

NEMWA Regular Monthly Meeting  
Sunday, August 24, 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; Bay County, Bullock Creek, Clare, Essexville, Farwell, Freeland, Gladwin, Hale, Hemlock, Houghton Lake, Michigan Xtreme, Midland, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Pinconning, Roscommon, Sanford Meridian, St. Louis, Whittemore Prescott. The Following Clubs were absent; Bangor, Grayling, Harrison, Kalkaska, Mid Michigan Grapplers, Mt. Pleasant, Onaway, Petoskey, Reed City, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Saginaw Heritage, Shepherd, Standish and Tawas. There were 18 of the 33 NEMWA Clubs present.

**Remember in order to maintain in good standing, members must:**

- Pay annual dues by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the wrestling season. New members may not vote prior to dues payment.
- Have representation at least 75% of the association meetings each calendar year.
- Members who are not in good standing will not be eligible to vote. League dues must be paid to participate in league functions.

The **minutes** of the April 20, 2008 meeting were reviewed. Richard Shull suggested that they are more detailed and that some rewording needs to be done. Such as removing the name of the father who has been banned, and not publishing his name in the web site copy, give more detail on SSC and what happened with hosting of NEMWA finals, what action happen with the sex discrimination policy. Dottie will re-look at and make changes to Richard Shull's suggestions. It was moved by Midland and supported by Bay Co. to table the approval of the April 2008 meeting minutes until rewording is done. Motion Carried.

**Whittemore Prescott Father:** He addressed the NEMWA organization in regards to the letter that was sent to him stating that he was banned from all NEMWA functions for the 2009 season. While he agrees his behavior was a problem in previous years, he does not believe he acted inappropriately during the 2008 NEMWA season. He commented on both Standish and Gladwin confrontations. NEMWA decided that the suspension will remain in place at this time. The ban was voted on by 25 of the 33 NEMWA Clubs at the April 2008 meeting based on information presented at that time. NEMWA thanked him for coming. Midland recommended that NEMWA document the specific incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct by this father since these details were not captured in the April 2008 NEMWA meeting minutes. It was moved by Midland and supported that witnesses of the unsportsmanlike events summarize the details and forward them to any NEMWA officer. Motion carried. It was also suggested that there be a place on bout slips to document unsportsmanlike conduct of a wrestler, parent and or coach.]

The **Treasurer's report** was given by Brent Weston with no activity since April 2008 and the checking account balance of \$8698.72. Brent stated that the \$1.00 per wrestler has been sent in for the 2008 wrestling season. Dottie will get with Brent to get the

NEMWA AAU number for the 2009 season before the end of the month. *It was moved by Farwell and supported by Essexville to accept the treasurer's report as written. Motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Mat Side Pairing:** Rebecca is not here, tabled until September meeting. Richard Shull would like some information gathered before the next meeting regarding mat side pairing and try to get it sent out to clubs before the September meeting. Dottie will contact Rebecca and see what she can come up with.

**B. Asst. Head Referee:** Ryan Ferens has moved to Mississippi and will not be able to accept the Asst. Head Referee position. It was suggested that John Reeves be contacted and see if he is interested and asked him to attend our September meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Division Rearrangements:** Russ Brugger from Farwell looked over using the total numbers of wrestlers who turned in AAU last year. Moved a few clubs around, and will re-look at using number of wrestlers who wrestled in regionals and each tournament and will bring back to the September meeting.

**B. 2009 Season:** It was moved by Bay County and supported by Michigan Xtreme that we start the season January 3, 2009 and make Regionals February 14<sup>th</sup> and Finals February 21<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried. It was asked by Tony March of any clubs with dates of interest (meaning these are not final): Roscommon Open Tournament December 6<sup>th</sup>, Ogenaw and Essexville interested in any date available, Hemlock (Regionals) February 14<sup>th</sup>, Farwell January 24<sup>th</sup>, Bullock Creek January 3<sup>rd</sup> and/or February 7<sup>th</sup>, Gladwin (Regionals) February 14<sup>th</sup>, Bay Co. (State) Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. Bullock Creek Holiday Tournament December 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

**C. Meeting Dates:** It was moved by Bay Co. and supported by Meridian that the next meeting be Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at Gladwin Meadow Lanes. Motion carried.

*It was moved by Essexville and supported by Ogemaw to adjourn at 4:20 pm.*

*Dottie Brugger*  
NEMWA Secretary