

NEMWA Regular Monthly Meeting
Sunday, April 19, 2009
Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley ~ Gladwin, MI

The meeting was **call to order** by Secretary Dottie Brugger at 2:01 pm. Dottie Brugger appointed Jessica Koehler to take minutes for the meeting. **Roll call** was done with the following NEMWA clubs present; Bangor, Essexville, Freeland, Gladwin, Grayling, Hale, Harrison, Houghton Lake, Mid Michigan Grapplers, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Pinconning, Roscommon, Sanford/Meridian, Shepherd, St. Louis and Whittemore/Prescott, Midland, Bay County, Standish Sterling, MI Extreme, Kalkaska and Saginaw Heritage. The following clubs were absent; Onaway, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Saginaw Heritage, Clare, Farwell, Bullock Creek and Hemlock.

The **minutes** of the December 14, 2008 meeting were reviewed, Sanford moved and Ogemaw supported to accept the December meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

The **treasurer's report**: Treasurers report was given in printed form. Checkbook balance as of April 19, 2009 is \$7737.12. We are still waiting on \$1243.00 for the 2008 AAU \$1.00/wrestler and will also be submitting the 2009 soon. It was moved by Ogemaw and supported by Sanford to accept the treasurer's report accepted as given. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. NEMWA wrestling rules changes and updates:

- Dottie would like the age limitation to be clarified to read as follows. The age group in which a wrestler can participate during the competitive season is determined by his age as of December 31 of the year prior to the start of the current wrestling season. **Wrestlers must be 5 years old on or before December 31 of the year prior to the start of the current wrestling season to be eligible to participate in the current wrestling season.** If a wrestler's birthday falls between September 2 and December 31, he is eligible for competition in the 13 to 14 year old age group. Wrestlers in grades 9 -12 are not eligible to participate. It was moved by Ogemaw and supported by Sanford to accept the new wording given by Dottie. Motion carried.
- Ike would like to see the rules implied.
- Essexville moved to change the younger wrestlers, 8 and under, to go back to two (2) 90 second period, MI Extreme supported, after much discussion, both Essexville and MI Extreme withdrew their motion. This will remain as is.
- It was talked of starting the tournaments for 10 and under as soon as the pairing room was ready. Again, after much discussion, this will remain as is.
- Talk of moving times for weigh in up to be able to start tournaments sooner, after much discussion this will remain as is.
- Need to look into a purchasing computers, printer and programs etc. Dottie Brugger appointed Lydia Kimball, April Clelland, Carrie Beeson and Jeremy Sampson to form a committee to look into this over the summer and report back at the first fall meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers: It was moved by Grayling and supported by MI Extreme that election of officers be held at each spring meeting. Motion Carried. With this, election of officers were held.

Nominations for President:

Grayling nominated Jeremy Sampson from Sanford

Essexville nominated Ward Kimball from Ogemaw

Mid Michigan Grapplers moved to close nominations for president, supported, motion carried. Jeremy Sampson received 13 votes, Ward Kimball received 9 votes. Jeremy Sampson from Sanford is our NEMWA President.

Nominations for Vice President:

Grayling nominated Ward Kimball from Ogemaw

Essexville nominated Jeff Kuch from Bay County

Shepherd moved to close nominations for vice president, supported, motion carried. Ward Kimball received 14 votes and Jeff Kuch received 8 votes. Ward Kimball is our NEMWA Vice President.

Nominations for Secretary:

Sanford nominated and moved to close nominations that Dottie Brugger to remain as NEMWA secretary, supported, motion carried. Dottie Brugger is NEMWA Secretary.

Nominations for Treasurer:

Grayling nominated and moved to close nominations that Brent Weston to remain as NEMWA Treasurer, supported, motion carried. Brent Weston is NEMWA Treasurer.

NEMWA Elected Officers are as follows:

President: Jeremy Sampson

Vice President: Ward Kimball

Secretary: Dottie Brugger

Treasurer: Brent Weston

B. Making the Secretary's Position a Paid Position: Lydia Kimball suggestion that NEMWA needs to possibly pay the NEWMA secretary for all the hard work and time that she puts in for NEMWA. This was just a suggestion and would like to have everyone think about it and bring it back to the September meeting.

OPEN

Jeremy Sampson has been in contact with CMU and is trying to get them to do a pre season tournament next year. He will keep us posted...

Talk of maybe lowering the club fees to both returning and new clubs... More to come at the September meeting.

Make sure that everyone has updated contacts with Dottie Brugger - a sheet is being passed around.

MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be Sunday, September 13, 2009 starting at 2 pm at Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley in Gladwin.

Grayling moved, supported to adjourn at 3:30pm

Jessica Koehler, Acting Secretary