

**Sunday, Jan 30**

# **State Executive Council Meeting - 1-30-11**

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## **Minutes**

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### **1 Call to Order**

The Executive Council meeting was called to order by Executive Director Matt Treaster at 8:30a.m. Sunday January 30, 2011 at the Courtyard in Salina Kansas.

### **2 Roll Call - Quorum**

A roll sheet was passed around and signed by all who were present.

Matt Treaster, Patty Ochs, Will Cokeley, Tom Richard, Kyle Wright, Kent Hahn, Steve Woody, Melissa Shoaf, Jess Keith, Richard D. Salyer, Lance Engel, Mark Stanley, Danny Grater, Michael Brownell, Leanna Buckley, Tuff Hermreck, James Cook, Charles Knox, Scott Edwards, Mike Juby, Tom Peterman, Van Kuhn.

Richard Salyer signed in as District 2 North Director and Parliamentarian.

### **3 Additions to Agenda**

Matt asked if there were any additions to the agenda and there were none.

### **4 Past Minutes**

Richard Salyer moved to accept the minutes from the September Executive Council meeting. Lance Engel seconded. Passes unanimously.

### **5 Report of Officers**

#### **A Treasurer**

Leanna Buckley reported that in the checking account \$40,456.64; savings \$14,313.31; CD \$28,223.31. She will be taking some out of the checking account and putting into another CD. She will put in a CD for more than a year to get a higher interest rate and keep the other one yearly.

#### **B Asst. State Director**

Tom will report later when we get to the Kids State Tournament.

## **C State Freestyle/Greco**

Will is trying to get more Freestyle/Greco tournaments for April and May.

Freestyle/Greco State is on May 14-15, 2011 at Rose Hill High School.

He will talk to Steve Woody about the set-up and responsibilities for the Southern Plains Tournament. Chaz Thompson wants to get more involved this year.

Will has talked to Russ Hermreck, Cadet/Jr Director, about the regional training center to begin the week after high school state which will be the first Sunday in March.

Will is working on getting all the dual teams coordinated. The cadet duals are more challenging since the duals moved from Minnesota to Florida.

Southern Plains Camp will be held at Hays on May 30 - June 3, 2011.

## **D Officials Representative**

Van reported that talks have started on training sessions for the officials.

Van would like to know about any problems that happen at the tournaments. Let your coaches know that he would like to be kept informed on those problems.

There was discussion on getting qualified officials for the State Qualifying Series, mainly sub-districts. The deadline for officials was extended at the corporate board meeting when that board identified that the number of officials was not sufficient to cover sub-districts. Mike Juby said that until Mat tells him differently, he will continue to accept officials registrations.

Matt voiced his concern that officials are not required to have background checks. Juby explained that the only tournaments that require 100% registered officials is the qualifying tournaments. In an open tournament, only half of the officials need to be registered. Juby explained that, even with the registered officials, they still do not have to pass a background check because KSHSAA does not require a background check for officials. Mike Juby feels that background checks for officials is not necessary and may not solve the problem. In addition, at the national level, USA wrestling lost coaches when they implemented background checks and, based on the number of officials in Kansas, we cannot afford to lose any officials.

Richard Salyer moved that the board adopts a waiver, **for this year only, to eliminate the requirement that an official has to officiate one kids tournament prior to doing the qualifying series.** Steve Woody seconded. Passes unanimously.

Mike Juby made a clarification that nothing would actually change with Richard's proposal other than the officials would not have to officiate a kids tournament prior to the qualifying

series and they would still have to pay the \$5.00.

In Article 2 Paragraph 10, of the by-laws, states that there is to be one official on every mat and one extra official for every three officials. This is not in the summary of the by-laws because the summary is not all inclusive.

**E District 1 Director**

There was nothing to report from District 1.

**F District 2 Director**

There was nothing to report from District 2.

**G District 3 Director**

There was nothing to report from District 3.

**H District 4 Director**

District 4 is planning on having a Senior Classic the night before districts at Pratt. Kyle Wright said that there has not been much cooperation. Mark Stanley said that District 1 does this and the first year was the hardest for them. Mark also said that they should have a couple of alternates in case someone does not show up.

**I Executive Director**

Matt sent a report to all members prior to the meeting.

Matt would, eventually, like to see the state series broken into two tournament series. The first tournament series would be for the 6,8,10 and 12 year old divisions. This would be the "Kids Division". The Kids Division State series would be completed the week before the High School State Tournament. The second tournament series would be based on grade level for 7th & 8th grade, 9th & 10th grade and 11th & 12th grade and would be the "Upper Division". The Upper Division State series would be a two week District and State Tournament series.

There was much discussion on if the tournament series would change. First, some 7th graders could have the option of competing in both divisions. The whole idea of a Grand State is not accomplished with a split division. There was disagreement on shortening the season for the younger ages. This type of proposal will be detrimental to clubs that will not be able to hold an open tournament. It was mentioned that many of the card buyers are not even getting to compete in the qualifying series because they are the 6 & under age group. The only way to control the length of the season is through the qualifying series.

Matt asked how many were interested in looking into splitting the state series. Everyone, on

the board, agreed that splitting the state series needs to be looked into.

In Matt's report, he proposed to help our officials to a higher level by providing on-going training for them. These trainings could be 30 minutes to an hour in connection with tournaments, or more comprehensive clinics at other times. We would make an investment monetarily by paying the officials for their time in attending these workshops.

He also expressed, in his report, providing a mentor official at tournaments to officials with less experience. We could make an investment and help pay for that mentoring official so they are not responsible for officiating the full time at the tournament.

The report also expressed in the report a better system of tracking officials performance. At the beginning of each tournament the head official should provide each team a list of officials and their number. Teams can provide their feedback to the head officials who can give the feedback to the other officials.

## **J State Chairman**

Total athlete membership as of January 24, 2011 is 7480 , compared to 7383 at this point last year

Total coaching memberships as of January 24, 2011 is 1333 compared to 1221 at this point last year.

Currently there are 133 Kids' registered officials, compared to a total of 135 registered last year. Mike has asked Keith Ashpole to review our list of Kids' registered officials to identify any who are not KSHSAA registered.

The final financial statement and Form 990 have been completed and are available for viewing online.

Again this year, the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association(KWCA) will be recognizing a youth development coach from each district. The coach that is nominated for this award must be a member of KWCA. KWCA is still accepting registration until February 7, 2011.

Southern Plains for 2012 is still being evaluated as to where it will be held. Dodge City has given an updated bid and Mike has not received any other bids. If anyone would like to have this tournament and host camp, Mike will need the information very soon. He would like to have everything in place soon so he can start making some plans with the other states.

## **6 Kids State Tournament**

According to the by-laws, Tom is required to select a State Committee for this board's approval. The members of this board are Leanna Buckley, Mark Stanley, Jim Rein, Tom Richard, Richard Salyer and Scott Edwards. This committee will meet at Topeka on February 6, 2011. Lee

Hermreck moved to accept this committee. James Cook seconded. Passes unanimously.

Tom made a motion to moved the High School division, which would be three mats, into exhibition hall at State. Lee Hermreck seconded. There was discussion on not being able to watch all the wrestling in one place and the congestion when pictures are being taken during the championship round. Pros of this proposal would gain space for the wrestlers which would cut down on matches being stopped for out of bounds. Favor of moving mats: 6 and opposed to moving mats: 9. The mats will not be moved to exhibition hall.

Tom would like to have the wrestlers wait for weigh-ins in Landon Arena on west end with sections for each age division. He would like the doors to open by 2:00p.m. and vendors could be set up at this time. There will be a weigh-in for the ones that miss this weigh-in and a Saturday morning weigh-in. Districts will not be seperate and everyone will get a card to weigh-in. This does not need to be voted on.

State Tournament is March 26 & 27, 2011.

Weigh-in will be from 4:00 - 7:00p.m. on March 25th and there will be a Saturday morning weigh-in from 6:00-6:30a.m. The new procedures for weigh-ins will be posted on the website. Start times will be 8:30a.m. on Saturday and 8:00a.m. on Sunday. Wrestlers need to be lined up by 7:45a.m. on Saturday morning for the parade with the parade beginning at 8:00a.m.

Kansas Kids are hosting KWCA Classic and it will begin on Friday March 25th at 7:00p.m. East side of Landon Arena will be used for the Senior Classic.

No saving seats.

Church service on Sunday morning will be at 7:00a.m. Steve Woody will get someone for the church service.

Coaches bands will be handed out to coaches with 2011 card, Bronze certification and photo ID. A list of coaches that are not in good standing with a club need to be sent to Tom Richard.

District Directors are in charge of finding workers. District Directors need to make sure their phone numbers are correct. D1-Tuff Hermreck; D2-Richard Salyer; D3-Lance Engel; D4-Steve Woody.

Table workers are admitted free the day they are working.

If there is a diabetic in a club, that club needs to let the state committee know as soon as possible so they can plan accordingly.

Awards are from JCM Imaging.

Video Cameras are not allowed on the floor.

People with Press Pass need to show at the Pass Gate .

Entry forms still have to be signed and submitted to the sub-district site. Contestants will be entered on-line.

Ad for the program book has a deadline of March 4, 2011. An ad in the book is \$60.00.

Tom Richard made the motion that each of the sub-districts and districts follow the same format. Leanna Buckley seconded. Passes unanimously.

The motion was made by Leanna Buckley that one person will set up information on trackwrestling and to use the criteria A, B, C, D for ranking a wrestler and extra comment section for additional information. Seconded by Lee Hermreck. Passes unanimously.

Motion by Charlie Knox to seed at the least the top four but can seed more. Seconded by Will Cokeley. Passes unanimously.

Will Cokeley made the motion that all non-seeded wrestlers are randomly drawn into the bracket. Lee Hermreck seconded. Passes unanimously.

Will Cokeley made the motion that byes will be assigned to the seeded wrestlers. Lee Hermreck seconded. Passes unanimously.

Will made the motion that wrestlers that are not seeded will be drawn in, regardless of their team affiliation. Lee seconded. Passes unanimously.

Richard Salyer made the motion to have a satellite weigh-in where there is a USAWKS board member present at the weigh-in site. Charlie seconded. This did not pass by 11 to 4 decision.

Lee Hermreck made the motion to have Friday and Saturday weigh-ins for subs and district. Friday night weigh-ins will be from 6-8:00p.m. and Saturday from 6-7:00a.m. Charlie Knox seconded. This motion passes with 13 in favor and 2 votes opposed.

Scott Edwards made the motion to have tournament start times at 9:00a.m. for sub-districts and districts. Will Cokeley seconded. Passes unanimously.

Plaque designs. The first vote narrowed the options down to design 1 and 7. Design 7 won and Leanna will have the wrestlers changed.

The vertical t-shirt design will be printed on both black and white shirts. Mike Juby would like Russ Hermreck to work directly with Gonz Medina since the Cadets/Juniors are the ones making the money off these shirt sells. The board gave their approval that gives Gonz the option to presell the state shirt.

Scott Edwards made the motion to fill the district brackets completely. James Cook seconded. Passes unanimously.

## **7 State Qualifying Series-Entrants from Outside Kansas**

An email was sent to Matt requesting the Oklahoma kids to wrestle with the Hugoton club in the State qualifying series which is only 8 wrestlers.

Lee Hermreck made the motion to not allow the Oklahoma kids to wrestle in the state series. Seconded by Will Cokeley. The motion passes by a vote of 13 to 2.

## **8 State Person of the Year**

D1: Denise Hansen

D2: Ed Edison

D3: Ned Price

D4: Stacy Runnion

Board members voted and handed their votes to Leanna Buckley.

## **9 Referee of the Year**

D1: Jim Belch

D2: Kenny Taylor, Sr.

D3: Billy Gaskill

D4: J.B. Harding

Board members voted and handed their votes to Leanna Buckley.

## **10 Novice Committee Report**

Shawn Budke got some input and put together four options that he would like the districts to discuss before the seeding meetings. He would like some input from the clubs and which way they would like to go when considering a novice wrestler. Shawn would take that input and draft a report to give to this board by state or this summer.

1. Option 1: Do Nothing - currently Kansas has no rules, guidelines ect for defining Novice. The determination of Novice wrestlers is left to club directors, coaches, and tournament directors.
2. Option 2: Georgia Model - Develop a Rookie category for first year wrestlers only. Define Novice as first or second year wrestler that has never placed at state.

3. Option3: Guidelines - USAWKS officially defines Novice as wrestlers with 3 years of experience or less; who have never won an open tournament; placed in 4 open tournaments and/or has not won more than 4 Novice tournaments. These are general guidelines to help provide a framework for tournament directors, club directors, and coaches. The ultimate decision of determining if a wrestler is a Novice is defined by the respective tournament director and respective club directors/coaches in accordance with these guidelines.
4. Option 4: Hybrid - Establish a Rookie category strictly for first year wrestlers. Define Novice using the same definitions as Option 3.

## **11 Other Business**

No other business.

## **12 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 12:25

Next meeting Friday March 25, 2011 at 7:15p.m. - Expocentre, Topeka