

M.M.W.A. MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY, December 14, 2020, 7:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. President's Welcome and Comments**
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
- III. Vice President's Comments**
- IV. Approval of October 12, 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**
 - A. Vote on motion – Raise registration fee to \$15 for 2021 only.**
 - B. Vote on motion – Raise registration fee for unaffiliated wrestlers to \$20.**
 - C. Purchase of Mats - Clarification**
- VIII. New Business**
 - A. Survey Results**
- IX. Adjourn**

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Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Greg Wojciechowski at 7:02 PM.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Greg welcomed everyone and wished them happy holidays.

Will move rather quickly this evening. Begin by having someone motion for agenda approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Harold Eastman, Head Referee and seconded by Dan Coon of WOW. Agenda approved.

VICE-PRESIDENT COMMENTS

There are thirteen clubs that will currently be unable to hold tournaments this year in their school buildings. Will go in to this further later in the meeting. Have not received many club surveys back.

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 12, 2020 MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes by Paul Naismith of Madison Rams. Seconded by Yakini Brown of Kearsley. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Pairing Report – Laretta Allen

Have had some clubs send in wrestler list. If we have a season would like to get information as soon as possible. It will be a lot of work to get everyone registered. Background checks are now \$30. Email sent to all clubs notifying them of this change that occurred on Sunday, December 6. Hopefully everyone got their background check request in before the deadline. Please send copies of birth certificates for new wrestlers not only to Dawn at MUSAW but also to Laretta.

Rules/Referees - Harold Eastman, Sr.

Nothing at this time. Just waiting to see if we can wrestle.

Treasurer's Report - Sara Allen

Current balance is \$64,811.01. Nine (9) clubs have paid dues for this year. Checking on chrome book covers. Currently delayed to see if we have a season but they will be purchased. Payment for mats has not yet been made.

ROLL CALL - Zoom Attendance (List Available upon Request)

Clubs Present: 25 Clubs Absent: 39

Board Members Present: 7 Board Members Absent: 0

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Motion to raise the tournament registration fee to \$15 for the 2021 season only. Vote taken. Only one negative response. Motion passed.
- B. Motion to raise the tournament registration fee to \$20 for unaffiliated athletes for the 2021 season only. All in favor. Motion passed.
- C. Mat Purchase – Some clarification on the mat purchase. There was a misunderstanding and if we purchase the mats they will be co-owned by MMWA and MUSAW. There will be no repayment to MMWA by MUSAW. Both may sell their portion of the mats if they choose with the option of first refusal going to the co-owner. Clubs will be able to rent the mats and mats will be stored during our off season by Michigan Matcats. Rental fees to MMWA during our season and to MUSAW during their freestyle season. Although terms of the initial agreement have changed the board is recommending that we move forward with the purchase and not leave MUSAW hanging and if we have a season we will need the mats. There is enough interest in purchasing the mats if we wish to sell our portion that we will not lose money. The contents of the revised agreement was read to the membership.

Motion was made by Greg Wojciechowski that we move forward with the revised purchase agreement made with MUSAW. Motion seconded by Stephanie Kurth of Whitmore Lake. Vote taken. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Surveys – As of tonight have received 27 surveys out of 64 clubs. Current results were read. Please continue to send in surveys so we can get a better handle on what direction we will take.

At the last meeting we discussed the possibilities of using either the Dort Event Center or the Mundy Sportsplex for tournaments. Mundy Sportsplex sent a contract proposal that was different from original quote due to hours of use. So the price for either venue is now comparable. Board would recommend that we use the Dort Event Center because it is familiar to the membership, has better conditions, and has available seating. Two parents permitted at Dort, only one at the Sportsplex. Have the option at Dort to use the large arena if there is no hockey season but we would probably not want to use that option. Plenty of room in the auxiliary arena for up to six mats and we would use four divided in half for a total of eight wrestling surfaces. Greg will speak with Dort Event Center and get a contract set up so that we will be set if we are able to have a season. Agreement will be that if we do not use the arena there will be no charge. There will be a secure area available in which to store the mats. Greg and other board members will visit the arena to assure the mats will be stored properly before an agreement is signed. USAW will need to send copy of insurance to Dort Event Center.

Motion made by Stephanie Kurth of Whitmore Lake that we enter an agreement with Dort Event Center to hold tournaments for 2021. Motion seconded by Jessica Gray of Grand Blanc. Vote taken. Motion passed.

We will still try to have regionals and finals. Probably two regionals held, one Saturday and one Sunday. And then finals held the following Sunday. Awards will be limited to plaques and trophies only so that if a season is not held they could be used next year. No singlets, tee shirts/shorts. Nothing will be signed that will hold MMWA responsible if we are unable to hold tournaments. Greg will discuss this option with Jeremy at Dort Event Center and membership will be advised of outcome.

If clubs are unable to hold practices but still have athletes that want to attend tournaments they may do so as unaffiliated and pay the \$20 fee. If club has paid their dues then the athlete will pay the \$15 fee. Club director may enter them or contact Laretta to enter them.

Question if there would be a list available of clubs that are currently holding practices that would consider accepting athletes from other clubs to join practices. We will get a list together and send to membership of those clubs currently practicing or who anticipate starting practices and that will accept new members.

Anything questions for Tony Black? Make sure when sending in club registration that the director has their USAW membership. Can't be chartered with USAW otherwise.

- B. 2021 Season - Do we want to set a date a firm date when we will determine if we will have or not have a season? Our first weekend scheduled for tournaments was January 9/10. The three clubs scheduled for the first weekend (Mountaineers, North Branch, & Swartz Creek) have not confirmed that they will participate. The three clubs scheduled for the second weekend (Goodrich, Flushing & Chesaning) will not be holding their tournaments. Some discussion followed. We will need a couple of clubs to help run tournaments by supplying workers to set up mats, run admissions, man tables, etc. Send email to Laretta if your club is interested in participating. Clubs participating will receive a cut of the proceeds. February 1 was selected as the drop dead date. So we are going to plan first tournament to be held on January 10 at Dort Event Center. If we are unable to hold any tournaments due to restriction by February 1 the 2021 season will be canceled.

We will plan to call a special meeting toward the end of January if we have been unable to start the season.

Wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jamie Honiss of Matcats and seconded by Ray Metcalf of Howell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna P. Taylor

MMWA Secretary

Note: The meeting was recorded and is available for viewing on the webpage.