

ISWA Monthly Meeting

March 6, 2022

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 12:00 pm by Pat Culp. Meeting was held via zoom and in-office

Attendance:

Onsite: Tina Fouts, Roby Webster, Ben Nicely, Jennifer Pierson,

Zoom: Pat Culp, Jeff Strueder, Michelle Kaster, Lauren Rioux, Jason Miller, Jen Ratliff, Lou Silverman, Mark Mundy, Mark Stevenson, Linda Robinson, Jimmy Tonte, Josh Curry, Thomas Pompei, Jonah Odum, Danny Struck, Nick Hull, and Mary Friedt

Staff: Tina Tonte (via zoom)

Consultants:

Guest: Jodi Webster (onsite)

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented February minutes, which were sent in advance through USAW Membership website to review and provide updates
- Motion to accept minutes presented by Roby Webster.
- Ben Nicely seconded the motion.
- No discussions
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- Read through the financial reports that were provided in advance through the USA Membership website.
- Totals changed this week since the second CD matured. 13-month CD was put into savings (as of Monday report is accurate).
- Budget vs Actual – just over 50% of income is for membership
- Charters are still coming in.
- No donations thus far.
- Equipment sales has been bigger.
- Sitesearch and t-shirt sponsorships are coming in.
- Elementary State – budget numbers were purposely low due to unknown COVID situation.
- Bank fee should now be eliminated because we should be over the threshold.
- Some background checks refund requests are still coming in.
- Office lease went from 1300 to 1350 per month.
- Roby Webster made motion to accept the treasurer's report.
- Jason Miller seconded the motion.
- Taxes have been completed and were gone over at high school state with Pat Culp.
- If anyone from audit committee wants to see them, please let him know.
- Taxes have been filed.
- No additional discussions
- Motion passes unanimously

Old Business

Annual Publication

- Tina Tonte reported that approval on the final copy of the publication was made on February 23rd to send to print.
- Expected 2 week turn around.
- Expected arrival by March 14th, maybe sooner.

Trackwrestling streaming

- Pat Culp 15 kits coming from Trackwrestling for Folkstyle state
- We are using 27 mats. Hopefully they will continue to support Indiana by supplying these.

New Business

Folkstyle State Finalization

- Pat Culp reported that Jennifer Pierson and Roby Webster are finishing up.
- Need to get something posted and out on the website about freestyle (2 qualifiers).
- Danny Struck did a very nice flyer for the annual meeting, including requirements for trips
- Would like to get that flyer out as well as requirements for Central Regionals.
- Qualifiers for Central Regionals have submitted information to USA Wrestling and the schedule is on USA Wrestling.
- Will start working on rooming lists

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present. Pat Culp reported that he sent something out – if you see something, report it.
 - Not present – no report
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
 - Not present. No Report.
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
 - Not Present. No Report.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
 - 8,376 athletes, up 82% from previous year, 66% new athletes
 - 1037 wrestling leaders, up 20% from previous year, 36% new wrestling leaders
 - 191 clubs, up 28% from previous year, 14% new clubs
 - 103 sanctioned events, up 129% from previous year
 - From income report – have received payment from 6 paid state T-shirt sponsors
 - Repaired 4 damaged clock stands
 - Preparing a crew for loading truck for state Folkstyle meet.
 - Jonah Odem will be driving. Can use any and all directors to help in this process.
- **State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
 - Sent publication to print on 2/23.
 - Digital version is on the website under About Us and Director's Resource page.
 - Preparing for state event, communicating with Jennifer Pierson on signage.
 - Working on sanctions.
 - Updates to website to show September being the first of the season, showing fiscal 9/1-8/31.

- Helps highlight this information for donors.
- Jason Miller has communicated with office about what needs to be handed out at state.
- Any team leaders should communicate to office what needs to be provided at state.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Ben Nicely

- Reevaluating tournament pay for events.
- Working with Mary Friedt for Central Regionals.
- Doesn't think there will be drastic changes this weekend.
- 14U and Central Regionals will have changes.
- Disciplinary Committee – nothing significant, minor letters for tournament

▪ **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**

- Workers list to Pat Culp today to get out.
- Truck arrives at office at 3:30 anyone who can help please be here.

▪ **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**

- Not present. No report.
- Per Pat Culp, ready for Folkstyle State

▪ **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**

- Checking protest process for Folkstyle – will we allow video review?
- Mark Mundy said there is no formal protest at Folkstyle.
- The final decision is made on the mat.
- Jim Littlejohn will take care of that with whomever he assigns.
- Asked Tina Tonte to make a sign that says to have your USA card ready and age verified.

▪ **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**

- Not present. No Report.

▪ **Equipment Director – Jonah Odum**

- Volunteer shirts taken care of for Folkstyle, Freestyle, and Greco.
- Have had a lot of extras in the past and adjusted numbers and sizes. Should be in.
- Logos approved for state shirts.
- Ordered gear for girls and Heartland Duals
- Rudis was packed by size to make it easier.
- Lead time continues to extend to 7-8 weeks. Still having shortages.
- Part of the deal is free Rudis Plus membership for coaches and Indiana team members. Technique videos from athletes of Rudis are included. How do we get this to the team members?
- Jason Miller – for Heartland Duals – when commitment/payment they provide an email address. We can let them know they will receive an email from Rudis that will allow them to sign up.
- Tina Tonte was asking if we can use the list from last year to offer the membership and she thought Jonah was going to prepare an email for her to send out.
- We will have access to those emails through Sports Engine. She needs the body of the email that he wants to go out. He will craft the email and send to the office. Discussions of how to get the information out, but we could send a blast email and

determine the interest...if they say they are interested we could provide the emails to Rudis at that time.

- Tina Tonte will send out email from last year's teams and then each team that is put together for this year.
 - Jason Miller had questions for Jonah – what is the anticipated date for receipt of Heartland gear. If it is too close to the trip, is it possible for Rudis to ship to the gear.
 - Jonah said we should start to see the gear coming in this week. He will confirm with his rep at Rudis tomorrow. Should come in organized by size in a box. Last year was not organized. Discussed how the gear will be provided to team leaders. Heartland duals kids will be “fitted” at wrestle offs and he will take the ones that weren't fit at wrestle offs to Council Bluffs to fit on site there.
 - Jason Miller asked if we have the capacity to provide shirt or quarter zip to the 6 officials this year. If we are sending a delegation to a national tournament, Jonah was able to get Rudis to provide a Coaches' pack consisting of a polo, t-shirt, quarter zip and a bag for free.
 - Tina Tonte asked to have tracking number provided to office to know when they will be provided to the office.
 - Was able to sell some equipment for girl's gear (flash store). Will probably get something together for the boys.
 - Kid's Nationals – has tried to work through costs. Needs to figure out how we will handle the total fee this year. The difficulty this year is the location in Utah
 - Asked what is included in the price of the trip? Flights, ground transportation gear, in looking at last year, compared we are looking at around \$1,200.
 - Do we cover food, ground transportation, hotels, travel is on your own?
 - In researching flights, we pay all of the money up front, no refunds, no insurance for cancellation.
 - We need to discuss what we are willing to pay.
 - Spoke with several coaches and they feel they can get 20 athletes to commit.
 - Question 1: do we want to include air fare in the packet. Discussed possibility of some type of travel insurance.
 - Pat Culp asked Jonah to get some prices together and go to the coaches he has been working with to see what they think about the ability to recruit for the trip.
 - Extra gear needed for Lou Silverman's trip for gear exchange (t-shirts, etc.).
 - Mark Stevenson asked about truck. Jonah is working until 3pm and will have the truck here around 3:30pm to load truck at the office.
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - Not Present. No Report.
 - **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jim Littlejohn**
 - Changed officials' clinic due to board meeting was set for today.
 - Rescheduling for next week.
 - Asked Tina Tonte to send an email to officials with zoom information.
 - Ben Nicely asked to have the meeting placed on the Facebook page, with the new rule changes, might be appreciated by coaches as well.
 - **Logistics Director – Lauren Rioux**
 - Hasn't done much yet.
 - Working on rooms for Freestyle and Greco State as well as Central Regionals and 14U Duals

- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Not present. Report via email
 - Has been reaching out to section clubs to get their charters completed.
 - 11 clubs that were members last year still have not renewed.
 - Waiting for final responses from the clubs
 - Several emails and telephone numbers are invalid, from the current list.
 - Has had several new clubs charter in his section.

- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Contacting clubs and making sure that they are doing everything right.
 - Focusing on Central Regionals in May – sending an email to her clubs in her area.
 - Will contact closer clubs to bring mats.

- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
 - Has several newly chartered clubs.
 - Reaching out to them in regards to Folkstyle state.
 - Working with Roby Webster, Pat Culp, Jen Ratliff getting ready for this weekend.
 - Thinks we are in good shape overall.
 - We currently do not have any clubs signed up for table help for points.
 - She will prepare information to get clubs involved and will have them contact her at her ISWA email.
 - Asked if we would consider using one facility, if the numbers are not as high as expected?
 - Pat Culp would be ok with only one facility as it would be easier.
 - Streaming is a concern for multiple people.
 - Jen Ratliff states sessions were divided by numbers
 - Could extend the end time.
 - Jennifer Pierson asked for a quick call to be scheduled for Thursday to determine.

- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - Our conference is this weekend, unavailable for Friday/Saturday.
 - 2 new clubs and 3 old clubs that renewed.
 - Feels it is coming back after the pandemic.

- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
 - Keeping in contact with the clubs.
 - Updating listing for emails, etc.
 - Seeing if they are ready for this weekend.

- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - Jimmy Tonte reported that the Coaches' Council meeting will be set up for tomorrow night.
 - IHSWCA state clinic is May 13th
 - 12 applicants for coaches have been received.
 - Application process is out there and open.
 - Asking if this can be blasted out to coaches.
 - Kids' Nationals and Heartland Duals coaches should apply as well.
 - Working with Sicora for athlete appearance.

- **Cadet/Junior Director –Jake O’Neill**
 - Not Present. Report via email
 - Has had conversations with Danny Struck and Thomas Pompei about 16U/Junior Duals and Fargo.
 - Confirmed team leader for 16U Duals with Corey Graham.
 - Junior Duals with Tom Hall.
 - Fargo is Tom Hall and Isaac Ray.
 - Discussed camp locations and dates for Duals and Fargo.
 - 16U and Junior Duals camp dates are 6/9-6/11
 - Fargo Camp dates are 6/30-7/2 at Marian or Indiana Tech.
 - Discussed relevant changes or points of interests for Juniors with Central Regionals rep for Juniors, Brady Eppert.
 - Nothing to discuss at this time.
- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Nick Hull**
 - Has been working on Freestyle State Duals.
 - Have a variety of teams involved with some duals set up.
 - Finalizing details with core folks.
 - A lot of excitement about it. Will stream some duals.
 - Looking at Brownsburg/Crown Point Duals for first duals.
 - Videos with news and updates, interviews, and provide news and information/data are being prepared.
 - Doing technique and duals that coaches can use to drill – for regional training centers.
 - Setting up Sunday RTCs with Reese Humphrey via zoom. This is exciting for the state.
- **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**
 - Wrestle offs for Heartland Duals middle school and elementary school will be held on 3/20 at contenders in Brownsburg.
 - This is listed on the home page.
 - Time slots have been posted.
 - Asked if the office can send a blast email to everyone in the database reminding them of the wrestle offs
 - Hotels have been booked, has Jason DeLois and Ryan’s confirmation number and his own as well as the 2 officials.
 - Just sent reservation link for the hotels, will be live after wrestle offs.
 - Will be at Folkstyle state with flyers for the wrestle offs.
 - Trying to recruit to make the trip more successful than ever.
 - Roby Webster thought it would be good to have Jason work awards to pass out to the kids that would be eligible to participate.
 - Jason thinks that walking around talking to parents will help as well. He is fine with doing both.
- **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**
 - Finalizing email for curriculum for RTC’s.
 - Nick Hull and he spoke and he will take over the 25-30 minutes of instruction and will be doing videos he can send out to RTC sites.
 - Nick Hull is planning to get the videos to Josh this week.
 - Application process is complete. Will send in email to office. Had 15 applications.
 - One was a club and our rules dictate that the locations have to be a high school.
 - Northwood was out a couple of years and we got them back into it.
 - Columbus North is new.

- Warren had 28 kids on site last week.
- Discussed with Tina Tonte that she is going to try to do the USA Wrestling sign in and he will wait to see how this goes before he sends it out to all of the locations. She will run at the next RTC and let him know how it goes.
- Will cut down on the number of kids who try to get into an RTC without a USA wrestling card and will cover our sites.
- Didn't think the application process ran as smoothly as in the past.
- Information was sent out to clubs. Coaches who actually run the RTC, doesn't think they got the message.
- Tina Tonte suggested that the list that JD has of all high school coaches, should be used in the future to get applications out.
- Recommendation that we used club list and High School coaches' association list for application process.
- Tina Tonte asked if the listing on the website will be updated for current RTC and the schedules.
- Josh will provide the new listing to the office and to Jimmy Tonte.
- Tina Tonte will take the list down for now, from the website.

- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Reported that he had 2 national champs, and placed 4th as a team – congratulations!
 - All team leaders are locked in.
 - Will get the list to the office.
 - A couple have already been working.
 - Will communicate with them getting them ready for trips.
 - Unable to attend state due to wedding.
 - Will need someone to handle awards at Folkstyle state.
 - Pat Culp asked if he could check to see if any team leaders for duals could be around to help.
 - Jimmy Tonte reminded about the team database will help in recruiting.

- **Women's Director – Jason DeLois**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Pat Culp said he is working on girls' nationals to get their hotel rooms, etc.

- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Is within a week of having the website and sheets to pass out by next weekend, for the trip to Budapest.
 - Scheduled for 6/28 – 7/8.
 - 12 kids – doesn't have final prices, should be around \$2,000.
 - Should be affordable to most.
 - This is for high school aged athletes.
 - Current year high school students.
 - Balancing Lake Valince and then half of the time in Budapest.
 - Just a few more details to work through.
 - Ran into road blocks for the middle school trip to Alaska.
 - Hopes to have something for them next year.

- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Not present. No Report.

Additional items

Jennifer Pierson asked all to remind their clubs of table help team points to help with this weekend.

Pat Culp has a USA wrestling from the meeting on Monday – coaches' summit – walked through the dos and don'ts on the buses, etc.

USA Wrestling asked for our guidelines for team leaders to review. Want to make sure that we as a state are informing our team leaders, as a state, of the dos and don'ts.

Will have some disciplinary letters needing to be sent. Has been helping a team that had some issues.

Will have May's meeting on May 1st. due to tournament scheduling and Mother's Day.

Central Regionals and how to qualify – asked Jimmy Tonte and Danny Struck to get that information out after Folkstyle state. Since we are hosting, we are getting a lot more kids participating.

Roby Webster made a motion to adjourn.

Ben Nicely seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned @ 2:01pm

Next Meeting will be April 10 at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts

ISWA Secretary