

Spring Meeting – Sunday April 28, 2019

Attendance: Chris Hansen (Hudson/District 1), Pat Ratkovich (Wausau East/District 2), Jason Lulloff (Holman/District 3), Justin Lancaster (Freedom/District 4), Curtis Fiedler (River Valley/District 5), Ryan Gerber (Fort Atkinson/District 6), Craig Austin (Whitnall/District 7)
Randy Ferrell (Arrowhead/WWCA President), John Quinlan (Whitnall/Past President), Pete Moe (Cambridge/President-Elect), Bob Empey (Stoughton/Treasurer), Wendall Bean (Whitewater/Fall Clinic Chair), Jason Stromberg (Mukwonago/Public Relations), Tom McGarvie (Watertown/Alumni & HoF Chair), Tim Potratz (Weyauwega-Fremont /Awards Chair), Matt Verbeten (WWF Liaison)

Call to order

President Ferrell Called meeting to order at 9:07 am.

● Treasurer Report

Currently, the WWCA is at a balance of \$30,696.54. Checks paid for Nicholls Suit of \$4,000 (Tickets), Rental (\$1,000), and snacks and drinks (\$7,010.79)

Clinic account is at \$40,167.75. Will have an idea of our deposit from the WWCA Clinic at the July meeting. Insurance will be due in May.

Motion to approve made by Jason Stromberg, Second by Craig Austin. Approved 16-0.

● Advisory Results / 7% Committee

Discussions with the Coaches Advisory meeting took place on March 13. Following was discussed by the WWCA:

- 21 Ejections of the most recent season, down from 17-18 Season.
- Small team waiver process was discussed, statistics on who took advantage of this process will be later in the year.
- Consecutive snow days was discussed for weight allowance. Two-day weight allowance for 2 consecutive days of competition. Motion passed at the Coaches Advisory Meeting 6-0. (II,D,2)
- Head/Cervical/Spine - Information was collected and shared at the meeting. Was used at the NFHS meeting. This was adopted by the National Federation, which now makes WIAA aligned with the National Federation, which allows Wisconsin to have a vote at the national level.
- Weigh-In Form Improvements - Coaches asked for coaches to be required to present their weigh-in forms to tournament hosts. Passed 6-0 (II,F,1)
- Team-Sectional: Coaches asked for Seeding at the Team Sectional to take place 30 minutes prior to weigh-ins, only voting for three. Passed 6-0. (III,D,1)
 - Assistant Referee to be assigned for ALL team sectional finals. Passed 6-0. (III,D,2)
- Seeding individual State - WIAA notified that we are looking at a process to seed the Individual state tournament.
 - WWCA Sub-Committee will meet prior to July WWCA Exec Meeting.
- Team State Seeding - Trackwrestling will run data after the sectionals to have a reference for the meeting. The seeding meeting will be more of an appeal meeting. Passed 6-0 (III,F,1)
- Girls State Information - Asking for information about having teams practice together for girls to be together. No action taken.

7% Committee

- Clarification on DXA appeals process. Proposed language clarification for DXA appeals process for the weight plan for wrestlers. Motion passed Unanimously. (WIAA 7% Notes , II,A)
- Discussion on alternative appeals due to faulty measuring. Discussion was had about not allowing coaches to shop for desired results for pinch test of their wrestler. WIAA would consider on a case with strong enough evidence that faulty pinch occurred for the whole team, WIAA would provide the measurer at the cost of the school. (II,B)
- NFHS rule to now be followed for consecutive day 2 lb. weight allowance. Discussion had on what other states do, and how this would help WI wrestlers when competing with MN & IL wrestlers. (II,B)

WWCA Discussion on Advisory/7% Committee

- Tom suggested comprehensive quality control testing be done for the skin fold testers being used.
 - Suggested Girls 12% should be revisited to make sure that this is still the standard for Girls in the sport.
 - Suggested growth allowance should be revisited due to fluctuation of wrestlers moving down in February. Suggested 'Allowance' being used to 'go down' a weight class, not for growth purposes.

NFHS News Release

- Stalling progression being reviewed.
- Update on National Changes
- 19-20 proposed review changes: Information in packet attached with this meeting minutes
 - Tie-Break criteria is looking to be reviewed (9-2-2f)

● By-Law Review

- **Job duties / Responsibilities (Review/update Constitution)**
 - Review of Job Responsibilities of the WWCA Board, to look at changes that need to be made for up to date situations.
 - Discussion of areas in Articles of the WWCA Constitution that should be considered for review to the General WWCA Assembly at the Fall Clinic.
 - Changes will be continued to be discussed at July meeting with final revisions that will be presented to the General WWCA Assembly
 - **Motion made by Curtis Fiedler to have a sub-committee be formed to continue discussion WWCA Constitution revisions to be presented to the Exec board at July meeting. Seconded by Bob Empey. Approved 13-0, One Abstention.**
 - **Sub-Committee members: Bob Empey, Wendall Bean, Jason Stromberg, Jason Lulloff, Curtis Fiedler, and Tom McGarvie. All executive members are invited to sub-committee. Meeting June 5th @ 8:00pm with Committee members and exec members wanting to be involved.**
- **Executive Director – Tabled from previous meeting**
 - Tom McGarvie have discussed the idea of bringing on an Executive Director to the WWCA Board. Discussion had amongst what other Associations do. What are the responsibilities of the Executive Director? Discussions continued to have this as an ability to take responsibility over some of the jobs the current board has due to time constraints of board members (own jobs, responsibilities outside wrestling, etc). Discussion to be continued based on Sub-Committee review of WWCA Constitution and approval of revisions by the General Assembly at the Fall Clinic.
Motion made by Curtis Fiedler of Discussion to be continued based on Sub-Committee review of WWCA Constitution and approval of revisions by the General Assembly at the Fall Clinic. Second by Ryan Gerber. 14-0 Approved.

● Convention / Clinic Overview

- Clinic Registration at 390, Membership at 643. 200 of those came about a month before state tournament. Sponsors paid. Youth clinic did extremely well.

- Membership cards is a time consuming process, looking to streamline the process. Next years cards are being created. Looking for possible sponsors to give discounts to members with the card.
- **DVD and videotaping has brought some concerns. Have not received DVD's for certain people (including Hall of Fame speakers). May be looking for another vendor to do this for us at the clinic. Looking for this to be done professional.**
- Clinic Raffle had a concern about payout. Believe to be resolved.
- 2019 Clinic on November 1st and 2nd. Registration Program is in the process of being activated in July.
- Want to separate HOF registration to keep better records of their information.
- Coaches and clinicians beginning to be contacted for the Fall Clinic.
- Looking at session topics such as Girls Programs, fundraising for wrestling, keeping wrestlers out, etc. Suggestions are welcomed.
- Youth clinic: Do we want to stay with the same clinician, or go different route? USA card members or open it to all? Insurance clarifications will determine what route we go?
- Vendors: Looking for someone to take this responsibility. Letter is already organized. Craig Austin will take responsibilities.
- Rooms at hotel: Issues may come up due to another organization at the hotel and Halloween.
- Increase Membership Fee? Late Fee Charge? Decision made that January 1st would be the cut off date for late fee to be enforced for WWCA membership.
- Hyatt has asked that negotiations begin for 2021 Fall Clinic. Discussion had about possible other venues. **Motion by Pete Moe to make a sub-committee to research other venues for the Clinic meeting. Second by Wendall Bean. Passed 15-0.**
 - **Discussion to be continued for venue options at Fall meeting.**
- **Sub-Committee comprised of: Wendall Bean, Bob Empey, Jason Lulloff, and John Quinlan.**
- Looking for members of the Exec committee to be taking responsibilities for the Fall Clinic.
- Clinic Mats: Looking for some place in the Green Bay area to store the mats that are owned by the WWCA for Clinic purpose ONLY.
- Due to Wendell's election as the President-Elect, discussion of a search for a member to become the New Chair of the Fall Clinic should begin after this years Clinic.

● Challenge Series Chair

- Challenge Series Chair, Dave McCarthy and Tom McGarvie are looking to step down from the Challenge Series Chair Position.
- Looking for Region's to be alternative host sites for Challenge Series Qualifier. Seeking additional sites as options for Regions and Finals if needed in future. Seeking Co-Coordinator volunteers as well. Creating 'backup' lists for these sites/positions.
- **All Call to Membership**
 - **WWCA Members that would like to be considered for the Challenge Series Chairperson (Coordinator(s)), job responsibilities and duties will be issued in the near future. Asking for any and all interested to contact Tom McGarvie.**

● Public Relations (Moved to prior to Convention Discussion)

- **Sponsors**
 - Discussion on the new sponsor for the Nicholas Suite. If you have sponsors available that are interested, contact Jason.
- **Nicholas Suite**
 - Jason discussed the use of the 'membership' cards and how well this is going for use of the Suite. Discussion of the streamlining the process for confirmation of receiving checks, tickets, and other items for the suite.

- Suggestion by Exec. Committee member: Upper Seats (stools at forward 'bar' space) to be reserved for Executive Board in the Nicholas Suite.
- Looking at discussion on the use of cards for the Nicholas Suite.
- Discussion of monitoring system for refreshments by members. Suggestion to have attendants on duty hand out beverages (water and soda).

- **Web Page**
 - Discussion on how to improve the WWCA Website to be user friendly and adjust to the changing updates that are made by the Executive Board. (Stats, Techniques, Blogs, Podcasts, etc)
 - More can be clarified once the Constitution Subcommittee has clarified responsibilities and duties to the position.
 - Do we wish for website to be relevant and current.
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- **National Federation COY**
 - Looking to make sure we have someone nominated prior to the due date for the nomination, due to the National Federation Coach of the Year being nominated months ahead of the WWCA process. Board would like to take this years winner to put up for the upcoming National nomination.
 - Would this person have a chance of winning that National award? Do we put up our WWCA Coach of the year voting earlier in the year?

- **Nomination Process for WI to meet deadlines**
 - Recommendations for WWCA timelines for voting will go through the Monday of Individual state to the Monday of Team State (Nomination), with the following week for voting at a district level, and then the week after this to be for State level voting.

- **Voice over for Girls Wrestling video**
 - Girls Ad-Hoc committee is looking for \$100 for the voice over for the video to be presented.
 - **Motion to approve made by Ryan Gerber, Second by Craig Austin. Approved 15-0.**

- **Equal Division Discussion**
 - Justin Lancaster presented discussion from the District 4 Caucus Meeting about the Equal division proposal. Discussion on the options that were discussed. This is an overview of what will continue to be discussed by the Equal Division Sub-Committee on why this is important and should be considered.

- **Wrestlers in Business Network**
 - Information offered regarding the national organization WIBN (Wrestlers In Business Network <https://www.wrestlersinbusiness.org/>)

- **Request for Funding of additional display space at Woodside Dome - Hall of Fame Display**
 - Looking to add to the George Martin Hall of Fame with new displays that have George Martin's Distinguished Plaques and other Hall of Fame's plaques to be displayed in the Wisconsin Dells HoF display.
 - **Motion made by Jason Luloff to pay for a new display that will be approved via email vote by Executive Board once quote is introduced. Second by Pat Ratkovich. Approved 13-0.**

- **Other Business**

- A Bloomington, MN hotel representative contacted the WWF regarding potential to reserve block a rooms for the 2020 NCAA Division I Championships. Dave Black passed this on to us. Potential for WWCA members block of rooms at hotel. (Bloomington Hilton)
- Possible 'Random Draw' for the Individual State Wrestling Finals to determine a starting weight class.
- Discussion of Voting Results: District 7 will be Craig Austin once again, District 8 will be Kevin Koch (Head Coach Concordia University-Wisconsin), President-Elect will be Wendall Bean.
- Mike Arendt (Wrestling Official) asked if he could discuss a mentoring program for officials throughout the state.
- **Reminder that George Martin Hall of Fame Nominations along with all information involved with the process are due June 1st. All nomination materials must be submitted with hard copy (2 of each) and digital copies of all documents.**

Next meeting is July 7th, 2019 at 9:00am.

July Meeting

- HOF
- Ad Hoc Committee Overview
 - Girls Committee
 - a. Road Map
 - b. Overview
 - c. Education
 - d. Administration
 - Equal Divisions Committee
 - a. Overview
 - b. Logistics
 - c. Education
 - d. Implementation
 - Seeding Committee
 - a. Overview
 - b. Logistics
 - c. Education
 - d. Implementation

Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn made by Bob Empey. Second by Craig Austin. 13-0 Approved.**