

OWOA
Minutes of the
Board of Governors Meeting
March 5, 2011
OSU, Schottenstein Center

1. Called to Order by Vice President Ron Tschantz (in the absence of President Dick Loewenstine*) at 3:29 PM. Due to time constraints, the introduction of Association Representatives was suspended.
2. Attendance / Ralph Farmer
Ray Anthony (Greater Cleveland), Rick Baker (Central District), Paul Basinger (Lima-Findlay), Jack Beard (Mad River), Rich Carpenter (Western Reserve), David Detec (Steel Valley), Bruce Doll (Southwest), Ralph Farmer (Greater Cincinnati), Dan Jaksetic (Greater Toledo), Jack Kruse (Central District), Vince Matteucci (Northeast), John Pugh (Southeastern), Jack Regis (Ohio Valley), Larry Saxton (Northwest District 5), Lyle Smith (South Shore), Ron Tschantz (Eastern District), and Jim Vreeland (South Shore). A quorum (13 of 19 Associations) was present.
3. Opening Remarks / Vice President Ron Tschantz
Suspended due to time constraints.
4. Minutes / Ralph Farmer
A motion by Rich Carpenter, Second by John Pugh to approve to minutes of the November 19, 2010 as published (web site & e-mail). Motion passed unanimously.
5. Financial Report – Dan Cutcher
The Treasurer’s Report was submitted showing a current balance of \$1322. The expected balance of will be ~\$800 after all bills are paid for the State Tournament. Please note, according to Article IV of the OWOA Constitution, all Association Dues are to be paid on or before December 1st of each season. Motion by Jack Regis, Second by Ray Anthony, to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Old Business
 - a. Proposed Constitutional Amendments - David Detec
The proposed changes to the Constitution were reviewed. Motion by Dave Detec, Second by Ray Anthony to approve the Constitutional changes. Motion passed unanimously. This is the Second Reading, and therefore the Constitution is hereby Ammended.
 - b. Update of Tax Exempt Status - David Detec
David reapplied for our State of Ohio tax exemption certificate. David covered the fees and expenses. We are currently up to date.
 - c. Update of Logo trademark - David Detec
A motion by John Pugh, Second by Ray Anthony, to apply for trademark protection of the OWOA logo in the State of Ohio for a fee of \$150. Motion passed unanimously. There was further discussion on seeking trademark protection on the Federal level, but it was determined by consensus not to be cost effective. Ron expressed sincere appreciation to David Detec for his legal advice and assistance.
7. New Business:
 - a. Education Program - Jim Vreeland
We continue in the right direction. For the 2011-12 season new areas covered will be skin condition presentation, body weight program & allowance, and video clips.
 - b. Web Site - Jack Kruse
No new news to report.

- c. Nomination of Officers for Next Season (beginning 2011-12) - Ron Tschantz

President: Nevin Taylor, Dick Loewenstine

Vice President: Rich Carpenter, Ron Tschantz

Secretary: Ralph Farmer

Treasurer: Dan Cutcher

Voting for Officers will take place at our Fall Meeting.

- d. Benefits of the OWOA to Local Associations - Ron Tschantz

As stated in Article II of our Constitution:

The purpose of this Association shall be: To assist all wrestling officials in the State of Ohio in the development and a thorough understanding of the rules and mechanics of good officiating. To upgrade the officiating in the State of Ohio by standardizing consistency of calls in all areas of the state. To promote and secure cooperation and understanding among the scholastic and collegiate coaches, athletes, school officials, and the press. To foster the highest standards of ethics, and to further the interests of all good educational philosophy, aims objectives through a proper spirit of sportsmanship and a spirit of fair play through the medium of wrestling. To cooperate and assist the Ohio High School Athletic Association and local wrestling officials associations in whatever area they should ask the Association to aid. To recognize members for outstanding careers and achievements through election into the Ohio Wrestling Officials Hall of Fame.

- e. Tournament Selection Information - John Pugh

Discussions with the OHSAA are underway for State-wide consistency for Sectional, District, and State assignments, representation, number of officials at each site, and equality of payment. The OWOA can only make recommendations to the OHSAA. The OHSAA, in turn, can make recommendations to the District Boards.

- f. Ohio Wrestling History-Dan Cutcher

Dan has put together an ad-hoc committee of some of our more senior officials to write a history of wrestling in the State of Ohio.

- g. Paul Basinger recommended that the State Tournament Alternate Official rotate from all 6 districts instead of always coming from the Central District. Ray Anthony will address this issue with the OHSAA for next year.

8. Communications:

- a. At this time there is no plan to have a Summer Meeting. If we are to have a Summer Meeting, Local Association Secretaries will be notified via e-mail.
- b. Dates & Times for the OWOA Clinic will be announced when the location is confirmed.
- c. Each Association is asked to submit nominations for the Hall of Fame to Dan Cutcher at their earliest convenience.

9. Adjournment:

Motion by Rich Carpenter, Second by Ray Anthony to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM.

Note: Dick Loewenstine was not able to attend due to an unavoidable business obligation.