

Montana USAW Annual Convention
Holiday Inn ~ Missoula, MT
May 4 & 5, 2012

First General Session - Friday, May 4, 2012

Call to Order:

MT-USAW President Dan Buckley called the Annual Meeting of MT-USAW to order at 6:00 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: Jerry Arneson
Treasurer: Kim Dallas
Secretary: Kristy Evans
Registration Chair: Angie Buckley
Head Official: Blake Love
Law & Legislation: Mike Challeen

Coaches Chairman: Jeremy Shields
Cadets Chairman: Steve Komac
Girls Chairman: Rich Vazquez
Juniors Chairman: Ken Thompson
Kids Chairman: John Stillwagon
Open/Espoir Chairmans: Caleb Schaeffer

E-Board Members Absent:

Head Pairer: Amber Shields

Clubs Present:

Argo Wrestling Club
Blitzkrieg Wrestling Club
Bozeman Hawk Wrestling Club
Bozeman Mat Dogs Wrestling Club
Butte High School Wrestling
SBAWA/Butte Wrestling Club
Kalispell Wrestling Club
East Helena Wrestling Club
Flathead Wrestling Club
Glacier High Wrestling Club
Libby Wrestling Club

Lil Copperhead Wrestling Club
Missoula Sentinel High Wrestling Club
Missoula Wrestling Club
Missoula Eagle Wrestling Club
Northern Montana Wrestling Club
Renegade Wrestling
Sidney Wrestling Club
Silver Bow Amateur Wrestling Club
Sudden Victory Wrestling Academy
Big Fork Wrestling Club

Minutes:

The Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting were presented for review. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

President's Report:

MT-USAW President Dan Buckley expressed to the MT-USAW Governing Body the following topics:

- National Change is encouraging split sessions, honor weigh-ins and suggest we make tournaments more family oriented (ex. Face painting or any other family activities) USAW will help front \$100 of activities.
- Make A Difference Tournament we will be running again. Rich from Kalispell will have information on it. You do not need a card and tournament will offer a free clinic.
- Split Seasons were going well
- Overall things going well 250 more wrestlers were carded this year from last year.
- Joint session with AAU was conducted and it was the first one ever.
- Bids for state tournaments have to be in tonight after joint scheduling meeting

Treasurer's Report (2010 – 2011):

Kim Dallas presented the MT-USAW Budget Report.

As of April 17: Checking balance is \$36,583 and Savings/CD Account is \$23,888.

Members had questions that were answered regarding fund allocations such as amounts for gear purchase, regional training camps, out of state tournaments, coaches, Gordon Smith Award and website.

Pairings Report:

Angie Buckley reported that MT-USAW had 32 Chartered Clubs; 1,582 competitors cards were purchased through which was 274 cards up from last year. 371 Coaches cards purchased up 72 from last year. Angie's report is kept on file with these minutes.

Law & Legislation:

Mike reported that the Gordon Smith award needs to make it into the bylaws.

Rules of coaches conduct also needs to be in by-laws.

Criteria for treasurer needs to be approved. Kim also suggested we develop policy and procedures for handling financial procedures on the board regarding budget issues to ensure a strengthened checks and balances process.

Kids:

No Report at this session.

Cadets:

Komac reported that they are planning a middle school dual team for Cadet and Juniors. He said Caleb Schaeffer will be the lead person for this tournament.

Girls:

Rich reported that they have bought apparel for the girls that are wrestling. They purchased shorts and tank tops with a newly developed logo. He also reported that a state bracket was ran for the girls during the state tournaments. 20 girls have signed up thus far.

Rich also is going to offer athletic aid for girls that want to attend out-of-state tournaments. He is hoping to expose the girls to college wrestling. Girls age brackets are from 4 to high school age.

Kim and Rich agreed to communicate on the budget when it comes to spending money for out-of-state travel.

Coaches:

Jeremy reported that there were not any red cards issued this year which has been the first time in years. Red cards that are issued are determined by officials or tournament directors.

The coaches rule clinic has been re-enacted. It was offered several times around the state.

Bronze clinic was offered 6 times with 52 coaches becoming bronze certified.

Cultural Exchange:

Trip will be to Germany and so far 8 wrestlers are registered to go.

Juniors:

Jeremy reported 498 carded Juniors.

Espoir/Open:

Caleb is going to be conducting a camp before Pocatello, ID tournament. He had 2 high school students that went to Cadet/Fila. There will be Junior Western Duals June 19, 2012

Officials:

Blake not available at time of report.

MT-USAW Tournament Reports 2011 – 2012 Season

MT-AAU State Folkstyle – NMWC Steve Komac: 1375 participants. The numbers continue to increase. Karen Wilson was hired again as Tournament Director. Space was a little bit of an issue but some ideas have been generated to resolve that.

MT-USAW State Freestyle – Kalispell: 420 participants. It was reported that the Red/Blue Singlet policy needs to be reviewed or enforced.

MT-USAW State Greco – Kalispell: 362 participants. The tournament was finished early.

USAW Western Regionals, Pocatello – John Stillwagon: no report

Junior/Cadet Nationals, Fargo – Jeremy Shields: 38 went to Fargo MT Team 6 placements. Camps were held prior to going in Butte, University of Great Falls, and Colstrip. Jeremy submitted a written report of the names of wrestlers and coaching staff and it is on file.

Final Meeting of discussion: The board was notified that an individual was hired to take care of apparel for the Fargo/Regionals tournament and she did not meet our request. There is some money that is not accounted for regarding this issue. We have sent her a letter asking her to pay and did not get a response. Therefore we turned this matter over to the county attorney.

Second General Session - Saturday, May 5, 2012

Call to Order:

MT-USAW President Dan Buckley called the Annual Meeting of MT-USAW to order at 9:15 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: Jerry Arneson
Treasurer: Kim Dallas
Secretary: Kristy Evans
Registration Chair: Angie Buckley
Head Official: Blake Love
Kids Chairman: John Stillwagon

Law & Legislation: Mike Challeen
Coaches Chairman: Jeremy Shields
Cadets Chairman: Steve Komac
Girls Chairman: Rich Vazquez
Juniors Chairman: Jeremy LaPorte
Open/Espoir: Caleb Schaeffer

E-Board Members Absent:

Pairings Official: Amber Shields

Clubs Present:

Argo Wrestling Club
Billings Wrestling Club
Blitzkrieg Wrestling Club
Bozeman Hawk Wrestling Club
Bozeman Mat Dogs Wrestling Club
Butte High School Wrestling
SBAWA/Butte Wrestling Club
Darkhorse Wrestling Club
Kalispell Wrestling Club
East Helena Wrestling Club
Flathead Wrestling Club

Glacier High Wrestling Club
Lil Copperhead Wrestling Club
Missoula Sentinel High Wrestling Club
Missoula Wrestling Club
Missoula Eagle Wrestling Club
Northern Montana Wrestling Club
Renegade Wrestling
Silver Bow Amateur Wrestling Club
USA/Cobra Wrestling Club
Big Fork Wrestling Club

2011 – 2012 Committee Agendas & Proposals:

Budget:

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

- Motion was made to transfer \$1000 from the SB Duals to Cadet/Junior Nationals/.
- Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSES.

Amend budgeted amount of line item Girls Team:

- Motion was made to allow budget to help pay for training camps and other athletic aid.
- Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSES.

Amend budget amount of line item Espoir

- Motion was made to remove \$700 from athletic aid and add to \$800 Espoir for a total line item budget of \$1500.
- Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSES

Amend budgeted amount of line item Registration:

- Motion was made to drop registration line item budget from \$500 to \$250
- Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSES

Amend budgeted amount of line item supplies:

- Motion was made to decrease the supply budget to \$250 from \$1000.
- Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSES

Budget amount \$41750

- Motion to approve annual budget of \$41750
- Motion was seconded. MOTION PASSES

Registration –

Angie submitted report that is on file regarding 2012 season. We had 32 chartered clubs. 1582 competitors cards. This is up from last year which was 1308. We hosted 14 events. This is down from 17 last year. We had 2 tournaments cancel one for lack of participants and one for lack of facility.

3 Freestyle Tournaments

9 Folkstyle Tournaments

1 State Freestyle Tournament

1 State Greco Tournament.

Cultural Exchange –

The exchange for Germany was talked about and information was passed out for anybody interested. They were in need of some more wrestlers at the higher weight classes. The cost is approximately \$2,200. Dan Elser or Rich Malia are your contacts for this. Report was submitted and on file.

Pairings Officials –

Proposal to implement criteria for pair certification- it was amended to form a sub-committee to re-institute our pairing training.

Motion: to refer to sub-committee

Motion: Seconded

Passed

Proposal to have winning coach verify the winner at end of match by signing bout sheet with winning wrestlers name. There is confusion on signing these sheets and there have been mistakes on who won the match because of wrestlers signing incorrectly or forgetting to sign.

Motion: have coach sign bout sheet with winning wrestlers name

Motion: Seconded

Passed

Kids- None

Cadet:

Discussion took place regarding the Cadet/Junior qualifier for National. It was also suggested that there be a \$400 cap per wrestler for those that go to National. The following motions were made regarding this issue:

Motion: Qualifier to be State Freestyle and Greco Tournament.

Motion: Seconded

Passed

2nd Motion: cap to \$400 per wrestler for each qualifier out of the \$9500 line item budget and you can only petition in for financial aid if you had an injury.

Motion: Seconded

Passed

Juniors - None

Espoir/Open - None

Girls –

Discussed to bring in clinic or take the girls to an out of state clinic. Rich emphasized that he really would like to see the \$3000 budget being spent on athletic aid.

He also reminded everyone that when bidding tournaments you must offer girls bracketing it is in the standard rules. Question was asked what was spent on last year's budget and Rich reported some of money was used to purchase apparel for the girls and to develop the logo.

Kim reported that if money does not all get spent on the line item budget it does not accumulate it goes back into the general budget.

Coaches –

We had a good year as far as behavior according to Jeremy's knowledge. No red cards were given. Coaches clinics were re-enacted. Bronze clinics were offered at Great Falls State AAU Tournament, Smith McCarthy, Sidney, Glasgow, and at the USAW state tournament. 52 coaches attended.

Law & Legislation / By-Laws:

Discussion: standing rules pg 6 9b add motion to include language that says "or state AAU tournament" These guidelines were set forth stating you must have held an USAW sanctioned tournament the prior year to bid state USAW Freestyle or Greco.

Motion: add or State AAU tournament

Motion: Seconded

Motion: FAILED

Discussion: page 13 #30 state bids are to be turned in before roll call of the 2nd general session Saturday morning instead of Friday after the scheduling meetings.

Motion: Bids due Saturday morning before roll call

Motion: Seconded

Motion: PASSED

Other Discussion took place at this time.

Dual sanction tournaments were discussed and decided it may be a good idea to sanction both ways to try and get more wrestlers to the tournaments. It was stated that if you are going to dual sanction you will need to get the board approval.

Kim gave notice to board that she would like us to consider changing the fiscal year budget to a different fiscal year on the certain months to make budgeting easier and more in line with our wrestling season.

Officials:

Blake submitted report and it is on file. There was state rules clinic put on this year. Blake did 4 and Jeremy did 11 across the state. Many participants were interested in continuing this.

There were 13 adult officials with a total of 21 officials at the state USA Freestyle/Greco tournament to run 10 mats. We need to encourage those that were in attendance to get the proper gear and License and to stay involved from the beginning of the season.

It was also discussed and suggested that there is a grace period for newly established clubs to use before they get fined for not having officials.

Proposal that mat officials will follow USAW rules from January 1 and don't change the rules mid-season if USAW changes them. Discussion took place.

Motion: Follow rules from beginning of season and not change them mid-season

Motion: Seconded

Motion: FAILED

Scheduling:

With no additional business, the 2012 Annual Meeting of MT-USAW was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Evans
MT-USAW Secretary