

WSWA General Membership Meeting

Aug 20, 2022

Hal Holmes Center Ellensburg WA

Meeting called to order at 12pm

Welcome from Chairman Jeff Moore and presentation of standing rules.

Motion to accept August 2021 General Membership Meeting Minutes by Jay Terry , 2nd from MT Ayres. No objections, motion carries

President Report: Jeff Moore

Thanks to coaches and people in the room for their time and commitment to the sport. WSWA is a leader in the nation – thank you. Thank you to the board for their time. Special thanks to Tony and Chris for their years of service. Both are stepping down from their board positions this year.

State Leadership Summit Highlights:

- Women's wrestling continues to grow. Last year there was discussion to add women's Greco. This year focus on freestyle. This year women will need to qualify for Fargo at a regional event (NW regional is not a qualifier for women) or by placing top 3 at Freestyle State. USAW is discouraging petitioning.
- 14u Girls and Women's duals will have Greco as a trial
- Any person that is on a world team year before is auto qualifier in style
- Headgear is recommended not required for any age groups. Change for 14u

President Elect Report: MT Ayers

Went to a lot of national tournaments as an official. Officials are pushing for coaches who get red cards at national events to lose their cert (bronze, silver, gold, etc). Has not been implemented, but is on the table for discussion.

Secretary Report: Beth Michaelson

Meeting Minutes are posted on the WSWA Website.

Coaches Director Report: Rene Torres

Stated that it is "nice to see familiar and new faces." As older coaches we need to work on mentoring young coaches. Encourage younger coaches to apply for national team coaching roles. Looking to have coaching clinic with well-known freestyle/Greco name. Looking at clinic after high school state. Focus on encouraging women to get involved in coaching.

Treasurer Report: Ed Hawthorne

WSWA spent about 500k in 21-22. Estimate 448k in expenses for 22-23. Keeping one year of operating expenses in reserve. Currently researching investing options.

Junior Director Report: Greg Ford

21-22 Recap- AA in Junior Duals. Made Pool finals in both styles. Working on a systems to create discounts for returning AA so we can recruit earlier and better teams. Hard to get full and competitive roster due to timing of duals. Focus on nutrition and strength training. Need to

encourage best athletes to participate in regionals. Encourage merging of clubs for post season training. Benefits to athletes. Working together as clubs will benefit the state.

*comments from floor

- maybe push FS state out later or NW regionals. Discussion dates on FS/Greco/Folk state.
- Idea from floor Neutral site free training every “Wednesday” where everyone shows up and trains. No directive from state, but communication about opportunities

Cadet Director Report: (Director not present)

Brian Owen - Fargo report: Recommends that WSWA develops a structured coaching plan that is worked on in each age group. Felt like Cadets were not prepared for Fargo. Washington didn't perform as well as in the past

Joey Rojas- Cadet Duals: great experience in Utah 2-2 in FS and 3-2 in Greco. Got to tour Utah Valley and get a clinic in. Great push for the season

Mat Officials Director Report: Marcus Requa

1st year in position. This year worked with senior officials and get officials together regionally to train and be on the same page. Had 6-8 younger officials at state level tournaments. Very proud of the kids. Keep encouraging them to participate and to work on increase in rank. Tournament mat official is expected to be on mat. Great relationship between coaches and officials this year. 40 officials signed up to work. Like to see 80. Definitely a need for FS/Greco officials. Consider working with USA wrestling at making state tournaments an option for an upgrade. Comes with some other restrictions. Discussion on coaches officiating. Hard as there are not a lot of coaches either.

Womens Director report: Tony Nunes

Opportunity for training events. Rene will be working on that – please reach out to Rene/keep an eye out for opportunities. Advice to people to train with other teams. Not think of kids as mine, but ours. Supports mandatory national team camp. Hard year. Thanks to TY for pictures at Fargo. State needs to come together more. Deficit to kids when not coming together. Push kids to national team camps and put them a position to win.

Schoolboy Director Report: Steve Losee

Took 14u to Indianapolis for duals. Team AA in Greco. After a 2-year covid hiatus this was a young group and a lot will still be in 14u next year. 9 years in a row Greco AA. Took 14U girls team to Tulsa. Girls did very well. Thanks to Coach Ottow for coaching. Adding girls Greco next year. 14u 1st team effort as a state. Sets the stage for 16u and junior duals. Encourage kids to go kids nationals so we can get seeding points. Encourage to do USA Events even though there are a lot of options.

2022-23 USA Wrestling Schedule: a copy was handed out. Some disappointment about conflict of schedule. Discussion on tournament schedule and hoping to work on ideas. Ask Board to look at how tournaments are divvied up

Old Business – none

New business: Age group divisions have been eliminated from board. Instead people can apply to be age group directors and coaches and will be paid a stipend based on position and responsibility.

- Voting results: Only contested position is Chairman elect- MT Ayers elected

- In Memorial: Jay Terry presentation about Wayne Jackson followed by a moment of silence.
- Question about structure of board do we have plans to add a Business Development Officer. No, that role is filled by the Executive Director.
- Request from Brian Owen for the WSWA to explore coordinating teams for youth duals.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 1:55pm