

2023 TX-USAW Annual Meeting Notes from Jim Dorsey August 19, 2023 - Austin

66 registered voters (onsite & online)

SafeSport

- Short online refresher course required every year
- Coaches must have all membership requirements in place before starting practices
- One on one coaching/practices – signed parent approval form required every 6 months
- Signed travel form required for coaches to transport wrestlers (including for practice)
 - Get approval in text/email explicitly providing consent in emergency
 - For overnight trips, unaccompanied minors can *only* share rooms with other age/gender appropriate minors. They can never stay with any adult.

State Chairman report

- Membership
 - Athletes - 7668
 - Women's numbers down
 - Leaders - 1174
 - Clubs - 209
- National Teams
 - State Board focus is on Duals teams
 - Participant cost was held even from previous year
 - MSD teams were funded 80%
 - 14U & 16U were funded nearly 70%
 - Total expense was close to \$3000/wrestler for 14U and \$2500 for 16U
- FS/GR state
 - 1678 entries
 - Brought in out of state officials
 - Video review used for all matches
 - Women's – Lindsey Spjut
 - Duals team participation up (but need more of top wrestlers)
 - Outperformed seed
 - Men's – Ray Bedford
 - Fargo numbers
 - Don't fill many of our allocated spots as due to cost and number of wrestlers that are focused on competing
 - Duals numbers - Jr team placed 11/12; nearly made top pool
 - Performance -
 - In general, Dual team and Fargo placements are not improving

Youth Folkstyle

- State will help fund buses to Ironman again
- Sanction Ironman events ASAP and send flyers to Charlie for promotion
- Stockyard Stampede 12/15-17
 - *NOT* a TX-USAW event
 - USAW Sr Open will be held in parallel this year

Region Reports

- West - Sam Estrada
 - Trying to start/build FS/GR in region; had 1 (or 2?) tournament this year
 - Panhandle will be 1-day - 11/25
 - Morning - Novice/Girls/Tot
 - Afternoon - D1-D5
- Far West - Imad
 - 12 clubs
 - 10 tournament events
 - 566 memberships (increased girls count)
 - Hailey Delgado made the USAW World Team
- Central - Moises
 - 880 memberships
 - Working on efforts to grow tournaments and membership
 - Heart of Texas was big success
- South - DJ
 - Houston Nationals numbers increased
 - 21 total Duals teams entered across club/women/elite
 - Legends Event center - New venue can hold up to 21 mats
 - Bought 6 new mats for Spring-Klein
- North - Jeff
 - Numbers up as others have noted
 - FS/GR entries were highest ever for all events
 - New mat (11 total now); 16 clocks
 - Lonestar - Feb 10-11
 - Inferno in Wichita Falls- Nov 11-12
- Officials - Gabe Monteith
 - Trying to get officials to crossover folkstyle & FS/GR
 - Increasing numbers for Folkstyle

Elections

- Vice-Chairman - Jose Delgado by acclamation
- FS/GR Director -
 - Ray Bedford (Spartan)
 - Andy Hrovat (Ranger47)
 - Long (and successful) history with international wrestling and coaching
 - Ray Bedford elected by ballot
- Treasurer
 - Roy Beckman not running this year
 - Bryan Davis (new from Florida; treasurer there for ~10 yrs)
 - Elected by acclamation

Proposals

1. Eliminate Rookie/Novice and replace with 2-yr Beginner division
 - Discussion:
 - Objective is to reduce confusion around so many divisions and help streamline tournaments

- If only 2 divisions, then TRUE ROOKIEs are the ones we need to protect
 - Repeated comments that MANY novice wrestlers need more time to develop
 - **Motion FAILED**
2. Expand D4/G4 division to allow 14yo 8th graders to be in D4/G4
- Discussion:
 - Objective is to prevent 8th graders just barely too old to be in D4 from having to wrestle HS seniors (with new D5 rules)
 - D5 not impacted
 - Some comments about punishing all the 12yo to benefit a few older wrestlers
 - What about "TX red shirt" kids that are held back for sports? Now they can beat up on D4
 - **Motion PASSED**
3. Require 3 qualifiers for Girl's divisions at state
- **Motion PASSED**
4. Weight allowance changes
- Slide originally had the 2lbs for everyone
 - Corrected based on Spring meeting where everyone agreed to modify the proposal to eliminate growth allowance
 - **Motion to eliminate growth allowance PASSED**
5. Start experience clock when USAW card is purchased
- **No 2nd**

Youth State tournament location

- Round Rock cannot handle the increased entries we had
- Also will not give us a long term contract or incentives
- Proposal to change location - to Legends in Bryan?
 - **Approved moving 2024 State to Legends Center in Bryan**
- Will review rules change for location next year