

Minutes of the 2019 Spring Meeting of TX-USA Wrestling, Inc. March 16, 2019

DoubleTree Hotel Love Field, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75235

Call to order: 12:15pm

Agenda:

- Roll Call, designation of club representatives
 - North - 10
 - Spartan - 1
 - Punisher - 1
 - Dragon Youth - 1
 - All-American - 1
 - Star - 1
 - Lebanon Tr HS - 1
 - Texan - 1
 - Coppell Stars - 1
 - Texas Takedown - 1
 - Power - 1
 - South - 7
 - Gracie Barra - 2
 - KAWC - 1
 - Guerilla - 1
 - Vici - 2
 - Cypress WC - 1
 - Central - 3
 - NB Elite - 1
 - ATX - 1
 - Waco - 1
 - West - 1
 - West Amarillo - 1
 - Far West - 0
 - Officials - 1
 - Quorum declared
 - Board members present - Charlie, Jose, Roy, Jim, Steve, Todd, Jeff, RyanD, Shawn, Travis
- Notice of Meeting
 - 2/26/19 - Email sent to all registered Wrestling Leaders in USAW membership database
 - 2/28/19 - Email re-sent
 - ~3/1/19 - Info posted on www.txusaw.com
 - No objections to meeting notice requirements.
- Approval of Minutes
 - 2018 Annual Meeting minutes were posted on website in August 2018 - <https://www.txusaw.com/state-meeting-2018-annual-minutes/>
 - **Motion to approve minutes as posted on website. Second. Approved by acclamation.**
- State Chairman Report - Charlie
 - Safe Sport
 - 1 athlete suspension in effect
 - 1 coach suspended during Folkstyle season
 - Membership up 4% per USAW
 - Taxes - Roy fixed the problems and caught up the 2 yrs that were missing

- Youth Duals Fund -
 - State is covering all expenses except wrestler equipment
 - Proposing leftover funds go to offset Schoolboy Duals
- Coach etiquette during matches
 - Need to behave in corners or will be suspended
 - Several cases were observed or reported during the season; we will be more active in suspending coaches for inappropriate behavior
 - Long discussion on coaching behavior (and wrestler) and enforcement
 - Consider yellow/red card system?
 - Publishing list of disciplined/warned coaches?
- Officials training
 - Several regions did this well
 - Really need to push on this to improve
- FS/GR
 - All Team TX coaches need to have picture taken at state for IDs
- Region Reports
 - North - Jeff
 - Lonestar - 1/31-2/1
 - Tournament in Wichita Falls this year; nice facility and good tournament
 - Bought new semi-trailer to fit all our mats
 - Sent 2 teams to WOW Youth Duals
 - ~\$62k in bank
 - Constant Contact use is very effective for us; we can use our account and help other regions setup similar newsletter
 - Central
 - ~\$29k in bank
 - Only 4 locals this year
 - Heart of TX/Novice State
 - 2020 date is Jan 24 at RRSC
 - 2020 Youth State in Central planned for RRSC
 - South
 - Houston Nationals
 - Expanded area worked better and received good feedback
 - Will likely stay in Bryan for several years
 - ~\$51k in bank
 - West
 - ~\$21k in region account
 - Panhandle
 - \$19k in Panhandle account
 - Got some complaints about starting Friday, but plan to do again in order to get finished
 - 2019 dates are Nov29-30
 - Many officials come in from other states so we don't use as many from other TX regions
- Treasurer's Report
 - State accounts currently total \$136k
 - Region distributions will total ~\$40k
 - Official's account now under State umbrella
 - Region's in good shape as noted in reports
 - Youth Duals account
 - Additional entry fees brought in ~\$32k
 - Tax filings
 - Have all back years submitted now

- Expect penalties, but don't really know exactly what those will be
 - Transparency in data and filings
 - Youth Folkstyle
 - Officials
 - Need to put training in place across all regions
 - Continue to have issues/concerns with poor coach/dad behavior driving officials away
 - State/regions need to get strict with coaches and kick them out
 - Will be a hassle at first; but eventually will take care of the issue
 - Season Re-cap
 - ESD/MSD Team TX update
 - Calling the state champs
 - Trying to fill weights that don't match by going to lower weight (allows kids to grow)
 - Rule change proposals
 - Review Novice definition rule
 - Clarify the wording so that Open/Novice State placement restrictions only applies to those using the "3-yr Novice"
 - Review Girls age divisions
 - Extending Schoolgirl age division to cover full TX-USAW Div4 DOB
 - **Motion to extend Schoolgirl Div age to Sept 1 of previous year. Second. Approved.**
 - Need to look into reducing
 - Rename to G1/G2/G3??
 - Preference from coaches/parents with girls competing is to stay with 3-yr age groups at the elementary level
 - Additional discussion needed on Girls' divisions over the summer and at the Annual meeting to continue to improve
 - Proposal that was tabled from 2018 to change D4 and D5 weight class to align with UIL middle school.
 Why: To more closely align the D4 and D5 weights to those commonly used for UIL Middle School events. As UIL wrestling expands to more middle schools, it will be easier for parents and wrestlers to participate in both UIL and TX USA events.

 D4: 75, 80, 89, 98, 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 140, 150, 162, 175, 200, 285
 D5: 89, 98, 106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 140, 150, 162, 175, 200, 285
 - Net add of 1 weight class – 2 added in upper weights (>120), 1 removed below 120
 - Based on limited data from the past couple youth state tournaments we have more wrestlers in the lower weights
 - Don't see the advantage in aligning to UIL
 - We should get more exhaustive data from past several years before deciding
- Review Board
 - 7 member (Steering) committee to review proposals and formulate input to members
 - Each region must have at least 1 member on the committee
 - **Motion to appoint Steering Committee to review proposals. Second. Approved by acclamation.**

- Centralize Youth State location
 - Strong support for holding Youth State in Round Rock every year
 - Simplifies planning and travel
 - Appoint a knowledgeable and experienced committee to run the tournament – make improvements every year
 - Proposal from Xavier Hernandez (Central)
 - Proceeds split evenly among regions every year – tournament will likely be more profitable and regions would have money come in every year
 - Each region will run 3 tables and have a fixed area they must run – setup, hospitality, awards, admissions, etc
 - State tournament dates
 - Season is just TOO long
 - Weekend of UIL Districts - No way; will lose wrestlers, coaches, officials
 - Weekend of UIL Regions - Better than Districts weekend but still bad
 - Weekend of UIL State - No way
 - First weekend in March - Sucks, but better than bumping against UIL
 - **2020 Youth State in Austin will be Feb 29 & March 1**
- FS/GR Season Plans and Team TX (Men and Women)
 - State Tournament May 18&19
 - New location: **Burleson Centennial HS**
 - Will have Greco Girls
 - All Team TX coaches need to have picture taken at state for IDs
 - Clinic week of 5/11 in North Region
 - Southern Plains Jun 7-8
 - Moved to Wichita suburb
 - Team TX Gear
 - Going to 2-yr pkg (Men)
 - Those that already have from 2018 don't have to buy again
 - Register online at state tournament
 - Top 3 at State tournament qualify for Fargo
 - Wrestlers will be able to get their gear at state tournament (when they pay)
 - Dual team
 - Only state champion guaranteed spot
 - Trying to find a way to make duals free, but not there yet
 - Fargo
 - Cost going up; hasn't gone up in years
 - Also, better trip now
 - Fly instead of overnight bus trip
 - Catered food instead of per diem and poor nutrition meals
- New Business
- Website/Social Media
 - New website update
 - Get info to Ray Shoaf to post on www.wrestlingtexas.com
 - Anything you want out to get to state
 - Region directors get info to Tom Hines for website

- Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by Jim Dorsey, TX-USAW Secretary