

Ontario Amateur Wrestling Officials Association

AGM Meeting Minutes Oct 06, 2013, London, Ontario

Call to order: 9:04am

Roll Call:

Darryl Owen, Gary Bird, Ed Zinger, Guy Quenville, Scott Mauthe, John Krahm, Geoff Griffin, Martin Pollock, Erv Morin, Ashley Menagh, Rob St. Jean, Bob Parsons, John Coe, Tim McGarry, Sue Perkins, Dave French, Bill Perkins, Bev Holmes, Lori Rabjohn, Albert Runstedler, Stephanie Robertson Owen,

Guests: Bobby Keomany, Charles Parkinson, Mapleine Quizon, Ann Cameron, Ron Moncur

Proxy votes:

1. Bobby for Gary Bird
2. Charles Parkinson for Guy Quenville.
3. Mapleine Quizon for Daryl Owen

Members were asked if there were any conflicts to declare. Bob Parsons indicated he would not vote on any business related to OAWA business. Tim McGarry submitted a form indicating he would abstain from some votes where he has a conflict of interest.

Reading of the Minutes:

Amendment 1:

Item 7 add: "The letter states that Bill is stepping down from my position as Area Chair for Sarnia but wished to continue as Youth Chairman for OAWOA".

Amendment 2:

Add: Clarification of Proxy voting discussed at start of AGM. The constitution states: "That if an executive member is also an area member he will have one vote. A representative from his area may carry the area vote." Thus all proxy votes shall be from the same area as the Area Chairman. This was not the practice in previous years, but was clarified to proceed in this manner going forward.

Motion to accept amended minutes by Bill Perkins/ Geoff Griffin . Passed.

Business arising from the minutes:

Hamilton Area officials wanted Tim McGarry to become the Area Chairman. Tim acted as the

Area Chairman on an interim basis this past year. Marty Pollock indicated he has no issue with the change.

Motion to make Tim the fulltime Area Chairman: Bob Parsons/Ashley Menagh. 1 against, 1 abstained, motion passed

Reading of Correspondence from OAWA president Guy Zink, see report.

Vice Chairman's Report:

See report

Questions: Geoff Griffin wanted to discuss the Kids tournament in Kingston that occurred last year. This will be discussed in new business.

VC Admin Report:

See report. No questions.

VC Technical Report:

See report.

Recommendations for upgrades from provincial B to A:

Josh Gardner,
Laura Stiffler,
Josh Cohen Collier,
Chuck Reise,
Gerard Charrette,
Lucas Jenkins

Motion to accept upgrades: Marty Pollock/Bill Perkins passed

Questions/Comments:

Area chairs are to provide an updated list of local officials annually with complete report indicating rankings of officials, type and number of clinics conducted. Excel format is preferred.

VC Financial Report:

See report.

Questions/Comments:

Registrations this past year went well, except for a few areas submitting numerous cheques rather than one, and some bounced cheques, some illegible cheques. This adds numerous hours of work for the VC Finance. Area Chairmen completing the registration is very helpful. Future registration shall be completed on line. Payment can be by Visa, Mastercard or Paypal

accounts. Our fee went up two years ago to cover any paypal fees. Strong opposition was voiced to only being able to pay on line. Registering online is also helpful for liability reasons. Decision was made to allow area Chairman to submit one cheque for area officials and officials to register on line.

10:30-10:45am break

Review balance sheets:

See reports:

Processing fee for donations is \$25 per person plus 1% for anything over \$500.00.

Option of eliminating the donation process was explored and simply paying officials. The Guelph open example was used. Currently we receive \$1200 tournament minus cost of rooms = \$800 for all officials. Approximately 35 officials attend thus could pay each official = \$23.

Reviewed the 1/3 program for officials self funding to tournaments.

The elimination of several FILA tournaments requires significant self funding by our FILA officials to maintain rankings.

The 2014 the Canada Cup should be a FILA tournament again.

What was the profit at the following tournaments?:

Ontario Seniors \$900-100=\$800

Ontario Juniors \$900-costs not sure

Cadet \$3150-500=\$2650

Guelph Open result -\$300 loss.

Offsaa \$8900-7200=\$1700.

Ontario Youth festival profit \$753.10

Canada Cup Cost \$1200-\$800=\$400

The Canada Cup was made a national upgrade tournament to encourage attendance by officials. How many recommendations were made at the Canada Cup. Information not available.

Motion to accept VC Finance Report: Bev Holmes/Dave French

VC Marketing report:

Courtney has resigned from the board. She has moved to the east coast with her family. No report submitted for this meeting. Names were submitted to CAWOA for national awards. We didn't win any awards at the national level this year. Courtney did some work in trying to collect years of service information.

Correction Sue Perkins did win the Coralee Roy Award. Congratulations

VC Communications report. See report.

Questions: Who owns the website? OAWOA owns it.

A verbal agreement has been made with Thomas Krebs to host and update the website. The fee for services is \$100 monthly all in. Thomas Krebs is updating.

Why delay in getting site up again? Thomas Krebs had personally paid a bill in the past. He was reimbursed and the site was activated again. The bill was paid in January. The new agreement was made recently and some updates have started. The agreement with Thomas Krebs should be put in writing. The fee is reasonable as long as the website is updated regularly. At the moment it is not written, there is no long term obligation. We can shop it out elsewhere. A memorandum of agreement should be placed. The memorandum should include a timeline for updates to website after receiving requests.

Items to be posted should be submitted to VC Communications and will be forwarded to the appropriate executive for review and subsequent submission to Thomas Krebs for posting. The following email account is to be used for VC communications:

VCCommOAWOA@gmail.com.

Pairing Masters report:

By Sue Perkins see report: Highlights: Novice kids and bantam difficulty getting officials to these tournaments. Clarification, Jazmine Morine does have her provincial A and should have been noted in the minutes last year.

Questions: Was Umo Sowe used last year. She did the seniors in 2012 and had insurance coverage for 2012. To date she hasn't done any tournaments in 2013. She didn't register in 2013, she needs to register before doing any more tournament.

A new program is being developed to do draws at tournaments. The new program is to run in parallel with the existing to ensure all bugs are ironed out before being used for a big tournament.

Request is made to assist in recruiting in new pairing masters.

Past Chairmans report: Darryl Owen, verbal, noted his work was easy this year, thanks to the executive for all their additional work this year in updating the constitution and manual.

Area Chairman reports:

Kitchener-Gary Bird, see report.

Sudbury-Guy Quenville, see report.

Sault St. Marie-Bev Holmes, regrets for missing last year. The area is down to 3 schools.

Recruiting is still a difficult issue.

Wellington and District, Albert Runstedler has 5 new officials from University. Albert is looking for someone to replace him as area chairman in the future. **Thunder Bay**, Rob St. Jean. See report.

Ottawa-Geoff Griffin. Under privileged program didn't have any requests this year.

Toronto West-Darryl Owen-there were only 2 tournaments last year. No schedule yet for this years tournaments. Two good officials moved into the area: Rob McInnis and Mapleine Quizon. The clinic will be in November . Darryl will follow up with email to post information on the website.

Halton Peel-Marty Pollock, see report

York region-Dave French, see report, no active club in the area. No junior officials willing to register last year, due to lack of wrestling.

Kingston – Derek Kossatz, see report. Ann Cameron read some highlights from the report.

St. Catherines-Ashley Menagh-One official moved to Alberta, suggest contacting Shelby Tremblay to officiate in Alberta.

Kawartha- Erv Morine, see report

Hamilton-Tim McGarry, see report

Youth report-Bill Perkins, The number of officials at the kids tournament needs to be resolved. Glad to hear it is being finalized with OAWOA and the OAWA discussions.

Toronto East-Stephanie Robertson Owen, She is not receiving advance notice for tournaments in her area. This make planning difficult.

Durham-Lori Rabjohn-There were 2 tournaments in area last year. It is difficult recruiting officials that can work during the week.

Georgian Bay-Bob Parsons, no wrestling in the area last year. No wrestling planned in area this year.

London-John Cook, Wrestling is still strong in the area. Jim Dempsey is not doing assignments in area anymore.

Haldeman/Norfolk/Wellington-Scott Mauthe, Thanks to Jeremy Auld for helping out last year.

Motion to adopt reports: Alberta Rundstedler/Ed Zinger. Passed

Resolutions, Nominations for Awards:

Provincial awards descriptions should be posted on the website. National awards are available on CAWA website.

Motion to vote by showing of hands for awards and by ballot for elections: Bob Parsons-Bev Holmes. Passed

Provincial Dave Rendel Award:

Geoff Griffin nominated by Bob Parsons/Scott Mauthe-Winner

Jim Dempsey nominated by Bill Perkins/Stephanie Robertson Owen-
National Dave Rendell Award-\$500 towards the cost of a Fila tournament. For a National A or a Fila 3

John Krahn nominated by Geoff Griffen/Scott Mauthe

Carl Chan nominated by Chuck Parkinson/Bob Parson-Winner.

National Mike Sherratt Award-\$500 can be used to fund costs to a national, or international or clinic.

Guy Quenville nominated by Albert Rundstedler/ Bob

Parson-Winner Ed Zinger nominated by Darryl Owen/Erv Morin

National Tony Stokes Award:

Ed Zinger nominated by Bob Parsons/Guy Quenville

Garry Bird nominated by Albert Runstedler/Darryl Owen-Winner

Coralee Roy Award:dedicated to national pairing masters

Ashley Menagh nominated Sue Perkins/Ann Cameron-Winner

Mike Erchuck: \$750 Qualified to be nominated to the Olympics level-

Gary Bird nominated by Darryl/John Krahn-Winner

Provincial Perkins Award:

Jose Peltier nominated by Guy Quenville/Charles Parkinson

Laura Stiffler nominated by Ashley Menagh/Bob Parson

James Stewart nominated by Geoff Griffin/John Krahn-winner

Lunch break

Voting for Executive:

Motion for secret ballot Ed Zinger/Charles Parkinson, passed

Chairman:

Garry Bird nominated by Ed Zinger/Albert Rundstedler-winner

Marty Pollock nominated by Darryl Owen/Bob Parsons

No spoiled ballots.

Motion to destroy the ballots after completion of each election by Darryl Owen/Charles Parkinson, passed

Vice Chairman Technical:

Scott Mauthe nominated by Darryl Owen/Ed Zinger. Acclaimed

Marty Pollock nominated by Geoff Griffin/Ashley Menagh, declined

Vice Chairman Marketing:

Mapleine Quizon nominated by Guy Quenville/Charles Parkinson

Marty Pollock nominated by Stephanie Robertson Owen/Bob Parson-Winner

No spoiled ballots

General & New business:

Location and time for next AGM:

October 4 & 5, 2014.

A former wrestler runs a company that assists in organizing venue requirements. The company helped organize this hotel. Company name is "Meeting Encore.com". They may be of assistance for upcoming AGM.

Bids to host:

Darryl Owen, volunteering to host AGM in Toronto, winner

Erv Morin, volunteering to host AGM in Oshawa.

Rob St. Jean, volunteering to host AGM in Thunder Bay.

Area Chairman's reports should be submitted in writing in advance of the AGM next year. They will be posted on the website for members to review. This will help to make the AGM more efficient.

There are ongoing discussions between the OAWA and the OAWOA to discuss assignments of tournaments, provincial tournament structures etc. These items are being negotiated and a memorandum of understanding is being drafted. Once the draft is finalized it will be reviewed by the executive. This will include a resolution going forward on the Canada Games Kids issues experienced this past season with officials numbers being lowered on short notice by the OAWA.

Review of Constitution:

Email items were raised by Derek Kossatz, items were read and discussed. Results are as follows:

1. Derek would like to leave the words noted the words *"to encourage and develop the widest participation and the highest proficiency in Olympic wrestling in Ontario"* in the definition. This is repeated in under purpose and was agreed to delete from constitution.
2. Clarification regarding regional clinician was requested. Discussion occurred and the following revision was made:
 - a. All proposed revisions in red were deleted and
 - b. The following was added as to ARTICLE VI, SECTION II , 8. AREA CHAIRMAN, d) If the area chairman is not a qualified on mat official he shall call upon another area chairman or qualified official to conduct the clinic.

3. Derek wanted the length of terms to be limited. This was discussed and motion was not seconded.
4. Concern was raised regarding the website being out of date. This was discussed earlier in the meeting. Website will be updated regularly.
5. Request to mention a Policy & Procedure manual in the constitution. All policy and procedures are in the constitution. There is no separate policy & procedures manual. There is an area clinician reference manual, which is being updated and does not form part of the constitution.
6. Request to update a list of officials and their ranking, standings on the website. A list is being updated and will be posted once completed. The responsibility to attend required clinics and tournaments to maintain ranking lies with each individual official. The area chairman shall submit a complete list of area officials each year with updated information to ensure accurate records are posted.

A few additional revisions were made. See attached. Motion to accept changes to the constitution as amended Geoff Griffen and Tim McGarry passed.

Not honoring commitment to attend provincials:

Clarification is required regarding rule for officials who do not attend a provincial tournament that they have committed to attend. A minimum 72 hours notice is required unless there are extenuating circumstances. Cancellation fees will be charged to the delinquent officials.

Not honoring commitment to attend nationals:

Clarification is required regarding rule for officials who do not attend a national tournament that they have committed to attend? Once flight arrangements have been made you are required to attend or you will be required to pay for the cost of the flight unless there are extenuating circumstances.

How the OAWA strategic plan relates to the OAWOA:

Marty attended a meeting with the OAWA regarding strategic planning, see attached report. There is a need to be a positive step between the two organizations. We make up 1/10th of the OAWA membership

Officiating Video Scott:

Scott proposed to create a revamped officiating video together. He estimated the cost to be \$1200-\$2000. Details to be reviewed by the

New Non-Profit Organization Act:

John Dawson provided some clarification on the nomination and election process to the CAWOA Board. Further clarification will be provided via email by John Cook. The

Revisions are a result of the new “Non-profit organization act”

Canada Games kids tournament:

Geoff Griffin voiced concerns about the Canada games tournament in Kingston and the last minute request for reduction in officials. The provincial's structure need to be reviewed. It is good to have this tournament to provide experience to the younger officials. How many officials can attend this? By September 30th we will be notified which tournaments will be Ontario championships. Ontario youth tournaments good to get kids experience.

Mentoring program:

Charles Parkinson, would like to proposed a mentoring position for the executive. Succession planning. Executive to review.

Meeting adjourned.