

**USWOA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

**FRIDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2017
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**

USWOA Executive Board Members Present: USWOA Executive Board Members Present: Rick Tucci, John Heyman, Jerry Kuntz, Chris Curtis, Bill Stecklein, Casey Goessl, Tom Kuisle, Toby Tobiasson, Sue Hesser, Ginger Lile, Danny Blackshear, De Heyman, Tim Pierson, Sammy Julian and Zach Errett.

Others Present: Les Gutches, Associate Executive Director of USAW; Derek Sikora, USAW Staff and Liaison; Jaimie McNab, USAW Staff; Bill Grant, Legal Counsel (arrived midafternoon).

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Rick Tucci at 8:56 AM EST.

President's Welcome and Report: Rick Tucci welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Rick specifically welcomed Danny Blackshear to the USWOA Board of Directors. Rick mentioned members Tom Clark, Charlie Bates, Alice Riggle and others who have passed this year and asked for a moment of silence to remember and honor them. Rick introduced Les Gutches, Associate Executive Director of USAW. Les gave a slide presentation and stated that this has been a great year for USAW. Les said he wanted to honor all the referees and other officials who have worked to make this a successful year.

Secretary's Report - Approval of Minutes: Toby Tobiasson submitted draft minutes of the 14 July 2017 USWOA Executive Board Meeting. Tom Kuisle **moved** and Chris Curtis **seconded** to approve the minutes as presented. **Vote: passed unanimously.** Toby also submitted draft minutes of the 16 July 2017 Annual General Membership Meeting in Fargo. Jerry Kuntz **moved** and Sue Hesser **seconded** that the minutes be ratified by the Board and presented for approval to the general membership next July in Fargo. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Financial Advisor's Report: Bill Stecklein reported that USWOA is in a good position financially. Les Gutches led a discussion of how money is spent both domestically and internationally.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Meetings and Discussion: Rick Tucci appointed Danny Blackshear to serve on the Education and Evaluation committee. Rick presented a handout of his thoughts and ideas for 2018 and the next four years related to the USWOA Strategic Plan. At 10:00 AM, Rick directed each of the three committees listed below to convene and be prepared to report to the Board at the beginning of the afternoon session.

Upgrades and Downgrades: Casey Goessl reported and gave recommendations for five year plan goals and objectives. Casey addressed some concerns about changes to the

upgrade and maintenance policies in terms of communicating that to our membership. Chris Curtis will put together a letter addressing those changes. Casey discussed methods to educate head officials and clinicians on rules and logistics. He talked about rotating the National OEPs and possibly adding one to Vegas. Casey said his committee also discussed getting the P2 pairing exam on-line. He discussed adding the digital evaluation system to Akron and Junior Duals to be done by the assigned clinician. If the process goes smoothly, full implementation could be done for the 2018-2019 season. Casey said that with newer events, category and upgrade requirements, as well as, reimbursement policy will need to be established for those events.

Education and Evaluation: Zach Errett reported for this committee and gave recommendations for five year plan goals and objectives. Locations of OEPs were discussed, such as Las Vegas, but it was noted that this event does not lend itself well to an OEP because of multiple events being run simultaneously. Zach suggested online conferences or business meetings for the training sessions of instructors and clinicians. Topics and format for OEPs will be on a three year rotation of 12 topics. Zach suggested sending instructors from USWOA to the Coaches College. Les Gutches asked his staff members present to make sure we get at least one official to the OTC training camps. Zach suggested a Mentor program where newer officials are paired with an experienced official to make contact with during the season.

Recruitment and Retention: Tom Kuisle reported for this committee and gave recommendations for five year plan goals and objectives. The stipend system has issues that still need to be resolved. Consistent procedures need to be implemented by strong leadership of assigned officials at regional and national events. Athlete counts will be the responsibility of the assigned officials. Fargo reimbursements will be paid according to the regional system instead of the traditional Fargo system. Flo Wrestling OEPs need to be conducted. Mechanisms need to be developed that include younger officials, to find ways to recruit and retain officials. More ways need to be found to encourage coaches to interact with officials such as at clinics, socials and meetings. Efforts need to be pursued to empower the training of evaluators and diminish the responsibility of mat chairmen as evaluators.

Committee Chairman's Report (entire Board Participation): See Committee Meetings and Discussion agenda item above.

5 Year Plan (entire Board): See Committee Meeting and Discussion agenda item above.

National Convention at (Fargo) and State Leaders Meeting Report: Bill Grant gave a report from the State Leaders meeting and led a discussion on reimbursement with assistance from Tom Kuisle.

2017 Fargo Update: The reimbursement discussion from the previous agenda item continued into this item. Tom Kuisle reported that the Women's Duals will be moving from Fargo to the Junior Duals in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in order to ease scheduling issues in Fargo. Tom also reported that all consolation matches will be two minute periods except for placement matches in Fargo. An extended discussion pursued about having all matches subject to video review. Equipment is available and adequate. Technical personnel availability, or training of officials to operate the

video equipment, seemed to be the only issue to implementation. USAW will discuss this with Flo and Track Wrestling for next year in Fargo. The proposed lunch schedule for those times when the schedule does not allow time for officials to go eat between sessions was adopted by consensus based on email discussions held previously.

Tournament Reports 2016-2017 (Suggestions): Tom Kuisle reported on the tournaments and said, overall, events ran much better than previous years. A number of officials failed to let LOCs or anyone else know they were not coming to a tournament or an OEP. The following list is a tabulation of no shows from OEPs and Tournaments: Michael Connor SC, Joe Mavins SC, David Stormo NM, Geoff Weichelt CO, Drew Wilson UT, Eric Dugger OK, Chris Dugger OK, Gino Turner KS, Mike Garvey IA, and Rodney Granger VA. At this time, per previous Board action, these people will not get a room for events next year.

2017-2018 Upgrades and Downgrades – Mat and Pairing Officials:

Ginger Lile presented the following list of recommendations for pairing upgrades and downgrades:

Passed P3 Test

Nicole Aaberg WI
Gina Austin NC
Jolene Bonte WI
Lorna Brown WA
Presley Heyman FL
Alicia Inchaustegui CO
Carla Lindley SC
Stephanie Sanders CO
Savanah Schronce NC
Katherine Umbaugh CO
Adam Finn NE
Desmond Kaplin MA

Passed P1 Test

Paula Rider WI
Kelli Shuffler NC
Teela Hardin KY
Annette VanHouten MI
Melissa Voss WA
Deborah Watson CO

Waiver

Gina Hendricksen WA

Emeritus

Carol Saniuk OH
Jon Hayden MI

Passed P2 Test

Teela Hardin KY
Kelli Shuffler NC
Colleen Shannon ID
Toni Black PA
Sarah Voss WA

P1C to P1

Joe Downing IN
Pat Babi CO

P1 to P1E

Janie Tuma ID

Casey Goessl **moved** and Sam Julian **seconded** to approve the list as presented. **Vote: passed unanimously.** After a short discussion, Sam Julian **moved** and Danny Blackshear **seconded** to upgrade Monica Schommer CO to P1E. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Chris Curtis presented the following list of recommendations for mat official upgrades and downgrades:

EMERITUS REQUESTS

Tim French NY

Chuck Hull WY

Kevin Martin PA

John Heyman **moved** and Casey Goessl **seconded** to approve the Emeritus requests as presented.

Vote: passed unanimously.

WAIVER REQUESTS

Category M1

Fidel Abelo FL

Jerry Dolan WA

Neal Dorrow NC

James Dozier FL

Barb Eldred FL

Skip Farina WI

Mike Fitzgerald NC

Clarissa Garcia TX

Chris Kallai OH

Josh Kuisle MN

Rick LaFerrier CA

Steve Paulus WI

Scott Roffers WI

Cory Salmon CA

Dennis Seino HI

Aviram Shmueli NY

David Stormo NM

Stuart Spears TX

Shawn Thorson WY

Billy Wood HI

Category M1C

Sergio Cortez CA

Ben Montez IL

Wayne Smith VA

Danny Blackshear **moved** and Jerry Kuntz **seconded** to approve all waiver requests. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

UPGRADE RECOMMENDATIONS

Category M1C to M1

David Ameiss IL

Tanner Blank CA

Miles Bolin MO

Wyatt Booth MN

Ray Broughman VA

Kenneth Chappel CA

Tim Condit IL

Kenny Cook GA

Eric Creese MN

Mike Ford VA

Kris Gelsinger PA

Dalton Halbig IN

Ed Hanley MA

Joe Hulen GA

Joe Kasten NJ

Eric Lindley SC

Kyle Mankowich MO

Nolan Meadors II GA

Greg Meyers PA

Kenneth Osborne WY

Eric Peterson IL

Rick Schwab MO

Larry Tettelton OK

Paul Trygstad CO

Josh Warner ID

Jerry Kuntz **moved** and Bill Stecklein **seconded** to approve the M1C to M1 upgrades as presented. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Category M2 to M1C

Charles Carnahan CA

Solomon Duncan NC

Jerry Glynn AK

Westley Hart CA

Tom Hirsch VA

Robert Kroeger IL

Eion Leaf CO

Anthony Mancini OH

Dylan Millson NC

Andrew Mullet LA

Darby Newman IN

Nik Turner OK

Greg VanHouten MI

Dan Wilson UT

John Heyman **moved** and Toby Tobiasson **seconded** to approve the category M2 to M1C upgrades as presented. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Category M3 to M1C

Maryia Ivanova OH

Zane Leaf CO

Sam Julian **moved** and John Heyman **seconded** to approve the category M3 to M1C upgrades as presented. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Note: Scott Snobl MN was inadvertently left off from the M2 to M1C Recommended for Upgrade list at the October Board meeting. Since Scott was eligible for the upgrade, an email vote of the Board was conducted on 17 November 2017 to correct the oversight and he was upgraded to M1C.

Category M3 to M2

Bryce Abby NE

Harry Adler CA

Jason Amy PA

Gerald Arthur NC

Brian Beard WA

James Bennett CA

A J Best MI

Tyan Boyer NE

Kyle Brown GA

Oscar Burgos CA

Dylan Buschow NE

Sean Carnahan CA

Richard Chamberlain SC

Trevor Christenson WY

Daniel Cicarelli NY

David Cicarelli NY

Lyon Conley VA

Laura Conway CA

Chad Cox CO

Rich Cunningham CA

Drake Daughtry NC

Andrew Dietzman AZ

Dylan Eck KS

Brandon Garcia AZ

Ryan Green PA

Dylan Gregerson UT

Payton Halbig IN

Kenneth Hamel CA

Devin Harvey MI

Bryon Higgenbotham OK

Sherry Horton GA

Alex Jordan GA

Chris Kelly NC

Jessica Killerlain WI

Dan Korneychuck SC

Charles Lambert OH

Josh Lancaster OK

Michael Landrum IN

Morgana Landrum IN

Joseph Lim VA

Matthew Lindemann NJ

Vincent Loaiza AZ

Jeff Martin AK

Rafael Maturino OK

Colson Miller ID

Joseph Nobles NC

Tony Pacheco OK

Ethan Powell SC

Braeden Redlin TX

Brooke Richards NC

Ryan Richardson NC

Tim Rogers PA

William Salminen MT

Jason Sherber MN

Dillan Schouw GA

Jamie Shawver OK

Rumesh Silva CT

Matthew Stuhlrager PA

Annelis Tapia IL

James Tate NC

Jim Thrall CA

Vivian Vu NY

David Walton NE

Jon Walton FL

Jay Watkins CA

Walter Weichelt CO

Grant Williams OK

Tyson Dick WA

Jeffrey Nelson WA

Edgar Carrasco CA

John Heyman **moved** and Sam Julian **seconded** to approve the category M3 to M2 upgrades as presented. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Category M3 to M2 possibilities

Oshiana Norris AZ did not get a state recommendation but is worthy of upgrade to M2.

Parker Thammovongsa NV is thirteen years old and has officiated for many years. To acknowledge his work, the Board agrees to upgrade Parker to category M2 when he is in high school.

Sam Julian **moved** and Danny Blackshear **seconded** to approve both category M3 to M2 possibilities upgrades. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

DOWNGRADES

Category M1 to M1C

Troy Brewer MO Tony Napier OH

Recommended Clarissa Garcia TX be moved to the Waiver list as per request.

Category M1C to M2

None

Bill Stecklein **moved** and John Heyman **seconded** to move Clarissa Garcia to the waiver list and approve the recommended downgrades. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Selection of Head Pairer and Head Official for Events (Criteria): Bill Stecklein requested that Sam Julian and Casey Goessl serve as cochairs with Bill on all domestic assignments.

2018 Mat and Pairing Assignments with LOC Recommendations:

The following is a compilation of the 2018 Board assignments made by event:

University Women's Nationals/Junior Folkstyle Duals/Girls Folkstyle Nationals
Pairing Coordinator – Jeff Jones
Assigned – Lenna Fajerman, Monica Schommer, Teela Hardin
Clinician – Toska Adams
Head Official Girls/Junior Women – Susanna Sylstad
Head Official University – Mark Mundy

Northwest Regional
Chief Pairer – Karen Eble
Assigned – Sherry Bullard, Melissa Voss
Clinician – Alan Merrill
Head Official – Mike Dilworth

USAW/Cliff Keen Folkstyle Nationals
Do not assign pairers to this event
Off Coord./Clinician – Jim Littlejohn
Asst. K/C Coord – Karl Nadolsky
Asst. Jr/Vet Coord – Jim Toyota

West K/C Reg, West Jr Reg, UWW Jr, Sr Natls
Pairing Coord – Ginger Lile
Clinician UWW Jr, Sr Natls– Zach Errett
Clinician West K/C/Jr – Tod Blank

Western Kids/Cadet/ Jr Regional

Chief Pairer – Michelle Stevenson

K/C Assigned – Vickie Tolin, Brenda Coons-Houser, Celena Call,
Danielle Dalton

Jr Assigned – Heather Kerr

Head Official – Rob Roy

Coord – Tanner Blank

Coord – Dwayne Henry

UWW Jr National Championship

Chief Pairer – Janie Tuma

Head Official – Danny Blackshear

U S Open

Chief Pairer FS – Sherry Bullard

Chief Pairer GR – Barrie Loescher

FS Head Official – Sam Julian

GR Head Official – Casey Goessl

Sr Women Head Official – Umberto Fasolino

Grappling – Rusty Davidson

Jury/Head Officials – Rick Tucci, Bill Stecklein

Veterans Nationals

Chief Pairer – Jill Thorson

Head Official – John Welch

NE Regional

Chief Pairer – Ed Gould

Assigned – Sharon Hall, Toni Black, Paul Defosse

Clinician/Head – Michael Jordan

Coord K/C – Joe Silvestri

Coord Head Jr – Matt Fiala

Body Bar Women's National

Chief Pairer – Ed Bernshausen

Assigned – Pat Fox Abbott

Clinician/ Head – Cody Hesser

Coord – Cindy Mosconi

Northern Plains

Chief Pairer – Carrie Learn

Assigned – Paula Rider, Yvonne Hady, Tammy Bernshausen

Clinician/Head – Cody Goessl

Coord Jr – Rob Crowe

Coord K/C – Dave Ameiss

Central Regional

Chief Pairer – Jean Whetstone

Assigned – Joe Downing, Teela Hardin, Annette VanHouten

Clinician/Head – Dave Errett

Coord K/C – Mike Hesser

Coord Jr – Nick Mancini

Southeast Regional

Chief Pairer – De Heyman
Assigned – Terri Melosci, Eve Duncan, Ann Wood
Clinician/Head – John Heyman
Coord K/C – Nolan Meadors
Coord Jr – Jim Diehl

UWW Cadet/University Nationals

Clinician/Head – Tim Pierson
Chief Pairer UWW Cadet – Debbi Kallai
Assigned UWW Cadet – Kelli Schuffler, Renee Schoettle
Chief Pairer Univ. – Jill Thorson
Assigned Univ. – Dawn Haase, Jean Whetstone
Coord Univ – Jim Speelman
Coord UWW Cadet – Jason Salley
Addl Coord – Pete Kuisle

Southern Plains

Chief Pairer – Lenna Fagerman
Assigned – Pat Babi, Rene McElhaney, Deborah Watson
Clinician – Rod Cozzetto
Coord K/C – Miles Bolin
Coord Jr – Jason Babi

Schoolboy Duals

Chief Pairer – Carrie Learn
Assigned – Kayla Spurley
Clinician – Ben Nicely
Head Official – Scott Honecker

Cadet Duals

Chief Pairer – Ed Gould
Assigned – Monica Schommer
Clinician – Toby Tobiasson
Head Official – Chris Call

Junior and Women's National Duals

Chief Pairer – Mark Bullington
Assigned – Geni Johnshoy, Debbie Kelley
Clinician – Chris Curtis
Head Official – Jerry Kuntz

Asics Kids National

Chief Pairer – De Heyman
Assigned – Darcie Larrieu, Kelly Schuffler
Clinician – James Stinson
Head Official – Mervin Ford

Fargo

Pairing Coordinator – Ginger Lile
UWW Clinician – Zach Errett
Evaluators – Rick Tucci, Bill Stecklein
Evaluation Rotation Coord – Danny Blackshear
Protest Coord – John Heyman, Mike Swisher, Dave Errett FS, Dick Wince GR
Weigh-in Coord – John Heyman, Jose Delgado, Dennis Thorson
Mat Assignment Coord – Jan Hesser, Drew Hayes FS, Rob Wiggs GR
Women’s Head Mat C/J – Randall Balch, Na Humma
Cadet Women Chief Pairer – Sue Hesser
Assigned – Celena Call
Junior Women Chief Pairer – Debbi Kallai
Assigned – Geni Johnshoy
Freestyle Coord – Casey Goessl
Head Cadet FS – Tom Kuisle, Nick Kindred
Cadet Freestyle Chief Pairer – LeeAnn Johnson
Assigned – Paula Rider
Head Junior FS – Tim Pierson, Randy Steen
Junior Freestyle Chief Pairer – Debbi Kelly
Assigned – Ed Bernshausen
Greco Coord – Jerry Kuntz
Head Cadet GR – Chris Curtis, Cody Hesser
Cadet Greco - Chief Pairer – Jeff Jones
Assigned – Lorraine Smith
Head Junior GR – Sam Julian, Toby Tobiasson
Junior Greco - Chief Pairer – Karen Ebel
Assigned – Darcie Larrieu
P1 Clinic: TBA
P2 Clinic: TBA

International Assignments for 2017-2018: Bill Stecklein informed the Board that future assignments will be made later, as has been done in the past, when the schedule is developed and finalized.

World Championships and UWW Report: Zach Errett gave an informative report on UWW activities. Zach also stated that UWW has selected Casey Goessl as one of ten international educators.

2018 Rule Modifications – International and National: Zach Errett reported there will be a few rule changes next year but they are relatively minor.

Video Update for Officials (OEP): Zach Errett and Tim Pierson reported that the media videos are very popular on the USWOA website as well as social media. Last year there were more than 80,000 hits on Facebook from March through July. Tim stated that the videos will be starting again on 5 February 2018.

USWOA Office Report and Liaison Announcement: Derek Sikora gave an office report dealing with issues from the past year, changes made to deal with them and other matters such as the new membership system. Derek also reported on personnel duty changes. Jaimie McNab and others will still be helping with USWOA but he will be our point of contact.

Domestic Mat Official Assignment Committee (Casey): Casey proposed new members for the assignment committee. The Committee makeup includes the following list of members from every region and Board members as well:

Northeast Region

Scott Honecker MA
Matt Fiala NY
Michael Jordan DE
Ron Fazio NJ

Central Region

William Nicely IN
Nick Mancini OH
Toska Adams KY
Eric Frandsen MI

Northern Plains Region

Jarod Benrud MN
Cody Goessl NE
Jason Salley IL
Pete Kuisle MN

Southern Plains Region

Randy Steen AR
Jason Babi CO
Jose Delgado TX
Rusty Davidson NM

West Region

Susanna Sylstad WA
Nick Kindred CA
Brock Zollinger ID
Na Humma AZ

Southeast Region

David Pelsang NC
Mervin Ford FL
Cody Hesser LA
Mike Swisher VA

Tom Kuisle **moved** and Jerry Kuntz **seconded** to approve the list as presented. **Vote: passed unanimously.**

Ad Hoc Committee for Mat and Pairing Assignments (Sue): Sue Hesser, De Heyman and Ginger Lile presented a draft document to be presented to the Ad Hoc Committee of the State Leaders Committee. They gave an extensive report on the proposed new guidelines for conducting regional and national tournaments.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned for the night at 4:00 PM EST

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**SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2017
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Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Rick Tucci at 9:07 AM EST.

New Membership System (Derek): Derek Sikora gave an outstanding and very informative power point presentation on the new Safesport and membership system. The Safesport system applies to everyone involved with USA Wrestling including volunteers. Les Gutches discussed the transgender policy and the disability policy. Tom Kuisle asked if having the information on the website was sufficient. Derek suggested that a blast email be sent to the membership noting the requirement for everyone to go to the new membership system for compliance for Safesport certification. The Board dedicated a good deal of time on this agenda item and expressed much interest and support for the system. This system will also work well as a tool at state and local events for membership and tournaments.

Possible Agenda Items not Discussed by Committees:

Website Update: Tom Kuisle reported that the website has become an integral part of how USWOA conducts its affairs in all aspects of the organization. Tom asked for suggestions to update and improve the website. He also informed the Board that Toby Tobiasson is willing to help anyone who wants to write an article for the website.

Officials and Pairing Education Program: John Heyman and Tim Pierson presented a report on this year's OEPs with statistical data related to each of them such as attendance, categories and no shows. The Board engaged in a discussion about training needs, primarily for pairers and mat side computer operators, on the operational differences between the Track Wrestling system and the Flo Wrestling system.

Upgrade Updates: Chris Curtis and Ginger Lile led a discussion of current requirements for mat and pairing upgrades.

Evaluations Update: Chris Curtis and the Board engaged in an extended conversation about different methods of performing evaluations such as designated evaluators instead of mat chairmen, digital evaluations and online evaluation results.

Possible Bylaw Changes/Additions: John Heyman and Sue Hesser reported some bylaw changes are in the works that reflect recent Board actions.

State Recruitment Update: The Board engaged in a general discussion of why members are joining or leaving the organization. Tom Kuisle presented a handout with comments from Gary Mayabb and Joe Russel, from USA Wrestling, that were generated by conversations Tom had with them related to fostering better coach/official relationships.

How do we educate officials on the perspective of coaches and coaches on the perspective of officials. Comments also dealt with what both groups can do to help athletes perform better on the world stage and ideas that may help get more athletes to transition to officiating when their competitive careers are completed.

Reimbursement Update: Tom Kuisle gave an extensive update on the evolution of the reimbursement system. Tom stated that the system must be uniform and consistent. All event LOCs must use the same system and cannot deviate to suit their ideas. Tom said the assigned officials must be aggressive about the athlete counts and the payments made at the event.

Committee Reports (Ethics, Steering, Etc.):

Awards: Sam Julian presented several proposals related to awards given by USWOA. Sam suggested:

Creating an Outstanding Official for the Women's event in Fargo:
Rename the Official of the Year Award for Rick Tucci
Revamp the Awards Committee by removing Al Billings SC and Mike Garvey IA. Add Celena Call ID, Matt Fiala NY, Jason Babi CO, Tod Blank CA, and James Stinson WI to ensure representation from all regions. The following Board members will remain on the committee: Toby Tobiasson UT, Ginger Lile OR, De Heyman FL, Zach Errett IN, and Casey Goessl WI. Tom Kuisle **moved** and Sam Julian **seconded** to approve all the proposed changes. **Vote: passed unanimously.** Rick Tucci suggested updating the names on all of the awards. Sam will poll the Awards Committee for a consensus.

The following is the list of 2017 Award winners:

Lifetime Achievement Awards – Ed Bernshausen NE, Carrie Learn MN,
Tom Clark IN, Richard Wince NC, Mike Dilworth WA, Don Tolin WY

Official of the Year Award – De Heyman FL

Phil Portuese Award – Tom Clark IN

Glen Blackman Award – Na Humma AZ

Mort Geller Award – Mike Swisher VA

Dick Riggle Award (Cadet Natls) – Nolan Meadors GA

Sandy Cageao Award (FS) – Jim Diehl VA

Tom Clark Award (GR) – Brock Zollinger ID

Ivan Olsen Award – Renee Schoettle IN

Bernie Norris – Debbi Kallai OH

Ethics: Jerry Kuntz reported that the Ethics Committee did not meet to discuss any new issues during the 2016-2017 season as no complaints were received. Upon the recommendation of the USWOA Executive Board, certified letters were sent to five members and their State Chairman finalizing actions by the Board during the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 seasons. Jerry reported on a Safesport incident. Les Gutches discussed it as well. Jerry presented a handout of the USWOA Mission Statement and Code of Ethics.

Kids/Cadet Committee: Jerry Kuntz reported on the committee meeting in Fargo. He said agenda items dealt with separation criteria for Kids Nationals and a minor separation item for Cadet Nationals. Jerry said Rusty Davidson from the Coaches Council reported on a survey of the Fargo Cadet/Junior Nationals. The survey revealed that two thirds of Cadets and two thirds of Juniors are first year participants in both divisions. Jerry presented a handout of proposed weight classes but said it's not the most current and has been changed. The latest version is available on themat.com

Associated Wrestling Styles: Rusty Davidson submitted a report stating that two Ad Hoc committees have been formed by USAW. One addresses the needs and development of sub-groups within the Associated Styles and the second addresses the USAW Folkstyle menu. The report states that Grappling World Team Trials were added to Las Vegas last April and are scheduled for 2018 as part of the Las Vegas Slugfest.

International Tour Evaluation Report: Casey Goessl presented a handout consolidating all the international reports and indicated that mat officials for overseas assignments are generally better informed and treated better than in the past.

2018 World Team Trials Qualification & Procedures: Les Gutches, USAW, addressed related issues with Flo Wrestling, PROW (pro wrestling) and presented a handout on qualifications and procedures for the 2018 Men's Freestyle World Team Trials.

Gifts for Officials in Fargo 2018: Derek Sikora gave some guidance to help come up with ideas for gifts. Derek asked the Board to contact him with suggestions for possible Fargo official's gifts.

Hall of Fame Recommendation: Rick Tucci reported that Dave Errett is on the ballot and hopefully will be elected this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rick Tucci announced a list of action items, and a responsible person, to be accomplished before next season, if possible.

UWW World Senior and Junior Tournaments: There was an active discussion that involved Les Gutches of who and how many officials are to be sent. If there are four mats at the event we should try to send four officials. Budget does not appear to be a major issue. Bill Stecklein is the lead person for this item.

Purchase of Tablets: Tom Kuisle will investigate purchase of tablets for implementation of the Digital Evaluation System.

Officials more Involved with Event Scheduling: Rick Tucci expressed a strong desire to have more official's input when schedules are developed by USAW for major events. Rick will head up this item.

Webinar/Seminar for 2018 OEPs, Clinicians and Evaluators: Zach Errett, Tom Kuisle and Casey Goessl will create these materials.

Pairer Training for Flo Wrestling: Training needs to be conducted to educate pairers into the Flo Wrestling system so they are capable to run competitions. De Heyman, Sue Hesser and Ginger Lile will serve as leads for this item.

Fargo Video Review: Tim Pierson will work with Track Wrestling to have video review for all mats at Fargo next summer.

Retention of Officials: Danny Blackshear will develop a survey related to retention of officials.

Mentor Program: Rick Tucci wants six personable officials in each region to serve as mentors. Sam Julian, Danny Blackshear and Rick Tucci will be responsible for this item.

Contact People for Regional Tournaments: Assign two or three people per region to make contact with officials to encourage attendance at regionals. Sam Julian will pursue this matter.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:29 PM.