

## December 14, 2003 NEMWA Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at the Standish Sterling Central High School

Minutes submitted by Patricia Hebert, Secretary

**I. Meeting** was called to order at 2:30 pm.

### **II. Roll Call.**

**A. Members present:** Bangor, Bay County, Essexville, Freeland, Hemlock, Midland, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Swan Valley, Gladwin, Hale, Ogemaw, Pinconning, Standish, Tawas, Whittemore-Prescott, Gaylord, Onaway, Pine River, Farwell, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford-Meridian.

**B. Members absent:** Oscoda, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Petoskey, Roscommon, Bullock Creek, Clare, Harrison, Sheperd, St. Louis.

**III.** Motion was made by Sanford-Meridian to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2003 meeting. Second by W-P. Motion passes.

**Unfinished Business:** Questions remain on the Onaway and Hemlock tournaments scheduled for February 7 and 8.

- Onaway would like to host a Sunday tournament February 8 if there will be enough wrestlers to make it worthwhile. NEMWA clubs will be polled in January to determine how many might attend.
- Hemlock has a gym February 7, but has a small parent base to staff the tournament. Several other clubs said they would help out if required.

### **V. New Business:**

**Summary of Decisions:** Here is simplified list of the decisions made which are more fully explained in the full minutes that follow.

- The **Club Representation** proposal passed. Each club must provide the NEMWA secretary with between one and four names that will serve as official club representatives at NEMWA tournaments. One of these representatives must be at every tournament.
- The **Club Hopping** proposal passed. Except in special circumstances, a wrestler may only belong to one NEMWA club per season.
- The **Wrestler Eligibility** proposal passed. Each club must provide a NEMWA informed consent form and birth certificate for every wrestler prior to the wrestler's first tournament.
- The **5&6 age group** proposal passed. This will be started at either the January 10 or January 17 tournaments, depending on whether medals can be obtained in time.
- The **official's clinic** proposal to certify referees passed. The next clinic is 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. prior to wrestling at the January 3 CMU tournament.
- **Bout slips** can now be signed by either the winning wrestler or the winning coach.
- All tournaments will now have a consolation bracket that wrestles back for **true second**.
- Wrestlers will **no longer** have the possibility of wrestling the **same person twice** in one tournament. The results of the first match will stand in consolation if the same wrestlers are paired again.
- The **NEMWA age** is now based on the age as of **December 31** of the year prior to the wrestling season.
- Several rule changes were made **regarding mat spacing, grievance committees, age/weight bumping and weigh-in times.**

**The next NEMWA meeting will address the unfinished business and will be held in the pairing room immediately following the last match of the January 3, 2004 CMU tournament.**

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### **A. Motions Related to Rules and Policies**

#### 1. Proposal 1: Use of Robert's Rules:

- NEMWA meetings will be run using the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order. Standish makes motion to make 1<sup>st</sup> order of business to accept by-laws. W-P 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepts-9, Declines-10. Motion is declined.
- Pinconning makes motion not to accept Robert's Rules. Standish 2nds. Motion-passes.
- Sanford-Meridian makes motion to discuss use of modified form of Robert's Rules. Simpler version to be discussed at separate meeting. Committee to be formed. Standish 2nds. Motion -Passes
- Volunteers for committee- Midland, Standish, Sanford-Meridian, Pinconning

#### 2. Proposal 2: Quorum: Skipped

### **B. Motions Related to Membership**

#### 1. Proposal 1, Club Representation:

- Every club should have on record with NEMWA at least one and up to 4 adult representatives of the club.
- At least one of these representatives should be on hand at every event that the club participates.
- The representative will serve as a club contact at NEMWA events
- At NEMWA events some of the duties of these member will include: Handling the payment of tournament fees; Be responsible for the actions of club participants in regards to following tournaments rules and sportsmanship; Assist NEMWA officials at addressing adult actions that fall outside of NEMWA sportsmanship expectations and tournament rules; Be the primary contacts regarding their club members and eligibility for NEMWA events; Arranging tournament aid (table help, etc...) if needed.
- In the event that eligibility or conduct concerns arise NEMWA officials, tournament director and/or tournament officials will contact the proper team representatives to discuss a course of action. (If no representative is available the club will have NO say as to what actions will be taken at that event - including removal of wrestlers or parents from the current tournament.)

Standish makes motion to accept proposal; Sanford-Meridian 2<sup>nd</sup>, MOTION- passes.

#### 2. Proposal 3: Wrestler eligibility

- To be eligible for official NEMWA league meets (not including preseason events) wrestlers must turn in a copy of the NEMWA "Player's Agreement to Participate" signed by a parent or guardian, and accompanied by a copy of their birth certificate prior to the start of the NEMWA event.
- The form and the birth certificate may be turned in the same day as the competition but prior to the start of the tournament.
- If the wrestler has not turned in a form prior to the start of competition the wrestler is ruled ineligible for this event and removed from the tournament.
- Rather than redrawing the weight class the wrestler just defaults his matches. His opponent advances uncontested.

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Standish makes motion to amend the proposal so that if someone gets caught without permission and/or birth certificate whole team does not wrestle next week as penalty.

Pinny 2nds.

Mt. Pleasant makes an amendment to the motion to drop the penalty to the whole team. W-P 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Amended motion passes.

### **C. Motions Related to Tournament Operations**

#### 1. Proposal 1: Age group calculation

- Amend the first sentence of Article IV, Section 4, Rule 1 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 year.”

Ogemaw makes motion to accept proposal. Sanford-Meridian 2nds. Motion- passes.

#### 2. Proposal 4: Mat spacing

- Amend Article II, Section 1, Rule 4 to start with the words: “Whenever practical”. The amended rule would read “Whenever practical, a minimum of 12 inches will be marked as the out-of-bounds line around the perimeter of the entire mat.”

Standish makes motion to accept proposal. Gaylord 2nds. Motion- passes.

#### 3. Proposal 6: Grievance committee

- Add rule 6 to Article VI, Section 5, as follows: “A tournament director will select a three person grievance committee prior to the start of a tournament. This committee must be made up of the tournament director, a head coach and the head official for the tournament. The purpose of this committee is to assist the coaches and referee in the resolution of situations caused by the misapplication of a rule (see Article VI, Section 5, Rule 4). The ruling of the grievance committee will be final.

Standish makes motion to accept the amended Proposal. (The way it is typed here) W-P 2nds.

Motion- Passes.

#### 4. Proposal 7: Small Brackets

- Amend Article X, Section 2 Rule 7 to read “If less than three wrestlers are in a weight class, the pairing room may move the wrestlers up to the next weight class with the permission of either the wrestler’s head coach or parent. If the next weight class is heavyweight, brackets may not be combined if it creates a weight difference between wrestlers in the same bracket that exceeds the limits set in Article 4, Section 4, Rule 2.”

Sanford-Meridian made motion to accept the proposal with the amendment that the head coach makes decision on moving kids up. Mt. Pleasant 2nds. Motion- passes.

### **D. Motions Related to Membership**

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### 1. Proposal 2: Club Hopping

Wrestlers may only register and represent one club in NEMWA per complete season. Once a wrestler enters a NEMWA tournament under a club name, that wrestler cannot enter other NEMWA tournaments under any other club name during the same season unless all of the following criteria are met:

- The wrestler has physically moved and has taken up residency outside of the area represented by the club.

- The wrestler must live near full time in new household as evidenced by changed schools, etc.

Wrestlers with separated parents cannot bounce between homes and clubs.

- The new club is willing to accept this wrestler into their club and represent his/her case to NEMWA to gain approval if necessary.

- The wrestler gains permission through NEMWA.

- There may be special cases that warrant NEMWA to allow a wrestler to change clubs even if the statements above are not met. These special cases will require at least 2/3 of the clubs in NEMWA to approve of the "Hardship case".

- Should any concern or issue arise, the tournament director and NEMWA will contact the proper club representative and resolve the issue.

Sanford-Meridian made motion to accept proposal. Farwell 2nds. Motion- passes.

### 2. Proposal 4: Member dues

- In order to maintain in good standing, members must:

- Pay annual dues prior to January 1 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 or participate in Association functions.

Mt. Pleasant makes motion to accept proposal. Standish 2nds. Motion- passes.

## **E. Motion Related to Officiating**

### 1. Proposal 1: Official's Training Clinics. (See attachment)

Bangor makes motion to accept Proposal. Freeland 2nds. Motion- passes.

## **F. Motions Related to Tournament Operations**

### 1. Proposal 2: Age and Weight group bumping in regionals and finals.

- Amend the first sentence of Article IV, Section 4, Rule 3 to eliminate the words: "No weight class movement or age jumping will be allowed for league, regional, or state finals".

- Amend Article IV, Section 4, Rule 4 to add the words: "Wrestlers who chose to move up an age or weight class in a qualifying tournament, must compete in the same age and weight class in any succeeding tournaments fed by the qualifier."

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Ogemaw makes motion to accept proposal. Sanford-Meridian 2nds. Motion- passes.

2. Proposal 3: Standard weigh-in times and exception process for non-standard weigh-in times.

- Amend Article IV, Section 4, Rule 1 to replace the sentence “Teams must weigh in at the tournament site at times specified by the hosting club” with the following:
- The standard time for 8 and under and 9&10 age group weigh-ins is between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. the morning of the tournament. The standard time for 11&12 and 13&14 age group weigh-ins is 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. the morning of the tournament.
- Tournament directors may elect to allow all age groups to weigh-in beginning at 7:30 a.m. if they include this information on tournament flyers and make these flyers available to all NEMWA clubs at least 2 weeks prior to the tournament.
- Changes to the standard weigh-in times for any NEMWA-sanctioned tournament must be approved by the majority of NEMWA clubs at least two weeks in advance of the tournament.]

Standish makes motion to accept proposal. Ogemaw 2nds. Motion- Passes.

3. Proposal 5: Bout Slip signatures.

- Amend Article III, Section 1, Rule 10 to read: “Following the end of a match, the referee and the winning wrestler (the winning wrestler’s coach being an acceptable substitute signature in appropriate cases) will be required to sign the individual score sheet, certifying the match results.”

W-P makes motion to accept proposal. Ogemaw 2nds. Motion - passes.

4. Proposal 8: Consolations wrestle for true second

- Amend Article X, Section 2, Rule 4 so that the last sentence reads: “Wrestlers in the consolation bracket will wrestle back for second place.”

Standish makes motion to accept proposal. Ogemaw 2nds. Motion- Passes.

5. Proposal 9: Wrestling the same person twice in one tournament.

- Amend Article X, Section 2 Rule 6 to read: “In the event that two wrestlers who have competed against each other previously in the tournament are paired again in the consolation bracket, the second match will not be wrestled. The results of the first match will be applied to the second pairing.”

Standish makes motion to accept proposal. Bangor 2nds. Motion -Passes.

6. Proposal 10: 5&6 year old age group

- Amend Article IV, Section 4 Rule 1 to add a 5&6 year old age group with weight classes of 37, 40, 43, 46, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, and Heavyweight.

Freeland makes motion to accept proposal, Bangor 2nds. Motion- passes.

- Standish makes amendment to have 10 lb. Weight differential for heavyweight instead of 15 lbs. Sanford-Meridian 2nds. Motion- Passes.

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**G. Motions Related to Rules and Policies**

1. Proposal 3: E-mail voting
2. Proposal 4: Spending authority for officers
3. Proposal 5: Decision-making hierarchy
4. Proposal 6: Bylaws - Requires 2/3 vote to adopt.

Standish makes motion to table rest of agenda. Pinny 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion -passes.

**VI. Motion to adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.