



Security bids did go out to different vendors. At this time the board became aware that the security company that we currently use is responsible for more than just security at a tournament. Zuena Contracting LLC is responsible for security at every USAWNJ event and responsible for setup and breakdown of all tournaments; mat cleaning, pick up and return materials from the storage unit. We all agreed that it is Security & Operations for the organization.

Rick also stated that all budgets must be sent to the Executive Board by November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

6. Scholastic Council:

Marc is currently working on the Mason Dixon tournament for December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at St. Joes High School in Metuchen. The current cost to rent out the gym is \$2000 and we must supply clocks and table workers for the event. This will be a boys scholastic event and girls freestyle wrestle off. In regards to working on the qualifiers for this year we are waiting on confirmation for 2 schools. Marc presented a conversation of bringing girls to all 9 qualifiers for this year. Rick asked if having the girls wrestle at all 9 qualifiers would give them criteria for states. Marc clarified that he is proposing that girls would have to wrestle all 9 qualifiers and top 3 in each weight class would be allowed to wrestle and Kids States. There will be no more walk in at the state tournament. A discussion raised many different questions and concerns if this would be a good move for the girls this year several board members feel that our numbers are not where they need to be for the girls. A motion was brought up then voted, a board member wanted to change his vote because he didn't agree with the motion, with all the concerns with the motion presented to the board it was tabled and we would re-visit the motion once Marc and Joe had further conversation. Joe the Women's council chairman felt that he was not able to have a full discussion with his council regarding this motion.

7. International Council:

Jessica stated that she had her first council meeting and discussed sending out bids to travel agents for Fargo and Dual teams travel logistics would be a better way for this year. Also, we have sent out bid proposals to host Freestyle states to different schools for May 19, 2024. We are sending a girls' team out Mason Dixon January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 we currently have google interested for with 14 responses working with Joe on this to get the best team to represent the state of New Jersey.

8. Women's Council:

Joe stated that he is figuring out what his council role is for the Women's Council. Our council needs more say in what happens to developing girls state tournament. The by-laws are a little misleading with the clause in the letter G. He is working with Jessica for the Mason Dixon team coming up.

9. Coaches Council:

Alex wants as pre requisite that all coaches who coach for Team NJ will be First Aid & AD certified. He will have locations soon up so coaches can go get certified at the American Heart Association. The organization will not cover the cost but it will be mandatory moving forward by the coach's council.

10. Officials' council:

Nick had meeting on Monday October 23, 2023 for a budget proposal for officials that was sent to everyone for review to be voted on at the next meeting. This year New Jersey had 4 upgrades in officials of 3 M3 to M2 and M2 to M1C. It is tremendous to see that the work is being put in.

11. Membership/Safe sport:

Chris stated that athletes are up 25% over last year, 28% are new members. We have lost 16% in wrestling leaders and the clubs and sanction events are the same. Our numbers need to get up. Clubs should make sure their athletes and coaches are USA wrestling members.

12. Scheduling Chair:

Dave we have added 2 more dates to our schedule 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28, 5/5, 5/12, 5/19. We are currently looking for bigger location for states this year with having the hosting location to at least minimum of 8 mats. Spoke with Joe Gallante at TCNJ, Dave Bell at North Hunterdon willing to get back in with the organization. Also needs to speak with Southern and Robbinsville in regards to developmental tournaments.

13. Legislative Committee:

John stated that we have 6 councils, 5 committees, AHOC committee and executive committee

14. At-Large of General Membership:

Michelle reached out to every member on the board to offer her help in anything anyone may need help with.

15. Nomination of National Trips:

Rick started off by stating that TJ stepped down she felt she was qualified for the position. Rick then reached out to Rick Dellagatta to fill the position with his 30 years in the sport.

Motion for Rick Dellagatta acceptance of the National Trips position

Motion by: Chris Curtis

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Alex Almeyda

All I's by the board.

Motion passed

Also, Rick Dellagatta to vacate his At-Large position.

16. Open positions:

We currently have 3 at-large positions: Bill has nominated Gary Brownell (Gimp)  
Nancy suggested that we put it on our website for the public nominations. Nick has nominated Eleazar Deluca. Rick Dellagatta has nominated Gordon Jackson & Brett Artz. Samantha is to post on our website for 1 week. Then a google form will go out for vote a few days after.

Rick also spoke about an open bid to host Girls National Duals in New Jersey. National is looking for a host. Spoke with Christina Hartgrove and we have a good chance to win. This would be great to have here at our state. 30 state teams would come to NJ to compete. This would be huge for the organization it would be for 14u and 16u. It is a 1-day setup and 3-day event, that would be a 2-year bid that would be for freestyle and Greco. Nancy wants to make sure that we have all board members commitment to help with this event.

17. New Business:

Rick Dellagatta is proposing an increase in tournament fees for USAWNJ events, with this increase we would be able to pay for state teams that go to duals (boys & girls). We would allocate more money to give back to our athletes with incentives in free clinics with celebrity athletes. If money was left over, we could even create a sponsorship program. The raise in cost will be concerning to the public. We need a written proposal to see numbers and how monies would be allocated.

Jessica suggested a newsletter be sent out to our members email to keep them up to date of the events and discussions that are happening within the organization. The website is not enough at this moment we need our members to be blasted with this up-to-date information. Samantha our publicity chair to be informed and to create a document so we can start email blasting our members.

Working items from board members:

Nancy and Jessica to get the cost of dual trips from last year.

Joe and Marc to have the 2 councils meet and discuss the motion that was tabled. To report back to SGB by November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Google form to go out on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 votes to be in by November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

18. Adjournment of meeting at 10:28pm

Motioned by: Jessica

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Nancy

All in favor: 16

Respectfully submitted,  
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Zoom Audio Link:

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