

OWOA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING MARCH 1, 2014
OHIO STATE SCHOTTENSTEIN CENTER
COLUMBUS, OH

I. CALLED TO ORDER

President, Dick Lowenstine, called the meeting to order and then presided over the meeting. He reminded all present that this will be a short meeting as a number of attendees must return shortly to their duties at the OHSAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament.

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT

1. Dan Cutcher -Treasurer of OWOA
2. John A. Mastrey -Secretary of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Assoc.
3. Rich Carpenter -Secretary of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials Assoc.
4. Rich Kunkle -Rules Interpreter of the Steel Valley Wrestling Officials Assoc.
5. Tim Scheerer -Member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Assoc.
6. Anthony Campolo -Member of the Central District Wrestling Officials Assoc.
7. Tony Vcelka -Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials Assoc.
8. Larry Leggett -Eastern District Wrestling Officials Assoc.
9. Larry Saxton -Northwest District Five (5) Wrestling Officials Assoc.
10. Jack Kruse -Central District Wrestling Officials Assoc. and OWOA Webmaster

11. Rick Baker -Central District Wrestling Officials Assoc.
12. Dan Sayers -Mad River Wrestling Officials Assoc.
13. Kelly Ducey -Northwest District Five (5) Wrestling Assoc.
14. Paul Branco -Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Assoc.
15. Gary Doll -Southwestern Wrestling Officials Assoc.
16. Matthew Turton -Southwestern Western Wrestling Officials Assoc.
17. Michael Diglia -Lima Findlay Wrestling Officials Assoc.
18. Ray Anthony, Sr. -State Rules Interpreter and Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Assoc.

19. Ron Tschantz -Eastern District Wrestling Officials Assoc.
20. Dick Lowenstine -President of OWOA and Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Assoc.

21. Jim Vreeland -OHSAA Director of Officiating Development –Wrestling – South Shore Wrestling Officials Assoc.
22. John Pugh -President of Southeast Wrestling Officials Assoc.
23. Nevin Taylor -Vice President of OWOA and Central District Wrestling Officials Assoc.

24. Dan Jaksetic -Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials Assoc.
25. Charlie Hardman -Wayne County Wrestling Officials Assoc.
26. David Detec -Secretary of OWOA and Steel Valley Wrestling Officials Assoc.

Therefore, Associations Represented are:

1. Central District Wrestling Officials Assoc.
2. Eastern District Wrestling Officials Assoc.
3. Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials Assoc.

4. Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials Assoc.
5. Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials Assoc.
6. Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials Assoc.
7. Northwest District Five (5) Wrestling Officials Assoc.
8. Southeastern Wrestling Officials Assoc.
9. South Shore Wrestling Officials Assoc.
10. Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Officials Assoc.
11. Steel Valley Wrestling Officials Assoc.
12. Wayne County Wrestling Officials Assoc.
13. Western Reserve Wrestling Officials Assoc.
14. Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials Assoc.
15. Mad River Wrestling Officials Assoc.
16. Lima Findlay Wrestling Officials Assoc.

There are 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 (THE NOVEMBER 8 AND 9, 2013 MEETING)

The Minutes of the November 8 and 9 2013 Board of Governors Meeting was circulated, read, and duly unanimously approved.

IV. REPORT AS TO NOVEMBER 9, 2013 OWOA CLINIC AND NEXT YEARS CLINIC

Nevin Taylor and David Detec gave a report as to the November 9, 2013 OWOA Clinic. The OWOA Clinic was successful with approximately 89 attendees and paid for with the help of five sponsors. Nevin Taylor then reported that next year's OWOA Clinic is to be held on November 8, 2014, site to be determined. The next OWOA Board of Governors Meeting will be held Friday, November 7, 2014 at the Marysville Elks Lodge 1130, Marysville, Ohio.

V. REPORT ON WRESTLING TO HELP AUTISM OFFICIALS CLASS AND OPEN TOURNAMENT

A report was then given as to the open wrestling tournament to support a cure for autism. At this Tournament, Fred Finney, certified instructor for the Central District, with the help of others, will conduct an OHSAA/OWOA Spring, three (3) days, new officials training class at Olentangy Orange High School. At this event, a new official can be certified in just one weekend of intense training. OWOA membership help and participation is encouraged.

VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR TWO (2) YEAR TERMS (NOVEMBER 2014 THROUGH MARCH 2016)

Election of officers held. There were two contested officer positions and two unopposed.

Unopposed Positions

Nevin Taylor – Vice President

David Detec – Secretary

Opposed Positions

For President: Dick Lowenstine
John Pugh

Dick Lowenstine was elected President.

For Treasurer: Dan Cutcher
John “Jake” Jaksetic
Larron Wikel
Tom Garcia
Jack Kruse

Dan Cutcher was elected Treasurer.

VII. DISCUSSION ON HALL OF FAME

A discussion as to submitting names for consideration for the OWOA Hall of Fame was had. It was agreed that an Association should make nominations to an officer of the OWOA with a detailed resume of the proposed nominee by the end of October before the start of each OHSAA wrestling season; for consideration for induction at that year's OHSAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament. The nominees are to be voted upon at the November OWOA Meeting held each year before the official start of that OHSAA wrestling season.

VIII. LETTER TO MR. BEAU RUGG, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF OHSAA AS TO SUGGESTION FOR POSSIBLE CHANGE IN OHSAA SEASONAL POINT SYSTEM FOR WRESTLING AND AS TO THE NEED FOR UNIFORMITY IN THE CONDUCT OF SECTIONAL AND DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

A letter to Mr. Beau Rugg, Assistant Commissioner of the OHSAA in charge of wrestling, as to the OWOA suggested proposals as to change in the present inter-scholastic wrestling participation seasonal point system, as to number of wrestling officials assigned to Sectional and District Tournaments and as to the uniform conduct of the Sectional and District Tournaments, was discussed and approved. The proposed change as to the seasonal point system was to increase the points from 20 to 22 points on the condition that each school wrestle a total of 6 dual/tri matches in a season, of which 4 matches must be dual matches. OWOA also suggested that all Sectional and District Tournaments be conducted under the same rules and that at District Tournaments, all matches should be officiated, by two (2) officials, a primary

and an assistant, and that there be at least three (3) officials assigned to each mat (same as the State Individual Champion Tournament).

IX. AMENDMENT/UPDATING OF CONSTITUTION

The membership was reminded that a committee should be formed to amend and update the Constitution and to review the non-profit aspects of the OWOA.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was then made and seconded to adjourn the meeting which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
David A. Detec, Secretary, OWOA