Minutes of the USA Wrestling - Ohio Annual Meeting

**October 1, 2017**

Attendees (33): Chris Kallai, Keith Carter, Mary Terbay, John Cvetic, Robin Rayfield, Amanda Burr, Wendel Donathan, Jeff Kullman, Chris Kallai, Jr., Bob Vallarelli, Jason Ashworth, Erik Burnett, Jake Bontatibus, Zach Ison, Jim Lehman, Leo Saniuk, Leo K. Saniuk, Carol Saniuk, George Shore, Charlie Smith, Jim Speelman, Rae McDonald, Jon Burr, Mark Gerhard, Rick Davis, Tim Hessing, John Gillespie, Todd Haverdill, Gavin Speelman, Adam Coffey, Paul Kruggel, Jonathan Lucas, Jon Burr

Determination of quorum: To have a quorum, at least 25% of the Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members (i.e., a minimum of eight) must be present along with representatives from at least 10% of the Chartered Clubs (i.e., a minimum of eleven). Twenty (20) Officers, Directors, and At-Large Board Members were present, and twelve (12) Chartered Clubs were represented at the beginning of the meeting. Since it was determined that we had a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:08 AM.

# Officers and Directors Reports

1. **Chairperson’s report** – Chris Kallai

Chris thanked all the Tournament Directors, mat officials, pairing officials and Coaches for helping this past year.

Highlights from the Chairperson’s report:

* + State tournament went great – highest numbers ever. UWW went well. Clubs were paid $400/mat and sent workers. The Cleveland Sports Commission sent us a check for $7000.
  + Fargo went well. Next year we will be housed in air conditioned dorm rooms.
  + National meetings made adjustment to Fargo criteria and separation – info on the website.
  + USA will host the Olympics in 2028.
  + High school wrestling numbers are down overall but Freestyle, and Greco are up.
  + There is a new membership program. Renew your license early – there is more to do (Safe Sport Act must be completed)
  + US Marines will come to tournaments if you need volunteers. They would like to be involved.
  + The National Wrestling Hall of Fame has been revamped. Inductees are displayed on interactive boards. Coach G (Wadsworth) and Gary Wise (Beavercreek) are among this year’s inductees.
  + Spire Center is bidding on the Cadet Duals.
  + Women’s Freestyle will not be at Fargo in 2018; they will be in Oklahoma with the Junior Duals. The Fargo schedule will be adjusted for this change. Fargo will also have awards at one time and consolation matches are changed to 2 2-minute.
  + There are changes at Regional and National meets. Twenty pairers are not needed; mat officials are.
  + Debbi Kallai was named National Pairing Person of the Year at Fargo.
  + USAW performed well in Paris and future looks bright.
  + UWW will be at Akron for 2 more years. Top 8 Cadet and Juniors in each weight class qualify for Fargo
  + The Central Regional will be in Ohio in 2018 (2 year rotation).

1. **Vice Chairperson’s Report –** Keith Carter

Tournaments

* Qualifier numbers were 2200 (400 more than last year with one more qualifier). Thanks to the pairing and mat officials for smooth running tournaments. All qualifiers were up over 2016.
* State tournaments had 995 athletes in all State tournament. Schoolboy had over 300 participants for the first time. This was the largest state tournament since at least 2002.
* Otterbein had some issues for the State tournament. These have been addressed with them and they have agreed to correct. Larger problem was there were only 6 additional people at the State tournament to assist with registration and weigh-ins. This needs to change or the State tournament will go to high school.
* Fargo training camp is at Ohio Northern University for 2018 since it was for a 2 year commitment. Bid was $10,000 less than next closest and had air conditioned rooms.
* Keith is resigning. Chris will appoint a Vice Chairperson for a 1 year term later in the meeting.

1. **Secretary’s Report** – Mary Terbay

The Minutes of the 2016 USA Wrestling Ohio Annual meeting were approved as written. (**Motion** by Leo Saniuk; seconded by Bob Vallarelli).

**4. Membership Chairperson’s Report** – Leo Saniuk for Jim Bostic

Fees for clubs, coaches cards and tournament sanctions have gone up $5.

Membership numbers were:

Athletes 4945

Clubs 113

Event sanctions 67

Officials 42

Coaches 557

Of the top 10 clubs based on membership, 6 are MVKWA clubs. Top membership club is Samurai Wrestling club with 96. Second highest is MVKWA Springboro with 95.

**Membership Chairperson’s Report** – Amanda Burr

MVKWA numbers:

Athletes 2707

Teams 71

Coaches 136

Events 55

Kids clubs in the north are required to have all coaches with membership cards.

1. **Treasurer’s Report** - John Cvetic

John distributed copies of the financial statement comparing the financial position, income, and expenses for fiscal years 2017 and 2018. USAW-OH finished $20K good to budget, due to $9K not spent in Services (officials, regional clinics, and Coaches’ Council) and $10K in fund raisers (State tournament, State Duals and UWW).

The Fargo budget was also reviewed. There were 3 buses and 7 vans. A .PDF of the budget will be sent with the minutes to be posted on our website.

The 2018 budget was also presented. The first pass at the budget showed a $13K surplus. Suggested removing club sanction fees for one year ($9K), adding money t create a style training syllabus ($2500/ style). It was decided to provide a scholarship to MVKWA of $7K for them to offset MVKWA Fargo and the syllabus of $5000 to use the surplus. The budget also includes $2500 for each Freestyle/ Greco Dual team (4) and USAW-OH will hold card prices the same even though national office has increased them by $1/card.

Another proposal was to reduce Fargo costs for each wrestler. Take the $12K we have and with all incoming revenue (Sport Commission, ONU, Rudis, Otterbein) we could reduce the Fargo cost by $200/ wrestler. Discussion included dropping the amount by $100, drop by $150, allow World Team members to go to Fargo for free.

* **Motion** by Bob Vallarelli (seconded by Jeff Kullman) to drop the Fargo cost per wrestler by $100. Motion passed.

The Treasurer’s report was accepted by acclamation **(Motion** by Leo Saniuk and **second** by Bob Vallarelli).

**Motion** by Leo Saniuk and **second** by Wendel Donathan to accept the budget as amended by motion; approved by acclamation.

**6. Kids / Schoolboy Director’s Report** – Wendel Donathan

Wendel announced that this would be his last year as the Head Coach for the Schoolboy dual team. He would like to find someone that could work with him this year to learn the ropes.

Schoolboy duals – Ohio did not place this year due to weight classes not filled but they were very competitive. The training camp at ONU was great. Thanks to Jason Ashworth for all his assistance. Ohio Schoolboys were 17th overall in Greco with 4 All Tournament members and 9th overall in Freestyle with 2 All Tournament members.

**7. Cadet Director’s Report** - Jeff Kullman

Jeff thanked his staff and to the Coaches’ Council for helping to create energy towards the development of the best system for each wrestling style at all levels.

Fargo camp was great and ONU was awesome. Cadet Duals: Greco, 5th and Freestyle 3rd. 12 All Americans in Freestyle at Fargo and 2nd overall.

**8. Junior Director’s Report** –Jeff Kullman for Bryan Marcelli

Same comments about the Fargo camp. Duals 3rd in Freestyle and 5th in Greco. Fargo went well with 1 All-American in Greco and 8 All-Americans in Freestyle.

1. **Open Director’s Report** –Rae McDonald

FloWrestling did not report the information that Rae needed to put information on our website. The University level was well attended.

1. **Women’s Report** – George Shore for Lauren Louive

Women is the fastest growing sport in the nation –showing a 160% growth. Ohio took 16 girls with 5 in the finals and placed 8th in the country. Girls needs support and backing. 31 girls went to Oklahoma with 25 All Americans.

1. **Folkstyle Director’s Report**  - Charlie Smith

MVKWA has over 2800 wrestlers this year, 73 clubs and approximately 200 coaches. Charlie urged everyone to support the Women.

1. **Greco Development Director’s Report** – Jim Speelman

Jim stated the separation of styles is leading to concentration on all style at the higher school levels. This improves the caliber of wrestling in the style. ORTC has just started Greco (hired Harry Lester). Looking at having a camp at OSU of 3 sessions in 1 day. Clubs should contact Jim if they would like to have a Greco clinic. Suggested a weekend for development. Tried this a couple of years ago with no takers.

**13. Freestyle Director’s Report** – Jim Lehman

Coaches’ Council is working to come up with a structure approach to wrestling based on style. There have been many changes in past year for the correct reasons: having camp at a university, state tournament in Columus, Coaches’ Council, restructuring of positions to allow focus on style, creative ideas for clinics, syllabus, ORTC and video and Cadet and Juniors training together.

1. **Mat Officials Director’s Report –Bob Vallarelli**

Bob thanked everyone for their support and coming to him to resolve issues. We still need officials and some have expressed interest during the past year, resulting in 4 new officials. $100/club that supplies a “new” official that works for the year. Training is available and a clinic can be done. Ohio has 32 registered officials and 8-9 of them attending all events. He encourages coaches to push athletes to referee to learn the rules.

1. **Pairing Co-Director’s Report** – Carol Saniuk for Debbi Kallai

Carol reported that 2017 was a good year by the numbers. All qualifiers/ State tournaments were on TrackWrestling for all age divisions. Thank you to Leo and Carol Saniuk and Chris Kallai Jr. for all their supports. We still need more help and we did gain one new PA this year. Thanks to Keith Carter.

**16. International Exchange Director’s Report** – Jonathan Lucas for Brian Church

Jonathan reported that 2017 was a great year for international participation. The exchange trip to Moscow Russia went well. Highlight of the trip was training and competition with hearing impaired wrestling team. Canada trip was great competition and was held in a new arena style facility. Ohio was joined with NY and MA to form a USA Delegation. Ohio had one Cadet 69kg gold medalist. 2017 international training camp was a success with wrestlers from Kyrgyzstan in attendance.

**17. Media / Promotions Director’s Report** –Carol Saniuk

Carol reported most people use Twitter and that our website is not dynamic enough for a lot of viewing.

**18. Fund Raising** – No report

# Proposed changes to the constitution

1. **Change the number of memberships listed from 4 to 2.**

The current constitution had 4 types of memberships: Club, athlete/ coach, support and sponsor. This change would allow for 2 membership types: club and member (which would include athlete, coach, support and sponsor).

**Motion** by Leo Saniuk and **second** by Bob Vallarelli to accept the proposed change as written. Passed.

1. **Add two positions to the Board of Directors** to align with the single largest USAW-OH membership group (MVKWA Director) and the coaches’ group (Coaches’ Council Director). Also create a National Teams Director position (not a Board position) to combine Junior Director and Cadet Director positions, which reports to Coaches’ Council Director.

**Motion** by Todd Haverdill and **second** by Jim Lehman to accept the proposed change as written. Passed.

1. **Remove voting privileges from Senior Pairing Officials, Senior Mat Officials and Senior Coaches.**

Discussion as to why this was being proposed. In part to prevent an attendance of one group to have an issue pertaining to that group pass and then leave the meeting. If interested in voting, become an At-Large member or Director. Senior Officials in attendance did not agree and did not feel that they left meetings after key votes.

**Motion** by Leo Saniuk and **second** by Bob Vallarelli to accept the proposed change as written. Failed.

**Motion** by Zach Ison and **second** by Jim Lehman to modify the Senior Officials to highest category officials only (M1 and P1). Passed.

# Appointments

Chris Kallai appointed Robin Rayfield to serve as Vice-Chairperson for a 1 year term to complete Keith Carters position.

**Election of Officers**

The following **Officers** were elected for **two-year** terms:

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| **Position** | **Nominations** | **Nominated by:**  First  Second | **Close nominations**:  First  Second | **Result** |
| Chairperson | Chris Kallai | Keith Carter  Leo Saniuk | Zach Ison  Bobby Vallarelli | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Secretary | Mary Terbay | Bobby Vallarelli  Carol Saniuk | Bobby Vallarelli  Leo Saniuk, Jr | Re-elected by acclamation |
| MVKWA Director | Charlie Smith | Mark Gerhard  Zach Ison | Mary Terbay  Bob Vallarelli | Elected by acclamation |
| National Teams Director | Jeff Kullman | Jim Lehman  Leo Saniuk, Jr. | Keith Carter  Bobby Vallarelli | Elected by acclamation |
| Schoolboy Director | Wendel Donathan | Charlie Smith  Zach Ison | Leo Saniuk  Zach Ison | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Open Director | Rae McDonald | Jeff Kullman  Carol Saniuk | Robin Rayfield  Bob Vallarelli | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Mat Officials Director | Bob Vallarelli | Rick Davis  Jim Speelman | Bob Vallarelli  Zach Ison | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Pairing Officials | Debbi Kallai  Kristy Ernst | Keith Carter  Mary Terbay | Bob Vallarelli  Zach Ison | Elected by acclamation |
| Folkstyle Director | Jon Burr | Jason Ashworth  Mark Gerhard | Amanda Burr  Charlie Smith | Elected by acclamation |
| Freestyle  Director | Danny Song | Jim Lehman  Eric Burnett | Rick Davis  John Cvetic | Elected by acclamation |
| Greco Director | Zach Ison | Jake Bontatibus |  | Elected by majority |
| Beach Director |  |  |  | Open position |
| Sombo Wrestling Director |  |  |  | Open position |
| Grappling Director | Adam Coffey | Keith Carter  Wendel Donathon | Leo Saniuk  Chris Kallai Jr | Elected by acclamation |
| International Exchange Director | Brian Church | Jeff Kullman  Leo Saniuk Jr | Bob Vallarelli  Rick Davis | Re-elected by acclamation |
| Fund Raising Director |  |  |  | Open position |
| Media / Promotions Director | Brad Bournival | Leo Saniuk  Carol Saniuk | Rick Davis  Bob Vallarelli | Elected by acclamation |
| Women’s Director | Tracie Shore | Charlie Smith  Leo Saniuk | Rae McDonald  Zach Ison | Elected by acclamation |
| One Year Term |  |  |  |  |
| Coaches’ Council Director | Jim Lehman | Todd Haverdill  Bob Vallarelli |  | Elected by majority |

**New Business**

1. **Officials Development Program – Bob Vallarelli**

Bob proposed that an additional $1500 be set aside to help offset expenses for those officials attending regional and national events. This is in addition to the $7000 available to offset costs ($400/ regional and $500/ national) and only one such event is compensated. The money would be disbursed after the criteria is met (official works 3 USAWO qualifiers and 1 USAWO State tournament). Jim Speelman indicated this this money is necessary to help offset the expenses for those younger officials that are not working and need the assistance to help them to advance to the next level.

**Motion** by Zach Ison (seconded by Rick Davis) that $1500 be used for officials (mat and pairer) over the course of a year to offset expenses to attend regional/ national events at the discretion of the Mat Official Director and Pairing Official Co-Director. Passed by a majority.

1. **Update from Tournament Directors meeting**

Contracts will be modified to state that any tournament in violation of the contract terms may be penalized by a fine of up to $500 and /or revocation of tournament for the next year.

If Tournament Directors want to run paperless they can contact WrestleOne and set up a separate agreement with them for the computers, clocks to run that way. TrackWrestling is still a requirement.

1. **Central Regional – Wendel Donathan**

Wendel has made arrangements with ONU to host the Central Regional at their location over Memorial Day weekend for both 2018 and 2019. ONU will provide air conditioned dorm rooms for mat and pairing officials. Help will be needed to run the tournament.

1. **State Tournaments – Keith Carter**

State tournament Freestyle time was suggested to start at 3 to eliminate some of the frustration of waiting from 1 to 5 before wrestling. Robin to look at this.

All volunteers and officials should be there at 7 am. If you have a room paid for, there you should be there to assist with registration and weigh-ins.

1. **Women’s Folkstyle**

It was recommended that $2500 be given to the Women’s Team Ohio Folkstyle team to help offset their costs.

**Motion** by John Cvetic and **second** by Leo Saniuk to accept the recommendation as proposed. Passed.

1. **Training camp**

It was suggested that Fargo team petitioners and Schoolboys could be invited to attend the training camp for a fee. This would help to offset the Fargo costs and give these wrestlers an opportunity to practice with some of the best in the state in each style. Caution that Schoolboy cannot wrestle with Junior competitors.

1. **Kids Greco**

Kids Greco was supposed to happen at Delta but did not. Greco clinics were held at all south tournaments and in Columbus. Should we drop this? Keep the clinics and look to Greco Director and Coaches’ Council Director for guidance on this.

See next page for list of State tournaments and qualifiers.

Next general meeting will be Sunday, September 30th.

Meeting adjourned at 2:18.**Scheduling of 2018 USA Wrestling - Ohio Tournaments**

It was suggested that there be a State Duals weekend – one day Greco and one Freestyle. Discussion about a Freestyle team MUST have a Greco team, which day to have Greco and which weekend. It was decided that April 21 and 22 would be the Dual weekend.

**Motion** by Keith Carter and **second** by Wendel Donathan to have a Duals/ Development weekend April 21-22. Passed.

Prior to the end of the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts it was **Motioned** by Keith Carter and seconded by Leo Saniuk to drop the Greco Dual. Passed.

Development day will March 31st.

The following tournaments are **TENTATIVELY** scheduled for the 2018 season (pending confirmation of dates, completion of paperwork, and receipt of fees). Note Carroll and Northwest have switched dates since the meeting.

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Location** |
| April 22, 2018 | Ohio State Dual Tournament | Ohio Northern University |
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| April 7, 2018 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Mount Union College |
| April 8, 2018 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Indian Valley HS |
| April 14, 2018 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Westerville South HS |
| April 21, 2018 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Northwest HS |
| April 28, 2018 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Elyria HS |
| May 5, 2018 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Carroll HS |
| May 6, 2018 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | John Carroll University |
| May 12, 2018 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament | Lakota East HS |
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| April 28, 2018 | GR/FS Qualifier Tournament and Ohio Kids State Tournament | Elyria HS |
| May 19, 2018 | Sandy Cageao Ohio Greco State Tournament | Otterbein University |
| May 19-20, 2018 | Sandy Cageao Ohio Freestyle State Tournament | Otterbein University |
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Updated schedule after all changes:

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| **Date** | **Style(s)** | **Event** | **Location** | **Tournament Director** |
| Sat., April 7 | GR/FS | Northeast Ohio Qualifier Tournament | Mount Union College  Peterson Field House  1972 Clark Ave., Alliance, OH | Josh Malave  (330) 329-6651 |
| Sat., April 14 | GR/FS | Central Ohio Qualifier Tournament | Westerville South High School  303 S. Otterbein Ave.  Westerville, OH | Brian Church  (614) 496-6369 |
| Sat., April 21 | GR/FS | Northwest Ohio Qualifier Tournament | Delta High School  605 Taylor St., Delta 43515 | Robin Rayfield  (419) 583-6924 |
| Sun, April 22 | FS | Ohio State Duals | Ohio Northern University | Robin Rayfield  (419) 583-6924 |
| Sat., April 28 | GR/FS | Northeast Ohio Qualifier Tournament (Cadet, Junior and Open ONLY!) | Elyria HS  601 Middle Ave., Elyria 44035 | Erik Burnett  (440) 225-5793 |
| **Sat., April 28** | **GR/FS** | **Kids/Schoolboy State Championships** | **Elyria HS**  **601 Middle Ave., Elyria 44035** | **Erik Burnett**  **(440) 225-5793** |
| Sat., May 5 | GR/FS | Southwest Ohio Qualifier Tournament | Carroll High School  4524 Linden Ave., Dayton 45432 | Mark Gerhard  [mgerhard@mindspring.com](mailto:mgerhard@mindspring.com) |
| Sun., May 6 | GR/FS | Northeast Ohio Qualifier Tournament | Uniontown Lake HS  1025 Lake Center St., Uniontown 44685 | Mike Mattinly  (330)760-3187 |
| Sat., May 12 | GR/FS | Southwest Ohio Qualifier Tournament  (Cadet, Junior and Open ONLY!) | Western Brown HS  4805 Stony Hollow Rd. Georgetown 45121 | Wendel Donathan  Wendel.donathan@wbbroncos.com |
| **Sat., May 19** | **GR** | **Cadet/Junior/Open State**  **Championship** | Otterbein University  1 S. Grove St., Westerville, OH | Robin Rayfield  (419) 583-6924 |
| **Sat., May 19**  **And**  **Sun., May 20** | **FS** | **Cadet/Junior/Open/ Women State Championship** | Otterbein University  1 S. Grove St., Westerville, OH | Robin Rayfield  (419) 583-6924 |
| Fri., May 25 –  Sun., May 27 | GR/ FS | *Central Regional* | Ohio Northern University | Wendel Donathon |
| Thurs, May 31 –  Sun, June 3 | GR/ FS | *UWW* | University of Akron, Akron, OH | See [www.themat.com](http://www.themat.com) for more information; weights |
| Jul 28 | Folkstyle | Ohio State Fair | Buckeye Sports Center,  717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH | Brian Church  (614) 496-6369 |
| Jul 29 | FS/GR | Ohio State Fair | Buckeye Sports Center,  717 E. 17th Ave., Columbus, OH | Brian Church  (614) 496-6369 |
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