

Sunday, Oct 28

2012 State Body Meeting

Minutes

1 Roll Call by Registration

The State Body meeting was called to order on October 28, 2012 at 8:43a.m. at the Ramada Inn, Salina, KS. A quorum was met with 112 clubs attending. Roll call was taken by sign in sheets.

2 Amendments to Agenda

No amendments were added.

3 Approval of Minutes 2011 State Body Meeting

Richard Salyer made the motion to accept the 2011 State Body minutes. Seconded by Randy Hinderliter. Motion carries.

4 Vendor Presentations

Matt recognized the vendors that were present. The Kansas College Wrestling Fund was there with Bill Peterman and Shawn McCarthy. Doug Vander Linden had a booth for Ken Chertow camps.

5 Report of Officers

A Treasurer

Leanna Grater presented the treasurer's report.

Fincancial statements are still in a draft stage.

Middle school duals are self supporting. We only gave them around \$500.

Schoolboy duals were given \$7,000.00 and they went over that amount by \$223.

Elementary school duals were given a donation of \$1500.

Executive director account includes triple crown, all meetings, rule books ect.

Kansas Kids took in \$21,000.00 for card money.

Folkstyle camps was \$1,600.00 going to D1, D2, and D3.

Freestyle camps was \$1,300.00 going to D2.

Scholarship was \$11,000.00 with \$2,000 going to the endowment and \$1,000 going to each Kansas college with a wrestling program.

Southern Plains has \$4,000.00 which went to D4 for helping host the tournament. The Southern Plains camp was \$8,500.00

The Senior Classic wasn't given any money because it runs through the state tournament and nets out.

State tournament profit was \$41,109.73.

Interest income was \$450.

Bank accounts as of 10-28-12

- Checking: \$35,364.32 which includes the \$32,000.00 that has been taken out for the new scoreclocks that have been approved and bought.
- CD'S: \$53,549.82
- Savings: \$14,392.47

B Assistant State Director

Tom Richard was not present at the meeting.

C State Freestyle/Greco Director

Will Cokeley gave his report beginning with Southern Plains will be held in Dodge City for the next three years. This means that the Southern Plains camp will be held at Dodge City.

This year there was 60 kids attending the camp and would like to get that number to 100 kids. Will stated that he would provide transportation to get the kids there.

D Officials Representative

Keith Ashpole is the Officials Representative.

There is a shortage of good qualified officials throughout the state. During the wrestling season, the kids tournaments are competing with high school, middle school and jv wrestling officials. Keith is trying to figure out ways to get and keep good officials.

A first year official that signs up, Kansas Kids, will pay for their KSHSAA entry fee for the first year. He has already talked to KSHSAA about doing this. Keith will then set some guidelines. These guidelines include: taking the test, go to a rules meeting and they have to

officiate a couple kids tournaments. He has talked to KSHSAA and is going to take it to the board to get implemented.

He would like to have a couple officials from each sub district or district to open the communication between him and the officials in each district. This person or persons would pass the information on to Keith. He will post something and would like recommendations on people from each district.

He would like to work with KSHSAA to do some clinics and get officials to sign up for kids officiating at these clinics.

He has written an outline for training that is tailored for USA wrestling kids. He is working with Mark Lentz to try to get something in place to implement this within the KSHSAA clinics.

Keith goes to a few clubs and does a clinic for the first year wrestlers. He takes a couple leg bands and he will go over what to expect at a tournament. He encourages the head officials to do the same.

In the packets, there is a hand out on consistent pay for officials. This hand out is on the last page of the agenda.

Keith went over some issues and concerns that he has. This has to be a partnership with all of us. We have to work together, as coaches and officials, to improve all aspects of our sport. Each weekend should be a learning opportunity for everyone. Treat issues that happen as a learning opportunity.

The following things are things that Keith would like to work on with officials. With officials and coaches, know and review the rules. He stressed that questions or issues that come up during a match, ask about it later and not during the match. Keith will do the research to resolve the issue.

Identify the good officials that are working the tournaments. Find out their name and, if they are not registered, we can work on that.

At the end of the season, discuss with other clubs the officials that should represent your district at the state tournament.

The only time you should go to the table and, call for the head official, is a scoring change or a clarification of a rule.

Keith would like the name of the head official for the tournaments. He will send an outline on what he would like the head official to go over with the other officials before the tournament. He never wants an official to tell a coach, or anyone else, that is a judgement call. He wants an official to know the criteria in making that call. An official should always be able to explain why the call was made. Officials need to honor their commitments.

E District 1 Director

Joe Knecht District 1 Director. D1 had their meeting October 21, 2012.

- Doug Hitcock: South Asst Director
- Lonnie Linwood: North Asst Director
- Barb Shields: Treasurer
- Cheryl Seaton: Secretary
- Tom Peterman: FS/GR Director

Lee Hermreck had decided to step down from his position as D1 director and Joe Knecht is the new D1 director. Joe took this time to thank Tuff for all that he has done for District 1.

Official of the year: Hershel Cox

District person: Lee Hermreck

State person: Eric Johnson - Who is also known as Chief Renegade. He started the Kansas City Renegades Kids Club and was the director for several years. He helped Will Cokeley start the Middle School Dual teams. The last two years, he has sponsored and driven 30-40 kids to the Rocky Mountain National Duals. These boys wrestle in a dual tournament as Team Kansas and then individual tournament that is held in Denver. He helps Russ Hermreck with the Junior and Cadet dual teams. He does all the recruiting and organizing for those events in the summer. He is the KWCA ranker for 4A, 5A and 6A. He does the All-Class Rankings that is on the forum.

District 1 will have a meeting after the meeting today to discuss the district site.

F District 2 Director

D2 had their meeting October 9, 2012.

- Richard Salyer: District 2 Director
- Zach Campbell: North Asst Director
- Jenny Edison: South Asst Director
- Ed Edison: FS/GR Director

Richard thanked Charles Knox for his many years as FS/GR Director.

Official of the Year: Dustin Greenmeyer

District Person: Gary Butler

State Person: Charles Knox

G District 3 Director

D3 had their meeting October 14, 2012.

- Lance Engel: District 3 Director
- James Cook: West Asst Director
- Cedar Taylor: East Asst Director
- Danny Grater: FS/GR Director
- Rich Zimmerman: Rules Rep

Official of the Year: Reuben Montoy

State Person: Arrica Wallace

District Person: Arrica Wallace

H District 4 Director

D4 had their meeting October 14, 2012.

- Steve Woody: District 4 Director
- Scott Edwards: South Asst Director
- Kyle Wright: North Asst Director
- Jeannie Dey: Secretary/Treasurer
- Tyler Gonzales: North FS/GR Director
- Tate Lowe: South FS/GR Director

Steve thanked Joey Arellano for his many years of service.

Southern Plains moved to Dodge City and it was a great venue. Steve encouraged anyone that has not done Southern Plains to do so since it is in Kansas.

Steve is a director on the Kansas Wrestling College Fund and last year they raised \$25,000.00 with half of that distributed to the Kansas colleges with a wrestling program. He commented on supporting this program.

Official of the Year: Van Kuhn

District Person: Brian Luedke

State Person: Scott Edwards

I Kids Director

Matt Treaster Kids Director.

2011-12 season there was around 9000 youth wrestlers and about 180 chartered clubs.

The budget for this year, we anticipate about \$10,000 increase due to the contract with Topeka and the Expo Center.

With the anticipated extra \$10,000, the board allocated \$6,500 to Schoolboy Duals, Elementary School Duals, and Middle School Duals.

The board spent \$35,000.00 on new score clocks.

J State Director

Mike Juby State Director.

We purchased 13 new trackwrestling three-sided clocks. These clocks tie directly into controllers connected to the trackwrestling site. One of the advantages, of these clocks, is that it decreases the number of table workers needed. These clocks will not have riding time on them. The clocks purchased last year do have riding time and gives us maximum flexibility if a college wants to rent them. Clubs have first choice on renting the clocks. A club has to give 8 weeks notice to use the clocks. The idea with the clocks is to promote wrestling and to improve the wrestling experience in the state.

We have 14 old four-sided clocks. These clocks do not tie directly into trackwrestling. These clocks will be moved to Hays and the Hays Wrestling Club will be in charge of them. The contact information will be posted on the website.

The 13 new clocks will be stored in Manhattan. One clock, of the new 13, will go to Wichita to fill the clock cases that hold four clocks. There will be 16 clocks stored at Wichita. The old 14 will be at Hays. The clocks are rented out at \$50.00 a clock. This rental fee is to cover insurance fees and upkeep on the clocks. Contact Jeff Sheets to rent the clocks.

KWCA tends to be viewed as the high school coaches association and they want to embrace all wrestling in the state. They want kid's coaches involvement.

First, make sure all clubs get a new spreadsheet for this new season. Second, if the coaches sheet does not say current in that column, that coach will need to do a background check.

Background checks are done every two years. There is a fine for submitting for a coaches card that does not have a current background check. A background check last through two seasons ending on August 31st.

Trackwrestling will now charge \$.20 a wrestlers instead of the \$.25. There is a \$60.00 minimum per tournament.

Kids Executive Council wanted to let you know what was available to you in your club to go out and promote your club in the community for marketing and promotional materials. Go to www.themat.com, click on membership and then clubs, you will find everything that was printed and handed out today. You can use this format to print to promote your club.

USA Wrestling, this last year, passed a new rule at the national level that said that any state tournament that uses the word state or implies state tournament has to be approved by the state association before it can get sanctioned. Mike talked to the executive council to get guidance on this rule. The policy that the executive council supports states that "in order to use the word state tournament or imply that a tournament is a state tournament all of the funds have to be part of our organization". The funds have to flow through the Kids Division bank account.

Mike stressed the importance of sending in the signed waivers after talking to a representative from the insurance company. At the State Leader Summit, the representative gave Mike an example from California in which a judge dismissed a \$12.5 judgement because the plaintiff had signed the waiver.

The Southern Plains tournament and the facility in Dodge City was outstanding. There will be three styles of wrestling at the Southern Plains tournament. The format for 2013 will be Folkstyle, Greco and Freestyle.

6 Old Business

There was no old business.

7 New Business

A Proposed By-Laws Changes

The procedure for getting a by-law before the State Body is as follows: email the by-law change to the Kids Executive Director by July 31st. This is then taken before the Executive Board. This board will vote on taking it to the State Body Meeting to be voted on. It takes a two-thirds vote at the State Body Meeting in order to pass.

- **Special Needs Provision: Rule 4-4-1(a) Special Needs Wrestler.** This document is in the secretary's book and attached to minutes. Richard Salyer moved to accept the special

needs provision; Lee Hermreck seconded. SueAnn Wanklyn spoke on the benefits of supporting this provision. SueAnn clarified special needs in that they are cognitive delays or mental disability as identified from a professional. This does carry through till the end of the year. Mike Juby clarified that if you move your kid into a different age group than what he is qualified for that in no way comprises our insurance through USA Wrestling.

Richard Salyer made the motion to call the question. Motion passes. **Favor Rule 4-4-1: 71; Opposed Rule 4-4-1: 28. Motion passes with 71%.**

- **Disciplinary Rules(clean up provisions):** This provision is to clean up the current disciplinary rule. There were only three ejections at the State Tournament in 2012 with this rule versus ten the year before. This provision primarily deals with the disciplinary committee at state. This document is in the secretary's book that shows the highlighted changes. Mark Stanley made the motion to accept these changes as presented; second by Randy Hinderliter.
- **Richard Salyer made the motion to add to Sec II; Art I:P9, in addition to the sanction listed in the preceding paragraph, any individual ejected from the Kansas Kids Qualifying Series shall be placed on probation for one year should the affected wrestler receive another flagrant conduct penalty, at any time, during the probationary period the wrestler shall be suspended for one year from that date.** Mark Stanley pointed out that there is an appeals process that can lighten the penalty. Mike Lovvroom seconded Richard's amendment. Motion was made to end discussion from the floor; seconded from the floor. Motion passes to end discussion. **Vote on amendment to Sec II Article I P9. Favor:59; Opposed:43. Motion fails by 57%.**
- The disciplinary rules changes as proposed back on the floor. Shawn Budke makes the motion to end the discussion; seconded by John Towbridge. **Motion passes to end discussion. Favor: 95; Opposed: 1. Motion passes.**
- **14u Division Change for KSHSAA State Placers. Section III: Article II - Qualifying Folkstyle Tournaments. Any wrestler who places in the top six at a KSHSAA State Tournament shall compete in the High School division. Scott Edwards made the motion to accept this change; seconded from the floor.** Shawn Budke pointed out that this will do away with the triple crown for the 14u age division and this goes against the incentive for going out for wrestling. Leanna Grater made the motion to end discussion; Richard Salyer seconded. Motion passes to end discussion. **Vote on original motion Favor:44; Against:60. Motion fails.**

B State Tournament

- Recommended Gate Fee: Adults \$4/day, 5-12 \$2/day, under 5 free.
- Recommended Entry Fee for Qualifying Tournaments and State: \$20.

Randy Hinderliter moved to accept the recommended gate fee and entry fee; seconded from

the floor. Motion carries.

C Slate of Officers

- Matt Treaster: Executive State Director
- Mark Stanley: Executive Ass't State Director
- Leanna Grater: Treasurer
- Jeff Sheets: Parliamentarian
- Will Cokeley: State FS/GR Director

Richard Salyer made the motion to accept the slate of officers; seconded from the floor. Motion carries.

8 Other Business

Richard Salyer made the motion that satellite weigh-ins should be offered at the district tournament the Friday night prior to the tournament with a registered official at a central location. Seconded from the floor. Danny Grater pointed out that the executive board did not pass this is at their meeting. Move and seconded to end discussion. Motion to end discussion passes. **Favor: 25; Opposed: 80. Motion fails.**

There needs to be some type regulation to keep non- novice wrestlers out of the novice tournament. Shawn Budke stated that a committee put alot of work into the definition of novice and when it went before the districts there was not much interest from the districts. This is a communication between the tournament directors and coaches.

District 1 and District 2 will have a break out meeting following the state body meeting.

Leanna Grater reminded everyone that if they wanted to advertise in the state book, she would need that by March 1, 2013.

State will be on Friday and Saturday due to it being Easter weekend.

9 Adjournment

Richard Salyer made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00a.m. Seconded from the floor. Motion carries.

10 Corporate Board

Will Cokeley and Mark Stanley were voted by the executive board as club representatives on the Corporate Board.

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