

**Colorado USA Wrestling
General Membership Meeting
October 12, 2008
CSU Pueblo, Pueblo, Colorado**

Approved Minutes

Board Members Present:

State Chairman, Mo Babi; *Secretary*, Barbara Cordova; *Treasurer*, Dan Havens; *Kids Director*, Chris Burghardt; *Cadet Director*, Tom Cortez; *Women's Director*, Pat Babi; *Mat Officials Director*, Rod Cozzetto; *Equipment Director*, Jason Babi; *Folkstyle Director*, Ted DeRousse; *Events Director*, Troy Rutz; *League Representative*, Brian Velarde; *Members-At-Large*, Troy Pickrell, Chris Currier, David Falls, Jeff Ross,

Board Members Absent:

Pairings Director, Vicki Sigler; *Grappling Director*, Sheldon Marr; *Regional Training Site/JOP Liaison Director*, Rob Vialpondo; *League Representatives*, Terry Lynn, Travis LeMay; *Members-At-Large*, Mike Allison.

Welcome & Roll Call:

- Chairman, Mo Babi, called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm. He thanked Boards Members and guests for coming.
- Secretary, Barbara Cordova, took roll call: 15 board members were present, a quorum was reached.

Introduction of the Board:

- *State Chairman*, Mo Babi, introduced the Board Members for their report.

Chairman's Report:

State Chairman, Mo Babi, reported the following:

- Summary of the year. Thanked the Members & General Memberships for their support. He also stated he will not be running for re-election for State Chairman

Mat Officials Director Report:

Mat Officials Director, Rod Cozzetto, reported the following:

- Good year; Clubs & membership need to recruit mat officials
- He also put in his resignation for Director; the position will be put on list for appointment. He stated he will still be around to assist.

Cadet Director Report:

Cadet Director, Tom Cortez, reported the following:

- Cadet Duals in Kansas City
- Fargo – Outstanding performance & pleasure to be around
 - * 9th in Greco; 5 All-Americans
 - * 12th in Freestyle; 4 All-Americans
 - * Thanked all Coaches, Supporters, & Wrestlers for their support
- Suggestion was made to have the Camp a couple of weeks earlier

Kids Director Report:

Kids Director, Chris Burghardt, reported the following:

- He did not attend Southern Plains Regional Tournament or Orem Tournament; but heard from the wrestlers that everything went well; no trouble
- Try to get the Schoolboy Dual setup; trouble with lower weights; get more kids involved;

Folkstyle Director Report:

Folkstyle Director, Ted DeRousse, reported the following:

- Gave summary of Folkstyle creation
- Named a few tournaments
 - *Freshman & Sophomore State Championships – very successful in 2008
 - *Future Stars – 8th graders only
 - *Middle School States – 6th, 7th, & 8th graders

Events Director:

Events Director, Troy Rutz, reported the following:

- Gave overview of job duties
- Informed the group on what is given to the Host site to run a tournament
- Schedule is almost completed for this season for Qualifiers & State Tournament
 - * April 3 & 4 – Qualifier – Denver East
 - * May 8 & 9 – Qualifier - Leadville
 - * June 5 & 6 – State – CSU Pueblo
- Rocky Mt Regionals – ran well at CSU Pueblo

Equipment Director:

Equipment Director, Jason Babi, reported the following:

- Reviewed job duties; Find several bids for equipment for Board to approve or disapprove

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Dan Havens, reported the following:

- Budgeted report given
- Report was not good; 07 & 08 debt was reviewed
 - *Equipment; singlets to be sold on Colorado wrestling website
 - *Airline tickets
 - *Medals
 - *Hotel in Fargo

Women's Director Report:

Women's Director, Pat Babi, reported the following:

- Fargo – 6 wrestlers; 2 All-Americans
- Thanked Coaches for their time and support

Pairings Director Report:

Pairings Director, Vicky Sigler, was not in attendance & submitted her resignation.

Regional Training Site/JOP Director:

RTS/JOP Director, Rob Vialpondo, was not in attendance & submitted his resignation.

League Representative Western Suburban:

League Representative, Brian Velarde, reported the following:

- Summarized his involvement with CUSAW

- Reminded the General Membership that they have a Voice

Work Session Items/New Business:

- **Mail in Ballots**
 - * Chris Burghardt, Kids Director, to be point of contact
 - * Develop a plan from General Membership inputs
 - * Explained original plan; putting contact information on website to get ideas
- **Duties of State Chairman**
 - * Troy Rutz, Events Director, went over Tournaments that the State Chairman should be at
 - * Described this position as time consuming
 - * Pointed out Accomplishments of Mo Babi as State Chairman over the past years
- **Vice Chairman Position**
 - * Ted DeRousse, Folkstyle Director, proposed a By-Law Amendment Change to elect a new position.
 - * Divide up responsibilities of State Chairman including Financial approvals; Job duties not concrete
 - * When new positions are created, they would be appointed for 1 yr by the Board.
 - * Vote on Vice Chairman – Unanimous decision
 - * Proposed 2 year 1st term and then re-elected for 3 year for 2nd term & voted by the General Membership (Motion: Brian Velarde / 2nd Barry Himmelman/ Unanimous decision)

Comments from Membership:

- Mark Scott, USAW, stated time for a change. Need to change the perception and get more buy in from the members
- Mark Schmidt – thanked everyone for their support with the duals.

Elections:

- **State Chairman**
 - * Nominations
 - Scott Nietenbach by Tony Schunke/ 2nd Billy Gable
 - * Scott accepted the nomination.
 - * Scott was elected by acclamation
- **Vice Chairman**
 - * Nominations
 - Craig Johnson by Jimmy Johnson/ 2nd Mark Schmidt
 - * Craig accepted the nomination.
 - * Craig was elected by acclamation
- **Junior Director**
 - * Nominations
 - Tony Schunke by Barry Himmelman/ 2nd Mel Babcock
 - * Tony accepted the nomination.
 - * Tony was elected by unanimous decision
- **Equipment Director**
 - * Nominations
 - Brandon Hayes by Tony Schunke/ 2nd Troy Rutz
 - * Brandon accepted the nomination.
 - * Brandon was elected by unanimous decision

- **Grappling Director**
 - * Nominations
 - Sheldon Marr by Dan Havens/ 2nd Jason Babi
 - * Sheldon accepted the nomination.
 - * Sheldon was elected by unanimous decision
- **Members-At-Large**

By-Law Change for Members At Large to have a vote on the Board & expand Board
(Motion: Brian Velarde / 2nd Greg White/ Unanimous decision)

 - * *Nominations*
 - Anthony Guerrero
 - Mark Schmidt
 - Jimmy Johnson
 - Troy Pickrell
 - Craig Walters
 - Travis Masse
 - Billy Gable
 - Alex Joseph
 - * *Appointments*
 - Anthony Guerrero
 - Mark Schmidt
 - Jimmy Johnson
 - Troy Pickrell

Made Policy Change for the General Membership to vote on Vacancies instead of Board making appointment.

- **Cadet Director-2 year**
 - * Nominations
 - Todd Legge by Tony Schunke/ 2nd Jimmy Johnson
 - Alex Joseph by Scott Nietenbach/ 2nd Jason Babi
 - * Both candidates accepted their nominations.
 - * Voting results:
 - Todd – 24
 - Alex – 9
- **Pairings Director – 1 year**
 - * Nominations
 - Kay Pickrell by Pat Babi/ 2nd Jason Babi
 - * Kay accepted the nomination.
 - * Kay was elected by unanimous decision
- **Mat Officials Director – 1 year**
 - * Nominations
 - Jason Babi by Troy Rutz / 2nd Dan Havens
 - * Jason accepted the nomination.
 - * Jason was elected by unanimous decision
- **Coaches Director – 1 year**
 - * Nominations
 - Barry Himmelman by Mo Babi/ 2nd Jason Babi
 - Travis Masse by Craig Johnson/ 2nd Jimmy Johnson
 - * Both candidates accepted the nomination.
 - * Voting results:
 - Barry – 24
 - Travis – 11
- **Regional Training Site/Junior Olympic Program Liaison Director**
 - * Eliminate Director Position; Motion by Brian Velarde / 2nd Barry Himmelman/ Unanimous decision

New State Chairman Comments:

- Budget control; Expenditures discussed
- One tournament a weekend; Promote more kids in weight classes; More helpers
- Promote Nationals; get more kids involved
- Discuss Qualifiers & State Tournaments to be ran by Clubs not Board members
- Fundraising ideas
- Fargo camps – Kid duals
- Update website; get results posted, pictures posted

Additional Comments:

- CUSAW members participated in discussion throughout the meeting time frame.

Executive Session:

- At 5:00 pm, the CUSAW board went into Executive Session.
- At 5:45 pm, the CUSAW board came out of Executive Session.

Next meeting:

- November 2nd, Thunder Ridge High School in Highlands Ranch at 1 pm – 4 pm

Adjourn:

- The board meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm (Motion: Troy Rutz/ 2nd: Jason Babi/ Unanimous consensus)