

Pennsylvania Amateur Wrestling Federation

General Board Meeting

October 23, 2011

The General Board meeting of the PAWF was called to order by Van Plocus, State Chairman, on Sunday October 23, 2011 at 1:30 PM, at the Ramada Hotel, State College PA.

The executive board meeting took place from 12:00 to 1:15. The positions of Vice-President and Secretary were vacant due to people resigning positions on the Executive Board prior to the end of their term. As per the by-laws the Executive Board filled the positions for the remainder of the term.

Executive Board Members in Attendance

Van Plocus	State Chairman
Joe Stabilito	Vice President
Kim Weiler	Secretary
Mike Carroll	Treasurer
Joe Silvestry	Official's Director
Jennifer Chu	Women's Director
Ron Tirpak	Coaches Director

General Membership in Attendance

Karen McAveney	Pairer
Bob McAveney	Pairer
Toni Black	Iron Eagle
Neil Turner	Mat Town & Haven Club
Russ Hughes	BTWC
Brian Hart	BTWC
Larry Mankey	BTWC
Dave Bolich	East Mont
Scott Hughes	BTWC
Terry Fike	Lady Eagles WC
Linda Tirpak	WOW

Director position to be voted on

Opens Director -Terry Fike was nominated. Motion to close nominations Neil Turner, second by Bob McAveney, all in favor, motion carried. Terry Fike awarded position

Kids Director – Sammy Julian and Mark Steen nominated. Motion to close nominations Joe Silvestry, second by Neil Turner, all in favor, motion carried. Vote counted and Mark Steen awarded the position with a vote of 8-7

Coaches Director - Ron Tirpak was nominated. Motion to close nominations Joe Stabilito, second Mike Carroll, all in favor, motion carried. Ron Tirpak was awarded the position

Junior Director - Russ Hughes was nominated. Motion to close nominations Ron Tirpak, second Neil Turner, all in favor, motion carried. Russ Hughes was awarded the position

Women's Director - Jennifer Chu was nominated. Motion to close nominations Brian Hart, second Bob McAveney, all in favor, motion carried. Jennifer Chu was awarded the position

Pairing Director - Sue Siar retired and recommended Bob McAveney for the position. Bob was nominated. Motion to close nominations Kim Weiler, second Neil Turner, all in favor, motion carried. Bob McAveney was awarded the position Official Director – Joe Silvestry was nominated. Motion to close nominations Neil Turner, second Karen McAveney, all in favor, motion carried. Joe Silvestry was awarded the position

Treasurer's report submitted.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, Joe Stabilito, Second, Ron Tirpak, All in favor, Motion Carried

Report on National Teams for 2010/11 Van Plocus gave report

Mason Dixon Quad in Maryland – 1st year cadets were allowed this year our team was mostly Schoolboy PA took second NWCA Scholastic duals in Indiana –placed 5th one team

SB Duals in Indiana – took two teams SB Greco placed second and Freestyle placed second

Cadet Duals in Daytona – took two teams Greco placed second Freestyle placed ninth

Junior duals in Oklahoma City – one team Freestyle placed ninth

Fargo – Cadet Greco team won team title coached by Scott Green, 4 national champs. Cadet freestyle placed second 1 national champ

Jr Greco –7 AA Jr Freestyle 3 AA

Cadet women- 7 cadets 5 AA JR 5 AA 12 girls total

It was brought up to host a fundraiser to fly to Fargo. It has been investigated and the pricing is more economical to travel by bus. A few issues regarding flying are; you have to commit to a specific number of seats and names must be provided 14 days prior to departure. Typically we not only have the team locked down by then but we also do not have all the fees collected. Also transportation costs once at the event. Board will look into the possibility of flying to Fargo

PA sent a Kids National team to Utah, for the first time in several years. Mark Steen organized the team. The team drove out to Utah in two vans and had 2 national champs. To qualify for this event the wrestler's had to go to NE Regional's

NE Regional (include kids and Junior)

There are 11 states in our region and they have all committed to support NE Regional's

It will be held 5/18/12 – 5/20/12

We are currently investigating having the event hosted at Bloomsburg; however the bid is still open for anyone that would like to host the event. It needs to be on the eastern part of the state

Tentative Schedule is registration and coach's clinic on Friday, freestyle on Saturday, and Greco on Sunday

Tiffin mats have agreed to provide mats free. We will display sponsorship on our website.

Van Plocus announced he is retiring in two years at the end of his term. General membership needs to begin to think about who will replace him and work with Van and Kathy over the next two years for a smooth transition

The Executive Board will bring two coaches to the disciplinary board for review on their behavior in 2010/2011. The disciplinary review board will consist of the State Chairman, Kid's Director, Junior Director, Officials Director, and the Coaches Director. A letter will be sent to both coaches which will outline the outcome of that meeting and next steps.

Price Increase for USA Card and Club Charters

Two years ago the USA Wrestling National office increased fees. At that time PAWF agreed to absorb the increase. Due to our revenue not meeting our expenses this year the Executive Board recommended increasing the Athlete and Coaches card \$40. The increase would take effect Monday 10/24. The small increase would increase PAWF revenue by

\$12,000.00, based upon current numbers. The club charter fee is \$85 and the Executive Board would like to increase to \$100. This would be an increase in revenue of \$1200.00 revenue.

Motion by Mike Carroll, Joe Stabilito second, All in favor, motion carried

National Office pilots in ten states 2011/12

Offer charter to HS team grades 9-12 for \$300.00 This would include athlete cards all insurance, magazine. and all access to community pages thru USA Wrestling. The state receives \$50 revenue

National Office working on a new program

Reduced benefit card. Athletes charged \$15.00 for the card. The supplemental accident insurance is capped at \$50k and the magazine is not available

Old business

New Officials and Pairers

Restate motion from last meeting (there was not a quorum at the last meeting)

Every club must designate an official or pairer, who is at least 18 or older, at the time the club is charter. The designee must have applied to USA wrestling for their officials card. If a club cannot designate an official or pairer a \$75.00 fee will be required before the charter will be approved. This was voted on in 2009. As of Monday Van will have the National office add this to the charter documentation

Motion ,Mike Carroll, second, Joe Sylvestry, all in favor, motion carried

The host of a qualifier must provide a certified athletic trainer at their event. The name of the trainer must be provided in order to sanction the event. All sanctions must be provided 30 days prior to the event. If one is not provided, PAWF will provide an athletic trainer. The host club will bear the cost of such trainer.

Motion, Joe Sylvestry, second, Joe Stabliito, all in favor, motion carried

New Business

Ron Tirpak brought up an overseas trip to Bulgaria for a PA team consisting of cadets and juniors. It will tentatively be the last two weeks of June, cost is approx \$2000.00 to \$2500.00. This would be all inclusive. Two coaches will go and any parents that would like to attend. We would like to offer If someone chose to go on this event PA would reduce their Fargo fees. Ron Tirpak is obtaining more information on expenses and dates. Once we have that information further discussion will take place.

Event Schedule

Qualifiers will begin 3/24

13 dates are open

Benton reserved 4/1

Looking for a location for Friday 4/6

Lock Haven 4/29

Club Duals 5/12 and 13 We need a venue

NE Regions 5/18 – 20

June 1 -3 States Location undecided will offer to Bellefonte. This date conflicts with Fila Cadets. If wrestlers chose to go to Fila's they will lose the ability to obtain the stipend for Fargo

To resolved Fila conflict we decided to offer anyone that wins Fila's the same stipend offered for winning states

Motion Kim Weiler, second, Joe Stabilito, all in favor, motion carried

Need to ensure put something on the schedule card to state to check the website for the latest info. Often information changes after the schedule cards are printed.

We will also be starting a Facebook page for PAWF and another venue to share information

Motion to adjourn Jennifer Chu, second Joe Stabilito, all in favor, motion carried