

Iowa USA Wrestling General Board Meeting Minutes

Southeast Polk High School

8/28/22

1.Meeting was called to order by Jason Christenson at 1:22pm. Jason gave some remarks about the past year and how proud Mark Reiland would be with not only the historical success Iowa had wrestling but also the people that stepped up to help with Mark's passing. Jason emphasized that this organization is built and based on volunteers.

2.Persons present: Jason Christenson, Keith Donnelly, Brett Wheelan, Steve Mickelson, Charlotte Bailey, Rob Williamson, Goerge Bailey, Michael Doyle, Mark Rial, Brent Jennings, Dustin Roland, Brett Robbins, Mike Colleran, Dylan Carew, Jeff Mcginness, Dan Lovell, Jake Agnitsch, Brett Haas, Alexis Slade, Ryan Morningstar.

3.Approved minutes from the last meeting.

4.Steve gave the treasurers report. We are doing well although this year was costly due to transportation, hotel, and entry fees going up. Folkstyle state was up from previous years and membership as well as tournaments are up. Overall, we are in good standing.

5.Membership is up in all categories.

6.Jennings gave the Junior report- participants at state and last chance tournament were up. Took 28 kids to duals and had a great tournament winning both Greco and Freestyle. 99 total Junior wrestlers in Fargo, 23 were doublers. 13 all Americans in freestyle winning the team title with 4 champions, Greco finished 5th with 8 all Americans out of the 52 participants.

7.Roland gave the 16U report- participants were up at state and last chance tournament. 27 wrestlers competed at duals finishing 5th in Greco and 6th in freestyle. Freestyle in Fargo had 55 wrestlers with 8 all Americans and finishing 6th as a team. Greco had 42 wrestlers compete with 8 all Americans and finishing 5th place as a team.

8.Zeigler gave the Kids report-2023 folkstyle state tournament will be in Cedar Rapids on January 29. State freestyle and Greco numbers were down slightly. Schoolboy duals were awesome with Iowa's best finish ever finishing 2nd in both styles. Nationals were in Utah so only 9 kids went but did well.

9.Charlotte gave the women's report- Membership for girls is up to 447. State freestyle tournament numbers almost doubled. Close to having full lineups for duals, steps are being made to make that happen. 16u won nationals at Fargo, with 8 all Americans out of 18 wrestlers. Juniors placed 21 as a team with 3 all Americans.

10.Robbins gave the open report-World Team Trials were well represented Iowa schools/athletes in both mens and womens. Two members of the u23 world team representing the state, Carr and Cassioppi. Carr also made the US national team.

11.Rob gave the officials report- Three clinics were held this year which was very helpful. 19 coaches participated in the OEP at the state tournament. We had 9 officials at northern plains regional. Five officials went to Fargo this year. Two officials work the U15 Pan Am trials. Rob Williamson was selected

to work the World Team Trials. Rob talked how great it is that Iowa has 3-man mechanics at the local and state level tournaments.

12.Doyle gave the coaches report- 14 freestyle only coaches, 8 Greco only coaches, 9 coaches did both styles, 6 coaches for women, 7 board members/directors helping out at Fargo. The coaching staff was narrowed down from a pool of 75. Talked about revising the point system. Also is working on creating an Iowa USA coaches code of conduct.

13.Colleran gave safe sport report- There have been six issues reported in the last year. USA wrestling posts the names that have disciplinary action. Any athlete that turns 18 during the year has to be safe sport trained. This coming year there will be compliance checks at state and club levels.

14.Wheelen gave the scheduling report-15 tournaments this year. Over 3,000 competitors in all styles. Looking at doing one tournament a weekend per side of the state moving forward and also starting the season earlier and ending later.

15.Social media- Jason stated that Derek Doherty is stepping away from his role due to time commitment. Jason mentioned the great job that Derek did and he will be missed.

16.George gave the website report-Over the last three months 1,500 users have accessed the site. The news page and the womens page are the 2 most visited pages besides the main page.

17.Donnelly gave the fundraising report- Did two different NFL raffle fundraisers. 3,700 tickets are spoken for. The Fargo raffle has 4,400 tickets spoken for.

18.Election of Directors

Treasurer/Membership- Steve Mickelson was nominated and elected with no other nominees

Secretary- Mark Rial was nominated and elected with no other nominees

Junior- Brent Jennings was nominated and elected with no other nominees

Kids freestyle/Greco- Jeff Ziegler was nominated and elected with no other nominees

Women's- Charlotte Bailey was nominated and elected with no other nominees

Officials- Rob Williamson was nominated and elected with no other nominees

Social Media-Jennings nominated Brett Haas second by Roland. Brett Haas is elected

Website- George Bailey was nominated and elected with no other nominees

Scheduling- Brett Wheelan and Jake Agnitsch were nominated with Brett Wheelan being elected

Folkstyle male- Jason nominated Mike Colleran second by Jennings. Colleran elected

Folkstyle female- Charlotte nominated Alexis Slade second by Rob. Slade elected

19.Committees- Clothing- Roland said overall everything was good although there were some challenges. Training camp- Doyle: Camp was at Coe and went well. Camp location is up for bid. Charlotte: girls camp was at Simpson and went well.

20.Unfinished business

- a. Email addresses- Jason explained we tabled the talk until a new website is made.
- b. Formation of districts- Jason talked about the six districts and the plan to elect representatives for each district. The goal is to involve new people with new ideas to help the organization grow and get better.
- c. Job description- bylaws were amended. Big change is that the scheduling director will handle awards and work with the six district representatives.

21.New business

- Jason talked about USAW policy changes and state leaders' summit info. Kids headgear is optional. Top 5 from regionals qualify for Fargo. Top 4 from state qualify for Fargo.
- Board positions- Beach director and Pairings director positions were discussed if they were a need. Jennings motioned to add a Pairings and Beach wrestling director, it was second by Donnelly. It was approved.
- Long range planning, discussion about forming a long range planning committee. The committee was formed with the following: Mike Colleran, Dylan Carew, Jeff Mcginness, Brett Wheelan, Adam Fellers, Thatcher Goodale, Charlotte Bailey, Tiegan Podliska, Chris Tims, and Morgan Schwab.
- Training camp committee was formed with the following: Coaches director, Head coaches each style, Roland, Jennings, Charlotte, Steve, Jake Agnitsch and Brett Haas.
- Official stipends: Rob talked about getting officials more money for tournaments. Donnelly motioned to table discussion until we get more info second by Steve. Motioned tabled.
- Video review Rob talked about having video review for state
- Talked about cleaning up the floor at state and adding credentials for coaches. With that there was talk on purchasing a printer for credentials and computers. Donnelly motioned to purchase credential printer/computers/scanners second by Jennings. Approved.
- Discussion about not accepting cash and just accepting card payment.

22.Steve motioned to adjourn second by Charlotte