

NEMWA Regular Monthly Meeting
Sunday, November 9, 2008
Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley ~ Gladwin, MI

The meeting was **called to order** by President Tony March at 2:00 pm. **Roll call** was taken with the following NEMWA clubs present; Bay County, Bullock Creek, Clare, Essexville, Farwell, Gladwin, Grayling, Hale, Hemlock, Houghton Lake, Midland, Mid Michigan Grapplers, Ogemaw, Pinconning, Roscommon, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Sanford/Meridian, Shepherd, St. Louis, Standish, Tawas and Whittemore/Prescott. The following clubs were absent; Bangor, Freeland, Harrison, Kalkaska, Michigan Xtreme, Onaway, Oscoda, Petoskey, Reed City, Saginaw Heritage and Standish. There were 19 of the 22 NEMWA Clubs that are in good standing present, and 21 of the 32 NEMWA Clubs present. Clubs who are not in good standings at this time are as follows:

Missing 2 meetings: Freeland and Standish
Missing 3 meetings: Bangor, Michigan Xtreme and Tawas
Missing 4 meetings: Harrison, and Saginaw Arthur Hill
Missing 5 meetings: Kalkaska, Onaway, Petoskey, Reed City and
Saginaw Heritage

The **minutes** of the October 19, 2008 meeting were reviewed, Sanford moved and Grayling supported to accept the October meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

The **treasurer's report**: Brent was absent. No report given.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. MAT SIDE PAIRING Follow Up:

Two questions were expressed regarding mat side pairing:

1. How will NEMWA document the procedures for mat side pairing, who will do it, and when it will be completed? It has been suggested that this switch may be a little more complicated than some people think. If NEMWA documents the procedures, then there is a better chance for success.
2. How will NEMWA communicate the new tournament procedures to coaches, wrestlers, parents, and other spectators? What are the responsibilities of each club to make a smooth transition to the new system?

These items were discussed and no answers are available at this. This is going to be a trial and error year. NEMWA members will all have to work together this season to make this a success.

B. 2009 SEASON: There were just a couple of changes to the schedule. Clare and Farwell can not host January 24th B/D tournament, therefore Sanford/Meridian stepped up and will host. The 2009 schedule is as follows to date.

Week 1 Jan. 3, 2009	A/B Bullock Creek	C/D Grayling
Week 2 Jan. 10, 2009	A/C Essexville	B/D Meridian
Week 3 Jan. 17, 2009	A/D Bangor	B/C Pinconning @ Gladwin
Week 4 Jan. 24, 2009	A/C Ogemaw	B/D Meridian
Week 5 Jan. 31, 2009	A/D Shepherd	B/C SSC
Week 6 Feb. 7, 2009	A/B Freeland	C/D Farwell
Regionals Feb. 14, 09	B/C Gladwin	A/D Hemlock
Finals Feb. 21, 2009	Bay County	

The NEMWA Secretary (Dottie) still needs paperwork from the following clubs stating that they have their tournament facilities for the date in question. Grayling (said they sent to Brent), Essexville, Bangor (said they sent to Brent), Pinconning @ Gladwin, Standish, Freeland, Hemlock and Bay Co. She will also now need from Sanford for the 24th. Please get these to her ASAP.

It was moved by Sanford and supported by Clare that we accept the 2009 NEMWA Wrestling Schedule as listed with the change of Sanford hosting the 24th of January for Division B/D. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A.) COMBINING CHARTS: Sanford suggestion that we think about combining charts, and that we do not wrestle true 2nd until regionals and finals. Sanford suggested that maybe put a cap at 16 man charts. Start with the 9 and 10 year olds and leave the 5 through 8 year olds as is. It was moved by Sanford and supported by Midland that we go with straight full brackets with a cap at 16 man chart, we eliminate true second until regionals and finals, that metals are given to the top 4 places and that we start with 9-10 and up and leave 5-6 and 7-8 as is. Called to vote with 9 yes and 6 no, motion carried.

B.) WEIGH IN TIMES: It was suggested by Sanford that we move the weigh in times. It was suggestion also that weigh in all be at once. After discussion, it was moved by Sanford and supported by Shepherd that weigh ins be changed to start with 10 and under 7 am to 8 am and 11 and up 8 am to 9 am. Motion carried.

C. GYM WEIGH INS: Farwell suggested that we have Gym style weigh ins. Everyone weighs in, in their singlet or tee shirt and shorts. And allow no weight allowance. After discussion it was moved by Farwell and supported by Sanford that we have gym style weigh in, meaning that everyone weighs in in a singlet or shorts and tee shirt and that no weight allowance is given. Motion carried.

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It was suggested that we allow Regionals to balance charts for Finals. It was decided to leave as is.

It was reminded that with Mat Side Pairing that everyone will have to have something at every mat to show bout number and mat number. Roscommon suggested that NEWMA purchase the materials for this that would travel with the scales. Bonnie from Roscommon will get prices to bring to the December meeting.

Bullock Creek was wondering if their was going to be any mat side pairing training available. Anyone who would like to be trained, contact Lydia.

Hemlock would like noted that they will be have Friday night weigh in for their Regional Tournament February 14th for divisions A/D.

MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley, Gladwin, MI

Grayling moved to adjourn at 3:05 pm

 NEMWA Secretary