

ARIZONA USA WRESTLING

State Meeting
24 September 2011
12 – 4PM

Minutes

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m. at the Native New Yorker in Phoenix, AZ, 24 Sep 2011.

Approval of minutes:

Motion to approve: Dan Cartegena

Second: Bob Callison

Vote: approved unanimous

Consent Agenda Items:

Purchase Medals for 2011-2012 season

Purchase Scanners and Computer Equipment

Approve Donation to AZ/National Wrestling Hall of Fame

Motion to approve: Clif Extract

Second: Clint Booth

Vote: approved unanimous

Guest Speakers/Handouts:

SKWC – Tim Gressley

Sunkist Open – Tim Gressley

Sunkist Open at Skyline HS Oct 28-30 2011. Expect a good turnout because of upcoming Olympics. Lots of International teams committed.

We could use volunteers to help run the tournament, call Tim Gressley if you can help. Sammy Henson and Melvin Douglas will be giving a kids Clinic.

ASU Wrestling – Shawn Charles

Coming off a great season with 2 National Champs and a 6th place team finish in the nation. It was a tough but rewarding season. We took our lumps and kept our redshirt kids out for the season. We are building a solid foundation for the future. Everything is going in the right direction. We added Travis Pascoe and Anthony Robles to the coaching staff. Oct 15 we are hosting a tournament for 1st through 8th grade kids. We have started the Sun Devil Foundation for wrestling clubs. Nov 21 hosting the NWCA Allstar Classic, Oct 22 Border War wrestle off at ASU for high school wrestlers. Rankings on azwrestler.com front page. Oct 28 ASU wrestle-offs, site TBD. Dec 28-29 Steve Blackford Duals at ASU for the Dual Team State Championships.

AZ Coaches Clinic – Bob Callison

AZWCA 25th annual coaches clinic on Oct 29 & 30 at the Mesa Holiday Inn.

Les Gutches is the featured clinician.

Folkstyle League – Tom Wokasch

The schedule for the folkstyle league begins next week at Queen Creek HS. The schedule is online at azwrestler.com

Clinch Gear – Fernando Serratos

We would like to introduce our products and see if we can possibly work out a deal to offer our products at your tournaments. Clinch Gear offers a full line of products for your wrestlers.

Reports by Board Members:

Treasure: Jim Toyota

Jim provided a copy of the last years finances. We added a Veterans and Western Junior Regionals and came out about \$1,000 on top after the tournament.

Secretary: Vidal Mejia

Vidal thanked AZ USA Wrestling for offering Max Mejia with opportunities to grow and improve his wrestling skills over the past 12 years. We are fortunate for the matches, training, travel opportunities, and friendships we have made.

Juniors: Bob Callison

Bob passed out a Junior packet, 16th in Freestyle with 2 AA's Western Juniors had lots of placewinners. FILA Juniors Cory Deberry wan an AA.

Cadets: Bobby DeBerry (David Gonzales reporting)

Cadets did well in Fargo and at the National Duals. Lots of first year Cadets. We had a FILA Cadet National Champion and Fila World Placer 5th in Dalton Brady.

Kids: Tom Wokasch

Tom handed out the kids Western Regional and National results. We are having tremendous results at the little kids age groups.

Open: John Matthews (David Gonzales reporting)

International: Dan Cartagena

Working on brining in several teams, Japanese and Canadian teams want to train with Arizona teams.

Dual Team website URL has changed and moved to azwrestler.com site.

Referees: Drew Hayes

The biggest focus the last couple of years we have focused on recruiting and training our officials. We started a training mat at all of the tournaments to give our refs an opportunity to get better. School age official numbers have been tremendous sometimes up to 100 officials. We implemented a classification system for our school age officials linked to their pay. Want to focus in the future on improving the administration of tournaments and keeping open communication.

Pairing: Don Bowles

The computer pairing system is a great product, thanks to Mike Bambic and his resources.

Southern Rep: Clif Extract

The southern area had a successful year with 5 tournaments and the Western Regionals. We matched Phoenix in numbers several times. Confusion about placement points used to separate wrestlers.

Central Rep: Joey Ortiz

Central Region had a Man of the Year in Bob Callison and a World Medalist in Dalton Brady.

Northern Rep: Doug Crooks

We need more kids involved with the kids and schoolboy Duals.

Fundraising: Mike Bambic

Huge potential for fundraising with Safeway and liking your card to azusawrestling and your club. Safeway gives a percentage to the organization.

National Liaison: John Carlson

Membership Director: Jeff Richards

4th year in a row with improved membership, 3100. Club memberships are also up.

State Chairman: David Gonzalez

We are trying to serve our cliental to the best of our ability. We need to expand Folkstye for our kids divisions. We need to organize and fund a kids dual team. We need to support USA wrestling and the kids national dual tournament. It will help strengthen our organization. Oct 15 the Wild Wild West tournament in Fresno, CA. Thank you for all of your support.

Election of Officers:

All position up for re-election

Treasurer

Nominated: Jim Toyota by Clif Extract

Second: John Carlson

Nominated: Angela Grove by Lee Hovis

Second: Ron Proffit

Vote: Jim 19, Angela 25

Secretary

Nominated: Vidal Mejia by Tim Gressley

Second: Joey Ortiz

Vote: unanimous

Junior Director

Nominated: Bob Callison by Jeff Richards

Second: John Carlson

Vote: unanimous

Cadet Director

Nominated: Dan Cartegena by Melvin Douglas

Second: Lee Hovis

Nominated: Richard Florez by Joey Ortiz

Second: None

Nominated: Bobby Deberry by Jeff Richards

Second: Mike Bambic

Vote: Dan 23, Bobby 22

Kids Director

Nominated: Tom Wokasch by Clif Extract

Second: Mike Bravo

Vote: unanimous

Open Director

Nominated: Shawn Charles by Tim Gressley

Second: Andre Bartlett

Vote: unanimous

International Director

Nominated: John Matthews by Mike Bambic

Second: Melvin Douglas

Vote: unanimous

Officials Director

Nominated: Jim Toyota by Tom Wokasch

Second: John Carlson

Vote: unanimous

Pairing Director

Nominated: Don Bowles by Jeff Richards

Second: John Carlson

Nominated: Cheryl Yole by Mike Bravo

Second by Bob Gressley

Nominated: Mike Bambic by Tina Bambic

Second: Ron Proffit

Vote: Don 8, Cheryl 21, Mike 15

Southern Director

Nominated: Cliff Extract by Tom Wokasch

Second: John Carlson

Nominated: Richard Castillo by Andre Bartlett

Second: Mike Bravo

Vote: Cliff 22, Richard 21

Recount Vote:

Richard 23, Cliff 25

Central Director

Nominated: Joey Ortiz by Tom Wokasch

Second: Tina Bambic

Nominated: Bobby Williams by John Carlson

Second: Drew Hayes

Vote: Joey 34, Bobby 12

Northern Director

Nominated: Doug Crooks by Bob Callison

Second: Dan Cartegena

Vote: unanimous

Fundraising

Nominated: Mike Bambic by Tina Bambic

Second: John Carlson

Vote: unanimous

National Liaison

Nominated: John Carlson by Jim Martinez

Second: Bob Gressley

Vote: unanimous

Membership Director

Nominated: Jeff Richards by Jim Martinez

Second: Doug Crook

Vote: unanimous

State Chairman

Nominated: David Gonzalez by Tom Wokasch

Second: John Carlson

Nominated: Steve Wene by Chris Gallegos

Second: Lee Hovis

Vote: Steve 23, David 28

Old Business:

Clint Booth, Pairing

Clint has been confused about pairing and separation of kids. This year we can make changes but nothing is finalized. Clint would like to see the organization vote now on the issue.

Motion: Clint Booth, use blind draw at all tournaments, except National and Regional qualifiers and the AZ State Tournaments, if possible separate by clubs.

Second: Bob Callison

Call the question: Clif Extract

Second: Vidal Mejia

Vote: unanimous

Bob Callison, Bracketing

Bob would like to see line bracketing at the National and Regional qualifiers

Motion: Use double elimination Line bracketing for the national and regional qualifiers and the state tournaments, using a blind draw and separating clubs, with a true second at the State tournaments.

Second: Austin Moore

Call the question: Dan Cartegena

Second: John Carlson

Vote: unanimous

New Business:

Bob Callison – Riot Sports Marketing

See Bob Callison about communication information with Riot Sports Marketing.

Mike Bambic – Social Media

Melvin Douglas - Officials

We need to get kids officials off the mats because many don't know what they are doing. We need to hire adults/college students to referee. We pay the kids 35 cash and 50 credit, we need to entice adult referees with more money. Have each club responsible for one official.

David Gonzalez - Parliamentary Procedures

We will tighten up on Parliamentary Procedures at future meetings.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn: Drew Hayes

Second: Vidal Mejia

Meeting adjourned at 4: 10 p.m. on Saturday 24 September 2011.