

OWOA Board of Governors Meeting  
Nov. 12, 2004  
Davis Middle School  
Dublin, OH

Call to order – President Dick Loewenstine called meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Welcome & introductions (Board officers, appointees, Association Reps)

President, Dick Loewenstine

Vice President, Ron Tschantz

Education Director, Jim Vreeland

Treasurer, Dan Cutcher

Acting Secretary, Ralph Farmer (delayed arrival due to involvement in car crash)

Attendance – Ralph Farmer (Representative, Officials Association)

Vince Matteucci, Interpreter Emeritus; Ray Anthony, State Interpreter; Lyle Smith, State Interpreter; Ted Nugent, Toledo; Paul Basinger, Lima-Findlay; Don Godenschwager, Southeast; Bruce Doll, Southwest Ohio; Daniel Sablosky, Central; Scott Morgan, Northern Ohio; Gary Offerdahl, Steel Valley; Steve Kish, Ohio Valley; Russ Brode, Western Reserve; Ron Tschantz, Eastern; Jim Vreeland, South Shore; Steve Long, Greater Cincinnati. (Associations Represented - 12)

Please forward any information changes to Gary Berkowitz at [matref@hotmail.com](mailto:matref@hotmail.com) at your earliest convenience.

Financial Report – Dan Cutcher

Current balance: \$717.90

Outstanding expenses: \$126.50 - Postage

State tournament expenses:

Tickets & expense - \$60/recipient, Officials gifts & pictures on plaques ~\$600-700 + Tickets

Hall of Fame Honorees get 2 tickets & plaque

This year the nominating association is asked to pay for the tickets for honorees. (Smaller associations OWOA will pay.) Ticket cost is \$7.50/ticket for the finals.

Reminder, The Clinic & Dues pay for all OWOA expenses.

Current Association membership dues are \$1 per member.

Reminder: Dues payment by December 1, 2004

Motion by Ray Anthony to accept the Financial Report, as presented. Motion seconded by Vince Matteucci. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Current Total of Official by District and Class: - Jim Vreeland (Class 1/Class 2)

Northeast 153/38, Northwest 117/44, Southwest 110/29, Central 61/14, and East/Southeast 33/9.

Totals for the entire State - Class 1 = 474, Class 2 = 134, Total = 608

### New Officials Training Program - Jim Vreeland

16 Adult Education Classes this season with 153 request to OHSAA for material. Note, this count is usually slightly higher than the number actually taking the class.

### Mentoring Program - Jim Vreeland

The Adult Education Classes have resulted in greater confidence and has helped to accelerate the development of new Officials. The Mentoring Program is a logical next step in addition to the existing training. The purpose of a Mentoring Program is to help retain new officials by supporting them to become proficient and comfortable on the mat and to further the good officiating through out the state of Ohio. Six (of 19) Associations currently have some type of Mentoring Program.

Some current practices include:

- 1) Assigning a Senior Official for each new Class 2 Official (years 1 & 2). Contact is made weekly by phone or in person. The Class 2 Official may be used as an Assistant Official by the Mentor.
- 2) Meeting with Class 2 Officials (years 1 & 2) 30 minutes prior to the Local Meeting. This allows them to ask questions without embarrassment.

The Education Committee will formalize the Mentoring Program for use next season and present it at a later meeting.

### Approval of Minutes – Ralph Farmer

Minutes of July 16, 2004 meeting have been posted on the web site. Any corrections should be submitted to Ralph Farmer (farmerrw@netzero.net). Motion by Paul Basinger to accept the Minutes as posted, Seconded by Jim Vreeland. Motion passed unanimously.

### New Business

#### Update on the State Tournament selection process - Lyle & Ray

The goal of the new process is to permit an official to officiate the State Tournament only two of three years. This will allow more Officials to have State experience by replacing 1/3 of the officials each year. The target is to replace 10 (of 30) officials this year. This year, being a transition year, requires the selection to the State Tournament to be a several step process.

- 1) Based on Coaches Vote and Proportional Representation of Class 1, Officials by District. This year the “pool” was doubled. (i.e. if 9 are to be chosen the top 18 will be evaluated)
- 2) The evaluation will determine experience vs. less experienced Officials.
- 3) Input from the two State Interpreters (Lyle & Ray), the Interpreter Emeritus (Vince) and the OHSAA (Hank Zaborniak) will be used. Hank will make the final selection, possible by this weekend. Officials will receive contracts within a few weeks of the selections.

#### Two other informational items - Lyle.

- 1) Next year the OHSAA will likely become involved in the selection of Officials for all District Tournaments.
- 2) Official may be required to wear collarless shirts for the State Tournament. The OHSAA may provide one shirt, the Official is to provide any others needed.

### Election of OWOA Officers (Two year terms)

Gary Offerdahl declined the nomination of Secretary because of other commitments in the Steel Valley Wrestling Officials Association.

The remaining unopposed Nominees were: President - Dick Loewenstine, Vice President - Ron Tschantz, Treasurer - Dan Cutcher, Secretary - Ralph Farmer. The slate was elected by unanimous voice acclimation.

### Hall of Fame Selection - Dan Cutcher

Four Inductees this year:

P. C. Torres from northeast, Dennis Mihaley from Western Reserve, Peggy Corrigan from Northwest, and Ralph Farmer from Southwest. Motion by Vince Matteucci to approve all nominees for induction to the Hall of Fame, Seconded by Bruce Doll. Motion passed unanimously.

A question was raised regarding the placement of an OWOA Hall Of Fame Plaque (bearing all the names of recipients) at the OHSAA Offices and/or to be displayed at the State Tournament. Also placement of an OWOA Hall of Fame page on our web site was suggested. The Hall of Fame Committee will make inquiries and report back at the next meeting.

### Web Site Name - Dick Loewenstine

Several individuals (Officials & Coaches) have approached Dick and requested that the OWOA consider changing the name of the web site to owoa.org. This would better reflect the name of the organization, be easier to remember, and would be a "default" for those people trying to locate the web site without knowing the actual URL. Another concern was that an existing website (refmat.org) has been confused with our web site. The domain name of owoa.org is currently available for \$35 per year (or less for multiple years). The owao.org and the matref.org could point to the same IP Address without any difficulty. We could then make the transition this year by using both domain names, and using only owoa.org next year. Motion by Lyle Smith to transition from matref.org and change the name of our web site to owoa.org, Seconded by Bruce Doll. Motion carried: 19 for, 1 against.

### 2005 / 2006 OWOA State Clinic

Date to be determined by the Executive Board, based on OSU home football game schedule. Either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November (2005). If you would like to help out with next years Clinic, please talk to Dick Loewenstine.

### Communications

Next Meeting Date: State Tournament - Saturday February 26, 2005. Prior to Finals, after Luncheon.

Note: Let Dan Cutcher know if you will be attending the meeting but not working the State Tournament. Entrance is tightly restricted by the facility. Entrance should be made via the Fred Taylor Room.

### Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Gary Offerdahl, seconded by Jim Vreeland. Motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: Each Association is requested to bring their Adult Education dates to the next meeting in Columbus.