

NOVEMBER 7, 2004 NEMWA LEAGUE MINUTES  
HELD AT SANFORD LAKE BAR & GRILL  
Meeting secretary: Jody Worthy

I. Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm.

II. Roll call:

A. Members Present: Bangor, Bay County, Bullock Creek, Essexville, Farwell, Freeland, Gladwin, Grayling, Hale, Midland, Mt. Pleasant, Ogemaw, Onaway, Oscoda, Petoskey, Pinconning, Pine River, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Sanford, Shepherd, Standish, Swan Valley, Tawas, W-P.

B. Members Absent: Clare, Harrison, Hemlock, Houghton Lake, Roscommon, Rogers City.

III. Ogemaw makes motion to approve minutes from the September 26, 2004 meeting. Bangor seconds. Motion passes.

IV. Treasurers Report:

V. Unfinished Business:

- 2005 Tournament Schedule: Tentative 1-15-05 Meridian (D); 1-22-05 Saginaw Arthur Hill (A) and Meridian(D).
- Sunday Tournaments on 2-13-05 Bangor and Pine River.  
Ogemaw makes motion to keep both Sunday Tournaments as “open” and only to NEMWA clubs. Second by Bangor. Motion Passes.
- NEMWA Regional Qualifier for MYWAY. Freeland makes motion to keep the date as 3-6-05 for qualifier. Second by Sanford. 14-yes 5-no. Motion passes.  
Clubs checking to see if it is possible to hold qualifier: Bangor, Bay County, Standish.
- Pinconning expresses interest in a novice meet at the end of the year.

VI. New Business

1. Standish makes motion to rearrange agenda and move past AAU affiliation until guest speaker arrives. Ogemaw seconds. Motion passes.
2. New Clubs: Northern Extremist would be splitting off from Bangor. Reasons include: Northern Extremist works out more often. Kids would only wrestle for Bangor or Northern Extremist NOT both. Northern Extremist practices are open to any wrestlers, no matter the club. There were some concerns on how kids would be covered under insurance if they were not part of their club.

Sanford makes motion to accept Northern Extremist into NEMWA. Farwell seconds. Motion passes.

Bangor makes motion to put them into Division A. Bullock Creek seconds. Motion passes.

Manton- Did not come to the meeting to explain to NEMWA why they wanted to join league.

3. High School Rules:

- Ogemaw makes motion to have wrestlers use High School Rules pertaining to moves except for the standing head & arm for 8 & under. Standish seconds.

- Bullock Creek makes motion to amend and add the  $\frac{3}{4}$  with leg lock. Sanford seconds. Amendment fails.
- Original motion passes.
- Jim (Standish) voices his concerns that some coaches may teach moves wrong and it will be hard to undo the wrong when they reach High School.

4. Head Pairer: April is still in need of traveling pairing room help. If interested please contact her.

5. Head Ref.: Ike with help from Jeremy will be training Refs for the year.

- Standish makes motion to leave the tournament director in charge of finding a head pairer and ref for their tournament. Petoskey seconds.
- Standish rescinds motion. Petoskey seconds.
- Standish makes motion that Tournament Director is responsible for staffing the pairing room. Ogemaw seconds.

Discussion on the point of whether we must use April (Head Pairer) or can a club use their own person. It is stated that NEMWA clubs have to use a certified pairer but not the head pairer.

- Ogemaw makes motion to amend the motion to state: the tournament director is responsible for staffing the pairing room, but must have one certified pairer working. Bullock Creek seconds. Motion passes.
- Ogemaw makes motion to have the head ref be responsible for refs for each tournament. Standish seconds. Motion fails.

6. AAU affiliation: Cindy Trombly, Governor of the MI AAU District, has come to give us an overview of the benefits of AAU.

- AAU has \$10 million in liability.
- \$25 fee for AAU to provide a proof of insurance certificate
- NEMWA would have a say in AAU but AAU doesn't have a say in NEMWA
- NEMWA can limit tournaments to only NEMWA clubs
- Only coaches and athletes must be AAU card holders
- NEMWA pays for sanctioning of tournaments. Directors and Officers insurance. Clubs must only pay for AAU cards
- Directors and Officers insurance covers: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Head Ref, and Head Pairer.
- For an extra \$30 individual clubs can purchase insurance to cover their officers.

Freeland makes motion to make NEMWA a Level 3 AAU club, sanction all tournaments and purchase Director and Officer insurance. Sanford seconds.

Mt Pleasant would like to amend motion to drop the Director and Officer insurance. Standish seconds. Motion to amend fails.

The 1<sup>st</sup> motion to accept AAU passes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.