

NEMWA Regular Monthly Meeting
Sunday, April 20, 2008
Meadow Lane Bowling Alley ~ Gladwin, MI

The meeting was **called to order** by President Tony March at 2:00 pm. **Roll call** was done with the following NEMWA clubs present; Bangor, Bay County, Bullock Creek, Essexville, Farwell, Freeland, Gladwin, Grayling, Harrison, Hemlock, Houghton Lake, Michigan Xtreme, Midland, Mid MI Grapplers, Ogemaw, Onaway, Oscoda, Pinconning, Roscommon, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Sanford Meridian, Shepherd, Standish, St. Louis, Whittemore Prescott. The following clubs were absent; Clare, Petoskey, Saginaw Heritage, Tawas, Hale, Mt. Pleasant, Reed City and Kalkaska. There are 33 clubs within NEMWA. 25 were present at this meeting.

The **minutes** of the November 11, 2007 meeting were reviewed and *accepted as written by Sanford Meridian and supported by Farwell with the NEMWA Administrative Rules to take effect at the first meeting of the 2009 NEMWA season. Motion carried.*

The **Treasurer's report** was given in printed form with the checking account balance of \$8698.72. Brent Weston stated that the \$1.00 per wrestler was finally received of \$1207.00 for the 2007 wrestling season. He will be submitting for the 2008 season after this meeting when he receives the paperwork and minutes needed from Dottie. *It was moved by Farwell and supported by SSC to accept the treasurer's report as written. Motion carried.*

2008 Tournament Season overview (Good and Bad):

- SSC gave a clarification of what happened with the NEMWA State Finals.
 - Clarification being that; MHSA took priority over youth wrestling and MHSA used the facilities on the given day that SSC had asked for to hold the MHSA State Choir Concert.
- It was also asked about a sex discrimination policy be looked at and put into place due to a female being told that she could not referee at a tournament. No action was taken at this time.
- It was asked about the crying and tapping the mat by wrestlers and how we as a whole should handle this. It was left up to the coaches how they should handle it with each of their wrestlers.
- The checking in at tournaments and how many wrestlers were turning in paperwork at the tournaments was also discussed and wondering how this could be fixed... Have all paperwork to Dottie by Wednesday before the tournament to be able wrestle at that week tournament was suggested.
- Also clubs would like to see all Saturday tournaments.
- Also would like to make a note that MHSA are making some changes and updates to the wrestling rules, we will want to wait and see what they come up with to see with we would like to adopt any of them.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Vote on Adm. Rules as a whole and imply enforcement start time:

- This was done at the time of approving the November meeting minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Whittemore Prescott Father: It was also asked how NEMWA was going to handle a Whittemore Prescott father (name not published on NEMWA web site). There have been many occasions of unsportsmanlike conduct this season with this individual. *It was moved by SSC to ban this Whittemore Prescott father, from all NEMWA functions, effective from the date of the letter and to remain in effect through the upcoming 2009 NEMWA season, due to his behavior during the 2008 NEMWA season. Following the one (1) year ban, he, may appear before the NEMWA organization and ask to attend NEMWA functions. Supported by Sanford Meridian. Motion carried.* The NEMWA Secretary will write a letter and send it to him certified mail with return receipt, with copies going to all board members and the head coach of Whittemore Prescott.

B. Proposed NEMWA Rule Changes: SEE ATTACHMENT

C. MHSAA Certified Referees: Three gentlemen from MYWAY attended our meeting. They are willing to come to NEMWA and referee also. These gentlemen are also MHSAA certified. Their names are; MYWAY Head Referee, John Reeves, Andrew Graham and David Hofmann.

D. Mat Side Pairing: Rebecca Brinley from MMG would like to see about NEMWA adopting Mat Side Pairing. She has people from down state that are willing to train our people. Mat side pairing would possibly speed up NEMWA tournaments. It would be ran like MYWAY and AAU. Chris from Essexville is willing to be trained. It was asked that Rebecca gather some more info, and bring it back to the next meeting and we will consider it at that time.

E. Three Periods for 5 & 6, 7 & 8, and 9 & 10 year olds: Greg from St. Louis would like to see 9 and 10 years go to three (3) 1.5 periods. *After much discussion, it was moved by St. Louis and supported by MMG that we change all age groups to three (3) 1.5 periods. Motion carried.* This will require the NEMWA wrestling rules and the bout slips for these age groups to be changed.

F. Summer Beach Tournament: John Ross is not here, FYI he was thinking about a beach summer tournament this summer, if you would like more info, please contact him.

G. NEMWA Meeting Dates set to be posted: Dottie has been asked that the meeting dates get set in advance and placed on the web so coaches can plan ahead. It was suggested that we go with August, September, October, November and December for the start of the season. We would have to check with Meadow Lanes for the dates. It was asked about moving the time up. *It was moved by St. Louis and supported by MMG to*

change the start time to 1 pm, it was voted down 13 no to 8 yes. Motion failed, the start time will remain as is at 2 pm. The first meeting for the 2009 season will be Sunday, August 24, 2008 at 2 pm at the Meadow Lanes in Gladwin.

H. Division Rearrangement: Due to current numbers of the current divisions they need to be looked at and rearranged. Russ from Farwell stated that he had already looked at them and had them at home. He used the numbers from Regionals. *It was moved by Roscommon and supported by Ogemaw that Russ look at them again, and bring a draft to the next meeting for all to look at. Motion carried.*

I. Elections: Being no names submitted to Dottie or off the floor, *it was moved by Bangor and supported by Sanford Meridian to leave the NEMWA board as is with the Asst. Head Referee position left open until we hear from Ryan Ferens to see if he is still interested or not. Motion carried.*

President: Tony March – Bullock Creek
Vice President: Troy Tomasek – Hemlock
Secretary: Dottie Brugger – Farwell
Treasurer: Brent Weston – Gladwin
Head Referee: Ike Clelland – Ogemaw
Asst. Head Referee:
Head Pairer: Lydia Kimball – Ogemaw
Asst. Head Pairer: April Clelland - Ogemaw

J. 2009 Season up and coming comments or suggestions:

- Bay Co stated that if the season is started one week earlier they could have their gym and once again host finals.
- Farwell stated that they have secured their gym for Feb 28th to also host finals and leave the season as is.

It was moved by Grayling to adjourn at 4 pm.

Dottie Brugger NEMWA Secretary