

ISWA Monthly Meeting

December 13, 2020

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 12:18 pm by Pat Culp

Attendance:

Pat Culp, Tina Fouts, Ben Nicely, Darby Nicely, Jennifer Pierson, Jason Miller, Mary Friedt, Jeff Strueder, Jennifer Ratliff, Ryan Parrish, Linda Robinson, Roby Webster, Jason DeLois, Jeanne Whetstone, Mark Stevenson, Bart Welch, Mary Friedt, Jacob O'Neill, Josh Curry, Danny Struck

Staff: Tina Tonte, JD Minch

Consultants: Zach Errett

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Presented November minutes, which were sent in advance by the office, to review and provide updates
- Two slight edits reported by Mary Friedt (spelling)
- Jason Miller made a motion to accept the minutes
- Mary Friedt seconded the motion
- No discussions
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Jeff Strueder

- Shared statement of financial statements.
- Income started coming in - memberships, sanctions, etc.
- Elementary duals team fees are less than budgeted due to paring down teams.
- 2 more board members background checks this month. Should be about finished.
- Red pen expenses for annual book.
- Normal rent, utilities.
- Pre-season nationals – officials travel expenses.
- Ongoing monthly fees for credit card machines remain under IT.
- JD said we received sponsorship money from Excellwell.
- Donation from Black Baud (Shows up as Marathon Oil).
- Jeff submitted documentation to the site to be able to review information on who is making donations. Jeff looking into who is donation that is coming through as marathon oil.
- Bart Welch made motion to accept treasurers report
- Jennifer Pierson seconded motion
- No discussions.
- Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Grant Writing/Fundraising

- Pat Culp got a phone call from Nancy Campbell who stated JJ Pinter from Floyd does a lot of this.
 - He is recommending he help the ISWA and would like to sit down with the executive board and the board to set up what we are looking for.
 - He says a huge fundraiser might be a good way to get started.

- He doesn't recommend setting up grants as a percentage because of IRS views.
- He thinks it could be set up as a bonus and once set up, he would like an attorney to look at it.
- Pat Culp would like to set up a time for the exec board to meet. She said he is very knowledgeable.

Elementary Duals

- Pat Culp reported that they just had a tournament committee meeting.
- Ft Wayne coliseum was set up as back-up because Franklin was possibly not being able to host.
- Allen County and Johnson County are under red for COVID.
- Jimmy Tonte was able to get an appointment with the Gathering Place in Greenwood.
- He and Pat Culp went there and toured.
 - They were not going to allow any additional wrestling events due to experience with the last couple of events they hosted.
- Pat Culp is working with Johnson County health department to obtain approval.
- She is looking at Saturday to see if they have availability to wrestle Saturday at 2pm.
- Trying to determine where to have weigh-ins.
- Maybe hold at an offsite location.
- We have to keep people in the 25 people bunch. Have to be masked up.
- Talked about not allowing outside food to be brought in.
- Each child can only bring 1 spectator.
- Contact tracing will occur with sign-ins. May sell tickets in advance.
- As of now it is a go at the Gathering Place in Greenwood.

Upcoming state tournaments

- Middle school state will be at the Gathering Place in Greenwood.
- Working on staggering weight classes.
- Will have to do 3-4 sessions throughout the day.
- Individual state. Will not be doing qualifying.

Middle School Duals

- Will also be at the Gathering Place. They weren't available for Folkstyle state.
- They have penciled us in for Freestyle/Greco state in case Avon cannot host. Josh Curry asked if we could prepare the checklist and get the process started for their health department. Directed him to the website for the checklist and the board of health information to be provided.
- Pat Culp said the place is large enough but for social distancing we will use smaller mats and more sessions.

Committee Reporting

Coaches' Council

- Danny Struck reported that Pat Culp put together great coaches' summit. Was 3 nights, went over requirements to be a coach, safe sport team leader, what we look for with coaches.
- He thinks it is important that we do this annually as reminders.
- Checks boxes that we are directing people and not leaving them out to dry.

Tournament Committee

- Chesterton got approval for a date change (1/10 to 2/27)

Disciplinary Committee

- Nothing to report

Scholarship Committee

- Linda Robinson said in January they can start submitting applications.
- Asked Tina Tonte if we should put on the website when they can begin submitting.
- Tina Tonte has already had a coach reach out. Clubs have received notification of deadline and link
- We have all athletic directors' emails and the information will be mailed out before January.

Women's council

- No report

Gear Committee

- Nothing to report

Annual Meeting Agenda

- Jennifer Pierson stated she will probably set up a meeting in January.

Middle School Committee

- Pat Culp has been working with Jake O'Neill on individual middle school state as well as growing on ISWA side
- Feels adding middle school state duals is helping to grow

New Business

- Working on additional locations in case schools cannot allow us to hold.

Fargo Athlete Information

- Pat Culp reported instead of putting together a book for Fargo – Wisconsin rep said that recruiters attend Fargo, we had thought about putting the athlete's information on our website and create business cards the coaches can take with them to provide the link or UPC scanning code to access the website.
- Discussion about whether we need permission from athletes to post.
- Bart Welch and Mary Friedt wondered about possibly asking to have athlete's permission given (signed).
- Tina Tonte said we could have coaches create profile through sports engine and she can give them permission.
- She also said there is a recruiting form available for athletes to fill out for the page.
- Pat Culp asked Tina Tonte to add to the form to allow to be shared.
- Pat Culp will reach out to Thomas Pompei and have him work with Tina Tonte to get a process in place to create profiles/allow access.

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present, no report
 - Pat Culp worked with USAW attorney regarding trips
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
 - Not present – no report
 - Pat Culp stated she approved the COVID checklist on the website.
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
 - No Report

- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
 - Freestyle/Greco – just talked to the women’s national team.
 - They were taken out of the OTC for practice due to COVID.
 - There are some overseas tournaments going on but mostly European teams there.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
 - 2538 athletes, down 56% 33% new athletes
 - 479 leaders, down 47% from last year, 34% new leaders
 - 106 clubs, down 35% from last year, 7% new clubs
 - 23 sanctions, down 76% from last year.
 - Tina Tonte has sent an email to the board members who haven’t completed their information for leader’s license.
 - Discussed who still needs to complete items.
 - Still getting sanctions and clubs.
 - Has been staying in contact with clubs.
- **Director of Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**
 - Scholarship info has been emailed out and registration link is live.
 - Will be emailed out to athletic directors.
 - John Hurrle information has been sent out.
 - We have one nominee in so far.
 - Uploaded in 2 different locations, the publication final – will be going to print soon.
 - If you need assistance, please reach out to the office at office@iswa.com.
 - Talked about where you can find information, treasurer’s report, agenda, minutes, etc.
 - Has been keeping up with age verification.
 - Has been updating the website on sanctions.
 - Has been in communication with Ben Nicely about changes in dates etc., due to COVID

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Ben Nicely

- Has sent out contracts to all schools per the decision to have the hosts from 2020 automatically host for 2021 as well.
- Have not received any back yet.
- Would like to add that Indiana has had a good national showing for officials, with Nathan Carmichael, Dalton Halbig, and himself officiating at the UWW Junior and U23 world team trials in Omaha, NE and Cindy Mosconi officiating at a televised RTC dual this past weekend
- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**
 - Nothing to report.
- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**
 - Had a question about Folkstyle state – hasn’t been discussed at tournament meeting.
 - Jennifer Pierson said Warren is still an option. She needs to get with Pat Culp to discuss and will pull the COVID checklist from the website.
 - Will need to talk about session sizes, etc. and would like to get together with Pat Culp in early January.
 - Pat Culp said Ft. Wayne Coliseum was going to pencil us in for the Folkstyle State if need be.
 - Linda Robinson said for the first couple of tournaments we would have individually wrapped items and more streamlined than it has been in the past.

- Needs coaches (not hosting) to be reminded that the hospitality room is only for workers.
- She will really be cranking down on that for this year.
- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**
 - Nothing new to report.
 - Working on high school and elementary duals.
 - Pat Culp will be sending information to her to send to coaches for elementary duals.
- **Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone**
 - Nothing to report.
 - Most High School tournaments are being cancelled
- **Equipment Director – Vacant**
- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Mark Mundy**
 - There isn't a lot of activity right now.
 - Staying in contact with officials. Many waiting to renew licenses until closer to events.
 - Waiting to see if season happens
 - Indiana had 3 officials invited to work UWW JR and U23 national championships – Nathan Carmichael, William Nicely, Dalton Halbig.
 - Cindy Mosconi was invited and officiated for Flo RTC duals. ISWA has been well represented so far at national events.
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Bart Welch**
 - Lining up officials for elementary duals.
 - Sent email from previous meeting – regarding possible Saturday before elementary scheduled dates.
 - HS season has had some events cancelled.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
 - Nothing new to report
 - Working with Pat Culp on Elementary Duals State
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
 - Not present
 - Email report
 - Most clubs will be starting practices now.
 - Middle school conferences were completed on Saturday.
 - First local tournament 1/7 at Crown Point.
 - Clubs will have to travel distances for open folk style meets.
 - Has contacted clubs to removed them of tournaments around the state.
 - Many local clubs were unable to secure facilities this season with their high school.
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
 - Asked about High School Team State Duals status
 - J.D. Minch stated right now, class 1A and 2A will still be at the Ft. Wayne coliseum – will be getting a yes/no answer tomorrow.
 - Adams Central has been asked if they can host 1A and 2A if unable to be in the coliseum. If needed, it will be 2 days, possibly the 30th and 31st.

- He just got a text back from Evansville. They have 3 teams at their tournament that are involved in their duals.
 - Will need to determine what the teams are willing to do if there is a scheduling conflict.
 - If a school hosts, expecting them to supply the mats.
 - Will be sending email to current clubs for holidays and encourage them to sanction their clubs.
- **Section 3 – Jennifer Pierson**
 - Reaching out to clubs and checking in. Specifically checking on non-sanctioned clubs.
 - She has 2 that say they are sanctioned, but not showing up on list. Will check with the office.
 - Hearing that many are hearing from their schools that they are not able to have practice or tournaments.
- **Section 4– Mark Stevenson**
 - His club has been practicing. Indian creek is practicing.
 - Some clubs have been unable to practice.
 - Has had cancellations because Johnson County is now a red county.
 - Has talked to J.D. Minch about set-ups and driving the truck.
 - Will keep him in the loop.
- **Section 5 – Michelle Kaster**
 - Has been talking to coaches who have questions about COVID and some that are really excited to get season started.
- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
 - **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
 - Coaches’ applications for trips will be sent out in December.
 - **Cadet Director –Jake O’Neill**
 - Worked on definition of a job description for this position.
 - Collaborated with other director positions about national team roles for team leaders and coaches.
 - Discussed national team camp dates with other directors.
 - **Junior Director –Brady Eppert**
 - Not present. No Report
 - **Olympic Styles Development Director – Blake Maurer**
 - Not present. No Report.
 - **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**
 - Nothing new to report.
 - Has been discussing Heartland Wrestle-offs. Will probably hold near the end of March (since we already have gear).
 - Made some changes to the flyer for the middle school, asked if it was sent to Tina Tonte
 - Just need to finalize that flyer.
 - **Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry**
 - Not much to report.

- Had trouble with their sign up for RTC. Will be sent back out.
- The google form was not accepting submissions.
- Has been in contact via email with coaches, working on getting them started.

- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
 - Not Present. No Report.

- **Women’s Director – Jason DeLois**
 - Discussed what has been going on in High School tournaments and numbers of wrestlers tracked.

- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
 - Not Present. No Report

- **Logistics Director – Darby Nicely**
 - Not much to report, need to get elementary duals rooms booked before Christmas since the tournament is right after the first of the year.
 - Sent out an email to see who needs rooms.
 - Hadn’t made calls yet because we hadn’t decided on a location.
 - She will work with Site Search on the link

Motion to Adjourn

- Mary Friedt made a motion to adjourn
- Bart Welch seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 1:40pm

Next Board Meeting February 14 at 12:00pm to be determined (Zoom or office).

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts

ISWA Secretary