

**Texas USA Wrestling
Summer Meeting Minutes
Austin, Texas
August 06, 2005**

Roll Call: Clubs Present and votes by club.

El Paso Region = 6, North = 9, South = 6, Central = 6, West = 21 Total Votes = 48

Review of Minutes from Summer Meeting in Austin, Texas, August 07, 2004. Change NHS rules to NFHS rules and then they were accepted as read.

Regional Financial Reports: very general reports were given. Regional Directors will forward annual reports via email and they will be included in the minutes upon receipt.

North Region – Membership up ~800. Brute Bowl loss ~\$3,000 (venue was very expensive).

South Region – 386 members down from 527. Profit from tournaments \$2,100. Profit for year \$4,971. Houston National/Novice State had about \$2,070.00 in profit.

West Region – Not final. Many problems with obtaining USA Wrestling cards this year

Central Region – membership up ~ 400 total. Made \$4,000 – 5,000 in tournaments. Heart of Texas made ~ \$2,800.

Far West, El Paso - 443 members; membership is up. Sun City Tournament made \$200-300.

State – No report was given

Review of Old Business:

State Tournaments:

Rookie State Tournament – need to recognize Rookie Champions at Open State

There was a discussion of 2 day tournaments and specifically Friday-Saturday tournaments versus Saturday-Sunday Tournaments. It was noted that it is difficult for students to miss school in order to travel to the 2 days tournaments. Consensus was that the Membership within state would not support wrestling on Sundays.

Novice State had a very good turnout. It was noted that this tournament must be associated with a National Tournament in order to have numbers to support hosting it. Consensus was that Houston did a good job of hosting and running this tournament.

Motion to Leave Novice State in Houston in conjunction with Houston National was passed.

Middle School Duals

This is a National competition held during the summer. Texas took 2 full teams to compete in team duals competition. Wrestlers were very competitive even though we had to forfeit at the upper weight classes due to lack of wrestlers. Want to take wrestlers again next year. Kids from all regions are

welcome and encouraged to participate. Cost is an issue. This event needs funding from all regions. \$500.00 per region was spent this year.

There was no **Officials Report**.

New Business:

Discussion of USA Cards being Purchased off of Website and Issued by State instead of by Regions. This was problematic all the way around and many changes were discussed to improve this for next year. The \$35.00 cost is split \$10 to region and \$25 to state for the cards. State must buy cards from USA Wrestling and excess cards being purchased to have a supply in each region was an issue.

It was agreed that only sanctioned clubs should be able to purchase cards and the sanctioned club name should be in the drop down box, not a fill in form. Each sanctioned club should be given a log in to purchase cards and retrieve information. Independent wrestlers would have cards purchased by the region on their behalf.

The use of labels to print information on cards as it is entered on site instead of hard writing information on cards was discussed. There were many problems with hand written information either being omitted or incorrect. This will be looked into for use this next season.

Regional directors need access to all wrestlers with cards in order to verify competitors in tournaments have valid cards. It is also important for clubs to make sure they are not submitting entries for wrestlers without cards.

Print out of all wrestlers who have purchased cards after 01/15/2005 will be used to make sure they are not entered in the State Tournaments.

Illegal Moves – Can not discuss at this meeting. This up to the referees at the tournaments. It was noted that Officials cannot use video for changing calls.

Randall Club Coach discussed officiating at Rookie State that impacted one of their wrestlers and their clubs reputation or perception at tournaments around the state.

Discussion of State Awards: A motion was made to make the changes below that was voted on and passed.

Regional Tournaments do not count for State Awards

Honor Roll

This award is given to all Texas wrestlers who meet the criteria. This award has a maximum of (11) eleven points and requires at least (9) nine points to qualify. ~~A wrestler must win (9) nine tournaments to win this award.~~ A wrestler can acquire a maximum of (6) six points from “Open” tournaments.

Only one point per tournament can be earned.

1. One point for winning a “open” state-qualifying tournament...maximum (6) six points

2. One point **and only one point** for ~~winning any “National” Tournament.~~ **Being the top Texas finisher while placing 1-6 place in any “Texas National Tournament”.**
3. If a tournament in No.2 is not held, maximum is reduced to 10 with 8 to qualify.
4. All points must be earned in lowest eligible division

Texas National Wrestlers of the Year

This award is given to the overall point’s leader (National Points only) from all divisions. In the case of a tie each will receive the award

Divisional National Wrestler of the Year

This award will be given to the point leaders (National Points only) in each division. One per division unless ties.

National Points

Tournament	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Panhandle Nationals	30	10	5
Cotton Bowl Classic Brute Bowl	40	20	10
Houston Holiday Classic National	30	10	5
Sun City Nationals	60	20	10
Sun City Nationals	30	10	5
Heart of Texas	30	10	5
Tulsa Nationals	no point awarded		

Texas USA Wrestling Rules and Regulations were reviewed and discussed. Changes are listed below. The following change was voted on and passed.

8. Seeding mechanism for State as Follows

We will adopt seating criteria published by UIL. Only the first and second place finishers from each region will be seated for the state tournament. The top two finishers from each region will be separated on the brackets and not face each other in the first two rounds.

Discussion of Statewide Web based tournament registration and bracketing including benefits and problems that it would include. This is still a year or two down the road. Maybe it should be tested in a single region.

Texas Wrestling store is up and running. A portion of the profits go back to the regions. We need to encourage all clubs to order from here.

2005-2006 Schedule was discussed including the possibility of shortening the season. Changing tournament dates that have already booked venues may be difficult. Connie will look into moving the state tournament up a week or two if possible. Changing the date of the state tournament would cause Heart of Texas, Houston National and Novice State and the Regional tournament dates to all change. No schedule was set at this meeting.

Pan Handle Nationals are scheduled for November 25 &26

Sun City is scheduled for December 17

Brute Bowl is scheduled for December 28 &29

Election of State Officers:

Bert Martin resigned as President.

Newly elected officers are:

State Kid's Folk Style President: Louie Martinez