



General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2007
Hal Holmes Community Center, Ellensburg, WA

Board Members present:

Chuck Bullard, Jim Burchett, Mary Douglas, Kim Burchett, Sherry Bullard, Dave Gilbertson, Karen Ebel, Jay Terry, Craig Hanson, and Merle Crockett

Board Members not present:

Tony Arredondo, and Mike Sweet

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm.

Attendance

Anacortes Hawkeyes, Bear Claw, Elma, Ferndale, Greater Gold, Inglemoor/ Viking, Lynnwood, Maniac, Moses Lake, Moses Lake JETS, NWWC, Sons of Thunder, SWWWC, Steelclaw, Team Tech-Fall, Tri-Cities, Twin City, USA Everett, Viper, Willapa were in attendance. There was a quorum of club members present, so business could be conducted.

Old Minutes

Mike Cuzzetto of USA Everett made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 28, 2007 General Membership meeting. Deborah Robinson of Greater Gold seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Director's Reports

Pairings - Karen Ebel. Track wrestling ran smoothly this year. The state will be buying computers to outfit 2 more regions. We had pairing officials go to both regionals and nationals. Next year we will have pre-registration for major tournaments. Any clubs who wants to have a pairings clinic just needs to schedule it with Karen. She will be happy to come out and do training.

Treasurer - Mary Douglas. The state ended up with \$18,000 in the \$2 per wrestler fund. This was beneficial for wrestlers on our dual teams and those who attended nationals. The budget for 2007/ 2008 is \$67,650.00 (see attached reports).

Mike Cuzzetto of USA Everett made a motion to accept the budget for 2007/ 2008. Tom Martin of Team-Tech Fall seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Kids - Chris Feist (for Mike Sweet). Reported on Schoolboy Duals. The trip was very successful.. The team finished 4th in Greco and 5th in Freestyle.

Cadets - Merle Crockett. They placed in the top 8 in both styles at the Duals: 5th in Greco and 8th in Freestyle. The team was missing a weight class. Overall the team was successful. At Nationals, Washington had 6 All-Americans in Greco. Derek Garcia is a National Champion and Efrain Aguilar placed 2nd. We also had 5 All-Americans in Freestyle. Cadets finished 7th in Greco and 9th in Freestyle.

Juniors - Craig Hanson. At the duals in Oklahoma City, the team did not finish in the top 8 on either side, but in Greco, Washington was the ninth best team. The wrestlers all competed well. There was good competition. At the national tournament in Fargo, we had our best showing. Washington had 7 All-Americans in Greco. Michael Mangrum became a National Champion for the second time. Washington had 6 All-Americans in Freestyle. In Greco, the team place 7th, and in Freestyle they placed 8th. The cost for Fargo was \$835 per wrestler. This was a great decrease over previous years.

Web Site - Dave Gilbertson. Reported on the WSWA website and the Washington Wrestling Report. Look to the official WSWA for the official tournament schedule. Board members contact information is on the WSWA web site. Send emails regarding the web site directly to Dave.



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Officials - Jay Terry (for Tony Arredondo). The number of Officials rated M2 and higher were down a little this year. The number of M3 officials was up due to an influx of young wrestlers helping out. Three referees officiated at Fargo: Dave Gilbertson, Rob Anderson, and Jay Terry. Four officials worked Kids / Cadet Western Regional: Jim Burchett, Tom Martin, Mike Dilworth, and MT Ayers. Jim Burchett also officiated at Kids Nationals in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Jay Terry had multiple other National tournaments that he officiated. MT Ayers also officiated at other events.

Coaches - Jay Terry. Washington has 700 bronze certified coaches in the state. 150 got certified this year. All certification class scheduling for the year needs to be done with the approval of Jay Terry. Jay reported that we were not able to send any coaches to Silver Coaches College this year due to leadership changes within USA Wrestling. There is now a new coach's director in place at USA Wrestling. Washington only had 14 coaches apply for National team positions. The state had to go out and recruit to fill spots. Jay encouraged coaches who would like to help coach the Washington National teams to have their applications in by the end of March 2008. The application on-line at the WSWA web site will add a request of the applicant's driver's license and the verification of the required background check.

Membership - Sherry Bullard. (See attached report) All numbers were up for the year. Officials are encouraged to register on-line. All club charters and sanctions are to be done on-line this year. There will be no mail-ins starting this year. The person listed as the club contact person will be the one issued a password to do all the inputting of information. Clubs can do mass memberships card sign ups for a minimal fee. Instructions are on the WSWA web site. Every athlete and coach who steps on the mat for practice must have purchased an athlete or coaches card. If they do not and get hurt, they will not be covered. Tournament sanctions applications must be in 30 days prior to a Folkstyle event and prior to December 31st for Freestyle and Greco events. If these deadlines are not met, that tournament date will awarded to another club that applies for it on a first come basis. All club contacts and all coaches will need to complete a background check prior to approval of their club charters and coaches cards. Information regarding these procedures can be found at the WSWA website. When doing your background check, make sure to select Washington State Wrestling Association from the Associations drop down list or you will not show up on Sherry's list. All national team staff, all board of directors and our national team press from Washington all passed their background checks.

State Chairman - Chuck Bullard:

- \$2 per athlete cut our athletes cost considerably.
- State Chairman's summit- JOWC conference call will occur on Monday, 8/27 to finalize the schedule for Fargo. The coaches and athletes from Team Washington appreciated this year's shorter schedule at Fargo. WSWA is fighting to keep the shorter schedule.
- Background checks for all USA Wrestling state associations will be implemented within the next 6 months. WSWA is currently implementing background checks. Appeals for card denials due to results of the background check will be made to the WSWA board of directors.
- USA Wrestling will change the Schoolboy/girl weights for next year. The new weights will be: 70, 77, 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 175, 190, 210 & 235.
- The dual team fee will be going up from \$500 to \$750, per style, for each team. A \$1,000 fine will be assessed against each state dual team not supplying an official to the dual tournaments.
- The JOWC stated that each state needs to send 1 mat official for every 25 athletes that are sent to Fargo.
- Mike Sweet's position as Kids Director is up this year, and he will not be returning.
- John Owen has stepped down as Deputy Director.

By-law amendment proposal.

Current by-law:

Article VI- Sanctions

8. Clubs who wish to host a sanctioned Washington State Wrestling Association / USA Wrestling event must have at least one current year licensed Mat Official and at least one current year licensed Pairing Official associated with the club in order to receive approval for the sanctioned event.



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Proposed new by-law to be voted on:

Article VI- Sanctions

8. Clubs who wish to host a sanctioned Washington State Wrestling Association / WSA Wrestling event must have both a current year licensed Mat Official and a current year licensed Pairing Official associated with the club, and they both must be available to work the hosted event in order to receive approval for the sanctioned event.

A motion was made to accept the new bylaw change as stated. Sean Ekerson of Elma seconded the motion. The motion was carried with Todd Anderson of Sons of Thunder objecting.

Board Elections and Appointments

The current appointed positions that are being filled this year are:

Central Travel Director- Kim Burchett with Sherry Bullard assisting.
Membership Director- Sherry Bullard
Web site Maintenance Director- Dave Gilbertson

Jim Burchett was appointed by the board and will be filling the position of Deputy Director. This position will be up for election at next years fall meeting.

Election of Directors:

The position of Secretary held by Kim Burchett was unopposed. Craig Hanson made a motion to vote Kim Burchett in as secretary. Jenni Hunt seconded the motion.

Jay Terry amended the motion to accept into office, all unopposed positions. Mike Schmitt of Yak Attack seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The unopposed positions for the Board of Directors are:

State Chairperson:	Chuck Bullard
Secretary:	Kim Burchett
Pairings Director:	Karen Ebel
Cadet Director:	Merle Crockett

Michael Cuzzetto and Gene Hopkins submitted their names to be considered for the open Western Kids Director position. Chris Fiest of Bear Claw informed the membership that Gene Hopkins had decided to withdraw his name from consideration.

Chuck Bullard made a motion to elect into office Michael Cuzzetto as Western Kids Director. Tom Toth of Anacortes seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Nominations were taken from the floor to fill the athlete representative's positions.

Kevin Tao- Tahoma High School, Brandon Rodgers- Kentwood High School, and Clete Hanson- East Valley will be our athlete representatives for this year.

Unfinished Business:

Insurance

Sherry Bullard reminded clubs that just because your club is chartered doesn't mean that you are covered for insurance. You must be sanctioned to be covered. Call Sherry with any questions.

Track Wrestling

Sherry found out they can do 5 man crab pool for Folkstyle. The wrestlers will wrestle everyone in his or her bracket. This will be put into effect for this Folkstyle season as this was approved at the April 28th, 2007 general membership meeting. Also, wrestling for a true second is available from Track Wrestling. There was discussion of closing off the viewing of who is pre-registered for a tournament. It was decided that we would not close off viewing of pre-registered participants.



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Sherry reminded everyone that all Washington State Championships and Oregon Classic Qualifier are pre-register only. This was voted on at the spring meeting.

New Business:

Computerized Scales

The state will be buying 6 computerized scales that interface with track wrestling. The other 2 regions will be updated with computers this year.

Tournament Schedule.

Proposed tournament schedule for 2007/2008:

November 3, 2007-	Region 3- Moses Lake
November 10, 2007-	Region 1- Anacortes
November 17, 2007-	No tournaments scheduled
November 24, 2007-	No tournaments scheduled
December 1, 2007-	Region 1- Ferndale
December 8, 2007-	Region 1- Steelclaw will hold a tournament on Sunday December 9th
December 15, 2007-	No tournaments scheduled
December 22, 2007-	No tournaments scheduled
December 29, 2007-	Region 1- Lynnwood
January 5, 2008-	Region 1- Oregon Classic Qualifier- NWWC/ USA Everett @ USA Everett
January 12, 2008-	Oregon Classic January 12 th and 13 th
January 19, 2008-	Region 1- USA Everett
January 26/27, 2008-	Washington State Folkstyle Championship- NWWC/USA Everett- Kitsap County Fairgrounds
February 15/16, 2008-	WIAA Mat Classic
February 23, 2008-	Region 1- Anacortes Region 2- Elma Region 3- Popeye
March 1, 2008-	Region 1- NWWC Freestyle and Greco
March 8, 2008-	Region 2- Bear Claw- Tahoma Junior High Region 1- Sons of Thunder Region 2- Twin City 3 Style Classic- March 7-9 Region 3- Moses Lake
March 15, 2008-	Region 1- Ferndale Region 2- Willapa Wrestling Warriors Region 3- Yakima and Washington State Senior Freestyle Championship- Yakima
March 22, 2008-	Region 1- Steelclaw Region 2- Twin City @ Centralia Region 3- Viper
March 29, 2008-	Northwest Regionals
April 5, 2008-	Region 1- USA Everett Region 2- Willapa Wrestling Warriors
April 12, 2008-	Region 1- Lynnwood Region 2- Bear Claw- Greco only @ Tahoma Junior High Region 3- Yakima
April 19, 2008-	Washington State Greco Roman Championship Midget through Senior- Puyallup
April 26, 2008-	Region 1- Lynnwood
May 3, 2008-	Washington State Freestyle Championship- Pee Wee through Schoolboy- Viper Wrestling Club in Spokane.
May 10, 2008-	Washington State Cadet, Jr. & Jr. Women's Freestyle Championship- Steelclaw
May 17, 2008-	All Star Duals- Greater Gold at Jackson High School



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Beach Wrestling

Chuck Bullard stated that he would like to see us hold a beach wrestling event this year.

Over 30's Women's Practice

Debra Robinson of Greater Gold stated that she is looking into starting an over 30 women's practice. She also has a Brute license, so if anyone is interested in that, they can contact her.

Official WSWA Photographer

Dave Jedlicka made a proposal to the general membership and the Board of Directors to be considered as the "Official Photographer for the WSWA" (see attached). Chuck appointed Dave Jedlicka to act as Official Photographer for the state of WA. A motion to add an appointment to the by-laws will be made to be voted on at the spring meeting. Sherry Bullard will write this up.

By-Law Update Committee

Sherry Bullard brought up the fact that many of the bylaws that we now use are dated and not as clear as they could be. Mary Douglas made motion to have Sherry Bullard work on the by-law changes. MT Ayers seconded the motion. During discussion, Karen Ebel brought up that a committee needs to be put together to write up new bylaws. Sherry Bullard, Jay Terry, Karen Ebel, and Deborah Robinson all volunteered to help write up new bylaws.

Mary Douglas amended the motion to say that the committee would work together on writing up new bylaws. The motion was seconded by MT Ayers. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Jenni Hunt of Steelclaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sean Ekerson of Elma seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Burchett
WSWA Secretary