

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO MOTION
TO APPROVE, DISCUSSION AND VOTE**

**OWOA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2016
MARYSVILLE ELKS LODGE
MARYSVILLE, OHIO
7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Nevin Taylor called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. Nevin then honored all Veterans in attendance since the day of the meeting happened to fall on Veterans' Day. Nevin then honored the family members of Veterans. A moment of silence was undertaken to honor all Veterans. Next, Nevin called for a moment of silence to honor all wrestling officials who are now deceased. Nevin then called the meeting officially to order.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

1. **David Detec, Secretary of OWOA and member of the Steel Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
2. **Nevin Taylor, President of the OWOA and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
3. **Richard Loewenstine, Vice President of the OWOA, State Rules Interpreter and member of the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials' Association.**
4. **Richard Carpenter, Treasurer of the OWOA and secretary of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials' Association.**
5. **Dan Cutcher, historian of the OWOA and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
6. **Jack Kruse, OWOA webmaster and member of Central District Wrestling Officials' Association**
7. **Jim Vreeland – OHSAA and OWOA Director of Development and Education and member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
8. **Ray Anthony, Sr., State Wrestling Rules Interpreter and member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**

9. **Vincent Matteucci, member Emeritus of the OWOA Executive Committee and member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
10. **Michael Diglia, Lima-Findley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
11. **Larry Saxton, member of the Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials' Association.**
12. **John Pugh, member of the Southeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
13. **Matthew Turton, member of the Southwest Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
14. **Toby Dunlap, member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
15. **Dino Sevastos, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
16. **Guy Trinetti, Sr., member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
17. **Kelly Stillman, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
18. **Michael Rovtar, member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
19. **Robert Williams, member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
20. **Gary Glowik, member of the Southwest Wrestling Officials' Association.**
21. **Mason Doll, member of the Southwest Wrestling Officials' Association.**
22. **Gary Doll, member of the Southwest Wrestling Officials' Association.**
23. **Bruce Doll, member of the Southwest Wrestling Officials' Association.**
24. **Dan Jaksetic, member of the Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials' Association.**
25. **David Todt, member of the Eastern District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
26. **Troy Nicol, member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**

27. **Tim Scheerer, member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
28. **Charlie Hardman, member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials' Association.**
29. **Steve Zarlengo, member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials' Association.**
30. **Chaz DeShayes, member of the Southwestern Wrestling Officials' Association.**
31. **David Friend, member of the Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.**
32. **David Fullen, member of the Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.**

Therefore, the Wrestling Officials' Associations (members) represented and present at the meeting are:

1. **Steel Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
2. **Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
3. **Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
4. **Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials' Association.**
5. **South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
6. **Wayne County Wrestling Officials' Association**
7. **Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials' Association.**
8. **Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials' Association.**
9. **Western Reserve Wrestling Officials' Association.**
11. **Southwest Wrestling Officials' Association.**
12. **Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
13. **Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials' Association.**
16. **Eastern District Wrestling Officials' Association.**

17. Southeast Wrestling Officials' Association.

18. Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.

Two (2) Associations were not present and they were Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials' Association and North Central Wrestling Officials' Association.

There are 17 Association members and the Secretary verified that 15 of the 17 member Associations were present, and therefore, more than one-half of the members of the OWOA are present at this meeting and there is a legal quorum.

III. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes of the March 4, 2016, OWOA Board of Governors' meeting held at the Ohio State Schottenstein Center, Columbus, Ohio, were circulated, read and unanimously approved, with two (2) corrections – one being that the Eastern District Wrestling Officials' Association was indicated as in attendance twice, and there was a correction that there are 17 not 18 Association members.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

(a.) Rich Carpenter then gave a Treasurer report which was then unanimously approved for filing for review and audit. Dave Detec then gave a report on the sponsors for the OWOA Clinic to be held on November 12, 2016, at Little Bear Golf Club. Approximately \$2,100 was raised in sponsorships. In addition to the sponsors indicated on the OWOA thank you to sponsors sign which were Austintown Mat Boosters, Anatomical Concepts, Inc., Catering by Mr. Anthony's, Frito-Lay/PepsiCo., IRS Help, Inc. and Attorney Len Stauffenger, Greenpoint Metals, Inc., King Collision Center, Inc., Manchester, Newman & Bennett, L.P.A. and David A. Detec Esq., Ohio Brewing Company, Steel Valley Wrestling Officials Association, Warren Eye Clinic, Inc., Warren Fire Equipment, Inc. and Richard Kunkle, Wholesale Fireworks, Fleming's Referee & Sport and South Shore Wrestling Officials Association; it was noted that Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials' Association contributed a \$100 sponsorship back in December, 2015, and that Dan Cutcher contributed all of the breakfast items at the Clinic as part of his sponsorship.

(b.) Jack Kruse then gave a report of the up-dates made to the OWOA website. The website has been reconfigured and rebuilt. The membership thanked Jack Kruse for his work in that regard.

(c.) Ray Anthony, Sr. then gave a report as to the creation of the Vince Matteucci Wrestling Official of the Year Award. The nomination forms are on the OWOA website. The nomination forms for this year's award to be given out at the OHSAA State Individual Wrestling Championship Tournament at Ohio State Schottenstein Center in March, 2017, need to be in by December 31, 2016. This is to be a special award and the persons nominated should be highly qualified for such an award and must have demonstrated significant contribution to the sport of wrestling in the State of Ohio.

Ray Anthony then gave a report as to the new project undertaken by the OHSAA, the Ohio High School Wrestling Coaches' Association, and the High School Wrestling Officials in the State of Ohio as to the manufacture and installation of additional banners for the State Tournament. This is a three-way project of all of the above-stated groups. The banners will probably also include a history of high school wrestling in the State of Ohio. We are asking for a minimum voluntary contribution to this project of \$150 per Association. We are also requesting the consideration of individual contributions. All funds should be funneled to the OWOA and the Treasurer is to keep such contributions separated from the OWOA general funds. The initial phase of this project has been approved for the 2017 Individual State Championship at an approximate total cost of \$7,000, with the Wrestling Officials' share being approximately \$2,350. Rich Carpenter, Treasurer, reported that contributions received to date from both Associations and individual Wrestling Officials total approximately \$1,000.

(d.) Hall of Fame. Dan Cutcher then gave a report on the Hall of Fame. All Associations were requested to submit any nominations by November 7th of this year. Three (3) names were submitted to the OWOA membership by Committee members Dan Cutcher and Dick Loewenstine. First was Lemoyne Carpenter, who was approved last year as an inductee to the OWOA Hall of Fame with his induction delayed one (1) year to the up-coming Individual State Wrestling Tournament in March of 2017 so that it coincided with Lemoyne Carpenter's 50 years as being an Ohio State Wrestling Official. The other two (2) names submitted for induction were Tony Indiano and Jeff Woo. Vote will be taken as to these individuals under the new business section of the meeting to give members time to discuss among themselves if they so choose.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

(a.) Nevin Taylor inquired as to whether the membership was satisfied with the amount of annual dues (\$2.00 per Association member). After discussion regarding the dues, the membership stated that they were satisfied with the annual dues and that no further action was necessary.

(b.) A report as to tomorrow's Clinic at Little Bear Golf Club was given by Nevin Taylor and Dave Detec. It was pointed out that for anyone who is still having trouble with the Arbiter and the Arbiter pay websites; there will be the ability to receive training at the Clinic.

(c.) Nevin Taylor then requested whether the Associations had any business they would like to put forward at the Association level, and none was presented.

d. Jim Vreeland then gave a report as to certain OHSAA issues including explaining again the transition to the new grey pinstriped shirts to be worn. The grey pinstriped shirts are not mandatory this year except for post-season tournaments, including the team dual meet tournaments and the OHSAA individual tournaments. However, if there is more than one (1) official at an event, all officials have to wear the same shirt. Therefore, when more than one (1) official is necessary for an event, all event officials need to coordinate among themselves what shirt is to be worn.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

(a.) A discussion was had as to whether the OWOA should contribute some of its funds to the new Individual State Wrestling Championship Tournament banner project discussed as described above. Dave Detec submitted a suggestion that OWOA funds be used as a “stop gap”. That is, if sufficient funds are not raised from the Associations and from individual wrestling Officials, that the OWOA can make up any deficiency with its own funds.

Jack Kruse then made an official motion, which was seconded by Dick Loewenstine, that the OWOA commit to a contribution of \$500 if needed, and if not needed, such commitment to be rolled over to the next banner project to be undertaken. That motion also was unanimously approved.

(b.) An official vote was then taken on the nominations for Hall of Fame. It was pointed out that Lemoyne Carpenter was approved by vote at the November 13, 2015, OWOA Board of Governor’s Meeting which approval was reconfirmed at this meeting by unanimous vote. Then Dan Cutcher made a motion, seconded by Jim Vreeland for vote on Tony Indiano and Jeff Woo and said motion unanimously passed.

VII. DISCUSSION AS TO THE GOOD OF THE STATE OF THE OWOA:

(a.) A discussion was had as to the establishment and operation of the checking account for the OWOA. It was unanimously decided that at the next Board of Governor meeting the members would set an amount necessary for two (2) signatures to be required on any given check. A suggestion was made that the amount be set at \$500. Again, this will be discussed at the next meeting since Rich Carpenter, Treasurer, will have to sign a check greater than \$500 for the OWOA Clinic tomorrow. Rich Carpenter explained that although Rich Carpenter and Dave Detec are both on the account, Dave Detec’s signature has not yet been certified to the bank and cannot be used. The bank is requiring Rich Carpenter and Dave Detec to appear in person, together, to submit Dave Detec’s signature to the account. This will be done as soon as possible and prior to the March OWOA Board of Governor’s meeting at which time the two (2) signature dollar amount requirement will be set.

(b.) Nevin Taylor then encouraged everyone present to remind their Association members that they should look professional at all times. Look clean, neat and professional. Nevin requested that every official be careful and mindful as to what is posted on social media about them. It was also stressed that everyone should begin to make arrangements to obtain the new grey pinstriped shirt that is required this year for post-season tournaments, including the team dual tournaments. Again, the grey pinstripe shirt will be the official shirt starting next season, that is the 2017-2018 OHSAA wrestling season.

Nevin Taylor also took this opportunity to state that as President of the OWOA he is going to make a good faith attempt to attend at least one (1) meeting of every Association in the State to emphasize that the OWOA appreciates their membership and that the OWOA is there to assist them.

(c.) Director of Education and Development report:

Jim Vreeland reported that there are 767 wrestling officials in the State of Ohio. 573 are Class I officials, 175 are Class II officials, and 19 are Class III High School student officials.

Jim Vreeland then reported that there are 15 new official training classes being conducted this Fall around the State. He reminded everyone that each Association can also apply to provide a two (2) weekend class in the Spring – contact Jim Vreeland if an Association is interested.

Jim Vreeland then pointed out that a training video's power point for Instructors is on the OWOA website. Also on the OWOA website is the power point which is to be used to educate parents and fans of wrestling as to various aspects of the sport, such as the role of the official, scoring, penalties, etc. Also on the OWOA website are drawings made by Steve Long as to the application of some of the wrestling rules, which drawings are similar to the drawings in the back of the NFHS Rules book.

Jim Vreeland then explained that Dr. Wooble, Dermatologist for the OHSAA, sent out a notice relative to the OHSAA's stand on Hepatitis C. As long as it is not visibly active, any wrestler with Hepatitis C is allowed to wrestle – it is the feeling that the blood policy/clean-up rules cover this situation satisfactorily.

Jim Vreeland then gave a report on the visit at the March, 2016 OHSAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament by Elliott Hopkins who is the Director of Wrestling for the NFHS. Jim Vreeland was proud to report that Elliott Hopkins was very impressed with the Ohio State Tournament, and was making arrangements to again visit a tournament in Ohio this year. Jim Vreeland then reported on the State Team Dual Tournament. He requested every Association to remind their members to keep January 25, 2017 open which is the date of the first round of the State Team Dual Tournament. Over 190 Officials are needed for that Wednesday night. It is difficult to fill all of those needed positions. He also stated that the State Team Dual Championship is going to be Sunday, February 12, 2017.

As the discussion centered upon the difficulty in obtaining enough Officials for the first Wednesday night of the State Team Dual Tournament, Dino Sevastos brought up the need to tell Assigners to request and contract with Officials early and timely. Jim Vreeland said he has sent out a notice to all A.D.'s also reminding them of that fact. Jim Vreeland pointed out that there was in fact one (1) high school wrestling tournament that had to be cancelled because they could not obtain referees for that event.

Matt Turton then also suggested that notice be sent to the coaches as to the items available on our OWOA website and that they should use the same. Jim Vreeland reported that that was brought up at the State High School Coach's meeting.

Jim Vreeland then reported that the sport of wrestling is the only high school sport in Ohio that still has face-to-face rules meetings. All other sports must take their State Rules meeting on line. Jim pointed out that there is a huge advantage to having fact-to-face Rules meetings since questions can be brought up with the Rules Interpreters and presenters at the Rules meeting. You cannot do that on line. Therefore, Jim asks all Associations to encourage

their members to make every effort to attend a face-to-face Rules meeting each year, since attendance at those Rules meetings are tracked by the OHSAA.

(d.) Member input. Nevin Taylor then asked if any of the membership present had any further items they would like to bring-up as to the good of the OWOA and no member input was put forward.

(e.) Nevin Taylor then asked whether the State Interpreters had anything further to put forward at the meeting. Ray Anthony, Sr. took the opportunity to support Jim Vreeland as to the need to have high attendance at the face-to-face Rule meetings. Again, having the ability to have discussion and input and the opportunity for questioning is extremely important which cannot happen on an online presentation.

(f.) Nevin then asked if the Officers of the OWOA had anything further to report. All reported that they were satisfied with what was discussed at the meeting and had no further input. Nevin then requested the membership to set and agree to the date of the Fall meeting for next year and for the Clinic. It was reported that the Ohio State – Michigan State game would be on the second weekend of November. Therefore it was voted that the Fall meeting for next year be set for November 3, 2017 with the Clinic to be November 4, 2017.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

No further business coming before the meeting, a motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Detec, Secretary OWOA