

BUDGET MEETING

Agenda

Sept. 11, 2011

Meeting opened at 9:50am

1. Introductions and update addresses

Dave Black opened the meeting at 9:50am with introductions from all those attended. Board members present: Dave Black, Eric Lehrke, Chuck York, Jeff Jones, Mel Dow, Scott Schmitz, Mike DeRoehn, Lorraine Smith, Sandy Russell, Mark Hemauer, Bob Empey, Todd Schaaf, Randy Dusing, Scott Roffers, Mark See, Scott Kluever and Terry Stone

Absent but excused were: Kevin Black, Jeff Micholic and Jaime Hegland. Also in attendance were recently elected Officials Director Skip Farina, Mike Rife current Kenosha Girls wrestling coach, guest at the meeting with potential plans to accept the "WWF Girls Director" position this fall.

2. District Meetings and elections for Odd # Districts

All meeting are scheduled for Wednesday Night Sept 14th locations are posted on WWF website. All elections are scheduled for the odd districts. Each district director needs to email Jeff on finalized locations for the Regional tournaments shortly after their meetings.

3. Website Update

The WWF website will get a complete facelift in the next few weeks. The goal is to make it new and exciting, get more information delivered to our membership with the communication avenue our members desire. Hopefully this will be complete before the Oct.30th annual meeting. A WWF Facebook page has also been created and we will soon be adding a WWF twitter account. This again creates the ability to deliver our messages / information through 3 communications avenues based on the members preference.

The WWF will also be teaming with Riot Sports as a Web Tool marketing business at no cost to the WWF to help us deliver these wrestling messages.

4. USA Advertising

USA wrestling has launched an advertising campaign with Roddy White, WR -Atlanta Falcons. White, the former two-time South Carolina prep-wrestling champion, took part in a promotional campaign with USA wrestling in an effort to link the benefits of wrestling to football. He brought 10 wrestlers from James Island Charter High, his alma mater to Colorado Springs. Wrestling makes you a better football player," White told USA TODAY. "It is a great sport for discipline and it breeds toughness. You learn a lot about individual matchups, quickness, balance and getting away from guys. It helped me tremendously.' Roddy White USA wrestling Posters will be mailed to high schools across the nation in this promotion

5. Les Gutches at WWCA Convention/ High School Team Membership

Les will be attending the WWCA coaches convention pitching the new program that allows High teams purchases USA cards and sanction the for a fee of \$300. This will be available after Nov 15th. All teams will submit through USA wrestling each state will receive \$50 for each school registered in their state. It has yet to be determined the financial impact of this program at the state level, ideally it gives more kids the opportunity to wrestle as well as protects them and their families with USA medical insurance and other USA benefits.

6. Making a Difference Tournament

There is a new initiative through USA wrestling Called "Making a Difference". This is a new USA program designed to help the colleges programs Mike DeRoehn would host the 1st "Making a Difference" tournament on Nov 13th. It would be Kids through High school as the High season would starts on Nov 14th. Any college providing labor help would split the profits based on each schools numbers. USA "one day card" could be purchased to keep the registration fee reasonable. The WWF made a motion and approved this idea, it still needs final approval by the AD at Lakeland College.

7. Clocks & Purchases

Jeff Jones suggested the WWF purchase 16 new clocks and 4 cases for tournament use. These clock work directly with the matside laptop scoring through trackwrestling. We would sell old current clock for \$1000 each. They address the concern of the match number display being too small and allow a table to be run by 1 person. Total capital expense would be \$18,400. Randy Dusing made a motion to approve the purchase based on the current bids, Chuck York seconded the motion was put to vote and unanimously approved

8. Mileage & Reimbursements

Dave Black suggested we discuss the 30 cents a mile reimbursement. After discussion the board determined mileage reimbursement would remain at the current level.

9. Camps & Fees

Dave Black suggested we consider if the current price of \$275 to attend a Wisconsin National camp is what we want to charge our members. Compared to neighboring states Wisconsin currently is a great value. After much discussion a motion was made to keep the current camp price at \$275, this was seconded and approved by board vote.

10. Dual Qualifications

Kevin Black introduced a new idea of creating a Wisconsin duals team trials tournament, to be potentially held the 3rd weekend in May. The objective was to

create a situation similar to the USA Seniors, where they have an Open and then a Trials tournament, to select the World trials/Olympic teams. The Criteria to wrestle in this tournament potential being; Top 6 place winners in Freestyle/Greco State, WIAA state champion, Past All Americans. After much discussion it was decided to table any decision to the selection committee who would review with Kevin who was not available for the meeting.

11. Officials Development

New Officials Director Skip Farina discussed his ideas for increasing the number of Officials with younger Officials, as well as some ideas for putting together WWF officials

a uniform package with wrist bands/whistles ect...More to come as Skip is new on the job.

12. State Coach Status

Dave Black gave an update on the status of the state coach. A coaching committee has been appointed to create job description and post as a single position with a budget to hire assistants. The time line is to post approximate Oct 1st with a 2-3 weeks window to accept applications. The coach selection committee would parse that down to top 3-5 candidates. Where an "On Site" interview would take place with committee consisting of both wrestling and business people would take place. If an ideal candidate is identified the goal would be to extend an offer for a Dec 1st start date.

13. Regional/State Tournaments

Jeff Jones handed out a 2 page handout summary *on the 2012 tournaments.*

The biggest changes; Regionals- all regionals would weigh in Friday night only, unlike years past where a Saturday weigh in was also available. Each regional has the opportunity to add an alternate site for the kids to weigh in to cut down on travel within each regional. This should allow each regional to start wrestling at 8:30am. Kids State also has some weigh in changes also

The 2 oldest groups of boys would weigh in from 3pm -4pm only boys from this group will be allowed to weigh in at this time, they would start wrestling shortly after the parade at 5pm, and they would complete 3 rounds that night.

The 2 youngest groups of boys would weigh in from 4pm to 6 pm, parade at 8am and start wrestling at 8:30am. The Girls would weigh in from 9am to 11am Saturday morning and start wrestling at approximately at 11am.

We are increasing the number of mat from 16 to 18. With the earlier start time and additional mat this should get us completed 2 hours earlier.

Freestyle / Greco state venue is moving from Wisconsin Rapids to Wi Dell Chula Vista. This will allow us to add allow for growth, add a new University age group division led by director Mike DeRoehn to the tournament and expand from 12 to 16 mats if needed.

Jeff introduced the idea of holding a Folkstyle tournament to any kid who did not qualify for the state tournament on Sunday the day after the “Dominate in the Dells” tournament; we have already paid for the venue. A fee of \$15 would be charged, the board agreed to move forward with this idea.

14. Training Sites

Regional training sites would continue to be funded with guidance from the board and future selected state coach

15. Team Selection guidelines

Addressed earlier in the bullet point 10.

16. Shane Sparks & Nate Wuelfuhl

Shane Sparks of Badger state wrestling would continue to be used from webcasting WWF tournament as well as potentially webcasting our annual meeting. Nate Wuelfuhl will be hired to write 2 articles a month for the WWF. He is a U-W Steven Point student with writing major.

19. Annual meeting – October 30

The WWF annual meeting is scheduled October 30th at Wintergreen Resort Hotel. Registration from 11- 12 noon, meeting starts at noon. All WWF members are encouraged to attend.

20. Any other business-

The selection of picking a WWF wrestler of the year was brought into discussion. After much discussion a Motion by Jeff Jones Scott

It was determined the value in this award was limited and the board would prefer to highlight our dual teams and All- Americans giving a greater number of kids exposure to their accomplishments.

21. Budget Review

The 2011/12 each line item on the Budget was reviewed and discussed. After a few minor changes the below Budget was submitted. A Jeff Jones made a motion to approve the Budget as is, Terry Stone seconded and the motion was approved by the Board

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm