



WWCA State Tournament Meeting Agenda

Saturday, February 29, 2020
UW Kohl Center, Madison, WI
7:00 AM



1. Call to order/Welcome (Pete Moe)

2. Attendance (Ryan Gerber)

In Attendance: Pete Moe (President), Wendall Bean (President-elect; Convention), Randy Ferrell (Past-President), Bob Empey (Treasurer), Ryan Gerber (Secretary), Chris Hansen (1), Pat Ratkovich (2), Jason Luloff (3), Justin Lancaster (4), Curtis Fiedler (5), John Schimming (6), Craig Austin (7), Mike Arendt (Officials), Matt Halter (Web Director-NV), Tom McGarvie (HOF; Alumni-NV), Tim Potratz (Awards), Jason Stromberg (Publicity), Matt Verbeten (WWF)

Not in Attendance: Kevin Koch (8), Teague Fenwick (Challenge Series)

3. Reports

a. WIAA Report/Q&A (Wade Labecki)

- i. Head/Neck rule has been passed by NFHS - WI rule
- ii. NFHS looking at weight classes - possibly 13, 12
 1. WIAA interested in 13 to avoid criteria issues
 2. Looking at what weight classes would be affected
- iii. Do we want to change how we count competitions?
 1. Rather than 7 duals and 7 multis or do we look at 14 events total?
 2. Thoughts: What's best for kids? Should there be a maximum for individual matches?
- iv. NFHS - looking at removing all hair rules - is this a legacy rule of a by-gone era?
- v. WIAA now is compliance - 31 of 50 states
 1. Problems that keep states non-compliant: weigh-ins & just not following NFHS rules (weight classes)
 2. Currently - what are the national standards for girls weight classes?
 3. Should states have more say in administering weight classes
 4. No major items coming other than girls wrestling which is an 'emerging sport'
- vi. **WIAA will only pass items that come through the WWCA Executive Committee first - Wade is committed to working with the Executive Committee**
- vii. Girls Wrestling
 1. Mel Dow is the 'go between' between WWCA and WIAA

2. Girls Wrestling is viewed as a separate sport by the WIAA
 - a. Needs 5% of schools offering it to be adopted as a sport by WIAA
 - b. Needs 10% of schools offering it for a state tournament
 - c. Doesn't require a full roster for a school to be considered 'offering'
 - i. Trying to define what a schools needs to have to be considered 'offered' for an individual sport
 - ii. Wade is looking at the Kansas model currently for girls wrestling
 - d. Girls Wrestling as a separate sport will not be ready for 2020-2021 season - need to keep working through the process
 - e. **Member Schools need to ask for the sport (girls wrestling)** - coaches want it but **WIAA needs to hear from administrators** so coaches need to push administrators on this.
 - i. School administrators are hesitant to add 'emerging sports' like lacrosse (not adding more costs/offerings) - wrestling is a coed sport currently so there are no additional costs but with a 'new' sport added, there's possible added costs and considerations for administrators to consider; busing, extra coaches, additional schedule, etc.
 - ii. Coaches need to 'sell' their administrators
 - iii. Title IX considerations for schools with adding another sport
 - iv. Wade: currently, there is not a vocal push from member schools to add girls wrestling as a separate sport at this time
 3. Mel Dow
 - a. Per Sectional Mtgs (numbers still coming in - still being worked on)
 - i. 90% of teams in WI have had a female wrestler
 - ii. 95% of teams have competed against a female wrestler
 - iii. 95% of teams are in favor of adding women's wrestling
- viii. Team State
1. Preliminary computer seeding - 1st year for this (this is the 3rd year of seeding overall)
 2. Unique formula for wrestling
 3. Committee has been created to develop this formula
 4. Teams enter line-ups, system develops head-head in weights, ranks rosters to get preliminary seed (not final seeding)
 5. Coaches get together via teleconference at 9 am for D1 on Sunday for coaches to appeal their initial seed; 10 am for D2/3
 6. Wade - good step, attempt to eliminate gamesmanship
- b. Secretary's Report - review/acceptance (Ryan Gerber)
 - i. Convention Meeting Minutes - approved 11-0-9
 - ii. Annual Meeting Minutes - approved 120-0-0
 - c. Treasurer's Report (Bob Empey)
 - i. Current funds = \$34,209.81 (2/29/20)
 - ii. Wendall Bean: Current number of members is between 665-695 (some duplications in registration)

Motion to pass Secretary & Treasurer's report from Convention & Annual Meeting by Randy Ferrell, 2nd by Matt Verbeton - passed, unanimous, 18-0-0

- d. Awards Report - handing out awards Saturday night (Tim Potratz)
- e. Public Relations Report - Nicolas Suite update (Jason Stromberg)
 - i. Things going well this year - kinks worked out
 - ii. Things to think about for April 26th:
 - 1. Raising the price per year for members to cover Nicholas Suite
 - 2. Sponsors
 - 3. Late fees for those signing up for membership late for state tournament benefits (will not cover cost of the Nicholas Suite - cost go up every year)
 - iii. Tom McGarvie: need to get a comprehensive list of living George Martin Hall of Fame members - some of these individuals haven't been contacted about seats in the Nicholas Suite
 - 1. Need to review procedure for selling tickets for Nicholas Suite
 - 2. Sell to Hall of Fame members first - right now, we have random people sitting in those spots

4. Old Business

- a. Constitution review/update (Pete Moe)
 - i. [Previous Constitution](#)
 - ii. [Revised Constitution](#)
 - iii. [Constitutional Changes](#)

5. New Business

- a. Coaches Advisory Agenda (Pete Moe)
 - i. WIAA makes the agenda to discuss
 - ii. Only action that will be taken forward by WWCA is for WIAA to create Girls Wrestling as an officially sanctioned sport in Wisconsin
 - iii. [Current Members of Wrestling Coaches Advisory](#)
- b. Girls Wrestling (Pete Moe/Jason Lulloff)
 - i. Be sure to include accurate numbers in your end of the season survey to the WIAA (use the number of body fat tested female athletes)
 - ii. Advocate to other area coaches to do the same

Motion for the WWCA bring forth a girls wrestling proposal to the WIAA Coaches Advisory by Curtis Fiedler, 2nd by Randy Ferrell - passed, unanimous, 18-0-0

- c. End of the year awards voting process
- d. NFHS Survey/Coaches' Input

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jason Stromberg, 2nd by Craig Austen - passed unanimously, 18-0-0

Next Meeting

Sunday, April 26, 2020; 9:00 am at the Spring Brook Inn, Wisconsin Dells