

ISWA Monthly Meeting

June 9, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting called meeting to order at 12:03 pm by Pat Culp. Meeting held in person and via Zoom

Attendance:

In Office: Tina Fouts, Pat Culp, Payton Halbig, Jimmy Tonte, Roby Webster, Jonah Odom, Jennifer Pierson, Lou Silverman,

Via Zoom: Thomas Pompei, Steve Mathis, Jean Whetstone, Jen Ratliff, Dalton Halbig, Melissa, Jake O'Neil, Danny Struck, Jason DeLois

Staff: Tina Tonte, JD Minch

Consultants:

Guest: Gracie Zichmund

Calendar for 2024-2025 Season

- Pat Culp advised everyone should have received the calendar. We reviewed each month and could be moving Elementary Duals out a week.
- There will be 16 girls' high school regionals, champion of each regional will come together for girls' semi state (7 girls to make up a team, for duals), will be held the week after individual state.
- Talked about seating and streaming for Folkstyle State. Have been working with Columbus. They have taken a mall area and added a fieldhouse. We have been in talks with them for about 18 months. We are probably going to move to Columbus. Will probably have a meeting in the next couple of weeks to finalize. Walkthrough as occurred and think we are good to go on that.
- Discussed this year's budget meeting Saturday 8/3/24: 9-noon budget and 1-completion will be the normal monthly meeting, followed by dinner and team building.

New Business

Tournament Recap

Elementary State Duals

- May need to move coaches' check-in to alleviate crowding at the spectator's entrance.
- We will publicize tie criteria for the win in the coaches' packet.
- Tina Tonte would like to implement invoicing for teams and add the credit card fees.
- Discussed registration process. Jen Ratliff said registration worked well. Credit card fee is .30 + 2.9 % of the registration fee.
- Jen Ratliff felt we did better at filling using small, medium and large teams this year.
- May need to further discuss criteria for moving to a larger team size.
- Publicize tie breaker rules.

Kids Nationals

- Pat Culp said we will need to let the USA head official know which officials are available for that week.

- We had plenty of space. The set up was great.
- Mary Friedt did a great job in getting 20 mats/table workers in place.
- We picked a large northern club and Penn staffed the table workers and it worked great.
- Asked Jake O'Neill to look at qualifier weekends to try to avoid potential conflicts.

Middle School State Duals

- Jen Ratliff said we piloted the duals with seeding and this worked well.
- The only trend we saw was missing weight classes.
- USA has adjusted the way they do their pin seeding – they take the top pin for each kid in the team and spits out an average for the team. If they have a missing weight class (forfeits), this has been adjusted for how it is done. Top pin for each kid on team is used for average, but if there is an empty weight class will give lowest pin for that weight class and they average the lowest pin minus 10. They will use this for the national duals.

Folkstyle State

- Noted that there were too many people sitting on the mat. We need to rope off the mats per Pat Culp.
- The big issue this year was with little kids being separated from their parents.
- Jen Ratliff thinks we need to review the safe sport policy regarding parents in weigh-ins.
- Discussed possibly having single day pass and two-day passes.
- Asked if we should look at how to handle spectators who are kicked out.
- Will be using interfaces next year. They have been updated and are working with our system.
- Jonah Odum brought up rotating young/newer officials with seasoned officials.
- Discussed officials and how to assure seasoned officials are in place for at least championship matches.
- Table workers need to communicate when the match is a placement match.
- 14U and older need to have the experienced officials because of making teams.
- We should have 2 officials for championship matches.
- Melissa Strayer asked about the new venue in Columbus and if she should reach out to site search.
- She stated we needed 42 rooms for the last tournament.

Freestyle/Greco

- Pat Culp had conversations with several coaches and they loved the idea of bringing in the Indiana Tech people for officials.
- Because there are so many kids trying to make teams, the less experienced officials should have been kept down at the younger level kids.
- Discussed possibly having the newer officials coming in to go to RTCs and officiate at these, for experience.
- Maybe put in the budget for a “camp” to train officials.
- Pat Culp asked Dalton Halbig and Jimmy Tonte to bring to the August meeting, thoughts on training for officials.
- We need to work on weigh-ins and Jennifer Pierson stated we are coming up on our limits for the current location.
- Dalton Halbig felt weigh-ins went better, but we cannot let parents in the weigh in area by USA rules.
- Pat Culp said we need more board member volunteers to help man weigh-ins. Also, we didn't have enough trainers for skin checks and they should be there about a half hour early.
- Pat Culp stated we need our own portable PA system for awards.
- Thomas Pompei said awards went well at Avon. They also went pretty well at Warren Central. He thinks we need a bigger backdrop so it covers the full podium. Maybe another 8 ft by 4 ft. We also need some support pieces in the back.

Central Regionals

- Roby Webster would like to not do the Saturday morning weigh-ins. Pat Culp said we cannot do that, due to people driving from another state to get there.
- Dalton Halbig mentioned maybe needing to start on Fridays. Steve mentioned not having enough reviewers.
- Dalton Halbig said that with it being a USA event, the leadership determines how many to have.

Women's Nationals Duals

- Pat Culp reported that we are all set.
- Roby Webster is working on final mat schedules.
- Pat Culp will be watching for restrooms and spectator seating, to make sure we have adequate facilities. This year will be small but next year will be larger.
- She went ahead and booked the Fort Wayne Coliseum.
- Needs help watching for items missing. Grand Park will be charging \$20 per cooler per day.
- Melissa Strayer will work with Steve Mathis to get food/snacks paid for.
- J.D. Minch rents the truck in Crawfordsville. Loading truck on Tuesday at 10am, will drive back to Crawfordsville and drive to Westfield on Wednesday.
- We will unload truck at Grand Park at doors 15/16, at 8am.

Monthly Board Meeting

Call to Order: Pat Culp called the regular board meeting to order at 2:51pm.

Secretary: Tina Fouts

- Tina Fouts presented the minutes for April 2024, which were sent in advance through USAW Membership website to review and provide updates.
- Payton Halbig made a motion to accept the minutes as presented
- Steve Mahis seconded the motion
- Motion passed unanimously

Treasurer: Steve Mathis

- Steve Mathis shared the reports via Zoom and went through reports line by line and provided them to be uploaded to the USA Membership website.
- Budget vs actuals – doing well. Stepped through highlights
- Close to plan on administrative costs.
- Went through Statement of Financial position.
- Tina Tonte reported that the new lease for the office is increasing by \$50 per month. We will need to make the adjustment to August payment.
- Motion was made by Lou Silverman to accept the treasurer's report.
- Jonah Odum seconded the motion.
- Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business

Open Board Positions

- Jennifer Pierson reported that the goal is to have interviews this week
- Pat Culp reported that the Executive Board met and have approved a position that is being developed now
- A job description is being worked on. Pat Culp reported that Jennifer Pierson has been doing all communication/marketing. This position will be a marketing position. They will do fliers, communications, all marketing.

- Update regarding the Interns. Jennifer Pierson reported that we have Jalen Colman, a sports management major as well as Gracie Zichmund. They have been working on gear for team trips as well as organizing the garage with J.D. Minch, and projects with Tina Tonte. They will be at Westfield to assist with tournament operations.

New Business

- Pat Culp had a discussion with Linda Robinson about possibly not using catering company that we have been using. Looking at bringing in Fazolis, KFC, etc.
- Pat Culp brought up the extra gear that we typically sell at annual meeting. Kevin Troy is looking to buy some singlets (old gear), at \$10 per singlet for the Indianapolis Public Schools wrestling program. We will allow him to purchase.
- Payton Halbig asked if we will continue using the Ice Cream vendor. Discussion around whether or not he should be allowed to set up at our state/national events.
- Pat Culp wants all reports in by July 15th for the book so we can get the books out by December 1st. should have reports written within 2 weeks of trips.

Consultant & Staff Reports

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
 - Not present. No report.
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
 - Not present. No report.
 - Pat Culp reported that we received compliments on zoom meeting he did for team leaders and coaches.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
 - Current Athletes – 11,802 – up 9% from last year with 50% new athletes
 - Current Wrestling Leaders – 1,622 – up 19% from last year with 38% new leaders
 - Current Clubs – 219 – up 4%, 11% new
 - Sanctioned Events – 125 – up 8% from last year
 - Certified Coaches: 1 Gold / 10 Silver / 603 Bronze / 966 Copper
 - Still have a few directors who have not done conflict of interest – listed names.
 - Currently updating all ISWA registrations for summer trips. Current #'s:
 - DUALS - 14U M – 19 / 14U W – 13 / 16U M – 18 / 16U W – 12 / Jr M – 19 / Jr W – 21
 - INDIVIDUAL NATIONALS - Kids – 15 FARGO – 16U M – 47 / 16U W – 14 / Jr M – 47 / Jr W – 19
 - Intern update – Gracie & Jaylen are very good employees! With their help, we (Tina Tonte and J.D. Minch) have been able to organize the garage (so much better functionally) and inventoried and packed newest trip gear.
 - Tina Tonte added – Jonah Odom is working for his gold and an article was written by Jonah and was selected by USA Wrestling and is on the ISWA website. Tina said USA wrestling sent report, asking for women’s wrestling leaders to be split out separately.
- **State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**

- Working with interns
- Working with team Indiana gear
- Working with new invoicing system through membership sites for registration
- Preparation for 14U/16U women's duals.

Directors Reports

Vice Chair– Administration – Jennifer Pierson

- Working with Tournament Committee for Westfield
- Working with interns on office projects.
- No disciplinary committee items.

Tournament Director – Roby Webster

- Has had tournament meetings and following up on mats
- Following up on security

Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson

- Has been part of tournament meetings, up to speed on 14U/16U women's duals

Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff

- Nothing big to report.
- Working on pulling in old event results into USA Wrestling, matching to profiles so Indiana kids have up to date pin rankings.
- Will be at Westfield.

Indiana Representative to National Pairings – Jean Whetstone

- Nothing new to report.

Equipment Director – Jonah Odum

- Gear for girls and boys 14U/16U is in.
- Thanks to Tina Tonte and the interns for assistance.
- Kids national gear is in.
- Waiting on Fargo gear and Rudis will bring it to Fargo.
- No officials gear ordered because no order submitted.
- If officials' director orders, they have to pay for the gear but if Jonah orders, it costs us \$0.
- 3X interested in knowing if we would acknowledge their 3-year option.
- We have not done this in the past.
- Motion was made by Jonah Odum to accept 3X's 3rd year,
- Lou Silverman seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously
- Ready for Cedar Rapids for Kids Nationals – should be biggest year we've had – probably over 50 kids.
- Not sure we will need a bus because a lot drive.
- Kids have to have their picture on their membership cards.

Mat Officials Developmental Director – Dalton Halbig

- Has officials for duals
- Working on officials for Fargo.
- Going to work with Jimmy Tonte and whoever wants to help to better education throughout the state.

Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jim Littlejohn

- Not Present. No Report.

Logistics Director – Melissa Strayer

- Working on finalizing 14U/16U girls – food
- Team leaders are working on room assignments for athletes.
- Duals are handled
- Fargo has been handled.

Section 1 – Mark Galka

- Not present. Report via email.
- Awards at Freestyle/Greco went great. Excellent set up.
- Davison did a wonderful job helping us and spending time with the kids.
- Greco championship shirts, not sure we allowed for women's Greco, or underestimated their brackets.

Section 2– Mary Friedt

- ISWA and specifically Section 2 had a banner year! We hosted Kids FolkStyle Nationals in January, and due largely to all of the months of preliminary planning by Pat and the fantastic and co-operative staff at the Coliseum, it was a huge success!!
- Reliable rumor has it that we will host it again in 2025.
- In May, we hosted the Central Regionals for the last time in this sequence. Next year, the tournament will be held in Kentucky. As our grand finale, the number of participants was the biggest and it was the best ever!!
- Of course, we could not have had the tournaments without mats and several of the Clubs in our Section came through by going above and beyond to make it seem simple, Thanks to our Magnificent Matmen!!
- Also, many, many people assisted as table help workers and with the multitude of other tasks necessary to run successful events. Thanx to all of those Peeps too!
- During our quote/unquote 'off season' I will be contacting the clubs to thank them for being part of the ISWA and to prep them a bit for the September Annual meeting and the NEED to send a representative. We hope to increase the number of Clubs and tourneys of all styles.
- Don't forget to tune into the Olympic Games this July and support our women's and men's wrestling teams.
- Have a GREAT rest of the summer and see you in August for the Budget meetings and Awards Recognition ceremony and in September at the Annual meeting.

Section 3 – Vacant

- No report.

Section 4– Mark Stevenson

- Not Present. No Report.

Section 5 –Payton Halbig

- Not much to report at this point. Will send email out to clubs regarding annual meeting in September.
- Jennifer Pierson stated she is going to have the section directors reach out to new clubs to see how they did.

Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs

- Has been meeting on a nightly basis with Thomas Pompei, Jake O’Neil, and Danny Struck.

State Coaches Director – Danny Struck

- All trips are full. Pat Culp has a spreadsheet with the list. Only 2 have dropped out. Have had 2 changes since he last reported.
- Jimmy Tonte and Thomas Pompei have helped keep these full.
- Recruiting has been very solid. Coaches seem to be very invested.

Cadet/Junior Director – Jake O’Neill

- Has been involved in talks with Jimmy Tonte, Thomas Pompei, and Danny Struck regarding Team Indiana. Everything is going well.
- Will go back and look at Middle School dates regarding qualifiers

Olympic Styles Development Director – Nick Hull

- Not present. No report

Kid’s Director – Jason Miller

- Not present. No Report.

Regional Training Center Director – Josh Curry

- Not Present. No Report.
- Jimmy Tonte reported that RTCs are still running. Every RTC has been having at least 10+ numbers in attendance.
- Jimmy Tonte had 35 in his room this past week. Will work with Josh to get the word out that these RTCs are helping for the summer trips.

Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei

- Did eclipse 100 boys as of today.
- Communicating with team leaders on a regular basis. Thinks we will have record numbers.
- Recruiting guide is made and a card is made up; just have to be paid for.
- On top of everything and trips are going well and team leaders are doing well.

Women’s Director – Jason DeLois

- 29 girls going to Fargo, he is team leader along with Theresa Rankin and Doug Strayer.
- 16 other girls that are in Junior Duals and 16U duals that may be possibilities for Fargo.
- 16 of those should come in for Fargo. That has us sitting at potentially 45.
- Has been in contact with all of the coaches.
- Has between 9-10 coaches going to Fargo.
- Deadline to register is June 12.

Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman

- Had to cancel the trip to Hawaii. Only 6 signed up.
- Just received confirmation this morning that the group from Turkey who were coming could not get their visas approved.

Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish

- Not Present.
- Jimmy Tonte reported that camp was held this week and they leave Wednesday for 16U.

- A lot of concern around how the team was picked. Jimmy explained to those asking that the cost of flights had to do with the timing on the team being sent.
- There was a committee that chose the team.

Lou Silverman motioned that we adjourn the meeting.

Payton Halbig seconded the motion.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:35pm

The next meeting will be August 3rd at 9am (Budget Meeting) and normal board meeting at 1:00 pm, will be held in the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fouts

ISWA Secretary