

Montana USAW Annual Convention
Holiday Inn Billings, MT
May 3 & 4, 2013

First General Session – Friday, May 3, 2013

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 and Legislation: Mike Challeen

Coaches Chairman: Jeremy Shields

Cadets Chairman: Steve Komac

Girls Chairman: Rich Vazquez

Juniors Chairman: Jeremy LaPorte

Kids Chairman: John Stillwagon

Open/Espoir Chairman: Caleb Schaeffer

Head Pairer: Dusty Milaltos

Clubs Present:

Billings Wrestling Club

Blitzkrieg Wrestling Club

Bozeman Hawk Wrestling Club

Bozeman Mat Dogs Wrestling Club

Columbia Falls Wrestling Club

Darkhorse Wrestling Club

Eagle Wrestling Club

East Helena Wrestling Club

Flathead Wrestling Club

Helena Wrestling Club

Capital High School Wrestling

Kalispell Wrestling Club

Lewistown Wrestling Club

Lil Copperhead Wrestling Club

Lolo Wrestling Club

Missoula Sentinel Wrestling Club

North Montana Wrestling Club

Silver Bow Amateur Wrestling Club

Sudden Victory Wrestling Club

USA Cobra Wrestling Club

Legends of Gold MT Wrestling Club

Renedage Wrestling Club

President Welcome:

Dan Buckley welcomed everyone and went over the schedule and the agenda for the next two days.

He also announced the terms coming up for officers. The treasurer has resigned and her term is not up until 2014, so if anyone is interested please let Dan know.

Minutes:

The minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting were presented for review. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Motion passed

Treasurer Report:

Kim Dallas presented the MT-USAW Budget Report:

As of April 16: Checking balance is \$41,532.76

As of April 29: Checking balance is \$51,369.26 after deposit made. CD balance \$2393 1 % interest.

Kim also reported the following:

- We currently are not making any additional money and are spending as much as we are making.
- Athletic aid has not been paid because of difference of opinion \$4,000 budgeted on it.
- Kim will help assist new person coming in as treasurer.
- Our budget year technically begins on May 1, but keep in mind convention is paid in prior year budget.
- All assessment fees have been paid from clubs – except Butte.

Committee Reports:

Mat Officials

Blake Love reported the following:

- There were 12 Rules clinics across state.
- Implementation in rules discussed: if you don't have numbers correct for team you do not get to compete for title.
- 6-7 yellow cards on 4 different coaches were given.
- High school athletes are great officials but still need some adults to help out with refereeing.
- Blake encourages clubs to get the adults involved in refereeing as a club.

Comments and Questions:

- Comment: Angie does a great job communicating this on website so it is happening.
- Question: wants to know how come referee cannot be trained like they should. Consistency on calls is a concern and training. There should be level training.
- It was confirmed that By-laws state if you get too many red cards you are out.

Pairing Officials:

- Dusty reported there were 13 renewals and 3 brand new pairers. Lots of things that need to be worked on so everyone is on same page.

Registration:

- Angie reported there are 33 charter clubs- 10 down (from last year) 1,531 individual cards and 378 coaches cards up 8 (from last year)
- There were 12 hosted tournaments.
- It was also mentioned the limited Folkstyle style card was confusing and needs to be cleared up.

Law and Legislation:

Mike reported on the following areas:

- We need to hammer out some issues on athletic aid.
- \$9500 /\$400 per wrestler for qualified wrestlers in regards to the stipend for Fargo was recorded wrong and was amended, but needs to be corrected.

Kids:

John made the following report for Kids:

- 1,174 kids carded this year.
- State Freestyle 438 and 518. Last year 480 wrestlers registered for Freestyle and Greco.
- Trend is tournament is continuing to drop.
- Cyclops 779 wrestlers. The tournament was done a little different this year. They tried to get schoolboy tournament going this year, but could not get a coach to take over.
- Regional numbers (which will be staying in Pocatello, ID) Folkstyle: Kids 68 and Cadet 17 Freestyle: Kids 69, Cadet 18, Girls 3 Greco: Kids 57 and Cadet 17

Cadets:

- Komac reported: 198 cadets carded 46 wrestled in State Freestyle 157 wrestled in State Folkstyle.
- Fargo: 17 wrestlers.
- Interested in doing a dual tournament for cadet/junior

Girls:

- Rich reported for girls: 34 girls carded
- 7 girl wrestlers went to OK for Folkstyle tournament .
- Girls wrestle Freestyle in college so Rich is interested in building there.
- Athletic aid \$3000 for girls has been great support. Rich would like to see this year to be adjusted for travel. He wants to take \$1000 because they have to travel so far.
- \$2000 going to bring in an Olympian to do clinics.
- AAU Folkstyle just ran guy brackets, but will correct that.
- He plans to run an article on MT Women Magazine about women wrestling.
- Also we need to address how women brackets are run because a concern in winning triple crown. Girls can wrestle both girls and guys cards.
- If you're going to offer a girls division you have to wrestle it.
- Kim reminded the chairs that just because you have a budget doesn't mean you have to spend it.

Juniors:

- Jeremy LaPorte reported there are 159 juniors carded.
- 22 wrestled State tournament.
- They took 4 wrestlers to Fargo

Coaches:

- Jeremy reported 43 individuals were certified during bronze clinics this year.

- He will schedule clinics at state tourneys and Cyclops.
- Limited amount of problems with coaches. Main complaint was people didn't feel official were doing their jobs.

Fargo

- Jeremy S said both Fargo camps were in Livingston. It was a successful trip in Fargo. 14 attended.

Cultural Exchange:

- Dave was not available because he is in Germany. The Germans are coming July 6 to Billings. We will get that on the website. Next year we will be taking a team to Germany.

Espoir:

- 45 carded Espoir wrestlers.
- 23 University of Montana and 22 Montana State wrestlers.

Tournament report:

- Komac reported for state AAU Folkstyle wrestling tournament is Great Falls. There were 1300 wrestlers which was down 78 kids from last year. There were problems with motel issues but will not have issue this year. It went well. They did receive one complaint about track wrestling. Komac stated sessions are a matter of opinion and still seem to go well.
- State Freestyle and Greco: 438 Freestyle Greco 380
- Regionals: 68 approximately for numbers been seeing.
- Junior/cadet Fargo: Costs have been successfully revamped and has gone much more smoothly.

First Session Adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Second General Session – Saturday May 4, 2013

Call to Order:

- MT-USAW President Dan Buckley called the Annual meeting of MT-USAW to order at approximately 9:10 am.
- General Announcement: Clubs have not paid fees cannot vote

Roll Call:

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 Secretary: Kristy Evans
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 Head Official: Blake Love (absent)
 Law and Legislation: Mike Challeen

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 Lewistown Wrestling Club
 Lil Copperhead Wrestling Club
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2012-2013 Committee Agendas & Proposals:

Budget:

Proposed: \$5,500 Western Regionals Team Gear Proposal take and change to reimbursement of registration fees for Western Regional remove budget item for gear and give \$25 to each wrestler that competed in Regionals must have direct affiliation with wrestling club

- Motion: John proposed \$5,500 and divide by the number of kids going, but cap it at \$100 per kid
- Second Motion was made to clarify original motion:
- Motion: Western regionals team gear removed being replace to reimbursement to wrestlers \$5,500 / among wrestlers with a cap of \$100
- Discussion: none
- Call for vote: Motion passed. Money will be paid to the club unless unaffiliated to club then will go to individual

Proposed: Delete line item \$4,000 cadet athlete aid since we fund national and regionals already

- Motion made and second original came from Kim
- Discussion: 57 wrestlers requested athlete aid for \$3,900 approx many requests were for tournaments that were not national/regional rule needs to be clarified
- Motion made by John to include amendment: National and Regionals of FILA that are USAW events period rule should state except for Western Regionals and Fargo that is already aid which the funds will be paid back to club by Dec 1 unless your independent than goes to individual. Request must be submitted by clubs. \$100 cap still included.
- Call for vote: Motion passed

Kim Dallas made the following proposal for budget items:

- Fargo trip \$9,500 voted and approved
- Espoir \$1,500 approved
- Internet \$300 moved to general fund
- Taxes \$800 for 990 form, so suggested we raise budget for this to \$1,000

Registrar:

- Bylaws page 12 club charter to \$70 coaches cards \$30 + \$17 competitors cards
- Limited good through High School Divisionals weekend \$15- just cover Freestyle
- MT USAW \$40 and high performance \$100
- Motion made and second
- Discussion/amendment to USAW to limit as determined by USAW MT board
- Motion passed

Law and Legislation:

Motion: Rule number amended page 5 b/c will be added stating that qualifying wrestlers will receive up to \$400 each from the Fargo team budget and the remainder of the funds will be placed in the general fund for the Fargo Trip.

Motion passes

Motion: Legends of Gold/ if petitioning for release from MT state to wrestle for another state should not be denied if the wrestler understands that MT state funds will not be available to wrestler when wrestling for another state.

Amended to forfeit MT state funds/aid

Motion passes

Motion: motion made that one match must be wrestled in girls bracket. If nobody to wrestle then they don't qualify

Discussion: Triple Crown being given to girls who have not wrestled a match is of discussion

Going back to original motion: girls may not wrestle at any 3 styles but attends is eligible for the Triple Crown award

Motion failed 13 to 11

Motion: put in place checks and balance for officials being complained about for actions

No second

Went back to amended: now can request different official on mat through head official

Second motion made:

Discussion: Do not need anything written just come to head official if need changed

Call for vote: does not pass

Motion: High School student in good standing and approved by head official/national licensed and USAW card should count as an adult member official

Second motion:

Discussion: approved through Blake and will not be penalized by trophy or fine

May see more clubs not sanction because of fines

Motion passes

Motion: Coach receiving 2 yellow cards or one red card will be required to officiate a match before being allowed back to coach at following tournament.

Second motion: made

Discussion: None

Motion passes

Motion: \$1 per wrestler imposed assessment fee from group hosting tournament to USAW

Motion second:

Discussion: Open outstanding tournament kick back valid

Other open weekends but nobody has stepped up. Cannot assess a fee to non USAW organization

Amend: to say we are going to request \$1 in order to protect that date.

Motion passes

Motion: Wrestlers can only compete on a team they are registered with for a team trophy

Motion seconded:

Discussion:

Amended: Independent wrestlers wrestle independently

You can call Angie and switch club affiliation

Call for vote: motion passes

Referees:

Motion: Increase fees to get more MOA \$50 national license and all other \$25 to pay officials

Motion second:

Discussion:

Vote: passed

Motion: Referees should be paid per sub-varsity fee if MOA

Motion second:

Discussion: MOA get paid same fee \$25 to \$59 but want to set as sub-varsity fee

Vote: passed

Blake discussed not a motion but to conduct a clinic on Friday night if big tournament.

Discussion: Capture them Friday night to avoid distractions

Mat officials:

Motion: Wear blue

Passed

Motion: MOA qualified without USAW card

No second - fail

Motion: Mat Officials all coaches must officiate

No second - fail

Motion: Tournament conduct club will be assessed \$50 for no referee

Second. Vote passed.

Motion: \$8.00 an hour, chair \$9, and head \$10, example raise fee approx \$500

Second motion

Discussion: Can club afford it. Butte said with numbers low, no

Amend \$1 increase suggested

Not really affordable at this time

Pay rate last 2009

Vote passed

Motion: Page 16 if coach gets yellow card must officiate on mat before can get back at next tournament

Second motion

Discussion

Vote failed

Motion: coach receives two yellow cards throughout the season or one red card at any time same notes as above

Second motion

Discussion: don't want a bitter coach ref match.

You can pair him with some other official

Amend: Suggested either you're out for the year or you officiate

Vote passed

The following Schedule was proposed and was passed:

Saturday, January 4	
Sunday, January 5	
Saturday, January 11	Bozeman Hawks Takedown Tournament
Sunday, January 12	Blitzkreig
Saturday, January 18	Smith/McCarthy Butte
Sunday, January 19	Smith/ McCarthy Butte
Friday and Saturday January 24 and 25	Ken Cloud Helena
Sunday January 26	Helena
Saturday, February 1	State Freestyle Park High Bozeman
Sunday, February 2	State Greco Park High Bozeman
Saturday, February 8	
Sunday, February 9	
Friday and Saturday February 14 and 15	Montana High School State Tournament
Saturday, February 22	Cyclops Butte
Sunday, February 23	Cyclops Butte
Saturday, March 1	Making A Difference Kalispell
Sunday, March 2	
Saturday, March 8	Lil Copperhead
Sunday, March 9	
Saturday, March 15	Missoula Eagles
Sunday, March 16	
Saturday, March 22	Helena
Sunday, March 23	
Saturday, March 29	Montana Open Billings
Sunday, March 30	Montana Open Billings
Saturday, April 5	State Folkstyle Butte
Sunday, April 6	State Folkstyle Butte
Saturday, April 12	State Jr/Cadet Freestyle Butte
Sunday, April 13	State Jr/Cadet Freestyle Butte
Saturday, April 19	
Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday	
Saturday, April 26	
Sunday, April 27	
Friday and Saturday May 2 and 3	Annual Meeting Butte

Elections:

President: John Stillwagon

State Official: Blake

State Pairer: Dusty

Kids: Andrew Holmes

All rest same

Jason Weir has been appointed secretary to fulfill Kim's position

With no additional business, the 2013 Annual Meeting of MT-USAW was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristy Evans

MT-USAW Secretary