

General Information

Affiliation and Sanctions

USA Wrestling Utah is an affiliate of USA Wrestling, a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. All our sanctions and memberships go through their organization. In order to participate in Utah, you must be a current member of USA Wrestling. We do not recognize any other wrestling organization membership. All activities must be sanctioned.

Although we try to provide safe opportunities for youth activity, there is a chance of accident and injury. It is our suggestion you have all club members and parents sign a release/waiver for your protection and they make sure you concentrate on safety. USA Wrestling provides a safety checklist with each tournament sanction form. It is the host team's responsibility to follow the checklist. The participants, coaches, and parents should report any potential hazards to the tournament directors.

Membership Card

All participants must have a current USA Wrestling card. The card is available at all club meets for a cost of \$30.00 per card.

Cards will not be sold at the state championships. Cards will not be sold at national qualifier tournaments either. If you do not participate in the regular season, you are not eligible (without exception!) for the state championships or state sponsored national and regional teams. Passed (10-28-01)

Eligibility

USA Wrestling Utah welcomes all current cardholders to participate in the state championships or represent Utah on a national team if you reside in Utah. Residency is based upon where the athlete attends school. State tournaments are for those kids who are residents of Utah. It is based upon where they attend school at the time of the qualifying tournament or tournaments.

Wrestling division determination is made by BIRTH YEAR. Check the enclosed chart. Age can be challenged; therefore participants should carry a copy of their birth certificate to all tournaments.

Rule Book Page 63: An athlete shall only compete for two years in the age group designated by birth year for Bantam, Midget, Novice, Schoolboy/girl divisions. Violators shall be penalized one-year eligibility.

Rules

USA Wrestling rules and age group modifications will govern all wrestling officiating and pairing.

USA Wrestling weights and divisions will be used with the addition of a "Flyweight" division for the appropriate age group younger than Bantam.

For safety reasons, USAW does not allow a wrestler to participate in more than one weight class during tournaments. Wrestlers cannot wrestle in an age group they are not qualified for. Coaches and wrestlers be aware that if you wrestle in an age group division in which you are not supposed to, you will be removed from the tournament without a refund and will have to produce a birth certificate before you wrestle in the next tournament.

Notice: If you wrestle in a division in which you are not illegible, you will be disqualified from the competition, and forfeit your chances for the state and Regional competitions.

Tournaments

Club

Tournaments are provided and hosted by sanctioned clubs. Those clubs are responsible for advertising, awards, providing safe facilities, officials, and pairers, and other personnel for tournament operation. You need to provide a minimum of two pairers and one adult referee per mat. Tournament announcements should include weigh-in times, costs, location, and any other helpful information; you can generally count on:

- * Weigh-ins for Saturday: 6:30-8:30 a.m. (Athlete must weigh in wearing an authorized singlet).
- * Weigh-ins for Friday night wrestling: (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.) with wrestling beginning ASAP
- * Entry fee: \$10.00 (passed 2001 fall meetings)

Note: From the entry fee, a \$3.00 rebate per wrestler will go to the state to maintain the program and the National teams. \$2.00 will go to the state to help maintain the program and \$1.00 will be held to help send officials to national and regional events for the purpose of officiating as approved by the board. \$2.00 per wrestler will be rebated to those who qualify by providing officials.

- A wrestler may move up one weight class from the weight in which He/she is qualified to compete in at the time of weigh-in, except For heavyweight category, for which the contestant must weigh over the weight class just prior to the heavy weight class.
- Make sure you send in your registration forms and event sanction forms to the Treasurer/Membership Director early enough so that she can send the application for hosting a tournament to the national office and get the sanction back before you host your tournament. Please allow at least a 3-week leeway.

State Championships

The state championships will be hosted by individual clubs, but are sponsored by the state organization. State tournaments are for those kids who are residents of Utah. It is based upon where they attend school and based on school enrollment.

In an effort to discourage severe weight loss, we ask coaches to take the time to inform your wrestlers and their parents of the dangers of weight loss. We are going to have a weigh in Friday night; Friday nights weigh in for Greco will count for the Saturdays' weigh in for freestyle if the wrestler actually participates in the Greco tournament. Freestyle only wrestlers must weigh in on Saturday morning 6:30–8:30 a.m.

Note of Interest: Last year USA's governing body voted on and passed a new rule dealing with weight loss. It is now illegal to use artificial means in order to lose weight. This includes the use of diuretics, sweat suits, plastics, saunas, etc. These are illegal in USA wrestling as well as high school wrestling. The weigh-in for the State tournaments will be sent out at a later time. However, there will be a weigh-in on Friday night for the Friday night tournament. This will be the Greco State tournament. April 7, 2006 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. Freestyle only, weigh-ins will be at 6:30–8:30 a.m. on April 8, 2006.

Remember: We are wrestling for FUN!

Regional qualifying will be determined by the results of the Kids/Cadet State Freestyle and Greco Tournaments. For Western Regionals in the Kids divisions the athlete must place in the top 6 in the weight in which he wants to go to Regionals. Remember that a wrestler cannot go down a weight in the Western Regional tournament from the weight in which he wrestled at our State tournament. Coaches remember this. You can't even petition to a lower weight. However, you can petition to go at a higher weight. In order to wrestle at state you need to wrestle at least two tournaments.

The qualifier for the Western Regionals, (Midget through Cadet levels), will be the State Freestyle and State Greco tournaments.

The National Qualifier will be the qualifying tournament for the National Duals; (National Cadet Duals, and the Junior National Duals), and the Cadet/Junior National Tournaments. In order to wrestle in the state tournament, you need to have wrestled in at least two local USA Utah tournaments during this current year.

Club Responsibilities

Registering as a club through the national organization is easy and is a smart thing to do. It provides your club with liability and coverage in your practices. It can provide liability coverage for your facility, which is required by most school districts.

The state organization will provide clinics for officials and pairers to registered clubs. In order for you to be eligible to receive a rebate for your officials, you must be registered as a club.

Each club is expected to register 1 official per every 10 boys. It is difficult to run a nonprofit organization when most clubs don't even try to shoulder any of the responsibility for officials and pairers. You must register with USAWOA, which requires a \$20.00 registration fee. We have one of the country's top officials running our officials association, Toby Tobiasson. Toby will be a tremendous asset if you will use him. He will help get some of the officials upgraded during the next few years. As of right now, we actually only register 38 officials a year. So instead of having some high level officials, we have 12 M3 level officials. Make sure that the club leader is getting our people officially registered with the national office.

It is difficult to run an organization when most clubs don't try to shoulder any of the responsibility for officials and pairers. WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH THIS!

Registration information can be obtained by contacting the state Treasurer/Membership Director.

Rebates

In order for you to receive a rebate, you must be a registered club with USAW. Clubs are responsible to provide 1 official per ten boys. Officials must work throughout the entire tournament AS OFFICIALS. Official's clinics will be held prior to the meets. Remember officials and pairers must attend these clinics. Contact the tournament host for information.

The clubs who complain the loudest about the mat officials are usually those who never provide any officials. Please encourage those affiliated with your club to help.

The rebate is \$1.00 per wrestler for uncertified officials; \$3.00 per wrestler for certified officials carrying a current USWOA Stamp, if the club meets its responsibility of providing officials, from the beginning until the end of the tournament, remember it's for officiating and pairings. A \$1.00 rebate will be sent to the state with the idea of helping officials go to the Regional and National events. This must be approved by the board. The head official will make final decisions regarding rebates.

Pairers are officials.

Utah National Team Information

2006

1. General Requirements for Eligibility

Under every circumstance (no exceptions), you must participate in the USA Wrestling Utah state program prior to the state tournament. Cards will not be sold at the state tournaments.

Kids and Cadet Western Regional Championships, Klammath Falls, Oregon

We are allowed 6 wrestlers per weight. You must place 1-6 in your weight and division in state, or successfully petition for a place on the team. Each state is allotted eight slots per weight. If your weight is not full, you may petition for the open spots. Non-placers will be given consideration for open slots. Non-participants will be given *no consideration*.

* Regional Entries are due at the end of the State Tournament. *All fees are nonrefundable*. Forms should be submitted to the Kids Director, Craig LaMont.

Coaches and Parents of wrestlers planning on attending Western Regionals, Rocky Mountain Regionals, or any other Regional or National tournament. Starting in the spring of 1998, you as a parent or Coach need to be Copper level certified, in order to coach at one of these tournaments. That means even on the floor to help coach your wrestler. Also a note for Western Regionals in Nevada this year, it will cost \$20.00 for a floor pass. Therefore it would be wise to get yourself certified so that you can help coach you wrestler at any future Regional or National event. If you need this endorsement you must contact the appropriate Director.

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In the Kids Western Regional Championships, an athlete may not participate in a lower weight class, than he did at the Greco and or Freestyle State Tournaments. Petitions will be accepted if the weight class is not full. Again, non-participants in the state program will not be considered. Petitions are due at the end of the State Tournament for the Kids Western Regional Championships.

2. Junior and Cadet Nationals

We are allowed 3 wrestlers per weight in the national tournaments. Exception this year if a wrestler takes first or second at a Junior Regional, the state will be allowed to take a fourth man to Junior Nationals in that weight, if that wrestler is one of the wrestlers which will be representing Team Utah in that weight at Nationals. Never the less, these individuals must still meet the state qualification policies and deadlines. Petitions will be accepted if the weight class is not full. Again, non-participants in the state program will not be considered. Petitions are due at the National Qualifier.

You will only be listed in the state rankings. The top ranked wrestlers will be eligible for participation in the Cadet, Junior, or both tournaments later this summer. Division rankings will be given points of ranking according to how a person placed each week at the local tournaments. Only Regional or National Greco/Freestyle wrestling tournaments outside of the state will be given ranking points. Other non-USA sponsored tournaments will not be considered for ranking points. The state tournaments will also be ranked and seeded according to these ranking points.

- Only USA Wrestling sanctioned events will count toward national team rankings. If a wrestler is a member of USAW and has competed in the USAW Utah program, ranking considerations may be made for tournament placement in schedule-competing national or regional tournaments. Final team selection will be made by April 23. We may wrestle off for the petition spots only; you will not be given an opportunity to "bump" team members who have qualified through the state program.

This past season, we cheated a number of prospective participants from the opportunity of attending the national tournaments. I don't know if we were planning on participating in both styles or not but it was frustrating to the state, because we were led to believe that you were going to wrestle both styles. If you are not, it would be considered ethical to let us know at registration if you are not going to go both styles because we would like to have allowed some others that wanted to go that opportunity. We would like to offer this opportunity to as many of our wrestlers as possible. If you qualify to participate in both styles but are not planning to wrestle both, we expect to know when you register in April.

The state will help pay for the group transportation to and from the tournament. Team members are responsible for all other expenses. The cost (per tournament) will be announced by the National Team Director. Team members who choose to make their own travel arrangements, are responsible for their costs, and must contact the National Teams Director. Anyone planning to go to the Cadet or Junior Nationals must pay all fees by the end of the National Qualifying tournament. *These fees are nonrefundable.*

2. A National team training camp schedule will be posted. The camp is mandatory and included in fees paid. Without regular intense training in preparation for the event, you are wasting not only your time, but also your money.

3. Remember, if you don't participate in our local USA Utah tournaments, there will be an entry fee to participate in the national qualifier.

4. **DEADLINES: AS OF 9/15/95, ALL PUBLISHED DEADLINES WILL BE MET, WITHOUT EXCEPTION! REGARDLESS OF IGNORANCE, OR A COACH'S MISTAKE.**

IF YOU MISS THE DEADLINES, YOU WILL EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM PARTICIPATION! IF YOU PLAN TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MUST TURN IN THE FOLLOWING ON, OR BEFORE, APRIL 23:

1. State National Team Form
2. National Team deposit
3. Camp registration and deposit on, or before, June 1:
4. USA Wrestling National Registration and entry fees (\$30.00 per style)

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USA Wrestling Utah By-Laws

Preamble

This corporation is a nonprofit organization. All members, directors, and volunteers freely give of their time and talents in the pursuit of promoting the sport of Amateur Wrestling. All monies collected by this corporation shall go towards the good of Amateur Wrestling. Members, directors, and volunteers will only be reimbursed for reasonable and customary expenses pertaining to travel, room, board, telephone, postage, etc.

Article One Name

Section 1. This organization is the affiliate of the national governing body of amateur wrestling in the United States of America, USA Wrestling.

Section 2. The name of this organization shall be USA Wrestling Utah.

Article Two Purpose

Section 1. To Promote the sport of amateur wrestling by providing the opportunity for all wrestling enthusiasts in Utah to compete, coach, officiate, and/or volunteer in said sport.

Section 2. To supervise, sponsor and financially assist a disciplined and competitive program of local, national and international wrestling.

Section 3. To develop in the youth members, the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty and respect for authority.

Section 4. To stress the concept of parents and youth working and playing together in all wrestling activities so that the family will be strengthened in the process.

Section 5. To establish an effective means of communication for the transmission of useful ideas whereby coaches and athletes will be informed of the latest developments and techniques in wrestling.

Article Three Membership

Section 1. Membership. Every resident of the State of Utah who holds any type of membership in USA Wrestling (hereafter USAW), or in any of its' divisions, or is a volunteer, shall, for the term of such membership and/or period of voluntary service, also be a member of USA Wrestling Utah (hereafter USAW Utah).

Section 2. Classification of membership in USAW Utah shall be:

- A. COMPETITORS, including all competitive athletes.
- B. CERTIFIED COACHES, includes all coaches which hold a minimum of a Bronze Level Certification.
- C. CERTIFIED OFFICIALS, including nationally registered referees, pairers, and administrators.

D. VOLUNTEERS, including coaches, pairers, referees, and individual club administrators and personnel.

Section 3. Meeting of Members. A meeting of the general members of the corporation shall be held annually at the Cadet-Junior State Tournament at a time and place designated by the Board of Directors, notice of which, will be included in the yearly-wrestling schedule. Attendance at said meeting should constitute waiver of notice to such meeting.

Section 4. Voting by Members. At the annual meeting of general members, each club situated in Utah and registered with USAW as of the date of the meeting shall be entitled to one vote, plus one additional vote if the members of such club who are also members of USAW exceed 20 persons. Each club may cast its vote or votes through only one of its representatives present at the meeting. A club entitled to more than one vote shall not be entitled to split such votes. The records of the Membership Director shall conclusively determine questions relating to registrations of clubs and memberships therein.

Section 5. Election of Directors. At the annual meeting of members, persons shall be nominated for open positions on the Board of Directors. The Directors will meet in an executive meeting to elect persons to fill open positions from the nominees. Election to the Board of Directors is limited to members of USAW-Utah. Election factors are based on length of membership and prior volunteer service to USA-Utah. All nominees must be present. The general membership will be given notice of the results of the election after the September meeting of the Board of Directors.

Article Four Board of Directors

Section 1. Identity. This corporation shall operate through directors, namely State Director, National Teams, Memberships, Secretary, kids, Cadets, Juniors, Referees, Pairers, and an At-Large Director. The ages of the wrestlers entitled to participate in the programs of the four competitive divisions (to wit: Kids, Cadets, Juniors, and Senior) shall be as determined by birth date according to USAW.

Section 2. Authority. The affairs and property of the corporation shall be managed and controlled by its Board of Directors. The Directors may exercise all such powers and do all such things as may be exercised or done by the corporation, subject to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, these By-laws and all applicable law.

Section 3. Size. The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than seven persons, who shall be elected by the managing Board of Directors, except for the members of the first Board of Directors, who are named in the Articles of Incorporation.

Section 4. Divisional Representation. Three of the four competitive divisions (Kids, Cadets, and Juniors) of the corporation shall have one representative on the Board of Directors. The Officials Division shall have two representatives (Referees and Pairings) on the Board of Directors. In addition to the representatives of the three divisions, there shall be one "at large" member of the Board of Directors, who may or may not be identified with any one or more of the divisions. The members of the corporation may also elect an active athlete to serve on the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of its State Director, and shall be called by such Director on the written request of one-fourth (1/4) of the then Directors. The person or persons authorized to call or to request the call of special meetings shall fix the time and place for any such special meeting in accordance with these By-laws.

Section 6. Notice of Meetings. Ten- (10) days written notice of all regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given to all Directors. Such notices shall be deemed delivered when deposited in the United States mail properly addressed, with postage thereon pre-paid. The notice shall cite the time, place, and in the case of a special meeting, the purpose of the meeting. The Director before, during or after such meeting may waive notice of any regular or special meeting of the Directors in writing. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 7. Quorum and Voting. Five (5) of the directors, then in office, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting without further notice. The act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors.

Section 8. Committees. The Board of Directors may appoint committees, and delegate to them, the powers and responsibilities, as the Board deems appropriate.

Section 9. Action in Writing. Any action which might be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors or of any lawfully constituted committee may be taken without a meeting if such action is taken in writing and signed by all of the Directors then in office or by all of the members of such committee, as the case may be.

Article Six Directors

Section 1. Directors. The Directors of the corporation shall, except as provided in Section 2 of this article, be elected by the Board of Directors and shall include a State Director, National Teams Director, Memberships Director, a Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation, a Director over each of the three competitive divisions (Kids, Cadets, and Juniors), Referees Director, a Pairings Director, and an At-Large Director. The Board of Directors may also appoint such other officers and alternate officers, as it may deem appropriate. Officers may, but need not be, members of the Board of Directors. Except as provided in these By-laws, the Board of Directors shall fix the powers and duties of all officers.

Section 2. Election and term of office. Directors of each of the divisions of the corporation shall be elected/re-elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors at its first annual fall meeting. All other officers shall be elected/re-elected by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors at its annual fall meeting. An officer shall hold office until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, unless prior thereto he shall have resigned or been moved from office as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities of Directors. All listed Directors are voting members of the Board of Directors.

- A. State Director: The Chairman of the Board of Directors. Establishes meetings and agendas for the board, shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors, shall have general management of the business of the corporation, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. The State Director shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors. The Director shall also have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. Such as being responsible to over see all other positions, establishes tournament schedule, acts as liaison between state and national office and distribute pertinent information to general members and elected officials, signs checks and produces the general information booklet.
- B. National Teams Director: In charge of all National Team programs, establishes criteria and requirements for the National Teams and coaches, establishes budgets for same, is responsible for the collection of money for team travel expenses, makes the final selection for coaches, and reports on achievements at tournaments. All requirements, deadlines, and criteria must pass the approval of the Board of Directors. The National Teams Director is required to have the team selection criteria before the first tournament of the year and is responsible to post that criterion for the general membership. He is responsible for all national team camps, National Coaching Certification Clinics, and shall arrange for and coordinate all wrestling events between competitive members and competitors resident in states other than Utah.

In the absence or disability of the State Director, the National Teams Director may perform all the duties of the State Director and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the State Director. The National Teams Director shall also have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors or the State Director may prescribe.

- C. Treasurer/Membership Director: The Treasurer/Membership Director shall have the care and custody of the funds and shall disburse such funds as may be ordered from time to time by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer/Membership Director shall keep full and accurate account of all receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the corporation and shall have care of the checkbook, balances it monthly, and keeps the Board of Directors informed of financial status. Has the ability to counter sign checks, and must be in attendance to all meetings to take notes of the corporation and shall attend all meetings of the Board. Shall have custody of all documents and records of the corporation. Will be responsible for all state registrations, supply membership lists to each member of the Board of Directors before the tournaments each week and provide all materials.

The Treasurer/Membership Director has ability to countersign checks and have the care and custody of the funds until such time the funds can be turned into the Treasurer/Membership Director for deposit. The person holding this office shall keep and maintain records reflecting the identity of and membership in the clubs registered with USA Wrestling. The Treasurer/Membership Director shall attend all meetings of the Board of

Directors and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. The Treasurer/Membership Director shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors may prescribe. In the event the State Director and the National Teams Director are unable to perform their duties, the Treasurer/Membership Director will assume control of the corporation until which time elections can be held.

- D. Secretary: The Secretary shall serve as Parliamentarian, cause minutes to be kept of Board and Executive Committee meetings, and record all votes and the minutes of all proceedings of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board. Shall have custody of all documents and records of the corporation. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe. In the event the State Director, National Teams Director and Treasurer/Membership Director are unable to perform their duties, the Secretary will assume control of the corporation until which time elections can be held.
- E. Referees Director: Is responsible to set up clinics for at least every tournament host on the schedule. To host a tournament one of the criteria will be that you have to have a referee's clinic prior to your tournament date. Is responsible for referees at regional and national competitions. Shall present improvement ideas to the Board of Directors for approval. The head official will make final decisions regarding rebates. The Referees Director should be at each local tournament, if not the director should see that a qualified head official be at each of the tournaments which are held within the state. This would include all USA Utah sponsored tournaments, tournaments hosted by the local Utah wrestling clubs, including the state and national qualifiers if held. As a result of having a requirement to be at each of the state or local tournaments each host school should provide a \$50.00 per day stipend for the tournament, for example a Greco tournament on Friday night or \$50.00 per which should be paid by the host school or club. At the state meet the state will be responsible for seeing that the head official and the head pairer receive this stipend.
- F. Pairing Director: The duties are the same as the Referees Director except in reference to referees it should be pairers.
- G. At-Large Director: This position will be filled by a past State Chairman or other past voting member of the Board of Directors, chosen by the Board of Directors. They are responsible to assure smooth transition on elections and have a permanent seat on the Board of Directors but only votes in case of a tie. Is responsible for bid proposals for nationally sponsored events and will act as Tournament Director if the bids are accepted.
- H. Kids Director: Helps the National Teams Director establish criteria for team selection and deadlines. Must attend the Western kids/Cadet Regional. He is responsible for handling money for disbursement for travel expenses for team members and coaches. He may also choose to coach. He will handle all registrations (Kids and Cadets) for the Western Regionals.
- I. Cadet Director: Same responsibilities as the Kids Director in conjunction with the Cadet Nationals. Must attend the Cadet Nationals and will assist it making and following through with registration and travel arrangements for team members, coaches, and officials.
- J. Junior Director: Same responsibilities as the Kids and Cadet Directors in conjunction with the Junior Nationals and Junior Dual Team.
- K. Media Director: Interface with the mass media regarding announcement of USA Wrestling Utah meetings and other events. Devise and submit (with Board approval) any paid advertisements made by the USA Wrestling Utah in print, audio, video, or electronic media. Write and distribute media releases. Generally promote the creation of favorable publicity for USA Wrestling Utah and its activities in Utah and other states around the country.
- L. Fundraising Director: Initiate and operate fundraising activities. Deliver all funds raised on behalf of USA Wrestling Utah to the Treasurer/Membership Director. Report income and expenses to the Board.

Section 9. Removal and Vacancies. Any officer or special committee member elected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the vote of a majority vote of the Board of Directors, provided that proposed consideration of such removal is included in the written notice of meeting of the Board given in accordance with Article Four, Section 6 herein, and the officer or committee member in question is given a copy of such notice 10 days in advance of such meeting, and is afforded an opportunity to be heard on the question. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy in any office of the corporation. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting.

Article Seven

Contracts, Loans, Checks and Deposits

Section 1. Contracts. The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances, provided that any such contract or instrument is consonant with the stated purposes of the corporation.

Section 2. Loans. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. Checks. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents thereof and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Deposits. All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed for its purpose shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may from time to time select.

Section 5. Expenditures. All expenditures over \$25 must be approved by a Quorum of the Board of Directors before entering into any agreement.

Article Eight

Miscellaneous

Section 1. Fiscal year. The corporation shall operate, and shall close their annual books of account, on a fiscal year basis commencing on September 1 and ending on October 31.

Section 2. Amendments. These by-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting. Notice of the meeting and of the proposed amendment shall be given in accordance with Article Four, Section 6 herein.

Section 3. Indemnification. This corporation shall indemnify to the full extent authorized or permitted by law, including the payment of reasonable attorneys' fees, any person made, or threatened to be made, party to an action, suit, or proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative) by reason of the fact that he or she, or his/her testator or intestate, is or was director, officer, agent or employee of the corporation, if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, such person acted in such capacity in good faith and diligently and faithfully discharged the duties of such office.