



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2011

Hal Holmes Community Center, Ellensburg, WA

Board Members present:

Gene Hopkins, Sherry Bullard, Mary Douglas, Kim Burchett, Jay Terry, Jim Burchett, Chris Feist, Dave Jedlicka, and Luke Leifer. At 10 am, Sean Ekerson.

Board Members not present:

Terri Hopkins, Suzie Velarde, Ron Beard, Dave Gilbertson, Bobby Freund, Tony Arredondo and Bethany Lamb.

Call to Order

Gene Hopkins called the meeting to order at 9:17am.

Old Minutes

The minutes from the September 11, 2010 Board of Directors meeting were reviewed by the directors.
The minutes from the October 2, 2010 conference call were reviewed by the directors.
The minutes from the November 14, 2010 conference call were reviewed by the directors.
The minutes from the February 13, 2011 conference call were reviewed by the directors.
The minutes from the April 4, 2011 conference call were reviewed by the directors.
The minutes from the May 1, 2011 conference call were reviewed by the directors.
The minutes from the June 5, 2011 conference call were reviewed by the directors.

Sherry Bullard made a motion to adopt all old minutes. Jay Terry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Kim Burchett explained that minutes need to be adopted each time we have a meeting so items that need to be addressed will be included on the agenda.

Old Business

1. Guidelines for \$2 fee for tournament (October 3, 2010 meeting)

Jim Burchett presented the proposal for \$2 fee and it was discussed. **(See proposal below)**

\$2 Athlete Fund

PURPOSE & INTENT

The Washington State Wrestling Association (WSWA) established a \$2 per athlete surcharge to all sanctions local and state tournaments. Each athlete's tournament entry fee was increased by \$2. This money was placed into a fund, referred to here as the "\$2 Fund," which was designated to help defray the costs of athletes traveling to USA Wrestling national tournaments as representative of Washington State. The funds have been disbursed for the various USAW Duals and to the Cadet, Junior and Women's National Championships currently held in Fargo, ND.

Since the inception of the \$2 Fund, athletes who did not attend any local tournaments, and thus did not contribute to the \$2 Fund, were selected to participate on Washington National Teams and had their trips partially subsidized by the \$2 Fund.

It is the intent of the WSWA to limit trip subsidies from the \$2 Fund, beginning with the 2011-2012 season, to those athletes who have substantially contributed to the \$2 Fund during the wrestling season.

To be eligible for a Washington National Team trip subsidy from the \$2 Fund, athletes must have participated in at least five (5) WSWA sanctioned local or state ***separate weekend*** tournaments during the current wrestling season which contribute a portion of the athlete's registration fee to the \$2 Fund.

The WSWA recognizes there are many reasons an athlete who wishes to participate on a Washington National Team did not, or was unable to, participate in at least five (5) local or state tournaments during the season. This policy is not intended as a sanction against those athletes.

***Revised 9/6/2011 to clarify that the 5 tournaments must be help on separate weekends**

Jim Burchett moved to change the wording, Sherry Bullard seconded passed unanimously*



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PROCEDURE

Prior to Washington National team trips (i.e. Duals or Fargo), the Board shall apportion dollar amounts to the various teams (i.e. \$3,000 to each Dual team and \$15,000 to Fargo).

Trip organizers shall determine which athletes on their established trip or team rosters are eligible for a \$2 Fund subsidy based on their tournament participation during that season.

Trip organizers will divide the \$2 Fund amount apportioned for that team among the eligible athletes.

Qualified athletes who wish subsidies from the \$2 Fund will be expected to make timely applications to the traveling teams they wish to be a part of. If they miss deadlines established by the trip organizers, they may forfeit their portion of the \$2 Fund as the allocated amount will have been fully apportioned amongst the athletes who met the deadline.

This procedure does not apply to any other subsidies.

Sherry motioned to adopt \$2 Athlete Fund Guidelines. Jay Terry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Guidelines established for credit card use by board members (January 2, 2011 meeting)

Jim Burchett requested that all board members currently holding credit cards return their cards to the Treasurer until guidelines are established. Committee will meet (new Chairperson, Jim Burchett, Chris Feist, and Mary Douglas). Guidelines will be ready for discussion at the October conference call.

Jim Burchett, Gene Hopkins, Sherri Bullard, Mary Ann, Luke Leifer, turned in their cards. Terri Hopkins, Jay Terry, Ron Beard, will be contacted by Kim Burchett and have them mail them to Mary.

3. Money used for non pre registered kids goes to the clubs. Sherry thinks this extra money should go towards officials to go to nationals. Future agenda item (February 13, 2011 and March 6, 2011 meeting)

Discussion took place on trying to get athletes to pre-register. Sherry made a proposal that the non-pre-registered athletes are required to pay a penalty at the door and that penalty money is split between the hosting club and a fund for official's expenses. Call for question. This was discussed.

Sherry Bullard made a motion that non-pre-registered athletes are required to pay a penalty above the tournament cost (clubs need to charge a minimum of \$5 with no limit stipulated) and that amount is to be split evenly between the hosting club and a fund for official's expenses. Chris Feist seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Chairman will present at the membership meeting this afternoon.

4. If a tournament cancels then there should be some kind of penalty. It takes away a weekend from another team being able to have a tournament. There should be some kind of penalty. This will be brought to the fall meeting. There will be something written up and approved. (March 6, 2011 meeting)

Jay moved to table this discussion. Sherry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

5. Procedures and Policies put together so Dave G. can post on web site. Gene will go through previous notebooks and find policies for bidding for tournaments, etc. (May 1, 2011 meeting)

Jim Burchett moved to table discussion for a future meeting. Sean Eckerson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.



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6. Need for appointing a new promotions director at the fall meeting who will be active in raising funds for WSWA (June 5, 2011 meeting)

Jim Burchett presented that Ty Michaelson (NWWC Director) would like to be considered for the position that will be voted on below.

7. Chris Feist will get back to the board on the charging for National camps- if this is needed and if Friday night camps are needed (June 5, 2011 meeting)

Chris Feist made a rough proposal with discussion about how Dual and Fargo training camps could use their training camp to help fund wrestlers who are chosen to represent WA on the dual trips. This discussion was tabled and Chris will present to the board at the November Board phone meeting.

8. Suggestion that WSWA take over the state tournaments and money go back to the clubs. To do this-would need an "event director". The board needs to present this to general membership but would need to get more details and facility information. (June 5, 2011 meeting)

Jay Terry volunteered to research facilities that would be able to accommodate the numbers and be cost effective to the state. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Sherry motioned to table this until the year end phone meeting. Chris Feist seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Non-voting Board Appointments

Appointments by Board Of Directors Every Year:

Promotions Director Currently held by Bethany Lamb- no activity

Jim Burchett motioned to appoint Ty Michaelson as Promotions Director. Sherry Bullard seconded the motion. TyMichaelson was appointed unanimously.

Membership Director Currently held by Kim Burchett

Sherry Bullard motioned to appoint Kim Burchett as Membership Director. Mary Douglas seconded the motion. Kim Burchett was appointed unanimously.

Central Travel Director Terri Hopkins stepping down – consider Suzie Velarde

Sherry Bullard motioned to appoint Suzie Velarde as Central Travel Director. Jay Terry seconded the motion. Suzie Velarde was appointed unanimously.

Website Maintenance Director Currently held by Dave Gilbertson

Sherry Bullard motioned to appoint Dave Gilbertson as Website Maintenance Director. Mary Douglas seconded the motion. Dave Gilbertson was appointed unanimously.

WSWA Photographer Currently held by Dave Jedlicka

Sherry Bullard motioned to appoint Dave Jedlicka as WSWA Photographer. Mary Douglas seconded the motion. Dave Jedlicka was appointed unanimously.

The board listened to a proposal by Chris Feist and Jim Burchett to enlist Doug Burnham to put together a publicity book of our top Washington athletes (similar to Illinois) to be able to hand out at Fargo to college recruiters. The board discussed this and it was thought this would be a good idea. There was not discussion on who would contact Doug to see if he would get working on this. It was discussed that maybe this could be a board position in the future but something would have to be put together and presented to the board.

Old Business

Jim brought up discussion about athletes verbally committing to Fargo and then backing out before money was paid. Forms for Fargo will include a commitment with signature and a minimum nonrefundable deposit made before an athlete's name would be placed on the roster.

Budget



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Mary Douglas presented that extra moneys had to be spent out of the general fund this year. There was discussion on how to curtail expenses.

Jay Terry made a motion to limit official's compensation to travel expenses and daily per diem for one national trip or a daily per diem for one regional event per wrestling year. Sherry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The board discussed and will continue to look for ways to decrease spending and Kim Burchett will contact USA Wrestling to check on reimbursement for Official's compensation for Fargo 2010 and 2011.

Sherry made a motion that the board accepts the budget to present to the general membership. Jay Terry seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Other Business

Sherry proposed that the following issues should be looked into at a future meeting:

Bout side entry for local tournaments

Automatic scale entry at weigh ins

Sherry asked for permission to have Tammy McMullen purchase an air card and the monthly expense for that air card be paid by WSWA so she can run the tournaments that are held on the east side (Region 3). The board approved this unanimously.

Director positions that have people running:

Chuck Bullard running for State Chairman

Chris Feist and Tommy Owen are running for Cadet Director

Adjournment

Jay Terry made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 am. Jim Burchett seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The meeting was brought back to order at 3:05 pm to do appointments.

Board Appointment

Beth Michaelson was appointed as Secretary without opposition.

Melissa Simmons was appointed as Women's and Senior Director without opposition

Athlete Representative Appointment

Rachel Archer, Adam Burchett, Austin Cain, Matthew Hopkins, Joey Palmer, Jordan Rogers, Chandler Rogers, Blake Beard, Joey Escobar, Matthew Floresca, Isaac Robinson, and Isabella Silva were recommended by the general membership to appoint as athlete representatives. All these athletes were appointed by the board without opposition. Chuck Bullard will contact each athlete to make sure they are interested and to communicate to them their responsibilities. They will need to send their email address and a picture to Dave Gilbertson if they accept. Chuck would like to see these athletes attend meetings and communicate at these meetings what the athletes would like to see happening in our organization.

Mary Douglas motioned to adjourn at 3:15 pm. Jim Burchett seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Burchett filling in for Secretary Suzie Velarde

* Underlined items need to be looked at during upcoming meetings