

OWOA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2014 AT
MARYSVILLE ELKS LODGE 1130

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Nevin Taylor, Vice President, called the meeting to order since President, Dick Lowenstine, was still in transit to the meeting. Nevin Taylor presided over the meeting.

II. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

1. **David Detec – Secretary of OWOA and President of The Steel Valley Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
2. **Dino Sevastos – President of The Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
3. **Kevin Coates – President of The Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
4. **John Mastry – Secretary of The Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
5. **Kelly Stillman – Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
6. **Michael Rovtar – Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
7. **Tim Scheerer – Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
8. **David Todt – Eastern District Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
9. **John Pugh – President, Southeast Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
10. **Matthew Turton – Southwestern Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
11. **Gary Doll – Southwestern Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
12. **Bruce Doll – Southwestern Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
13. **Jack Kruse – Webmaster of OWOA and Member Central**

District Wrestling Officials Assoc.

- 14. Nevin Taylor – Vice President of OWOA and Member Central District Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 15. Ray Anthony, Sr. - State Wrestling Rules Interpreter and Member of Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 16. Anthony Campolo – Central District Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 17. Michael Diglia – Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 18. Paul Basinger – Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 19. Larry Saxton – Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 20. Jim Vreeland – OHSAA and OWOA Director of Development and Education and Member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 21. Dan Cutcher – Treasurer of OWOA**
- 22. Steve Zarlengo – Wayne County Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 23. Ron Tschantz – Eastern District Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 24. Dan Jaksetic – Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 25. Jarod Martin – Wayne County Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 26. Richard Carpenter – Secretary of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 27. Charlie Hardman – Wayne County Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
- 28. Dick Lowenstine – President of OWOA and Member of the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Assoc.**

Therefore, the Associations (members) Represented and Present are:

1. **Central District Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
2. **Eastern District Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
3. **Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
4. **Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
5. **Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
6. **Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
7. **Northwest District Five (5) Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
8. **Southeast Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
9. **South Shore Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
10. **Steel Valley Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
11. **Wayne County Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
12. **Western Reserve Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
13. **Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials Assoc.**
14. **Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Officials Assoc.**

There are sixteen (16) Association Members and the Secretary verified that a least one-half (1/2) of the Members are present and that there is a legal quorum at this meeting.

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

The Minutes of the March 1, 2014, Board of Governors Meeting was circulated, read and unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

A Financial Report was circulated by Dan Cutcher, Treasurer, indicating an account balance as of May 2, 2014, of \$868.09. Dan Cutcher also circulated a report as to the estimated projected expenses for 2014-2015 OHSAA Wrestling season which estimated expenses, not counting the State Dual Team Tournament, to be \$1,280.00.

V. OHSAA DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Jim Vreeland, OHSAA DOD, reported that there are approximately 750 wrestling officials statewide with approximately 550 being Class 1 officials. That represents an approximate decline of 100 officials from the approximate 850 officials statewide previously. We need to work on recruiting. Jim Vreeland also reported on the success of the statewide weekend official training class run by a number of individuals headed by Fred Finney at the

Wrestle For Autism Tournament at Olentangy Orange High School last spring.

Jim Vreeland then led a discussion as to the new hair cover rule with the hair cover to be attached to the head gear. The problem is that the manufacturers are not making enough of them.

Jim then reported that there has been discussion as to the OHSAA as to a suggested standard as to how Sectional and District Tournaments should be run. OHSAA is aware that the officials would like to see a standard of 3 officials to a mat at Districts. This may take some time to attempt to implement – with a suggestion letter first being sent to the District Boards.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A committee was formed to begin to investigate a redraft of the OWOA Constitution. Everyone is invited to provide input and ideas – and those who expressed a willingness to work on the committee include:

David Detec
Richard Carpenter
Larry Saxton
John Pugh
Gary Doll
Dan Cutcher

A committee was also formed to explore OWOA obtaining possible IRS Section 501 (c)(3) non-profit taxing status. Those willing to act are David Detec, Jack Kruse, John Jaksetic, David Todt, Nevin Taylor and Dan Cutcher. This process will start after the Constitution is reviewed and revised (if such action is recommended) because a final of such document is needed for the IRS Section 501(c)(3) application known as IRS Form 1023.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A discussion was led by Jim Vreeland as to a new rating system for wrestling officials. Nevin Taylor explained the Football Officials system which was also changed and is similar.

A discussion was then held as to the two Wrestling State Tournaments (Team Dual and Individual), including the treatment of officials at each. Ray

Anthony, Sr. made a motion that the officials chosen for each tournament be treated alike by the OWOA – such as pictures, pins, etc. provided. The Motion was seconded by Richard Carpenter, and the Motion was unanimously passed.

A discussion was then had as to having a function with all wrestling State Rules Interpreters – past to present. For Ohio wrestling, this opportunity could be used to share and document stories, past events, experiences, knowledge and insight for historical purposes. A committee was suggested to investigate the idea – Paul Basinger offered to head the committee.

Nevin Taylor then reported on next year's clinic. It will be on November 14, 2015. The location will again be Little Bear Golf Club. The Board of Governors meeting will be on Friday, November 13, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. The location of the Board of Governors meeting will again be at the Marysville Elks Lodge 1130, 125 E. 5th Street, Marysville. Jim Vreeland suggested that information as to the clinic go out in the OHSAA pre-season package for the State Rules meetings, possibly having the OHSAA print the information on the back of the notice. Ron Tschantz suggested that we request the OHSAA to put the information on its website also.

It was then suggested that a committee be formed to consider ways to increase attendance at the clinic and ways to change it up so it doesn't become "stale".

A discussion was then had about possible updating of the OWOA website.

VIII. HALL OF FAME:

Dan Cutcher then discussed the nominees for the 2015 Hall of Fame class. The nominees are:

Guy Trinetti
Ron Nisset
Jack Beard

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Hall of Fame nominees. The motion was unanimously passed.

Dan Cutcher then discussed how the Hall of Fame plaques have been updated and improved.

IX. CLINIC SPONSERS:

David Detec then briefly discussed the success in obtaining sponsors to help with the cost of the clinic. He represented a sponsor recognition sign that will be on display at the clinic. All were encouraged to try to obtain a sponsor or two for next year's clinic.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was then made and seconded to adjourn the meeting which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____
David A. Detec, Secretary, OWOA