

Montana USAW Annual Convention
Red Lion Hotel, Helena
April 30 – May 1, 2010

First General Session - Friday, April 30, 2010

Call to Order:

MT-USAW President Dan Buckley called the Annual Meeting of MT-USAW to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

The following E-Board Members and MT-USAW Teams were in attendance for the First General Session:

E- Board Members Present:

President: Dan Buckley

Vice President: Curt Dallas

Secretary: Kim Dallas

Registration Chair: Angie Buckley

Head Official: Blake Love

Head Pairer: Marie Hatcher

Law & Legislation: Mike Challeen

Coaches Chairman: Jeremy Shields

Kids Chairman: John Stillwagon

Cadets Chairman: Steve Komac

Girls Chairman: Rich Vasquez

E-Board Members Absent:

Treasurer: Michelle Daniels

Juniors Chairman: Nate Laslovich

Open/Espoir Chairman: Caleb Schaeffer

Clubs Present:

Belgrade Wrestling Club

Billings Wrestling Club

Blitzkrieg Wrestling Club

Bozeman Hawk Wrestling Club

Bozeman Mat Dogs Wrestling Club

Butte Wrestling Club

East Helena Wrestling Club

Helena Wrestling Club

Kalispell Wrestling Club

Lewistown Wrestling Club

Lil Copperhead Wrestling Club

Missoula Wrestling Club

Northern Montana Wrestling Club

Laurel Wrestling Club – not sanctioned

Sidney Wrestling Club

USA Team Cobra

Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting were presented for review.

Dan Buckley motioned for approval of the Minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

President's Report:

MT-USAW President Dan Buckley expressed to the MT-USAW Body that there is concern about the number of wrestlers and how the Montana numbers are dropping. He encouraged the MT-USAW Community to pull together to increase the numbers. A healthy organization will increase our membership.

Dan also presented a proposal and recommendation from the E-Board that our Freestyle season be expanded. The E-Board suggests the following:

- Freestyle Season would begin January 15 and run through to February 4;
- Folkstyle Season would begin February 5 and run through to the end of March or at the conclusion of the MT-Open Tournament (date to be determined in Scheduling Committee);
- Freestyle would start back at the conclusion of the MT-Open and run to the end of the MT-USAW season.

The exception to this scheduling would be Kalispell. Rich Vasquez would like to schedule a Freestyle Tournament at the end of February in an attempt to attract wrestlers currently involved in the Little Guy Program in the Kalispell area. Rich would also contact USAW National Office and find out if they would become involved in promoting this event. The E-Board accepted this request.

Dan also spoke of how to try to generate interest for high school kids to go to the Junior & Cadet National Championships in Fargo. Steve Komac has suggestions for this and will comment further during his Cadets Report.

Treasurer's Report (2009 – 2010):

In the absence of Michelle Daniel's, Angie Buckley provided a copy of the 2009 – 2010 Budget.

MTUSAW 2009-10 BUDGET

Category	Desc.	Budgeted	Actual	Variance
Convention		1500.00		373.99
rooms			161.08	
luncheon			250.00	-16415 = 250
awards			225.00	
supplies			204.93	
mtg rooms			705.00	
Registration Revenues	14 clubs	420.00	1126.01	
State Directors Conference		1500.00		1500.00
Western Regionals				
	Tshirts	1500.00	1678.75	178.75
	Singlets	4000.00	4000.00	0.00
Cadet/Jr Nationals/Boys		7000.00	7000.00	0.00
Boys Dual Team/2 teams		2000.00	2000.00	0.00
Girls Dual Team		500.00	500.00	0.00
SB Duals	FS	500.00		500.00
		500.00		500.00
Training Camps		4000.00		3200.00
Street, Budeski			800.00	
Athlete Aid				
	Open Espoir	700.00		700.00
	Kids/Cadet	4000.00	100.00	3900.00
Triple Crown Awards		500.00	504.00	248.00
1/2 AAU			252.00	
State Medals	ordered thru 2011	3000.00	0.00	3000.00
Website-Computers	\$45x12 mo.	480.00	240.00	240.00
Coaches		1000.00	446.50	553.50
Registration		500.00	0.00	500.00
Supplies-Operating		1000.00	471.70	527.30
Erickson-- GordonSmith			250.00	
Misc Expenses			42.70	
Budeski			180.00	
Pairings		1000.00	391.00	609.00
Officials		1500.00	600.00	900.00
Cultural Exchange		1000.00	911.50	88.50
Tax Preparation		250.00		250.00
TOTALS		37930.00	20,518.46	17411.54

*5/2006 - .20/mile if requested/required to have a board member there

*5/2007 - returned checks not corrected w/in 10 will be assessed a \$20 service charge

In addition, MT-USAW received the following in tournament assessments:

EHWC / 479:	\$1,437.00
Bozeman Hawks / 420:	\$1,263.00
Lil Copperhead Wrestling / 246:	\$738.00
Cyclops / 655:	\$1,965.00
Havre / 160:	\$480.00
Cadets/Jr Qualifier / 43:	\$123.00
Dillon / 129:	\$258.00
Smith-McCarthy / 286:	\$858.00
Helena FS / 270 and GR / 110:	\$951.00
Kalispell FS / 125 and GR / 70:	\$585.00
<u>State FS / 470 and GR / 317:</u>	<u>\$3,935.00</u>
Total Received:	\$12,620.00

Committee Reports (2009 – 2010) Registration – Angie Buckley:

2010 MTUSAW Annual Report
Registration Chair

Angela Buckley
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We had 28 Chartered Club. Up 2 from last year

We had 1352 competitors cards purchased thru 4/30/09. That down from 1416 last year. Decrease of 54 from last year.

We had 282 carded coaches. We had 329 coaches last year. So we were down 47.

We hosted 17 events

4 Freestyle Tournaments
4 Greco Tournaments
7 Folkstyle Tournaments
1 State Freestyle Tournament
1 State Greco Tournament

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Buckley

Mat Officials - Blake Love:

MONTANA USAW COMMITTEE / TOURNAMENT REPORT FORM

Committee / Tournament: MT-WOA (Montana – Wrestling Officials Association)

Person Making Report: Blake Love

Date: 04/30/10

240 coaches went through the state rules clinic to be approved to coach at the USAW State Freestyle/Greco Tournament this past weekend. There were eight clinics this year, 6 by myself, one by Tim Webster and one by Jeremy Scheilds.

There were 11 adult official with a total of 21 officials at the same tournament to run 10 mats. In my opinion, this was by far the weakest officiated state tournament that Montana has ever seen. If each club would bring their mandatory adult officials, we would have had 13 more adult officials there which would have made a world of difference.

Somehow we need to prod our clubs to help produce those quality adult officials that are need to run a strong and successful tournament. Whether that be larger fines, or making that club ineligible for the team trouphy or I guess we just forget about it and ignore the problem. This is up to the general body to decide as there will be numerous proposals for change for our next season.

When I look at a corner during a tournament and see anywhere from 4-8 coaches, the red is almost blinding. I would hope this next season some of you take this serious and step up to help. It is a very legitimate concern for me and it should be for you as well. I appreciate the support you have given to myself and the state officials group. Give officiating a try... It is fun.

Pairings Officials – Marie Hatcher:

Pairing Report
May 1, 2010

This year we had 13 new licenses and 31 renewals for a total of 44 licensed pairing masters, up from 33 last year. A few of the renewals the last couple years have been people who have been away for a few years but have returned to help. I guess the organization can't be too bad if they are willing to come back.

Please continue to consider the pairing needs when planning a tournament. Have all the paperwork and supplies that are needed. Allow enough time to get brackets ready and have people to copy and post charts before you start wrestling. Coordinate with whoever is in charge to be sure that your plan will work.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the help and support these last 20 years. I have enjoyed every minute of my time as State Chairman and would ask that you give your full support to whoever is elected to fill the position.

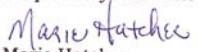
Lastly, a very special thanks to all the dedicated and selfless people who have worked with me during this time. I could not have done the job without your help.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marie Hatcher

MONTANA PAIRING MASTERS
FINANCIAL REPORT
5-1-09 TO 4-30-10

I.	<u>RECEIPTS BY SOURCE AND AMOUNT</u>	
	Balance in Pairings Account	\$1547.94
	Reimbursements from AAU & USAW	.00
	License Fees/Fine	300.00
	AAU State Folkstyle-Cash	65.00
	Total Receipts	\$1912.94
II.	<u>EXPENDITURES BY PURPOSE AND AMOUNT</u>	
	Clinic, Convention, and Tournament Expense	\$ 300.00
	Convention Registration	.00
	Don Whitmus-AAU Folkstyle	65.00
	Postage-Supplies	13.90
	Refunds-(3 Payments for New Licenses)	15.00
	Total Expenditures	\$ 393.90
III.	<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY</u>	
	Funds on Hand 5-01-09	\$1547.44
	Total Receipts During Period	365.00
	SUB-TOTAL	\$1912.44
	Total Expenditures During Period	- 393.90
	BALANCE	\$1518.54
	Check Book Balance 5-1-09	\$1547.44
	Check Book Balance 5-1-10	\$1518.54

Respectfully Submitted,

Marie Hatcher

Law & Legislation – Mike Challeen: See Attached

Kids Report (Regional and National) – John Stillwagon:

2010 USAW MT Kids Report

The 2010 State Freestyle saw a decline in participants with 470 wrestlers compared to 519 in 2009. The 2010 State Greco had 317 participants, up from 311 in 2009, increasing for the second straight year. The 2009 USAW Western Regionals in Pocatello again saw a huge growth in participation from Montana Wrestlers with 149 registered, up from 104 in 2008 and 86 in 2007. Montana had 138 register for Freestyle, 104 register for Greco, and 107 register for Folkstyle.

An attempt was made in 2009 to bring the 2010 and 2011 USAW Western Regionals back to Montana, but our State did not receive much support from the Region and Pocatello will once again hold this tournament for the next two years. Radical changes are being introduced to the registration process for Regionals, with singlet orders being done on line as well as registration being done through Trackwrestling.com.

Respectfully,
John Stillwagon
MT State Kids Director
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Cadets/Juniors Report – Steve Komac:

Steve reported:

171 Cadets Carded

70 Juniors Carded

32 Cadet/Juniors traveled to Fargo.

Steve also reported that changes are being made to the training procedures for Fargo. The biggest change would involve smaller mini-camps being offered over a 2 or 3 weekend time period, instead of the current training camp set-up which takes wrestler's and coaches away from families and jobs, etc for an extensive amount of time. Steve would like to hear ideas and suggestions to make this successful tomorrow morning during Committee Meetings.

Open – Caleb Schaeffer: No Report

Coaches Report – Jeremy Shields:

Jeremy submitted the following –

This year we had 38 Coaches go through the Bronze Clinic. The clinics occurred in Livingston, Great Falls and Butte. To my knowledge we had no Red cards issued to any of the coaches in the State. All in all pretty good year.

Cultural Exchange – Dave Bennetts: See Attached

Girl's Report – Rich Vasquez:

Rich reported that he is trying to put information together to promote the girls side of wrestling. He is also working on putting together some summer camps for girls wrestling.

Tournament Reports – 2010:

AAU State Folkstyle – March 12 & 13, 2010 in Great Falls:

Steve Komac reported:

1,157 Wrestlers in 2010, compared to 1,103 in 2009. It was a very well run tournament.

MT-USAW State Freestyle and Greco – April 16 & 17, 2010 in Butte:

Don Davis reported:

470 Wrestlers at MT-USAW State Freestyle

317 Wrestlers at MT-USAW State Greco

New Business:

Appoint Nominations Committee – Dave Bennetts will oversee the Nominations Committee

State Bid Forms submitted to appointed representative – Vice President Curt Dallas

Appoint Reps to Joint MT-USAW / AAU State Bids Committee

Presentation:

Dr. Spence Jahner, Chiropractor – Member of Maximized Living provided a brief presentation to the MT-USAW group regarding Maximized Living, which is a USAW Sponsor and listed on the USAW Wellness Advisory Council

Second General Session - Saturday, May 1, 2010

Call to Order:

MT-USAW President Dan Buckley called the Annual Meeting of MT-USAW to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call –

The following E-Board Members and MT-USAW Teams were in attendance for the Second General Session:

E- Board Members Present:

President: Dan Buckley
Vice President: Curt Dallas
Secretary: Kim Dallas
Registration Chair: Angie Buckley
Head Official: Blake Love
Head Pairer: Marie Hatcher

Law & Legislation: Mike Challeen
Coaches Chairman: Jeremy Shields
Kids Chairman: John Stillwagon
Cadets Chairman: Steve Komac
Girls Chairman: Rich Vazquez

E-Board Members Absent:

Treasurer: Michelle Daniels
Juniors Chairman: Nate Laslovich
Open/Espoir Chairman: Caleb Schaeffer

Clubs Present:

Belgrade Wrestling Club
Billings Wrestling Club
Blitzkrieg Wrestling Club
Bozeman Hawk Wrestling Club
Bozeman Mat Dogs Wrestling Club
Butte Wrestling Club
East Helena Wrestling Club
Helena Wrestling Club

Kalispell Wrestling Club
Lewistown Wrestling Club
Lil Copperhead Wrestling Club
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Laurel Wrestling Club – not sanctioned
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USA Team Cobra

2010 – 2011 Committee Agendas & Proposals:

Budget:

Amend line item: Girls Dual Team to just Girls Team.

- Motion made by Rich Vasquez and seconded by Jeremy Shields. MOTION PASSES.

Add #21 to MT-USAW By-Laws:

- Motion made by Kim Dallas to amend the By-Laws to reflect this change. Seconded. MOTION PASSES.
- #21. All MT-USAW bank statements (to include checking, savings and CD Account) will be sent to the Vice President and Treasurer, in duplicate. The Vice President shall review all banks statements for accuracy and accountability, and the Vice President shall report any questionable transactions to the President. The President shall then report to the Board for discussion and action, if required. All bank transactions shall require 2 authorized signatures. Authorizes signatures will include the Treasurer, Registration Chairperson and E-Board.

Amend budgeted amount of line item Cadet/Junior Nationals/Boys:

- Motion was made to add \$5000 to Cadet/Junior Nationals/Boys. Motion died due to lack of a second.
- Motion was made to transfer \$1000 from the SB Duals to Cadet/Junior Nationals/Boys and to transfer \$1000 from the MT-USAW General Fund Balance Cadet/Junior Nationals/Boys.
- This transfer will be a one-time funding and will be revisited and voted on annually at each MT-USAW Annual Meeting.
- Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSES.

Registration – None

Cultural Exchange:

Cultural Exchange request for an additional \$1000 in 2012 budget.

Pairings Officials - None

Kids, Cadet, Juniors, Espoir/Open, Girls - None

Coaches - None

Officials:

The following proposals are to be put in place to help boost the number of adult officials within the Montana Freestyle/Greco scene.

1. Official's fines to be set at \$50 per missing officials. FAILS
2. Clubs who fail to provide the required number of officials {per standing rules} for said tournament would be eliminated from the team trophy race. MOTION PASSES 14/6
3. Coaches receiving a yellow card would be required to officiate the remainder of that tournament before being reinstated to coach. FAILS
4. Coaches receiving a yellow card would be required to officiate a full tournament before being reinstated to coach. FAILS
5. Coaches floor passes for Freestyle State Coaches floor passes will be allocated one per seven wrestlers. Two additional passes may be purchased per team. FAILS
6. Increase official's wages from \$5, \$6, \$7 and \$8 per hour to \$7, \$8, \$9 and \$10 per hour. Doing this will in hopes create more incentive to get other adults involved. FAILS
7. All coaches/officials rules clinics are free of charge except for the clinic at the state tournaments. The clinic at the state tournament will have a premium charge of \$10 cash per participant. MOTION PASSES.

Law & Legislation / By-Laws:

Tournament Conduct:

Current MT-USAW By-Laws state: Tournament Conduct, #2: All State tournaments (i.e. Greco, Freestyle and Folkstyle) will have a mandatory \$12.00 wrestler entry fee with \$5.00 mandatory assessment per wrestler to be paid to the MT-USAW general fund.

- Motion and second was made to amend by changing "...\$5.00 mandatory assessment per wrestler..." to "... \$3.00 mandatory assessment..." FAILS
- Motion and second was made to amend by changing "...mandatory \$12.00 wrestler entry fee..." to "...mandatory \$15.00 wrestler entry fee..." FAILS

Scheduling:

Dan Buckley motioned and John Stillwagon seconded that MT-USAW follow the season schedule coming out of the Scheduling Committee. MOTION PASSES

Tentative Schedule for the upcoming 2011 MT-USAW Wrestling Season will be as follows:

Saturday, January 15 OPEN
Sunday, January 16 USA Cobra, Townsend
Saturday, January 22 East Helena Wrestling Club – Freestyle
Saturday, January 29 Smith/McCarthy Freestyle Tournament, Butte Civic Center
Saturday, February 5..... Bozeman, Freestyle
Sunday, February 20..... Cyclops Folkstyle Tournament, Butte
Saturday, February 26..... Kalispell Wrestling Club, Folkstyle

Sunday, February 27Missoula Wrestling Club, Folkstyle
 Saturday, March 5.....Lil' Copperhead Wrestling, Folkstyle, Anaconda
 Sunday, March 6.....OPEN
 Saturday, March 12 & Sunday, March 13.....AAU State Folkstyle Tournament, Great Falls
 Saturday, March 19.....Cadet/Junior Qualifier (Freestyle & Greco), Livingston
 Sunday, March 20.....Blitzkrieg Wrestling, Kids Folkstyle, Livingston
 Saturday, March 26 & Sunday, March 27.....Montana Open Folkstyle Tournament, Butte
 Saturday, April 2 & Sunday, April 3Helena Wrestling Club, Freestyle/Greco Tournament
 Saturday, April 9.....OPEN
 Sunday, April 10OPEN
 Saturday, April 16 & Sunday, April 17MT-USAW State Freestyle & Greco Tournament, Butte
 Friday, April 29 & Saturday, April 30Annual Convention, Billings

Elections:

President:	Dan Buckley was elected.	Term will end in 2013
Vice President:	Jerry Arneson was elected.	Term will end in 2012
Pairings Official:	Amber Shields was elected.	Position is elected annually
State Official:	Blake Love was elected.	Position is elected annually
Coaches Chairman:	Jeremy Shields was elected.	Position is elected annually
Cultural Exchange:	Dave Bennetts was elected.	Position is elected annually
Law & Legislation:	Mike Challeen was elected.	Position is elected annually
Girls Chairman:	Rich Vasquez was elected.	Position is elected annually
Juniors Chairman:	Ken Thompson was elected.	Position is elected annually
Kids Chairman:	John "Bear" Stillwagon was elected.	Position is elected annually
Cadets Chairman:	Steve Komac was elected.	Position is elected annually
Espoir Chairman:	Caleb Schaffer was elected.	Position is elected annually

The E-Board appointed Kim Dallas, currently Secretary, to fill the position of Treasurer with the resignation of Michelle Daniels. Kim will perform the duties for one-year. The position is up for election in 2011.

With no additional business, the 2010 Annual Meeting of MT-USAW was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Dallas
 MT-USAW Secretary/Treasurer