

WSWA General Membership Meeting

Aug 19, 2023

Hal Holmes Center Ellensburg WA

President Jeff Moore is not in attendance. President Elect MT Ayers is presiding over the meeting
Executive Director Justin Newby is conducting the meeting.

Meeting called to order at 12:02pm

Clubs in Attendance: Ascend, Auburn A-Team, Auburn Slam, Avidity, Bear Claw, Cherry Creek, Damaged Ear, Dear Park Ironman, Eatonville Cruisers, Elma, Federal Way Spartans, Ferndale Force, FordDynasty, Inland NW, JackHammer, Kent Cougars, Montesano Mad Dogs, Moses Lake, NWWC, Olympiad RTC, Othello, Punisher, Ravens, Roosters, Skagit Valley Yellowjackets, Snoqualmie Valley, SWWWC, Steelclaw, Stingers, Tahoma Jr. Bears, Takedown Express, Team Scorpion, Thurston County, Tri Cities, Twin City, Victory, Warden Elite

Motion to accept August 2022 General Membership Meeting Minutes by Erin Evans, Stingers WC.
Second by Karl Johnson SWWC. No Objections, motion carries.

Executive Director Report: Justin Newby

State Leadership Summit

- Girls weights are changing
- Boys are adopting NFHS weight classes
- Girls TOAs and Folkstyle Nationals will have points for pushouts and neutral starts between periods
- USA Wrestling is switching to Sports Connect from SportsEngine. Washington is staying with SportsEngine this year
- Teal Certification: free through September 30th. Continuing education focused on Women's Wrestling
- FS/GR State: looking at Tri-cities at HAPO Center, Justin is looking at facility tomorrow
- Folkstyle still at Tacoma Dome
- Equipment purchases: Scales. Were used at Fargo-12 seconds per kid to weigh-in.
- Event registration: moving to USA Membership system due to increase in price from Track. Consensus from room to move to USA Membership system for pre-registration

Finance Report

- The Executive Committee sets and approves the operating budget
- About \$178,000 in checking.
- The WSWA subsidizes a substantial chunk of dual team expenses. Are considering adding a few dual teams for Salt Lake Slam and Turf Wars
- 11,509 total membership numbers. Top 5 in the country
- Historic membership number

16u and 14u Director positions are open for hire. Contact Justin for application information.

President Elect Report: MT Ayers Not a lot of problems this year. Encourage people to officiate

Mat Official Director Report: Marcus Requa:

- Only a few issues this year, mostly at higher level events like State. Recommend that coaches remind parents that mistakes can happen. Focus on civility.
- Official Compensation will change this year. Tournament Directors can set their own rates above minimum.
- Tournament directors need to take responsibility for getting some officials.
- Hoping to hold an officials clinic

Operations/Pairing Officials Report: LeeAnn Johnson

- Will be holding two Trackwrestling training sessions possibly September and October.
- Discussion on satellite weigh-ins. LeeAnn will send out a best practices sheet, including skin checks.
- 3 upgrades: Brandy Baker passed p3 test, p2 Rachel Ayres, Molly Gandy p1

Coaches Director Report: Rene Torres Had a great group of coaches for regional training camps and represented our State well at duals and Fargo. Thanks to team leaders for membership increase.

14U National Team Director: Steve Losee (see report page 3)

Women's Director Report: Bodi Orton Goal is to keep the ball rolling and build on prior years success. Did 5 camps and Riverview. All well attended. Went 6-2 at duals in Tulsa. Fargo was fantastic, went well and staff was phenomenal. Spoke with Terry Steiner regarding what USA Wrestling is looking for from women's director: develop women's coaches. Washington is a leader in this area.

Junior Director Report: Greg Ford

- Duals- didn't meet Greg's expectations. Hard time pulling on pulling best kids on dual teams. Time conflict with graduation is always an issue.
- Need to get kids to NW Regionals to get seeding points for Duals and Fargo
- Highlight: Thor Michaelson (NWWC) double AA at Fargo in FS and Greco

Kids Director Report: Washington had a National Triple Crown Winner- Paxton Becket (NWWC)

New Business:

- Stipend increase for coaches and officials. Will get \$750 for travel in 2024. 2023 sent 20-22 people to Fargo.
- Discussed hosting a State Leaders Summits- general consensus that it is supported.
- Fargo Fee changes: discussion on rates and discounts. Examples included: \$1,000 fee with option to earn discounts through participation in tournaments, qualifying placement and past placement.
- SWWC – discussion on regional rule change for tournament bidding.

Voting: Both Candidates ran unopposed and were unanimously approved by the membership

- LeeAnn Johnson – Operations Officials Director
- Ed Hawthorne - Treasurer

Motion to adjourn for tournament bidding: MT Ayers, Tri Cities WC. Second by Justin Rowland, Auburn A-Team. Meeting Adjourned at 1:10pm

14U State Director Report 2022/2023
Steve Losee – 14U Leader

State and Regional Events

2023 WSWA Folkstyle State	
14U Boys – 295 Competitors	Up from 250 in 2022
Girls Grade 6-8 – 103 Competitors	Up from 62 in 2022
2023 NW Regional FS	
14U Boys Festival – 84 Competitors	Up from 69 in 2022
14U Girls Festival – 35 Competitors	Up from 15 in 2022
2023 NW Regional GR	
14U Boys Festival – 50 Competitors	Down from 53 in 2022
2023 WSWA Freestyle State	
14U Boys – 174 Competitors	Up from 127 in 2022
Girls Grade 6-8 – 66 competitors	Up from 37 in 2022
2023 WSWA Greco Roman State	
14U Boys – 93 Competitors	Up from 85 in 2022
Girls Grade 6-8 – 29 Competitors	Up from 14 in 2022
4 Successful 14U Prospect camps	
Tahoma – Puyallup – Punisher – INWTC	

Duals

- 14U Boys – GR 8th place AA for 6th year in a row (minus Covid Year)
 - FS – Winning Record – Bronze Pool Champions
- 14U Girls – FS 3rd Place AA for 2nd Year in a Row

Ind Nationals

- 14U Boys FS – Utah – 12 Competitors – 4 AA (2 runner up – 2 Thirds) Up from 5 in 2022
- 14U Boys GR – Utah – 12 Competitors – 6 AA (1 Third 4 Fourth 1 Fifth) Up from 5 in 2022
- 14U Girls FS – Spokane – 19 Competitors – 12 AA (1 Champ 1 RunnerUp 1 Third 3 Fourth 2 Fifth 2 Seventh 2 Eighth)

Ideas for 2023/2023

- Take Girls GR to Tulsa – See Budget Proposal
- Reduce number of boys by 2 (18weights+6)
- Increase number of girls by 3 (14weights+4)
- Make NW Regionals a MANDATORY tournament to make National Dual Team
- Encourage participation in WEST Regionals – Seeding Event for Boys
- Continue with Prospect Camps
- Increase awareness of Interest List signups