

M.M.W.A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY, September 21, 2020, 7:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. President's Welcome and Comments**
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
- III. Vice President's Comments**
- IV. Approval of March 2, 2020 Minutes**
- V. Committee Reports**
 - A. Pairing - Laretta Allen**
 - B. Rules / Referees - Harold Eastman**
 - C. Treasurer Report - Sara Allen**
- VI. Roll Call – Attendance will be taken automatically when signed in to zoom.**
- VII. Old Business**
- VIII. New Business**
 - A. Tony Black, USAW Director of State Services**
 - B. Club Practices**
 - C. Tournament Guidelines**
 - D. Rule Changes**
- IX. Adjourn**

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Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Wojciechowski at 7:01 PM.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Greg welcomed everyone. This will be a unique season and there are steps and guidelines we will need to follow if we have a wrestling season. Everything will depend on being able to get schools that will allow wrestling. Please keep in contact with your school and get any updated info to us. We understand you probably will not know anything concrete until sometime in November.

Today's meeting was to include rule changes. If you wish to have a rule changed or a new one added, please make a motion in writing and send the motion to either Greg or Laretta. The motion will be sent out to the membership. If the motion is accepted, another email will be sent for the membership to vote.

We were unable to secure the Mt. Morris HS for tonight's meeting, this is the reason for zoom. Michigan Revolution has offered their facility to hold our meetings, however, their location in Milford is not centrally located. If anyone knows of a facility in the Flint area willing to let us hold our meeting, please get that information to one of the board members.

There will be no roll call this evening. Attendance will be automatically taken for those checked in to zoom.

VICE-PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Harold Eastman, Jr. will be late to the meeting. Laretta added that those clubs unable to hold a tournament this year and are grandfathered in, will not have it counted against them by the two consecutive year rule of not hosting their tournament. We will try to fill any spots with other schools or private venues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Treasurer's Report - Sara Allen

Current balance is \$64,341.25

Over the summer there were the usual supply expenses. The invoice from Dort Federal Event Center was received for finals. After that bill was paid, MMWA came out ahead for the year for regionals and finals, where we usually lose. The additional money was due to raising the entrance fees last year. The additional money will help cover the extra expenses we will incur this year due to Covid-19, purchasing sanitizing equipment, thermometers, computer covers, etc.

Rules/Referees - Harold Eastman, Sr.

Everything on hold. No new rules or rule changes have been announced for high school

Pairing - Laretta Allen

Club directors need to get their USAW memberships so your club can be chartered and covered by insurance. The director is the only person, at this time, that needs to have a paid membership. However, please see that your coaches have applied for background screening and complete the safe sport course, or refresher course. They do not have to pay for their membership until your club starts practices. Although, as soon as practices start your coaches will need to purchase the leader membership for insurance purposes.

Currently, due to covid restriction, there will be NO event volunteers or parents allowed on the floor. Depending on future updates, this may change.

There will be temperature checks done at the door prior to entry and payment. If your temperature or the athlete's temperature is above the 100.4 limit, you will not be permitted to enter the building. If someone is sick, stay home. Clubs will be responsible for having thermometers to do checks. Clubs will need these for practices, too, so begin looking to get them purchased. We will be limiting entrance to two people per wrestler. If there are two or three athletes within a family, the limit is still two people. Again, this may change depending on the venue. Schools may have different protocols and we will follow those restrictions. We will see that the current policy is on the tournament flyer or in the hands of the club director prior to the tournament. We will look into getting a waiver available to be filled out prior to coming to tournaments that will be handed in at the door for contact tracing purposes.

Plan is to have two people per table. We will be using half mats, no quarter mats. Hosting clubs will be responsible for supplying hand sanitizer and wipes for each table. Smaller tournaments will be run. Split sessions will have a longer break in between to sanitize equipment. The number of coaches permitted to attend a tournament will be limited to a list that will be sent to Laretta Thursday evening prior to the tournament. Number of coaches will probably be 2 for 4 athletes, 4 coaches for 10 athletes, and the 1 coach for every additional 5 athletes. Only those coaches on the list will be permitted on the floor.

Practice good sanitizing procedures at the club level. Take temperatures, sanitize mats, get flu shots!

Clubs that have not sent in their updated registration form for the season, please do so as quickly as possible. We need to update files so we are contacting the appropriate people with information. Remember to send in athlete birth certificates. Laretta would like to receive athlete rosters (wrestler spread sheet) and birth certificates prior to the December 14 meeting. You should know by then if your school will be allowing practices. Club dues can wait until the December meeting. If you decide to not participate this year, you will remain on our list of contacts. Your athletes may wish to temporarily join another club so they can participate this year. We will try to match athletes with clubs that are close to them and running practices. Keep communication open and ask a board member if you need help placing athletes.

Zoom Attendance (List Available upon Request)

Clubs Present: 37 Clubs Absent: 27

Board Members Present: 7 Board Members Absent: 0

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Tony Black, USAW Director of State Services is with us today. Tony covered guidelines that are included in the 'Return to Mat' and 'Return to Event' documents. Tony will send out copies of these documents upon request. Copies of the

documents are also available at teamusa.org. Annemarie Sickelsteel of Lake Orion brought up the legal ramifications and club's legal responsibilities. Everyone needs to follow local and state government and health recommendations and protocols. Many places have lifted restrictions and there are tournaments and clinics taking place in other areas of the US. We want to wrestle. Clubs need to develop procedures that will be in place if wrestling begins. Know who is in your wrestling room. Follow mask and temperature check procedures. Know what to do in case there is covid positive wrestler, coach, or spectator. USAW put together prior to MMWA state finals a Covid Advisory Committee. Tony responded that it is very hard to prove negligence on the part of the club or coaches if you followed the guidelines and made reasonable decisions. Checking in and tracing is built into the USAW membership. Scanners can be purchased to use to scan USAW membership cards to check people/athletes in to practices/events. Get everyone to set up profiles. Parents, grandparents, relatives that will be at practices or tournaments. Make sure everyone is affiliated to your club. There are tutorial videos explaining how to do this. Tony is also willing to set up a webinar for directors. Setting up club insurance was addressed. Once your club is chartered an email will be sent saying your insurance certificate is ready to download. With the club's permission, anyone can access the certificate. The director is also notified if someone joins/affiliates with your club. Several questions and concerns were fielded from the meeting attendees. Listen to Tony Black's entire talk, which was recorded, and as soon as available, will be posted on the MMWA webpage.

Neil Kiernan (Pontiac Huskies) mentioned a system being used in NY call War Zone. This program, similar to track, but slots each age/weight group by time. They wrestle their chart and are done, basically within an hour. Laretta is receiving information and will follow up to see if it is something MMWA should try.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ross Freeman of Bentley and seconded by Stephanie Kurth of Whitmore Lake. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna P. Taylor

MMWA Secretary

