

N.E.M.W.A. Annual Board Meeting Minutes

01 MAY 2021 / 1:00 PM / 430 W 5TH STREET, GLADWIN, MI 48612

Attendees

President, Mario Flores

Vice President, Otis Caldwell

Pairer, Beth Bailey

Pairer, Patricia Hebert

Treasurer, Berard Priante

Petoskey

Trojan WC

Cadillac

SSC

Freeland

Kingsley

MUSAW

Mat Cats

Coleman

Meridian

Bay County

Beaverton

Cass City

Pack Elite

Farwell Elite

Gladwin

Agenda

I. Call the meeting to order

- a. Called to order at 1:24PM

II. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion to Approve by Bay County
- b. Motion to Approve Seconded by NEMWA Pairer, Beth Bailey

III. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes

- a. No prior minutes to approve
- b. Future minutes to be shared on NEMWA website, USA Wrestling website, social media
- c. Board member duties to be redefined

IV. Treasurer Report

- a. YTD annual expense report
- b. Revenue
 - i. Club fees- \$4,400
 - ii. Tournament fees- \$10,743.25
 - iii. Total revenue- \$15,143.25
- c. Expense
 - i. Zoom \$111.23
 - ii. Verizon \$1,450.82
 - iii. Computer Supplies \$869.20
 - iv. Secretary's Wage \$1450.82
 - v. Track Wrestling \$1,355.25
 - vi. Computers \$1,956.75 (4 new computers)
 - vii. State Hotels \$686.90
 - viii. State Scoreboards \$560.00
 - ix. State Awards \$3,392.58
 - x. Total Expense \$11,882.73

Overage \$3,260.52

Total Checking amount \$27,991.25

- d. Payment via VENMO @NEMWAwrestling
- e. Motion to Approve by Otis Caldwell, NEMWA Vice President
- f. Motion to Approve Seconded by Josh Swiss of Petoskey

V. Agenda Items

- a. Ike Clelland Memorial Scholarship (2 \$500-scholarships)
 - i. Awarded to Dakota Forgash (BC John Glen) & Gerrit Barth (Bullock Creek)
- b. Digital Pairing (running computers at tournaments)
 - i. Tournaments will run more smooth
 - ii. Fall time and scoring errors will decrease
 - iii. Nick Tucker of Meridian willing to help with I.T.
 - iv. Needs include: Chromebooks, monitors, cords, wiring, access/training

- v. Determine what would be supplied by NEMWA or Tournament Host
 - vi. Digital Pairing Committee Formed: Nick Tucker of Meridian, Troy Sherman of Kingsley, Patricia Hebert and Beth Bailey, Pairers, Mario Flores, NEMWA President
- c. Officials
 - i. There was a shortage this past season
 - ii. Clubs did provide Officials/NEMWA's current crew approx. 20 Officials
 - iii. Discussion regarding barriers to gaining officials: inexperience, cost and distance of travel
 - iv. Discussion regarding incentives for Officials: mileage compensation for tournaments and trainings
 - v. Discussion regarding gaining more Officials: Recruit at local colleges/universities, collaborate with USAW, multiple training dates and locations
 - vi. Officials and Training Committee Formed: Mario Flores, NEMWA President, Jeremy Bewley, NEMWA Head Official, Josh Swiss of Petoskey
- d. Region Distribution (A, B, C, D)
 - i. Regions were uneven and need to be redistributed by pairers based on attendance numbers
 - ii. Discussion regarding the importance of deadlines for rosters and club dues
 - iii. Region Distribution Committee Formed: Beth Bailey, NEMWA Pairer, Patricia Hebert, NEMWA Pairer
- e. State Tournament Evaluation
 - i. Overall-Very good, minimal complaints
 - ii. Complaints included, lack of restrooms and parking
 - 1. Josh Swiss suggested putting signs to direct individuals to restrooms in the locker rooms as they were opened but not used as frequently
 - iii. Shirts and rings went over well
 - 1. There was discussion regarding whether to do singlets or stick with shirts
- f. Board Elections
 - i. Vice President-Otis Caldwell, ran unopposed
 - 1. Nominated by Josh Swiss of Petoskey
 - 2. Nomination seconded by Steve Richardson of USA Wrestling
 - ii. Pairer-Beth Bailey, ran unopposed
 - 1. Nominated by Jacie Lucas of Ogemaw
 - 2. Nominated seconded by Otis Caldwell of Midland Havoc
 - iii. Secretary-Vacant
 - 1. Candidates: Jacie Lucas of Ogemaw, Brooke Werth of Beaverton
 - 2. Brooke Werth was voted in to the position
- g. Miscellaneous
 - i. Josh Swiss of Petoskey will communicate with Dottie to collect NEWMA property
 - ii. Verizon account was discussed
 - iii. New email address: nemwa.wrestling@gmail.com
 - iv. Trojan Wrestling Club of Traverse City requested to join NEMWA

- v. Bylaws at meeting were not up to date, current bylaws will be reviewed to see if Trojan WC is able to join NEMWA and whether a vote will be necessary to allow them to join
- vi. Discussion followed that bylaws needed to be reviewed and updated
- vii. Bylaw Committee Formed: NEMWA President, Mario Flores, NEMWA Pairers, Patricia Hebert and Beth Bailey, Jacie Lucas of Ogemaw, and NEMWA Secretary, Brooke Werth

VI. Close Meeting

- a. Motion to Adjourn by NEMWA President, Mario Flores
- b. Motion to Adjourn Seconded by NEMWA Vice President, Otis Caldwell
- c. Meeting Adjourned at 3:54pm

Next Meeting Date

TBD