



# WWCA November Meeting Agenda

Sunday, November 08, 2020

[Virtual Zoom Meeting](#)

**Mtg ID:** 993 8629 4066; **Pass:** g0YC49  
9:00 AM



## **Review & Voting Procedure**

- A.** 8 Day Review Window for virtual meeting notes: **8:00 am 11/09/20 thru 11/16/20**
- B.** 2 Day Voting Window opens at **8:01 am on 11/17/20** and **closes at 8:01 am on 11/19/20**
- C.** Voting will be done via the link below. The survey will be turned off until the window opens.

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## **1. Call to order/Welcome (Moe); Attendance (Gerber)**

***In Attendance:*** Pete Moe (President), Wendall Bean (President-elect; Convention), Randy Ferrell (Past-President), Bob Empey (Treasurer), Ryan Gerber (Secretary), Chris Hansen (1), Pat Ratkovich (2), Justin Lancaster (4), Curtis Fiedler (5), John Schimming (6), Craig Austin (7), Kevin Koch (8), Mike Arendt (Officials), Matt Halter (*Web Director-NV*), Tom McGarvie (HOF; *Alumni-NV*), Tim Potratz (Awards), Jason Stromberg (Publicity), Matt Verbeten (WWF)

***Not in Attendance:*** Jason Lulloff (3)

### **Meeting Objectives:**

- Continuing business and Covid Guideline discussion.
- Continue to set a future agenda for Coaches Advisory Meeting (March).
- First hour will be reports then Jason Berna - if reports don't take a full hour and are short, we will go into agenda items before Jason Berna.

## **2. Reports**

- a.** [Secretary's Report](#) - review/acceptance (**Gerber**)
- b.** Treasurer's Report (**Empey**)
  - i.** Account Balance as of \$30,387.03
  - ii.** \$3.00 banking fee since September meeting

Motion to Accept Secretary/Treasurers' Reports by **Craig Austen**, Second by **John Schimming**;  
Vote to Accept Secretary/Treasurer Reports **passed** unanimously, no abstentions

- c.** Officials Report (**Arendt**)
  - i.** Tests and videos are active online for coaches on WIAA website

- ii. First of 2 Zoom Officials Clinics beginning this upcoming Tuesday @ 8-9:30
  - iii. Currently reviewing headgear/masks for upcoming season
    - 1. Masks are going to be tight fitting
    - 2. Masks can't have loops in the back that fingers can get caught in
    - 3. Gaiters/Bufs cannot be used in wrestling due to strangulation concerns
  - iv. Reiterated how cognizant coaches/schools are in scheduling duals given how many officials are not going to be officiating this season - i.e. every conference can't go on the same night due to lack of officials
  - v. **Lancaster** asked about whether there is any discussion happening regarding safety of wearing masks during wrestling. **Arendt** responded that the Governor's mask mandate supersedes the WIAA rule. There has been conversation around masks with Medical Advisory but right now, there isn't an option due to the Executive Order.
  - vi. **Schimming** asks how these wrestling events are able to go without wearing masks. **Arendt** said that it's up to local law enforcement to police the mandate.
  - vii. **Potratz** asked how officials will rule on masks, if they're pulled off or if it comes off. **Arendt** said that it will be officiated similar to required equipment. If a hand gets caught in - similar to singlet; if it falls off unintentionally - stop the match and fix; if a kid is on his back will the match stop - probably not.
- d. Awards Report (**Potratz**)
- i. Virtual Clinic Awards has gone pretty good
  - ii. Thanked everyone for getting him information and thanked presenters that helped during the Virtual Clinic
  - iii. All Awards have been received - is going through the process of sorting now for disbursement
  - iv. Taking pictures of the awards that we have for archiving - **Bean** mentioned that the pictures may be used for future bids on awards but also for posting on our WWCA website.
  - v. Will get awards to District Reps for disbursement
- e. Public Relations Report (**Stromberg**)
- i. The WWCA is not under any contract with the UW Kohl Center for the Nicholas Suite
  - ii. Everyone acknowledges that everything is up in the air at this time.
- f. WWF Report (**Verbeten**)
- i. Discussed the email sent from Dave Black about a December tournament - Sectional like event.
    - 1. Not a WIAA sanctioned event
    - 2. Sounds like attending this event must follow the 6-7 day WIAA protocol
      - a. **Bean** mentioned that in the Presidents' meeting with Wade, he said the 6-7 day window would still apply. **Moe** reiterated this.
    - 3. Date to respond to WWF is November 11th - decision to host is based on responses to this. This is just to get a feel for the amount of kids that may come - doesn't lock anyone into anything.
      - a. Requires school approval
      - b. Requires parents to take kids to the event
      - c. Requires USA Card

- d. Tournament during the season so specific paperwork needs to be filled out prior to kids going there. Eligibility issues may arise without proper paperwork.
  - 4. The tournament would be a Sectional like event so teams would enter 1 entrant per weight bracket.
    - ii. Significant conversation around attending the tournament was had
    - iii. Feb 5th/6th dates are reserved at Chula Vista Dome in the event that WIAA regional/sectionals are cancelled
- g. Web Director Report - Development of Recognition and Voting (**Halter**)
  - i. Has been working on updating and reorganizing the webpage.
  - ii. Aggregating news from previous meetings, district rep information
  - iii. Award presentations have been loaded up to YouTube and embedded into the WWCA webpage - Will certainly help us if we move into social media
  - iv. Hoping to make things more relevant on the webpage and get more traffic to the site
- h. Hall of Fame/Alumni Report (**McGarvie**)
  - i. [Nomination process](#) is through the WWCA website
  - ii. Working to update contact information on George Martin Hall of Fame members
  - iii. Continue to find/seek/secure archive historical materials for Wisconsin Wrestling Museum
  - iv. Still looking for a brick/mortar building to house Wisconsin Wrestling Museum
- i. Challenge Series Report (**McGarvie/Fenwick**)
  - i. Challenge Series Cancellation for 20-21 season
    - 1. Contacted and polled coordinators via email regarding holding Challenge Series
    - 2. Consensus amongst all coordinators was to suspend for the 2020-2021 season.
    - 3. Many schools wouldn't be available to host; many schools wouldn't be able to participate
  - ii. Fiedler asked for a financial update on the Challenge Qualifier/Tournament
    - 1. Biggest cost to WWCA for running this event is about \$1,000
    - 2. Many costs are picked up by private donors at this time - **Bean** asked whether the WWCA would need to pick up costs of the tournament if donors didn't choose to pick up costs in the future. **McGarvie** mentioned that he'd look for new sponsors in the event that would happen.
- j. Past President Report/NWCA Report (**Ferrell**)
  - i. [NWCA Webinar Registration](#) - Nov 11/19th @6:30 CT
    - 1. Coaches PD
    - 2. Lots of information regarding COVID-19 information
    - 3. Free event - just register!
  - ii. [Reasons Why Wrestling is Prepared to Safely Return to Training and Competition](#)
  - iii. [COVID-19 State Wrestling Changes](#)
  - iv. NWCA National Duals have been cancelled for 2020-2021 season

### 3. District 4/State Series Revision Plan - Jason Berna Presentation and Q&A (10:00-11:00am)

- a. [Presentation](#)
- b. Jason Berna presented the above Google Presentation regarding the District 4 Revision Plan
  - i. **Empey** brought up the seeding of the state individual tournament issue of seeding all 16 wrestlers w/o double elimination. **Fiedler** cleared up this issue with discussion of this on the next agenda item.
  - ii. **Jason Berna** mentioned the importance of double elimination at the state individual tournament for a number of reasons.
  - iii. **Moe** thanks **Jason Berna** for the presentation. Did bring up potential challenges through the changes that this plan needs; 5 match per day rule is NFHS rule, realignment of current postseason model, getting coaches statewide behind this, etc
- c. Discussion happened about how to move forward
  - i. **Moe** asked district reps to address these items with membership
  - ii. **Lancaster** discussed putting together a plan that can be attacked and measured in progress
  - iii. **Bean** asked if this was the point of the 3 year plan; 5 year plan
  - iv. **Lancaster** brought up current timing as a concern given COVID issues

### 4. Seeding Individual State Update (Lulloff)

- a. [Seeding Bracket](#)
- b. **Fiedler** discussed and gave an overview of what the committee talked about at their past meeting.
- c. **Empey** proposed trying to tweak the proposal to keep the true 3rd place wrestleback for D1
- d. **Moe** asked that a bit more work be done on this in order to strengthen the proposal before taking it to Sports Advisory. Recommended that the committee gets back together to work through issues.

### 5. 7 and 7/Match Count Update (Fiedler)

- a. **Lulloff** ran the meeting - wasn't here.
- b. Issue was tabled until the March meeting.

### 6. Virtual Clinic Review/Membership/Summary/2021 Clinic (Bean)

- a. Clinic Chair's Report to the WWCA Executive Board on the 2020-2021 Virtual Clinic: [LINK](#)
- b. **Bean** gave a summary of how the virtual clinic has been (as linked) - please see the notes in the link for information regarding the clinic including the 2021 Fall Clinic.
- c. **2021 Fall Clinic: November 11-13, 2021**

### 7. Annual Meeting (Moe)

- a. Secretary and Treasurer Report

- b. State of the WWCA Address
  - i. Work within the last year
  - ii. Raise of membership fee
  - iii. Nicholas Suite cost
  - iv. Passing of girls wrestling
  - v. Future work
- c. NFHS Rules Changes/Season Reminders
- d. Covid Guidelines
- e. Others?
- f. Closing

## 8. WIAA Covid Information for Review/Season Guidelines (Moe)

- a. Impromptu Meeting-Covid Coop
- b. USA Wrestling Reach out
- c. Scrimmages
  - i. **Bean** mentioned that Wade was understanding and recognized the limited ability to run scrimmages. **Bean** mentioned that Wade would be willing to look into shortening up the number of days necessary before a scrimmage.
  - ii. Presidents will follow up with Wade
- d. Non School events
- e. Member Request - A WWCA member contacted a District Rep with an idea for the upcoming wrestling season. After discussion was had amongst the board, it was not acted upon at this time.
- f. Others?

## 9. President's Report (Moe)

- a. Expressed thanks to the members of the board for all the work that's been done during this COVID period and all of the work being done for the Virtual Clinic. Expressed gratitude for the continued communication amongst the board.

## 10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by **Hansen**, 2nd by **Bean**;  
Vote to Adjourn passed unanimously, no abstentions

Time: 3 hrs, 45 minutes

<u>Next Meeting</u>	<u>Future/Rolling Agenda Items</u>
Sunday, March 07, 2021; 9:00 am Business Meeting Zoom Virtual Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Girls State Wrestling, 2021-2022</li> <li>● End of Year Voting and Recognition, 2020-2021 season</li> </ul>

Notes Passed 17-1-0