

**KANSAS KIDS WRESTLING
STATE BODY MEETING
October 28, 2007**

Call to Order: Executive Director Jeff Sheets called the meeting to order at 9:35 am on Sunday, October 29, 2007. Roll call was taken by signing in and picking up their packets (see end of minutes for those clubs in attendance). There were 181 clubs registered with 139 in attendance after the sign-in process was completed.

Reading of the Minutes: Ned Price made a motion to accept the minutes as they were included in each of the clubs packets. Dean Sheets seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Contents of Packet: Jeff Sheets went over the contents of each packet that was picked up during registration. Information included in the packets were minutes of previous state body meeting, a draft copy of the executive council minutes from the September 2007 meeting, state tournament results, financial information, rule books, and wrestling fliers.

Vendor Presentations:

Those making a brief sales pitch for their businesses or organization were:

Gonz Medina - Blue Chip Athletics

Rick Meck - Experteers T's

Erik Hinckley from Kansas State University: He told how he got involved with wrestling thru his personal experience, thru the Army and now at KSU. They have a web page at www.ksu.edu.wrestling where more information can be found and ways to contact them. They currently have an intramural team, as well as a club team and working to bring wrestling to a KSU. They have enough financial support until Christmas and are working on getting enough to get them thru the rest of the season. Currently have three coaches working with these young athletes. He is currently working on a proposal, thru a committee, to bring wrestling to KSU.

Officers Report:

Membership: Kathy Juby went over the contents of club packets that we handed out at District meetings. The tournament listing will be posted on the internet within a few days after this meeting and she will keep it current as information comes in.

On membership listing, she recommended highlighting those returning wrestlers and coaches. They also need birth dates of coaches this year. She stressed returning the waiver portion of the card to USA Wrestling.

Treasurer: Leanna reported that the financial statements are in the packets and at this time they are "drafts" as we are still working on finalizing it all. We currently have \$84,765.98 in the Kids accounts thru checking, savings, and CD's. Financially, we are in fairly good shape and are able to support the various programs. However, in the

upcoming years thru the budget process, our expenses will exceed our income by around \$11000. If anyone had any questions, she would be more than willing to discuss them.

State Tournament: Ned Price went over the state tournament. Overall, it went well with just a few minor problems. We are currently looking at way to try and shorten the coaches' band lines during weigh-ins by possibly having them available in the enclosed area starting at 1:00 pm. The tournament showed a profit of approximately \$18000.

Officials: Loren Anthony went over the past year. If you have officials who still need to get registered, the last rules clinic will be held in Augusta on Nov. 3. The deadline to get registered is November 15th.

District Officers:

Each District Director told who their officers are for the upcoming season:

District 1

Director: Tuff Hermreck
Sub District Director North: Mark Stanley
Sub District Director South: Joe Cisper
Freestyle/GR Director: Tom Peterman (FS) and Russ Hermreck (GR)
Secretary: Will Cokeley
Treasurer: Barb Shields

District 2

Director: Jess Keith
Sub District Director: Scott Biddle
Sub District Director: Kenny Taylor, Sr.
Freestyle/GR Director: Charlie Knox
Rules: Jeremy Biddle
Treasurer: Jenny Edison
Secretary: Lisa Zimmerman

District 3:

Director: Lance Engel
Sub District Director: Darrell Loder
Sub District Director: Tom Richards
Freestyle/GR Director: Mark Miller
Rules: Chad Harris

District 4:

Director: Steve Woody
Sub District Director: Scott Edwards
Sub District Director: Kyle Wright
Freestyle/GR Director: Rudy Perez
Secretary/treasurer: Jeannie Dey
Rules: Steve Woody

State Director: Jeff Sheets thanked all the clubs for working hard throughout the year

and to get the word out (it sure cut down on phone calls). He stressed that the clubs and coaches need to work on sportsmanship and present ourselves as good examples for the young competitors.

Jeff thanked all the districts for their work throughout the year and for their help at Southern Plains. He especially thanked Dist. 4 (Steve Woody) for their help in getting workers etc.

He also said that we need to work to support our summer programs as he can see the benefits later through the years.

Executive Director: Mike Juby said that Kathy asked him to announce when there are new members from another club to please indicate that on your membership listing when sending it back to Kathy.

Mike stressed that we need to get the waivers on the membership cards as there is a definite advantage to having them signed and returned, especially if a lawsuit would ever develop. The statistics show that it is a great advantage with a favorable outcome when they are returned!

Phone Calls regarding the different levels of wrestling: He mentioned that maybe the best place to start with problems is to contact your District Directors first and then Jeff Sheets, Kids Executive Director, if needed. He doesn't mind being contacted but probably need to keep issues within the "kids' level" unless it needs to involve Kansas Wrestling.

Background checks: In 2008-09, background checks will be required. The process is currently being completed, but if you want to coach, you will have to go online, fill out a background check (fee \$17). Once that background check has been completed, you will get an email that states that you have cleared or not. If not, there is an appeal process that you can go through. You will have to submit that approval in order to get with your current year coaches' card. Two issues (and the main ones they will be watching for) that will result in a rejection - sexual assault and child abuse.

Someone wanted to know if a more detailed background check ex: drug use. Mike will do some checking on this issue and let us know. Someone also asked about how the clubs will know who has or who did not receive approval. Mike is currently fighting to not allow Kansas clubs / coaches to register on-line. Not only does it add expense to registering online (pay for a service fee), this would allow the clubs to monitor who receives a coaches' card. The state office will have access to who is approved but Mike said he wasn't sure about at the club level. Mike requested a vote be taken by a show of hands that would prefer NOT to allow our coaches to register on-line but having to go thru their local clubs (an overwhelming show of hands in favor of NOT allowing this process of on-line registration for coaches).

Loren Anthony asked about background check on officials. All officials with USOWA will have to submit to a background check (freestyle / pairers). Most Folkstyle officials are not members of this organization

USA Wrestling would like for everyone to register on-line so they can get their money immediately instead of waiting. However, Kansas is not one of the "problems".

Mike thought the system will be available about a month before next season (2008-09) begins (Sept. 1st), which would be August 1.

Financial Statements (DRAFT): He is still working finalizing information, changes should be minor, but he still needs information from some Districts, Southern Plains, and the Women's Division. Mike went over financial statements and the different levels of competition and their balances (which a printout was included in the club packets).

Southern Plains: The tournament turned out great. He wanted to thank everyone who helped and Kathy Juby for getting workers, District 4, and the FHSU football players. Mike went over the proposal last year about the \$1000 to volunteers to each District. District 4 has made a proposal to the state that they will provide all the workers for the tournament.

501(c)(3): In each packet there should have been draft copies of Articles of Association, USAWA Subordinate Claiming Exemption under IRC and SS-4. There are very few clubs that have a 501(c)(3) status. If you are not covered and want to be covered, he wants to try and get this process completed. When he submits his listing, the clubs who want to request this status, will need to be included. If he gets permission from the IRS, he will need to tell the IRS that every club involved has the Articles of Association (club will have to adopt), USAWA of Kansas Inc. Subordinate Claiming Exemption Under IRC501(c)(3). All clubs will have to confirm with four requirements listed on the information and obtain an Employer Identification Number (SS-4).

If you already have a SS-4, just include it on the form. If you are going to do this, Mike needs the Exemption Form back by the weekend

Even though you are filing under USAWA Kansas Inc, you will still be your "own". There will be some filing requirements however. If you fall under \$25000, you will have to file a "simple form" on line to retain your status.

Clubs that are 501 (c)(3): Clearwater Youth, Great Bend, Independence, Liberal Amateur, Olathe South Falcons, Salina Kids, SHHS Wrestling Booster Club (until Dec. 2007, Sunflower Kids Wrestling (until Dec. 2007), Team Lightning, Wichita Wrestling (Until Sept 200??), Winfield Youth, United States of America Wrestling Assn of Kansas, Inc

Hygiene: Mike also stressed about hygiene of wrestlers and wrestling mats. MERSA is a high contagious disease and there is great concern within our state. He suggested that we all take the "error on the side of pre-caution" issue.

Someone asked about getting some mats to disinfect the shoes before stepping on the mats and rent them out like we do the scoreclocks.

FHSU Takedown Club: Leanna Grater announced that FHSU has started a booster club for those wanting to support the college program. If interested email them at fhsutigertakedownclub@yahoo.com The Black & Gold scrimmage will be held this Thursday at Hays and then they will be traveling to Topeka (Shawnee Heights) on Friday, Nov 9th to wrestle Stanford University.

There was a brief dismissal so each district could hold meetings if needed.

New Business

Each District told a little about their nominations for District Person of the Year and their State Nominations for Person and Official of the Year. The latter two will be voted on by the Executive Council and announced at the State Tournament in March.

District 1

District Person: Dean Sheets
State Person: Will Cokeley
State Official: Don Johnson / Tyler Jobe

District 3

District Person: Bob Gonzales
State Person: Ron Tacha
State Official: Andy Hutchinson

District 2

District Person: Jennifer Edison
State Person: Jeff Harrington
State Official: Kenny Taylor Jr,

District 4

District Person: Kyle Roberts
State Person: Kyle Roberts
State Official: Van Kuhn

Leanna added that she will need pictures by March 1 of those listed above to be included in the State Program book.

Rule Changes – High School

Loren Anthony went over the rule changes that were listed in the front of the Rule book that would affect Kansas Kids Wrestling.

He also stated that there will be some officials whose information will not be listed on the web page due to some problems they encountered last year with unhappy parents/coaches. If needed, contact Loren directly to see if they are registered.

By-Law Changes

Jeff sheets said most of the changes were just clarification with some other changes. Each club should have received a copy of the proposed changes along with the notification of the State Body meeting.

Jess Sheets told of the concern District 2 had regarding the 10-day prior to the sub-district tournament. District 2 would like to be able to accept entries prior to the seeding. Discussion followed that included problems contacting the high school wrestlers and getting their information turned in on time.

Leanna Grater moved that we accept the constitution as proposed by the Executive Council, seconded by Stephanie McDonald. Vote was: Yes (for) 46 – Against (no) 25 no

State Tournament Recommendations for 2008 Tournament:

Entry Fees: The Executive Council recommended raising the entry fee to \$20. Will Cokekly moved to leave the entry fee at \$15 and it was seconded. Vote: Yes (to leave

at \$15) 60 – No 8

Gate Fees: The Executive Council recommended leaving them at the current price of \$4 adults / \$2 Kids Stephanie McDonald moved to accept the Executive Council recommendation with Ed Edison seconded the motion. Vote: 69 For – 0 against

Officials Pay: The Executive Council recommendation is to pay \$280 for the 2-day tournament, IRS rate for mileage or a motel room vs. mileage round trip and to add a tournament shirt for the second day of competition. Michael Brownell, Clay County, moved to accept the recommendation of the Executive Council with Jeff Taylor, Douglass seconding the motion. A vote was taken and no one opposed.

Coaches Passes: The Executive Council recommended leaving them the same as in the past, which was "Two Free passes to each club and one pass per five wrestlers qualified at the state tournament. However, if you did not attend the current year state body meeting, then one pass will be withheld from your "free" passes."

Mark Miller moved that we accept the proposal of the Executive Council but added (amended) that roll call be taken at the end of the meeting. For those not present, then you would loose one of your coaches passes. Michael Brownell seconded the motion.

Much discussion followed regarding this issue which included what year the recommendation was being made for (which was the current year), could it be changed year-to-year, and the number of clubs that had left the meeting after signing in and not staying around to "complete" business of our organization.

Shawn Bunke, Spartans then moved to amend the motion made by Mark Miller to add one more pass to those who stayed until the end of the meeting. Cheryl Seaton from Bonner Springs seconded the motion. A vote was then taken on this amendment to the motion made by Mark Miller. For (33) Against (34). The motion did not pass.

Mark Stanley, Jr. Vikings, then made a motion to sale the cards back to them. His motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was then taken on the original motion that was proposed by Mark Miller. Vote: For (39) – Against (23). Roll call will be taken before the meeting will be adjourned!

State Tournament Program Book: Leanna Grater went over ads for program book, score clocks. Ads will be \$25 (1/4 page), \$50 (1/2 page), and \$100 (full page). Scoreclocks will also run \$100 if you are interested in sponsoring at scoreclock at the State Tournament. All ads will be due no later than March 1, 2008.

Track Wrestling: The Executive Council approved using Track Wrestling for the qualifying and the State Tournament at a cost of .25 per wrestler. Mike Juby said they are also willing to extend this cost to any invitational tournament also. Gonz Medina has used the program and said it is great and would recommend using. For those interested the web page is www.trackwrestling.com

Mike Juby said he had heard of one district who said they did not want to use track wrestling. Mike stated that we all needed to use it for it work accordingly in getting results transferred from tournament site to tournament site for the qualifiers. He wanted

the state to either say YES or NO. Stephanie McDonald moved to accept this recommendation to use TrackWrestling for the qualifying tournaments with Charlie Knox seconding the motion. No one opposed.

Other Business

On-Line Registration: Mike Juby talked about on-line registration and wanted our feelings about it. It was decided by a show of hands not to allow on-line registration. Mike Juby will forward our concerns to USA Wrestling and the vote that was taken.

Scoreclocks: Jeff Sheets said anyone interested in renting score clocks to contact him as soon as possible. They cost \$500 to rent the clocks and you will be responsible picking up and returning the clocks. If they need to be delivered, then you will have to pay to have this service.

A ROLL CALL COMPLETED BY SIGN IN AT BEGINNING OF MEETING AND BEFORE ADJOURNMENT. THE ** DESIGNATES THOSE CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT.

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4
Allen County **	Andover	Abilene Kids **	Atwood Kids **
Atchison Kids **	Ark City	Beloit **	Colby Kids **
Baldwin City	Augusta **	Chapman **	Dodge City **
Bonner Springs **	Boos' School	Clay County **	Ellis
Burlington **	Brawlers	Con Kids	Garden City
Central Heights **	Bulldog **	Ellsworth County	Goodland **
Chanute **	Caney	Emporia	Gray County
Chanute Jr. **	Carroll Jr. **	Hesston **	Great Bend
Columbus **	Central	Hillsboro	Greater Gold-Garden City
Cougars	Chaparral Jr.	Hutchinson **	Hays
CPA Wrestling **	Cherryvale Kids **	Junction City Grapplers	Hodgeman County
Desoto **	Circle Jr. **	Lincoln Co.	Hoisington **
Doniphan County	Coffeyville Kids	MAC **	Hoxie Kids
Effingham	Derby **	Manhattan **	Hugoton
Ft. Scott	Douglass Jr. **	Manhattan Freestyle **	Lakin Mat Crew **
Gardner-Edgerton	ElDorado	Marion	Liberal **
Horton	Elk County **	Marysville	Meade County
Jackson County **	Eureka	North Lyon Co.	Oakley Kids **
Jr. Viking **	Fredonia **	Osborne Co. Kids	Oberlin
Kansas City (Medina) **	Garden Plain **	Ottawa County	Plainville
Kaw Valley **	Goddard **	Republic Co.	Pratt **
Leavenworth Co. **	Greater Gold	Rice County **	Scott City

Linn Co. Twisters	Mulvane Jr. **	Rock Creek **	Stockton	
Louisburg	NW Jr. Grizzlies **	Russell **	Sublette	
Matside Academy **	Rose Hill	Salina **	SW Grapplers **	
Mission Valley **	Team Haysville	Smoky Valley **	Team 3	
Olathe **	Team of Hard Knox **	St. Marys Kids **	Ulysses Kids **	
Olathe East **	Valley Center **	Studz	Ulysses Tigers **	
Olathe Northwest	Wellington	Team Lightning **		
Olathe South	Wichita WWC **	Vermillion Valley		
Ottawa Mat Masters **	Wichita North	Wamego Jr. **		
Paola **	Wichita Police Wolfpack **			
Parsons **	Winfield			
Piper				
Pittsburg **				
Renegades				
Rossville **				
SEK **				
Silver Lake **				
Slammers				
South Johnson County				
STA **				
Sunflower Kids **				
Team Hawks				
Team Tigers **				
Topeka T-birds **				
Trailhands				
Turner				
Wellsville **				
2006-07 Clubs	70	38	36	37
Clubs at Sign In	48	33	30	28
Clubs at End	30	17	17	12
New Clubs in attendance (not included in above count)	1		1	1