

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting of TX-USA Wrestling, Inc.  
August 19, 2017  
Courtyard Austin Airport  
Austin, TX

Call to order: 12:05 pm

- Roll Call, designation of club representatives
  - Central
    - ATX - 2
    - Corespeed - 2
    - Four Points -1
    - NB Elite - 3
    - 3F - 1
    - Ohana - 2
    - Cedar Park - 1
    - LCP - 1
  - Far West
    - Wildcats - 3
    - Eastwood HS - 1
  - North
    - Punisher - 2
    - Keller - 1
    - Spartan - 1
    - Wolverine - 1
    - Storm - 1
    - Mighty Eagles - 1
    - Warriors - 1
    - Rockwall - 1
    - Texans - 1
    - Trinity - 1
  - South -
    - S/K - 2
    - Clear Creek HS - 1
    - KAWC - 3
    - KT Style - 1
  - West
    - Mav Elite - 2
    - Randall - 3
    - Wesley - 3
    - West Amarillo - 3
    - Little Rebels - 1
    - Dumas - 3
    - WT Grapplers - 1
  - TWA - 1
  - Quorum established
- 2. Notice of Meeting
- 3. Approval of Minutes
  - [http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0130/4336/2017SpringMeetingMinutes\\_Mar11.pdf](http://assets.ngin.com/attachments/document/0130/4336/2017SpringMeetingMinutes_Mar11.pdf)

- **Motion to approve minutes as posted. Second. Passed by acclimation.**
4. State Chairman Report (see slides)
- Mission statement and focus - all styles of wrestling
  - Women's Nationals and FS/GR State
    - Exceeded capacity of Irving CC!!
    - Will split these starting in 2018
  - Under-23 Nationals
  - Fargo - waiting to hear from USAW if they are seriously going to consider moving
  - Southern Plains - placed a bid for 2019
  - Follow-up on last year - Grow numbers and improve quality
    - Mixed on numbers
      - Decline in numbers across country including HS
        - Burnout?
        - Too many tournaments
        - Specialization
        - Rewards (awards) in HS are not on same level as youth
    - Quite successful on National/World
      - 7 with World/Pan-Am teams
      - Team TX accomplishments
    - Improving Coaches
      - Education
      - Appearances
    - Branding/Marketing
      - State gear proposal - APS (part of Blue Chip)
      - Social media
    - Fundraising
      - Donations must go through State account for tax deduction
      - The donations can then be directed to specific functions
      - Other local opportunities (usually product)
        - HEB
        - Walmart
        - Subway
    - New college team! Schreiner University in Kerrville will have men's and women's teams
  - New USAW membership system
    - Create login and claim your current profile
    - Everyone 18 and over must go through SafeSport (includes athletes)
  - Safe Sport
    - Reporting process and what actions are taken
    - Website
5. Region Reports
- Central - Dan Cowan
    - Coach involvement and training
    - Bronze Clinic led by Steve Horton
    - Brent Metcalf clinic over winter break
  - North - Jeff Frank
    - Lonestar Nationals report
    - 2018 State will be at UT-Arlington
      - Open on Sat
      - Rookie on Sun
  - South - Ryan Sheeren
    - Participation seems to be up

- Financial in good shape
    - Novice State will be part of Houston Nationals – Jan 12&13
  - West – Ryan Diaz
    - Currently in hole due to issue with Tiffin Mats
      - Never received mats and have cancelled order
    - Panhandle Nationals
      - Will include girls division of all ages (possibly Fri)
  - Far West - Raul Solis (new director)
    - Numbers decreased particularly at Edge of TX
    - Trying some new ideas to improve numbers
6. Treasurer's Report
- John Clinton unable to attend
  - Brief summary report
7. Youth Folkstyle
- Rules
    - NFHS Rule Changes
      - Alternate 2-piece uniform - folkstyle only
      - Near-fall/Fall "out-of-bounds"
        - Points will be earned and falls can be scored with 1 or both "shoulders" out-of-bounds
        - No special rule at boundary anymore; if whistle hasn't stopped for out-of-bounds then scoring/falls can occur
    - Coach ID registration
      - Mandatory for 2017-18
      - Existing ID's can be updated with validation stickers
      - \$5 replacement cost
      - Look at getting additional equipment so we can have a 2nd person producing badges
      - To reduce workload and get these done quickly, could outsource this to companies that do this
  - **2017-18 Youth Schedule - Ironman Series and State Tournament**
    - 11/25/17 – Panhandle Nationals - Amarillo Convention Center
    - 12/09/17 – Edge of Texas, UT-El Paso
    - 1/12-13/17 – Houston Nationals / Novice State - The Legends Sports Complex (The Woodlands)
    - 1/27/17 – Heart of Texas – Round Rock Sports Center
    - 2/3-4/17 – Lonestar Natls - Ft Worth Convention Center
    - 3/3/18 – Open State - UT-Arlington
    - 3/4/18 – Rookie State - UT-Arlington
8. FS/GR Season and Team TX (Men and Women)
- Mens – Doug Koger
    - No Dual Qualifier next year; State will be the qualifier for Duals and Fargo
    - Dual teams
      - Starts with SBD
      - Kids LOVE these events; best experience there is
      - To date, we have not had to turn away kids from trips
    - Fargo AAs
  - Women's – Karra Startton

- Separate girls division at State this past year
- Folkstyle Nationals in March (Oklahoma)
  - 2 champs last year
  - Will recruit UIL state champs next year
- 48 girls to Fargo
  - New coaches with team
  - Training camp at OKC
  - Cadets
    - 2nd in team points
    - 1 Natl Champ (Miranda) and 10 AA
  - JRs
    - 6th as team
    - 1 Natl Champ (Liles) and 6 AA
  - Duals - 4th as team
    - Will be separated from Fargo next year (w/ JR Duals)

#### 9. Elections

- **Vice-Chairman - Jose Delgado - elected by acclimation**
- **Treasurer - John Clinton - elected by acclimation**
- **FS/GR - Steve Horton - elected by acclimation**

#### 10. Old Business

- Proposal to move Youth State to a fixed "central" location
  - Starting in 2019
  - Proposal is to lock in first weekend of March for next 5 yrs
  - Many of our kids in West and Far West will never get the chance to wrestle at state or in front of family
  - Long discussion of tradeoffs on travel, revenue options,
  - Separate out decision on central location first, then can address revenue splits
  - **Motion to approve moving Youth State to Round Rock for 5-yrs starting in 2019. Seconded. Failed by roll call vote 25 for, 27 against.**
- Proposal to add Girl's Middle School division to Youth State and as optional during the season
  - Discussion on age definition and weights
  - Ages 11-14; similar to youth spread when a wrestler "wrestles-up"
  - Absolutely no HS girls
  - USAW weights? Look at D3 and D4 weights to make double entry in Open easier
  - **Motion to add Girl's Middle School Division for ages 11-14 and cannot be in 9<sup>th</sup> grade; weights to be determined. Seconded. Passed by unanimous vote.**

#### 11. New Business Items for Discussion

- Proposal for holding Ironman Series Tournaments on Sunday
  - Avoid conflicts with HS events
    - Officials
    - HS wrestlers can volunteer
    - HS coaches can attend with youth clubs
  - Wrestlers/families that have to travel long distance would miss school/work Monday
- Novice wrestler classification
  - Retention is terrible
    - Common across country; not a novice issue

- Oklahoma point system
  - Many kids can't compete in Open
    - But then Rookies would suffer
  - Proposed Points
    - 1 for winning local (Novice or Open)
    - Placing in any statewide tournament
    - Novice until accumulate 8 lifetime parts
  - How to track points
12. Adjourn

Submitted by Jim Dorsey, TX-USAW Secretary