

NEMWA Regular Monthly Meeting  
Sunday, December 12, 2010  
Gladwin Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley, Gladwin, MI

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 pm by President Ward Kimball.

The following clubs were present (note winter storm was upon us and roads were terrible): Meridian, Gladwin, SSC, Whitmore/Prescott, Ogemaw, Bay County, Houghton Lake, Freeland, Essexville, and St. Louis. Elected Officials present were: Ward Kimball, Dottie Brugger, Brent Weston, Ike Clelland, Josh McGeathy, Carrie Beeson, Melissa Shuler.

**Minutes** of the October 10, 2010 meeting *stand as printed with Freeland moving and Houghton Lake Supporting, motion carried.*

**Treasurer's report:** Checking balance is \$7647.34. All club dues have been received. Brent did submit the 2010 AAU wrestlers numbers to AAU for the \$1.00 per wrestler and a check was received in the amount of \$1140.00. There is about \$600 due to Brent for things that have been done and he used his credit card for. *It was moved by Bay County and supported by Meridian to accept the treasurer's report as given. Motion carried.*

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Rules:** Glenn Fitkin and Richard Shull have gone through out NEMWA meeting minutes and our NEMWA rules books and compiled them all into one. These were sent out to all club contacts earlier in the week for review. *It was moved by Bay County and supported by Ogemaw to accept the NEMWA rules as updated. Motion carried.* Dottie will send these out to all club contacts as a final copy.

**Auto Bracket/Pairing updates:** a.) Pairing will not be bringing a group of pairers that tournaments need to use (like in the past). Clubs hosting tournaments are responsible for providing their own mat side pairers. If you need help finding pairers, let me know and I can help with that.  
b.) The pairing room is for that tournaments head pairer and whomever she has helping her. Parents and Coaches are not to be in there unless asked by the pairer (unless coach is addressing a problem). This is to keep things running smoothly and on track. Please advise parents that they need to stay out and if they have a problem to have the coach take care of it.  
c.) Once weights are entered into the computer, but before brackets are posted, we will be printing coach's reports. These reports will include information like, child's name, age, weight class wrestling, mat number and bout number. We will announce to have coaches come and get them and go over them COMPLETELY! We will give you ten minutes to review them and inform us of any changes that need to be made. Once changes are made, we will print brackets. This will help ensure that brackets are not printed with children in the wrong weight class, age group or a name being omitted.

**Schedule/Tournament Fliers:** The schedule is set and tournament fliers are needed ASAP. Please send them to Dottie and she will send them out and also have them posted to the web site. *It was moved by Meridian and supported by St. Louis that he 2011 NEMWA schedule be accepted. Motion carried.* It was suggested that a template be made for tournament fliers so all clubs had to do was fill in the blanks. Dottie will work on this.

**Scale Schedule:** Dottie has made a scale schedule up so hosting clubs know where they are to pick up the scale for their tournament. (Attached) Dottie read it aloud to everyone in attendance. *It was moved by Meridian and supported by Houghton Lake to accept the scale schedule. Motion carried.* Dottie will have Richard place this on the web site and will send a copy to all hosting clubs.

**Kickoff Tournament:** The NEMWA kickoff tournament will be at Bay City Central on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. If you have done so already, please call in your numbers. Bay County Road Runners will be medaling everyone 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> in all age groups. They will be running 2 gyms, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 will be in one and 11-12, 13-14 will be in the other one. Fliers are posted on the NEMWA website, plus Dottie has them.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Tournament Hosting Guideline:** Ward has come up with a tournament hosting guideline for all hosting clubs to follow. It is just so everyone is on the same page. There is also a Scoring Instructions Guideline that Oscoda has used. We will get these posted to the web site.

**AAU:** There has been much discussion on why we have AAU and how we can enforce this within our coaches. St. Louis had the idea of going to Name Badges and having every coach with AAU wear a badge. Then there was concern of parents and allowing parents to have name badges. By doing just coaches, it would cut down on the number of people who would be on the gym floor, and parents would be able to see from the stands, and coaches would be able to move freely from match to match and not have to fight the crowd. There was suggestion of making security badges up and the hosting clubs gives them to adults of their choice who would help enforce this. Ike also stated that referees could also help at match check in time. Dottie stated that there are many NEMWA coaches out there who DO not have AAU cards and this would be away to enforce it. Suggestion came to the floor of allowing a parent to come while their child was wrestling, and then return as soon as they were done, but then why would we do that if we were going to make the coaches have AAU. *After much discussion it was moved by St. Louis and supported by Ogemaw that; Name badges be made by Dottie for NEMWA coaches of coaches names that are given to her by the Club Head Coach. She will check the AAU list and when their name appears on the AAU list a badge will be made. This is to take effect at the December 18<sup>th</sup> Kickoff tournament. Coaches must have their badge on when coaching and/or on mat side. Parents are to remain in the stands. Only Head Coaches can submit names to Dottie to have a badge requested. Also 10 sets of security badges will be made to flow the scales. Motion carried.* The badges will read : Coaches Name and Club. Jessica from Meridian stated that she had some lanyards that we could have to get started with.

**Auto Bracket Checks:** Brent just wants to remind clubs that he needs a check from Hosting Clubs as soon as their tournament is over or within a couple of days so he can get them set to Auto Bracket. It is 50c per wrestler that attends their tournament.

**Weigh Ins:** There has been a lot of confusion over weigh in times on what times are what. So, *Ogemaw moved and St. Louis supported that NEWMA set all weigh in times to be from 7 am to 8:30 am for ALL age groups. Motion carried.* Glenn will change this in the rules book before sending me the final copy.

### **Ike's Report:**

- Ike needs to purchase some things for the 2011 wrestling season, like 6 shirts @ approx \$20.00 each, some whistles maybe a couple set of arm bands. *Ogemaw moved and St. Louis supported that Ike go ahead and get what is needed. Motion carried.*
- Also Gladwin will try to host a referee clinic. So watch the web site and he will let Dottie know of the date.
- Thinking of having coaches have a say in referees for regional's and finals by having them fill out a questionnaire at each tournament. They can give to Josh or Ike at the end of tournament.
- Enforcing the hair rule. Long hair must be in a hair net. See rule book for complete details.
- Belly/Elbow rule is gone, there is no order now.

**Parent from Gladwin:** There is a parent who was banned last year from NEMWA from Gladwin who has asked to be able to return. The NEMWA elected officials, Gladwin Youth Wrestling Club and this parent and his wife went into closed session to discuss this matter due to the tempers rising over this during the regular meeting. After everyone left and spouses of officials were asked to leave, the meeting continued. The conclusion of the matter is that NEMWA cannot tell Gladwin how to run their club and that NEMWA backs Gladwin on their decision. However, NEMWA is allowing the parent back into NEMWA under the condition of Gladwin's decision, which is his kids can wrestle for Gladwin, however he can not coach them. NEMWA will allow him to attend NEMWA events but he must remain in the stands for the 2011 season and not go mat side with his kids and coach his kids. At the end of the 2011 season he can again come to NEMWA and ask that he be able to coach his kids. He stated that he accepts and understands NEMWA's decision. He states that he is sorry for his actions.

Meeting Adjourned.

Dottie Brugger , NEMWA Secretary