

**NEMWA League Meeting
Gladwin Meadow Lanes
December 10, 2006**

I. OPEN

Meeting opened at 2:15 pm

II. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bangor, Bay County, Essexville, Gladwin, Ogemaw, Pinconning, Grayling, Mid-Michigan Grapplers, Bullock Creek, Farwell, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford-Meridian, Roscommon, Hemlock, Midland, Hale, Shepherd

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Houghton Lake, Bangor, Swan Valley, Hale, Onaway, Pine River, Rogers City, Clare, Saginaw Heritage, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Freeland, Bangor, Oscoda, Standish, Harrison, Shepherd

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

Farwell motions and Meridian 2nds to accept October minutes. Passed
Farwell motions and Essexville 2nds to approve November minutes. Passed

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Final balance as of December 10, 2006 is \$8056.43.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review and approval of updated NEMWA rules

Grayling motions to vote the rules version pg. 2 of 26, Article I, Section 2, Rule 3. Midland 2nds. 9-4 Passed. The rules version reads as follows:

A wrestler who weighs in for one weight class may be shifted to a higher weight, provided it is not more than two weight classes above his actual stripped weight classification and provided that the wrestler's parent/guardian and coach both give written consent to wrestle at the higher weight class. The exact weight of all the heavyweight contestants shall be recorded. For maximum allowances see Article IV, Section 4 – Rule 2.

Page 3 of 26, Article III, Section 1, Rule 1 – rules version passed. The rules version reads as follows:

Referee shall be neatly dressed with official referee shirt and shall wear proper color ID armband. **The green wrist band goes on the right wrist and the red band goes on the left wrist.**

Page 5 of 26, Article IV, Section 1, Rule 2 Meridian motions to change to read **“clean wrestling shoes or clean tennis shoe- no metal.** No discussion. Passed.

Page 6 of 26, Article IV, Section 2, Rule 3. Rules version passed. The rules version reads as follows:

Any wrestler who is suspected of carrying an infectious communicable disease or infection shall be required to be examined by the tournament director and/or other designee of the director. If it is deemed that such disease or infection is potentially dangerous or hazardous to other wrestlers, the wrestler shall be disqualified from competition until a written notification from his own physician is presented to the NEMWA board. Such notification will be submitted on a NEMWA Physician Release Form and will be presented at weigh-in or to the tournament director and/or head referee. If an on-site physician is present, then he/she may overrule the diagnosis of the physician who signed a NEMWA Physician's Release Form.

Page 7 of 26, Article IV, Section 4, Rule 3 – no discussion. Rules version passed. The rules version reads as follows:

A contestant shall not wrestle more than two weight classes above that class for which his age group and actual stripped weight, at the time of weigh-in, qualifies him. The wrestler's parent/guardian and coach must both give written consent for the athlete to wrestle at the higher weight class. The wrestler must make the decision at weigh-in and must indicate his intention to compete at a higher weight class on the weigh-in slip. 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.

Page 7 of 26, Article IV, Section 4, Rule 4 – no discussion. Rules version passed The rules version reads as follows:

A wrestler may move up one age group with written parent/guardian and coach consent. If the wrestler moves up one age group he may not wrestle two weight classes above his stripped weigh-in weight. The wrestler must make the decision at weigh-in and indicate his intention to wrestle in a higher age group on the weigh-in slip. 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.

Page 10 of 26, Article V, Section 2, Rule 4G – no discussion. Rules version passed. The rules version reads as follows:

If injury or bleeding occurs, or the defensive wrestler indicates he is injured, after two-count near fall criteria has been met, the match will be stopped and a three point near fall shall be awarded. If a five-count has been met, a four point near fall shall be awarded. If the match is stopped due to the defensive wrestler doing an illegal move, a four point near fall shall be awarded plus one penalty point creating a five point near fall.

Page 10 of 26, Article V, Section 3 Rule 1 -. Read version passed. The read version is as follows:

A decision is earned by the wrestler who has scored the greater number of points, as provided by the point system in Article IX, Section 1 – if no fall has resulted during the regular periods of any match. If the winner's score exceeds the loser's score by 8 it is a major decision. If the winner's score exceeds the loser's score by 15 or more points it is a technical fall.

Article VII, Section 1 Rule 5-A. Rules version passed. The rules version reads as follows: Standing headlock for 5&6 and 7&8 age groups. For 8 and under wrestlers, the headlock must be initiated with one or both knees on the mat. The headlock is illegal for a takedown for 5&6 and 7&8 age groups.

Article X, Section 2, Rule 4. Rules version passed. The rules version reads as follows: Double elimination brackets with cross bracketing are to be used for all brackets except for brackets containing 3 wrestlers. Brackets with only three wrestlers will use a round robin system described below. Wrestlers in the consolation bracket will wrestle back for second place. See Article X Section 2 Rule 6.

Article X Section 2 Rule 6. Rules version passed. The rules version reads as follows: 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 be wrestled except if it is for second place. For second place the results of the first match will be applied to the second pairing.

VI. New Business

A. Deadline to turn in AAU forms, players agreement, and birth certificates is Dec. 31, 2007.

B. Discussion on how each club will handle registering their athletes for AAU for 2007-2008. There was a lot of mixed feeling about how this will work. This topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

VII. Open

1. Should NEMWA pay for a portion of Bay Co.'s cost for finals?

After discussing how much money Bay Co. clears after State Finals, it was determined that NEMWA would not pay for a portion of the costs.

2. No animosity between clubs will be tolerated per league President, Tony March.

3. Pairing Room – Lydia has asked that no parents be allowed in the pairing room. If there is a problem, parents must go to coach's first or tournament director

Next Meeting: April 15, 2007, 3:00pm at Gladwin Meadow Lanes