



**MONTANA USAW (MT-USAW)  
ANNUAL CONVENTION AGENDA  
Butte Plaza Inn, Butte, MT  
May 2 & 3, 2014**

**FRIDAY, May 2, 2014**

**4:30 - 5:30 MT-USAW Executive Board Meeting**

**5:00 Registration**

**6:00 MT-USAW First General Session**

**6:05 Call to Order**

**6:15 Roll Call of MT-USAW Clubs**

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Secretary: Kristy Evans

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Kids Chairman: Andrew Holmes

Head Official: Blake Love

Open/Espoir Chairman: Not Present

Law and Legislation: Mike Challeen

Head Pairer: Dusty Milaltos

Cultural Exchange: Dave Bennett

**Clubs Present:**

Billings Wrestling Club

Kalispell Wrestling Club

Blitzkrieg Wrestling Club

Legends of Gold Wrestling Club

BigFork Wrestling Club

Bozeman Hawk Wrestling Club

Lil Copperhead Wrestling Club

Bozeman Mat Dogs Wrestling Club

Lolo Wrestling Club

Butte High School Wrestling Club

Missoula Wrestling Club

Columbia Falls Wrestling Club

Conrad Wrestling Club

Missoula Sentinel Wrestling Club

Darkhorse Wrestling Club

North Montana Wrestling Club

Eagle Wrestling Club

Silver Bow Amateur Wrestling Club

East Helena Wrestling Club

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Flathead Wrestling Club

USA Cobra Wrestling Club

Helena Wrestling Club

Legends of Gold MT Wrestling Club

### **6:30 President's Report – John Stillwagon**

- MT-USAW Committee Nominations:
- Appoint 3 Reps to Joint MT-USAW/AAU State Bids Committee
  - Clubs submitting State Bid forms need to complete and turn the form into the MT-USAW Rep(s) before the start of the 9:00 Joint MT-USAW/AAU State Bids Committee Meeting.

Bids are due tomorrow for state tournaments at 9:00

Discussion: Joint meeting of both executive board meeting

Pairer: having one over entire state

Alcohol: developing a policy

Tournament conduct

Dual sanctions of clubs encouraged

Mt Open

Scheduling reports will occur: 4 major tournaments Folkstyle went down, Freestyle, Greco, Open all numbers went up-John S asked we give it another year.

### **6:45 Review and Approval of MT-USAW 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Move to approve minutes

Passed

### **7:00 MT-USAW Treasurer's Report: 2013 – 2014 MT-USAW Season**

Jason passed out the Final Budget report for May 1, 2013 – April, 30 2014 and the proposed budget May 1, 2014 – April 30, 2015

Limit Discussion tonight but will discuss at Committee meeting tomorrow morning and discussion Session 2

Proposed budget has not been changed a lot.

Things we can do to let our families know about Athletic Aid. Procedure is an email to Jason saying we attended a certain tournament, follow qualification guidelines. Qualifies: national regional tournament that isn't already funded but must be USAW wrestling.

We need to spend our money.

56239.92 checking

23936.19 CD

80173.11 Total

It was suggested to come to committee meeting tomorrow if interested in sharing the ideas.

### **7:15 MT-USAW Committee Reports & Update of the 2013-2014 MT-USAW Season**

- Mat Officials – Blake Love
  - State Rules Clinic for coaches 3 put on by Blake 8 put on by Jeremy and few others across the state.
  - There were 21 adult officials with 12 additional officials at the state USA Freestyle/Greco tournament.
  - Butte ran the Cadet/Junior/Girls State Freestyle/Greco at Butte High School with 4 officials.
  - Implemented rules to penalize clubs if they don't have proper number of officials. This did effect clubs at the USA Kids State FS/GR because of the rule stating, no adult official, not running for team championship. This took several teams out of the running for several tournaments again this year.
  - There were fewer yellow and red cards given this year than any years past. Blake feels many clubs are working to educate their coaches as to proper coaching and corner decorum.
  
- Pairings Officials – Dusty Mikalatos
  - Dusty reported her budget was not spent. \$176 for licensing and licensed 2 new people. Finding new people for Pairings is a struggle.
  - Discussion that clubs need to know who they should communicate if interested and develop a plan.
  
- Registration – Angie Buckley
  - Angie reported 1402 this year 1531 last year. High schools can pay one \$300
  - 32 chartered clubs
  - 5 freestyle 5 folkstyle 2 greco
  - 178 total that have not provided birth certificate verification.
  - 20 wrestlers who have current cards that have not provided any information
  
- Law & Legislation – Mike Challeen
  - Bylaws meeting 8 am to 9 am tomorrow please go see Mike tomorrow through committee
  
- Kids – Andrew Holmes
  - 11 invitational tournaments 398 this year and 402 last year.
  
- Cadets – Steve Komac
  - 163 cadets were carded. 16 cadets went to Fargo. Many people headed into many directions.
  
- Girls – Rich Vazquez
  - 57 carded 6 all American. 1 Fargo All-America. Doing a camp for girls 50 total participated

Fly out May 16 to Texas. Jackets were purchased jackets.  
5 planning to attend Fargo and may attend an all girls camp in Fargo.  
Girls from MT have better chance to get scholarships.  
Camp out of western may happen this year. Jamestown camp

- Coaches - Jeremy Shields  
Bronze clinics – 3  
Coaches better conduct.
- Cultural Exchange – Dave Bennetts  
12 or 13 exchange with Germans. They came here in June and went to 5 sights: Billings, Sidney, Butte, Missoula, and Bozeman.  
We go there this weekend. We have 12 registered this year and 14 spots available.
- Juniors – Jeremy LaPorte  
118 carded Fargo 20 competed.
- Espoir/Open – Caleb Schaeffer  
No report

### **8:15 MT-USAW Tournament Reports 2013 – 2014 Season**

- MT-AAU State Folkstyle – Butte  
Rody reported 12 full size mats, utilized computerized system, 921 wrestlers. 19 triple crown winners.
- MT-USAW State Freestyle – Lewistown  
Livingston and Bozeman Matdogs hosted in Livingston 8 mats. UGF wrestlers hel  
318 Greco  
412 Freestyle  
29 clubs represented  
We need to get long kids involved in this style.
- MT-USAW State Greco – Lewiston  
See above
- USAW Western Regionals, Pocatello – Jeremy Laporte  
Need more kids to go. More MT kids wrestled this year than last year.
- Junior/Cadet Nationals, Fargo – Jeremy Shields  
Sentenal High Camp and Butte  
26 athletes and 2 had injuries.  
  
Junior Duals 19 state camp 6 state placers took two teams down. 3<sup>rd</sup> in Greco and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Freestyle

### **Joint MT-USAW / AAU Tournament Scheduling Committee**

Submit State Bid Forms to appointed representative

- Clubs submitting State Bid forms need to complete and turn the form into the MT-USAW Rep(s) before the start of the Joint MT-USAW/AAU State Bids Committee Meeting.

Individual from Iowa said we have to make it a lifestyle for these kids. This system doesn't make sense to keep changing seasons for each style. Sudden Victory representation spoke that we need to follow national calendar. They want to wrestle according to national seasons. If a kid goes out of state example if want your kid to wrestle higher level tournaments and then returns to state and has to go back and wrestle Freestyle and Greco. Dave to be a great wrestle you have to wrestle all year round. National level more Free style and Greco is moving to spring.

We have to come together and look at this on a national level not necessarily just a state level.

USAW sets a national calendar not a state calendar.

Jeremy S reported this was to get more people involved. Just to try to get them all to wrestle freestyle.

Dave B what are you advocating for?

Pee Wees and Novices get burnt out.

We need to build as a community and as a state and the best way to do that is to do the same for the states are successful.

Rody suggests that we advocate for consistency for another year. Butte had numbers go up.

Trevor suggests for folkstyle to go at beginning and Freestyle/Greco at end of season.

Helena club presenting a folkstyle tournament right when we are proposing Freestyle season.

Copperheads tournament had a consistent amount finish. Shorter season worked.

Dave Eagles numbers went way down 250 wrestlers at their tournament and would love if it went back the other way. Are we only state following? No were not just finding what works for us. He lacked his Juniors in room.

Mike C we flopped is same debate all year long. We tried it for high school wrestlers it doesn't work.

Upset about season flopping and screwing Freestyle Greco every one that wants to compete is going out of state.

Rich supports changing the schedule back.

John comments that Zadick only wrestled Freestyle/Greco there was no folkstyle USAW wrestling. We have to do what majority of kids are doing not just top 10%.

Jerry made comments about what it comes down to is wrestling. It doesn't matter what style.

Helena Club we really suffered this year when we didn't have high school kids in room.

Leadership aspect really missing. If you want to make numbers better we need to make wrestling cool again at high school level.

People who can make a difference in this room are the coaches.

Jeremy S doesn't understand why high school kids aren't in room his our.



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**SATURDAY, May 3, 2014**

**9:00 MT-USAW Second General Session**

**9:00 Call to Order**

**9:10 Roll Call of MT-USAW Clubs**

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Head Pairer: Dusty Milaltos –Not Pres.

Cultural Exchange: Dave Bennett

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Bozeman Mat Dogs Wrestling Club

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**9:15 MT-USAW 2013-2014 Committee Proposals  
(Present proposed changes discussed in Committee Meetings to the General Body for consideration/discussion and vote)**

John talked about scheduling.

Motion to leave things as they are (Rody)  
Second

Discussion:  
Numbers were up overall  
Roll Call taken 18 no and 14 yes Motion fails

Motion made to Start with Folkstyle Jan to AAU Folkstyle State Tournament May 14 with and Freestyle is in April ending April 25 – amended to say end of state tournament AAU state tournament  
Amended Folkstyle provided in March  
Motion Second  
Motion Passes

Discussion: 3 weekend Folkstyle season

Montana Open is not sanctioned by organization and please remember if schedule ends April until 24 ish numbers drop significantly.

Where do we go from here? Club and coaches decisions to continue Freestyle/Greco season.

If you host a tournament it must be the style aligned with season.

Clubs job to get these kids wrestling. As coaches we need to do our job and make sure kids are getting there.

AAU doesn't have the bids in yet.

Discussion: Will anybody bid state Freestyle/Greco April 24 and 25. We need bids by 11:00

- Budget

Proposals to spend more money:

Motions:

1. Increase Cultural Exchange from \$1500 to \$2500  
Motion to pass proposal  
Discussion: stuff in our by laws that we are not following but need to use criteria. How team is picked is not being followed.  
Motion passes
2. Increase Gordon Smith Award from \$250 to \$1500 (\$750 to winner and \$250 to each of the candidates.)  
Motion made  
Motion passes
3. Increase our training and regional camp funds to help existing UGF camp also to include Junior by providing national clinician \$2500  
Motion made and seconded -amended to \$2000  
Discussion clinicians are expensive. If you look at our budget there is already \$4000 in our budget. There will be an application process. Post these are the kids that are coming. Start with older kids and trickle down. Clarification who runs camp- total is 90 to 100 kids best camp of season especially for high school kids dates are June 7 through the 12.  
Motion made to table-did not table  
Motion made  
  
Motion passes
4. Athlete Aid to include Tour of America Tourneys –current budget is \$4000  
Motion: to include these for athlete aid  
Motion seconded  
Discussion: 5 tournaments added to this aid overall.  
Motion passes
5. Find ways to entice other programs to out of state wrestlers \$4500 budget with \$1500 to others per tournament to help them financially so they can be here.  
Motion made and amended to reduce to \$1500 one year earmarked and may go another next year.  
Discussion to make our tournaments worth going to with depth and competition. Money goes out of state for incentive. Last year we asked Open to give this body money and now we're talking about giving others money.  
Motion second  
Motion passes
6. Create a camp series in Montana where you apply to go train with camp dates. \$3000 MT USAW Wrestling Academy.  
Motion made to make \$2000  
Second  
Motion passes
7. USAW Middle School Dual event in Wyoming to be funded \$2500.  
Motion approve  
Motion failed



8. Reduce tournament registration fee of \$3.00 per wrestler by \$2.00 kid would be \$1800 impact to our budget.  
Discussion: do not reduce fees.  
Motion to reduce fees.  
Motion Failed
9. Change budget year to be Sept 1 to Aug 31. One-time fee of additional short year.  
Motion made and second  
Discussion: no audit will happen. We may look at having to adjust our budget line items.  
Motion passes
10. Strike the language that states we are sending out a form being to clubs for assessment fees.  
Motion made and second  
Motion passes
11. Tax preparation fee from \$750 to \$1000  
Motion made and seconded  
Motion passes

- Registration

Proposal: On-site registration at all tournaments

Motion made and seconded – amended to just state tournaments. Amended to make \$5.00 increase if register on site.

Discussion: Does that include weigh-in system? Yes we will. Can we increase registration fees if on-site. Can you still at least do the night before-yes. You can not ever turn kids away that come to wrestler.

Motion passes

- Mat Officials

No proposals

- Pairings Officials

No proposals

- Kids

No proposal

- Cadet

No proposal

- Juniors

No proposal

- Espoir/Open

No proposal

- Girls

No proposal

- Cultural Exchange

Reported on several places they will be wrestling and announced the attendees who were going.  
Have an open for 2 more wrestlers \$2400 per wrestler.  
Dave submitted his resignation

- Coaches

Proposal high school coaches exempt to get accreditation  
Motion made and second  
Motion passes

Proposal the number of coaches set a standard

Motion made and second

Discussion: just to help limit funding issues for all the coaches that go. Need to prepare a Fargo report.

Amended to motion to include the report.

Amended that treasurer will provide and report.

Second

Motion passes.

Proposal: Fargo coach application to have a process of how you are picked and have some criteria.

Motion made

No second

Motion did not pass

Proposal: Satellite weigh-ins for USAW if found weigh masters have falsified statements they will be sanctioned and brought to board.

Motion made and second

Discussion: Hold people accountable if not weighing what they say.

Weigh-ins should be shoulder to shoulder the day of tournament.

Random draw to weigh-ins. Have someone come to watch weigh-ins.

Motion passes

- Law and Legislation

Proposal that we have a tie breaker triple crown team trophy to criteria.

Motion made and second

Motion passes

Proposal to be on executive board as same two individuals

Motion made and second

Discussion: we do have cross representation and you have to have people run. Its an open process. There is a leadership role that is needed as a responsibility.

Motion made to table it and second

Motion passes to table

Proposal to red card for offenses for use alcohol, drugs or tobacco sanctioned events. 2<sup>nd</sup> loss of privileges end of year.

Motion made and second.

Discussion: A coach got himself a DUI outside of practice. Control the structure of the

tournaments. People are taking dips right on the mats and its spilling right there on the mat. If

your holding events at schools none of this is allowed anyhow. Don't make a rule you cannot enforce. Keep it to inside the venue. Don't like penalizing the team.  
Amended to stay inside the venue. We have to have something on the books to protect USAW. Be careful what you put into bylaws and do not enforce it your in trouble. Remind over PA we don't tolerate this at each tournament.

Motion fails

### **11:30 Gordon Smith Excellence in Citizenship and Wrestling Luncheon**

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**1:00 Third General Session –** (This session may be held in the morning if time permits.)  
**Tournament Scheduling –** 2014 Tournament Scheduling & State Championships Bids/Awards

### **Roll Call**

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The following Schedule was proposed and was passed:

Friday, January 9	Helena
Saturday, January 10	Helena
Sunday, January 11	Helena Duals
Saturday, January 17	Bozeman
Sunday, January 18	
Saturday January 23	
Sunday January 24	Missoula Eagles
Saturday, January 31	Conrad
Sunday, February 1	
Saturday, February 7	Divisionals
Sunday, February 8	Blitzkrieg
Friday and Saturday February 13 and 14	State High School
Saturday, February 21	Cyclops Butte
Sunday, February 22	Cyclops Butte
Saturday, February 28	Making A Difference Kalispell
Sunday, March 1	
Saturday, March 7	Lil Copperhead
Sunday, March 8	
Saturday, March 13, 14	AAU State Folkstyle – Great Falls
Sunday, March 15	AAU State Folkstyle – Great Falls
Saturday, March 21	Missoula Eagle tentative
Sunday, March 22	Missoula Eagle tentative
Saturday, March 28	Montana Open Billings
Sunday, March 29	Montana Open Billings
Saturday, April 4	
Sunday, April 5	
Saturday, April 11	Butte/Smith-McCarthy
Sunday, April 12	
Saturday, April 18	Helena
Sunday, April 19	Helena
Saturday, April 25	State Freestyle Livingston
Sunday, April 26	State Greco Livingston
Friday and Saturday May 1 and 2	Annual Meeting Billings

**Location and Date of 2015 Annual Convention  
Election of Officers:**

- Vice President – Term to end 2015 appointed Steve Komac
- Treasurer – Jason Weir - The term will end

2014

- Jason nominated  
Passed
  - State Official – Elected annually
  
  - State Head Pairer – Elected annually  
Dusty nominated  
Passed
  
  - Coaches Chairman – Elected annually  
Jeremy S  
Passed
  
  - Law & Legislation – Elected annually  
Mike nominated  
Motion passes
  
  - Kids Chairman – Elected annually  
Nominated Andrew  
Motion passes
  
  - Cadets Chairman – Elected annually  
Nominated Trevor and Dan B  
  
Trevor it is.
  
  - Juniors Chairman – Elected annually  
Nominated Jeremy Laporte and Dylan Carew  
Jeremy it is.
  
  - Espoir/Open Chairman – Elected annually  
Nominated Caleb  
Motion passes.
  
  - Girls Chairman – Elected annually  
Nominated Rich  
Motion passes
- Cultural Exchange:  
Dan nominated  
Motion passes
- Secretary – Appointed by the President Kristy
  - Registration Chair – Appointed by the President Angie

Officer: Election Years:  
President 2016 2019 2022  
Vice President 2015 2018 2021  
Treasurer 2014 2017 2020