

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO
MOTION TO APPROVE, DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

**OWOA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.
OHIO FIRE ACADEMY
8895 EAST MAIN STREET
REYNOLDSBURG, OHIO**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

President, Nevin Taylor, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. and thanked everyone in attendance. Then Nevin called for a moment of prayer and silence for deceased officials and friends. Then Nevin requested all veterans to stand and be honored for their service.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS (REPRESENTATIVES) PRESENT:

1. **David Detec, Secretary of OWOA and member of the Steel Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
2. **Nevin Taylor, President of the OWOA and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
3. **Richard Loewenstine, Vice President of the OWOA, State Rules Interpreter and member of the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials' Association.**
4. **Richard Carpenter, Treasurer of the OWOA and secretary of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials' Association.**
5. **Dan Cutcher, historian of the OWOA and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
6. **Jack Kruse, OWOA webmaster and member of Central District Wrestling Officials' Association**
7. **Jim Vreeland – OHSAA and OWOA Director of Development and Education and member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
8. **Ray Anthony, Sr., State Wrestling Rules Interpreter and member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**

9. **Larry Saxton, member of the Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials' Association.**
10. **John Butch, member of the Steel Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
11. **Guy Trinetti, Sr., member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
12. **John Pugh, member of the Southeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
13. **Jason Green, member of the Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials' Association**
14. **Dan Jaksetic, member of the Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials' Association.**
15. **Patrick J. Lemming, member of the Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials' Association.**
16. **Charlie Hardman, member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials' Association.**
17. **Russ Brode, member of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials' Association.**
18. **Toby Dunlap, member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
19. **Tony Trent, member of the Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials' Association.**
20. **Jared Martin, member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials' Association**
21. **David Friend, member of the Southwest Wrestling Officials' Association.**
22. **Chaz DeShayes, member of the Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials' Association.**
23. **Scott Myers, member of the Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.**
24. **Tim Scheerer, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**

25. **Kelly Stillman, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
26. **Ron Spade, member of the Eastern District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
27. **Michael Diglia, member of the Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials' Association.**
28. **Larren Wikel, member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**

Therefore, the Wrestling Officials' Associations (the actual members) represented and present at the meeting are:

1. **Steel Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
2. **Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
3. **Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
4. **Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials' Association.**
5. **South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
6. **Wayne County Wrestling Officials' Association**
7. **Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials' Association.**
8. **Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials' Association.**
9. **Western Reserve Wrestling Officials' Association.**
10. **Southwest Wrestling Officials' Association.**
11. **Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
12. **Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials' Association.**
13. **Eastern District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
14. **Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.**
15. **Southeast Wrestling Officials' Association.**
16. **Greater Dayton Wrestling Officials' Association**

There are now 18 Association members presently of the OWOA and the Secretary noted that 16 of the 18 Association members are present, and therefore, more than one-half of the members of the OWOA are present at this meeting and there is a legal quorum.

The only Associations not represented are the North Central Wrestling Officials' Association and the Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials Association.

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the March 9, 2018, OWOA Board of Governors' meeting held at The Ohio State Schottenstein Center, Columbus, Ohio, were circulated, read and unanimously approved after proper motion and second, with one amendment to correct that Tony Trent is a member of the Greater Dayton Association and not the Greater Cleveland Association.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Rich Carpenter then gave his Treasurer's report which included a report on the OWOA dues paid by Associations, a report on the OWOA checking account and a report on the banner fund donations. A discussion was had as to whether dues should be raised and it was decided to keep dues at the present amount of \$2.00 per each primary member of each Association. All Association members were then requested to pay their respective dues as soon as possible. A discussion was again undertaken as to the OWOA filing for IRS §501(c)(3) non-profit status. David Detec volunteered to work on such a filing – a Form 1023EZ. A motion was then made and seconded to file the Treasurer's reports for review and audit, which motion was properly seconded and unanimously approved.

V. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS.

1. Hall of Fame Report. Dan Cutcher gave a short report as to the Hall of Fame inductees nominated for induction for 2018-2019. Those proposed for induction are Jack Kruse of the Central District Association, Fred Feeney of the Central District Association, Thomas Evans, Coach, Athletic Director, School Administrator, School District Superintendent, wrestling official and past member of the Cleveland Wrestling Officials Associations, and Robert Haynes of the South East Wrestling Officials Association. Upon motion with proper second, each nominee was approved for induction.

2. OHSAA Director of Education Report. Jim Vreeland gave a report that the OHSAA has now approximately 685 permit wrestling officials which is down from last year when there were approximately 750 officials. Jim then noted that OHSAA was expecting a number of fall and spring classes. Currently there are 16 new fall classes registered with about 60 total individuals taking these classes. Jim Vreeland requested all present to continue to try to recruit new officials. Jim also noted that of the approximate 685 permit officials, 524 have Class 1 permits, 156 have a Class 2 permit and 15 have a Class 3 permit.

3. Report of Webmaster. Jack Kruse reported that he believed that our website was current. He stated that if you want to post something on the website, he requires that you obtain the President's approval, or if it deals with educational material, that you obtain OHSAA Director of Development and OWOA Director of Education, Jim Vreeland's approval.

4. Report of Vince Matteucci Wrestling Person of the Year Committee. Ray Anthony, Sr. gave a report as to the Vince Matteucci Award. He reported that this award went to Paul Basinger for the 2017-2018 year. Ray reported that since we were not able to present the award at the OHSAA Individual State Tournament last year (2017-2018), the award was presented to Paul by Vince Matteucci, Ray and Jim Vreeland at the Northwest Sectional Tournament. The presentation of the award went very well. Ray then reminded everyone to make nominations for this year (2018-2019) by the end of December, 2018. Ray reported further that the Committee decided to keep all past nominations on record for consideration for a three (3) year period. Two (2) prior nominations therefore have carried over. Nevin and Ray stated that they will continue to work on obtaining a time slot to present the award at the Individual OHSAA State Tournament.

5. Report of the Rules Interpreters. Mr. Tyler Brooks, OHSAA Director of Officiating and Sport Management attended the meeting. Mr. Tyler Brooks and Jim Vreeland reported that the contracts for the assignment officials to the OHSAA Dual Team State Tournament will be issued shortly. Further, it is the goal of the OHSAA to issue the contracts for the Officials to be assigned to the State Individual Tournament by the first week of December, 2018. The Rules Interpreters then reminded everyone present that if they have an issue with the existing NFHS High School Wrestling Rules and/or they have new ones to propose, that the proper procedure is to notify, in writing, the State Rules Interpreters of the suggestions and comments to the rules, and then, they will discuss and then, if appropriate, forward on to the NFHS. Finally, it was stressed to the members in attendance that they should report back to the Associations the information obtained at tomorrow's OWOA annual Clinic if they attend. Further, they should encourage their members to attend more than four (4) local Association meetings if possible, and in fact, to join other Associations if they are willing and able.

6. Old Business:

a. Report as to OWOA Clinic: Nevin Taylor then reported that the OWOA Clinic is scheduled for a 9:00 a.m. start tomorrow at the Ohio Fire Academy. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Nevin and Ray then thanked the Ohio Fire Marshal's Office for permitting us to use their facility. It was stressed that the attendees at the Clinic should do their utmost to keep the facility clean. Ray Anthony then thanked everyone involved in making the arrangements to be able to use the Ohio Fire Academy facility. It was then discussed as to the dates for the OWOA Clinic to be held in November of 2019. Everyone was requested to keep November 2 and November 16 open for the OWOA Clinic and the Board of Governors meeting that will be held the day before. More than likely the date will be November 2, but please keep

both dates open. The goal will be to try to have both the Board of Governors meeting and the OWOA Clinic held at the Ohio State Fire Marshal's facility again next year.

b. Report on the OHSAA Individual State Tournament Banner Project: Ray Anthony then gave a report as to the status of the banner project for the OHSAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament. The theme of the banner is going to change to depict the history of Ohio High School wrestling. Ray then displayed for everyone the initial drawings of the new phase of the project. Discussion was had as to the cost of the banner and how to pay for it. Jack Kruse then made a suggestion that the OWOA vote on allocating an additional \$500 to the OWOA banner fund from the general fund which motion was made, properly seconded, discussed and then approved.

7. New Business:

a. Nominations for Officer's Election to be held at the March 8, 2019 Board of Governor's Meeting. Nominations were then taken for the position of President of the OWOA. The nominations made were Nevin Taylor, and a proper nomination was made for Russ Brode. The nominations for President were then closed. Nominations were then made for Vice President. Upon proper nomination Dick Loewenstine was nominated and Chaz DeShayes was nominated. Nomination for Secretary was then properly made and David Detec is the only person nominated for this position. Nominations were then made for the position of Treasurer, and upon proper nomination made Richard Carpenter was the only person nominated. It was then discussed that Jack Kruse should remain Webmaster of the OWOA and Dan Cutcher would remain the Historian and Hall of Fame Director of the OWOA.

b. New ideas for the OWOA. Jim Vreeland discussed again the need for additional wrestling officials. He promoted spring classes, and suggested the same to all Associations, including use of the three (3) day weekend class. Further, it was stated that discussions were had with Jerry Snodgrass, Executive Director of the OHSAA about permitting any spring class to include High School seniors and that the OHSAA fee charged for the class for High School seniors be waived. It was also suggested that if anyone has any comments or suggestions as to the annual Clinic that they should send or make their comments to an Executive Board member. Again, the goal is to make the OWOA Annual Clinic bigger and better each year with the goal of reaching at least 150 attendees.

c. Comments for the good of the Order. Dave Detec brought up the matter of providing payment to the OHSAA for food costs for OWOA members and Hall of Fame family members that are provided dinner on Saturday between sessions four (4) and five (5), as well as otherwise, and that \$250 was sent to the OHSAA last year to cover such cost with an offer to pay any additional cost the OHSAA believes may be required. It was stated that our goal is always to work cooperatively with the OHSAA. After discussion, Ray Anthony made a motion that we again send \$250 to the OHSAA to cover such food cost. The motion was seconded by Scott Myers and unanimously approved.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was then properly made and seconded and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Detec, Secretary OWOA