

Meeting called to order at 12:00pm by Todd Schaaf with brief welcome.

Introductions completed with all attendees.

Expectations are to share key dates and elections for the four at large positions on the WWF board.

Gabby Lord-Klein spoke of the highlights for the 2024-2025 season.

- 16U Freestyle Dual team championship
- 8 teams finished in top 10
- 16U Greco Deul team runners-up
- 14U teams Greco 6th Freestyle 4th
 - Got to train at UW Ohio
- Women's team in Indiana for all levels
 - 16U Runner Up
 - Juniors
 - 14U
- Junior placed 3rd in copper pool
- Fargo
 - 40 all American including 2 national champions
 - 3 teams in top 10
- Training
 - WWF invested in training opportunities in all three Olympic styles, providing athletes access to consistent coaching, skill development, and team-building touch points with the national team throughout the year.
- Kids State Qualifier
 - 4% increase in participation
 - 15th anniversary of the girls' division showcased 763 competitors.
- Membership
 - 5% increased to 15,417 members.
- See more highlights on WIWrestingfederation.com

Todd Schaaf shared there is information on the website for wrestler information that gives detailed information for any wrestlers you would like to follow at national level events.

Scott Kluever spoke of the 2026 National Team Information. Building a great team starts with investing in the top and creating all opportunities for all levels. Giving beginners a chance to be involved, in returns gives opportunities for all. Wisconsin does give everyone is given opportunities that they can take advantage of.

- Future
 - Girls state tournament will be held on Friday at Freestyle State Tournament.
 - Ensure they will be picking the right weight class to compete.
 - 14U Duals are moving to Florida
 - Will be flying down to Florida with the team to give them the best opportunity.
 - 16U Duals & Juniors
 - Wrestle offs will run prior to camp. Scott will confirm those wrestle off dates.
 - Will run those wrestle offs similar to a tournament.

- Fargo Camp for boys has outgrown River Falls and will be moving to UW Eau Claire. Kids will be staying in the suites at UW Eau Claire Campus.
 - Girls will remain at River Falls
- Will continue having food trucks at hotel. Looking to partner with another state for the food trucks.
- Fargo
 - Men's freestyle, then Greco and women's.
 - Will add more coaches as support staff to assist with main coaches.

Todd spoke of sincere thank you's for the support staff that he works with to commend the team dedication it takes to make all the difference.

Brett Van Vooren

- Middle team state
 - Great time for officials who do not get to participate at State Level have an opportunity to officiate at a higher level of wrestling.
- Encouraged all qualifiers to get the head officials to secure their crew with credentials.
- Freestyle/Greco State
 - Created a google sheet for officials to sign up for local tournaments.
 - We NEED officials
 - 10 officials short for 3 man mechanics last state tournament.
 - Encourage coaches to officiate to enhance their understanding of rules and scoring.
- Great year and looks forward to this year being just as great or even better.

Jolene Bonte

- Excited that we are going to USA Bracketing for high school in addition to our youth and FS/GR season.
- Many updates and changes will be upcoming.
- Jeff Jones retired as the USA National Operations Director.

Mel Dow

- 25 plus years without a doubt the best organization in the country.
- The collaboration between WIAA and WWF has brought innovation and ability to move forward the WIAA level improvements.
- Changes
 - USA Bracketing-1st state association to move forward with the platform.
 - Equal representation for a division at state. Opportunities to compete.
 - Increase Team State competition, have outgrown the current fieldhouse.
 - Move to La Crosse Center which will make Team State a large wrestling event running side by side with The Badger Brawl tournament formerly known as Dominate in the Dells.
 - Working on innovative ways to grow women's wrestling at WIAA
 - Growth and possibilities for women's dual championship.

Todd spoke about communications with Kwik Trip to support in new singlets. Kwik Trip will donate \$10,000 to offset cost of new singlets.

Jason Lulloff WWA

- Connect wrestling through groups with similar goals.
- Changes take place because a group of people work together to find solutions that can enhance their common goal.
- Connecting dots between WIAA and WWF to continue growth with Wisconsin Wrestling as a whole.

Todd Schaaf shared that upcoming cost of hosting State in Madison will increase parking to \$50,000 and metal detectors will be required to use.

Jeff Jones Tournament Director

- 2026 Futures
 - Dominate in the Dells-located in La Crosse. Name change to Badger Brawl.
 - Wrestling Friday night-Saturday in North Hall.
 - Sunday wrestling will be in main hall.
 - Kid's Team State Championship
 - Last year 63 teams.
 - 2-day event previously held in Readsburg.
 - Will move to the Dome in the Dells.
 - Update to team membership for eligibility for 2026.
 - Qualifiers
 - Weigh-ins
 - 5:30-7:00 at host site
 - Satellite 5:30-6:30
 - Added weight classes to avoid any plus groups.
 - Update today, added 150 weight class to girls 2013-2014. Will update flyer.
 - Sandy did sanction all qualifiers and Jeff will order on USA Bracketing.
 - State
 - Changes
 - Registration due Wednesday instead of Tuesday.
 - All weigh ins and coaches passes will be held at the arena building next to the coliseum.
 - Metal detectors and security measures will be in place at State per facility. - Will notify public.
 - Coaches bands will be due Monday night instead of Tuesday.
 - On-site coaches credentials may take 2 hours and cost is \$60.
 - Beg FS/GR State
 - Held at the Dome in the Dells
 - Weight classes will match Northern Plains.
 - FS/GR State
 - Update to schedule.
 - Girls will weigh in and wrestle on Friday night.
 - Weigh-in times have been updated. See flyer.

Mike Errthum

- Budget

Todd requested a motion to approve the annual budget. Randy moved to approved, Ernie seconded. All in favor to approve budget.

Matt-At Large Elections

- Matt shared the responsibility and role as the At Large Director.
- Nominations
 - Tony Schaaf nominated Newton Smerchek
 - Sally Stewart Second
 - Scott Kluever Nominated Preston Breunig
 - Terry Stone second
 - Randy Ferrell nominated Ernie Millard
 - Scott Kluever second
 - Brett Van Vooren nominated Eric Lehrke
 - Newton Smerchek seconded
 - Sally Stewart nominated Paula Rider
 - Melissa Hundt second
- Matt asked 3 times
 - Randy Ferrel motioned to close nominations
 - Sally Stewart second
- Voting was handled on USA Membership.
- At Large Members Voted in
 - Newton Smerchek
 - Preston Breunig
 - Ernie Millard
 - Eric Lehrke

Todd Schaaf open floor for any new business.

Sally Stewart moved to adjourn. Scott Kluever second. All moved to adjourn.