

November 3, 2002 NEMWA Meeting Minutes

Summary of Action Items in Minutes Below:

- The next meeting is Saturday January 4, immediately after the conclusion of wrestling at the CMU tournament. We will use meeting facilities on the CMU campus. Since wrestling will take place on 4 full-size mats (more if necessary) this tournament should finish by mid afternoon.
- All club dues must be paid prior to, or at the next meeting. Mail to Dawn Hergott.
- All clubs must have medical accident insurance on every wrestler in their clubs (see details below)
- There are still openings in the tournament schedule. If clubs want to fill these slots, contact Rich Shull. Openings will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- A committee has been appointed to develop a proposal for qualifying wrestlers for a state tournament, a proposal for awards system for regionals/finals, more specifics around wrestling back for second place, and use of two-tournament rule.
- April Clelland and Patricia Hebert will develop proposal for qualifying paid pairing room workers and detail the responsibilities of the head pairer at tournaments.
- Ike Clelland and Scott Sesco will develop detailed proposal for qualifying paid officials and detail responsibilities of the head official at tournaments.
- All clubs hosting tournaments are encouraged to bring their tournament flyers to the January meeting.

Introductory Items (10 minutes)

1. 20 clubs present: Bangor, Bay County, Bullock Creek, Clare, Essexville, Gladwin, Grayling, Midland, Mio, Mount Pleasant, Ogemaw, Pinconning, Pine River, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Sanford/Meridian, Shepard, Standish, Swan Valley, Tawas, Whittemore Prescott.
2. 8 clubs absent: Farwell, Harrison, Hemlock, Houghton Lake, Onaway, Oscoda, Petoskey, Roscommon.
3. Acceptance of September meeting minutes. **Motion by bay county, 2nd by Meridian. Motion carried.**
4. Introduction of NEMWA officers: Rich Shull (President), Jeremy Sampson (VP), Patricia Hebert (Secretary), Dawn Hergott (Treasurer).
5. Treasurer's report – Dawn Hergott. **No report, Dawn not present**
6. Review of NEMWA Mission statement – Richard Shull. **Copy of mission attached to these minutes.**

Proposals for Tournament Readiness (50 min)

1. Purchase 4 Mettler PS90 electronic scales at \$575 each (plus shipping). Total cost approximately \$2600 with shipping and cases). Chuck Finlan has volunteered to calibrate both new and old scales and build cases for free. Six scales for the league allows 2 for boys and one for girls at every tournament. **Motion by Ogemaw 2nd by Pinconning. Motion carried.**
2. Change bracketing rules to provide extra match in consolation rounds to determine true second place. If wrestlers have met previously, the consolation match results would supercede the earlier match results. **Motion by Essexville to only wrestle consolation matches for second in qualifying, regional, or finals tournaments. . 2nd by Bay County. 11 in favor. Motion carried. Midland made motion to table details on wrestling each other twice. 2nd by Bangor.**
3. All member clubs are required to possess accident medical insurance coverage for every wrestler in their program whether or not they attend tournaments. Minimum acceptable

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coverage is \$10,000.00 per incident. **Motion to accept by Ogemaw, 2nd by Standish. Motion carried.**

4. All member clubs are required to submit wrestler birth certificates and Players Agreements to the NEMWA Secretary one week prior to the wrestler's first tournament. The NEMWA secretary will maintain a list of eligible wrestlers so pairing rooms can verify eligibility to compete at each tournament. Wrestlers who attempt to wrestle without proper paperwork will be disqualified for that tournament. **Motion made by Pinconning, 2nd by Meridian. Motion carried.**
5. The host club at each tournament must submit to the NEMWA secretary all weigh-in slips sorted by club and summarized list in type written form before the next tournament. These will be used to verify wrestler compliance with the NEMWA two-tournament rule if disputed at NEMWA finals. **Motion and amendments by Ogemaw and 2nd by Essexville. Motion Carried.**
6. Each club will register tournament attendance at least one week prior to the tournament via e-mail to the tournament director and NEMWA president. E-mails may be sent no earlier than specified on the league calendar for each tournament (normally noon two weeks prior to the tournament). E-mail date/time stamps will be used to determine entry priority. **Motion by Meridian, 2nd by Ogemaw. Motion carried.**
7. Proposal for Standish and Pine River to host regional tournaments March 15. **Motion by Pinconning 2nd by Ogemaw. Motion carried.**
8. Determine location for finals March 22. **Motion by Meridian to host finals. 2nd by Bangor. Motion carried. Same committee that will look into state qualifier methodology will recommend medals and such for finals. Motion made by Midland 2nd by Bay County. Motion carried.**
9. In order for officials to be paid at a tournament, they must be trained or qualified by the head NEMWA official or his/her representative prior to the tournament in which they are paid. Each tournament must have a minimum of 8 qualified officials.
10. In order for pairing room help to be paid at a tournament, they must be trained or qualified by the head NEMWA pairer or his/her representative prior to the tournament in which they are paid. Each tournament must have a minimum of 4 qualified pairers.
11. Nominate and elect NEMWA head pairer and NEMWA head official. Meridian nominated Ike Clelland and Standish nominated Scott Sesco for head officials. Meridian nominated April Clelland and Ogemaw nominated Patricia Hebert for head pairers.
12. Set 2003 tournament pay (paid by host club):
 1. Head official \$70
 2. Qualified official \$50
 3. Head pairer \$100
 4. Qualified pairer \$50

Motion made by Mio, 2nd by Meridian. Motion carried.(for proposals 9 through 12

Tournament Schedule Reconciliation (15 minutes)

The current division proposal has to be refined or changed to make it workable. There are several issues that have been identified:

1. The division rotation prevents clubs from the same division (or from divisions scheduled to compete against each other) from holding tournaments on the same date (e.g. Feb 9 where both Bangor and Saginaw have requested tournaments).
2. Under the division system it is not clear what to do when there are three tournaments requested for a weekend.

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3. The division rotation can prevent clubs from attending the nearest tournament (e.g. Mar 1 Bangor, Saginaw, Bay County, Essexville, Hemlock and Swan Valley all drive to Grayling instead of Standish).
4. The division rotation makes the insertion of a special tournament very difficult since it prevents the full rotation (e.g. state qualifier or novice tournament)
5. The division system assumes that each division has the same number of wrestlers attending each tournament. This is likely a bad assumption, especially for Sunday tournaments. In the past, Sunday tournaments worked because within the whole league there were enough clubs able to compete on Sunday. However, within half the league there may not be enough participants to make a Sunday tournament work.

There are two choices we have:

1. Figure a way to make the division system work and/or try it and see what happens. **No motion was made for any alternatives to this approach. Division system will continue despite potential issues identified above.**
2. Switch to the proposal recommended by the tournament subcommittee. This proposal was based on freedom of the club to choose their tournament preferences and used a first-come, first-served approach. On weekends where there is only one tournament, clubs who have been locked out of a previous tournament will be given priority.

Proposal to support January 4 tournament at CMU (10 minutes)

1. Overview and support requirements – Tom Borrelli, CMU Head Coach

Requirements: Pairing Room Help, Officials, Weigh-in slips. This is not a sanctioned tournament. Anyone interested in helping let Rich know and he will let Tom know. Estimates of 200-300 wrestlers from NEMWA may attend.

Proposals supporting state finals participation (15 minutes)

1. MYWAY/MMWA update – Steve Dean (MYWAY President and MMWA VP) March 2nd is the date for this tournament in Ionia.
2. Proposal to host qualifier at Ogemaw February 22. Must reconcile
 - Age group differences. MYWAY based on Dec. 31st (age at the end of the year of wrestling)
 - Minimum number of NEMWA tournaments required
 - Alternative tournament for less competitive wrestlers

MYWAY uses same bracket system as we do but they do wrestle for a true second place.

Motion made by Mt. Pleasant to make a committee to figure out a way to make a qualifier tournament for March 2nd tournament. 2nd by Bangor. Motion carried. Committee consists of representatives from Sanford/Meridian, Ogemaw, Bullock Creek, Bangor and Midland.

Proposal to create a NEMWA web site (15 minutes)

1. Demonstration of web possibilities
2. Proposal A: Leave on Midland Wrestling Club web site
3. Proposal B: Establish NEMWA domain name and use web hosting service (\$35 domain name registration plus \$20 per year thereafter, \$230 per year hosting with database services and Frontpage 2002 extensions)

Proposal made to work off Midland Wrestling Club web site www.midlandwrestlingclub.org until next year. Proposal A: Motion made by Midland 2nd by Meridian. Motion carried.

Misc Business (10 minutes)

1. Dues payment: \$100 for returning clubs in good standing, \$200 for new clubs. Mail checks to Dawn Hergott prior to next meeting to remain in good standing.

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2. Update NEMWA contact information. E-mail address is required for each member club.
3. Permission to publish NEMWA membership and contact information. **Delayed to next meeting.**
4. Distribute Players Agreement and Parental Consent Form.
5. Validation of two tournament rule. **Delayed to next meeting.**
6. Proposal to commission group to create recommendations for 2004 tournament operations. **Delayed to next meeting.**
7. All clubs bring fliers to next meeting.

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Proposed Tournament Dates (as of November 3, 2002)

Week	Date	“A”	“B”	Tentative 1	Tentative 2	Tentative 3
Preseason	¼	CMU	None			
1	1/11-12	A&B	C&D	A-Swan Valley		
2	1/18-19	A&C	B&D	D-Mt Pleasant (19)	B – Standish?	
3	1/25-26	A&D	B&C	B-Pinconning		
4	2/1-2	A&B	C&D	D-Bullock Ck Can't start until 11:00 am	B-Oscoda	
5	2/8-9	A&C	B&D	A-Bangor (9)	C-Pine River	<i>D-Mt Pleasant</i>
6	2/15-16	A&D	B&C	B-W/P		
7	2/22-23	A&B	C&D	B-Ogemaw	D-Meridian	
8	3/1-2	A&C	B&D		C-Grayling	D-Clare
9	3/8-9	A&D	B&C	<i>A-Midland</i>		
Regionals	3/15			B-Standish	C-Pine River	
Finals	3/22			Meridian		

Italicized entries are in smaller schools

Sunday dates are indicated in parenthesis

Motion to make Sunday tournaments open to everyone first-come first serve by Ogemaw 2nd by Meridian. Motion carried.

Confirmed unable to host tournament in 2003: Essexville, Mio, Petoskey

Planning to host tournament without date yet: Harrison

The Purpose of the NEMWA

The North Eastern Michigan Wrestling Association (NEMWA) believes that wrestling is a great sport that can be enjoyed by any child no matter the size. The association has two primary purposes:

1. To provide safe, fair, and encouraging competition for wrestlers of member clubs. NEMWA bylaws and competition rules are designed to promote good sportsmanship and foster the values of integrity, self-discipline and honesty in both coaches and wrestlers.
2. To assist member clubs in educating students, parents, school administrators, and the general public on how wrestling is an ideal sport for body and mind; building strength, endurance, self-confidence and self-discipline in those who participate.

Member clubs must have among their goals to:

1. Teach the basics of collegiate-style wrestling.
2. Encourage healthy, fair and fun competition with a focus on improvement.
3. Build self-confidence by showing the positive results that come from practice and self-discipline.
4. Teach respect for peers, those in authority (such as coaches and referees) and property (such as the wrestling mat, school gym, lockers, etc.).

Develop wrestlers that have potential to become successful at the higher levels of competition in the middle or senior high schools.