

## OWOA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING

November 8, 2013  
Marysville Elks Lodge 1130  
Marysville, Ohio  
Adjourned to  
November 9, 2013 at the  
OWOA WRESTLING OFFICIALS CLINIC  
Bridgewater Banquet Center  
Powell, Ohio

### **I. Called to Order**

President, Dick Loewenstine was still in transit to the meeting because of traffic issues and therefore, Nevin Taylor, Vice-President of the OWOA called the meeting to order and presided over the meeting until Dick Lowenstine arrived.

### **II. Roll Call of Members Present**

In attendance were the following:

1. Nevin Taylor, Vice President of the OWOA and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials Association;
2. Guy Trinetti, Sr., member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
3. Tim Sheerer, Member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Association;
4. Vincent Matteucci, Member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
5. Kelly Stillman, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Association;
6. Robert Williams, member of the Central District and the Mad River Wrestling Officials Association;
7. Tony Indiano, member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
8. Dan Jaksetic, member of the Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials Association;
9. Dan Cutcher, Treasurer of the OWOA;
10. Raymond Anthony, Sr., State Rules Interpreter and member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Association;
11. Charlie Hardman, member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials Association;
12. Stephen Zarlengo, member of the Wayne County and Eastern District Wrestling Officials Association;
13. Michael Rovtar, member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
14. Bruce Doll, member of the Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
15. John Pugh, member of the Southeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
16. Larry Saxton, member of the Northwest District Five (5) Wrestling Officials Association;

17. Kelly Ducey, member of the Northwest District Five (5) Wrestling Officials Association;
18. Matthew Turton, member of the Southwest Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
19. Anthony Campolo, member of Central District Wrestling Officials Association;
20. Jack Kruse, Webmaster of the OWOA and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials Association;
21. Jim Vreeland, OHSA Director of Officiating Development for Wrestling and member of South Shore Wrestling Officials Association;
22. Richard Carpenter, member of Western Reserve Wrestling Officials Association;
23. John Mastrey, member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Association;
24. David A. Detec, Secretary of the OWOA and member of the Steel Valley, Western Reserve and the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Associations; and
25. Dick Lowenstine (arrived after the Roll Call), President of the OWOA and member of the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Association.

Therefore, Associations Represented are:

1. Central District Wrestling Officials Association
2. Eastern District Wrestling Officials Association
3. Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Association
4. Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Association
5. Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials Association
6. Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Association
7. Northwest District Five (5) Wrestling Officials Association
8. Southeastern Ohio Wrestling Officials Association
9. South Shore Wrestling Officials Association
10. Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Officials Association
11. Steel Valley Wrestling Officials Association
12. Wayne County Wrestling Officials Association
13. Western Reserve Wrestling Officials Association

There now being seventeen (17) Association Members, the Secretary verified that at least one-half (½) of the Associations are present and that there is a legal quorum present at the meeting.

### **III. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (March 2, 2013 Meeting)**

The Minutes of the March 2, 2013 Board of Governors Meeting at Ohio State Schottenstein Center was circulated, read and unanimously approved.

### **IV. Treasurer Report**

Dan Cutcher stated that a Summary Treasurer's Report will be presented tomorrow at the OWOA Wrestling Clinic.

## **V. Director of Education Jim Vreeland Report as to Current Issues**

1. Jim Vreeland first gave a report on the current number of wrestling officials and the past new officials sign-up versus this year; pointing out a drop in new officials signing up for classes.

2. Jim Vreeland then reported as to concern as to the apparent drop in attendance at wrestling meets and the idea that maybe more dual meets would be beneficial in raising public interest in high school wrestling events and correspondingly raising the attendance at meets.

3. Tony Campolo suggested for discussion maybe a reduction in the number of weight classes to shorten the time element.

4. Jim Vreeland then suggested that the OWOA make a request to the OHSAA to increase the number of points permitted in a season with a corresponding requirement of a minimum number of dual meets.

The proposed suggestion would be a twenty-one (21) point schedule with:

- up to fourteen (14) points for Tournaments or quads in any combination
- a minimum of four (4) dual meets at one (1) point each
- up to three (3) tri-meets at one (1) point each (which could also be used for additional duals instead)

It was suggested that Jim Vreeland and David Detec work on a letter to be approved and sent to the OHSAA requesting a rules change as to the Season limit on Tournament and Meet Schedule Points.

(Dick Lowenstein then arrived at the meeting and took over as Chairman of the Meeting)

5. Jim Vreeland then started a discussion as to the difference between forfeits and defaults, their effect at a Tournament and the new rule change that a forfeit does not count as a match when determining the five (5) match limit per day.

6. Jim Vreeland then started a discussion as to the "Green Book" proper mechanics for conducting the disk flip at the start of a dual match. The visitor should be asked to call green or red.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **1. OWOA Financial Condition**

Discussion was started about forming a committee to generate ideas or suggestions as to how to increase revenues.

Guy Trinetti raised the issue of better and more detailed accountings as to monies taken in and monies spent so that the membership can have information to analyze the issues.

There was a discussion as to a possible raise in dues.

It was agreed to table this issue until next November's meeting to see how we do this year.

As part of this discussion, especially for next year, David Detec gave a report as to other non-profit issues the OWOA should consider.

## 2. Fall Clinic

Nevin Taylor started a discussion on this years' OWOA State Wrestling Officials Fall Clinic, including explaining the agenda for tomorrow's clinic.

David Detec gave a report as to the location, projected cost of the clinic and the sponsorships obtained to off-set the costs.

It was then suggested that a committee be formed to see if we can obtain more sponsors for next year.

David Detec, Jack Kruse, Rich Carpenter and Matt Turton volunteered to help, others are welcomed, the more the better.

## 3. Histories of Each Association

Dan Cutcher then reminded everyone that he is trying to put together a history of all the wrestling associations in the State of Ohio and requested that any association which has not prepared and submitted a history of their association do so at the next meeting if possible.

## 4. State Team and State Individual Championship Tournament Update

Jim Vreeland gave a report as to changes in the State Team Tournament. He also stated that this year, eighteen (18) officials will be used at the State Team Tournament in Columbus.

The above discussion then resulted in a new discussion as to how district officials are picked by the district boards. It was suggested that if there is a concern as to how district officials are picked, the districts could be raised to the level of a regional tournament so that the OHSAA would have the final say as to the officials. It was suggested that instead of raising the district tournaments to a regional tournament, the local associations should work with the district boards as to this issue.

A discussion was then had as to making sure that all districts have at least three (3) officials for each mat in use. The membership was unanimously in favor of making sure that

this occurs. It is further suggested that the issue of three officials per mat used at districts be included in the letter to the OHSAA that Jim Vreeland and Dave Detec are to work on as to increasing the permitted seasonal points.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Nominees for Hall of Fame Induction**

Dan Cutcher then gave a report as to the nominees for the Hall of Fame Induction. The following were discussed and approved: Steve James, Jim Crosier, Paul Chestnut, Tom Bauer, and Priscila Parion.

A general form of a letter to send to all Hall of Fame Inductees was then reviewed and approved by the membership, including within that letter an explanation of the number of tickets that will be provided to the inductee for the Saturday night ceremonies.

A discussion was then brought up by David Detec to create a new officer position of the Director of Hall of Fame and Special Events. It was then suggested that such a position could be established as a committee chairperson instead of an officer. The idea was then tabled.

### **2. Election of Officers**

A motion was made for the election of officers to take office after this year's individual State Wrestling Tournament. The current officers are President, Dick Lowenstein; Vice-President, Nevin Taylor; Secretary, David A. Detec; Treasurer, Dan Cutcher. A motion was made to move the election of officers to the March meeting each of the Board of Governors to be held at the individual State Wrestling Tournament in Columbus. This will allow each Association time to consider and nominate other individuals, if they so desire. It was moved and seconded that the Associations have until the Friday, (February 14, 2014) of the start of sectionals to make a nomination in writing, directed to David A. Detec, Secretary. David A. Detec will then make up ballots for all contested officer's positions to be elected.

## **VIII. AJDOURMENT**

The meeting was then continued until tomorrow, November 9, 2013 at the OWOA Fall Clinic.

The continued November 8, 2013, meeting was called to order on November 9, 2013 at the OWOA Fall Clinic.

Fred Finney gave a report on the Tier Two Program to help officials raise themselves to the next level, including working on proper mechanics. Use of videos, critique and mentorship is part of the program, as well as meetings to discuss improvements and

mechanics. This will help officials to move up to do sectionals, districts, and eventually, hopefully, the state tournament and other major tournaments held in the State of Ohio. It was suggested that the tier two program, also be explained to the district boards. Finally, Fred Finney explained the wrestling for autism tournament. The associations were then called upon to pass a motion to endorse both the tier two program and the wrestling for autism tournament, which was unanimously approved.

Dan Cutcher then passed out a Summary Treasurer Report.

A motion was then made to finally adjourn the meeting which was unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
David A. Detec, Secretary, OWOA

Additional information as to this meeting.

The following associations paid the following dues:

<b>WRESTLING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>DUES PAID</b>
1. The Steel Valley Wrestling Officials Assoc.	\$ 78.00
2. The South Shore Wrestling Officials Assoc.	\$ 58.00
3. The Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Assoc.	\$ 110.00
4. The Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials Assoc.	\$ 72.00
5. The Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Assoc.	\$ 124.00
6. The Wayne County Wrestling Officials Assoc.	\$ 60.00
7. The Fifth District Wrestling Officials Assoc.	\$ 50.00
8. The Western Reserve Wrestling Officials Assoc.	\$ 112.00
9. The Southeast Wrestling Officials Assoc.	\$ 0.00*
<b>TOTAL DUES PAID 2013-2014 Wrestling Season</b>	<b>\$ 664.00</b>

All associations that did not pay dues are reminded to bring their dues to the March Board of Governors Meeting to be held at the Individual State Wrestling Tournament.

\* Southeast paid two (2) years of dues in November of 2012 -\$120.00 for 12/13 year and 12/14 year.