

Minutes of the 2018 Spring Meeting of TX-USA Wrestling, Inc. March 4, 2018

Agenda:

- Call to Order: 2:00
- Roll Call, designation of club representatives
 - South - 9
 - SKWC - 3
 - Paradigm - 1
 - Vici - 2
 - Gorilla -
 - Boneyard - 1
 - Legacy - 2
 - Cypress - 1
 - Central - 3
 - ATX - 1
 - Four Points - 1
 - NB Elite - 1
 - North - 19
 - Arlington Storm - 3
 - Azle - 3
 - Charger - 1
 - Best Trained - 1
 - Might Eagles - 2
 - Spartan - 1
 - Texans - 1
 - Longview - 1
 - Team Punisher - 2
 - Wakeland - 1
 - Stephenville - 1
 - Dragon Youth
 - Mansfield - 1
 - West - 5
 - West Amarillo -1
 - West Texas Grapplers - 1
 - Dumas - 2
 - Young Guns - 1
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 - Far West
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 - Officials - 2
 - Quorum established
- Notice of Meeting
- Approval of Minutes
 - https://cdn2.sportngin.com/attachments/document/0147/2163/2017AnnualMeetingMinutes_Aug19.pdf
 - **Motion to accept minutes as posted. Second. Passed by acclimation.**
- State Chairman Report - Randall
 - Participation numbers
 - FS/GR state plan

- Long discussion on venue
- Region Reports
 - South - Ryan
 - Roughly doubled bank account
 - Looking at expenses improvements at S-K facility and mats
 - Charter bus to Edge of Texas filled very quickly
 - Would like state to help fund buses again for Edge of Texas and State
 - Houston Nationals
 - Had to move the location late when The Legends didn't re-open after hurricane
 - Entries were highest ever
 - Interested in feedback on the tournament, facility, etc.
 - Didn't like facility
 - West - Ryan
 - Also grew bank account
 - Plan to buy more clocks
 - Trying to get money back from Tiffin and will then buy more mats from Dollamur
 - Panhandle
 - Numbers up
 - Plan to run more mats for Panhandle next year
 - Considering running Tots and Girls Friday night
 - Thoughts? Yes, do it.
 - North - Jeff
 - Finances really good - \$63k before State tournament
 - State tournament report
 - Central
 - Finances up just slightly
 - Heart of Texas numbers up slightly
 - Ran quickly/smoothly with 15 mats
 - Thanks to Jeff Frank for help!
 - Far West – Jim based on conversations with region
 - Finances - ~\$10k
 - Edge of TX numbers up largely due to out of state
 - 2019 Youth State venue and date?
 - Given UIL tournament dates, what is preferred date for Youth
 - Discussion on length of season vs conflicting with UIL District/Region/State; no good option
 - Region needs to determine date facilities are available
 - HS Team Membership
 - USAW now closes in December; need to get message out
 - Insurance coverage benefit
- Treasurer's Report
 - Jim helping John due to his losses and health issues
 - \$91k in state account as of 3/1
 - Projected income/expenses; end of year projected at ~\$50k
- Youth Folkstyle
 - Season Re-cap
 - ESD/MSD Team TX update
 - Includes Girls division this year
 - We will be taking a full Girls team; need chaperones
- FS/GR Season Plans and Team TX (Men and Women)

- State Tournament May 5&6
- No separate Dual Team Qualifier
- Region Schedules
 - Central, North posted
- Remember the 2-piece is not legal for FS/GR yet
- Team TX Women - Karra
 - Excited about interest
 - Having to turn down some interested coaches in DFW area
 - Camp likely in DFW area
 - Girls duals will be in Tulsa in June (NOT Fargo)
 - Girls Folkstyle Nationals in March
- Derrick Waldrop taking wrestlers to Russia and Estonia at end of March, early April
- UWW tournament in Mexico City in Sept
 - Steve/Randall looking at taking a TX team
- Duals teams and state of FS/GR
 - We have same issues we have had for many, many years
 - We need to get our best team to JR Duals and focus on that
 - That is where college teams look for scholarships
 - Steve: think we need to focus on building base from younger kids so we have numbers and skills when they get to JR Duals
 - Need region training centers so kids get training opportunities and common skills
 - Discussion on cost of dual team and potential ideas
 - Cost is a huge barrier
 - Wrestler only pays for equipment?
 - Common gear package that gets returned and reused?
 - Region requested to help pay for "their" wrestlers that qualify
 - Easier to get regions to help locally
- New Business Items for Discussion Only
 - Youth Rule change proposals
 - Novice definition
 - Jeff: get rid of rookie and expand Novice to 3 yrs
 - Need Trackwrestling to help build system to automatically classify
 - Another discussion on using OK system
 - Jim: the real issue is recreational vs select wrestlers
 - Coach in circle during a match
 - Coaches on or slightly across the wrestling circle is way too common
 - Many don't even budge when wrestlers are right at their feet
 - Propose rule to make it a MACTH point for the opposing wrestler if they are on or over the line during the match
 - Girls divisions
 - Very confusing this year
 - Go to USA Girls age/weights?
 - Weight changes at weigh-in (bump up and/or down)
 - Why even enter in weight classes? Just register and then allocate to weight classes automatically
 - Proposal to register without weight class; do onsite weigh-ins and track automatically
 - Previously most regions did not allow moving up/down
 - Intended to keep parents/coaches from having kids cut weight since they were scratched if they didn't make weight

- Open State doesn't allow move-ups
 - Proposal to change this for fee
 - Qualifier requirements
 - Annual discussion on open state qualifier requirements
 - Send suggestions in
 - Growth allowance
 - Proposal to have to make scratch weight once to get growth allowance
 - That was our old rule changed many years ago; difficult to track
 - Max cost for local tournaments
- Website/Social Media
 - Needs serious update
 - Need to have all the forms/data/etc online
 - No more paper forms
- Adjourn

Submitted by Jim Dorsey, TX-USAW Secretary