

**FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
USWOA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
SATURDAY 13 JULY 2019**

Members Present: Rick Tucci, Bill Stecklein, Zach Errett, Sue Hesser, Tim Pierson, Chris Curtis, De Heyman, John Heyman, LeeAnn Johnson, Jerry Kuntz, Casey Brennan-Goessl, Sam Julian and Toby Tobiasson. **Members Absent:** Danny Blackshear and Tom Kuisle. **Others present:** Derek Sikora and Pete Isais, USAW Representatives.

Call to Order: Rick Tucci called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM.

President's Welcome and Report: Rick Tucci welcomed the Board. He noted the short time allotted for this meeting and asked the Board to work efficiently through the agenda so we're prepared for the General Meeting tomorrow night.

Secretary's Report: Toby Tobiasson presented draft minutes of the 29 September 2018 USWOA Executive Board Meeting. Zach Errett **moved** and Sue Hesser **seconded** to approve the minutes as presented. **Vote: passed unanimously.** Toby also submitted draft minutes of the 14 July 2018 USWOA Annual Membership Meeting that were ratified at the Board meeting last September but need to be approved at tonight's USWOA Annual Membership Meeting. The draft minutes of the 9 July 2019 Teleconference were presented by Toby for approval. John Heyman **moved** and Sam Julian **seconded** to approve the minutes as presented. **Vote: passed unanimously.** Toby presented an informational letter from Mike Dilworth announcing Mike's retirement from USWOA.

Financial Liaison Report: Bill Stecklein reported that the USWOA no longer has direct control of funds due to USAW being required to bring USWOA into compliance with other sports involved with the Olympics. Bill stated that we have had no issues with funding as USAW has provided adequate monies for our needs.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Election Process: Toby Tobiasson presented the slate of candidates running for election to the USWOA Board of Directors as Officers or At-large positions. Toby also presented three draft ballots; and recommended one for approval after discussion by the Board. John Heyman **moved** and Sue Hesser **seconded** to approve the recommended ballot. **Vote: passed unanimously.** Toby discussed the procedures for the election to be conducted at tonight's General Meeting. If Tom Kuisle arrives in time for the election, he will monitor the vote tellers as they count the ballots. If Tom is not at the meeting, Toby will perform that election function.

Vote Tellers: Toby Tobiasson proposed a slate of prospective tellers, for approval by the membership, to count the ballots. Toby utilized criteria that incorporated, geographic diversity, age, gender and approximate ratio of Mat and Pairing officials. Toby had contacted those on the list to ensure they would serve if selected. Consensus of the Board was that the list was very good and Rick Tucci directed Toby to move the slate of vote tellers forward tonight.

Fargo Tournament Concerns: See 9 July 2019 Teleconference Minutes.

Referees/Security/Hotels: See 9 July 2019 Teleconference Minutes.

Referees Code of Conduct Discussion: See 9 July 2019 Teleconference Minutes.

Rooming Rules with Extra People: Derek Sikora and Toby Tobiasson led a discussion on billeting extra people in rooms provided for officials. Safe Sport does not allow anyone under 18 year of age to bunk in a room with anyone other than family. If a parent wants a youth to be in their room, the parent must pay for half the cost of the room and no other official will be assigned to that room.

Qualifications for Officials for Olympic Trials 2020 Dual Meet

Format/Pairing Requirement for Flo and Track Events: Rick Tucci led a short discussion on the 2020 Olympic Trials and asked how Pairing officials are getting along with Flo Wrestling and becoming proficient with both Flo and Track Wrestling procedures and equipment. De Heyman said the relationship with Flo is good and training for both Flo and Track are doing well. De said there are good numbers of trained pairers for both systems and more are being trained all the time.

OEP Updates: John Heyman gave an update on this year's OEP attendance. There were 284 Mat Official and 35 Pairing Official for a total of 319 OEP attendees plus the Fargo Pairing OEP this coming week.

USWOA Awards: Sam Julian informed the Board that to save time now, he will wait to announce award winners until the USWOA Annual General Meeting tonight.

Hall of Fame Nomination: Rick Tucci spoke briefly about Dave Errett's induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and suggested we try again to get Tom Clark selected. After a short discussion, Tim Pierson **moved** and Sam Julian **seconded** to recommend Tom Clark as this year's USWOA representative for election to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. **Vote: Passed unanimously.**

Fall Board Meeting: Rick Tucci said the fall Board meeting will be in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The USWOA Executive Board meeting will be Friday 11 October fly-in with meetings Saturday and Sunday 12-13 October. The meetings should be finished by noon on Sunday so late afternoon departures may be possible.

Adjournment: At 2:39 PM, Jerry Kuntz **moved** and Chris Curtis **seconded** to adjourn the meeting. **Vote: passed unanimously.**