

## MWA Regional Meeting Notes – Tri-Cities - 10/17 6pm

12 schools represented;

Midland High	John Glenn HS
Freeland HS	Bay City Central
Pinconning HS	Bridgeport
Standish Sterling HS	Arthur Hill
Dow High	Valley Lutheran
Swan Valley	Birch Run

1. MWA Membership Drive
  - a. We discussed all the talking points on the agenda...
  - b. Feedback
    - i. Coaches weren't that concerned about the clinic and thought that the discount was good, but that it would be hard to get all their coaches to attend.
    - ii. Also suggested we should have separate info if we are just looking to join MWA and not attend clinic
    - iii. To increase membership here are some suggestions;
      1. Have a rep attend the youth organizations board meetings to talk about the MWA. Many of these youth coaches will eventually be on a high school staff, so it only makes sense to introduce the organization to them
      2. At each tournament this year, at the coach's meetings, someone should speak about membership to the coaches. We could cover most of the state if one of us was able to take 5 minutes and speak about the benefits of being a member.
      3. Facebook page for each region
      4. Communication needs to increase. Having the regions is helpful. Apparently, there were only three schools represented at the last regional meeting
2. Nominations/Voting
  - a. Covered it all.
  - b. Only discussion point that they were concerned with here was how to nominate someone to be voted.
3. Clinic
  - a. Covered all talking points
  - b. Feedback
    - i. Breakout topics – How to build culture?, How to change culture of school/program?, What is a day in the life of an elite program look like?, How do

non-teacher coaches influence, build and grow a program in the schools if they're not in the building every day?, How do we recruit kids & get other coaches involved and support wrestling?

- ii. They would also like to see the open forum for the COY, where it's like a question and answer format
4. HOF Banquet
    - a. Discussed all talking points
    - b. Feedback
      - i. Nothing too much to note here, just wanted to know the procedure for nominating. Then asked if there isn't anyone noteworthy, then will we just not have the position inducted that year?
  5. MHSAA Update
    - a. Discussed all talking points
    - b. Feedback
      - i. Coaches were concerned about whether we plan to stay in Detroit or not for the state tournament.
        1. Were not fans; too difficult to travel in town, expensive, not enough lodging.
        2. Coaches were happy to hear that they are adjusting the timing and mat tape. They were wondering if there would be flooring put down this year so that there aren't rubber beads all over the mats.
        3. They would like to see a food area for kids, better parking options, and shorter days. Friday was way too long.
  6. Women's wrestling
    - a. Opened this up for discussion
    - b. Feedback
      - i. Said we should copy what NJ did and add a women's division, so for the state tournament you'd have D1, D2, D3, D4, and Women's.
      - ii. Coaches talked about hosting separate girl's tournaments as options. So you might have a JV tournament and run a girls tournament along side on a Friday night and then have your varsity tournament on Saturday.
      - iii. Girls would still have the option to join the boys, but having them separate would allow us to showcase our girls wrestling to schools like Adrian.
      - iv. Will the state allow co-ops for girls teams to start?

#### Open Discussion

7. Discussed Addix. One of the coaches had a very difficult time with cradle Gear and was pretty vocal about it the problems. He endorsed Addix. Also, Freeland endorsed Addix, talked about some issues they had with an order and how quickly it was fixed.
8. New Coaches in the region
  - a. Charlie Dwenger – Hemlock
  - b. Carrolton is still pending
9. JV tourneys – Talked about Rockford's model and discussed how we could do that in the Tri-Cities. Will use FB page to get that going.