

ISWA Monthly Meeting

June 26, 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:

In office: Pat Culp, Ben Nicely, Jeff Strueder, Tina Fouts, Thomas Pompei, Michelle Kaster, Jim Littlejohn, Jason Miller, Jennifer Pierson, Jennifer Ratliff, Linda Robinson, Lou Silverman, Roby Webster, Danny Struck

Via Zoom: Jimmy Tonte, Jason DeLois, Mark Mundy, Jake O'Neill, Ryan Parrish, Jean Whetstone

Staff: Tina Tonte (via zoom), JD Minch (in office)

Consultants:

Guest:

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented May minutes, which were sent in advance through USAW Membership website to review and provide updates
- Motion to accept minutes presented by Ben Nicely.
- Roby Webster seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- We are cash heavy but going into biggest expense time of the year.
- Transferred to money to the account that is tied to Lou Silverman's debit card for trip next week.
- Have had issues with cards being declined recently. Chase has changed their policy. We get a text/email to approve.
- Presenting updated financials as the report is from a week ago.
- Equipment sale – higher due to garage sale. Site search - \$175 this week.
- Strong year for freestyle state.
- 14U duals income – took in \$15,000 – 91% of budget (5% goes to credit card fees).
- Cadet duals income – took in less than anticipated. Next year suggesting we budget for 1 team
- Went through the financials that are on the website (USA Membership)
- Cultural Exchange within range of budget.
- Junior Duals income slightly down, but within range.
- Junior Duals women, close to budget.
- Kid's national trip – income is down due to change in location and change in form of the trip. Expenses will be more than anticipated.
- Women's Fargo lower than budgeted, but we budgeted aggressively
- 14U we were close
- Central Regionals – double the budget
- Central Regionals – expenses, quite a bit off due to not in a high school.
- State Summit – started getting expenses in.

- Had some additional expenses coming in for camps.
- 16U camp was a little more than in the past.
- Went through travel expenses.
- Junior Duals are starting to come in. We budget on a per person basis and take the total and split between Juniors and Cadets.
- Fargo is combined on expenses.
- Pat Culp discussed that Central Regionals has gone up to 3-year contract so we won't be hosting for a while (after this year) due to the other 4 states in our region having the opportunity to host. Also, that we did better financially due to increase in entry fees. She has reached out to the coliseum due to hospitality costs.
- She explained that USA Wrestling wants to have their tournaments out of schools and in some type of professional venue.
- Discussed potential sites if we continue to host USA tournaments. Discussed looking for grants to assist.
- Discussion of USA Wrestling bidding process and the advantages of 2-year notice of location, making budgeting easier. Not doing that at this time.
- We are in a much better shape that we had budgeted for.
- As we move to the budget meeting – will get information to team leaders (data)
- Jason Miller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report
- Roby Webster seconded the report
- Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Committee for the annual meeting and committee for double and triple crown winners

- Pat Culp will let the individuals working on this report in their normal reports.

New Business

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present. No report
 - Pat Culp talked to him in the last week or so regarding a situation.
 - We have 4 sets of parents for the women that were asking a lot of questions about Fargo. She met with them on zoom and talked with the Executive Board, USA Wrestling and Steve Pugliese. They were concerned about the Fargo camp was mandatory.
 - Talked to Thomas Pompei – concern of the food and Thomas confirmed they will make meals that are high quality foods.
 - Wanted to make sure the girls are on separate floors, separate dorms, or even in hotels. Thomas Pompei confirmed he has requested 2 separate floors for the dorm.
 - Pat Culp is going to hold a meeting for all coaches going to Fargo.
 - Several people are saying they want to drive their kids out and stay with them. Pat said Colorado, Texas and Utah handle things differently. She called their state chairs and also Wisconsin. Some have ala carte – adjustments for already have gear, travel etc. Camps are mandatory.
 - Steve Pugliese said after SafeSport came out, we can no longer require them to travel and stay with the team.
 - Jason DeLois said there will be 4 females as coach/chaperones. He said we can add another female coach if needed, from Indiana Tech wrestlers.

- JD Minch said USA Wrestling does not allow wrestlers to wrestle unattached.
- Discussed ISWA cost and we are paying anything over and above the \$1,200 (cost of the trip for the athletes).
- Working with Steve Pugliese to get the waiver and code of conduct forms.
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
 - 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**
 - Current Athletes - 9,615 -- up 67% / 66% new
 - Current Wrestling Leaders - 1,277 -- up 11% / 39% new
 - Current Clubs - 203 -- up 10% / 16 % new
 - Sanctioned Events - 118 -- up 100%
 - Indiana Trips:
 - Elementary Duals - 27 teams
 - Middle School Duals - 16 teams
 - USAW Girls Folk Nationals - 14 wrestlers
 - USAW Heartland Duals - 80 wrestlers
 - Budapest Cultural Exchange - 12 wrestlers
 - USAW Kid's Nationals - 14 wrestlers
 - USAW 14U National Duals - 55 wrestlers
 - USAW 16U National Duals - 10 wrestlers
 - USAW Women's Jr. Duals - 15 wrestlers
 - USAW Men's Jr. Duals - 18 wrestlers
 - USAW Women's FARGO - 30 wrestlers
 - USAW Men's FARGO - 101 wrestlers - 45-16U's & 56-Jr's
- **State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
 - State services focus is Fargo registrations and team leader/Thomas Pompei needs.
 - State plaques and scholarship plaques are mailed with exception of Kody Glithero membership renewal needed see below, on hold until committee confirms.
 - Annual meeting -Lawrence north building usage complete, sanction will be completed once USAW membership year opens. Annual meeting committee on hold with announce to members. Sept 11th LAWRENCE NORTH is secured.
 - ISWA Publication 2023 meeting with myself, Bridget and Denise mid-July.
 - Ben will be preparing list to the office and letters from discipline committee clubs/sanctions.
 - Triple/double crown awards ceremony. Waiting on committee for announcement details, 55 count. Post budget meeting tentative date. Locations Tba.
 - Scholarship committee has been made aware Kody Glithero -renewal needed and plaque has not been mailed as of yet.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Ben Nicely

- Working with executive board.
- Noted that Central Regionals should have more officials available. Was a nice and easy tournament.
- Heavily involved with 14U. Lower official registration than in the past.

- Nothing to the disciplinary committee.
- Tournament bid process for local has been live for a couple of weeks at this time.
- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**
 - Thanked Linda Robinson for all the hospitality and all board members for their help this year.
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
 - Hospitality went well this year.
 - Scholarships – all but 3 have been sent out.
 - Will follow up with the outstanding recipients.
 - Cody Glitherow does not have a current membership.
 1. She has emailed but received no response.
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**
 - Nothing new to report.
 - Good pairing showing at national tournaments.
 - Working on training for annual meeting.
- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
 - Talked with all Indiana pairers - sent information as to how they can advance and encouraging them to step out of their comfort zone.
 - Kara Polen is going to Fargo on scholarship.
- **Equipment Director – Jonah Odum**
 - Not present. Report via email.
 - has been working on gear. Is at kids' nationals.
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - Rides have been arranged for all going out to Fargo.
 - Currently have had officials attending national events.
 - Several were nominated for outstanding officials at events.
 - 9 going to Fargo this year.
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jim Littlejohn**
 - No Folkstyle events since last meeting.
 - Not much to report.
 - Will try to get more involved in the national events.
- **Logistics Director – Lauren Rioux**
 - Had a lot of good feedback on the hotel for Freestyle/Greco State, so I will likely stay with them again next year
 - 14U, 16U and Jr duals trips are all completed and went well.
 - A few hiccups but we got things squared away pretty quickly when any issues did come up.
 - Fargo buses have been paid in full, contact info and itinerary have been submitted to the bus company, and hotel rooms for the bus drivers have been submitted.
 - Will be at the office during pick up on July 14, since she has a kid making the trip anyways, just in case anything comes up at that time.
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**

- Not present. Report via email
- I do have several inquiries from some region coaches and parents on the upcoming Fargo Nationals.
- I've been collecting facts before I contact team leaders and state coach. One of the issues is staffing of coaches. I'm being told no coaches from the Region. I don't know all the facts.
- Also saying about two dozen wrestlers are from RWA but no coaches selected.
- I can't officially present this information because I have not verified.
- Just food for thought.

- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Not much happening now.
 - Will be gearing up for promoting annual calendar bidding meeting after details are finalized at June 26 meeting.
 - Will be checking and making any updates to contact information for clubs so that they will receive information for the meeting and encourage sharing tournament dates.
 - Sent a thank you to clubs that helped at Central Regionals.

- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
 - Has been fairly quiet since Greco state.
 - Working on annual meeting and nomination committee.
 - Sending a save the date and working on educational format and will have the information put out on social media.
 - Wants to confirm and schedule a meeting for later this week.
 - Committee – Tina Tonte, Jason Miller, Jennifer Pierson, Michelle Kaster.
 - Nominating committee – Jodi Webster as member at large. Will have a slate by the budget meeting.

- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - Not Present. No Report.

- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
 - Will be sending emails for the annual meeting.
 - Has heard nothing from the clubs in her area.

- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - Coaches' Council – asked to look at 3 things.
 - Coaches' selection process/team leader selection process/coaching staff – and approval for all.
 - Will talk to Danny when he ones in.

- **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - This year has been rough for choosing coaches.
 - It is time to tweak the selection process.
 - Indiana is still one of the top states in coaches' leadership in USA Wrestling.
 - Jim Tonte, Pat Culp, and he have been talking about the process. Wants it to be a fair process. Will get it fixed.

- **.Cadet/Junior Director –Jake O'Neill**
 - 16U/Junior Duals - Mason Goetz requested a partial refund for 16U Duals because of the lack of matches. We went from entering two teams to one.

- Fargo - Finalizing plans for camp at Indiana Tech.
- Assisting team leaders in filling team rosters, scheduling, and accommodations at NDSU.

- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Nick Hull**
 - Not Present. Report via email.
 - Getting ready for Fargo.
 - Looking forward to see what Indiana needs at coaching and athlete level to move up to next level
 - Will take video to use for recruiting next year.

- **Kid's Director – Jason Miller**
 - Nothing to report at this time.

- **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**
 - RTC calendar is updated as much as possible.
 - Reaching out to coaches to see if they are still hosting throughout the summer. Waiting to hear back.
 - Has created a curriculum, weekly schedule, wants to know if it should be mandatory for RTCs to start on a certain date so they are all on the same week of the curriculum.
 - Will probably talk with coaches' council for this.
 - Jimmy Tonte feels we should start the first week in March if hosting an RTC.
 - If there is anything that can be sent out to RTCs that are still running, showing what they should be doing in preparation for Fargo. Would like to see Josh send an email.

- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Team leaders are doing a good job. All set for camp. He has schedule typed out.
 - App for communication with schedule already in the app.
 - Will get them to all join the group at camp.
 - Recruiting guide should be delivered soon. Will make sure kids are filling out the recruiting guide.
 - 130ish at camp with athletes and coaches.
 - Tina Tonte will reach out to him after the meeting with more who have filled out.

- **Women's Director – Jason DeLois**
 - Would to see Fargo Registration customized.
 1. Would like to have a box for 16U and Junior or both.
 2. Weights – would like for them to be able to select their own weights.
 3. Will work with Tina Tonte
 - Needs link for Junior Girls for registration. 29 girls registered
 - Women's Junior Duals – 30 teams competed we placed 8th in the country.
 - Would like us to consider donating \$500 to a program being used to grow women's wrestling at USAW level. Will send information to Pat Culp to review.
 - Discussed the participation of Indiana Tech wrestling and all they did to help.

- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Leaving on Tuesday morning for their trip. There are 11 wrestlers going. They are all set.
 - Had a practice at Carmel HS on 6/11. All but 1 was there.
 - Danny Struck and Lou Silverman led the practice.

▪ **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**

- Committee met and changed awards up a little bit due to them being the same for a long period of time.
- Would also like to change and have a banquet outside of the annual meeting.
- Would like to have the brunch for awards on Sunday after the budget meeting. There are 55 winners
- Having a hard time locating a venue that can host.
- Looking at wrestler and 2 guests for free.
- We are looking at approximately \$3000.
- Jeff Strueder made a motion allocate up to \$3000 for this awards banquet.
- Linda Robison seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- Ryan asked for anyone knowing a school that can host let him know. Will be held on Sunday morning after the budget meeting.

Additional items:

Bidding local tournaments – Ben Nicely:

- Now set up and open for bidding.
- Google docs form set up
- Will close a couple of days before the annual meeting
- As we get closer will update more frequently
- Late submissions will go before the tournament change sub-committee
- Intent to bid must be noted prior to the end of the annual meeting.
- Have to bid using our established process.
- Must submit the form and must have a secondary date.
- If they don't follow the procedure, they will receive a disciplinary letter.
- There are possibilities of hardship, but must be proven.
- If they wish to change the date, they must submit a form requesting the change. If the new date conflicts with another club, then they will not be approved.
- Will have section directors send an email letting them know the process is open.
- Has talked to coaches' who will be receiving disciplinary letters
- Pat Culp also stated we need to get notifications out for clubs wanting to bid for state and USA tournaments for 2 years and provide deadline. One date for everything. Ben will draw something up and get that information out.

2022 Tournament breakdown (See addendum)

This meeting is the meeting that we use to break down our annual ISWA sponsored/ USAW hosted tournaments looking at any changes that board members would like to see happen

motioned to adjourn the meeting
seconded the motion

Meeting Adjourned (including tournament review meeting) @ 3:55pm

Next Meeting will be August 6th – budget meeting time TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts
ISWA Secretary