

IWF Board Minutes

5/7/16

Iowa City West High School

1. Meeting was called to order by Mark Reiland at 3:30pm
2. Person present: Keith Donnelly, Steve Mickelson, Jason Christenson, Brent Jennings, Brett Wheelan, Jeff Ziegler, Matt Shannon, Michael Doyle, Mark Reiland, Charlotte Bailey, Derek Doherty, Rob Williamson, Jason Head
3. Minutes were approved from the August meeting.
4. Steve gave a treasurer's report. We have increased our membership and financially we are doing well.
5. Membership as of March 31st; 2242 athletes, 718 coaches, 45 clubs, 15 sanctions, and 37 officials.
6. Rob reported on mat officials. We need to figure out what we are going to do for schoolboy, cadet, and junior duals. Do not have anyone in mind to go and represent Iowa at these events. Discussed paying a fine for not having an official from Iowa. Brent thought it would be a good idea to get a letter out to the Folkstyle officials in Iowa and see if they would be interested in becoming an official.
7. Brent provided a Junior report - no questions
8. Keith provided a Cadet report - no questions
9. Jeff reported that the USA state folkstyle tournament continues to grow. Talked about moving it to UNI dome if gets much bigger. Discussion was about different dates or 2 days if numbers keep going up.
10. Charlotte reported on the girls. Thinks 12 to 15 may wrestle in Fargo, would like to sometime have a dual team from Iowa be represented by girls.
11. No report on UWW JR/Open
12. Jason reported that 44 coaches filled out applications and 28 of those responded with what 3 events they would like to coach at this year.
13. Jason Head reported on fundraising. Discussion was around getting gear from Blue Chip for people to order, come up with sponsors, discount tickets, etc. Want ideas to generate more money for our organization. Specifically discussed a tournament sponsorship at \$5000 or more? Sponsor a dual team at \$5000 as ideas to generate money.
14. Old Business
 - a. Regional training sites: Do we extend them into the summer so our teams are better prepared for duals and national tournaments? Keith was going to send an email to cadet team members and see if they would be interested in training opportunities.
 - b. Schedule/concerns: Do we have too many tournaments on Sunday that conflict with others tournaments in close proximity and with regional training opportunities? Members of the board will pay close attention to where and when tournaments are held to try and increase the number of entries. Discussed 2 schools alternating years, discussed a tournament on the eastern half of the state and one on the western half, north/south? Brett Wheelan and Michael Doyle would be willing to come up with some guidelines for hosting a local tournament as far as cost, weigh in times, general procedures so our tournaments are similar in design.
15. New Business
 - a. Amended the bylaws in respect to voting rights. Motion approved.
 - b. State Tournament streaming: General consensus is to not do it this year. Would like to invite IA wrestle in the meeting in August to learn more about ways they could help promote wrestling. May do track cast for state tournament and use business as advertising on track cast.

c. Northern Plains- Lots of issues here with putting everyone together and hosting it in May. IWF liked the way it was before combining everyone. Concern with efficiency of the tournament in getting kids out of there to go home because they are in school the next day. Also concerned about the number of officials available to help.

d. Camp - Would like to explore new options. Need to create a list of criteria we need and let who ever want to submit a bid to host camp. Discussed pros and cons to some of the potential bids we may get.

e. Michael Doyle was voted in as the new Secretary.

f. Pairing position was discussed to combine with mat official position. No changes were made.

Jason C motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:23pm.