Series - NV*)

Not in Attendance: Chris Hansen (1), Matt Halter (*Web Director-NV*)

2. Reports

a. Secretary's Report - review/acceptance (Gerber)

- i. These are the notes from our May meeting.
- ii. Minutes from the June Emergency Meeting and Convention Vote are available upon request by Executive Committee Members only.

b. Treasurer's Report (Empey)

- i. Account Balance as of 7/12/20: \$14,845.79 (starting for fiscal year 20-21)
- ii. Current Balance before outstanding checks: \$14,939.01
 1. 2 Checks for \$93.22 still haven't been cashed
 2. Insurance for convention can be cancelled now that the event is cancelled
- iii. No outstanding bills

Motion to Accept Treasurers' Reports by **Fiedler**, Second by **Ferrell**;
Vote to Accept Secretary/Treasurer Reports **passed** unanimously, no abstentions

c. Public Relations Report (Stromberg)

- i. Nicholas Suite Update
 1. Committee created to work on sponsorships - different solutions to get sponsorships in the Suite (**Stromberg, Lulloff, Moe, Bean**)
 2. Work is ongoing, nothing to report at this time

d. WWF Report (Verbeten)

- i. No Free/Greco/Folkstyle State this year
- ii. Zoom meetings for organization going forward
- iii. Waiting for dates for WWW U-23 and Team Trials
- iv. Nothing more to report

~~e. Web Director Report - Development of Recognition and Voting (Halter)~~

- i. **Moe** - need to make sure that we have our voting dates in line with the NWCA so we can get our people in position for National vote. **Halter** will be added to the Virtual Convention Committee.
- f. Past President Report/NWCA Report (**Ferrell**)
 - i. [Return to Play protocol](#)
 - 1. Step by step guidelines, will come into play with local and state authorities
 - ii. [Virtual Clinic, July 28-31st](#)
 - 1. Information was sent to WWCA Convention Chair to send out to WI Coaches
 - 2. Variety of topics will be discussed
 - 3. **Bean, Halter, Koch, Ferrell** to attend

3. Review of Special Meeting/Clinic and Banquet Cancellation (Moe/Bean)

- a. Special Meeting Review (*Minutes by request - Executive Committee Only*)
- b. Final Agreement with the Hyatt
 - i. \$2,000 cancellation fee paid for cancelling on Hyatt
 - ii. 2021 Clinic is being discussed/negotiated currently (2nd week in November, 13/14th)
 - 1. Lots of things being discussed - what happens if we have to cancel again due to Covid
 - 2. Will work on further negotiations following discussion on 2021
 - 3. Hyatt will want to have a 2 year agreement
 - 4. Hall of Fame members haven't been contacted, WIAA has in terms of offering for Officials
 - a. **Moe** - how does this affect officials and their sessions?
 - b. **Arendt** - officials may be interested in being a part of a virtual convention if WWCA allows the opportunity
 - c. **Stromberg** - how are we reaching out to Hall of Fame members, can we get emails? **Bean** responded that we're going to try emails first, will do 'snail mail' if necessary. Will be collecting emails regardless.
 - 5. **Moe** - when do we want to lock in dates for the next 2 year agreement. **Bean** responded that those dates will be locked in by August. Hyatt is an "in-demand" facility with lots of groups. There is another group that is pushing to take the time slot that we're looking at. We need to move quickly on this. This is what prompted discussion about moving to last weekend in October.
 - a. How would this affect WIAA Football playoffs? **Bean** mentioned that this would benefit us by being able to get more college coaches. **Austin** mentioned doing this would affect football coaches from being able to attend the convention.
 - b. Convention always runs into playoffs for football anyways.
 - c. Wrestling start date for 2021 is November 15th.
 - d. Typically, the decision on dates has been settled by the Convention chair. Will try and keep us in October, Hyatt is holding November dates right now.

- e. **Bean** reiterated that he will deal with negotiations with next season first, finish that, and then move to a 2 year contract. Language will go into the contract related to "pandemics".
 - f. **McGarvie** mentioned that Hall of Fame awards got better prices when they were shopped around.
 - g. **Stromburg** agreed it was important to shop around for better prices.
 - h. **Potratz** - if we shop around, what can we do to show other companies what we want or do we want to 'change' what we give out.
- c. Clinic Cancellation Message to WWCA membership/all WIAA Coaches/HOF Members?/vendors sent out-anyone else need to be notified?
- d. Awards other miscellaneous issues due to cancellation of clinic/banquet
- i. Timeline will stay the same as in the past - no adjustment.
 - ii. Awards are purchased - need to figure out how best to distribute them to the recipients
 - 1. Shipping awards through the mail was expensive when priced out.
 - 2. Get awards listed on website
 - 3. Has looked into adjusting vendor - difficulty in replicating what we already give out, building new relationship with a new vendor, are we really saving much money
 - 4. Price is going on up awards every year
 - 5. **Bean** urged the group to shop around. Acknowledged the quality that Jostens puts into their work but urged that we won't know if we're getting the best price if we don't shop around.
 - 6. **Lulloff** talked about how Holman HS produces all of the awards for their school and Bi-State, creating an Awards Class.
 - 7. **Bean** - cost of awards is paid out of Clinic account. The cost has risen significantly over the years, we pay almost \$6,000 for annual awards.
 - iii. **Moe** - what do we do with the 2020 awards - should we ship them?
 - 1. **Bean** suggested getting awards to district reps and distribute out. Perhaps any executive board member could distribute.
 - 2. **Potratz** - there are a lot of awards, 60 Conference Champion plaques alone.
 - 3. Should we distribute during the season? Should we ship out the bigger, state level awards?
 - 4. **Arendt** - would distributing the awards at the major holiday tournaments a possibility?
 - 5. **Moe** - should we agree to get awards distributed by the start of the season? **Potratz** agreed to this - will reach out to district reps/executive board members to get awards from him and distribute out accordingly.

4. Virtual Clinics (Moe)

- a. Specifics (How/Format, When, Cost, Clinicians)
 - i. Virtual Clinic Committee: **Moe, Ferrell, Bean, Schimming, Koch, Empey, Halter, Fiedler**, others?)

- ii. **McGarvie** suggested the committee look at working with other organizations across the country and purchase their content rather than created everything from scratch
 - 1. **Moe** - will look at what NWCA does, how High Schools ran graduations
 - 2. **Bean** suggested allowing the committee that was formed to make decisions and bring to the larger executive board
- b. 2020 Awards Presentation, Annual Meeting?
 - i. **Moe** - we need to have an Annual Meeting, virtual seems the way to go, how do we approach this?
 - ii. **Ferrell** - Annual Meeting discussion should be discussed within the virtual convention committee
- c. Set future meeting dates
 - i. **Moe** - what does July look like for the group?
 - ii. **Bean** - should we wait until August to observe what other virtual clinics look like?
Moe responded wanting to get working on this, at least with preliminary discussions, in order to start the process before school starts back up.
 - iii. July 22 @ 11:00 AM

5. George Martin Hall of Fame Selection (McGarvie)

- a. Do we have a selection committee in 2020? Wait until July 2021 to select? Expand 2020 nominations if no selection in 2020?
 - i. **McGarvie** recommended that no selection happen for 2020 and hold off until the 2021 selection year.
 - ii. **Stromberg** - is the recommendation based on the 'confidentiality' concerns?
McGarvie expressed concern that the selection committee should meet in person.
- b. Hall of Fame Selection of 2020 class will be cancelled. We will resume voting for Hall of Fame with the 2021 class next year.

6. WIAA Results (Moe)

- a. [WIAA Summary of Recommendations](#)
 - i. D2/D3 Team Sectional time change
 - ii. Random placement of individual Sectional champions in state bracket
 - iii. Girls Wrestling

7. Review WIAA Covid-19 Guidelines (Moe)

- a. [WIAA Summer Guidelines](#)
 - i. Also see [NWCA guidelines](#)
- b. Message to membership?
- c. Fall sports outlook?
 - i. Counties are going to make determinations regarding return to play.
 - ii. Schools have different protocols based on geography - different playing fields

8. President's Report

- a. Schedule out future meetings (virtual)

- i. September 20, 2020 @9:30 AM (virtual)
 - ii. November <TBD> (virtual)
 - iii. March 7, 2021 @12:00 PM (virtual) - *formerly WIAA State Tournament Mtg*
 - iv. May 23, 2021 @9:30 AM (virtual)
 - v. July 11, 2021 @9:00 AM (face to face)
- b.** Summary of last year and year moving forward
- i. Girls Wrestling State Tournament approved by WIAA
 - ii. George Martin Hall of Fame display at Chula Vista
 - iii. Need to take a closer look at overall financials of the organization (Virtual meetings are saving money per meeting)
 - iv. Keep working on communication - especially important in the era of virtual meetings
 - v. Plan/Outline of the next 3-5 years - roadmap of what we're working towards
 - vi. Need to listen to our coaches/membership - remove stigma of group working independent of ideas/concerns of the larger coaching community
 - vii. Initiatives going forward need to answer the question - "How does this improve the sport of wrestling?"
 - viii. Are there other ways to recognize our coaches?
- c.** District 4 are having a meeting Wednesday, July 15 at 7:00 pm
- d.** District Reps will meet regarding past survey - Zoom meeting link sent out by **Fiedler**
- e.** **Moe** asked **Fennwick** for an update on the Challenge Series at the September meeting. **Fennwick** mentioned that he's been in contact with **Mike Pernsteiner** and will continue to do so in the planning process.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by **Ferrell**, 2nd by **Austin**
 Vote to Adjourn passed unanimously, no abstentions
 2 hr, 39 minutes

Next Meeting

Sunday, September 20, 2020; 9:30 am
 Zoom Virtual Meeting
 Business Meeting

Future/Rolling Agenda Items

- District Rep virtual meeting/survey results discussion
- Girls State Wrestling 2021-2022
- Virtual Clinic

Notes Approved - 11 Approve, 0 Disapprove, 6 Abstain (No Vote)