

RIWA meeting held 09/30/2019 at Johnston Clubhouse 1741 Atwood Avenue

Attendance: Nelson(SK), Famiglietti (NP), Soares (MQ), Dimen, Everin, Francis (MYWC), Murray, Davis, Miller, Muniz (BTS), Farnsworth (ATC) Drance (Warren), Antonucci, Baccalla (Johnston), Hennessy , Degraide (Coventry) Monteiro (PCWC), Dean (Cumberland) Ruggieir (CLCF) Moniz (Warwick PAL)

Meeting called to order at 705pm.

Chairman's report:

2018-2019 season recap: 2 USA Wrestling National Champions at events in Iowa (Rudy Everin) and Texas (Allie Nelson).

3 Champions at Northeast Regionals. 8 more AA placements at Texas, Iowa and Wisconsin national events.

Also multiple individual placements in non-USAW events like Super32, Reno, TOC and Virginia Beach/ NHSCA.

Old Business:

First female AA in Fargo ever (Logan Farnsworth) . First male AA in Fargo since 2002 (Josiah Fry).

Northeast Regionals are moving from East Stroudsburg PA to Metuchen NJ for 2020.

Discussion was held to mandate participation in Northeast Regionals as qualifier for future Fargo entries.

Athletes should attend at least 1 National Teams practice per week as well as compete at Freestyle and Greco events in the New England area.

Rhode Island to host Freestyle and Greco tournament in April 2020, Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut to coordinate dates for events leading up to Northeast Regionals.

New England state associations will also sponsor a team for U14 Schoolboy Duals in June 2020 with Scott Honecker to coach.

New Business:

All RIWA clubs should renew charters immediately. SafeSport online certification takes approximately 2 hours to complete. NCSI background check takes minimum 2 to 4 weeks to process.

Coaches/Wrestling Leaders to wear lanyards and display current coaches cards during all RIWA tournaments. Bill Cabral to supply lanyards to coaches. Bill is also offering shoe nights for new athletes who need to purchase gear.

Mat officials training to be held on Friday November 29th 830am at Mayo Quanchi.

7th RIWA duals to be held on Saturday November 30th in Middletown Gaudet Gym. RIWA free agent team to be assembled at October meeting.

Spectator code of conduct to be made available online.

2019-2020 slate of officers was nominated and to be voted upon at the October meeting:

Chairman: Claro Dimen

Vice Chariman: Richard Muniz

Treasurer: Steven Ross

Secretary: Megan Hawkins

Athletic Director: John Antonucci

Mat Officials Bob Soares and/or Joe Pelletier

Club Representative: Chris Drance

Pairing Director Dick Ferrara

National Teams: Tyler Grayson

Womens Director: Brad Farnsworth and Ken Nelson

Media Director: Hamlet Suazo or Melissa Ravennelle

FINAL RIWA Tournament Schedule for 2019-2020 season:

December 1 CLCF

December 8 North Providence

December 15 Johnston

Dec. 22 and 29 Happy Holidays!

January 5 Westerly

January 12 South County

Sat. Jan. 18 Beauty and the Beast (BTS)

January 26 open date

Sat. Feb. 2 Warwick PAL

February 9 RIPCOA states

February 16 Coventry

February 23 open date

March 1 RIWA Kids State Championship

Motion made to allow any Athlete who resides out of state of Rhode Island and wishes to participate in RIWA Kids State Tournament must petition RIWA board of directors for eligibility. Athlete must be a member of Rhode Island wrestling club and must meet RIWA tournament minimums. Motion was approved unanimously.

Next RIWA meeting scheduled for Monday 10/28 at Johnston.

Meeting called to close at 830pm.