

WWCA Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Spring Brooke Inn

Wisconsin Dells, WI

9:00 a.m.

Minutes

Committee in attendance: Chris Hansen (Hudson/District 1), Dallas Moe (Antigo/District 2), Jeff Matczak (Kaukauna/District 4), Scott Schmitz (Mineral Point/District 5), Mark Petersen (Camblesport/District 6), Kurt Kemnitz (West Allis Nathan Hale/District 7 co-rep), Craig Austin (Whitnall/District 7 co-rep), Matt Zwaschka (MSOE/District 8), Joe Shinnars (The Cross Face), Bob Olson (New Richmond/WWCA Website Director), Mike Blasczyk (Appelton/Officials Representative), Dave Black (WWF Representative), Tom McGarvie (WWCA Alumni Chapter), Chris Gennrich (WWCA Awards Chairman) Wendall Bean (Whitewater/Fall Clinic Chairman), Mel Dow (Stoughton/Public Relations Chairman), John Quinlan (Whitnall/WWCA President), Randy Ferrell (Nathan Hale/WWCA President Elect), Dave McCarthy (Neenah/WWCA Past President) Bob Empey (Stoughton/Treasurer), Peter Moe (Cambridge/Secretary)

Call to order by John Quinlan at 9:05 a.m.

I. President's Report

1. **Report**—John welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. **Approval**—Dallas Moe made a motion to accept the minutes as posted on the WWCA website. Scott Schmitz seconded and the motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report

1. **Discussion and approval**—Bob Empey presented a detailed treasurer's report. Currently there is \$43,971.45 in the WWCA account. Revenue is down six thousand dollars from last year to this year. Dave Black moved to approve the treasurer's report. Scott Schmitz seconded and the motion passed.
2. **Accountant Information**—Fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. As president elect, Randy Ferrell will need to be added to account as a signer of the account.

IV. Reports

A. Cross Face

1. **Update**—The new owner of the Cross Face, Joe Shinnars, was invited to the meeting to update the executive board about the Cross Face. Joe informed the board about many updates to the Cross Face. Updates include:

- a. Launching an updated website (thecrossface.com)
- b. Publication will consist of 8 issues from October to May
- c. More special interest articles will be included in the publication
- d. Weekly website rankings

Thank you Joe Shinnors for coming and updating the executive board about the Cross Face.

B. Public Relations

1. **State Finals Televised**—Mel Dow reported that this year’s individual state finals will be televised. Rush Media took on the project. Fox Sports will broadcast the event. The format of the finals will follow the concept of broadcasting the “hottest topic” at the time. Individual matches can be viewed online.

C. Officials

1. **Update**—Mike Blasczyk reported on the status of officiating. The WIAA rules and interpretation video is out on their website now. There are little rules changes from the NFHS. There is one major change to the takedown rule and how its scored. A question was brought up as to if coaches can attend the officials session at the coaches clinic?—Yes they can.
2. **Questions**—
3. **Takedown Consideration**—Mike brought up the topic of counting when a wrestler is around the ankles, on the perimeter or anywhere else on the mat, as a takedown? This seems to be accepted in surrounding states as a takedown. Thoughts have changed throughout the years on if it is a takedown or not. There was support within

D. Alumni

1. **Report**—Tom McGarvie reported to the WWCA . There is an area for the Sages at the clinic, please stop by and check out what going on.
2. **Museum**—Anyone interested in helping let Tom know.
 - a. Questions asked during discussion of the museum:
 - i. What is the goal of the museum?
 - ii. Is the goal to have things displayed?

The alumni would like to eventually get into a museum of multiple sports perhaps at the Wisconsin Dells where people can visit. Ideas were brought up about a mobile

museum that could be used at wrestling events throughout Wisconsin. Tom McGarvie will talk with the Sages about the idea.

3. **Records Book**—The alumni are looking to put a new Wisconsin high school wrestling records book out in 2016. The old records book was from 2207. Information will be available at the clinic. If anyone is interested in helping crunch the numbers please contact Tom.

- a. **Questions asked during the discussion of the records book:**

- i. What is the cost of the book?
- ii. Where is the money coming from?

E. WWF

1. **Update**—Dave Black reported that everything is going well for the WWF.
2. **High School Team Membership**—Dave Black took a moment to remind the executive board about the \$300.00 USA Team Membership opportunity given out by USA Wrestling. Only two states have this great opportunity and Wisconsin is one of them. By signing your high school team gets USA Wrestling cards, coverage for all high school kids in your room. Dave will be sending out a letter to high school coaches informing them of this great opportunity.

F. Fall Clinic

1. **Report**—Wendall Bean reported on the upcoming fall clinic. The clinic is Friday November 6 and Saturday November 7. Members please collect raffle prizes. We may want to look into a card swipe for the raffle as many people do not carry cash with them as much anymore.
2. **Clinic Account**—There is currently \$21,735.00 in the account.
3. **Future Clinic Dates**—Discussion took place about the future dates of the clinic. Do we want to keep the first weekend in November or move it to the second weekend in November? After deliberation, the first weekend in November seemed to be best practice as the second weekend was too close to the start of the wrestling season and coaches would want time for that weekend to handle seasonal items.
4. **Future Venues**—Do we want to stay at the Hyatt and KI Convention Center in Green Bay?
 - a. **Benefits of the Hyatt**—the Hyatt has been a great place to host the clinic with good rooms for sessions and a good layout for the clinic and banquet.
 - b. **Other venue options**—Where could we host the clinic?

- i. Wisconsin Dells
 - ii. La Crosse
 - iii. Madison
 - iv. Stevens Point
- c. **Discussion of new location**—It was concluded that Wendall will look into the Kalahari in the Wisconsin Dells and the Marriott in Madison, and get bids. Bids will be compared with a new bid from the Hyatt as well. The findings will be brought to the executive board for deliberation during the November meeting.
5. **Clinic Registration**—Wendall reminded the board that there are three ways to register for the clinic. He strongly suggested that registration takes place online through the WWCA website.
6. **Clinicians**—Three clinicians are locked in but the fourth was cancelled. Wendall is looking a replacement for the fourth.
7. **Clinic Video for Executive Board**—Since the members of the executive board are busy during the clinic and are unable to attend many clinic sessions, is it possible to provide the members with a copy of the clinic video? We need to check with the video producer to see if it is possible to provide the board members with a copy. We may need to renegotiate the terms of agreement to allow this to happen. Wendall will look into this.
8. **Membership Photo I.D.**—The idea of a membership photo I.D. was discussed. The idea was brought up to help with security and money saving measures at the Nicolas Suite during the individual state tournament. Last season, a security guard was hired to monitor people coming in and out of the suite. This measure help save money by keeping people out that would just take soda and chips. If we require members to show a photo I.D. for access to the Nicolas Suite can we save more money? Photos would be taken at the clinic. Questions:
 - a. What about members that do not come to the clinic?
 - b. What about alumni that do not come to the clinic?
 - c. What is the cost to bring in someone to take pictures?
 - d. What if someone forgets their I.D. at home? Will they still have access?
 - e. What about guests that are allowed in with the person?
 - f. Who is willing to take this on and manage this during the clinic and the individual state tournament?

It was suggested that we remain status quo by providing a security guard at the Nicolas Suite door to monitor people coming in and out of the suite.

9. **Clinic Meeting**—The next clinic meeting will be held on Thursday night from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Since an extra night stay is being requested, could the

WWCA cover room expenses for the executive board members? Discussion ensued. Dallas Moe made a motion that the WWCA cover \$60.00 of each attending board member's room cost for only Thursday night. Matt Zwaschka seconded and the motion passed.

G. Awards

1. **Report**—Newly appointed awards chair Chris Gennrich reported to the executive board. He is working in conjunction with Jeff Behrens on gathering information for the awards (years of service, wins, and district coaches of the year). Chris is still compiling a list of conference team champions.
2. **Individual State Awards Presenters**—The topic of who presents awards at the individual state tournament was discussed by the board members. It was decided to keep things status quo—Hall of Fame members and WWCA executive board members will hand out awards to individual state place winners during the awards ceremonies for each weight class and division.

H. WWCA Constitution

1. **Verbiage**—Verbiage of the WWCA Constitution was examined. The following motions and amendments were made to the WWCA Constitution:
 - a. Dallas Moe made a motion to amend Article III Section 4 to receive annual recognition and awards, recipient must be a current member of the WWCA. This does not include Hall of Fame recognition. Wendall Bean seconded the motion and the motion passed (18-0 on 09/27/2015).
2. **Clerical Addition**—An addition made to Article IV (Officers and Duties) Section 2: Executive committee shall consist of, added numbers: 13. WWF Liaison (appointed voting member) and 14. Official Liaison (appointed voting member).
3. **District 7**—Co-representatives represent district 7. How do we handle ties? Randy Ferrell made a motion in the event of a tie, a re-vote will take place to the pertaining membership. Dallas Moe seconded and the motion passed.

I. Super Regional

1. **Report**—John Quinlan would like to send out an e-mail with an option for the super regional. The e-mail will be sent to all Division II and Division III head coaches **to be voted on**. If the results are clearly in favor of the super regional it will then be proposed to the WIAA. If results are unclear and do not have a strong indication as being in favor of the super regional, nothing will be brought to the WIAA. Results will be presented at this year's clinic luncheon on Saturday.

J. Donation Requests

- 1. Challenge Series**—Dave McCarthy asked the WWCA to cover the computer costs for the Challenge series. Randy Ferrel made a motion that the WWCA covers the Trackwrestling computer expenses for the Challenge Series as a whole. Bob Empey seconded and the motion passed.
- 2. College Coaches Clinic**—Mike Dehrohen requested funds from the WWCA to cover costs of this year's college coaches clinic. Bob Empey made a motion that the WWCA covers \$1,000.00 of the college coaches' clinic, and in the future the WWCA and the WWF will work together to cover the cost of the college coaches clinic. Dallas Moe seconded and the motion passed.
- 3. UW-Eau Claire Request**—Mike Moyer made a request from the WWCA for a donation to UW-Eau Claire wrestling program. After much discussion Bob Empey made a motion to table the request and find out more information in order for the WWCA to make a more informed decision on the request. Scott Schmitz seconded and the motion passed.

K. Other

- 1. State/Hometown Chapter**—Tom McGarvie brought forth an idea about having a state chapter/hometown chapter in order to recognize people within the community that are helping wrestling. This would be a good way to promote good will and recognition. It was requested by the WWCA for him to write up a proposal and submit it to the WWCA.

L. Web Director

- 1. Report**—Bob Olson needs to have the new awards chair and District 7 representatives to send a pictures for the website.

M. Adjournment

Kurt Kemnitz motioned to adjourn the meeting. Matt Zwaschka seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Peter Moe
WWCA Secretary