

Central Region Fall Meeting - Zoom call - 9/15/24 4:00pm

Attendees:

1. Jim Dorsey – Secretary/ATX
2. Moises Archer – Director/Officials
3. Terry Thill – Treasurer/Officials
4. Matt Gochberg - 3F
5. Nick Janowitz - Patriot
6. Dustin Stiegemeyer - DSUSA
7. Laura Martel - Hill Country
8. Ryan Norton - AWA
9. Martin Floreani
10. Steve?
11. Maria Edith?
12. Martin Strimska - 3F
13. Xavier Hernandez - ONE
14. Adam Merlino - Outlaw 512

Call to order: 4:03pm

Fall Meeting Agenda

1. Updates from TX-USAW State Meeting - Moises, Jim
 - See minutes of both meetings on txusaw.com
 - i. <https://txusaw.com/state-meetings/2024-fall-minutes/>
 - ii. <https://txusaw.com/state-meetings/2024-fall-meeting-2-minutes/>
 - State Board Election Results
 - Chairman - Martin Floreani
 - Secretary - Matt Gordon
 - Youth - Justin Berg
 - Women's - Lindsey Spjut
 - Ray Bedford was removed from his FS/GR Position
 - Justin Berg appointed by board to replace Ray
 - Youth Director currently open
 - Bryan Davis resigned as treasurer
 - Anne Yarbrough was appointed by board as interim treasurer to replace Bryan
 - Rule changes
 - Tournaments cannot charge a fee for early weigh-ins
 - Novice definition change - 2nd year wrestlers ONLY; no exemptions
 - Ironman tournaments may allow Double-entries in Open
 - Youth State Tournament in Bryan next 3 years
 - NFHS Rule changes
 - Finances
 - Just brief mention of the significant issues due to FS/GR Team Texas overspending

2. Region Status - Moises

- The region has purchased a 26' box truck for ~\$38,000
 - This will be used to transport all equipment to/from tournaments
- Budget planning - Moises
 - 2024-25 region budget being developed
 - Brief discussion of categories and amounts
- Club charters – please get this in place before starting practices!!
- Tournament sanctions need to be purchased ~4 weeks in advance to get tournament registration setup on USAW site
- Region email list sign-up - enter email at bottom of txusaw-cr.com
 - Will not get spammed
 - Critical region emails only for events and information

3. Treasurer report – Terry Thill

- Quick review of budget
- Heart of TX budget planning
 - Question on a way to pay table workers and possibly get HS wrestlers
 - This really cuts into tournament profits for the region
 - **Plus**; there are many other volunteers that put in even more hours

4. Region elections - treasurer and secretary positions

- Treasurer - Terry Thill by acclamation
- Secretary - Jim Dorsey by acclamation

5. Region schedule and tournament operations

- A. Tournament format - tweaks to last year's format?
 - Older light weights - come to early session?
 - Suggestion to have all wrestlers enter projected actual weights as part of registration
- B. Weighin proposals
 - Coach enters weights for rookies? Tots? Everyone?
 - This allows bracketing before the tournament
 - Saves parents a ton of time
 - A significant issue is wrestlers who get bracketed but then don't show
 - Can't rely on coaches; so many are disorganized
 - Doesn't work for Open State qualifiers
 - For lower age groups, could do weigh-in once and that is weight for season
 - This also doesn't work for Open State qualifiers
 - NO action at this point; still under discussion
- C. Weekend Rookie Rumbles/scrimmages discussion
 - Idea was to completely separate season into rumble/scrimmages (recreation) and tournaments (competition)
 - Everyone can go to tournaments if they want; only 1 classification
 - Rookie/novice can go to rumble/scrimmage and not have the intense environment
 - Can charge small fee since no awards or officials
 - Weeknight scrimmages?
 - A few clubs did this last year

- Has been done as a region event in the past
 - How do you organize numbers during week at a club with limited space?
 - Limit registration number
 - Have multiple locations and assign clubs
 - NO action at this point; still under discussion
- D. Officials - recruiting pitch; training plans

Input on issues with tournaments or region

- Rookie vs R/N at local tournaments
 - Wish we would be Rookie-only to differentiate from all other regions
 - Some support mix of Rookie and R/N s well
 - In that case, I would say we not allow Novice to double-enter (same as we did before for a while)
 - Reasons why we did this years ago to protect Rookies
 - Yes, but also concern about protecting Novice and giving them a few opportunities to not get hammered by Open
 - Whatever we do, let's figure out how to track and enforce this
 - We can use USAW system to enforce, but someone has to maintain the database
 - **Motion that all region locals be Rookie and Novice/Open**
 - **PASSES 8-4**
- Limited communication makes it hard to get input in for hosting events, etc
- Don't do enough things as a region to improve overall quality of wrestling

Submitted by Jim Dorsey, Central Region Secretary