

Iowa/USA Wrestling Board Meeting
August 20th, 2017

People in attendance:

Jason Christenson, Eric Whitcome, George Bailey, Dustin Roland, Keith Donnelly, Charlotte Bailey, Mark Reiland, Brett Wheelan, Paul Reedy, Steve Mickelson, Brent Jennings, Tom Mashek, Brett Robbins, Trevor Kittleson, Brett Haas, Mark Rial, Jeff Ziegler,

Board members not present:

Jory Hemer, August Manz, Jake Head, Rob Williamson, Derek Doherty, Michael Doyle

Meeting called to order at 10:04 by Reiland

No changes to previous board minutes Mickelson moved minutes with Christenson second. All in favor

Treasurer: Revenues from Cadet/Junior Nationals up from \$107,000 to \$124,000 this year. Had more kids participate at Nationals. More numbers at Folkstyle state but revenues down there due to miscommunication on clothing package. Last year brought in \$43,000 in membership compared to \$49,000 this year. Iowa/USAW portion of the membership will drop by \$1 on all full memberships this year. Total revenues for the year are at \$257,000 compared to \$234,000 last year.

Membership as of end of July athletes up 93 (limited/full), coaches up 15, clubs up 11, sanctions up 2 and officials down 2.

Juniors:

State 90 in Greco 107 Freestyle. Freestyle numbers up while Greco numbers were down 9. Junior duals took 30 kids. Need to figure out how to get best kids to go. Greco placed 10th, freestyle teams placed 7th and 25th. 3 Greco all Americans at nationals, 9 all Americans in freestyle. 99 total junior wrestlers.

Cadets:

146 cadets wrestled freestyle at state and 108 Greco at state. 29 spots qualified from regionals. Cadet Duals took 34 wrestlers placed 4th in Greco and 9th and 21st in freestyle. Fargo had 50 freestyle wrestlers and 38 Greco wrestlers. 13 total all Americans at nationals. 12 of the 13 wrestled at national duals.

Discussed options of getting doublers the chance to have both Greco and freestyle camps for Fargo. Also discussed Greco camp before freestyle

Kids:

Folkstyle state January 28, 2018 in Cedar Rapids. Also set up for 2019 in Cedar Rapids. Table workers need help with to run tournament well and also need someone to help haul mats to the arena before and after tournament. Two teams to schoolboy duals with

alternates also. Placed 8th in Greco and 12th in freestyle. Need to get the right kids to go to Northern Plains so it can help in seeding for Schoolboy duals. Talked about having some regional training centers for kids going to duals and nationals.

Women's:

Membership up 62 from 95 to 157. Women's wrestling is continuing to grow nationwide. Growth in the state outside of membership in the middle schools is also taking place. Northern Plains isn't a conflict with Women's National Championship so would like to get wrestlers there also. Ogden and Independence are adding a girls division at their JV high school tournaments.

Coaches:

53 members have turned in applications to coach. 39 were active coaches in 2017. How do you feel the coach to athlete ratio is for camp and Fargo and the scope in sequence is for Fargo camp?

Coach to athlete ratio: 1 to 8 at camp and down to 1 to 7 at Fargo.

Code of Conduct: look at creating a coaches code of conduct for those coaching at camp and Fargo. Mark and Jason will go through a code of conduct and create something initially for the Iowa/USA board to look over.

Regional training sites: Waverly and SE Polk had 30-40 on average with Iowa City and Council Bluffs with less numbers. Discussed having certain days for Greco and certain days for freestyle. Robbins shared what Illinois does for their camp. Discussed the importance of having a curriculum that needs to be followed.

Camp site: Discussion was made to keep camp at Grandview one more year. Mickelson motioned and Jennings seconded to keep it at Grandview for another year and then to open a bid up after the 2017-2018 season.

Uniform package: Discussion was made to call Cliff Keen and see if they would work with Iowa/USA wrestling on Kids folkstyle state.

Bid for Cadet Duals: Discussion was made to proceed forward and fill out a bid packet and determine the cost to host cadet duals.

Discussion was had about giving athletes who go to duals a discount for their cost of going to Fargo. Have to have more than 30 kids go to duals and try to get your top 2 kids at a weight on first team so you take your best team to win duals.

Discussion was had about coaches can coach at duals and one style in Fargo or coach both styles at Fargo and not go to duals and coach. Was also discussed about college coaches possibly not being able to coach on USA staff depending on NWCA discussion.

Fargo doublers were discussed to have a written policy where you must qualify in both styles in order to wrestle in both styles at Fargo. This qualification can be top three at state, a regional, or UWW's. If you do not qualify in both styles, you cannot wrestle both styles in Fargo. Motion was made by Donnelly and seconded by Mickelson that an athlete must qualify in both styles to compete in both styles at Fargo. This may be done at state, regionals, or UWWs.

Motion was made by Ziegler seconded by Christenson that an athlete that doesn't qualify for Fargo from state must go to regionals to be considered to get to wrestle one style at Fargo.

Discussion was had about officials working state must work the equivalent of a full state tournament in order to get paid. Ziegler motioned and Charlotte seconded an official must work one style at each state tournament or both styles at one tournament to get paid.

Discussion was had about officials getting paid \$40 per style at the state tournament. Motioned by Wheelan and seconded by Ziegler that officials get paid \$40 per style at the state tournament.

Motion was made by Charlotte and seconded by Jennings to have the Cadet/Junior nationals tournament officials get paid \$200 per style to officiate for the week or \$400 for both styles. If officials don't work the entire week, their stipend will be prorated by USA wrestling.

Discussion was had about eliminating raffle tickets for athletes to sell for duals or Fargo trips. Donnelly motioned and Ziegler seconded going to one drawing for a trip to Mexico for duals and Fargo trips. The cost of the ticket will be \$20 per ticket.

New membership system for USA wrestling. Steve commented on how easy it would be and everyone needs to go sign up a new account and claim your old account. In the long run this will be a much cleaner option.

Safe sport requirement was talked about by Reiland from the summit. This pertains to any sexual misconduct issues. Reiland commented on how our bylaws would have to be turned into USA wrestling to be looked over.

Discussion was had about having a scheduling director and a website director added to the bylaws. Motion was made by Charlotte and seconded by Christenson to remove regional reps from the bylaws and add a social media director, website director, and scheduling director to the bylaws. The social media director role would take place of the public relations role. This would move a quorum to 9 from 10.

Mark asked if we would like to run any tournaments through Flowrestling? He was approached to see if there is any interested. At this time, nobody was interested in doing it.

Person of the year winners:

Kids – Nicholas Fox, Cadet- Drake Ayala, Junior – Max Lyon, Female – Rachel Watters,
UWW Jr Open – Gilman, Person of the Year – Mark Rial.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm Motioned by Charlotte and Second by Mickelson.