



General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2011
Hal Holmes Community Center, Ellensburg, WA
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Board Members present:

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

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 12:05 pm.

Attendance

3 D WC, Arlington Youth WC, Bad-Draw-Glacier Peak, Bear Claw, Eastside WC, Elma WC, Ferndale Force WC, Lynnwood WC, Montesano Mad Dogs, Mount Vernon Pit Bulls, NWWC, Sabotage Wrestling Academy, Sedro Woolley Steelclaw, Skagit Valley Yellow Jackets, Sons of Thunder WC, SWWWC, Team Spartan, Team Tech-Fall WC, Tri Cities WC, Twin City WC, UP Vikings, Victory Wrestling- Central WA, Viper WC, Wrestling Rhinos, and Yakima Freestyle WC (Yak Attack) were in attendance. There was a quorum of club members present, so business could be conducted.

Old Minutes

Chuck Bullard made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 11, 2010 General Membership meeting. MT Ayers Tri Cities seconded to the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Directors' Reports

Pairings – Sherry Bullard -Sherry showed a comparison of tournaments from this year to last year. Sherry presented her membership report (included below). Karen Ebel has offered to train club members and pairing official in pairing this year. Contact Sherry Bullard and she will see that this gets scheduled. Eastside region is now ready to run tournaments independently.

Washington State Wrestling Association
Pairing Officials Director Report
08/27/2011

There were 41 registered Pairing Officials (141 Mat Officials) for the WSWA in the 2010-2011 season. This is down from 67 Pairing Officials last year. Washington is sitting at number 4 in the Nation with number of licensed officials.

Congratulations to the following Pairing Officials on their upgrades for the 2010-2011 season (These should be announced by the National USWOA Office in November):

P1E from a P1	Sherry Bullard
P1 from a P1C	Kim Burchett
P3 from a PA	Melissa Voss

There are 2 other individuals who are currently working on their P3 test. Next season I anticipate at least 2 individuals who will try for the P2 Upgrade and 1 individual who will try for their P1C upgrade. I will work with individuals interested in learning how to pair either via e-mail or at local events. Karen Ebel has volunteered to run Pairing Clinics if a club or a group of individuals are interested in learning how to pair or want to learn how to read vertical brackets. Contact me if you are interested and we can set up a clinic.

We have an individual, Tammy McMullen, on the East side of the state who is trained and ready to run events. There are a few other individuals who have been working as a group with Tammy and I on the all last year on the east side of the state and are all ready to tackle events on their own. I want to thank them all for their hard work and effort put into this process! WSWA has purchased and delivered to Tammy computers, printers and other equipment for local events to run on the East side. I encourage anyone interested in pairing at events, in Eastern Washington to contact me so I can get you assigned.

Beginning two seasons ago, in order to work at events, Pairing Officials are assigned to work at our local and State Championship events. At the beginning of each season, both Folkstyle and Greco / Freestyle, I send an e-mail to all registered Pairing Officials asking them which events they are planning on attending. From those responses, and based on the past history of the size of events, pairing assignments are made. Those assignments are then sent out via e-mail to be accepted or declined. If pairing officials are not assigned, they are not able to show up and work unless the event requires the extra help and the Head Pairing Official for that event approves it. Each person who wants to work on the computers needs to take, and pass, the P3 National Pairings USWOA Test.

This season, Folkstyle averaged 3 pairing officials (sometimes 2 and a couple with 4) per event with 6 at Championships. Last year we averaged between 4 and 8 at Folkstyle events.

This season, FS/Greco averaged between 3 and 7 pairing officials per event (size depending on if GR was running at same event with FS). Last year we averaged between 4 and 12 pairing officials at FS/Greco events. These numbers include the Club Pairing Officials.

Pairing Officials represented Washington at the following 2010-2011 National/Regional Events:

NW Regionals - Battle Ground, WA
West Junior Regionals / Veteran Nationals - Tucson, AZ
Cadet Duals - Daytona Beach, FL
Kids / Cadet Western Regionals - Pocatello, ID

This season, there were 7 fewer events in comparison to the 2009-2010 season. See attachment for number comparisons for this and last year.

This season, there were 602 fewer competitors in comparison to the 2009-2010 season. See attachment for number comparisons for this and last year.

Again this year, Bout Sheet Runners continue to be one of our biggest challenges. Clubs either don't recruit enough of them, or they leave when they are bored, wrestling, hungry, etc. and just don't return. We frequently get held up at tournaments tracking down bout sheets. I would like to see clubs have 2 runners for each mat so they can switch the running between each bout. Not having runners for each mat cannot be continued if events want to run smoothly with no dead mat time. Floor Security is also an issue. We need to have clubs have 2-3 people in charge of security and monitoring the floors. Spectators need to remain in the stands and the floor clear for everyone to enjoy the event and for the event to run efficiently.

Here is to a great 2011-2012 season!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Bullard
Pairing Officials Director
Washington State Wrestling Association

Membership – Kim Burchett

WSWA Membership Report August 27th, 2011

Clubs Chartered For the 2010-2011 Season:

125 (127 last year)

Tournaments Sanctioned for the 2010-2011 Season:

39 (43 last year) – 3 cancelled events this year not included in numbers

Cards Sold for the 2010-2011 Season:

Athlete 5010 (5029 last year)

Coaches 839 (823 last year)

Officials Memberships 182 (183 last year)

Other Information:

1. Card prices are as follows:

Athlete Cards: \$42.00 (37)

Coaches Cards: \$46.75 (42)

2-year Coaches Cards: \$88.75 (84)

Officials Cards: \$29.75 (25)

2-year Officials Cards: \$54.75 (50)

Club Charters: \$145.00 (base prices without insurance) (140)

Purchasing a charter does not include insurance; you must select the option to add club insured during the process to have the \$25.00 insurance added to have your site protected. Event sanctions have this option included in price, club charters do not.

Insurance for Charter: \$25.00 each site (20)

Event Sanctions: \$120.00 for one style one day (115)

If you have more than one style OR have more than one day, an additional \$75.00 will be charged for each style OR each additional day to cover the Trackwrestling fees assessed to WSWA.

Examples:

1) There is a one day event that has both FS and GR - the charge would be \$120.00 for the first style and \$75.00 for the second.

2) There is a three day event that has GR the first day, FS the second day and Folkstyle the third day - the charge would be \$120.00 for the first day and style, \$75.00 for the second day and style and \$75.00 for the third day and style.

2. Last year USA Wrestling started offering a 2-year Coaches and Officials Card. The benefit to this is that you save the \$4.75 processing fee that is assessed and you only have to do the whole background/ purchasing of your card every other year. If this is your first time doing a background check and purchasing either a coaches or officials card, I recommend that you purchase that 2-year card. Many of our coaches and officials will need to renew their background screening this year so I suggest that you purchase the 2-year USA card as well as do your 2-year background check. If you completed your background screening last year in the 2010-2011 season, you will not need one until the 2012-2013 season. You will not be able to print your coaches card or officials card until your background screening is completed. The screening can take a few days to complete so don't wait until the last minute. You will be prompted to complete the screening after you have purchased your officials or coaches card.

3. Clubs need to ensure that a USA card has been purchased by every athlete and coach who steps on a practice mat before they are on the mat. No exceptions. The wrestlers can get hurt on the first practice and they are NOT covered.

4. All cards – Coaches and Athletes are sold online in Washington. You need to purchase yours early in case there are problems with the records online. Cards for the 2011-2012 season are available September 1st, 2011 (5 days from now). They are good until August 31st, 2012.

5. Remember the deadline dates for the Event sanctions per the By-Laws. Information that pertains to sanctioning events is included below:

ARTICLE VI – SANCTIONS

All events conducted under the auspices and control of the Washington State Wrestling Association shall be sanctioned by the Washington State Wrestling Association and, where applicable, the United States Wrestling Association, and must meet the following requirements:

1. All participants shall be registered members of the United States Wrestling Association.

2. A United States Wrestling Association sanction form must be completed online, along with submitting the correct sanction fees and background screenings, such that it may be approved by and forwarded to the National Office a minimum of 30 days prior to the event. The following deadline dates must be met for any WSWA tournament sanction to be approved: For the WSWA Folkstyle season, all clubs who scheduled events at the Fall General Membership meeting must have their sanctions and fees submitted and approved no later than September 30th of each year. After September 30th, if an event is not approved, the first club in that specific region to e-mail a request to the Membership Director and submit all required paperwork and fees by October 15th, will be allowed to have an event for that date on the WSWA Folkstyle schedule. After October 15th of each year, there will be no events added to the Folkstyle Schedule. For the Freestyle and Greco Roman Season, all clubs who scheduled events at the Fall General Membership meeting must have their sanctions and fees submitted and approved no later than December 31st of each year. After December 31st, if an event is not

approved, the first club in that specific region to e-mail a request to the Membership Director and submit all required paperwork and fees by January 31st, will be allowed to have an event for that date on the WSWA Freestyle and Greco Roman schedule. After January 31st of each year, there will be no events added to the Freestyle and Greco Roman Schedule. For the WSWA post-season, which is defined as being after completion of all WSWA Freestyle and Greco Roman State Championships, any club can submit a sanction and fees and obtain approval for an event no later than a deadline of April 15th of that year.

6. Clubs who wish to host a sanctioned Washington State Wrestling Association / USA 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. The club Mat and Pairing officials must be age 18 years of age or older and must work at the designated job for the entire duration of the event

7. All individuals who purchase a Club Charter or Event Sanction online will need to complete a background check prior to approval. I would ask that any clubs sanctioning a folkstyle event to please submit your sanction as soon as possible. Please do not wait until the last minute. The tournament director and the mat and pairing officials must all have their backgrounds completed and the mat and pairing official must have their USA cards purchased for me to approve the sanction.

8. All WSWA Board members also need to renew their background screening.

I am looking forward to another great year of wrestling in Washington.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Burchett

Membership Director

Treasurer - Mary Douglas. (see attached reports). Mary explained the budget and opened it up for discussion

Mary reported that the numbers on the expense report shows more spending this year and the board discussed way to decrease this during the morning board meeting

Chuck Bullard made a motion to accept the budget for 2011/ 2012. Tom Martin of Team Tech-Fall seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mat Official- Jay Terry for Tony Arredondo Washington has 136 mat officials. We sent 20 mat officials to NW Regionals and were able to run 3 man mechanics. We sent 9 mat officials to Women, Cadet and Junior Nationals in Fargo, North Dakota. 12 officials were recommended for upgrade: Tom Martin M1, Chuck Bullard M1, Randy Lees M1C, Kevin Bauer M1C, Hildo Rodriguez M1C, Rick Rakevich M2, Todd Christensen, Anthondy Peters, Alex Maldonado, Colton Weiks, Brenton Beard, and Branden Martin. We are currently working for having the highest number of M1 officials

Kids Director – Gene Hopkins for Ron Beard At Western Regionals in Pocatello, Idaho we had just under 100 wrestlers. Washington as a group wrestled very well. 37 wrestlers competed at Kids Nationals in Utah. We wrestled very well at one of the toughest Kids Nationals. There were some issues with Trackwrestling for wrestlers who had not preregistered and he encouraged wrestlers to take advantage of the pre registering next year.

Kids Director- Sean Ekerson Team Washington took 9th in Greco this year winning the consolation bracket for the seconded year in a row. We beat out Kansas 44-28. Team Washington had 30 pins overall and an 8-2 team record. Victor Almaguar had the most pins and both Tommy Strassenbery and Victor Almaguar had an 8-1 overall record. Falani Gill and Corde Ferrera were 7-2. In Freestyle Washington place 6th to earn All-American status. We lost to Team NJ 44-31. Team Washington was #1 in the nation for pins with 38 and had an 8-3 team record. Corde Ferrera had the most pins with 7 and both Corde Ferrera and Jeremy Nygard had a 9-0 record (both made the All-Tournament Team). This was the closest team I have ever coached with the best chemistry and no discipline problems.

Women’s Director- Gene Hopkins for Bobby Freund This was the first year allowing Cadet Women to wrestle at Fargo. We took 3 wrestlers and they did very well- Isabella Perez earned All American status. Junior Girls dual took third at National Duals. We had six All Americans at Junior Women Nationals: Lauren Richardson (3rd), Taylor Graham (7th), Chelsea Reynosa (7th), Stephanie Simon (4th), Alanna Alegria's (4th), and Jessie Vitartas (5th). Hannah Moon was a National Champion. Washington placed 4th overall at Nationals in the Junior Women division. Our girls program is growing each year. Merle Crocket reported several girls were contacted by college recruiters. This is very good for Washington

Cadet Director – Chris Feist. Cadets performed well at NW Regionals. At Greco Dual the team had 6-2 record. In Freestyle they had a 4-3 record. It was good experience for our wrestlers. At Fargo we had a strong showing with 6 All-Americans in Greco: Bryson Beard (6th), Josh Newberg (7th), Wyatt Scribner (8th), Joseph Grable (6th), Matthew Hopkins (4th), and Chandler Rogers who was a National Champion. Team Washington ended up finishing 11th in the nation in Greco. In Freestyle we had a little tougher time but still had two All-Americans: Matt Voss (4th) and Chandler Rogers (3rd).

Junior Director- Luke Leifer The dual team did well but we are still struggling with trying to attract our number wrestlers to make the trip. Adam Burchett earned All-American status by going undefeated in Greco and he had a 10-1 record at duals in both tournaments. At Fargo the Junior team wrestled tough. In Greco, Team Washington came in 10th. We had 4 All- Americans: Adam Burchett (3rd), Jake Velarde (2nd), Jeremy Golding (8th), and Jordan Rogers (3rd). In Freestyle we had 3 All-Americans: Adam Burchett (8th), Joey Palmer (2nd), and Jordan Rogers (2nd).

Web Site – Dave Gilbertson. .Not in attendance

Travel Director- Terri Hopkins .Not in attendance

WSWA Photographer- Dave Jedlicka Dave Jedlicka reported that he took 4,700 pictures throughout the season. At times it was challenging at Fargo during the early rounds to get pictures of every wrestler due to every wrestler wrestling so quickly, but it was his intent to try to capture all wrestlers representing Washington.

Coaches Director Report- Jay Terry 5 Bronze clinics were offered this season which added 62 more certified coaches. This year we had the most ever application for coaches for Nationals. Coaches did a good job. March 31st is still the deadline for coaching application. Craig Hansen from Viper asked if you need to refill out application if they have applied in the past. Jay said the front page needs to be filled out when you apply every year.

Deputy Director- Jim Burchett Jim reported on Fargo and the process for how Fargo works. This year's cost for Fargo only increase by \$100. 88 wrestlers attended Fargo. The online paperwork at the website is working great. There is a qualification process. There are deadlines. Coaches please get on your athletes to meet the deadlines. Camp was at EWU and that process worked great. John Owen allowed WSWA to use the mats at camp. Mrs. Grable again helped with bandaging and wrapping our injured athletes which was a big help. Les Gutches from USA Wrestling and Oregon was the clinician. This year's athletes were the best group of wrestlers for behavior in the past 4 years. We did not have any discipline issues.

The women's tournament at Nationals is getting tougher. Jim encouraged the coaches to get your girls to Fargo. Jim explained the \$2 Athlete Fund that was approved by the board this morning. (See attached \$2 Athlete Fund proposal that was adopted). Each athlete needs to attend 5 local WSWA tournaments to be eligible for the \$2 subsidy. For Fargo, the athlete will not go on the roster until a deposit has been made and this information will be included on the forms this coming season.

State Chairman- Gene Hopkins State Chairman's summit was just held. There may be a change in the Cadet division and above's bracketing. They want to get away from the vertical bracketing and go to line bracketing. USA says that line bracketing is more spectator, media, and family friendly. It has not passed yet but may be coming.

In order to help promote online registration the board has approved 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.

All state tournaments are still pre-register only.

Election of Directors:

The position of State Chairman is currently held by Gene Hopkins who is stepping down. Chuck Bullard has asked to run for the positions of State Chairman.

The position of Pairing Official Director is currently held by Sherry Bullard. Her position is unopposed

The position of Cadet Director is currently held by Chris Feist. His position is unopposed.

The position of Western Kids Director is currently held by Sean Ekerson. His position is unopposed.

A motion was made by Tom Martin of Team Tech-Fall to accept into office: Chuck Bullard as Chairman, Sherry Bullard as Pairing Official Director, Chris Feist as Cadet Director and Sean Eckerson as Western Kids Director. MR Ayers of Tri Cities seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The position of Secretary is currently held by Suzie Velarde who is stepping down. There are no applicants for this position so the board will appoint this position.

The position of Women's Director is currently held by Bobby Freund. There are no applicants for this position so the board will appoint this position.

Beth Michealson is interested in being considered for the secretary position.

Adam France is interested in being considered for the women's position.

Non-voting Board Appointments

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

Promotions Director- Ty Michealson

Membership Director- Kim Burchett

Central Travel Director- Suzie Velarde

Web site Maintenance Director- Dave Gilbertson

WSWA Photographer- Dave Jedlicka

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

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.

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Current bylaws allow for four (4) athlete representatives representing all areas of the state. Board discussed nominated representatives and voted to select 4 reps and 4 alternates

Nominees: Jordan Rogers, Joey Palmer, Isaac Robison, Rachel Archer

Alternates: Blake Beard, Adam Burchett, Matt Floresca, Isabella Silva

New Business:

Tournament Schedule

Sabotage and Sedro Wooley both bid for the May 5, 2011 WSWA Freestyle Championship- Pee Wee through Schoolboy and it went to a vote of the membership. Sabotage won the vote to hold the state tournament at either Jackson High School or Juanita HS.

Proposed tournament schedule for 2011/2012:

November 12, 2011-	Region 1- Lynnwood Region 3- Team Spartans at North Central
November 18 & 19, 2011-	USA TOA Folkstyle series- Northwest Bigfoot Battle
November 26, 2011-	Thanksgiving weekend- No tournament scheduled
December 4, 2011-	Region 1- Ferndale Region 2- Twin City (Centralia)
December 10, 2011-	Region 1- Burlington WWKWL league only event
December 11, 2011-	Region 1- SedroWooley Region 2- NWWC
December 17, 2011-	Region 1- Arlington Region 2- SWWWC at Union
December 18, 2011-	Region 1- Arlington WWKWL league only event
December 24, 2011-	No tournaments scheduled
December 31, 2011-	Region 1- Burlington
January 7, 2012-	Region 1- Oregon Classic Qualifier- Bad-Draw Glacier Peak or Burlington
January 8, 2012-	Region 1- Sedro Woolley WWKWL league only event
January 14, 2012-	Region 1- Bad Draw Glacier Peak
January 15, 2012-	Region 1- Bad Draw Glacier Peak WWKWL league only event Region 2- 3-D at Auburn
January 22, 2012-	Region 1- Lake Steven WWKWL Championship league only event Region 2- Bearclaw
January 28 & 29, 2012-	Washington State Folkstyle Championship- Viper at The HUB
February 25, 2012-	Region 2- Elma
March 3, 2012-	Region 1- Sons ofThunder Region 2- Montesano Mad Dogs Freestyle only Region 3- West Valley Freestyle only
March 10, 2012-	Region 1- Ferndale Region 2- Bearclaw Freestyle and Greco Region 3- Spartans Freestyle and Greco
March 16, 2012-	Region 2- Twin City- Greco
March 17, 2012-	Region 2- Twin City- Freestyle
March 18, 2012-	Region 2- Twin City-Folkstyle
March 24, 2012-	Region 1- Sedro Woolley
March 23-25, 2012-	Northwest Cadet and Junior Regionals- SWWWC
March 30, 2012-	Region1- Bad Draw Glacier Peak- Greco
March 31, 2012-	Region1- Bad Draw Glacier Peak- Freestyle
April 1, 2012-	Region1- Bad Draw Glacier Peak-Folkstyle
March 31, 2012-	Region 2- Raymond Freestyle Region 3- Quad State East Valley- Freestyle and Greco ???
April 7, 2012-	Region 2- SWWWC Region 3- Quad State East Valley- Freestyle and Greco ???
April 14, 2012-	Region 2- 3-D Freestyle and Greco
April 21, 2012-	Region 2- Bearclaw Greco only
April 28, 2012-	Washington State Greco Roman Championship Midget through Senior- Tri Cities Pasco HS
May 5, 2012-	Washington State Freestyle Championship- Pee Wee through Schoolboy- Sabotage at Jackson HS or Juanita.
May 12, 2012-	Washington State Cadet, Jr. & Jr. Women's Freestyle Championship & Washington State Senior Freestyle Championship- Twin City Centralia HS

Other Input:

Kirk Calkins brought up changing the deadline date for adding tournaments. This was explained that to do a bylaw change that the proposal must be placed in writing before a regular meeting with notice given to all clubs at least 10 days in advance of such meeting. Sherry Bullard stated that Kirk should put something in writing and send it to the State Chairman so this can be considered for change.

Adam France brought up having a coaches program to get everyone on the same page. He questioned if anyone would be interested. Chuck Bullard asked Chris Feist if he thought this would be viable. Chris said it is a good idea and it would be good to promote the youth club coaches to come together to participate in this. Jerry Bowles has gone to the coaches clinic for the last few years and reported that the coaches clinic is very good. Adam France is going to work on getting this up and going. Merle Crockett said it would be good to get a syllabus for all our state coaches. There are already CDs made up.

Adam France said we need to change the camp facility to YVC. .Jim Burchett will compare the facility and the cost for going to YVC verses EWU.

Chuck Bullard stated that he feels that if a Washington official wants to volunteer their time (without compensation) to officiate at state level that they should be allowed to do so.

Adjournment

MT Ayers of Tri Cities made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sean Eckerson of Montesano seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,

