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OWOA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

November 9, 2012
Marysville Elks Lodge 1130

I. Called to Order

President: Dick Loewenstine, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 PM. Dick Loewenstine commented on the new location for the OWOA Board of Governor's Meeting which was the Marysville Elks Lodge 1130 located at 125 E. Fifth Street, Marysville, Ohio; thanks for the efforts of Nevin Taylor, Vice President of the OWOA. All in attendance identified themselves and identified the Local Wrestling Association they represented.

II. Roll Call of Members Present

In attendance were the following:

1. Dick Loewenstine, President of the OWOA and member of Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Association;
2. Nevin Taylor, Vice President of the OWOA and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials Association;
3. Dan Cutcher, Treasurer of the OWOA;
4. David A. Detec, Secretary of the OWOA and member of the Steel Valley Wrestling Official's Association;
5. Jack Kruse, Webmaster of the OWOA and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials Association;
6. Jim Vreeland, State Educational Director For Wrestling and member of South Shore Wrestling Officials Association;
7. Bruce Doll, member of the South West Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
8. Michael D. Diglia, member of the Lima-Findley Wrestling Officials Association;
9. Larry Saxton, member of the North West District 5 Wrestling Officials Association;
10. Scott Morgan, member of North East Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
11. Ronald Tschantz, member of the Eastern District Wrestling Officials Association;
12. Matthew Turton, member of the Southwest Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
13. Dino Sevastos, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Association;
14. Kelly Stillman, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Association;
15. Dean Wikel, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Association;

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16. Charles Hardman, member of Wayne County Wrestling Officials Association;
17. Steve Zarlengo, member of Wayne County Wrestling Officials Association;
18. Richard Carpenter, member of Western Reserve Wrestling Officials Association;

III. Opening Remarks

Dick Lowenstine announced that Mr. Hank Zaborniak has resigned from the Ohio High School Athletic Association. Taking Mr. Zaborniak's place as OHSAA officer in charge of wrestling is Mr. Beau Rugg. Mr. Lowenstine gave a short history of Mr. Rugg's affiliation with OHSAA and his experience with wrestling.

IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes of the Last Meetings

Minutes from the March 3, 2012 Board of Governors Meeting at Ohio State University Schottenstein Center were circulated to all present and read. A Motion to Accept the Minutes was made by Jack Kruse, seconded by Mr. Bruce Doll and unanimously approved.

V. Financial Report

Dan Cutcher then circulated a summary of the financial position of the OWOA and gave a report as to the OWOA financial condition. It was discussed that the Mansfield Association has not paid its dues for a number of years, and therefore, is not eligible to participate and is not eligible to nominate a wrestling official for Hall of Fame purposes. It was discussed that part of the OWOA's financial conditions is caused by the process by which the OWOA helps individuals purchase of tickets at the Individual State Wrestling Tournament. It was then discussed that we will have to work harder to make sure that all tickets ordered are paid for when tickets are received by the individual requesting tickets.

It was then discussed how we need to work on developing one or two fundraising events to generate income to build a surplus for the OWOA. Richard Carpenter suggested forming a financial committee to investigate ways to create a better financial condition for the OWOA. Nevin Taylor seconded that suggestion. That matter will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting of the Board of Governors.

It was also discussed that the current financial condition of the OWOA was in part also caused by the purchase of tickets for family and friends of those officials being inducted into the Ohio Wrestling Officials Association Hall of Fame. After that discussion, Bruce Doll suggested that the OWOA pay for no more than four (4) tickets for each inductee. Any additional tickets requested should be paid for by that inductee's nominating association and/or by the inductee himself or herself. A Motion was then made by Jack Kruse to adopt that suggestion, which Motion was seconded by Richard Carpenter. The Motion then unanimously passed.

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It was then discussed that a letter should be put together that will be sent out to the Hall of Fame inductee and the Association that nominated that Hall of Fame inductee as to this resolution. David Detec and Dan Cutcher offered to draft such a letter for the approval of the Leadership Team of the OWOA.

VI. Old Business

Dan Cutcher reported on the status of his project to develop a document as to the history of wrestling and wrestling officiating in Ohio. All Associations were requested to turn-in a report on the history of their Association. Some Associations have done so, some have not. All Associations are requested to please turn in a history of their Association no later than March 1, 2013.

A discussion was had regarding the rotating of the alternate official at the State individual tournament. The alternate must be a worker so that he or she are already at the tournament, and already being paid. The State alternate obviously cannot be determined until all officials are designated for the tournament. Also, all table workers need to be chosen since the alternate is usually one of the table workers. This has now been the process for the last three (3) years, with the alternate being rotated among the districts in Ohio.

VII. New Business

Dan Cutcher reported on this year's inductees to the Hall of Fame. They are as follows:

1. Paul Basinger a member of the Lima/Findley Wrestling Officials Association;
2. Steve James of the Central District Wrestling Officials Association;
3. Rick Crislip, a member of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials Association;
and
4. Terrence Armelli, a member of the North East Wrestling Officials Association.

Rich Carpenter then asked how the Hall of Fame inductees are chosen. David Detec then pointed out that the procedure is set forth in the OWOA Code of Regulations. David Detec then read the appropriate provision. After a discussion of that Code of Regulation Provisions, a Motion was made by Nevin Taylor and seconded by Mike Diglia to approve the four (4) above-named Hall of Fame inductees, which Motion unanimously passed.

Jim Vreeland then suggested that the Board of Governors suggest and/or investigate ways to better organize meetings and the Annual State Clinic, as well as the assistance provided at the State Wrestling Tournaments. Dick Lowenstine pointed out that he has continuously requested help from all members of the OWOA, but he

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only receives help from the same individuals. It was agreed that a concerted effort will be made by all members of the OWOA to offer assistance and suggestions as to ways to better organize and operate the OWOA. This will be a continuing effort on the part of everyone.

It was then announced that the November, 2013 OWOA Board of Governors Meeting will be held on November 8th again at the Marysville Elks Lodge 1130 at 125 E. Fifth Street, Marysville, Ohio with the Annual State Wrestling Clinic to be held on the November 9, 2013, at a location to be determined.

David Detec then reported that he is working on obtaining the Bridgewater Banquet Facility in Powell, Ohio for the site for the clinic. The Bridgewater Banquet Facility is one of the top banquet facilities in the Columbus area. The owner of that facility has some affiliation with OHSAA in that one of his companies designed the software and provided the intellectual technical assistance to the OHSAA as to the software program which is now used for the instructors of officiating for the various official sports sponsored by the OHSAA. David Detec also reported that he was in discussions with this individual as to potentially obtaining underwriting for the food and beverage at the clinic. David reported that he would continue to work on this issue, and hopefully, have a final report sometime in January or February, so that notice as to the date and location of both the OWOA Board of Governors Meeting for 2013, as well as the State Wrestling Clinic, can be sent out as early as March of 2013 to all Associations.

Jim Vreeland then gave a report on the educational program progress. He explained the process to upgrade from a Class 2 official to a Class 1 official. He explained that all Class 2 officials intending to upgrade to Class 1, must register for the test between March 1st and March 15th, and then take the test between March 16th and March 30th.

Jim Vreeland then gave a report on the State Team Tournament.

Jack Kruse then gave a report as to the status of the website. He pointed out that before anything can be put on the website, Dick Lowenstine and/or Jim Vreeland must approve the item first, depending on what the item refers to or relates to.

David Detec then brought up that Vince Matteucci was being inducted into the National Wrestling Officials Hall of Fame. He suggested that the OWOA may want to make a donation in honor of Vince Matteucci (who has provided years of loyal service to the OWOA). The OWOA may take up a collection at tomorrow's clinic to make a contribution in Vince Matteucci's name.

VIII. AJDOURMENT

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Motion was then made and seconded to adjourn the meeting which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
David A. Detec, Secretary, OWOA