

November 3, 2002 NEMWA Meeting Agenda

Introductory Items (10 minutes)

1. Acceptance of September meeting minutes
2. Introduction of NEMWA officers: Rich Shull (President), Jeremy Sampson (VP), Patricia Hebert (Secretary), Dawn Hergott (Treasurer).
3. Treasurer's report – Dawn Hergott
4. Review of NEMWA Mission statement – Richard Shull

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.
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.
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 coverage is \$10,000.00 per incident.
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.
5. The pairing room leader at each tournament must submit to the NEMWA secretary all weigh-in slips sorted by club within 2 weeks of the tournament. These will be used to verify wrestler compliance with the NEMWA two-tournament rule if disputed at NEMWA finals.
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. E-mail date/time stamps will be used to determine entry priority.
7. Proposal for Standish and Pine River to host regional tournaments March 15.
8. Determine location for finals March 22.
9. In order for officials to be paid at a tournament, they must 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 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.
12. Set 2003 tournament pay (paid by host club):
 - Head official \$70
 - Qualified official \$50
 - Head pairer \$100
 - Qualified pairer \$50

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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.
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.
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

Proposals supporting state finals participation (15 minutes)

1. MYWAY/MMWA update – Steve Dean (MYWAY President and MMWA VP)
2. Proposal to host qualifier at Ogemaw February 22. Must reconcile
 - Age group differences.
 - Minimum number of NEMWA tournaments required
 - Alternative tournament for less competitive wrestlers

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)

Misc Business (10 minutes)

1. Dues payment: \$100 for returning clubs in good standing, \$200 for new clubs
2. Update NEMWA contact information. E-mail address is required for each member club.
3. Permission to publish NEMWA membership and contact information
4. Distribute Players Agreement and Parental Consent Form
5. Validation of two tournament rule
6. Proposal to commission group to create recommendations for 2004 tournament operations.

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Proposed Tournament Dates (as of November 2, 2002)

Week	Date	“A”	“B”	Tentative 1	Tentative 2	Tentative 3
Preseason	1/4	CMU	None			
1	1/11-12	A&B	C&D			
2	1/18-19	A&C	B&D	D-Mt Pleasant (19)		
3	1/25-26	A&D	B&C			
4	2/1-2	A&B	C&D	D-Bullock Ck	B-Oscoda	
5	2/8-9	A&C	B&D	A-Bangor (9) A-Saginaw (9)	C-Pine River	<i>D-Mt Pleasant</i>
6	2/15-16	A&D	B&C			
7	2/22-23	A&B	C&D	B-Ogemaw		
8	3/1-2	A&C	B&D	B-Standish	C-Grayling	
9	3/8-9	A&D	B&C	<i>A-Midland</i>		
Regionals	3/15			B-Standish	C-Pine River	
Finals	3/22					

Italicized entries are in smaller schools

Sunday dates are indicated in parenthesis

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

Planning to host tournament without date yet: Harrison, Sanford/Meridian, Tawas, Whittemore
Prescott

Topics for Next Meeting January 5, 2-4 p.m. Midland Holiday Inn

- Bracketing and awards for regionals and finals
- Coaches