



# WWCA Regular Meeting Business Agenda

Sunday, May 23, 2021

[Virtual Zoom Meeting](#)

**Mtg ID:** 922 0822 6326; **Pass:** 5Nj8W8  
9:00 AM



## 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), Jason Lulloff (3), Justin Lancaster (4), Curtis Fiedler (5), John Schimming (6), Craig Austin (7), Mike Arendt (Officials), Teague Fenwick (*Challenge Series-NV*), Tom McGarvie (HOF; *Alumni-NV*), Tim Potratz (Awards), Jason Stromberg (Publicity), Matt Verbeten (WWF)

**Not in Attendance:** Pat Ratkovich (2), Kevin Koch (8), Matt Halter (*Web Director-NV*),

## 2. Reports

### a. [Secretary's Report - review/acceptance \(Gerber\)](#)

- i. Thank you to those that sent reports/outlines ahead of time - it's certainly appreciated!

### b. Treasurer's Report (Empey)

- i. Account Balance as of \$29,946.93
- ii. Other Actions
  1. \$800 for Taxes filed on January 11, 2021
  2. Insurance payment is in early June
  3. Received a new WI State Tax Exempt #
  4. \$5,000 donation and the process requested to receive it

Motion to Accept Treasurers' Reports by **Schimming**, Second by **Lancaster**;  
Vote to Accept Treasurer Reports **passed** unanimously (15-0-0); no abstentions

### c. [Web Director Report \(Halter\)](#)

- i. **Halter** not in attendance
- ii. **Bean** gave an update on many updates and changes that have been going on with the website. Many of the changes are concentrated on updates, cleaning things up, and giving Exec Board members access.

### d. [WWF Report \(Verbeten\)](#)

- i. New WWF Chairperson - **Todd Schaaf**
- ii. Fargo update
- iii. Tournaments WWF has run
- iv. WWF appreciates the work the WWCA did getting the season in

e. [Challenge Series Report \(Fenwick\)](#)

- i. New coaching staff at Middleton HS - Per Middleton's AD, hosting the Challenge Series Qualifier put on hold until a new coach is secured. Back-up site being looked at (just in case).
- ii. 2022 Qualifier - January 8

f. Public Relations Report (**Stromberg**)

- i. Needs to get addresses/emails for Hall of Famers - working with **McGarvie/Bean**
- ii. **McGarvie** noted that **Don Hale** got information for National Hall of Famers. **Wayne Bruno** has also been helping to get information. Asked to look for these addresses within each district and make sure the information is correct.
- iii. **McGarvie** will put together a list of individuals with addresses and send them out to the committee. Asked that everyone work within their district to get information. Asked to make sure that the information that committee members find is current and accurate.
- iv. **Stromberg** mentioned that there are some HOFers that have children that are essentially 'care takers' for that individual. If this is the case, get their information.
- v. **Email, Phone Number, Mailing Address, and Back-up Information**
- vi. **Stromberg** asked for a deadline of June 30, 2021 to get information submitted to him.
- vii. **Stromberg** asked the group how "deep" we want to dive into sponsorships going forward. Has had conversations with **Lulloff** about being more creative. Perhaps linking the clinic with the Nicholas Suite. **If there are companies/organizations interested in getting involved, please forward them to Jason Stromberg - he will follow up.**

g. Hall of Fame Report (**McGarvie**)

- i. A list of ALL nominations coming after June 1st to Executive Board members
- ii. Hall of Fame meeting on July 11
- iii. Alumni/SAGES
  1. Still working on a dedicated, "brick and mortar" Wisconsin Wrestling Museum
  2. Archive has been moved to a secure storage unit in Stoughton from the YMCA in Watertown
  3. **McGarvie** continued to call for equipment, artifacts that tell the story of Wisconsin Wrestling to be donated to this collection.

h. Awards Report (**Potratz**)

- i. All voted awards have been posted on the website
- ii. Self-Reporting recognitions (*career wins, years of coaching, etc*) have been lagging behind (bunches come in with each email reminder)

i. [Clinic Report \(Bean\)](#)

- i. Clinic Reminder: November 11-13, 2021 (Hyatt Regency, Green Bay, WI)
- ii. Clinic Weekend is also a Home Packer Game so get your reservations early
- iii. Bean reiterated that we are contracted with the Hyatt through 2023.

j. [Past President/NFHS Report \(Ferrell\)](#)

- i. Briefly discussed NFHS Rule Changes that have been approved this spring. Please see links in "4. NFHS Rules Update/Official's Report"
- ii. Discussion around the 6th match at day rule change. Conversations regarding whether this required WIAA Sports/Medical Advisory Board approval. If WIAA didn't implement a NFHS rule change, Wisconsin would again be 'out of compliance'.
- iii. NFHS doesn't have governance over a state's postseason.

### 3. WIAA Coaches Advisory and 7% Committee Updates (Moe)

- a. [Coaches Advisory Committee](#)
- b. Coaches Advisory was discussed at the last meeting so no new information
- c. 7% Committee met since our last meeting
  - i. Filled with medical personnel looking at weight classification and process
  - ii. Grant awarded to one of the members of this group to look at the minimum weight calculation/formula for female wrestlers - being done in the LaCrosse area. **Lulloff** will be involved in some way.

### 4. NFHS Rules Update/Official's Report (Arendt)

- a. [NFHS Rule Changes for 2021-22 Wrestling Season](#) & [NFHS Press Release](#)
- b. Discussed the process of proposing new rules or changes to rules at the NFHS. Rules need to be written by January for consideration.
- c. Discussion on the current out-of-bounds rule. Coaches and officials in Wisconsin seem to favor adjusting the rule to mirror the college out-of-bounds rule.

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### 5. District Rep Caucus Reports (District Reps)

- a. District 1 (**Hansen**)
  - i. Hasn't had caucus meeting yet - district coaches are still coaching in spring sports
  - ii. Will report back to the group when caucus meeting takes place
- b. [District 2 \(Ratkovich\)](#)
- c. [District 3 \(Lulloff\)](#)
- d. District 4 (**Lancaster**)
  - i. Strong attendance - 26 attendees
  - ii. Questions on seeding individual state tournament - head to head criteria - how far does this go (beyond just wins/losses), minimum number of matches necessary
  - iii. Will Exhibition matches continue and will those exhibition matches count against a match count?
  - iv. Desire to return to the triplicate weigh-in sheet. The current trackwrestling sheet doesn't automatically move kids to the weight class that they actually wrestle at.

1. **Moe** will reach out to Shane Benitz to see what kind of changes could be made to alleviate these concerns. Hope to have information by the July meeting.
  2. Looking for roster on the weigh-in sheet to default their order by their **LAST weigh-in weight**, not their MWC.
- v. How 1.5% is being used and interpreted
  - vi. Ways to improve getting more people as members of the WWCA. One idea was a cost for "team registrations". **Bean** will look into this, **Moe** to assist.
  - vii. Discussed Executive Director position to the WWCA.
- e. District 5 (Fiedler)**
- i. 6 total (online)
  - ii. Questions on weight classes from NFHS. No issues with match counts, girls wrestling.
- f. [District 6 \(Schimming\)](#)**
- g. District 7 (Austin)**
- i. 5 total
  - ii. Support for 13 WC's, especially given the increasing number of forfeits in duals, odd number of wc's would possibly eliminate the number of ties that are happening in duals
  - iii. Liked the added flexibility by moving away from 7:7
  - iv. Support for seeding the state tournament - seed all kids, not just a few
  - v. Brought up the idea of having a way of listing out all the events that are happening in the state on any given weekend for both boys and girls
- h. District 8 (Koch) - not in attendance**

## 6. Survey Results (Moe)

- a. Moe shared results of a survey that was sent out to caucuses.
- b. Only 61 responses
- c. Survey results mirrored discussion from caucus meetings

## 7. Girls Wrestling Meeting with Wade Labecki Update (Moe, Ferrell, Bean, Lulloff)

- a. Still looking at the venue and location for a girls state tournament wrestling event. Currently, Wade is looking at hosting the event in LaCrosse, but wants to move the event to the Kohl Center after proper build of numbers. Wade's goal is to get this event to Madison in 2 years.
- b. Committee emphasized that it is not appropriate to put this event in a HS gym. The LaCrosse Center is preferable. **Lulloff** commented that preparation is underway to host it at the LaCrosse Center. Holmen wrestling will be providing the infrastructure and support to make it happen (mats, clocks, wrist bands, workers, etc).
- c. **Lulloff** added that this coming season (21-22), no qualifying event will take place. The event will be an 'open'. He added that this coming season, female wrestlers can compete in the season against the boys but once Regionals starts, they must make a choice to

compete in the boys postseason or girls. Girls would still be allowed to compete in the team tournament with the boys if they chose to compete in the girls event.

d. **Moe** added that Jan. 29th is the tentative date for the girls state wrestling tournament.

## 8. Executive Director Update (Officers)

a. [Executive Director Proposal \(Officer Document\)](#)

b. **Moe** read the document as linked above. Stressed this document as a “first read”.

- i. **Lancaster** asked about the 3 year term. **Empey** explained this serves as a “check” on the individual. The 3 years can be rolled over.
- ii. **Lancaster** asked about the position’s pay. **Empey** explained that no individual is paid on the board. The board would need to look at that in the future as revenue is brought in. **McGarvie** expressed that the board consider a stipend that would be provided up front to attract a candidate. **Empey** responded that currently our PR Director and Clinic Chair don’t receive a stipend. He added that we could certainly look at that in the future.
- iii. **Stromberg** added that he’d like to see the Executive Director clearly defined in the “Chain of Command”.

c. **Moe** reiterated that this position is a “first read” at this time. Brought up concerns about the role of this position and how it interacts with positions that already do jobs (i.e. sponsorships currently are the responsibility of the PR Director). Brought up concerns about added bureaucracy.

## 9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by **Hansen**, 2nd by **Austin**;  
Vote to Adjourn **passed** unanimously (15-0), no abstentions

Next Meeting	Future/Rolling Agenda Items
Sunday, July 11, 2021 In-person Hall of Fame/Business Meeting Spring Brook Inn, Wisconsin Dells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Girls State Wrestling 2021-2022</li><li>• Wrestling promotion/back on track after pandemic</li></ul>

Notes approved via vote 15-0-2.