

**WSWA Board Meeting
Ellensburg, WA
August 21, 2021**

Meeting called to order 10:05

Roll Call

Board Members: Jeff Moore - President, MT Ayers – President Elect, Ed Hawthorne - Treasurer, Beth Michaelson – Secretary, LeeAnn Johnson – Pairing Officials Director, Rene Torres – Coaches Director, Marcus Requa – Mat Official Director, Dom Duncan – Kids Director, Adam Aney – 14U Director, Chris Feist – 16U Director, Tony Nunez – Womens Director, Paul Swanson – Membership Enrichment Director

Executive Director: Justin Newby

Guests: Boomer, Steve Losee

Not Present: Greg Ford – Junior Director

Board Reports:

President – Jeff Moore Welcome and thank you. Discussion on purpose and importance of wrestling in the community.

Leadership Summit recap: focus on growing memberships, updating membership costs, and Fargo. Size of Fargo was discussed. Participation has been steadily growing over the past few years. Fargo numbers for July 2021: 5,900 competed 6,200 registered. Resulting in referees being overworked and coaches experiencing burn out. Work towards changing the dynamic of Fargo. In the past states have been encouraging all kids to go as an experience, instead make it a tournament you need to qualify for. Still working on details. Excitement about women's wrestling and discussion on breaking that off for to help manage size of Fargo. Decided no as it's good for the sport. Add Greco for Women. Discussion on how our state goals align with USA Wrestling goals. Discussion on officials. Recommendation from Feist to get age level directors together to plan for how to move towards getting kids involved in regional events. Chris volunteered to head that committee up.

Cost structure updated for 2021-2022: Increase on membership cards - Limited Membership \$20, Traditional Membership \$55, Wrestling Leader \$60, High Performance \$120. WSWA negotiated no increase in cost for clubs and events. Will see one next season. WSWA will work to absorb costs for that increase.

Executive Director Report - Justin Newby

Justin has sent 20k deposit for Tacoma Dome for Folkstyle State. Propose allowing limited membership members to participate in Folkstyle State. **MT Ayers motion to allow limited card members to participate in State Folkstyle Tournament. Second by Rene Torres. Motion carries 6-4**

Fargo Recap: Coaches – will work closely with directors to make sure coaches have kids assigned and are doing their part. Officials – make guidelines for participation and stipend

Discussion on \$2 Fee. Motion by MT Ayers to get rid of \$2 fee, second by LeeAnn Johnson. Discussion on possibly bringing it back and using that money for something else. Motion Fails

Motion by Chris Feist to suspend \$2 fee for two years and then revisit. Second by MT Ayers. Motion carries.

Pairings Official Director – LeeAnn Johnson

Recognize Kali Phoenix for passing the P1 exam.

Satellite weigh-ins discussion. Process needs to be improved if used in the future with a focus on training.

U16 Director – Chris Feist

Clarifying USA Wrestling objectives: Grow membership, tighten up Fargo and grow women's wrestling. Wondering if WSWA has other objectives? Would like to look at bringing college wrestling back to Washington. Would like to tighten up goals and share with members.

Membership Enrichment Director – Paul Swanson

Discussion of value of role as a voting board member.

Motion by MT Ayers to remove membership director position from board as a voting member. Second by Marcus Requa. Motion carries.

Motion by MT Ayers to add Membership Enrichment Director as appointed position. Second By Tony Nunez. Motion carries.

Womens Director – Tony Nunez

Question about national team camps: Are we going to get back to them? Kids don't know who their coaches are and vice versa. Answer: Timing of 2021 high school season and Super State Tournament made planning camps difficult. Future Plan: Have Riverview as team camp and then regional camps. Have directors discuss together.

Kids Director – Dom Duncan

3 kids went to Kids Nationals and all placed. All were from NWWC. Samuel Moran was a double National Champ

Meeting adjourned 11:25am