

MINUTES OF A SCHEDULED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
OF  
COLORADO USA WRESTLING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

**UNAPPROVED**

ATTENDEES:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Scott Neitenbach, Craig Johnson, Dan Havens, Gina Becker, Paul Trygstad, Todd Legge, Barry Himmelman, Chris Burghardt, Kay Pickrell, Billy Gabel, John Stowall and Troy Rutz,

LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES:

Cam McElhany and Brian Velarde

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Jimmy Johnson, Dave Sauer, Troy Pickrell and Mark Schmidt

ACTIVE COACHES:

Sam Barber, Geraldine Bruggink, Travis Bruggink, Bonnie Burak, Stephen Burak, Mark Cordova, Martin Davidson, Camille DuPont, Jay Eide, C Gaede, David Hays, Herbert House, James Howes, Phillip Olson Jr., Lawrence Trujillo and Rob Vialpando.

ACTIVE OFFICIALS:

Mo Babi, Pat Babi, Jason Babi, Renee McElhany and Robert Pickrell

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES:

Four Corners Elite Wrestling Club- Joe Wilbanks

VISITORS:

Special Guest: Mitch Hull

From Maximized Living: Ryan Mayeda, Dr. Joe Arvay, Dr. Tim Cummins, Dr. John Steffens and Don Noffsinger

Athletes: Maurice Abenchuchan, Adeline Gray and Megan Garcia

Also: Ted DeRousse, George Gray and Vickie Schwartz

TOTAL ATTENDANCE:

The first section of these minutes of the Annual Membership of Colorado USA Wrestling, Inc (“CUSAW”) from a meeting held at Crown Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Here is a summary of the business conducted. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The first order of business was the introduction of Mitch Hull from the National Office. What wrestling brings to the table for individuals:

- Personal and moral building
- USA wrestling benefits from the volunteers. Can’t be done without them.
- Need more cohesion from parent and coaches

Next item was the presentation of the fundraising proposal by Dubli

- Most non-profits are in dire straights
- Dubli is the largest global shopping network
- Credits would be bought by consumer for chances for reverse auction bids and incredible deals
- A percentage from the credit sales would be sent directly back CUSA wrestling
- Need to make sure that only adults are targeted for solicitation. Board to look into.

Next was the presentation of Maximized Living. A group of doctors who perform Chiropractic services for athletes free of charge.

- Volunteer at wrestling tournaments
- Also provide health and wellness advice to maximize athletes potential

Next was the reports from the Directors:

- Pairing Director: Kay Pickrell- No report
- Officials Director: Chris Burghardt- We need more officials. Discussed ways to recruit new officials.
- Kid’s Director: Paul Trygstad- 137 Colorado competitors in South Plains. 28 place in both Freestyle and Greco. 4 competitors places in Utah. Paul to have a meeting in December.
- Women’s Director: Pat Babi- At the Women’s Dual, 6 women placed. She thanked Mark Cordova, Cam McElhany and Jenna ? For helping with the coaching since she could not attend. Acknowledged and hand out awards to Adeline Gray for her National Championship, Laura Bruggink for her 7<sup>th</sup> place showing and Megan Garcia for her 8<sup>th</sup> place showing at Fargo.
- Cadet Director: Todd Legge- Acknowledged the 6 All-Americans from Fargo. In Greco, Dwight Howes for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Dylon Thompson for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Kyndall Rutz for 5<sup>th</sup> place and Connor King for 8<sup>th</sup> place. In Freestyle, Keagan Gavaldon for 6<sup>th</sup> place and Courtland Hacker for 7<sup>th</sup> place.
- Junior Director: Mark Schmidt for Tom Schunke- Acknowledged that there were 3 first team All-Americans and 4 placers at Fargo. In Greco, Jerry Huff for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Connor Medberry for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Travis Himmelman in 4<sup>th</sup> place. In Freestyle, Jerry Huff for 8<sup>th</sup> place.
- Coaches Director: Barry Himmelman- Thanked all the coaches for there hard work and dedication to the sport of wrestling.
- Treasurers Report: Dan Haven- Highlights: Trackwrestling a benefit for more accountability. Walk-ins at tournament might drop this next season. There is a \$10.00 savings to parents if they register on Trackwrestling. From the fundraiser for the Women’s team, any extra monies from the fundraiser went back to the parents. Question from the general membership was why wasn’t the budget posted online and why wasn’t a paper copy hand out to all member attending the annual meeting. Also where can one find the bi-laws? For this next year, after medals are purchased, the board wants to underwrite Fargo, Dual for Juniors, Cadet, Women and Schoolboys. Ted DeRousse and Rob Vialpando

were upset about the budget presentation. Jason Babi asked if anything came out of the alleged mishap at the hotel for the trip to the Cadet dual. Todd Legge address the forum to state there were no fees assessed by the hotel. Furthermore, after clarification with the hotel manager, the Colorado Cadet are welcomed back to stay next year. Jason Babi also asked if Jose Delgado and Cam McElhany had been reimbursed and Dan stated that they had. Cam confirmed Dan's statement.

- President: Scott Neitenbach- We need more participation and thanks to all who volunteer their time and efforts. CUSA wrestling had 2772 athletes, 330 coaches and 95 officials. Scott also presented the idea of a point stucture to rank wrestlers for the state tournament. State champions would automatically be on the Dual and Fargo team if so wrestler desires. Coaches to try to choose rest of the team. Trying to build the best team to win at national events.

The next order of business was the election of vacant positions on the board. Troy Rutz and Craig Johnson counted the votes.

- New Women's Director: Pat Babi

Pat Babi- Geri Bruggink made the nomination and Rob Vialpando 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion  
Dave Sauer- Jimmy Johnson made the nomination and Todd Legge 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Pat = 20 votes                      Dave = 15 votes                      1 unmarked vote

- New Treasurer: John Stowall

Vicki Schwarts- Dan Haven made the nomination and Mark Schmidt 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion  
John Stowall- Ted DeRousse made the nomination and Troy Rutz 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

John = 19 votes                      Vicki = 18 votes

- New Matt Official: Chris Burghardt

Chris Burghardt- Mark Schmidt made the nomination and Dave Hays 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion  
Jason Babi- Geri Bruggink made the nomination and Mo Babi 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Chris = 19 votes                      Jason = 18 votes

- New Coaches Official: Herb House

Barry Himmelman- Craig Johnson made the nomination and Kay Pickrell 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion  
Herb House- Phil Olson made the nomination and Dan Haven 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Barry = 15 votes                      Herb = 22 votes

- New Kids Director: Paul Trygstad

Paul Trygstad- Kay Pickrell made the nomination and Craig Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Unanimously elected

Motion was made to expand the Members At Large from 5 representatives to 7. This would be a one year term. Unanimously elected. There was discussion from the general membership to when the board should elect the Members At Large. Was decided that at the end of the Annual Meeting, the issue would be discussed by the Board Members. Nominees are as follows:

- Mark Schmidt, Barry Himmelman, Jimmy Johnson, Dave Sauer, Travis Masse, Cory McNellis, Craig Walters, Jay Eide, Camille DuPont, Phil Olson and Lister Bowling Sr.

Next item was to open up the forum for general discussion. Need feedback on the following:

- Underwriting the Juniors, Cadet, Woman's and Schoolboys for the tune of 15-20K.
- The possibility of scholarships for state champions
- Equipment purchasing
- Women's equipment needs to orders way before April. Woman's National's is in March 2010.
- A new tournament that is very widely received by high school coaches- Classification Smackdown
- Ted DeRosse made a plea to have the board members read policy books

President Scott Neitenback then closed the annual meeting

A special board meeting was held right after the Annual Meeting to discuss the Member At Large nominations. It was decided that the following new members for the next year:

- Mark Schmidt, Barry Himmelman, Jimmy Johnson, Dave Sauer, Jay Eide, Camile DuPont and Phil Olson.
- Troy Pickrell will be the new Metro League representative.

Also need to discuss at the next board meeting about a new Equipment Director.