

Minutes of the TEXAS USA WRESTLING Inc Annual Convention
Radisson – Dallas Love Field, Dallas, TX
September 19, 2009

1. Call to order and verification of quorum. The meeting was called to order by Jim Dorsey, State Chairman, at 1:00pm. The sign-in sheets for voters and proxies were verified and totaled 68 votes; 47 in person and 21 by proxies with all 5 regions represented.

2. Approval of minutes. The minutes from last year's Annual Convention held in El Paso, Texas, were not provided; therefore they were not able to be approved.

Jim Dorsey introduced Tony Black from USA Wrestling and thanked him for his participation. Tony Black spoke briefly thanking everyone in attendance for their volunteer service towards the sport.

3. Member ratification of bylaw changes. First order of business was the vote to ratify the proposed bylaws. Jim Dorsey discussed the history of reviewing and creating these bylaws originating from the Youth State Convention in 2008. The proposed bylaws were approved by the Executive Board on 9/3/09 and posted for review.

Jim Woolnough made a motion to ratify the proposed bylaws as approved by the Executive Board on 9/3/09. Seconded by Mike Eaton.

The floor was open for discussion of the bylaws:

John Perez of Uvalde voiced his concern for the small clubs of 9 or less not having a vote and requesting this be reviewed and addressed. Jim Dorsey stated the discussion did come up in the bylaw review committee, but it was agreed that the basic structure of the bylaws would remain from the old bylaws; however this could be considered for the future. Keep in mind that this would need to be reviewed carefully as large clubs could ask for more votes and potentially control the voting power.

Jake Hart asked about the membership being based on athletes and coaches but did not include parents and volunteers for membership totals. Jackie Martin stated per the affiliate agreement with USAW the membership was based on athlete and coaches cards. Tony Black mentioned the Wrestling Nation Membership option for fans/parents of wrestling; however, this could not be tied to any one club.

Robert Ballesteros asked about the rotation for the State Tournament not being in the bylaws. Jim Dorsey stated the purpose for the bylaws was for the structure of the organization and that those items could be placed in the policy and procedure manuals.

Elaine Obenshain asked if Jim Dorsey could discuss those policy and procedure manuals. Jim Dorsey requested to table that until the end of the meeting and stated they would recruit volunteers to sign up for these committees.

Justin Taylor reiterated that there was no votes allowed for 0-9 members and stated that was not fair for the small clubs such as Uvalde who everyone saw participate at the National Tournaments. Jim Dorsey said this could be discussed for the future, but the current proposed bylaws could not be changed at this meeting without starting the process over with approval by the Board. Debbie McLemore asked for clarification on how the change could be made to the bylaws, and Jim Dorsey stated that it would need to be proposed to the Executive Board, voted on and posted 14 days prior to being brought up at the next State Meeting for ratification by the membership.

Cliff Buerke Called the Question. Randall Balch Seconded. Motion Carried.

Jim Woolnough restated the motion and Jim Dorsey confirmed this would require 2/3rds of the quorum (= 46 votes) to pass. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Election of State positions to the Board of Directors. Next order of Business was to vote on the new board of directors with the exception of the Official's Director as that would be voted on at their meeting and the region directors would be voted on at their individual region meetings.

Jim Dorsey turned the chair over to Debbie McLemore for the election of the State Chairman position:

Cliff Buerke nominated Jim Dorsey and it was seconded by Eric Medlin. There were no other nominations. The motion to elect Jim Dorsey as the 2009-2010 State Chairman passed unanimously.

The meeting was turned back over to Jim Dorsey and next position was the Vice-Chairman. Randall Balch nominated Jose Delgado and Cliff Buerke seconded. With no other nominations Cliff Buerke made the motion to close and this was seconded. Jose Delgado was elected unanimously as Vice-Chairman.

Next for vote was the Secretary position. Cindy Buerke was nominated by Cliff Buerke and seconded ???. With no other nominations the motion was made to close and this was seconded. Cindy Buerke was elected unanimously.

Next for vote was the Treasurer position. John Clinton was nominated by Ty Wilcox and seconded by Cliff Buerke. With no other nominations the motion was made to close and this was seconded. John Clinton was elected unanimously.

Next for vote was Freestyle/Greco Director. Stuart Spears nominated Randall Balch and this was seconded by Cliff Buerke. Kirk Cobb was nominated by Jerry Best and seconded by John Goodpaster. Nominations were closed and Jim Dorsey requested that each one take a moment to introduce themselves and their goals. Kirk Cobb spoke first of his involvement in youth sports and with Allen Wrestling. He stated his position on encouraging youth to participate in multiple sports. His goal was to increase the communication and education of FS/GR and to unite the youth and high school wrestling community to increase the numbers. This could be done by budgeting and planning and scholarships could be given for hardships but those individuals would be required to give back to the sport/community. Justin Taylor asked how he would reach far away regions, and Kirk said that would require planning and communication in advance.

Randall Balch spoke of his history in Georgia and South Carolina with Freestyle/Greco and being on the board and coaching for the past 22 years. His goal was to create a syllabus for coaching to reach all regions for better unity and participation in 8 events by Team Texas. He had wrestled in high school and college and his preferred style was Greco.

Jim Dorsey requested they both leave the room to open the floor to positive discussion on behalf of each candidate. He also said this is the model of voting for the future of Texas USA Wrestling and the board positions.

Cliff Buerke asked to clarify the length of terms and Jim Dorsey confirmed each was for 2 years, alternating odd and even for the various positions.

The vote was presented for each and Kirk Cobb was elected by majority vote.

The floor was opened for nominations for Youth Folkstyle Director, Kim Dermody was nominated. Motion to close nominations, seconded. Kim Dermody was elected unanimously as Youth Folkstyle Director.

The floor was opened for nominations for Women's Director. Jackie Martin was nominated. Motion to close nominations, seconded. Jackie Martin was elected unanimously as Women's Director.

Jim Dorsey stated that adding the Women's Director position to the board would help grow women's wrestling in the state of Texas.

This completed the election of the Executive Board for 2009-2010. State Chairman, Secretary and Youth Director will be up for vote again next year, theirs will be one year terms. The rest of the positions will be two year terms.

5. Officer Reports. There were no officer reports from last year.

Jim Dorsey presented the financial reports available:

State Financial Summary – We do not have any information from the previous Treasurer; 501c3 is in good standing; 2008 and 2007 taxes have not been filed.

South Financial Summary – they had a \$900 loss for the year (complete financial summary attached).

Central Financial Summary - current balance is \$6518 which is down due to purchase of a new mat and money spent on development; 673 members this year (complete financial attached).

North Financial Summary – balance in account \$9300. Bought 11 new clocks this last year and paid off the mats. (Complete financial attached).

West Financial Summary - \$1431 loss for the year (complete financial attached).

There were no Far West financials submitted.

It was reported that we had 4100 cards this last year and our goal is to double that amount in the coming years. The new board is going to try to recreate the financials for the last two years. It will be a long procedure and will not be a quick turn.

The preliminary budget for the State for 2009-2010 will have around 4000 wrestlers, and with that number the state would have \$35,000 beginning income. We now believe over \$27,000 of outstanding debt exists and we have to figure a way to pay this debt.

We will attempt to find any assets that belong to TX USA Wrestling and acquire them. We will do an investigation on where all of our assets are in every region as this is required for tax returns.

The new board is going to have to go through the court system to gain control of all bank accounts. The national office of USA Wrestling will agree to hold the money for the cards or clubs until October 1, and then turn it over to the new board.

Discussion was had about having a forensic audit done, and if we find that wrong-doing has been done we will have to decide whether to prosecute. Jim Dorsey stated the Board's priority would be on creating the necessary financial reports to be in compliance with tax laws and to provide the reporting required to receive grants and private donations. The only evidence we have is the finances were mismanaged. The majority who spoke want to make sure that any wrongs found are prosecuted.

Question from the members about the \$15,000 that was taken last year as a "salary" by the former State Chairman, if Jim Dorsey will take the same this year. Jim Dorsey stated that he will not take any money from the organization, and reiterated that there is not a single board member that will be paid.

Discussion was had about the TX USA website and the budget to get this functioning. If we cannot come to terms and take this site over we will create a new one.

Discussion about travel expenses in the budget. Tony Black stated that when there are national meetings the national organization will pay \$200 towards travel and give free room and board during the meetings.

6. Appointment of Committees. Jim Dorsey said that we would like to develop committees as follows:

- Youth Rules and Regulations
- FS/G rules and regulations
- Financial policy and procedures
- Organization policy and procedures
- Website – Publicity – Membership
- Fundraising and Sponsorship

The committees are where much of the real work is needed to create a business-like structure and operation in the organization. Jim asked for volunteers to sign up for these committees.

7. New Business. Discussion was resumed about club voting structure. Glen Domnick asked the Board to consider the proposal for smaller clubs that have from 1-9 members should get one vote and that it was important to take care of the smaller clubs.

Region meetings - Regions were told they need to immediately schedule a region meeting and elect new Region Boards as required in the new bylaws – Region Director, Treasurer, Secretary, and At-large position.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm, seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Buerke
Secretary

ACCEPTED - *James M. Dorsey*