OWA Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, August 28, 2021

Start time: 10:04 am nomination brought to order to start

Steve Thorpe: It’s good to be together after not being here for 2 years! Schedule and information for getting back on the mats is what’s most important for today’s meeting.

Everyone needs to make sure that they are Safe Sport certified before season starts.

Neil asked if USA wrestling will require coaches to be vaccinated, Steve answered no.

Moving forward with Poster all divisions need to email Steve and or Jeff Koffman headshots of wrestlers from past podiums.

Cost increase: Steve Thorpe and Tony Jones explain the increase is now a $5 increase to traditional membership: $3 will go to USA wrestling and $2 goes back to Oregon to help restore wrestling. Coaches membership also has increased by $6

Charters and Sanctions have also increased $120/$130 which will go back to USA wrestling, no state fee increase.

High school membership has also increased by $100 which is now $500

Any 18-year-old or turning 18 before August 1ST will HAVE to complete their Safe Sport certification.

Steve encourages everyone to pay for High School memberships and be a chartered club, everyone must sanction their events.

The making a difference program is no longer in affect.

Paused for raffle

Kids Division

Lesa speaks

Schedule for this year is available out in the lobby to confirm dates

State is being looked to be moved to the first weekend in February. Will confirm next week.

Tournaments during Christmas will be asked to be moved to a different date.

Steve suggests for everyone with dates to be moved especially on Christmas to get creative, no tournaments on Christmas

Abide by the 50-mile rule.

Every entry to tournament must pay the $1.50 fee $0.50 goes back to restore wrestling college fund

If a school is requiring a mask where your tournament is being held Steve suggests following the mandates being followed and to be courteous and kind to those of you asking to follow.

Lesa suggests staggering start times when considering the amount of people in and out of tournaments

Looking to have all classic qualifiers on January 8th, girls will have to either qualify for co-ed or girls’ division. Cadets and Juniors do not need to qualify.

Next two years Classic will be held at the Redmond Expo center and then move back to Salem.

October 22nd and 23rd is the first preseason tournament in Utah, national pre season is October 29th

6 teams are outstanding for paying the $1.50 fee, Steve will give a deadline and if it goes unpaid then that club will not be able to host a tournament.

Pause for raffle and for everyone to check over schedule

November, you can go to themat.com to find sanctioned events

November 6th is available with typically a good numbers tournament

Best of the West is ran by Eagle Pointe but need confirmation on who is running it.

4J (Eugene, Springfield) school district may not be allowing tournaments.

Moved the End of the Oregon trail to November 20th

Bigfoot is November 20th

Rumble at the Rock is good

South Medford is unsure

Moving to December 4th

Dallas is good

Madras, Lesa will reach out

Tom Bay is still on for the 4th

Myrtle Point is unknown

Scappoose is unknown

Coquille is unknown for 11th

Crook County on for the 11th

Forest Grove is unknown

Oakridge would like to see a better turn out at their woman’s tournament

Hidden Valley would like to move to December 11th

5 minute break and raffle

December 18th

LaPine is good for the 18th

Battle for the Belts

Creswell move to November 20th

Grants pass is unknown

McNeary cannot do the 18th and district is unsure of tournaments

Steve said we may need to get creative when it comes to hosting a tournament

Central is unknown

January 1st

Cowboy challenge moved

Taft is unknown

Cottage grove would like to host

Banks is good but need to check

Dallas needs to work out facilities

Steve said everyone needs to check with their school districts for facility use and get back to him if the schedule doesn’t work out.

Classic Qualifier on for the 8th

January 22nd

Lincoln/Taft unknown

Tillamook tentatively hosting

28th and 29th is tentative and needs to get it set

Burns needs to get a new date and figured out since State has taken their weekend.

Pause for raffle

This year Oregon set a record in Fargo, but this year they will go back to 4 wrestlers per state. Top 6 from regionals are contenders. Some of the seeding has been changed. For kids all they have to do is wrestle in a Regional tournament and do not have to stay at the weight in which they wrestle, they are allowed to wrestle one weight class down.

Pause for raffle

Western Regionals May 13th-15th in Farmington Utah

Steve encourages for anyone to reach out to other members if they don’t have the knowledge but want to run a tournament

Restore college wrestling in Oregon: Because of the $0.50 fee donated they have been able to add programs to the state and purchase mats. Other states are starting to follow the lead for Restore college wrestling.

Women’s report: Natasha speaks

Very busy with the 16U and Juniors division, being able to travel out of state 11 times. Largest ranking this year with 18 national placers

Over a dozen female students received scholarships to be a student athlete

Largest women’s team to Fargo and placed 10th as a team.

Big push is to get 16u and Junior divisions on world teams and gain exposure, allow to travel over seas

Planning to run 3 clinics/camps this year to get exposure and getting the name out, getting more girls involved and to be able to travel.

Dave Kerr speaks about orange shirt program

Huge shortage in Refs

October 30th will be the first OWA tournament in LaPine where kids who want to be involved will need to pick up gear.

School Boy and up are allowed to join

Pause for raffle and lunch

Cadet Division: Rudy speaks

Not a whole lot to report.

Fargo numbers were down, typically had 60 this year was 40

One issue was transportation

Coaches were great

Not going to the national duals hurt the cadets

Cadet division has two committee members available

Junior Division

Art speaks

Junior division has two committee members available

Brought 45 wrestlers to Utah as a team in October, team Oregon had the most wrestlers

Brought 35 juniors to Fargo

5 All Americans 2 of which were Juniors

Following national schedule but wanting to focus on Pocatello, Western States and Fargo.

Planning on doing mini camps starting in April until Fargo, hoping to have 2 a month

Pause for raffle and bathroom break

Rollin Shimmel Award

**Elections**

**Beach director**

Tony Rollin

Beau Hampton

Austin from oakridge

Vote to happen

**Beau Hampton has been elected**

Parring officials Director

Heather Kerr would like to run again and has been seconded

No other nominations **Heather will retain position**

**Officials Director**

Roy Pittman up but would like to run again

Dave Kerr was nominated

Dave spoke about importance of becoming an official and how he would like to move forward with the ref program and have it grow

Roy spoke about how hes been here for a long time and that although Dave is a good man hes the better man but ultimately want the same outcome. He would like it one more term and then pass it on to Dave.

Vote to happen

**VOTE WAS A TIE**, Roy was voted in and both Roy and Dave will work together for these next two years for Roy to be able to pass the torch

**Coaches Division**

Les Combs is up and would like to retain position

No other nominations **Les will retain position**

**Council positions:**

**2 open positions for Cadet council**

Dan would like to run again

Tyler Winner from legacy elite has been nominated

Josh Reyes has been nominated

Vote to happen

**Josh Reyes and Dan Potts to take positions**

**2 open positions for Junior council**

Kevin Keeney

Luke Larwin

Rex Metcalf, Rex would like to decline the nominations

**Luke Larwin and Kevin Keeney will take positions**

**1 open position for Womens division**

Shelia’s position is up, no other nominations

**Shelia will retain position**

**3 positions up for Kids council**

Teresa Jackson would like to keep her position

John Marks- Declined vote

Eric Provo

Valerie Hampton

**Teresa, Eric and Valerie will take positions**

Any new business for the good of the order?

Roy Pittman spoke about how wrestling is a life skill for young people. Not always about winning…some clubs can’t find underground wrestling, so instead teach life skills.

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