

September 21, 2003 NEMWA Meeting Agenda and Minutes
Meeting held at the Standish Sterling Central High School

Clubs with Representatives Present:

Ogemaw, Freeland, Bay County, Swan Valley, Harrison, Oscoda, Clare, Bangor, Tawas, Bullock Creek, Standish, Essexville, Midland, Pinconning, Meridian, Saginaw Arthur Hill, Mt. Pleasant, Shepard, Gladwin, Pine River

1. **2003 Season Annual Report** – Richard Shull - See attachment.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – Dawn Hergott – Current balance \$2679.46
3. **Election of 2004 season officers** – All candidates are running for reelection in each position (listed below). Additional nominations will be taken from the floor.
 - a. President - Richard Shull (Midland). Nominated from the floor: Keith Bock (Pinconning)
 - b. Vice President – Jeremy Sampson (Sanford-Meridian). Nominated from the floor: Al Thousand (Sanford-Meridian)
 - c. Secretary – Patricia Hebert (Ogemaw)
 - d. Treasurer – Dawn Hergott (Standish)
 - e. Head Referee – Ike Clelland (Ogemaw)
 - f. Head Pairer – April Clelland (Ogemaw)

Election Results

President- Rich Shull (Midland)

Vice-President- Jeremy Sampson (Sanford-Meridian)

4. **Review of the 2003 season.** What went right and what needs improvement? Numbers following the statements indicate the approximate number of representatives agreeing with the statement. Commentary is divided into the following areas:
 - a. **Officiating**
 - i. More highly qualified officials required. 18
 - ii. Need more focus on calling potentially dangerous moves. 19
 - iii. Need official certification/training.
 - iv. Coaching concern about number of illegal moves (e.g. standing headlock) 11
 - v. Need coaches to prepare their officials ahead of time in their practices.
 - vi. Good start on officiating given the two-tournament system. Need accountability and rating system for officials. 12
 - b. **Tournament Operation**
 - i. Increase number of NEMWA required tournaments to be eligible for regional. 8
 - ii. Table help not paying attention and missing scores – 3
 - iii. Need to train table help in advance of the tournament. This should be part of the tournament director responsibilities.
 - iv. Coaches (anyone at corner) need to improve the sportsmanship during the resolution of issues at matside. 11
 - v. Wrestle back for true second. 13
 - vi. Minimum age limit? Enforce or change?
 - vii. Age calculations?
 - viii. Add 5-6 age group?
 - c. **Tournament Scheduling**
 - i. Emphasize the importance of holding the regional and finals dates constant. 13
 - ii. Novice tournaments or participation medals.
 - iii. Liked participation in MYWAY tournament. Can we expand on this concept (participation in other tournaments too)? 9

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d. Rules

- i. What to do with a Heavyweight outside weight limits that is not allowed to bump up an age group (process for exception to NEMWA rules). Possibly the same on the lightweight side.
- ii. Possibly move towards rules that are more like high school to improve quality of officiating. 8 dittos. Focus on higher age groups?
- iii. Current rulebooks on every table at every tournament. 8

e. Communications

- i. More communication on special situations.
- ii. Need more clarification on the expertise required to enter tournaments?
- iii. Availability of electronic voting process for decisions that come up in the middle of the season. Need ability to discuss during the process. 12
- iv. Hold youth matches prior to HS to promote the sport.

f. Organization and Planning

- i. Wrestlers trying to belong to more than one NEMWA club (club hopping). 18
- ii. Clubs should have their own bylaws to address club hopping.
- iii. Improve leadership consistency and move more decision-making to leadership. Less reactive approach. Vote for longer than one-year term. 15
- iv. Share best-in-class tools that make clubs work more efficiently, consistently, and successfully (bylaws, policy, etc.) 10
- v. Commit to the year-end meeting to review season.

g. Finances

- i. No Finance comments were made.

5. **Vote to accept Gaylord's request for NEMWA membership.** Motion passed.

6. **2004 Tournament Schedule**

Standish made motion to have MYWAY qualifier on a day with no other NEMWA tournament on the same day. Ogemaw 2nd. Motion Carried.

Sanford-Meridian made motion to have March 20th being finals for NEMWA. Tawas 2nd. Motion Defeated.

Ogemaw made motion to have finals March 6th. Shepard 2nd. Motion passed.

- a. Season start date – CMU Preseason tournament 1/3/04. First NEMWA tournament 1/10/04.
- b. Season end date - NEMWA Regionals 2/28/04. NEMWA Finals 3/6/04.
- c. Tournament date requests. See attachment.

7. **Appoint committees to develop proposals for the October NEMWA meeting.** These committees will respond to the specific issues raised in the 2003 review (see above) as well as issues that have been documented in previous years (see below).

a. Membership (Swan Valley, Bullock Creek)

- i. Obligations of member clubs
- ii. Can students belong to more than one club (at once, or during the season)?
- iii. Disciplinary options
- iv. Acceptance requirements and method

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- b. Officiating** (Freeland, Ogemaw, Sanford-Meridian)
 - i. Written tests
 - ii. Practical tests
 - iii. Training
 - iv. Scheduling
 - v. Pay schedules
 - c. NEMWA Bylaws, Policies, and Rules** (Standish, Pinconning, Ogemaw, Midland)
 - i. Spending approval process
 - ii. Officer voting
 - iii. Communication requirements
 - iv. Tournament host selection process
 - d. Tournament operations** (Mt. Pleasant, Freeland, Sanford-Meridian, Shepard, Gladwin)
 - i. Date for establishing age group participation
 - ii. Membership cards
 - iii. Team awards
 - iv. Sportsmanship awards
 - v. Acceptable weigh-in options (e.g. Friday night)
 - vi. Eligibility for regional and finals tournaments
- 8. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.**