

# WWCA Executive Board Meeting

Friday, November 2, 2018  
Fall Meeting  
Hyatt Regency, Green Bay, WI  
8:00 am

## Minutes...

### Committee in attendance:

Chris Hansen (Hudson/District 1)	Pat Ratkovich (Wausau East/District 2)
	Justin Lancaster(Freedom/District 4)
Curtis Fiedler (River Valley/District 5)	Ryan Gerber (Fort Atkinson/District 6)
Craig Austin (Whitnall/District 7)	Dave Malecek, (UW-La Crosse/District 8)
Randy Ferrell (Arrowhead/WWCA President)	Peter Moe (Cambridge/ President Elect)
John Quinlan (Whitnall/Past President)	Bob Empey (Stoughton/Treasurer)
John Hatfield (Random Lake/Secretary)	Tim Potratz (Awards/Weyauwega-Fremont)
Wendall Bean (Whitewater/Fall Clinic Chairman)	Tom McGarvie (Watertown/Alumni Chair & HOF Chair)
Mike Blasczyk (Appleton/Officials Representative)	Jason Stromberg (Mukwonago/ Public Relations)
Matt Verbeten (Wrightstown WWF Representative)	

## I. Call to Order and Welcome Randy Ferrell.

President Randy Ferrell called the meeting to order at 8:08 am.

## II. Secretary's Report: Review and Approval of Minutes from the Summer Dells meeting.

1. **Approval-** Secretary John Hatfield read the minutes from July 8th, 2018 meeting at the Spring Brook Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI. Jason Stromberg moved to accept the secretary's report and Peter Moe seconded. The motion passed 17-0 1 abstention.

## III. Treasurer Report- Bob Empey

1. **Report-**Bob Empey gave the treasurer's report. There is \$42,0086.94 in the WWCA account.

2. **Approval-** Jason Stromberg moved to accept the treasurer's report. Craig Austin seconded. The motion passed 18-0.

## IV. Reports

## **A. Officials Report - Rule Changes - Mike Blasczyk**

**1. Report-** Good attendance for the official's clinic - on par with past years. Rules emphasis/major changes: Logo restrictions. Low-cut socks at weigh ins. Change to in-bounds: total of 2 supporting parts (between both competitors) on or inside the boundary line. Clarification to the nearfall criteria in out-of-bounds situations. Stalling - pushing or pulling an opponent out of bounds is considered stalling. Official's numbers per Joan Gralla at WIAA: in the 2008/2009 season there were 490 officials. Last season there were 492. Much of that stability is due to recruiting efforts among HS age or recently graduated wrestlers. New weigh-in sheets discussed. Triplicate forms are now obsolete.

## **B. Public Relations Report- Jason Stromberg**

**1. Report-** Price of Nicholas Suite was discussed. HOF Member Tags to be distributed at Banquet tonight. Badges are handed out at clinic registration. Badge is your entrance ticket to Nicholas Suite during the State Tournament. Wendall mentioned minor changes to the look of the badges and mentioned there was a new vendor for badges. Data is lacking when coaches signed up for clinic. This makes communication with all WWCA members difficult. Juggling of clinicians was discussed due to late cancellations.

## **C. Old Business - Randy Ferrell**

### **1. Report - Executive Director [A13](#)**

Tom McGarvie asked that executive committee continue to consider adding an Executive Director. Question was raised by Pete Moe as to when action might be taken. No motion was made at this time.

Randy discussed Madison meeting topics to discuss including WIAA Coaches Advisory Council. Randy indicated his desire to use the April meeting for addressing updating the bylaws.

## **D. HOF - Tom McGarvie**

### **1. Report-** Procedure Proposals

- Death [A7](#)

**Approval-** Tom McGarvie moved to accept HOF Procedural Proposal A7. Ryan Gerber seconded. The motion passed 18-0.

- Executive Board Restriction [A8](#)

**Non Approval-** Tom McGarvie moved to accept HOF Procedural Proposal A8. Curtis Fiedler seconded. The motion was voted down 1-14-3.

- Nomination Committee [A10](#)

Discussion was made about the entire Nomination process. Ryan Gerber suggested having a committee look at the Hall of Fame nomination process in a comprehensive way.

**Approval-** Tom McGarvie moved to table proposal A10. John Quinlan seconded. The motion passed 18-0.

**Approval-** Ryan Gerber moved to create a committee to review HOF nomination process. Justin Lancaster seconded. The motion passed 18-0.

- Service Award [A11](#)

Tom McGarvie discussed having a service award for people who contributed heavily to wrestling in roles that would not be recognized through HOF channels. Tom suggested we list lifetime award winners on the website.

**Approval-** Curtis Fiedler moved to table proposal A11. John Quinlan seconded. The motion passed 18-0.

Courage Award [A12](#)

**Approval-** Tom McGarvie moved to study proposal A12. Curtis Gerber seconded. The motion passed 18-0.

#### **E. Alumni / Sages - Randy Ferrell**

##### **1. Report-**

- Representative / Voting Member [A9](#)

John Quinlan suggested we make sure the Sages representative was a consistent person. Tom McGarvie discussed possible health issues. Compromise was reached to make the voting position an appointed 2-year term.

**Approval-** Tom McGarvie moved to accept proposal A9. Jason Stromberg seconded. The motion passed 17-0-1.

- Museum Artifacts [A5](#) [A6](#)

Tom requested funds to purchase and catalog Wisconsin wrestling historical artifacts.

**Approval-** Tom McGarvie moved to approved to allocate \$1500 in funds as per A5 and A6. Matt Verbeten seconded. The motion passed 18-0.

#### **F. District Reps - Randy Ferrell**

1. **Report-** Caucus Reports: Justin Lancaster discussed investigating a proposal for 3 equally-sized divisions. Ryan Gerber expressed surprise about how the survey was sent out. Discussion was had about how and when to send surveys out.

2. **Report** - Dave Malecek discussed unity among college and high school coaches, as well as the unique opportunity to meet as college coaches to discuss raising the level of wrestling in Wisconsin. Matt Verbeten brought up that WWF would no longer be matching our funds for the College Coaches Consortium in River Falls as per a communication from Dave Black.

- College Coaches Consortium [A4](#)

**Approval-** Craig Austin moved to accept College Coaches Consortium A4. Tom McGarvie seconded. The motion passed 18-0.

## **G. Challenge Series - Tom McGarvie**

### **1. Report-**

- Challenge Series Funding [A3](#) ; [A2](#)

**Approval-** Tom McGarvie moved to fund the trackwrestling portion of the Challenge Series as per A3. Jason Stromberg seconded. The motion passed 17-0-1.

**Approval-** Tom McGarvie moved to direct WWCA to request sponsorship from Trackwrestling/SportsEngine to help fund the Challenge Series as per A2. Pete Moe seconded. The motion passed 9-3-3.

## **H. New Business - Randy Ferrell**

### **1. Streamlining the Meeting Minutes Process**

- Online review/approval of meeting minutes [A1](#)

**Approval-** Randy Ferrell moved to accept change in meeting minutes approval procedures A1. Ryan Gerber seconded. The motion passed 15-0.

### **2. Review Items**

- Matt Verbeten made a motion to advance the efforts to have a girls-only division. John Quinlan seconded. The motion passed 15-0
- Points of Emphasis going forward [A15](#)

### **3. Concussion Sample Via WIAA - Info to National Federation**

Randy gave an example of a survey to have athletic trainers complete to compile data about head & neck injury times used.

**Approval-** Randy Ferrell moved to send the head & neck survey to WWCA members 3 times during the season. Curtis Fiedler seconded. The motion passed 15-0.

## I. District Reps talking Points - Randy Ferrell

### 1. Report-

- Small team co-practices - 8-person roster
- Elimination of triplicate sheets
- JV dual and exhibition
  - May contest with fewer weights
  - May compete in both Dual and Exhibition on same night
- State team seeding meeting moved to Saturday morning of Individual State

Next meeting will be 7:00 am on February 23rd at the Individual State Tournament in Madison.

## VI. Adjournment

1. Craig Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 am.  
Curtis Fiedler seconded the motion. The motion passed 15-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Hatfield

WWCA Secretary

## Addendum

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### A1

WWCA Procedure proposal: (requires membership vote)

Propose Policy: Approve WWCA Meeting Minutes via Email/Electronically. Initial minutes sent out within ten days of meeting for members to read and review and Exec. Comm. members respond within next ten days with changes/corrections and a electronic vote is taken. Not voting is considered an 'abstention'. Remaining votes decide acceptance of minutes.

(Rationale: minutes may be shared in a timely manner with WWCA membership via website posting and communicated to membership by Executive Committee Reps.)

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### A2

Propose Motion to support continuing Wisconsin Wrestling Challenge Series and direct WWCA

President to request sponsorship funds from Trackwrestling/SportsEngine in the amount of \$12,000. Funds allotted equally in the amount of \$1,200 each to Region hosts and greater amount to Finals to pay mat officials and individual(s) to operate trackwrestling (9 events) and assist with seeding/coordinating of over 360 finals entries (ie: Jeff Jones and Dan Hein currently). Six officials are contracted (\$200 each) at each Region and over 12 mat officials are used at Finals event.

(Rationale: Funding the officials costs each Region \$1,200 (six officials). Funding this expense will assist keeping Region event hosts. This would increase Region hosts incentive to run event annually. Changing hosts is very difficult as dates and locations are of great importance. Regions have indicated they may not host if not making any profit.

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## A3

Propose WWCA continue funding to support Wisconsin Wrestling Challenge Series covering costs of trackwrestling and other items as past four years (Approximately \$1,000).

(Rationale: Challenge Series in fifth year, successfully providing a wrestling series for over 1,300 sub-varsity high school wrestlers and promoting the sport and is well received. Offers a girl's championship)

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## A4

Propose WWCA continue to support the Wisconsin Collegiate Coaches Consortium at a cost of \$500 (matched by \$500 from WWF)

(Rationale: Provides opportunity to Wisconsin collegiate coaches for education and motivation, as the collegiate programs provide motivation and a goal/future for our high school athletes.)

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## A5

Propose WWCA Support History Museum/Archival Collection efforts regarding Valued Objects and Materials:

a) Allocate funds (up to \$1,000) for acquisition of 'Past Perfect' collection management software. Catalogs materials in collection. Identify materials and attribute to contributor(s).

PastPerfect: The World's Leading Collections Management Software

<https://www.museumsoftware.com/> (approximately \$870 software price. Not expected to require additional expansion.)

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## A6

b) Allocate funds (\$500.00) to support the work of archive expert. Individual (Justin Pratt; 30-year-old graduate student Oklahoma State University) will coordinate cataloging of our

valuable collection. Will also create 'mobile' Wisconsin Wrestling displays to be offered to community libraries and museums in cities and schools of Wisconsin.

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## **A7** (requires membership vote)

WWCA Hall of Fame and Awards Proposals (requires membership vote)

a) Proposed policy: Deceased individuals may be newly eligible for a vote to join GM Hall of Fame ONE FULL YEAR following their date of death. If a member has already been nominated this restriction does not apply.

(Rationale: Removes emotion and pressure on executive committee from the equation etc.)

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## **A8** (requires membership vote)

b) Proposed policy: Executive Committee members be eligible for a vote to join the GM Hall of Fame after leaving the Executive Committee, not while on Executive Committee.

(Rationale: Removes pressure on individuals and nominees regarding voting and nominating etc.)

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## **A9** (requires membership vote)

c) Proposed policy: Alumni Chairperson is an appointed position with a two-year term and voting privileges at HOF nomination.

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## **A10**

d) Proposal to create nominating committee to streamline GM Hall of Fame selection process. Committee of six individuals would review nominations and forward list to Exec. Comm. for final selection vote. Committee would also encourage nominations statewide.

(Rationale; this process existed originally when GM HOF began. Streamlines and expedites process.)

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## **A11** (requires membership vote)

WWCA Award Proposals

Proposal to Create Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association 'Lifetime Service Award' to recognize Wisconsin individuals involved in the sport of wrestling in various manners.

The Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Wrestling Coaches Association will establish the

WWCA Lifetime Service Award. The purpose is to pay tribute to those coaches, officials and contributors who represent the best qualities of what the sport of wrestling has to offer and who share those characteristics with young people day in and day out. A period of service would be a consideration with a minimum of 20 years' service being a basic minimum measure. Requirements would not be extremely specific, but the individual's commitment and service would be considered on a case by case basis. Longevity will not be the lone factor, but must be accompanied by other acts promoting, advancing, enhancing the sport of wrestling in Wisconsin. Individuals would be nominated by WWCA members via Executive Committee representatives. A committee would consider all nominations and pass on their suggestions to the Executive Committee for acceptance. A recipient would be presented an award certificate at the annual membership luncheon or could be awarded locally by the Executive Committee Representative in that District. Names of Recipients will be listed in a special section on the WWCA.org website.

(Rationale: recognize people who have contributed to Wisconsin wrestling in their communities and the state in general.)

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## **A12** (requires membership vote)

Proposal: Create WWCA 'Gary and Jim Richie Achievement and Courage Award' (Wrestling person succeeding in the face of adversity in life endeavor(s) and recognizing individual(s) for all a person has achieved in their life.

3) Proposal: Naming of WWCA 'Wrestler of the Year Award' as the 'WWCA Matt Hanutke Wrestler of the Year Award'

(Rationale: Matt was Wisconsin's first four-time undefeated champion (117-0 Pittsville, WI) and a four-time (4X) NCAA All-American at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Matt is a member of the George Martin Hall of Fame.)

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## **A13** (requires membership vote)

WWCA Executive Director

1) Proposal: Create Executive Director Position for WWCA to assist the functioning of the WWCA in coordination with the President and Executive Committee in the following areas (but not limited to the following areas):

- Raise Funds via sponsorships and activities. During the year and in cooperation with convention/clinic.
- Networking, lobbying with local and statewide organizations, i.e.; governmental bodies, educational institutions and WIAA etc.
- Planning; assist and coordinate planning for WWCA district and state meetings and events including, but not limited to district caucuses and state convention and hall of fame activities
- Coordination; coordinate activities and events of the WWCA
- Other items, areas as needed. Please refer to hard copy of research materials handed out at July Hall of Fame meeting.



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## A14

Proposal to Support Girls Wrestling in Wisconsin High Schools

- 1) Renew and reaffirm support of ideology and efforts to establish a female high school wrestling division in Wisconsin high schools as well as creating a division for females by the state high school association (WIAA), adding a qualifying procedure and state tournament series alongside the male event(s).
- 2) Recognize and acknowledge girls deserve opportunity of a level playing field.
- 3) Recognize and acknowledge girls deserve a safe environment in wrestling where they are competing against girls, as opposed to the lack of safety in wrestling boys.
- 4) Recognize and acknowledge the Olympics intended to cut men's Freestyle and Greco wrestling until the governing body of wrestling (United World Wrestling) recognized and established women's wrestling on an equal level with men's wrestling (six weights in all styles). (Note: see script distributed at July 2018 Hall of Fame meeting.)

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## A15

Identify Key Components and Points to Emphasize.

Wisconsin high school wrestling problems and solutions.

- 1) Challenge our WWCA Executive Committee and WWCA Membership to recognize and advance ideas and areas of emphasis to solve perceived and/or obvious issues affecting high school wrestling. i.e.; identify issues and create efforts to solve issues to maintain and retain wrestling as a high school sport in Wisconsin

Examples:

- a) Boy's wrestling; weight class number reduction, documenting and sharing entry numbers, promotion and development.
- b) 1.5% Program (trackwrestling model) helping our sport and what does it look like in other states? Is there evidence of healthier athletes and is the sport better for this program?
- c) Taking a philosophical stance on early competition (over exposure) being unhealthy for young kids and the sport in general, considering the '10-year competition window'. Are we losing more than we are retaining? (trackwrestling profile and diaper national mentality)
- d) Official Shortage
- e) Coaches Education and Collaborating with other organizations (NWCA and WIAA and colleges etc. i.e.: CEO Leadership Academy)
- f) Girl's Wrestling; sanctioning, promotion and development.