

October 5, 2014

	<b>Voting Board Members</b>		<b>Voting Board Members</b>
<b>X</b>	Jay Terry, Chairman	<b>X</b>	Sherry Bullard, Pairing Director
<b>X</b>	Kyle Foster, Deputy Director		Tom Martin, Mat Official Director
<b>X</b>	Beth Michaelson, Secretary		Craig Hanson, Coaches Director
	MaryAnn Douglas, Treasurer		Andy Cook, Cadet Director
<b>X</b>	Kim Burchett, Membership Director		Caleb Schlack, Junior Director
<b>X</b>	Chris Feist, Western Kids Director		Andrea Yamamoto, Women's Director
	Ron Beard, Eastern Kids Director		<b>Athlete Representatives</b>
	<b>Non-Voting</b>		Riley Gurr
<b>X</b>	Dave Gilbertson, Website Director		Jeremy Nygard
<b>X</b>	Ty Michaelson, Promotion Director		Izaec Quintanilla
	Sunny Nastasi, Travel Director		Arian Carpio
<b>X</b>	Phil Pine, Open Director	<b>X</b>	Abby Lees

Meeting called to order at 6:03

Chris makes motion to accept August minutes, Sherry seconds. Minutes are accepted

**Old Business:**

Jay has been in contact with Tacoma Dome and NW Sports Hub. Is making good progress on getting everything finalized for the state tournaments. Kim has already sanctioned Folkstyle.

Sherry talked to Justin at Trackwrestling about seeding state tournaments and will discuss in her report.

**Board Reports:**

**Abbey:** no report

**Sherry:** hasn't purchased any equipment yet. Talked to Track about seeding state tournaments. Two best options:

Using track profile: would take any tournament held through track within the last year and use rank value. Rank of 1.0 or over is experienced 0.5 or below is less experienced. Options allow us to use rank value and number of tournaments to determine to give weighted rank.

Custom seeding: doesn't use all of tournaments - only uses ones specified by the State. If we were to use custom ranking it could be a disadvantage for kids in Eastern Washington as that side of the state doesn't have as many tournaments offered, so could give western kids a better rank.

Sherry asks for feedback.

Jay wants to know if it will pull last year's state tournament. We will need to advertise Seeding Criteria. Seed everyone with a rank value above a number with a certain number of tournaments.

Sherry says according to track the TW ranking field doesn't consider who you beat, just how you place. Custom ranking allows you to weight and rank. Can choose which tournaments you want to use.

Jay says using TW option is easiest but maybe not the best. Custom would be time consuming.

Since the purpose of seeding is to separate the top level kids the easier option of using the track profile would be a good start. Can evaluate and refine at a later point.

Sherry mentions that if there are inaccuracies on profile pages people would need to take care of profiles themselves. Track is available to help make adjustments.

Sherry is leaning towards .7 with X or more tournaments

Once registration closes and she imports wrestlers...they are seeded.

High school kids can be ranked if they have a track profile.

Jay is thinking .75 and 10 tournaments in the past year to be seeded.

Beth makes a motion and Kim seconds to have ranking value for Folkstyle State based on a TW score of .75 and 10 tournaments in the past year.

Sherry will send email to the membership with details.

**Kim:** sanctioned 19 tournaments, is in a sticky situation because of the cross over to new system. 22 "approved" waiting on 13 folkstyle tournaments. Numbers are ahead by 10 charters, 10 athletes. Are about \$1,000 ahead in September. Report not available due to new system. This next month is bigger for membership numbers.

**Kyle:** glad to be part of it and looking forward to working with everyone. Jay recommends connecting with Jim

**Chris:** no report. Was at father son wrestling retreat during August meeting. Numbers low, but feedback was good. Going to do it again next year but earlier in the summer.

**Beth:** no report

**Ty:** Whirlwind will not be sponsoring Folkstyle State this year. Jay ok with not having a sponsor. Last year's sponsorship \$2500. Vendor is open for bidding for this year's tshirt. 2 year contract for both Folkstyle and Freestyle/Greco.

**Dave:** Push from USAW to move to Sport Ngin website. 47 states have transferred to Sport Ngin. They would like to have all 50 states on one site and have them linked. Discuss possible new website for the state with Sport Ngin. Will be more work for Dave, not supposed to cost the state anything. Concern

over how long will partnership last. Rep from Sport Ngin has assured us that the states organization will not have to pay.

We will still own domain, but change the pointer to a different website. Site is supposed to take our current info into a new website.

Don't want to manage to many sites. Gets convoluted and watered down. Could still link to current message board.

What would happen to historical stuff? (Sherry) Dave would hope it would all be linked. Sport Ngin would pull it all in. We are going to move forward with the transfer as long as they can pull in our historical info. If promotions director wants to sell sponsorships he/she can. Dave would keep the current site up as long as needed.

Kim makes a motion to move over to Sport Ngin as suggested by USAW. Kyle seconds. Motion carries.

**Phil:** trying to get more open guys wrestling. Can WSWA help pay for open guys to travel? Would like to put together some guidelines for open wrestlers to receive funding. If the state wants to send wrestlers we would need to incentive it.

Asked Sherry how we used to fund it. Sherry: there have been a number of different methods. Used to pay for housing and team jacket. They paid entry and travel. Jay asks for proposal. Phil will call him later.

**New Business:**

**Sherry** – wondering about using equipment at Tough Guy. Last year they rented some of our equipment. Year before at Evergreen used her equipment. Will discuss later

**Move to adjourn:** Kim second by Sherry 7:13