

## **ISWA Monthly Meeting**

November 9, 2025

**Call to Order:** Meeting called meeting to order at 12:00 pm by Pat Culp. Meeting held via Zoom

**Attendance:** Pat Culp, Steve Mathis, Jimmy Tonte, Tina Fouts, Jennifer Pierson, Mary Friedt, Nick Hull, Jonah Odum, Jen Ratliff, Melissa Strayer, Doug Strayer, Julie Pine, Ryan Parrish, Roby Webster, Lou Silverman, Mike Morgan Jared Curcio, and Danny Struck.

**Staff:** Tina Tonte, JD Minch, Georgia Bartley

### **Consultants:**

#### **Secretary: Tina Fouts**

- Tina Fouts presented the October draft minutes as previously supplied through USA Wrestling membership website.
- Doug Strayer made a motion to accept the minutes.
- Jonah Odum seconded the motion.
- Motion passed unanimously.
- After passing the motion, Mary Friedt advised she was unable to find the minutes. They had been previously posted. I reposted them and advised that we would have to re-vote to accept the minutes at the next meeting.

#### **Treasurer: Steve Mathis**

- Steve Mathis stepped through Budget vs Actuals.
- Shared copy of report on screen, copy to be found on website.
- Stepped through the Statement of Financial Position (balance sheet).
- Most assets are liabilities are payroll taxes mostly.
- Good start to the year.
- Mary Friedt made a motion to accept the treasurer's report
- Jennifer Pierson seconded the motion.
- Motion passes unanimously.

### **Old Business**

#### **Folkstyle Seating**

- Pat Culp discovered that the new seating they are adding at the venue will not be left in the building so we would need to rent it.
- Will be at about the same amount as last year, maybe a little under.
- Quality will be a lot better.

#### **SafeSport overseer**

- Pat Culp reported that the Executive Board met in an effort to determine who will be taking over the role of SafeSport overseer.
- Currently looking at another attorney to take over for Steve Pugliese.
- We have had a suggestion for Issaac Ray to be considered for the position.
- Background check is being conducted.
- He graduated at the top of his class in law school.
- Steve Pugliese is doing the checking.

- Steve Pugliese reports that regarding SafeSport, he only gets involved when he gets an email from USA Wrestling and he forwards to Pat Culp.
- Does not have many meetings.

### **Annual meeting revamp**

- Jennifer Pierson reported that she hasn't had a chance to get together on the annual meeting revamp at this point.
- Hoping to have a meeting by our next meeting, or January.
- She would like to let our clubs know our game plan for the revamp.

### **Open Positions**

- Jennifer Pierson reported that they have been working on open positions.
- Section 3 Director – some unique things happened when going through the process.
- Jonah Odum showed interest for the Section 3 Director, which opened the Equipment Director position.
- Had been in discussion with Mike Morgan about the availability to hold the role of Equipment Director.
- Mike Morgan introduced himself and stated he typically is doing something daily with wrestling.
- Has held many positions such as head referee, tournament director, etc.
- Owns his own business so has a lot of flexibility.
- He coaches and is pretty active in wrestling and has been for years.
- Jonah Odum and Mike Morgan were asked to drop off the call so a discussion could be held.
- Discussions were held including timing of the change. Jennifer Pierson stated Jonah Odum as agreed to bridge the gap and work with the new Equipment Director for a smooth transition.
- Jimmy Tonte is working on getting the Gear Committee together this week.
- The Equipment Director position wasn't posted and there isn't a requirement to do so.
- This came about organically.
- Jennifer Pierson made a motion on behalf of the interview committee to accept Mike Morgan as the Equipment Director and Jonah Odum as Section 3 Director.
- Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business**

#### **Real American Freestyle (RAF)**

- Pat Culp reported that this came up this week.
- Real American Freestyle will be brought to Indiana.
- Sarah Hildebrant, Mason Parris, and Matt Ramos will be involved.
- Will be held on 12/20 7:00 pm at the new Fishers Arena. Nothing we have to do.
- Wyatt Hendrickson/Mason Parris will wrestle.
- They are going to try to bring as many Indiana wrestlers in as possible.

#### **New Arena in Noblesville**

- Pat Culp looked at the layout.
- Innovation Mile – did walkthrough.
- Met with guy out of Texas, bringing all the business to them.
- She asked Gabe from Hamilton County to meet with them.
- It is super nice, but only seats 3500, and has retractable seating.
- Can probably only get 4 mats down. It is beautiful. It is small.
- They can put pictures on the outside of the building per event.
- They do fireworks, set up DJ outside, but is too small.

## **Request to accept Estonia as a qualifier for State tournament**

- Jennifer Pierson stated we have a request to accept Estonia as a qualifier.
- Ryan Parrish is taking a group of athletes to the Talon open in early March/April.
- He is going as part of his Gold Coach's Certification.
- Has had several Indiana athletes going the last couple of years.
- Ryan Parrish made a motion for the Estonia tournament to be a qualifier for the state tournament.
- Mike Morgan and Steve Mathis seconded the motion.
- Roby Webster asked the question, wondering if most kids that go on the trip would do the local tournament if they had time in their schedule.
- Jen Ratliff discussed how we could police these to make sure that the qualifiers are met.
- Motion passes unanimously.

## **Consultant & Staff Reports**

- **Law & Legislation – Steve Pugliese**
  - Not present. No report.
  - Pat Culp has been speaking with him regarding his position and SafeSport.
- **Sports Medicine – Nicole Moss**
  - Not present. No report.
  - Pat Culp asked Roby Webster to make sure Nicole has the dates and number of mats.
- **Technology – Chris Pruitt**
  - Not present. No report.
- **Olympic Wrestling Styles Consultant – Zach Errett**
  - Not present.
  - Pat Culp reported that he is being inducted into the National Hall of Fame.
- **Membership Staff – JD Minch**
  - Athletes 4,130, up 4% from last year, 36% new members.
  - Leaders 598 up 8% from last year, 16% new leaders
  - Clubs 144 up 4% from last year, 8% new clubs
  - Sanctioned events 79 up 44% from last year
  - Coaches: 1 Gold, 7 Silver, 255 Bronze, 255 Copper 353 (up 113 in past month)
  - Athlete increase of 2344 since last meeting, leaders increase 222 since last meeting, clubs increase 36 since last meeting, sanctions 79 increase of 36 since last month.
  - Still transferring data to one drive portal and have begun to use the new computer that was installed.

## **State Services - Staff – Tina Tonte**

- Updating sanctions and approving as they are coming in.
- Website updates.
- Working with Georgia and Julie Pine.
- Training and answering questions.
- Working on learning new computers.
- Ordering supplies for tournaments.
- Updated commemorative pin on Director Resources Page/USAW Library.
- Awards in library and website.
- Will place order with AM awards.
- Scholarship application for this season.
- Will be implementing using USA Bracketing registration and Jen Ratliff will be helping with that.
- Jen Ratliff confirmed that they will need current USA cards.

- Asked Section Directors to remind clubs to get sanctions in and renewing charters.
- Middle School State registration will be sanctioned soon.
- Will open registration on January 6.
- Indiana Biz entity – Steve Mathis will follow up on that.
- Sent out emails for t-shirt sponsors.
- Will send follow ups as we get closer to Folkstyle State.
- Publication – trying to get draft out as soon as possible to meet deadline.
- Review and let her know of any issues that need changed.

### **Staff – Georgia Bartley**

- Working on website with Jennifer Pierson
- Will be reaching out to Directors this week to have them review their sections of the website.

### **Directors' Reports**

#### **Vice Chair– Administration – Jennifer Pierson**

##### **Disciplinary Committee Report:**

- Nothing to report.

##### **Regular Report**

- Reported earlier in the meeting.

- **Tournament Director – Roby Webster**

- Elementary Duals are scheduled for 1/11/26 at Franklin High School.
- Will need people on the 10<sup>th</sup> for set-ups.
- Jimmy Tonte said it will be a late night.

- **Hospitality Director – Linda Robinson**

- Not Present. No Report.

- **Pairing Officials Developmental Director – Jennifer Ratliff**

- Working on Elementary Duals
- Streaming – pricing for streaming has changed.
- Due to all videos being stored and the pricing structure, she thinks we need to look at making stream price the same as door price.
- They will be charging storage fees based on hours. With their pricing structure, it comes out to about \$2.00 per hour per mat.
- USA Wrestling has waiver that needs to be signed – will receive email after creating a kids' membership.
- Athletes will not be covered by insurance until waiver is signed by parents.
- Reports will go to parent and clubs for pending signatures.

- **Social Media/Marketing Director – Andy Oberlin**

- Not Present. No report.

- **Equipment Director – Jonah Odum**

- We are welcoming Mike Morgan to the role.
- Jonah will do a hand-off of everything.
- Hope to have something done this wee and be able to move forward.

- **Mat Officials Developmental Director – Dalton Halbig**
  - Not Present. Report via email.
  - We should have all UWW Licenses renewed or in process for 2026.
  - Need to lock in a date and location for clinic in March. Talked about March 1<sup>st</sup> but need schedule so we can find a location for attendance.
  - Needs schedule for upcoming season so he can start working on getting events loaded into event link so we are ready when tournaments ask.
  - Working on plans for state tournament to adjust pay and hopefully get more officials from other states.
  
- **Folkstyle Referees Developmental Director – Jared Curcio**
  - Preseason Nationals was a couple of weeks ago. We sent 5 Indiana officials (one being newer with only a few years of experience) as Jim needed an additional official the week of the event.
  - Will reach out to get them travel reimbursement from Steve Mathis.
  - Working with the designated head officials for each event to secure officials.
  - For events (other than Folkstyle State) are almost set.
  - Jen Ratliff confirmed that we will be using 14 mats for Folkstyle State.
  
- **Logistics Director – Melissa Strayer**
  - Working with SiteSearch.
  - Elementary Duals and Folkstyle State – should have the link.
  
- **Section 1 – Mark Galka**
  - Not Present. Report via email.
  - Club Charter are continuing to come in and he is following up with those that are not yet sanctioned.
  - Will also be sending a list of clubs that are not renewing.
  
- **Section 2– Mary Friedt**
  - Everything seems to be moving at warp speed towards the beginning of the high school season and yes, our ISWA season.
  - More clubs are beginning to complete their paperwork for chartering the club and sanctioning their tournaments.
  - Will continue to remind them to do that and also to make sure that their board members, coaches and parents get their background checks, SAFE Sport certification and appropriate Wrestling Leader card. Clubs hosting a tourney, please make sure that you get an early start on organizing and staffing your event.
  - Right on the heels of those big holidays will be the IHSWCA Team State Finals which will be held January 10th at Brownsburg and Franklin.
  - The Next BIG event after that, will be the Kids Folkstyle Nationals that will once again be held at the Ft Wayne Memorial Coliseum from January 23rd-25th.
  
- **Section 3 – Vacant**
  - Nothing to report.
  
- **Section 4– Julie Pine**
  - Trying to get up to speed, checking coverage.
  - Reaching out to Athletic Director’s and clubs, getting up to speed on office workings.
  - Pat Culp stated she is also head pairer for this section and is working for coverage.

- **Section 5 –Payton Halbig**
- Not Present. Report via email.
- 4 clubs chartered since last meeting.
- 1 brand new club – North Wrestling Club.
- Working to set up a tournament for Princeton Elementary League.
  
- **Vice Chair – Jim Tonte – Programs**
  
- **State Coaches Director – Danny Struck**
  - Contacting people regarding coaching applications.
  
- **Regional Training Center – Josh Curry**
  - Not present.
  - Jimmy Tonte reported that the RTC application has been put together.
  
- **Cultural Exchange Director – Lou Silverman**
  - Has been able to confirm that we are good for South Africa, High School trip.
  - Waiting on dates but will be sometime in late June or early July.
  - Boys/girls combination trip.
  - Will be pushed out via social media.
  - Struggling to make contact with leadership in Puerto Rico.
  - Pat Culp state she will help.
  
- **Team Leader Director – Thomas Pompei**
  - Not Present. No Report.
  
- **Kid’s Director – Jason Miller**
  - Not Present. No Report.
  
- **Girls/Kid’s Director – Patrick Rowles**
  - Not Present. No Report.
  
- **16U/Junior Director –Dan Mikesell**
  - Not Present. No Report.
  
- **16U/Junior Women’s Director –Doug Strayer**
  - Nothing additional to report.
  
- **Olympic Styles Development Director – Nick Hull**
  - Things are going well.
  - No new official report.
  - Working on getting season squared away with new opportunities on Aether.
- **Folkstyle Developmental Director – Ryan Parrish**
  - Elementary Duals are full.
  - Will start working on Middle School Duals.

Mary Friedt motioned that we adjourn the meeting.

Roby Webster seconded the motion.

Motion Passed unanimously.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 1:28 pm.**

**The next meeting will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 12:00 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Fouts*  
ISWA Secretary