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**OWOA BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2015  
OHIO STATE SCHOTTENSTEIN CENTER, COLUMBUS, OHIO**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Dick Loewenstine called the meeting to order and then thanked everyone in attendance. He reminded everyone present to take the information discussed at today's board of Governor's meeting back to their own Association so that all of their members are informed as to the items discussed and the goals and objectives of the OWOA. Dick Loewenstine then thanked all of the officers of the OWOA for all they do for the Association.

**II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT/ATTENDANCE:**

- 1. David Detec, Secretary of OWOA and President of the Steel Valley Wrestling Association.**
- 2. Nevin Taylor, Vice President of the OWOA and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
- 3. Richard Loewenstine, President of the OWOA and member of the Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials' Association.**
- 4. Dan Jaksetic, member of the Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials' Association.**
- 5. Joseph Chesbrough, member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
- 6. John Jaksetic, member of the Greater Toledo Wrestling Officials' Association.**
- 7. Dan Sayers, member of the Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.**
- 8. Jim Vreeland – OHSAA and OWOA Director of Development and Education and member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**

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9. **Jack Kruse, OWOA Webmaster and member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
10. **Dan Cutcher, Treasurer of the OWOA.**
11. **Anthony Campolo, member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
12. **Paul Basinger, member of the Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials' Association.**
13. **Ray Anthony, Sr., State Wrestling Rules Interpreter and member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
14. **Ron Tschantz, member of the Eastern District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
15. **Michael Diglia, member of the Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials' Association.**
16. **Larry Saxton, member of the Northwest District V Wrestling Officials' Association.**
17. **Chaz DeShayes, member of the Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
18. **Matthew Turton, member of the Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
19. **Morgan Stanley, member of the South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
20. **Steve Kish, Jr., member of the Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
21. **Rick Baker, member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
22. **Mark Reep, member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
23. **Ron Joseph, member of the Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
24. **John Pugh, member of the Southeast Wrestling Officials' Association (its Secretary and Treasurer).**

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25. **Kelly Ducey, President and member of the Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials' Association.**
26. **Gary Doll, member of the Southwestern Wrestling Officials' Association.**
27. **Bruce Doll, member of the Southwestern Wrestling Officials' Association.**
28. **Jack Beard, member of the Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.**
29. **Tim Scheerer, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
30. **John Mastrey, Secretary and member of the Northeast Ohio Wrestling Official's Association.**
31. **Charlie Hardman, member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials' Association.**
32. **Steve Zarlengo, member of the Wayne County Wrestling Officials' Association.**
33. **Dino Sevastos, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
34. **Kelly Stillman, member of the Greater Cleveland Wrestling Officials' Association.**
35. **Rich Carpenter, member of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials' Association.**

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

1. **Central District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
2. **Eastern District Wrestling Officials' Association.**
3. **Greater Cincinnati Wrestling Officials' Association.**
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6. **Mad River Wrestling Officials' Association.**
7. **Northeast Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
8. **Northwest District 5 Wrestling Officials' Association.**
9. **Southeast Wrestling Officials' Association.**
10. **South Shore Wrestling Officials' Association.**
11. **Steel Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**
12. **Wayne County Wrestling Officials' Association.**
13. **Western Reserve Wrestling Officials' Association.**
14. **Lima-Findlay Wrestling Officials' Association.**
15. **Southwestern Ohio Wrestling Officials' Association.**
16. **Ohio Valley Wrestling Officials' Association.**

There are 16 Association members and the Secretary verified that 16 of the 16 Associations were present, and therefore, more than one-half of the members 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 November 7, 2014, OWOA Board of Governors' meeting held at the Marysville Elks Lodge 1130, Marysville, Ohio, was circulated, read and unanimously approved with Nevin Taylor making a motion for such approval and Rich Carpenter seconding said motion.

**IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

A financial report was then given by Dan Cutcher, Treasurer. Included in that financial report was the review of the amount earned at the November OWOA Clinic. The bulk of the profit at the Clinic came from the kind generosity of our sponsors. Dan Cutcher then reported on the OWOA checking account balance as of March 8, 2015.

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Dan Cutcher then handed out a report as to projected OWOA expenses for 2014-2015 OHSAA Wrestling Season which included the costs estimated for the Hall of Fame plaques, gifts for State Tournament Officials (Team Dual Meet and the Individual Tournaments), expenses for State Tournament tickets, a sponsorship for the Autism Tournament.

Dan Cutcher then took the opportunity to thank Richard Carpenter of the Western Reserve Wrestling Officials' Association for his suggestion to move the OWOA Board of Governors' meeting from Saturday to Friday in order to allow more time for the meeting.

Nevin Taylor then moved to accept the Treasurer's report for filing and audit. David Detec seconded that motion which was unanimously approved.

**V. OHSAA DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT REPORT:**

Jim Vreeland, OHSAA Director of Development reported that the OHSAA started the year with 551 Class 1 Wrestling Officials and 155 Class 2 Officials and 9 High School Student Officials. The year ended with 551 Class 1 Officials, 211 Class 2 Officials, and 9 High School Officials. Twenty-four (24) new Class 2 Officials attended the weekend training session held in conjunction with the Wrestle for Autism Tournament at Olentangy Orange High School, and passed the class.

Jim Vreeland then reported that there were four (4) State observers at the Team Dual Meet State Tournament writing observations on the wrestling officials present, and that there are five (5) observers attending the State Individual Tournament this week for the purposes of providing observations to the 30 officials present at the State Individual Tournament. He reported that most officials at the State Individual Tournament will receive observations from the five observers, the Mat Captain, and the three Rules interpreters, with most officials receiving 9 observations, and the Mat Captains receiving 8 observations.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

Dave Detec then discussed the need to redraft the OWOA Constitution. It is necessary to have the OWOA Constitution redrafted before the Association can apply for Federal IRS Non-profit status under Section 501(c)(3). Dave Detec then handed out copies of the present OWOA Constitution and reminded all present that a copy of the same is located on our website and requested that the members provide comments so that a draft can be worked on over the summer and presented for consideration and comment at the November Board of Governors' meeting. Dave Detec then gave a report as to the benefits of obtaining 501(c)(3) Non-profit status before the IRS. Doing so would make contributions to our Clinic and otherwise deductible to the donor. It also provides creditability to the Association. An additional benefit would be we can obtain a letter which would allow us to be exempt from Ohio Sales Tax when we purchase items for the OWOA.

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**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Nevin Taylor then gave a report on the up-coming OWOA Board of Governor's meeting and the November Clinic. The OWOA Board of Governor's meeting will be Friday, November 13, 2015, and will again be held at the Marysville Elks Lodge 1130. Thje OWOA Clinic will be on Saturday, November 14, 2015, and will again be held at the Little Bear Golf Club. Nevin reported that he is working on a flyer for both the OWOA Board of Governor's meeting and the Clinic which he hopes to have it out soon to the Associations. Nevin then requested that if an Association wants to nominate someone to the OWOA Hall of Fame, they need to have the nominations with resume' in to David Detec, Secretary, or Dan Cutcher, Treasurer, by October 1, 2015. Nevin then reported that at next year's OWOA Board of Governor's March meeting there will be an election of officers for the next two (2) years. If an Association is interested in nominating someone to run for election as an officer of the OWOA, they should send their nomination to David Detec, Secretary, by November 1, 2015, so that the slate of individuals running for office can be discussed at the November, 2015, meeting. The vote for new officers for a two (2) year term will be at the March, 2016, OWOA meeting.

Nevin Taylor then asked that all Association dues owed to the OWOA be paid on or before the date of the Clinic.

Dick Loewenstine then discussed how he is pleased to see that there is much more interest by the members of the OWOA in its operations and that more and more individuals are willing to get involved for the betterment of the Association. Dave Detec then discussed the need for new ideas for the Association and its Clinic. He then highlighted a number of suggested ideas already received, many of which came from Jim Vreeland; and which include inviting coaches to our meetings and clinics, updating the website, possibly having the local Referee Associations sponsor a parent night as part of a local wrestling match or Tournament to explain the sport of wrestling to parents, and especially its rules. Another suggested idea was inviting some high school wrestlers to the Clinic so that there could be an actual demonstration at the Clinic of some of the wrestling situations being discussed. All in attendance were invited to provide new ideas for OWOA activities, programs, and functions.

Nevin Taylor then made a motion that the OWOA donate \$250.00 to the Wrestling for Autism Tournament to be held in April. Paul Basinger seconded that motion and it was unanimously approved.

Dave Detec then reported that the Steel Valley Association was working on standard media releases (for example, newspaper notices) for wrestling official classes, letters or handouts that can be used to recruit new officials and letters for the purpose of soliciting donations for the Clinic. These forms, when finalized, will be provided to all Associations for use.

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Finally, there was again discussion about the need for uniformity in how Sectional and District Tournaments are run. The goal is to have at least three (3) officials per mat during the Districts. Again, the OHSAA has sent out a letter to the District Boards suggesting strongly that uniformity be put in place and that there be three (3) officials per mat at Districts. This year there were two (2) District Boards that elected to use only 10 officials for District Tournaments and had those ten (10) officials work on four (4) mats. This does not allow for two (2) officials for each match during the Tournament. The OWOA is committed to working towards this uniformity goal as to the OHSAA end of the season individual sectional and district tournaments.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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David A. Detec, Secretary OWOA