



Sept. 29, 2024, General Membership meeting held in Colorado Springs

Joe Betterman State Chair – Welcomes those in attendance

Minutes approved 1<sup>st</sup> Luke Morris 2<sup>nd</sup> Jake Martinez

State Chair Report: Joe welcomed everyone; reviews last year's vs this year membership numbers 12% growth athletes, 51% new athletes, 14% new coaches, clubs down a little and 103 sanctioned events.

Bank account was \$157,000 start and we ended \$304K

State Leadership Summit, we had a rate increase for coaches \$20 now \$80 for the year, cause inflation, 2 world championship plus Olympics this quad. Also rate due to inflation.

Treasury report: nothing

Men's Director: Fargo was great showing, AA in both divisions, Junior duals made gains over previous year. 16U dipped but a great experience for all, Brandon did a great job. His 3<sup>rd</sup> year in this role. Luke reviewed how we select athletes: Returning AA / Regional Placing / State Placing. Had good buy in this year but could use additional support from club coaches

Overall Budget was on for dual, little off in Fargo due to gear and turnaround time... had to guess. Did sell leftover gear for \$4,000 to 5280 Gear Company.

Kids Director: 8 years, stepping down. 18 kids participated. Last 2year in PA, we were short 1 kid this year due to missing weight. Need more buy-in, would like to take 2 teams. Outcome was 1 AA in Greco and 1 in Freestyle. Did not maintain budget...

Girls Director: Deanna was out of town being inducted into Maine Wrestling Hall of Fame, Joe (Husband) gave report: Junior Duals on budget, with 10K allotted we were able to keep duals basically free if kids also did Fargo. Took extra girls this year and was beneficial to help with injury and breaks. Fargo expense was \$600 but with subsidizes was \$300 for some, 16U took 6<sup>th</sup> out of 33 teams; Juniors took 21<sup>st</sup> out of 34 teams.

Girls Director: Zach not present, Kyle spoke on his behalf: great time and wonderful experience for all those who attended. Place 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

Operations and Events: Cassie – 8 total events in FS/GR, we purchased enough equipment for 8 mats, use Monica if needed extra. Overall, we generated \$80,000 in profits running events, large increase over prior years. Jake discussed making season earlier, Joe mentioned competition and competing with RMN and previous years it has proved difficult to get athletes to attend.

Mat Official – Geoff: 3 upgraded this season 2 of which were High Schoolers. 13 states reached out and request out younger officials to help officiate their events. We need more officials; we increased pay this season to \$20 from \$17. Could use additional support from clubs and parents to gain additional officials

Voting: All Unopposed minus Vice Chair who both ran against current Bylaw, discussion on revisiting bylaw as a motion from Luke Morris was brought from the floor to amend the current bylaws to eliminate the 3year rule for VP and Pres. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Burchett. Membership voted 43/4 in favor.

Geoff then motioned to postpone the election of VP up to 60 days so the BOD can review the motion and per bylaw approve or deny motion. If approved both candidates would be deemed eligible and a vote via USAW membership would happen only to those who check in and are eligible to vote. This was motioned by Geoff Weichelt and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jake Martinez passed by vote 37/0

New Business: Looking for venues that would accommodate our growth, Christina recommended Thornton HS, Air Academy Field House, Fountain Field House. We had second discussion about dates and moving them forward to accommodate National Teams registration, brought from the floor was additional pay for officials for National Teams, mainly Fargo.

Meeting Adjourned by Luke Morris 2<sup>nd</sup> Cassandra Lowery

Continuation Oct. 6, 2024 via Zoom Call for Board of Directors:

Board of Director met Oct. 6, 2024, to discuss motion from the floor to remove the 3-year requirement for Vice Chair and President of CUSAW. Board: motion passed

Vote for Vice Chair between Jake Martinez and Brandon Lucero will be conducted Nov. 1 -2 through USAW membership system, only those in attendance will receive voting information per current bylaws.