



KENTUCKY STATE WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

Spring Statewide Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2011 @ North Hardin High School @ 2:00 pm
May 22, 2011 @ Madison Central High School @ 2:00 pm

Present:

Board members: President, Jason Moore (Campbell County)

Treasurer, Adam Lantman (Summit View)

Secretary, Barry Zumwalt (Harrison County)

General members: Bate Middle (Joe Sallee, David Lannum, Jeff Selby)

Bluegrass Middle (Michael Mitchell), Central Hardin

Fern Creek (Jeff Branch, District 3 rep), River City (Efren Quirino)

Meade County, Montgomery County (Phillip Stockdale)

North Oldham (Kyle Goldsmith), Madison County (Gene Wolf)

Walton (John Roth), Oldham County (Tim Lange, District 4 Rep)

South Oldham (Randy Wheeler), North Hardin (Keith Smith)

Woodford County (Kimball Bruckner, Joe Fallon, Joe Roberts)

A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda and other items for review and discussion were distributed. Roll call and contact information check.

B. Opening Remarks

Thanks to Keith Smith and Gene Wolf for hosting. Jason Moore presented Tim Lange and Efren Quirino with plaques of appreciation for their service to the KSWA.

C. Open Issues

Decision was made by the board to hold 2 meetings this spring in locations that would decrease the travel demands for the eastern and western ends of the state. Due to lack of attendance at the meetings (specifically District 1 and District 8), we will go back to a single meeting in the future. We may rotate the locations between the Louisville and Lexington areas.

Bank account balance is \$6,543.71; similar to this time last year. But we lost over \$1000 at the state tournament. We are in the process of making some changes to improve this in the future. The board is still considering prior proposals to supplement sanctioned event awards. Options continue to be researched, but we must get the overall finances in order before this can move forward.

C. Schedule

District tournaments will be held on January 14, 2012. Please let me know asap who the 8 hosts will be.

District 1: ? District 2: ? District 3: ? District 4: ?

District 5: Walton? District 6: ? District 7: Madison Central? District 8: ?

Region tournaments will be held on January 21, 2012. Please let me know asap who the 4 hosts will be.

Region 1: ? Region 2: ? Region 3: ? Region 4: Ashland?

State duals will be held on January 28, 2012. A few Region 1 teams are considering hosting, primarily from Hardin County and possibly Larue County.

The state tournament will be held on February 4, 2012 at Montgomery County. Virtually everyone expressed that they were happy with the location and the way the event has run the last 2 years at Montgomery County.

E. Proposals to be voted on during the fall meeting

1. Weight classes – included is an attachment with the district entries by team and weight for the last couple years. This shows the disparity in kids being entered in the lower half of our weights relative to the upper weights. Of particular interest is how, over the last 2 years, the average district has more than 9 kids in a bracket between 82 and 110, but less than 7 kids over 140 (with 185 and 230 at or below 5 kids). 70-110 (currently 7 weights) have accounted for 55% of the total entries over the last 2 seasons. The quality of wrestling at the lighter weights has always been very good as well, proven by the results at the high school level of many of the past champions and placers.
 - i. No change
70/75/82/89/96/103/110/117/124/131/140/150/165/185/230
 - ii. Proposal 1 –
70/75/80/85/91/97/103/110/117/125/133/143/155/170/190/230
 - iii. Proposal 2 –
70/75/80/86/92/98/104/111/119/127/135/146/158/175/195/230
2. District alignments – make sure your club/school status is accurate; if you pull in students from more than 1 middle school or elementary schools that are not direct feeders to your middle school then you are a club team. New teams assigned based on geography (Bulldog, Grant, Scott). District 8 had extremely low numbers and Wayne competes with these teams at the high school level. District 5 had 155 kids this year and with the potential to add new teams it makes sense to move Harrison (competes at the high school and youth level in central ky).
 - a. Bulldog Wrestling Club (Male) to District 3
 - b. Wayne County to District 8
 - c. Harrison County to District 7
 - d. If Grant County or Scott County have teams they will go to District 5
3. Implement alternate roll-up plan – similar to what the high schools do to minimize openings in these events.
 - a. If injury, illness, eligibility, etc prevent a wrestler from competing at:
 - i. Region – individuals from district roll up and 5th place takes spot, then 6th, then 5th from other district, then 6th from other district
 - ii. State - individuals from region roll up and 5th place takes spot, then follow rotation plan to determine order in which alternates fill open slots

4. Seeding criteria – while there do not appear to be any conflicts around the state with the varied methods being used, consistency is a good idea and should make the coaches meetings be more efficient
 - a. State duals – Efren suggested this for the 2011 event and it went very well
 - i. Region champs are #1 seeds in the pools
 - ii. This can be open to discussion in the case a region champ is not at full strength due to injury, illness, eligibility, etc., and a majority of coaches agree on the replacement
 - iii. A blind draw will determine pool assignments, where teams from the same region are separated; substitute #1 seeds must be declared prior to the draw
 - b. District – there is no consistency around district seeding (seed entire bracket, top 4, top 6, etc)
 - i. Top 4 will be seeded in the district bracket
 - ii. The remainder of the bracket will be determined via a blind draw
 1. Byes must be evenly distributed in the bracket
 2. Separate teammates as possible
5. Fees
 - a. KSWA sanctioned event host fee – the delay in payments and variation in fees make it impossible for the KSWA to effectively manage budget; delay in sanctioning events create liability concerns
 - i. KSWA must receive the following from district and region host by December 15 (along with bylaw acknowledgement form):
 1. Host fee of \$180 (this includes the sanction fee)
 2. Completed USAWrestling sanction form
 - ii. Failure to comply may result in a change of venue for the event
 - b. KSWA sanctioned event entry fee (District, Region, and State) – large teams benefit by entering many, many extra kids in these event at no charge (13 teams entered more than 25 kids in the district in 2011).
 - i. Eliminate the maximum team entry fee

6. Season calendar

- a. Discussed adjusting the timing of the season to be later (post high school) to get access to better officials, additional resources from our high school programs, allow more flexibility in our calendar, and align our seasons with surrounding states
 - i. Conflicts with baseball and soccer as well as facility issues
 - ii. Concern about the length of the season and possibly losing some kids by going too long or starting too late
 - iii. Consensus to keep current schedule

F. Other items

1. NFHS/KHSAA rules changes

- a. Concern about keeping up with rules changes as they happen annually (e.g. the figure four on the head is now illegal)
- b. We will be circulating briefs as available from the NFHS and KHSAA
- c. We are working to get access to online rules clinic available to high school coaches

2. We heard during both meetings that unsanctioned event organizers are deciding during coaches meetings to give weight allowances. According to our bylaws we follow NFHS rules (with 4 specific exceptions) which requires prior notice to all coaches before a weight allowance will be granted. This is not a topic for discussion during a coaches meeting.

3. There was discussion about merging the KSWA and the Youth organization. There could be some efficiency gained with the added resources, but middle school wrestling is in a great position right now. Please consider this and share your opinion with your region rep. Kyle Goldsmith will work with Tim Lange to put some ideas on paper regarding the pros and cons of this idea.

4. Communication

- a. Use www.kyswa.com
- b. We are building a middle school wrestling list serve through UK
 - i. Some people have issues with the large distribution list
 - ii. Adam Lantman will be the contact for this

5. We will continue to post a list of unsanctioned events on the website; forward event information if you would like it to be posted

Next Meeting: Sunday, September 18, 2011 @ 2:00 pm @ location TBD

Minutes submitted by: Jason Moore

Approved by: Adam Lantman, Barry Zumwalt, Tim Lange