

**Colorado USA Wrestling
Board Meeting
November 2, 2008
Thunder Ridge High School, Littleton, Colorado**

Approved Minutes

Board Members Present:

State Chairman, Scott Neitenbach; *Secretary*, Barbara Cordova; *Treasurer*, Dan Havens; *Kids Director*, Chris Burghardt; *Cadet Director*, Todd Legge; *Junior Director*, Tony Schunke; *Women's Director*, Pat Babi; *Mat Officials Director*, Jason Babi; *Pairings Director*, Kay Pickrell; *Equipment Director*, Brandon Hays; *Folkstyle Director*, Ted DeRousse; *Events Director*, Troy Rutz; *Members-At-Large*, Troy Pickrell, Jimmy Johnson, Mark Schmidt.

Board Members Absent:

Vice Chairman, Craig Johnson; *Grappling Director*, Sheldon Marr; *Coaches Director*, Barry Himmelman; *League Representatives*, Brian Velarde, Terry Lynn, Chris Currier; *Members-At-Large*, Anthony Guerrero.

Welcome & Roll Call:

- Chairman, Scott Neitenbach, called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm.
- Secretary, Barbara Cordova, took roll call: 15 board members were present, a quorum was reached.

Review Agenda & Meeting Time Frames:

- All CUSAW members were provided a meeting agenda by previous email. There were changes made to the agenda. The agenda was approved. (Motion: Troy Rutz / 2nd Jason Babi / Unanimous consensus).

Secretary's Report:

- *Secretary*, Barbara Cordova, asked for corrections to the 8-17-08 & 10-12-08 minutes. The minutes were approved. (Motion: Jason Babi / 2nd Troy Rutz / Unanimous consensus).

Membership Report:

- Chairman, Scott Neitenbach, spoke about an email sent in regards to asking Tammi LeValley to assist.
- Kids Director, Chris Burghardt, stated he spoke with Dan LeValley and he stated she would assist if someone would give her a call. Chris is going to give her a call and Scott will do a follow up thank you call as well.
- Reviewed State Memberships comparing 2007 & 2008.

2009 Schedule:

- A call for one tournament per weekend was discussed as well as criteria being established for hosting tournaments. Wanting to set Guidelines and not policy.
- A motion was made to keep the tournament scheduling the same as past years. Two tournaments per weekend with consideration being given to location and distances between tournaments, with additional guidelines to include a Mat Official & Pairings Official per club with all tournaments being approved by the Board (Motion: Troy Rutz / 2nd Jason Babi / Unanimous consensus)
- We discussed how to get more Mat Officials and Pairing Officials & incentives. These items are going to be discussed further by Jason Babi, Mat Officials Director & Kay Pickrell, Pairings Director.

Fund Raising:

- This will be tabled for next meeting.

Chairman's Report:

State Chairman, Scott Neitenbach, reported the following:

- Emphasis that our Board serves its members
- Strive for better run tournaments; Ask for help; Follow Guidelines; Build a Bridge
- Want to improve CUSAW website; make more appealing; pictures, etc...

New Business:

- *Folkstyle Director*, Ted DeRousse, emailed all members a revised copy of our By-Laws to review. Ted & Craig Johnson will work together and present at next meeting. Tabled discussion until next meeting.
- Two new committees to be formed.
 - CUSAW Outreach Proposal
 - Year Round Practice Proposal
 - Committees to consist of the Kids Director, Junior Director, Cadet Director, & Members-At-Large. Kids Director, Chris Burghardt to lead committee and to develop a plan for next meeting.
- Rocky Mountain Regionals
 - Need to review registrations & expenses for this tournaments
 - 2009 tournament to be held at end of March
 - Mo Babi discussed the tournament challenges around getting the tournament last year and the discussion Ted & he had with the National Office after to get a March date in 2009.
- Mail in Ballot Voting
 - Tabled until By-Laws are completed.
 - *Kids Director*, Chris Burghardt will discuss his findings.

Kids Director Report:

Kids Director, Chris Burghardt, reported the following:

- Informed us that Patrick Jellum was resigning his position.
- Asked to establish benchmarks or goals for next meeting by State Chairman, Scott Neitenbach.
- Interaction at league matches, tournaments and events was discussed.

Women's Director Report:

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

- Asked to establish benchmarks or goals for next meeting by State Chairman, Scott Neitenbach.

Junior Director Report:

Junior Director, Tony Schunke, reported the following:

- Asked to establish benchmarks or goals for next meeting by State Chairman, Scott Neitenbach.
- Going to work with Cadet Director, Todd Legge, to get the Year Round Practice setup.

Cadet Director Report:

Cadet Director, Todd Legge, reported the following:

- Asked to establish benchmarks or goals for next meeting by State Chairman, Scott Neitenbach.
- Help wrestlers get together to push each other to get to the next level.

Grappling Director Report:

Grappling Director, Sheldon Marr, was not in attendance.

Coaches Director Report:

Coaches Director, Barry Himmelman, was not in attendance.

Folkstyle Director Report:

Folkstyle Director, Ted DeRousse, reported the following:

- Asked to establish benchmarks or goals for next meeting by State Chairman, Scott Neitenbach.
- Folkstyle tournaments in March; requesting High School Coach contacts

Pairings Director Report:

Pairings Director, Kay Pickrell, reported the following:

- Asked to establish benchmarks or goals for next meeting by State Chairman, Scott Neitenbach.

Mat Officials Director:

Mat Officials Director, Jason Babi, reported the following:

- Asked to establish benchmarks or goals for next meeting by State Chairman, Scott Neitenbach.
- Requested a list of Officials

Events Director:

Events Director, Troy Rutz, reported the following:

- Handed out Tournament guide, contract & email weigh-in, so all State Tournaments are ran the same way; also requested the forms to be put on website.
- Reviewed Tournament schedule

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Dan Havens, reported the following:

- We are paid in full with National Office; Next expenses to pay are CSU & Fargo Hotel
- Reviewed budget items & possible refund to a hurt wrestler (Board agreed to send some funds)

Additional Comments:

- None

Executive Session:

- None

Next meeting:

- November 23rd, Praireview High School at 1 pm – 4 pm.

Adjourn:

- The board meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm (Motion: Dan Havens / 2nd Pat Babi / Unanimous consensus)