

USA WRESTLING -UTAH General Members Meeting Agenda and Minutes  
10-17-06

Conducting Craig LaMont

Opened at 6:36 p.m.

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Welcome

Notification & Proclamation

Notification of the meeting was done via e-mail by Mike Ripplinger, and was posted on UtahWrestling.org since the last Board meeting.

Roll Call

Taken by pencil. Craig asked everyone to be sure to put their e-mail address on the Roll.

Introductions

Members of the Board were recognized.

Financial Report

Approve 07 Annual Budget (not available)

Mary Piscitelli, Treasurer, handed out copies of a Financial Report and reviewed with the General Membership.

Noted that we keep \$10 for every \$30 off the USA Wrestling Cards.

Craig advised those in attendance that we will review the Financial Report at every General Member Meeting. (So there WILL be a budget at the meeting at the State Tournament in April.)

Announcements

Club Charters

Craig urged everyone to file their club charters ASAP. In the future, you can only vote at the General Member Meeting if you are represented a club chartered by USA Wrestling.

Mary explained what the club charter is, and what is included in the club charter packet. Club memberships are easier to process if they are all turned in at the

same time, as a club; it's more efficient if they are all sent in together. She also urged everyone to send them in BEFORE the tournaments start.

### New State "League Card"

Craig explained the new USA Wrestling-Utah League Card offered through USA Wrestling. It was created to try to unify wrestling around the state, integrate folkstyle (even though it's not an Olympic sport). It costs \$10, rather than \$30 (all of the money goes to USA Wrestling) but, if the athletes want to do freestyle and Greco-Roman or compete outside their home state, then they upgrade to a regular USA Wrestling Card for an additional \$20. (The previous \$10 counts toward it the \$30 for a regular card.) It also helps USA Wrestling build their database.

At Craig's junior high/little league folkstyle tournament, a \$2 discount is offered, if you have the league card. It's also required (or a full \$30 card) at the U.S. Folkstyle Nationals (now sanctioned by USA Wrestling).

With the league card, you can compete in any tournament on the league schedule, whether it is a USA Wrestling-sanctioned event or not. (The tournament MUST be on the league schedule.) The secondary insurance still covers the wrestler in the case of an injury.

Craig encouraged everyone to promote the card for the Utah league (junior high/little league folkstyle schedule).

Andy Unsicker asked if they should schedule their dual meets with the league. Craig said that it makes sense to do so, although he didn't ask about dual meets themselves.

Craig urged people to support it and encourage it, but said NOT to require it. He said that, although we are becoming a large, cohesive organization, we do not want to come across as hard or crass, or dictatorships.

To do this, we will need each tournament to have someone selling the league card, because Mary won't be going to every little tournament.

Mary said that we could use the existing USA Wrestling Card form, just add something to it to denote that it's a League Card vs. the regular card. Craig then took a tentative count of how many League Cards clubs would need, so we could order the cards in from national, so we have enough on-hand.

### Creating a "League Schedule"

Season for 07 Schedule of events

#### Tournament Dates

- Feb. 12, 2007: Mat/Pairing Officials Clinic: Jordan, 6:30 p.m.

- Feb. 15, 2007: Mat/Pairing Officials Clinic: Box Elder, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 16-17, 2007: Richfield Tournament: Richfield: Greco-Roman and Freestyle
- Feb. 23-24, 2007: Stingers Tournament: Brigham City: Greco-Roman and Freestyle (folkstyle for Fly & Bantam)
- Feb. 27, 2007: Mat/Pairing Officials Clinic: Pleasant Grove, 6:30 p.m.
- March 2-3, 2007: TUG Tournament: Pleasant Grove: Greco-Roman and Freestyle
- March 9-10, 2007: Wasatch Tournament: Heber City: folkstyle and freestyle
- March 16-17, 2007: Carbon Tournament: Price:
- March 23-24, 2007: Mountain Top Classic: Sandy: Greco-Roman and freestyle
- March 30-31, 2007: Lehi Tournament: Lehi: Greco-Roman and freestyle
- April 6-7, 2007: Easter Weekend
- April 13-14, 2007: Weber Tournament: North Ogden: Greco-Roman and freestyle
- April 20-21, 2007: State Championships: Spanish Fork: Greco-Roman and freestyle
- National Qualifier (TBA)

#### State Tournament

- Comments from last year's state hosts:
  - o John Watkins, Carbon, said that the tournament ran WAY short of referees, pairers and table help
  - o Watkins suggested trying some new incentive for clubs to supply help for tournaments
    - Ideas brainstormed included
      - Assigning a table to each chartered club
      - Some sort of rebate for supplying table help (?) – I didn't catch this one

#### State Tournament process

- Criteria for Bidding for State
  - o Presence at the General Member Meeting
  - o Must have hosted a tournament previously
  - o Volunteer service (how many people in club have been actively involved in the state organization)
  - o Quality of past tournaments they have hosted
  - o Can community support the tournament?
    - Facilities?
    - Hotels?
    - Restaurants?
- Dawn Malan, Weber, asked why the state tournament is put on by a club, rather than by a club

- o Mary pointed out that the President is the Tournament Director for State

National Team Qualifiers

Board Meetings

General Members Meeting

Next one at the State Tournament, Friday night after Greco is done

## New Bylaws Review

Craig gave an overview of the major changes in the new Bylaws, and how it differed from the previous Bylaws.

Who can vote?

Creating a list of voting members

- Coaches
- Chartered Club (1 for every 10 members)
- Certified Officials
- Utah Supporting Members (see below)

Utah Supporting Member Card?

New membership option for people who love the sport, but aren't coaches or officials or athletes

Call for ratification

Watkins called for the new Bylaws to be ratified as written. It was passed unanimously.

Goals as a President (addressed by Craig):

Increase Board efficiency

Wants the Board structure to be practiced to the point that the Board will run itself.

Increase volunteerism

Want to double the number of memberships over the next two years (athletes, coaches, officials, etc.)

- 1,204 Athletes, 80 Coaches, 35 Officials in 2006
- Goal for 2008: 2,600 Athletes, 160 Coaches, 70 Officials

State Unity

National tournament

Increase youth participation and events offerings

Committee Chairs and discussion

Nominations for the Board

- Brian Pace, Team Extreme (nominated by Brock Moore, TUG)
  - o He accepted the nomination
- John Watkins, Carbon Raptors (nominated by Toby Tobiasson, Officials Chairman)
  - o He accepted the nomination
- Dawn Malan, Weber Freestyle (nominated by Mike Ripplinger, Stingers)
  - o She accepted the nomination
- Andy Unsicker, Richfield (nominated by Cole Kelley, Rocky Mountain)
  - o He accepted the nomination
- Dave Smith, Carbon Raptors (nominated by Mary Piscitelli, Wasatch)
  - o He declined the nomination
- Steve Sanderson suggested that we put all four people on the Board (expanding the Board by four members, rather than two)
  - Greg Robbins moved that we do so
  - Joelle Levin seconded the motion
  - It was approved unanimously by the General Members present

Elections

Volunteers to help on committees

Discussion about process to change and post State Procedures each year.

Agenda items requested for board discussion:

Meeting Adjourned