



**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**August 24, 2014**  
Hal Holmes Community Center, Ellensburg, WA

**Board Members present:**

Jay Terry, Sherry Bullard, Sondra Nastasi, Andrea Yamamoto, Tom Martin, Kim Burchett, Jim Burchett, Ron Beard, Dave Gilbertson, Luke Leifer

**Board Members not present:**

Mary Ann Douglas, Beth Michaelson, Andy Cook, Ty Michaelson, Chris Feist, Craig Hanson

**Call to Order**

Jay Terry called the meeting to order at 12:11 pm. Kim Burchett read the list of clubs in attendance/

**Attendance:** Auburn Slam, Auburn A-Team Jr. Wrestling, Bad Draw Wrestling Club, Bear Claw Wrestling Club, Chain Wrestling, Crowned Eagle Wrestling Club, Cruiser Wrestling Club, East County Cyclones Wrestling Club, Elma Wrestling Club, Ferndale Force Wrestling Club, Freedom Wrestling Academy, FW Spartans Wrestling Club, Montesano Mad Dogs, Mount Vernon Pitbulls, NWWC, Overtime Wrestling Club, Royal Wrstling Club, Sedro Woolley Steelclaw Wrestling Club, Skagit Valley Yellow Jackets Wrestling Club, Snoqualmie Valley Wrestling Club, Sons of Thunder Wrestling Club, SWWWC, Takedown Express Wrestling Club, Team Scorpion, Team Spartan, Tri Cities Wrestling Club, Twin Cities Wrestling Club, Vandit Wrestling Academy, Victory Wrestling—Central WA were in attendance. There was a quorum present.

**Old Minutes**

**Matt Jenke from Freedom Wrestling Academy moved to accept the minutes from the August 24, 2013 General Membership meeting. Bob Guffie from Steelclaw seconds. The motion passes unanimously.**

**Old Business**

- WSWA will be hiring a CPA to perform an audit and to clear up our 501C status.
- Sean from Tri City Wrestling Club asked about how we can make the table help at the state championship run better. There was discussion and Jay Terry explained that table help at state was much better this year at both state events. Jay encouraged clubs to get their members involved to make volunteering easier for all.

**Director Reports**

State Chairman- Jay Terry

Jay just the State Chairman's Summit. Liability insurance has changed. Coaches and senior athletes created the major problems concerning insurance issues. The following are the changes:

Limited Membership and Coaches Membership- secondary or primary, if member does not have any insurance, is limited at \$50,000 per incident.

Full Membership- secondary or primary, if member does not have any insurance, is limited at \$100,000.

Sedro Woolley- Tony Keller asked about why the USA Wrestling cards do not have an insurance tracking number on them. Kim Burchett said she would contact Shonna Vest at USAWrestling and inform her of this question. Dave Gilbertson explained that the insurance offered is not a primary insurance and payable as a reimbursement to the member and not to the hospital or doctor.

All tournaments will be line bracketing this season. There will be seeding criteria at nationals. WSWA is also looking into possible seeding criteria.

State tournament- Tacoma and Spokane bid for the state tournament for the next two years. The board decided that the Chuck Bullard Memorial WSWA Folkstyle State Championship will be held February 22, 2015 at the Tacoma Dome. The Freestyle and Greco State Tournament will be May 2, 2015 at the NW Sports Hub in Lewis County

Deputy Director- Jim Burchett

WSWA took 100 wrestlers to Cadet and Junior National in Fargo, ND this year. The trip cost (camp and expenses in Fargo) were between \$330 and \$600 per athlete.

Membership – Kim Burchett

**WSWA Membership Report**

**August 24, 2014**

**Clubs Chartered For the 2013-2014 Season:**

142 (144 last year)

**Tournaments Sanctioned for the 2013-2014 Season:**

37 (43 last year) – we had 4 events cancelled this year

**Cards Sold for the 2012-2013 Season:**

Athlete	5992	(6197 last year)	1491	Folkstyle only cards
			4328	Full cards
			52	High performance
			121	Open license

Coaches 1134 (1144 last year)

Officials 188 (214 last year)

**Other Information:**

1. We are changing over to a new membership program this year called Sport Ngin (pronounced “engine”). The current site is taking sales for the 2014-15 season and when the system changes over in October the data should merge without interruption. If you have difficulty with anything please email me.

2. Card prices are as follows (plus \$4.75 processing fee for all cards except athlete):

<b>Athlete Limited Folkstyle Only Card:</b>	\$15
<b>Athlete Full Membership Card:</b>	\$40
<b>Athlete High Performance Card:</b>	\$100
<b>Coaches Cards:</b>	\$42
<b>2-year Coaches Cards:</b>	\$84
<b>Officials Cards:</b>	\$25
<b>2-year Officials Cards:</b>	\$50

**Club Charters:** \$140 (base prices without insurance) (plus \$5 processing fee)

Purchasing a charter does not include insurance; you must select the option to add club insured during the process to have the

**Insurance for Charter:** \$20 each site (plus \$5 processing fee)

**Event Sanctions:** \$115 for one style one day (plus \$5 processing fee)

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) 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) 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.

3. USA Wrestling offers a 2-year Coaches and Officials Card. The benefit to this is that you save the \$4.75 processing fee and you only have to do the whole background/ purchasing of your card every other year. You will not be able to print your Coaches or Officials card until your background screening is completed. The screening can take a few days to complete so don't wait. You will be prompted to complete the screening after you have purchased your officials or coaches card.

4. Clubs need to make sure that every athlete and coach purchases a USA card before they step on the practice mat, no exceptions. A wrestler or coach could get hurt at any time and if they do not have a USA card, your club and the individual is NOT covered.

5. All cards – Coaches and Athletes are available for purchase online in Washington. You need to purchase yours early in case there are problems with the records online. Cards for the 2014-2015 season were available for purchase starting August 15, 2014. They are good until August 31, 2015.

6. Remember the deadline dates for the event sanctions per the By-Laws.

Folkstyle

**September 30<sup>th</sup>** - all clubs who scheduled an event at the fall General Membership meeting must have their sanction and fees submitted and mat and pairing officials background and cards purchased to secure the date they signed up for.

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** – the first club in a specific region (with an open date) to e-mail a request to the Membership Director and submit online all required paperwork and fees and have their mat and pairing officials background and cards purchased will be allowed to have an event for that date on the WSWA Folkstyle schedule. **This is the last date the Membership Director can approve and add a tournament to the Folkstyle schedule.**

Freestyle/ Greco

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** - all clubs who scheduled events at the fall General Membership meeting must have their sanctions and fees submitted and mat and pairing officials background and cards purchased to secure the date you sign up for.

**January 31<sup>st</sup>**- the first club in a specific region (with an open date) to e-mail a request to the Membership Director and submit online all required paperwork and fees and have their mat and pairing officials background and cards purchased will be allowed to have an event for that date on the WSWA Folkstyle schedule. **This is the last date the Membership Director can approve and add a tournament to the Freestyle and Greco-Roman schedule.**

Post Season

**April 15<sup>th</sup>**- 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.

7. 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 entire 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. The mat and pairing officials must have their backgrounds completed and their USA cards purchased for me to approve the sanction and this must be done before all stated deadlines.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Burchett

Secretary- Beth Michealson – Not in attendance

Treasurer - Mary Douglas - Not in attendance (Jay gave Mary Ann's report)

The profit and loss statement showed being ahead \$54,000 even with funding the dual teams.

The balance sheet is in good shape.

Coaches' education fund- the board voted in March to purchase computers from the Bullards. The board would like to be able to get mat side entry for all three regions.

Jay explained that when clubs sanction tournaments that WSWA does not get any of that money.

The estimated cost of running a tournament is very high.

Mary Ann Douglas is stepping down.

#### Pairing Official- Sherry Bullard-

We will be replacing and repairing equipment. The equipment is 8 years old and Sherry originally told us they would last around 6 years. The board approved Sherry to spend \$20,000 for repairs and replacement.

WSWA had 43 pairing officials. Out of the 43, 14 of them helped all year running tournaments.

Please solicit help for tournament pairing from your club members.

Jay also asked clubs to encourage their members to get involved with helping run this organization or serving on the board.

#### Mat Official- Tom Martin-

There were only 31 actively working officials out of 144. We need more officials each week. This experience will help each club and the whole organization.

The officials started a mentorship program last year. A senior official mentors a new official for three events. This is no cost to clubs.

Tom Martin encouraged clubs hosting tournaments to communicate with him. Two weeks before a tournament club needs to email Tom about details of the tournament. Wednesday before tournament, you need to email Tom Martin with any need.

#### Coaches Director Report- Craig Hanson- Not in attendance (Jay gave Craig's report)

WSWA has:

- 13 silver coaches- 4 more need to complete their requirements
- 713 bronze certified coaches
- 412 coaches with no certification

Craig's goal is to get 10% of non-active coaches back in coaching

#### Cadet Director- Andy Cook- Not in attendance (Luke gave Andy's reported)

#### Junior Director- Luke Leifer-

Cadets got 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at duals.

Juniors had a successful year. The junior team is improving and this is due to funding support.

#### Women's Director- Andrea Yamamoto

Took 32 girls to Fargo

20 All Americans with 2 champions

10 All Americans with 3 champions

The dual team got first at Women National Duals

Our second team took 6<sup>th</sup>. Merle Crockett was the head coach and did a great job. Keep on your girls to keep wrestling. Use Andrea as a resource.

#### Western Kids Director – Chris Feist.- Not in attendance (Jay reported)

Schoolboys were double All Americans

#### Eastern Kids Director- Ron Beard-

Western Regionals is asking for more help during the weeklong tournament.

Washington had 135 athletes participate.

Seventy athletes participated at Nationals. It was a good showing for Washington.

W. Regional Coach of the Year named Andy Cook  
2015 Kids Nationals will be in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

Central Travel Director- Sondra Nastasi-  
Everything went as planned

Promotions Director- Ty Michaelson- Not in attendance (Jay gave Ty's report)  
AGA Sports was the vendor for both our state events. AGA grossed \$52,000 at folkstyle state and \$17,000 at freestyle and greco state. WSWA's take ended up being \$28,500.

Web Site – Dave Gilbertson-

Paypal for Nationals was new this year and very successful.  
Dave encouraged members to register as a subscriber on the website to get email notifications.  
There is a facebook page and Dave asked the membership to like the page. Jay told everyone to check their WSWA profile and click that you want USWA emails so you stay informed with our

Athlete Representatives- none in attendance

### **New Business**

Discussion of \$2 fund for Cadet and Junior National

The board approved a motion to change the method that the Cadet/Jr. National Championships fund (\$2 Fund) is distributed. Athletes would earn one share for each state or local WSWA sanctioned tournament they participate. Athletes who sign-up and meet any trip requirements prior to the established deadline would be apportioned \$2 Fund money based on how many shares they earned during the season. The total shares earned by all qualifying athletes would divide the amount of money allocated for that National Championship trip. Look to the WSWA website when needing to reference.

**Jay Terry honored Chuck Bullard recognizing the service he gave to our organization:**

**1992 Chuck started NWWC**

**1995 Silver Level NCEP Certified Coach**

**2001 Award Of Recognition for extra effort as a state leader and volunteer for Bruce**

**Baumgartner, once president of USA Wrestling and decorated Olympic Champion**

**2002 Diploma from the IOC and FILA organizations for remarkable contribution as a Volunteer**

**2003 Started serving as a USWOA Mat Official**

**1999- 2001 Deputy Director**

**2001- 2009 State Chairman**

**2009 Awarded USA Wrestling State Chairman of the Year**

**2011- April 2012 State Chairman**

**2013 Womens Director**

**Held several positions on the JOWC Board of Directors**

**The board and WSWA owe much gratitude to Chuck Bullard. Moment of silence.**

**Election of Directors:**

**MT Ayers of Tri Cities motioned to accept by acclamation the following Board Members who are running unopposed. Tony Vacca of Auburn Slam seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

- Kyle Foster, Deputy Director
- Beth Michaelson, Secretary
- Caleb Schack, Junior Director
- Tom Martin, Officials Director
- Craig Hanson, Coaches Director

Mary Ann Douglas has stepped down as Treasurer and Jay has appointed Shaune Martin

## Voting for other positions. Results:

Ron Beard, Eastern Kids Director

## Non-voting Board Appointments

Phil Pine, Open Director

Joe Reed, Cultural Exchange Director

Riley Gurr, Region 1 Athlete Representative

Jay asks for recommendations for Athlete reps from the floor. Logan Pine- Region 2, Jeremy Nygard- Region 1, Arian Carpio Region 2- Women, Izaec Quintanilla Region 3, and Abby Lees Region 2.

Break for tournament sign-up:

## Tournament Schedule

### Proposed tournament schedule for 2014/2015:

November 1, 2014	Region 3	Royal City
November 9, 2014	Region 1	Mt Vernon WWKWL
November 16, 2014	Region 2	Slamsgiving Auburn
<b>November 21 &amp; 22, 2014</b>	<b>USA TOA Folkstyle series-</b>	<b>Northwest Bigfoot Battle</b>
<b>November 28, 2014</b>	<b>PCJWLToughguy</b>	
November 30, 2014	Region 1	Skagit Valley WWKWL
December 7, 2014	Region 1	Steelclaw
December 7, 2014	Region 2	Federal Way
December 7, 2014	Region 3	Tri Cities
December 14, 2014	Region 2	NWWC
December 14, 2014	Region 3	Ephrata
<b>December 20-21, 2014</b>	<b>Winter Warrior Folkstyle</b>	<b>Spokane Convention Center</b>
December 21, 2014	Region 2	Twin City
December 27, 2014	Region 2	Snoqualmie
December 28, 2014	Region 1	Skagit Valley
December 28, 2014	Region 2	Snoqualmie WWKWL
January 4, 2015	Region 1	Steelclaw WWKWL
January 4, 2015	Region 2	Elma
January 10, 2015	Region 1	Bad Draw Oregon Classic Qualifier
January 11, 2015	Region 1	Bad Draw WWKWL
January 18, 2015	Region 2	Auburn Slam
January 25, 2015	Region 1	Stanwood WWKWL Championship
January 25, 2015	Region 3	Ephrata
January 31, 2015	Region 2	Takedown Express
February 8, 2015	Region 1	Skagit Valley
February 15, 2015	Region 1	Ferndale Force
February 15, 2015	Region 2	Eatonville
February 22, 2015	Chuck Bullard Memorial WSWA Folkstyle State Championship	Tacoma Dome- possible weigh in at Wilson HS
February 28, 2015	Region 2	Elma FS/ G
February 28, 2015	Region 3	Royal City FS
March 7, 2015	Region 2	Montesano FS
March 7, 2015	Region 3	Central Valley FS & possible Greco
March 8, 2015	Region 1	Stanwood FS/ G
March 14, 2015	Region 1	SOT FS

March 14, 2015	Region 2	Bear Claw FS/ G
March 14, 2015	Region 3	Spartan FS/ G
March 20-22, 2015	Region 2	Twin City 3 Style
<b>March 27-29, 2015</b>	<b>NW Regionals</b>	<b>Battleground, WA</b>
April 4, 2015	Region 1	Ferndale Force FS/ G
April 4, 2015	Region 2	Federal Way Spartans FS/ G
April 10-12, 2015	Region 3	Viper Quad State Folk/ FS/ G
April 11, 2015	Region 1	Steelclaw
April 11, 2015	Region 2	Auburn Slam FS/ G
April 18-19, 2015	Region 1	Bad Draw FS/ G & possible folk
April 18, 2015	Region 2	Takedown Express FS/ G
April 18, 2015	Region 3	West Valley FS/ G
April 25, 2015	Region 2	Slamfest FS/ G
April 25, 2015	Region 3	Tri Cities FS/ G
May 2, 2015	WSWA Freestyle and Greco State Championship	NW Sports Hub in Lewis County

**Bold tournaments are not state/ local WSWA events and listed for information purposes only.**

**Adjournment**

**MT Ayers of Tri Cities moves to adjourn. Matt Jenke of FWA seconded the motion. Meeting adjourns at 3:20 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Burchett filling in for Secretary Beth Michaelson

