

# NEMWA Board Meeting Minutes

23 OCTOBER 2022 / 2:00 PM / 2357 M-76, WEST BRANCH, MI 48661

## **Present:**

Bay Co  
Clare  
Fenton  
Freeland  
Gladwin  
Grayling  
Meridian  
New Boston  
Pinconning  
Reed City  
Roscommon  
Shepherd  
SSC  
SS Marie

President: Mario Flores  
Secretary: Brooke Werth  
Treasurer: Berard Priante  
Head Pairer: Beth Bailey  
Head Pairer: Patricia Hebert

## **Call Meeting to Order:**

Called to Order at 2:08pm

## **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to Approve: Beth Bailey-Pairer  
Motion to Approve Seconded: Berard Priante-Treasurer

## **Remarks by the Vice President:**

Not Present

## **Public Comment:**

Roscommon spoke on wrestlers being required to wrestle half the season instead of 2 tournaments. Roscommon believes this would increase participation numbers and create more consistent numbers of wrestlers at tournaments. Roscommon suggested addressing this before next season begins. Berard explained that an increase in required tournaments would be a barrier in participation for middle school wrestlers due to the middle school wrestling season. Clare suggested making an exception for middle school wrestlers and Bay County expressed concerns that increasing the tournament requirement would interfere with wrestlers who do national tournaments. SSC suggested allowing the preseason tournament to count towards the requirement.

Reed City requested the league agenda and minutes be released sooner. Meridian requested that meetings stay posted up to date on the league website.

Meridian must open their tournament date (February 11).

SSC is looking into hosting an all girls tournament over Christmas Break.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Motion to Approve: Roscommon

Motion to Approve Seconded by: Gladwin

Ayes carried

### **Committee Reports:**

Treasurer:

There is currently \$31,400 in account, all clubs are paid with the exception of new clubs. New Verizon league account was opened.

Motion to Approve: Beth Bailey, Pairer

Motion to Approve Seconded by: Patricia Hebert, Pairer

Ayes carried

Digital Pairing Committee:

It will be determined by each hosting club if they will go paperless. Clubs will need to provide their own tech.

Officials and Training Committee:

Jeremy is taking a step back and would like to see Matt Pastoric voted in as Head Ref. Vote will take place at the next meeting. We are still in need of officials.

Region Distribution Committee:

Divisions were redefined, geography was considered but some clubs had to be moved to separate divisions due to numbers. Beth still needs estimated participation numbers from

each club, 18/53 have reached out to her with numbers. Divisions will be finalized in November.

By-Law Committee:

Nothing to report.

### **Tabled Agenda Items:**

Discussion of limiting hosting tournaments to Northern Region:  
To be discussed in the Spring

### **Agenda Items:**

- A. Review Divisions
- B. Vote to Admit New Clubs
  - a. Grayling, Motion to Approve: Roscommon Motion to Approve Seconded by: Beth Bailey, Pairer
- C. Board Needs
  - a. Beth-each club needs to provide statistician information
    - i. Tournament flyers need to be emailed to [nemwa.info@gmail.com](mailto:nemwa.info@gmail.com) to be added to website, USA Charter documents also need to be submitted
    - ii. Scales need to be re-certified
  - b. Brooke-each club needs to provide NEMWA Charter document
  - c. Any additional committees
- D. Discussion of Regionals
  - a. Vote on Venues: Bay Co., SSC, Traverse City, Freeland
  - b. Regionals to be hosted at Bay Co., and Traverse City
  - c. Motion to Destroy Ballots: Motion to Approve: Beth Bailey, Pairer, Motion to Approve Seconded: Gladwin, Ayes carried
- E. Discussion of 2023 State Tournament
  - a. Awards
    - i. Much discussion regarding different options for awards and beginning a rotation each year of what awards would consist of, trophies, singlets, t-shirts, rings, bags, head gear, etc.
    - ii. Mario will look into cost and availability of the different options
    - iii. Using bigger charts was also discussed, Brooke and Mario will reach out to USA to see if NEMWA can get on their calendar.
  - b. Venue
    - i. Admissions at Petoskey was discussed, more efficient way to control family purchases
    - ii. Exploring Venue options for next season: Alma, SVSU, Davenport, CMU, Auburn Sports Center
    - iii. Exploring things NEMWA can do better or offer: Novice State Finals, Girl's Division

c. Weigh-In

- i. Motion to change Weigh Ins for State Finals time to 5-8pm and add satellite weigh in site at HS Team State Finals location if the same weekend as NEMWA State Finals: Motion to Approve: Patricia Hebert, Pairer Motion to Approve Seconded by: Bay Co, Ayes carried

**Close Meeting:**

**Next Meeting:**

8pm on November 21, 2022, ZOOM