

**NEMWA League Meeting
Gladwin Meadow Lanes
November 12, 2006**

I. OPEN

Meeting opened at 2:00 pm

II. MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bangor, Bay County, Essexville, Freeland, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Gladwin, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Pinconning, Tawas, Whittemore-Prescott, Grayling, Petoskey, Mid-Michigan Grapplers, Bullock Creek, Farwell, Harrison, Mt. Pleasant, Sanford-Meridian, Standish, Roscommon

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Houghton Lake, Hemlock, Midland, Swan Valley, Hale, Onaway, Pine River, Rogers City, Clare, Shepherd

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MINUTES

Minutes from October 15, 2006 meeting were not available. Approval of these minutes to be voted on Dec. 10, 2006 meeting.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Final balance as of November 12 not including dues paid that day \$7016.43

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Tournament Dates

The following is a revised tournament schedule. Essexville makes motion and Bangor 2nds this schedule contingent upon Freeland hosting the Feb. 24 A&C regional, Essexville will bump Sanford-Meridian for their Feb. 17 tournament date. Should Freeland be unable to host the Feb. 24 regional, the schedule will stand as is. Motion passed.

1. Dec.16 Bullock Creek/Sanford Meridian Preseason Open @Sanford-Meridian
2. Jan. 6 CMU Open CANCELLED!!!!!!
3. Jan. 13 Essexville A&D Grayling B&C
4. Jan. 20 Bangor A&C Bullock Creek B&D
5. Jan. 27 Hemlock A&B Shepherd C&D
6. Feb.3 Harrison B&D Freeland A&C
7. Feb. 10 Ogemaw A&B Sanford-Meridian C&D
8. Feb. 11 Bangor Open
9. Feb-17 San.-Meridian A&D Tawas@ Oscoda B&C

2. Cutting weight on site of tournament – Bay Co. motions and Standish 2nds to step on/step off scale in compliance with the high school rules. Motion passed 14-7. The high school rule states as follows:

Section of High School rules for weigh-ins:

Section 5, Article 3 Rule 4-5 Page 19 of the 2006-07 HS rule book

This is the paragraph to be added to the NEMWA Rule book under weigh-ins.

A contestant shall weigh in for only one weight class during the weigh in. If only one scale is available, a contestant may step on and step off two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in the scale. If multiple scales are available, a contestant may step on and off the first scale two times to allow for mechanical inconsistencies in that scale. If the contestant fails to make weight on the first scale, the contestant shall immediately step on each available scale one time in an attempt to make weight. During the time off the scale(s), activities that promote dehydration are prohibited.

3. Review of updated NEMWA Rules – Some of the updated rules posted to the NEMWA website differed slightly from the rules read at the September NEMWA meeting. The version read at the meeting and the version posted to the NEMWA web site are both included below with the differences highlighted. Rule updates will be voted on at the December meeting.

Page 2 of 25 Article 1 Competition Section 2, Rule 3

Read version: 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. In order to bump up two weight classes, coach and parental written consent is required. The exact weight of all the heavy contestants shall be recorded. For maximum allowances see Article IV. Section 4-Rule 2.

Rules version: 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 25 Article III. Section 1, Rule 1

Read version: Referee shall be neatly dressed with official referee shirt and shall wear proper color ID armband. Green wrist band goes on the right wrist and red goes on left.

Rules version: 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 25 Article IV Section 1, Rule 2

Read version: Wrestling shoes or clean tennis shoes. No metal (eliminating bare feet)

Rules version: **Clean** wrestling shoes or tennis shoes. No metal.

Page 6 of 25 Article IV Section 2, Rule 3

Read version: 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 form obtained from the NEMWA and will be presented at weigh-in or to the tournament director and/or head referee. If an on-site physician is present, he/she may overrule the diagnosis of the physician signing the physician's release form for a wrestler to participate with a particular skin condition.

Rules version: 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, he/she may overrule the diagnosis of the physician who signed a **NEMWA Physician Release Form**.

Page 7 of 25 Article IV Section 4 Rule 3

Read version: A contestant shall not wrestle more than two weight classes above that class for which his actual stripped weight, at the time of weigh-in, qualifies him. To move up two weight classes the contestant must have coach and parental written consent.

Rules version: 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 25 Article IV Section 4 Rule 4

Read version: A wrestler may move up two weight brackets in his age group or move up one age group and one weight class with written coach and parental consent. He must make the decision at weigh-in. 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.

Rules version: 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 25 Article V Section 2 Rule 4, G

Read version: If injure or bleeding occurs or the defensive wrestler indicates he is injured after 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.

Rules version: 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 25 Article V Section 3 Rule 1

Read version: 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 plus points it's a technical fall.

Rules version: 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 or more points, it is a major decision, and if the margin is 15 or more points it is a technical fall.

Page 10 of 25 Article V Section 3 Rule 2-B

Read version: If the match is still tied after the first sudden death period, a one half minute sudden death period, with the wrestler who scored first getting choice of up or down. If opting up he holds his opponent down or scores points he would win. If wrestler opting up allows an escape or reversal he would lose.

Rules version: If the match is still tied after the first sudden death period, a one-half minute sudden death period with the wrestler who scored first getting choice of up or down. If opting up he holds his opponent down or scores points he would win. If wrestler opting up allows an escape or reversal he would lose.

Page 12 of 25 Article VI Section 2 Rule 6

Read version: Omit rule six. The number for rule seven changed to rule six.

Rules version: Rule six omitted and now reads: The coach of a contestant or the contestant has the prerogative to default the match in progress or during an injury timeout by informing the referee.

Page 13 of 25 Article VII Section 1 Rule 5-A

Read version: Standing headlock for 5&6, 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 in this age group.

Rules version: 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 the 5&6 and 7&8 age groups.

Page 14 of 25 Article VII Section 1 Rule 6

Read version: *(Add this to the end of the rule)* Any hold with pressure exerted over the opponent's mouth, nose, throat or neck that restricts breathing or circulation is illegal.

Rules version: *(this was added to the end of the rule)* Any hold with pressure exerted over the opponent's mouth, nose, throat or neck that restricts breathing or circulation is illegal.

Page 20 of 25 Article X Section 2 Rule 4

Read version: 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 unless they have previously wrestled earlier in the tournament.

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Page 20 of 25 Article X Section 2 Rule 6

Read version: 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. The results of the second match will be applied to the second pairing, unless it is for second place. For second place the results of the first match stand.

Rules version: 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

1. Head & Arm – should the “head and arm” be ruled as an illegal move in all age groups or only in the 8 and under age groups?

Ogemaw motions to leave “head and arm” an illegal move for 8 and under age groups. Meridian 2nds. Passed 16-1

VII. Open

1. Heritage Saginaw has asked for NEMWA to accept them into the league. Meridian motions to accept and Bay Co. 2nds. Motion passed.

Ogemaw motions to place Heritage in Division A. Saginaw Arthur Hill 2nds. Passed.

Bangor motions to adjourn meeting. Pinconning 2nds. Passed

Next Meeting: Sunday, December 10, 2006, 2:00pm, Gladwin Meadow Lanes