

NEMWA Regular Monthly Meeting  
Sunday, November 11, 2007  
Meadow Lane Bowling Alley ~ Gladwin, MI

The meeting was **called to order** by Vice President Troy Tomasek at 2:07 pm. **Roll call** was done with the following NEMWA clubs present; (number in ( ) is how many they have missed since September 2007); Bay County (0), Essexville (0), Farwell (0), Freeland (1), Gladwin (0), Grayling (1), Hale (0), Hemlock (0), Michigan Xtreme (0), Midland (0), Mid MI Grapplers (0), Mt. Pleasant (0), Ogemaw (0), Oscoda (0), Pinconning (0), Roscommon (0), Sanford Meridian (0), Shepherd (0), Standish (0), Whittemore Prescott (0). The following clubs were absent, (number in ( ) is how many they have missed since September 2007); Bangor (2), Bullock Creek (1) Clare (3), Harrison (2), Houghton Lake (3), Onaway (3), Petoskey (3), Pine River (3), Saginaw Arthur Hill (3), Saginaw Heritage (2), Tawas (1).

**Minutes of the October 14, 2007 meeting** were reviewed in printed form, *It was moved by Farwell and supported by Shepherd, to accept the October meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.*

The **Treasurer's report** was given by Brent Weston. Two checks have been written, one for \$272.00 for the 2007-2008 High School rule books and one for \$60.00 for the AAU number. He still has some club membership money to deposit. The check book balance to date is \$5861.08. We are still waiting to here from AAU on the \$1.00 back/ wrestler. Brent has been in contact with Cindy Trombley and she is working on this. *The treasurers reports stands as given.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **2008 Tournament Schedule:** The following is the 2008 Tentative Tournament Schedule as of November 11, 2007.

Pre season	December 8, 2007	Roscommon	300 kids, 4 man brackets
Pre season	December 22, 2007	Bullock Creek	OPEN
Pre season	January 5, 2008	Ogemaw	OPEN
Week 1	January 12, 2008	(AB) Essexville	(CD) Farwell
Week 2	January 19, 2008	(AC) Bangor	(BD) Gladwin
Week 3	January 26, 2008	(AD) Shepherd	(BC) Oscoda
Week 4	February 2, 2008	(AB) Ogemaw	(CD) Bullock Creek
Week 5	February 9, 2008	(AC) Grayling	(BD) <b>OPEN</b>
Week 6	February 16, 2008	(AD) Hemlock	(BC) Roscommon (??)
Regionals	February 23, 2008	(AC) Freeland	(BD) Gladwin
Finals	March 1, 2008	S T A N D I S H	

If anyone in division B or D can host a tournament on Feb 9<sup>th</sup>, please let Tony know ASAP.

B. NEMWA Administrative Rules:

**NEMWA Administrative Rules**

As voted upon at the November 11, 2007 NEMWA meeting

**NEMWA League and Tournament Structure**

- Four-division league structure created with all clubs assigned to a division. Current members of each division are listed in Appendix 1.
- Tournament schedule: Two tournaments per weekend. Six week regular season (two division rotations) and two week post season.
- Wrestlers must participate in their scheduled division tournament unless there is no tournament scheduled for their division. Then clubs may participate in the other tournament only if there is space (first-come first-serve call-in beginning at noon two weeks in advance of the tournament for filling space in alternate tournament).
- Tournament schedule filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Sunday tournaments are open to all clubs on a first-come, first-served basis.

Farwell moved and Grayling supported to accept NEMWA League and Tournament Structure as printed. Motion carried.

**NEMWA Member Club/School Requirements**

- Dues are \$100 for returning clubs in good standing and \$200 for new clubs. The deadline for club dues is December 31. Clubs that do not pay by this deadline will be removed from active membership and must be reinstated as a new club.

Farwell moved and Grayling supported to accept this bullet of this NEMWA Member Club/School Requirements as printed. Motion carried.

- In order to maintain in good standing, members must:
  - Pay annual dues ~~prior by January 1~~ **December 31<sup>st</sup>** of the year prior to the wrestling season. New members may not vote prior to dues payment.
  - Have representation at least 75% of the association meetings each calendar year.
  - Members who are not in good standing will not be eligible to vote, ~~or participate in NEMWA functions.~~
  - **League dues must be paid to participate in league functions.**

Sanford moved and Essexville supported to accept this bullet of this NEMWA Member Club/School Requirements with the changes shown. Vote by show of hands with 15 for and 4 against with Standish asking to be noted that they voted against. Motion carried.

- Each club must provide the NEMWA secretary with between one and four names that will serve as official club representatives at NEMWA tournaments. One of these representatives must be at every tournament.

This bullet of NEMWA Member Club/School Requirements stands as printed.

- The deadline for clubs to turn in AAU forms, player's agreement, and birth certificates is December 31. Please alphabetize by last name all birth certificates and player's agreements before submitting them to the NEMWA secretary.
- Wrestlers who join their club after the season begins must have their club submit their AAU forms, birth certificate and player's agreement within two weeks of their club registration and two weeks prior to their first tournament to the NEMWA secretary. Registration may take up to two weeks before they are eligible to participate in NEMWA tournaments.

It was moved by Bay County and supported by Grayling to accept this bullet of NEMWA Member Club/School Requirements with changes. Motion carried.

- Access to the NEMWA web site forums will be limited to clubs in good standing. NEMWA Forum members must be listed as club contacts on the NEMWA web site and approved by the primary contact.

This bullet of NEMWA Member Club/School Requirements stands as printed.

It was moved by Grayling and supported by Shepherd to accept this section of NEMWA Member Club/School Requirements with changes. Motion carried.

### NEMWA Wrestler and Coach Requirements

- All wrestlers and coaches must be active AAU members in the sport of wrestling.

This bullet of NEMWA Wrestlers and Coach Requirements stands as printed.

- To be eligible for official NEMWA league meets (not including preseason events) Wrestler's club must turn in a copy of the NEMWA "Player's Agreement to Participate" signed by a parent or guardian, and accompanied by a copy of their birth certificate and their AAU certificate and be approved by NEMWA prior to the start of the NEMWA event. If a wrestler has not turned in the required forms prior to the start of competition, the wrestler is ruled ineligible for the event and removed from the tournament. Rather than redrawing the weight class the wrestler defaults his matches. His opponent advances uncontested.

It was moved by Sanford and supported by Farwell to accept this bullet of NEMWA Wrestlers and Coach Requirements with changes. Motion carried.

- Wrestlers may only register and represent one club in NEMWA per complete season. Once a wrestler enters a NEMWA tournament under a club name, that

wrestler cannot enter other NEMWA tournaments under any other club name during the same season unless all of the following criteria are met:

- The wrestler has physically moved and has taken up residency outside of the area represented by the club.
- The wrestler must live near full time in new household as evidenced by changed schools, etc.
- Wrestlers with separated parents cannot bounce between homes and clubs.
- The new club is willing to accept this wrestler into their club and represent his/her case to NEMWA to gain approval if necessary.
- The wrestler gains permission through NEMWA.
- There may be special cases that warrant NEMWA to allow a wrestler to change clubs even if the statements above are not met. These special cases will require at least 2/3 of the clubs in NEMWA to approve of the “Hardship case”. Should any concern or issue arise, the tournament director and NEMWA will contact the proper club representative and resolve the issue.

This bullet of NEMWA Wrestlers and Coach Requirements stands as printed.

- Wrestlers must compete in two NEMWA tournaments in order to be eligible to compete in the regional tournament.

This bullet of NEMWA Wrestlers and Coach Requirements stands as printed.

It was moved by Grayling and supported by Shepherd to accept NEMWA Wrestlers and Coach Requirements with changes. Motion carried.

### **Tournament Operations Requirements**

- The tournament director is responsible for staffing the pairing room. Each tournament must have a minimum of one qualified pairer. This person must be trained and/or qualified by the head NEMWA pairer or his/her representative prior to the tournament.

It was moved by Bay County and supported by Shepherd to accept this section of Tournament Operations Requirements as printed.

- The tournament head officials are required to be MHSAA certified. NEMWA will pay for expenses required as part of the MHSAA certification process.

It was moved by Shepherd and supported by Farwell to accept this section of Tournament Operations Requirements as printed. Motion carried.

- The tournament director is responsible for providing mat officials and coordinating with the NEMWA head official. The NEMWA head officials have the final approval over the mat officials. Only trained officials are permitted at NEMWA tournaments. In order for officials to be paid at a tournament, they must

be trained and/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 **plus one head official**.

It was moved by Meridian and supported by Gladwin to accept this section of Tournament Operations Requirements with changes. Motion carried.

- Rates for tournament help are paid by the host club and are as follows:
  - Head official \$150
  - Qualified official \$100
  - Head pairer ~~\$100~~ **\$150**
  - Qualified pairer ~~\$50~~ **\$100**

It was moved by Ogemaw and supported to raise the cost of the head pairer from \$100 to \$150 and the qualified pairer from \$50 to \$100. It was voted on by show of hands with 11 for and 4 against. Motion carried.

- Host clubs must submit to the NEMWA secretary all weigh-in slips from their tournament (sorted by club) and include a ~~Microsoft Excel file~~ listing all participants.

It was moved by Shepherd and supported by Grayling to accept this section of Tournament Operations Requirements with changes. Motion carried.

- Officials may not referee matches of their relatives.

This section of Tournament Operations Requirements stand as printed.

It was moved by Grayling and supported by Gladwin to accept this section of Tournament Operations Requirements with changes. Motion carried.

### **NEMWA Memebership Request Form**

It was moved by Farwell and supported to have every club submit with the club dues each year a NEMWA Membership Request form. Motion carried.

### **Appendix 1: Current Division Members**

<b>Division A</b>	<b>Division B</b>	<b>Division C</b>	<b>Division D</b>
Bangor	Gladwin	Grayling	Bullock Creek
Bay County	Hale	Houghton Lake	Clare
Essexville	Ogemaw	Onaway	Farwell
Freeland	Oscoda	Petoskey	Harrison
Hemlock	Pinconning	Pine River	Mount Pleasant
Midland	Standish	Roscommon	Sanford/Meridian
Saginaw	Tawas	Mid-Michigan	Shepherd
Arthur Hill		Grapplers	
Saginaw Heritage	Whittemore Prescott		<b>MI Xtreme</b>

C. Officiating Clinics: Ike announced that he had 28 attend the clinic yesterday at Farwell. Farwell thanked Ike for doing this, and NEMWA for allowing Farwell to host the clinic and thanked everyone who attended. The next and last clinic will be December 15, 2007 from 12 noon to 4:00 pm. Jim announced that it will be in the Field House and that you enter over by the pool entrance. Each club must send at least 1 person to be certified and that the head coach cannot be the sole representative. They must attend this clinic if they did not attend the November 10<sup>th</sup> clinic. (Ruled September 15, 2007)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. New Head Referee: Scott has contacted Tony and stated that he can not fulfill his Head Referee duties. *It was moved by Roscommon and supported by Farwell to appoint Ike Cleland as our NEMWA Head Referee. Motion carried. It was moved by Standish and supported by Farwell to appoint Ryan Ferens from Freeland as the NEMWA Asst. Head Referee. Motion carried.*

B. St. Louis: Two coaches from St. Louis wrestling attended to ask to become part of NEMWA. *It was moved by Sanford and supported by Gladwin to accept St. Louis as a NEMWA club and place them in division D. Motion carried.*

**OPEN:**

- Sanford passed out information on the MRSA and wanted coaches to be aware of it.
- Ike passed out his referee test if anyone is interested in seeing it.
- Rich Shull stated that there are AAU tournaments posted in the AAU newsletter.
- Farwell asked if there were any schools who had a middle school team if they would be interested in attending a middle school tournament. He would do some checking and get an email out to coaches.

**The next meeting will be Sunday, December 16, 2007 at 2 pm at the Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley in Gladwin, MI.** Reminder that you must have representation at 75 % of the NEMWA meetings each calendar year to be able to have NEMWA voting rights.

Grayling moved to adjourn at 4:25 pm

 NEMWA Secretary