

**NEMWA League Meeting
Gladwin Meadow Lanes
April 15, 2007**

I. OPEN

Meeting opened at 3:10 pm

II. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bangor, Bay County, Essexville, Midland, Gladwin, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Pinconning, Mid-Michigan Grapplers, Bullock Creek, Farwell, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford-Meridian, Hemlock, Shepherd, Standish, Tawas, Whittemore-Prescott, Harrison

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Houghton Lake, Hale, Onaway, Pine River, Clare, Saginaw Heritage, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Freeland, Grayling, Roscommon

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

Standish motions to approve December 12, 2006 minutes

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Final balance as of April 15, 2007 is \$5708.98. Standish motions to approve treasurer's report, Bangor seconds.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2008 AAU Registration

1. Discussion on whether each club within NEMWA will register their own athletes with AAU and still provide a copy of each athletes AAU card, player's agreement and birth certificates to the secretary for eligibility?

Discussion – if each applies for their own AAU cards , NEMWA will no longer receive the dollar kick back on each wrestler. There was talk about the different levels of coverage. Level 2 is less in price, but with level 3, NEMWA is able to take advantage of the 501C3 tax status.

Motion made by Bangor and Mid Michigan Grapplers second to table the vote on AAU until September so more information can be gathered on the pros and cons of which way will work better for NEMWA. Passed.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion of the 2008 tournament schedule-

***Standish and Farwell request to host tournaments on Jan. 12, 2008 and Standish requests March 1, 2008. Jim Hergott makes mention of the high school sports season switch and that clubs maybe affected (gym use.)**

***Discussion on who should and should not be allowed to host a tournament. Clubs should have the option to have a tournament before another club is allowed to have multiple tournaments.**

***The first come first serve rule for tournaments, does this work or do we need to revamp this rule?**

***Standish and Farwell withdraw their request to submit tournament dates**

***Motion made by Mid Michigan Grapples to put tournament schedule on the September agenda. Midland 2nds. Passed.**

B. Officiating-

***Some thought that the behavior of refs, coaches, and parents needs to be roped in. It needs to be clear to all involved in our sport the do's and don's along with what consequences they will face if rules are not followed.**

***Some thought that head refs should not work a mat. They should walk around and oversee all mats.**

***Recommendation that we need a clear set of rules for how our refs are to be trained.**

C. Inconsistency of NEMWA rules-

***There was much discussion on what rules we have and the lack of enforcement of them.**

*** Rich Shull proposes the he will draft a document compiling the NEMWA administrative rules passed since September 2002. The document will also include a summary of the background and rational for key rules. Jim Hergott (SSC) and Ike Clelland (Sanford Meridian) will review the draft for accuracy and add background and rational as needed. As draft versions are created, they will be posted on the NEMWA website so clubs can review them before the next meeting.**

***Motion made by Midland and Tawas 2nds. Passed.**

***High school rules – some clubs would like to completely follow high school rules. (i.e. period times, head and arm for 8 and under, choice of starting position)**

***Discussion on changing from 2 to 4 tournaments to qualify to wrestle at Regionals.**

***Discussion if wrestlers from other leagues wrestle under a NEMWA club name to participate in our league?**

***There will be an email sent to each club that they must attend 75% of NEMWA meetings and that this rule will be enforced as of the September meeting. They will also be made aware of the consequences if they do not follow this rule.**

VII. Open

*Bay Co. thanked all who extended their help with Finals.

* There needs to be a way to stop wrestlers from attending regionals and then not going to finals. This is unfair to other wrestlers and to the host club of finals.

Bangor motions to adjourn. Mid Michigan Grapplers 2nds. Passed.

Meeting closed at 5:40pm

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 15th at 2:00pm at Gladwin Meadow Lanes