

RIWA meeting Monday 4/29/2019

Warren Yacht Club

Attendance: Claro Dimen, Chris Drance, Steve Aissis, Mike Everin, John Antonucci, Bob Soares, Hamlet Suazo, Richard Muniz, Tyler Grayson, Dylan Rodrigues, Stefano Famiglietti, Jacque Davis, Megan Hawkins

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm

March 2019 meeting minutes were accepted as read.

Claro Dimen discussed RIWA continuing to provide reimbursements to athletes for entry fees to post season regional and national events listed on the USA Wrestling website event schedule. We need to continue to encourage Rhode Island athletes to travel for competitions such as Folkstyle Nationals and Northeast Regionals and Girls' Folkstyle Nationals. RIWA has not supported non-USA events based on our affiliation with USA wrestling as the national governing body of the sport.

Tyler Grayson and Jacque Davis provided an update on National and Women's teams. Rhode Island will send 8 to 10 male athletes and 8 to 10 female athletes to Fargo Nationals in July. Athletes have until the end of May to commit to attending. Motion made by Claro Dimen second by Chris Drance to disburse \$5000 total from RIWA to all athletes attending Fargo. This is to be split equally \$2500 for male athletes and \$2500 for female athletes. Motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion was also held to have athletes qualify for Fargo next year by attending Northeast Regionals or the Girls' Gotham City freestyle event. RIWA will host a Freestyle/Greco tournament on Saturday April 11, 2020 with proceeds earmarked for the Fargo athletes that qualify next year. This creates a New England Freestyle series with CT hosting first week of April, RI hosting second week of April, ME third week of April, MA fourth week of April and the Northeast Regionals in PA traditional held in the first week of May.

Old Business:

Richard Muniz discussed the 2020 Beauty and the Beast event and confirmed a tentative date of Saturday January 18th 2020. RI Convention Center is able to hold up to 20 mats total.

New Business:

USAW Coaches Education Silver College to be held June 5th to 7th in New Jersey and August 10th to 13th in Colorado.

Bob Soares reminded all in attendance to have athletes apply for the RIWA Scholarships. Only 1 application received so far this year.

Motion was made by Mike Everin and second by Bob Soares to provide \$500 to Katelyn Bouyssou towards her 2020 Olympic training expenses. Motion was passed with only 1 vote against.

No May meeting scheduled due to Memorial Day holiday. Next RIWA meeting will be held June 24th starting 6pm at Warren Yacht Club.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.