

NEMWA Regular Monthly Meeting
Sunday, September 13, 2009
Gladwin Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley, Gladwin, MI

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by NEMWA President Jeremy Sampson.

The following clubs were present: Meridian, Roscommon, Pinconning, Bangor, Freeland, MMG, Oscoda, Harrison, Whittemore-Prescott, Ogemaw, Houghton Lake, Hale, St. Louis, Reed City, Bullock Creek, Gladwin, Shepherd, Farwell, Essexville, Clare, and Saginaw Heritage.

Minutes of the April 2009 Meeting stand as printed.

The Treasurers report was given orally by Brent Weston as follows. Ended the 2009 season with \$8980.12, purchased computers and printers over the summer for \$1417.13 with a checkbook balance of \$7562.99. It was moved by Bangor and supported by MMG to accept the treasurers report as given. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Mat side Pairing: This was only adopted for the 2009 season. It was moved by Farwell and supported by Clare that NEMWA continues to run all NEMWA tournaments with Mat Side Pairing from here on out. Motion carried.
- Computers and Printers: have been purchased and are on display if anyone wants to look at them.
- Paid Secretary Position: There was discussion of having the NEMWA secretary position a paid position due to the hours and work that is involved. Questions were asked if NEMWA could afford to pay the position, and if so how much are we looking at... Dottie stated that she puts in between 6 to 8 hours a week once paperwork and tournaments start. It was moved by Bangor and supported by Clare that the NEMWA secretary position be paid. Motion carried, It was then moved by Clare and supported by Saginaw Heritage that we pay \$1000.00 per year to the NEMWA secretary. (Show of hands vote) 14 for 5 against. Motion Carried.

New Business:

- Rules Updating: Ike will be reviewing the NWF rule book for new rule changes to be added to our NEMWA rule book. NEMWA elected officials are also in the process of reviewing old NEMWA meeting minutes and updating both the Administration rules and the NEMWA rule book. We will try to have it at the October meeting with a copy for each club.
Ike has also wrote a new referee test that anyone who is interested in refereeing for NEMWA most take. Ike pasted this test out. He will be having 3 training throughout the NEMWA area, one in Essexville and one in Ogemaw to take place sometime in November/December and then the final one at CMU. These would be for any new people or even ones who have refereed for Ike the past year or two. It is also recommended that coaches attend also. As soon as Ike get conformation on dates, we will let you know.
Jason from Bangor questioned an inverted whistle. He would like to see something added to the rules regarding this issue for the safety of the kids who are wrestling. It was moved by Bangor and supported by Sanford that the rule be added as follows: On an inverted whistle, both wrestlers stop and be moved to the center of the mat to be restarted. Motion carried. (Ike recommends this to be added to Article 6, Section 2, Rule 2)
- Email Voting: The NEMWA elected officials would like to eliminate mandatory meeting criteria and use Email vote to keep all clubs involved. This would allow if a situation arises and needs to be taken care of, a proposal can be emailed to all primary club contacts for a vote. However, if more than ¼ clubs feel that the issue needs more debate, they could call for a special meeting to take place in order to discuss the situation. (Email vote would be invalid and a live vote with discussion would take place.) It was moved by Bangor and supported by Sanford to support email voting. Motion carried.
- Vote on Head Officials and Head Pairers: Nominations that were emailed to Dottie were: Head Official; Ike Clelland, Asst. Head Official; Josh McGeaghy, Head Pairer; Lydia Kimball, Asst. Head Pairer; April Clelland. Nominations from the floor Essexville nominated David O'Neal for

Asst. Head Official, Shepherd nominated Carrie Beeson for Head or Asst. Head Pairer, and Reed City nominated Tammy Helsel for Head Pairer. Everyone was informed to vote for (2) two pairers. The results are as follows. Ike Clelland is NEMWA Head Official and Josh McGeaghy is NEMWA Asst. Head Official Lydia Kimball is NEMWA Head Pairer, April Clelland is NEMWA Asst. Head Pairer. After votes were tallied, discussion that we also have Carrie Beeson and Tammy Helsel as Alt. Pairers. It was moved by Shepherd and supported by Farwell that we leave it up to the Tournament Director on how many Pairers they have, and if they want two then these two be our other two pairers. Motion carried.

Training session for interested Referees and Pairers will be scheduled and are MANDATORY for any official which will be paid for his/her service/

- Auto Bracket Program: NEMWA elected officials have been very busy this summer and looking into many different wrestling programs. We propose that NEMWA adopts Auto Bracket for the 2009 season.
 - This program will be rented and will provide any updates to us free of charge. It also includes a team web page (for all NEMWA teams) as part as the package.
 - Cost will be 50c per wrestler per tournament attended. Cost will be covered by charging \$8 per wrestler per tournament and the other 50c per wrestler will go to the hosting club. Leaving Regionals and Finals alone.It was moved by Farwell and supported Saginaw Heritage to adopt and use Auto Bracket for the 2009 Season. Motion Carried. Jeremy will get with Auto Bracket to have a training date set up with them.
- Division Revising/Satellite Weigh in: Would like to see revising the NEMWA divisions geographically using a (4) four division format. MMG asked that if this was done, they would hope that MMG and Ogemaw would be in the same division. This has always been asked that they are not in the same divisions, both clubs assured that this would be fine. Tabled
- Satellite Weigh Ins: would like to see satellite weigh ins in all four divisions at a designated site for the season (excluding regionals and finals, on site weigh ins will be required). This proposal would require the purchase of at least 2 more scales for the satellite weigh in locations. It was moved by Bangor and supported by Essexville to adopt satellite weigh in and purchase (2) two scales as needed. (Show of hands vote) 13 for and 3 against. Bangor then moved to hold off on purchasing the scales at this time, St. Louis supported. Motion carried.
- Tournament Dates: If you have dates today get them to Dottie, if not get them emailed to Jeremy Sampson or Dottie Brugger as soon as possible.
- CMU tournament: CMU tournament for NEMWA Pre-Season kickoff is 85% confirmed. Just waiting for the final follow up with them. Tournament will be Jan 2, 2010.
- Special Award: Jeremy would like to give a special award to Dave Allen and Charlie Beaver for founding NEMWA and present it to them at finals.
- Mark Findley: Mark came to NEMWA asking for permission once again attend NEMWA functions. He done as asked of him in a letter sent to him dated April 28, 2008 notifying him that he was banded for all 2009 NEMWA functions and that for reinstatement he may appear before the NEMWA organization asking to once again attend NEMWA functions. He once again said that he was sorry and that he would be on his best behavior. It was moved by Bangor and supported by Pinconning to allow Mark Findley, a Whittemore-Prescott father, to once again be allowed to attend NEMWA functions, however he will be on a short leash and will be watched closely. Motion carried.
- AAU updates: Dottie handed out information on AAU and stressed that the 2010 AAU club code and number be used. She went over paperwork deadline and making sure that all forms be filled out correctly and neatly. If anyone has any questions, please email her @ rbrugger3299@esagelink.com. She also went over what paperwork is to be turned in to her.
- Next meeting will be Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 2 pm at Gladwin Meadow Lanes Bowling Alley.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm

Dottie Brugger - NEMWA Secretary

