

WSWA General Membership Meeting
Aug 21, 2021
Hal Holmes Center Ellensburg WA

Attendance

Board Members:

| Board Members in Attendance | | Board Members Not in Attendance | |
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| Chairman | Jeff Moore | Junior Director | Greg Ford |
| Chairman Elect | MT Ayers | | |
| Treasurer | Ed Hawthorne | | |
| Secretary | Beth Michaelson | | |
| Coaches Director | Rene Torres | | |
| Mat Officials Director | Marcus Requa | | |
| Pairing Officials Director | LeeAnn Johnson | | |
| Kids Director | Dom Duncan | | |
| 14U Director | Adam Aney | | |
| 16U Director | Chris Feist | | |
| Women's Director | Tony Nunez | | |
| Membership Enrichment Director | Paul Swanson | | |
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| USA Wrestling Washington Staff in Attendance | | | |
| Executive Director | Justin Newby | | |

Clubs in Attendance: Ascend Wrestling Academy, Auburn Slam, Bad Draw Wrestling Club, Bear Claw Wrestling Club, FordDynastyWrestlingClub, Federal Way Spartans, Inland Northwest Wrestling Training Center, JackHammer Wrestling, Kent Cougars, Marysville Wrestling Club, Mat Demon Wrestling Club, Mount Vernon Steelclaw, NWWC, Othelo Wrestling Club, Punisher Wrestling Company, Skagit Valley Yellow Jackets, Steelclaw Wrestling Club, Takedown Express Wrestling Club, Team Scorpion, Team Takedown, Thurston County Wrestling Club, Tri Cities Wrestling Club, Twin City Wrestling Club, Vandit Wrestling Academy, Victory Wrestling Central WA, Yelm Junior Wrestling

Meeting called to order at 12pm

Welcome and Thank you from President Jeff Moore.

Reports

Jeff Moore: President

Leadership Summit review

- Continue to grow memberships by connecting in communities
- Fargo National Championships focus will be on high level competition for U16, Junior and Women. Updating qualifying requirements in order to make Fargo more of national championship than an "experience".
- Add women's Greco in the future

Fargo – spend time and effort to get kids participating in regional events instead of just jumping to Fargo. Reduce injuries. Reduce workload on refs

Fee increase:

Limited: \$20

Traditional: \$55

Wrestling Leader: \$60

High Performance: \$120

Clubs and Events: stay the same for the 2021-22 season. Will see increase in the future. State will work to absorb those costs.

Executive Director - Justin Newby

Will allow limited card for Folkstyle State Tournament entry

\$2 fee will be eliminated for the next 2 years in order to help clubs recover from COVID

Reach out to the community in order to grow organization.

This year WSWA helped with in events in Utah, Turf Wars, Christmas Clash, Bigfoot, Regionals, USMC Nationals(Fargo)

Election Of New Officers. All positions are running unopposed

16U (Cadet Director): Chris Feist

14U (Schoolboy Director): Steve Losee

Pairings Official Director: LeeAnn Johnson

Motion by Ruben Navejas, Takedown Express Wrestling Club, to approve by acclamation. Second by MT Ayers, Tri Cities Wrestling Club. Motion carries.

Statement by Adam Aney (outgoing 14U Director) thanking coaches for their work and support. And thanks Steve Losee for his contribution.

Treasurer – Ed Hawthorne State did well in spite of COVID. Thanks to Justin for securing approximately \$40,000 in grants. Reserve Fund \$143,000. See Appendix A for approved 2021-2022 operating budget.

Secretary – Beth Michaelson Presentation of 2020 General Membership Minutes. Motion by MT Ayers, Tri Cities Wrestling Club, to approve minutes. Second by Steve Losee, FordDynasty Wrestling Club. Motion carries. Minutes are available for review on the website.

Pairings Official Director – LeeAnn Johnson Thank you to all the clubs who stepped up and hosted satellite weigh-ins. Will have more training in the future. Congrats to Kali Phoenix for passing P1 pairing official

Officials Director - Marcus Requa Planning clinics for younger officials. Hoping to have young officials work at smaller events this year to get experience.

Coaches Director - Rene Torres Focus this year on developing relationships between coaches and athletes prior to big tournaments.

16U (Cadet) Director - Chris Feist: Successes at Fargo.

Freestyle: 2 All Americans - Smokey McClure 132(8th) and Lars Michaelson 152 (5th)

Greco: 5 All Americans- Marcos Torrez 120 (8th), Josh Neiwert 126 (8th) , Lars Michaelson 152 (5th), Luis Mendoza 160 (6th) , Hunter Tibodeau 195 (7th).

Looking forward to next year and planning camps.

Kids Director – Dom Duncan 3 kids, all from NWWC, went to Wisconsin Dells for Kids Nationals. All three All Americans. William Moran, Samael Moran and Brendan David. Samael Moran double National Champion.

14U (Schoolboy) Director - Adam Aney Thanks to Ty Michaelson and Debbie Helgert for taking pictures at Fargo. Passed floor to Steve Losee to discuss 14U dual team that participated in Turf Wars. Thanks to parents and team moms for help organizing on food, hotel and transportation. Boys FS/Greco 10-0 double gold. 11 boys went undefeated. Girls FS 5-0 3 undefeated. Girls Greco 6-0 4 undefeated athletes.

Womens Director - Tony Nunez 48 girls went to Fargo.

16U Anna Dicugno 117 (6th), Bianca Johnson 117 (5th), Shelby Moore 122 (1st), Alanna Haney 127 (4th), Madisen Pillers 200 (5th)

JR Abigail Varady 132 (8th), Alondra Morales 138 (8th), Alexandria Hernandez 164 (7th), Madisen Pillers 200 (6th), Alex Brulotte 164 (5th), Alivia White 180 (4th), Shannon Workinger 164 (4th), Salyna Shotwell 117 (3rd), London Houston 132 (1st), Shelby Moore 122 (1st)

Focus on growing numbers and working with other age group directors to tighten up training opportunities. Actively communicating with college coaches to help girls get recruited. Feel free to reach out with questions.

Membership Enrichment Director – Paul Swanson Position will focus on mental health for wrestlers, parents and coaches, bringing in nutrition experts, camp sessions focused on mental health, resource to help them find other resources. See Appendix B for more details.

New Business

Question: Were there any COVID issues from Fargo seeing that it was the largest ever? Answer: No issues.

Question: How does a kid get a hardship waiver to participate in Fargo? Answer: They would petition. Directors would review. Hasn't been a problem pre-covid due to multiple opportunities to qualify. See Appendix C for USA Wrestling guidelines

Question on how to be a Team Washington coach. Answer: Applications are available on the Washington State Wrestling website. Applicants are reviewed by age level directors and approved by the board typically around NW Regionals.

Question about kids being recruited by other club coaches at Team Washington events. Answer: Recommend talking to director. Directors will research. Discussion on By-Laws procedures

Question on weight athletes compete at at Fargo. Answer: based on where kids qualify (state, regionals, etc)

Question on kids not competing at certain qualifying events in order to allow other athletes to earn a spot. Answer: Has not been a problem in our state as we have never exceeded our state cap.

Question on kids being monitored/supervised at Fargo. Answer: Will use Team App to communicate with parents this next year. Discussion on protocols for bed checks, communications, hotel accommodations, schedule. Continuing work on a parent resource guide.

Meeting Adjourned 1:25

Break for tournament schedule. Due to COVID restrictions, clubs don't have to be present due to bid. Once things return to normal bidding will go back to schedules that were in place pre-covid (2019).

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