

NEMWA Regular Monthly Meeting
Sunday, October 19, 2008
Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley, Gladwin, MI

The meeting was **call to order** by President Tony March at 2:00 pm. **Roll call** was done with the following NEMWA clubs present; Bay County, Bullock Creek, Clare, Essexville, Farwell, Gladwin, Grayling, Hale, Houghton Lake, Midland, Mid Michigan Grapplers, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Pinconning, Roscommon, Sanford/Meridian, Shepherd, St. Louis, Standish, Tawas and Whittemore/Prescott. The following clubs were absent; Bangor, Freeland, Harrison, Kalkaska, Mt. Pleasant, Onaway, Petoskey, Reed City, Saginaw Arthur Hill and Saginaw Heritage. There were 21 of the 24 NEMWA Clubs that are in good standing present, and 22 of the 32 NEMWA Clubs present. Clubs who are not in good standing at this time are as follows:

Missing 2 meetings: Bangor and Michigan Xtreme
Missing 3 meetings: Harrison, Onaway, Saginaw Arthur Hill and Tawas
Missing 4 meetings: Kalkaska, Mt. Pleasant, Petoskey, Reed City and
Saginaw Heritage

Mt. Pleasant has emailed Dottie Brugger and informed her to remove their name from the NEMWA Club list; they will not be a part of NEMWA this season. This makes 32 NEMWA clubs at this time.

The **minutes** of the September 14, 2008 meeting were reviewed, Sanford moved and Ogemaw supported to accept the September meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried.

The **treasurer's report** was in printed form. The beginning balance was \$8698.72; there were \$500.00 in team dues deposited and \$531.11 in total expenses since the September meeting bringing the ending balance to date of \$8667.61. It was moved by Sanford and supported to accept the treasurer's report as printed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. MAT SIDE PAIRING: Carrie Beeson from St. Louis went over Mat Side Pairing and explained how it works. MYWAY uses a computer system and yes it would make it a lot easier, however it can be done without a computer. She is willing to set up a work shop and train interested members how to do it. Lydia and April would still need to be needed as "Head Pairers" and would still need to be at each tournament.

- There were suggestions that we do this year as a trial year and leave it optional to clubs to try at their tournaments, and then we could re-look at this at the year end meeting.
- It was also suggested that we have 4 people from each division attend this training workshop to be trained on how to do this.
- There were comments made that we need to do something to shorten up our tournaments, that kids and parents both are getting tired of the length of the tournaments.
- It was suggested that NEMWA pays the head pairer and her team.

- It was commented that MYWAY has earlier weigh-ins and also has Friday night weigh-ins, weigh-ins stop by 8 am on Saturday AM and this gives the head pairer 2 hours to prepare charts.

After much discussion, it was moved by Sanford and supported by Grayling that NEMWA accept mat side pairing for the 2009 season and that NEMWA pays for the head pairer at each tournament. Motion carried.

B. 2009 SEASON: There were just a couple of changes to the schedule. Standish Sterling can host the B/C tournament on Jan. 31st. Steve Smith from Farwell would like to switch from the 24th of January to the 7th of February. Clare is interested in possibly hosting the Jan. 24th B/D tournament. Clare will let Dottie know within the next couple days. If Clare can't host, Farwell is willing to keep the 24th as well as the 7th of February. 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 Pinnconning @ Gladwin
Week 4 Jan. 24, 2009	A/C Ogemaw	B/D Clare or Farwell
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	

C. ASST. HEAD REFEREE: David O’Nell from Essexville is here with us today. He has wrestled his whole life, was a State Champion and enjoys the sport of wrestling. Many of us have all seen David referee at Essexville. It was moved by Grayling and supported by Shepherd that we have David O’Nell as the NEMWA Asst. Head Referee. Motion carried. Ike will get with him and go over things.

D. NEMWA Adm. and Wrestling Rules Changes and Updates: The NEMWA Adm. Rules changes were reviewed, there is one change that needs to be made under the section on Page 1, NEMWA Member Club/School Requirements. In the second bullet, the 5th bullet in, the line will read as follows: “Once a club loses its good standing two consecutive years, the club must then reapply to NEMWA as a new club.”

The NEMWA Wrestling Rules were also reviewed. It was moved by Sanford and supported by Ogemaw to accept page 23, Penalty Chart for Contestants, Coaches and Non- Participating Personnel, as printed, motion carried.

It was moved by Sanford and supported by Ogemaw to accept page 25, Letter of Discipline of Misconduct, as printed, with one change of removing the word “PREVIOUS” from the first line of the body of the letter. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sanford and supported by Roscommon to accept all NEMWA Adm. and Wrestling Rule changes with the corrections as stated above. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. PROPOSED PAPERWORK TURN IN DEADLINE: Dottie Brugger has put together paperwork turn in deadline for all NEMWA paperwork, (ex. Players agreement, birth certificates and AAU) this would apply to all paperwork. She has put together dates and would like to be allowed to follow these dates and enforce these dates. This will help with getting club list sent out to hosting clubs, and also stop wrestlers from wanting to turn information in at tournament. If Dottie don't have the information on the hosting clubs list, the wrestler will not be able to wrestle. NO QUESTIONS. After reviewing, it was moved by Sanford and supported by Bay County to accept Dottie's turn in deadline. Motion carried. The deadline for turning in all paperwork for the start of the season was also approved in the Adm. Rule changes earlier in the meeting. The deadline date is now December 15, 2008.

If you want to wrestle on this date:	Then turn in your paperwork to the NEMWA Secretary by this date:	So the NEMWA Secretary can confirm the paperwork to the tournament director by this date:	Comments
January 3, 2009	December 15, 2008	December 29, 2008	Schedule club registrations and AAU membership applications in early December.
January 10, 2009	January 3, 2009	January 5, 2009	
January 17, 2009	January 10, 2009	January 12, 2009	
January 24, 2009	January 17, 2009	January 19, 2009	
January 31, 2009	January 24, 2009	January 26, 2009	Wrestlers submitting paperwork after January 24 will not be eligible for Regionals.
February 7, 2009	January 31, 2009	February 2, 2009	
February 14, 2009 (Regionals)		February 9, 2009	Must have participated in 2 NEMWA tournaments to be eligible for Regionals
February 21, 2009 (Finals)			Top four places in each region qualify for Finals

MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley, Gladwin, MI

Grayling moved to adjourn at 4:00 pm

Dottie Brugger
NEMWA Secretary