

2009 General Membership Meeting Minutes
10/18/09

Meeting called to order at 1:09 pm.

Opening remarks and introductions of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors were done by Bobby Herrick.

Direction given to clubs on the new expectations for clubs wishing to host District and Regional tournaments.

Break into districts to take care of district business. This includes electing District Rep, Alternate, district tournament site, and recommend site for Regional.

Reconvene at 1:30.

Brian Smith is introduced to speak. Coach Smith thanked the coaches for everything they do to help the sport of wrestling. Coach Smith introduced Dom Bradley who was a champion at the World's. Dom thanked the coaches and made mention of how good the incoming freshman are thanks to the youth coaches

Coach Smith discussed the free clinics at Mizzou for FS/GR in the Spring. This is open to any USA Wrestler and his wrestlers help out along with others who have experience in those styles, He would like more participation.

Opening dual for Mizzou is Nov. 12th at the Hearnese, Illinois vs Mizzou.

Bobby made a motion and it was seconded to waive the reading of the minutes from last years meeting and approve them. Motion passed.

Chairman's report, Bobby Herrick

The numbers of athletes participating are up. We had about 900 wrestlers compete in the 6u/Rookie State Championship.

Forms are available online for membership and events on our site missouriusawrestling.org and on themat.com. when filling out forms online on themat.com, be sure to use the same name as in the past. If you have any problems or questions, contact Miki Courier at the office. Please add the athletes email address when filling out forms.

Fees were increased this year because the national body increased their fees. We did not increase the coaches membership, we decided to offset that by increasing the tournament sanction fee. Coaches cards are now available for 2 years online.

Treasurer's Report, Miki Courier

We had about \$1100 in the bank to start last season. We ended the season with about \$7000 in the bank. This allows us to purchase 6 more clocks so we will not have to borrow them for the state tournaments.

All of the dual teams came in under budget.

Some clubs have chartered already and paid for memberships for the upcoming season. We have about \$11,000 in the bank right now.

Tournament Committee Report, Scott Clark

Redistricting helped even out the numbers from district to district. We had 1,040 wrestlers at the state tournament

Presentation brackets will be slightly smaller because of printer capabilities.

Rookie State entries will be handled by TrackWrestling.. We will see how it goes and evaluate further use.

National Teams report, Randy Bradley

We had a lot of inexperienced wrestlers this year due to the number of college freshman that were in summer school that did not participate. It was an interesting note that the wrestlers that stepped in wrestled very well.

Results were reviewed from the summer teams.

There will be an annual meeting for the summer season . It will be during the folkstyle state tournament. This will move up the deadline for the national teams coaches application.

We are looking into using Southern plains camp as a national teams camp, but with the date change this year for the tournament it may interfere with school. We will have to see what can be done.

National teams coaches will have to be an active coach with a club or collegiate wrestler.

For the national duals, schoolboy will continue to wrestle both styles, cadet will wrestle greco or freestyle, not both as in the past. The freestyle and greco teams will travel together to allow for injuries and for additional training opportunities. We will begin using 3rd party transportation, the need is highlighted by the fact the 2011 tournament will be in Florida.

The Dual team fee has increased to \$150 each. Randy is working on an incentive program to reward wrestlers based on passed accomplishments.

The women's team were national runner-ups. We need female coaches for this team.

We have highly qualified coaches in our state for Greco and freestyle.

Communications, Craig Ewing

Our website is underutilized. We will work on it to revamp it. There has been some inappropriate use of our forums and it is currently locked from new users.

Bid Committee, Randy Bradley

We are receiving more bids from out of state vendors. This increases the value for MOUSA Wrestling.

Budget/Club Packets, Bobby Herrick

The budget and club packets have been distributed. There were no questions on the budget. The team packets are getting smaller because of the online information available.

Birth certificate is required for age verification for all new wrestlers. The waiver is required to be signed and the clubs should keep them on file.

Old Business

Robert Courier reminded all of the clubs that it is a good idea to have the novice tournaments run weigh-ins so those kids and their parents are exposed to the weigh-in procedure.

New Business

The executive committee selected Bob Glasgow for the hall of Fame for his longtime commitment to MOUSA wrestling and direction of the national Teams.

At large Hall of Fame nominations were Eldon Gorbett and Dale Ewing nominated by Craig Ewing, and Paul Barbarick nominated by Bill Erneste. All three were selected for induction.

Motions

The Following motion was made and read by Rob Gion:

To comply with what was requested, here is my motion as presented:

Per the MO-USA Wrestling By-Laws and per the fact that I am the President of a duly recognized MO-USA Wrestling Club in good standing, I would like to propose the following amendment to our State Tournament Guidebook. I request to have this change voted on at the 2009 Annual Membership Meeting to be held in October, applicable for the 2009-2010 season and all following seasons. The amendment requested is as follows:

The following paragraph as quoted from the "Tournament Committee 2008-2009 Guide

To Qualifying Tournaments” is to be deleted and replaced with the new one listed below:
Current wording to be deleted:

“Wrestlers will be allowed to weigh-in one time only on Friday night. If a wrestler is over-weight on Friday, then they will be allowed to weigh-in one time only on Saturday morning. Scales will be opened one half (1/2) hour prior to the weigh-in times on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to allow wrestlers to check their weight; after the weigh-ins begin, there will be no checking of weight. Wrestlers must be allowed to use any of the certified scales being used for the competition weigh-ins. Wrestlers who are over weight after their one time weigh-in on Saturday morning will not be allowed to wrestle. There will be no running, or other weight loss measures allowed inside the wrestling facility.”

New wording to replace above wording:

“Wrestlers competing on both Saturday and Sunday will be required to weigh-in on both Saturday morning and Sunday morning. If a wrestler is only wrestling on Sunday, they will be required to weigh in on Sunday morning only. Wrestlers must make scratch weight on Saturday and scratch weight plus one (1) lb in all weight classes for the Sunday morning weigh in only. Wrestlers will be allowed to weigh-in one time only on each day. Scales will be opened one half (1/2) hour prior to the weigh-in times on each day to allow wrestlers to check their weight; after the weigh-ins begin, there will be no checking of weight. Wrestlers must be allowed to use any of the certified scales being used for the competition weigh-ins. Wrestlers who are over weight after their one time weigh-in on Saturday morning and Sunday morning will not be allowed to wrestle. There will be no running, or other weight loss measures allowed inside the wrestling facility.”

This change is important because it helps our youth athletes prepare for what they will experience at the high school and college levels. It will also help curb significant and dangerous weight cutting that is currently taking place by some in the wrestling community. Weighing daily will help ensure that kids will wrestle at the weight class at which they belong. In addition, it will give everyone an understanding, well in advance of the state series, of what guidelines will be followed.

The motion was seconded and the floor was open for discussion and questions. The motion was called to question and failed.

The following motion was made and read by Dan Seago:

I propose that we pay referees an additional \$20 per session to supervise weigh ins at the district, regional and state tournaments. We should require 2 referees per tournament to supervise weigh ins. For districts and regionals this will only add \$80 to the cost.

The motion was seconded and the floor was opened for discussion and questions.

During discussion it was clarified that the officials are a requirement and the \$20 is the maximum that would be allowed to be claimed on the Tournament expense worksheet.

The motion was called to question and the motion passed.

The following Motion was made and read by Denny Kolvek:

I would like to officially enter a new motion that Missouri USA adopt weight classes with 3 lbs. increments in the lighter weight classes for the 6U, 8U and 10U divisions. Referenced below are the weights that Kansas utilizes with the 3 lbs. increments. A caveat should be added in each division that if additional weight classes are deemed necessary for competitive purposes, especially in the upper weights past those listed, then the executive committee and/or tournament committee has discretion to do so within each age group.

6 & Under: 37, 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 70, 73, 76, 80, 88

8 & under: 40, 43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 70, 73, 76, 80, 88, 95, 110, 125

9 & 10: 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 70, 73, 76, 79, 82, 85, 90, 95, 100, 110, 120, 130, 150, 170

11 & 12: 64, 68, 72, 76, 80, 84, 88, 92, 96, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 130, 140, 150, 165, 190, 215, 240

13 & 14: 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 175, 205, 235, 265

15 & 16: 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 175, 185, 215, 250, 285

(if additional weight classes are deemed necessary for competitive purposes the executive/tournament committee has discretion to do so within each division)

The motion was seconded and the floor was opened for discussion and questions. The motion was called to question and failed.

The following motion was made and read by Bryan Elam:

I would like to submit a motion to change the mandatory requirement to attend the Southern Plains Kids FS/GR Camp, usually in the month of June. The motion (or dicussion) would be to make an optional training camp, (not a required training camp), to be able to attend the Southern Plains Regional Kids FS/GR Wrestling Tournament, starting with 2010. This would allow more Missouri kids to attend the Southern Plains Regional, thus more Missouri kids being able to qualify for USA Wrestling Kids FS/GR Nationals.

The motion was seconded and the floor was opened for discussion and questions. The motion was called to question and the motion passed.

End of motions.

Bobby Herrick announced the addition of the Missouri Classic to be held on the Sunday following the 6U/Rookie State Tournament. This will allow wrestling clubs with limited coaching resources to have both rookie and veteran wrestlers the opportunity to wrestle on this weekend. This will be for the 8U, 10U, 12U, and 14U divisions.

Robert Courier discussed coaches education. It is his intent to have copper clinics in each district. Last year some were too early, so he will try to have them a little later.

Rob Gion thanked everyone's interest in his clubs dual tournament and encouraged other clubs to consider hosting duals, and dual tournaments.

3:11 pm Meeting adjourned.