

Michigan Wrestling Association
Fall Regional Meetings (North Region)
October 17, 2018

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Attendance:

Jaime Smith Frankfort, Pete Maxwell Oscoda, Tony Lopez Oscoda, Joe Johnson Mancelona, Tevin Nygren Mancelona, Andy Moore Grayling, Lyn Lightner official, Mark Grant Onaway, Tim Jones Pine River, Buddy Goldsworthy Gladwin, Cole Gulick Gaylord, Marty Foote Gaylord, Jerry Lajoie Gaylord, Bob South Boyne City, Russell Nyland TCW, Nate Juett TCW, Joseph Raciecot Bark River Harris, Ryan Hopkins Evart, Jeff Demory Mio.

Go To Meeting (online) : Dan Carlson Ishpeming Westwood

Motion to Begin: (6:15 Tony Lopez)

Please sign in and check your contact info.

Membership Drive

Tony worked through the Agenda Below: General Announcements (additional comments in bold)

- Inform all in attendance on how to register for MWA membership.
 - Online at <https://www.michigangrappler.com/mwa>
 - Explain that you do not have to pay online. You can register and select to mail in payment.
 - Clinic Discount - Discount for coaches registering 3 or more coaches.
 - \$125 for the 1st and/or 2nd coach
 - \$25 Staff Discount for the 3rd coach, only
 - \$50 Staff Discount for the 4th or more coach, only
 - All questions - email Christopher Dunham: cdunham@lakeviewspartans.org
 - Update Northern Coaches & Officials Roster **please make sure we are all trying to get everyone involved. MWA membership is important. We are also trying “Going To Meeting” to reach our U.P Teams, we understand it is a drive, but really want to have your feedback.**

Nominations and Voting

- Question about the process? Refer to constitution (**things that are upcoming**)
[https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0138/0423/2017_Constitution_and By-Laws_10.28.17.pdf](https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0138/0423/2017_Constitution_and_By-Laws_10.28.17.pdf)
- Regional - All seats (except for Tri-Cities (Vacancy) will be held for at least 2 years due to inaugural vote last Spring.
- Executive Board - 3 open seats (*Member at Large, Treasurer, Membership*)
 - Nominations and Voting will take place online leading up to Fall Clinic. Communication will come from Chris Dunham.
 - **It will be done just like it was for the Regional, names, Bio and voting will take place Nov 3.**
 - **Really need to get someone from the North to think about taking on a role. North is under- represented. In regards to MWA membership as well as executive board. Tim Jones and Jerry Lajoie to consider representation.**

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- Voting results will be announced at 4:30 pm at Fall Clinic.
- Timeline
 - Nominate open (really prenomination because they could last minute nominate at the meeting) 10/17 - 10/26
 - Bios posted on grappler 10/27 - 11/3
 - Voting to take place on 11/3 with electronic voting open from 12:00 and closes no later than 4:00 to allow for results to be stated at 4:30. I will email blast the link to all current coaches the voting link.

Fall Clinic

- NWCA Leadership Academy - [FLYER and Details](#)
 - Free to anyone attending Fall Clinic, pre-registration required (5 day before)
 - Starts Friday, November 2nd at 8:00 am
 - **Football coaches-consider it, if you think there is any chance you may not have a game that day. You can register in the next 2 weeks. Lots of Round Table Discussion (Smith spoke of her experience).**
- Encourage attendance to both Friday and Saturday
 - Invite youth coaches, middle school coaches, etc.
- Main Clinician: **Nick Simmons**
- Breakout sessions
 - COY Presentations, off Season training/How to build interest, communication with wrestlers/parents, running a tournament/event, youth program building, officials panel, branding/Friday night duals, promoting multi-sport athletes
 - **Includes our very own- Jerry Lajoie,**
 - **COY clinics provide some “same” level insight, things that are tangible to our level.**
 - **Will our MHSAA official meeting count for Rules? (Bob South) A: YES**
 - **Cap Training Reminder as well as CPR training Reminder – CPR IS also available at the MWA CLINIC (Smith & Lopez)**

Hall of Fame Banquet Recognition

- Executive Board voted on the following awards to be recognized at this years hall of fame banquet. Plan to have a more formalized nomination and voting process in place by this fall.
- AD: Pete Ryan, Saginaw Heritage
- Officials: Lynwood Leightner-Cheboygan (**in the house**), Clay McCreight-Mt Pleasant
- Volunteer: Brad Bennett
- Media: JJ Johnson
- Youth: Curt Cummings & Jim Fleet
 - Nominees will receive free ticket plus one to the clinic and banquet.
 - **Lajoie – Nominated Doug Becker in previous years, suggested we (as a North Region) look to nominate him in the future as an AD/ Coach**
 - **These should come around again in the Spring.**
 - **Please Attend the Hall of Fame Banquet- this is to honor “our” best & one of our own “Lynwood”.**

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- **Friendly reminder - bring a button down and khakis. The food is good and it is a nice banquet.**

MHSAA Update

- Team State and Individual State
 - Same Locations, minor tweaks to improve efficiencies.
 - Team State @ Wings Stadium (Kalamazoo)
 - Individual State @ Ford Field
- Adjustments?

Is it still 2 days – Yes,

One weigh in- Yes!

Suggestions/ Minor Adjustments:

Tarp the Field, so they don't have to deal with the black beads (Mark Grant)

Coolers for Wrestlers: Team Coolers for post weigh in! Some teams got busted, this needs to be allowed. There wasn't anything available for them to eat in house and not enough time to go out or anything close enough. Many of us ended up walking three blocks to get donuts. (Hopkins)

Coaches Room/ Hospitality room - Coffee. (Johnson)

Individuals – loosen the grip (security) on the floor. (Lajoie, multiple others)

Parking? Even if one pass per coach in the parking garage. One close, allows to shuttle and get kids out of there if they need it. (Johnson- multiple others)

Team States went great and ran smooth. Especially venue , however coaches felt micromanaged on some things coaches should be allowed to control. Example: Coaches should have some say on who gets to carry team flag (coaches discretion – allow Senior or captains). (Grant)

- Shooter sleeves are not allowed this year in Michigan. Will be covered in online rule meeting.

Michigan and numerous other states have outlawed these. Shooter sleeves run mid calf to mid thigh. Even if you put your knee pad over it. Includes ¾ tights, must have the stirrups, this allows it to not run up the leg. (Lopez, Lynnwood)

Girls Wrestling

- Looking at a state tournament sponsored by the MHSAA the weekend of the conference tournaments, **Sunday?** one division @ Adrian College. **2020 is the Goal**
 - **Will this affect their weigh in count as it is before post season?**
 - **Will girls have to choose between Conference Tournament & States?**
 - **Unanimous that Conference Weekend is not “best choice”: Girls are contributors to the Conference Weekend. Long Weekend for Majority of coaches (and travel).**
 - **Exception on the girls weigh in? two competitions (same sport & inseason) would that supercede the weigh in. Would girls states be considered one of these (but its MHSAA sponsored)? (Jones)**
 - **Team States is a great opportunity for ALL coaches to be available.**

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- Will there be an “Exception” to team state girl qualifiers/ contributors. Extra post in- or Team State weigh-in counts? Small exception on this- max 4 girls – probably one or none. Only needed for girls who are team state and individual qualifiers. (Pine River - Holly - was an example from the past few years)
- Great Comment in regards to : Girls are going to carry the boys through this- this is how we GROW THE SPORT! Used Olympics as example. (Lajoie)
 - All coaches are on board- and want it to be an EXTRA opportunity. Not Either/ or for their athletes.
- 14 wt classes? 10 wt classes? Title 9 – must match boys?
- Down the road: having a separate post-season for the females?
- Committee to work on girls wrestling: Casey Randolph, Jamie Smith., Greg Mayer & Cliff Cushard.
- Teams/Coaches Interested?
 - All - majority have girls, even those who don’t are supportive, only concerned about weekend choice.

Questions and Concerns

- Field questions from coaches and gather information to bring to executive board conference call that will follow regional meetings.

Regional Sites??? Answered: Second lowest number will be the host. (Jones)

Driving Tons of Miles, not centrally located with how sparse our district is set. The drive times is 3-5 hours. (Grant). Distances do not make sense. FINANCIALLY and STUDENT SAFETY/ ACCOUNTABILITY! A very rough situation for northern school.

Defense – provides schools who never get to host, the opportunity to host. (Lajoie)

Rebuttal: In this formula I will never see a “host” as I bounce back and forth. Winter traveling and back- to – back days – safety and health concern for kids and kids missed TONS of school for that benefit. Student- Athlete ? Stated: I would gladly NEVER host, for a centrally located regional

Defense? Better Crowd – with a winning section, (Maxwell?)

Rebuttal: Lose the rest of the crowd because other teams aren’t willing to TRAVEL.

What looks like one or two extra HOURS of travel and Northern Michigan - can easily become multiple hours of travel with weather.

This is NOT the best decision for the Kids!

Option: Can it be written in that there will be a HOST exception if it over 3 hours of Travel? Then a central site would be considered. With Div 4 having team on Thursday - one team traveled 6 hours north, to then wrestle Saturday 2 hours south. 16 hours of Travel in 48 hours.

Other Announcements:

Evert Michigan – New facility. Training Center will be available this spring. Greco/ Freestyle. Team Donahue. Be on the lookout/ in touch for opportunities. (Hopkins)

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Saturday in Gaylord – Referee Clinic. Youth MYWAY – 10am. (Lajoie)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 called it. Smith Motioned, Jones Seconded, all in favor.