

2023 WWF Budge Meeting Minutes-September 10th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 by Todd Schaff.

Introductions of board members.

In attendance: Todd, Matt, Jeff, Hollie, Mike, Jolene, Randy, Scott, Brian, Terry, Tony, Chris, Scott K., Gabby, Neysa, Mel, Eric, Sandy, Sally and Newton.

Updated Changes:

Insurance claims: The Insurance Secondary Sport Accident Claim form is online and needs to be submitted only online for any claims. Sandy clarified that only sanctioned events and sanctioned team practices are protected with the USA membership secondary insurance.

Todd discussed the decision to cover board members' background costs and WWF will also purchase any coaches' passes at tournaments so any board member who coaches will have the correct credentials to coach mat-side at an event.

Tournament Updates:

WWF Team State: is moving to Vernona from Fond Du Lac due to spacing concerns. Verona has a new facility and will host 2 groups in the new high school and 1 group at the old gym. *Side note* WWF best interest will be to rotate this event to spread out the financial benefit to team when hosting WWF State Team Tournament. Jeff included that admissions could charge \$7/person so that WWF will receive \$2/person and hosting club will receive \$5/person.

Dominate the Dells is March 9-10 (USA Event)-Scott shared woman's division will use modified rules.

Kids State Qualifier-March 16th.

- Jeff informed the board he needs to know each person of contact, phone number and email address for each district qualifier tournament.
- Pre-registration will be increased to \$22/pre-registration and \$40/onsite. All pre-registration will require a USA Membership.
- Randy asked if the wrestler surcharge on Trackwrestling would be paid by hosting team or by parent and it was decided that with pre-registration increase, that will cover most of the surcharge. The hosting team will pay the wrestler surcharge.
- Additional weight classes will be included for the younger girl's division.

FS/GR State May 4 & 5

- Athlete \$40/Pre-registration for each style, \$50/onsite each style
- Coaches' passes have increased \$20/pre-ordered and \$50/onsite to encourage coaches to pre-order.
- Admissions \$20/day or \$30/weekend

WWF Kids State March 21-24

- \$50/pre-registration and \$70/onsite
- 2 middle groups for boys will wrestle on Friday.
- The oldest and youngest groups for boys will wrestle Saturday.

- Added additional day to highlight girls. Girls will wrestle only on Sunday. This allows more growth for girls. Discussed Macey Kilty to make an appearance if possible.
- Rented Farm Bldg. next to the arena to avoid congestion. This will be used for Friday and Saturday weigh-ins, admissions, and coaches' passes.
- Estimated to be completed mid-Sunday afternoon.
- WWF will host a social event for all workers and officials on Friday night.

WWF Kids State 2025 proposal

Jeff proposed a "Flight" structure for state youth.

- Each group would have 4–6-hour sessions.
- Rest time would be 15-30 minutes between matches.
- Improve spectator seating.
- Improve traffic flow.
- Improve concession lines.
- Better parent/coach management with athletes
- Less time waiting between matches for each athlete.

Northern Plains-May 10-12. Rochester will host for the next 2 years, then rotate between WI and possibly IA.

Safe Sport was discussed by Scott and a possible audit may happen. With this on topic, we need to acknowledge parents without safesport and background checks who bring their athlete to the arena floor, would not pass a SafeSport audit. WWF will need to address this in the near future.

Additionally, **Coaches misrepresentation** (using another coach's pass) could change to a 1-year suspension. Be on the lookout in January's blog for updates on this.

State Coach Update

- Uniform packages are going out for bid. (State/Fargo teams)
- 14U Duals price increase from \$450 to \$550.
 - Increase from change of venue and increase travel cost.
- 16U Duals will stay same.
- Junior Boys & Girls price increase \$475 to \$600
 - Increase due to travel. Flying instead of van.
- 14U & 16U Woman's estimated \$550. Possibly in Texas. Price may decrease if hosted in Indiana.
- Fargo
 - One style will go to \$550.
 - Both styles will go to \$645-\$700
 - Transportation costs increase and will have trainers onsite for training and Fargo.

Gabby's Highlights

- Fargo

- 38 All Americans including 6 champs, 6 runner ups.
 - Juniors FS tied record for best team results.
 - All teams placed in the top 10 teams.
- Duals-7 out of 9 teams placed in the top 10.
 - Wisconsin Athletes at World Events leaving a footprint with USA.
 - Possible explanation of WI success:
 - Credentials for staff and coaches' improvements
 - Women have qualifier for teams.
 - Junior boys were chosen with the USA Pin System instead of WWF point system.
 - Training opportunity growth in off-season.
 - Reached and surpassed the USA membership goal over 13,000 memberships.
 - Athlete retention is very good from USA Statistics for Wisconsin.

District Director Elections-Dist. 1,3,5, & 7 will hold director elections. Todd informed us to check on who can vote. Sandy will be available if needed to verify team voters.

The annual meeting will be in Mauston. We will vote for Directors @ large and Tournament Director.

Budget Review-Todd shared WWF Budget and explanation of income and expenses. Went over the balance of allocating expenses for value and investment in Wisconsin. Mike explained line definitions and classification. Tony made the motion to approve the budget and Newton 2nd. All voted in favor of approval.

Additional Business

- Teal Certification is free until October 1st, 2023. This certification is needed to coach at all National Events.
- Mel shared the cohesive team built with WIAA and WWF continues to grow. Additionally, discussion is still ongoing for WIAA State Girl.

Terry moved to adjourn, and Hollie seconded. All voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.

Todd adjourned the meeting @ 12:19 PM.