

Team Ga Spring Meeting

May 4, 2025

In Attendance in person:

Jason Griner, John Stulak, Scott DeGraff, Leslie Paradice, Amanda Prado, Raquel West, Donell Bradley, Mary Necula, Robert McCoy, Jeff Smith, Khalil Shakur, Emily Malloy, Dannica Barnum, Bobbi Jo Corcoran, Joe Croce, James West, Donovan Panone, Tre Horton, Clay Perez, Jake Laden Litrell

Attending on Teams: Jessica Parent, Amiy Downing, Tobias Stephens, Jeff Smith, Justin Boyden, Jon Anderson, Shane Haff, Jessica Dupree, Greg Hart

Jason Griner begins Meeting 10:10 AM

- Review Vision, Mission, Statement and board members and responsibilities.
- Discussion of open Board member positions.

- Election year for the Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, Officials Liaison, Incoming/Outgoing, Folkstyle Officials Director, Travel Director, Communication Directors
- All running for Re-election positions discuss experience. Only position needing to be voted for is communication director.
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- Voting commenced : Jessica Dupree voted as Communication's Director.

Treasurer's Report- usually done in fall, Jessica Parent will update at the end of meeting

- Kid's report- PPT Jeremy Downing, Jason Griner discusses, meeting discusses issues this year with attendance to tournaments. Likely, due to beginner and open tournaments coinciding and Sundays being hard for families.
- Women's Report- Donell Bradley in attendance. It was a very productive year for girls wrestling as a whole. Georgia continues to see growth, with memberships at 545 females. 53,611 nationally registered. Last season, 2 women's teams competing in Tulsa, compared to 3 years ago with only 8 female wrestlers. Last year was the first year to separate Juniors and 16 U team. Had first ever 14 U girls' teams last year. Fargo- National female

wrestler attendance went from 747 to 896 Cadets, and Juniors from 858 to 1149. Georgia finished Fargo with 3 AA. Upcoming events first ever Women's National Duals, (all three age groups under one roof). Discussion of upcoming region meeting held at SER. See PPT.

- ❑ Proposals discussed. Bylaws amendments presented and will be voted on during fall meeting. See PPT for bylaw proposals.
- ❑ Proposal #1 bylaws- Team Ga Board

- ❑ In regards to residency bylaw. Justin Boyden recommends that the athlete should be chartered member of club in Georgia would be eligible for state events. Amanda does not agree. Shane Haff asked if putting a restriction on the amount of events they have to qualify for Georgia State. Jason Griner asks Justin Boyden for proposal/friendly amendment to be voted on in the fall. Justin agrees. Jessica Parent states that club states that their residence will have to be tracked within a certain mileage. Jessica Parent - Athletes residing within 30 miles of the Georgia state line who are active members of a Georgia-chartered USA Wrestling club and have participated in at least 5 Georgia-sanctioned events during the current season shall be eligible for state-level events, excluding FS/Greco national qualifier tournaments. Proposed Justin Boyden, Second is Jon Anderson. Voting commenced- 14 opposed.

- ❑ Removal of positions- Donovan asks if duals committee is removed is there a chance for future. Amanda explains, yes we can add again and this is to clean up the current. Discussion of each by law proposal- Jason Griner
- ❑ Proposal #2 Kenny cook discussion- change of schedule, concerns are officials and coaching available.
- ❑ Proposal #3 Donovan Panone discussion- paid operations role- Jessica states a project manager should be assigned to each event and work together as a team. Still unpaid. Tre Horton states that all Board positions should be paid due to dedication of time. Jason Griner states that we do follow thru at the moment with volunteers.
- ❑ Proposal #4- Jason Griner- Qualifier- discussion- room discusses understanding . No comments.
- ❑ Proposal #5- Tobias Stephens- Consider to hold larger events from Sunday to Saturday. Amanda brings up February Team Ga transitions to Sundays due to collision with HS events. Jessica and Mary discuss religious observance

could affect many so leave as logistic issues and not religious. Tobias Agrees to friendly amendment.

- ❑ Proposal #6 Leslie Paradice- discussion- Donovan discusses issues with responsibilities and length of time and financing. Emily Malloy asks about behaviors/responsibility and infractions. Tre Horton asks what problem is this trying to solve; Leslie explains Safe Sport liability. Jessica Parent agrees and is for the proposal. Jason Griner does not like the proposal due to responsibility of Team Ga and behavior expectations while representing the national team and not “staying” with the team, being unable to control behaviors and suggests that it creates a non-unified team.
- ❑ Proposal #7- Antoine Glasgow- Scott DeGraff mentions we already do this. Jessica mentions that she spoke with Antoine and asks if kids can bump up in weight. Glasgow rep states that kid’s for beginners bash would be bumped up and family this happened to was not offered to bump up. Amanda states that she does not agree with this proposal; take a lot longer for rebracketing and tournament will start later. Have to have hard cutoff time due to multiple emails/communications. Amiy Downing – agrees with bumping up as needed; but for larger tournaments rebracketing everyone is discouraging. Jessica Parent- flexibility of bumping weight is ideal, and asks what needs to be done in the future- Amendment- James Parks- states beginner bash adjustment for bumping weight ups only if missed weight for first year with Pairers. No pairers available, no weights adjusted. Harry seconds- all in favor 13, all opposed- 1.
- ❑ Take out the open and qualifiers in section 2. Amendant to remove section 2 Second Bobbi Jo, 14 all in favor, no one opposes.
- ❑ Proposal #8 – Antoine Glassgow- Team Ga already doing- but if pairer is not on site allow Tournament directors rebracket- Jason Griner, board will revisit at Summer meeting. Robert Mccoy states NO KIDS just wrestle.
- ❑ Proposal #9- Antoine Glasgow- limit to two year experience again. Board will visit proposal at summer meeting.
- ❑ Proposal #10- Team Ga already completes.

New Business- Jason Griner

Tre Horton- Life Univ is now a RTC for Georgia. Tre Horton speaks about application to train. Only for HS age and above freestyle and Greco. Coaching staff is LIFE univ coaching

staff and Tre serves as director. Jessica asks placement for RTC need to qualify top 6 at state. Tre Confirms.

- Clay Parks, Glasgow wrestling- mentions weigh in process for children at State felt uncomfortable and unsafe. Should address that weigh ins, kids should wait to be passed back to parent/coach. Jason Griner addresses, we are open to improve processes. Joe Croce suggests different entrance and use safe sport regulations to address.
- Clay Parks, Glasgow wrestling- Law enforcement officers there should understand that they should be more a liaison and understand Team Ga should know its a community policing event. Let's find a better way to achieve. Jason Griner addresses State issues speaks about ejection of group of people warranted police present. Clay responds with temperment of officers were not conducive to family environment in his opinion.

Meeting adjourn 12:53 PM