

## **SDWCA GoogleMeet Meeting 7/10/23**

Members Present: Chas Welch, Robert Hirsch, John Niesen, Chris Saylor, Joh Bokker, John Donovan, Lance Pearson, Scott Andal, Shayne Geditz, John Silvernail, Tom Schoenhard, Todd Crownover

Members Absent: Mike Abell, Clayton Wahlstrom, Spencer Novotny

### Items Discussed

1. Rollie Fink came to propose the possibility of SDWCA switching to USAW, he cited 4 main reasons it could potentially make sense
  1. Financial - could potentially make more \$ back on each card sold that would go to SDWCA
  2. Quality of wrestling - exposure to arguably better quality tournaments
  3. Coaching - more steps need to be taken to become a wrestling leader (coach), could potentially lead to better vetting of coaches instead of any and all parents
  4. Supporting wrestling - all of the money spent will go back to wrestling in some way
  5. After the discussion, the decision was made by the SDWCA to look further into the details of the steps & costs that the state, individual clubs, possible coaches, and athletes would need to take to see if it makes sense. A side-by-side comparison will be done to see what it costs for athlete membership, coaching membership, club sanctioning, tournament sanctioning, etc.
2. Tony Hoisington came to discuss Region tournament officials and how they would potentially be assigned and paid
  1. Tony proposed that all Regions could have certified officials if Regions were hosted on Saturday and Sunday
  2. Tony also proposed a set rate that all Region officials would be paid
  3. After the discussion, the decision was made by the SDWCA to put a name as a contact into the SDWCA Tournament Directors packet if Regions are looking for certified officials, but it will not be mandated that all Regions have to have certified officials
  4. SDWCA also decided that each Region can set their own rate to pay officials, a set rate will not be mandated by SDWCA
3. A clothing proposal from Juggernaut was discussed, leading to the discussion of potentially switching from 3xGear
  1. After seeing the proposal from Juggernaut, the decision was made to stick with 3xGear
4. SDWCA Hall of Fame
  1. 12 names will be put in for next year
  2. Paul Shriner, Jon Madsen, Greg Lanners, Gene Hoffert, Marlin Harms, Todd Kendall, Greg Saylor, Tim Stephenson, Tim McMahan, Bob Graff, Jeff Heumiller, Gene Brownell
5. SDWCA End of Season Awards
  1. Discussion was had about whether to add a Girls Region Coach of the Year
  2. Decision was made to add a Girls Region Coach of the Year for all 4 Regions
6. 2025 SDHSCA Clinic in Rapid City
  1. Plan is to bring in Mark Manning for wrestling

2. Discussion was had and decision was made that the SDWCA will chip in \$2000 to help pay Manning for the clinic
7. SDWCA will look to set up membership sign up and payment through the same portal that the SDHSCA uses
  1. SDWCA needs more membership, this could be a way to make it easier for wrestling coaches to join
  2. SDWCA also decided to raise membership dues from \$15 to \$20
  3. Members of the SDWCA board were assigned to contact all Region reps from their Region to encourage them to sign up for SDWCA
8. SDWCA Tournament Directors packet
  1. Tom Schoenhard proposed a few additions/changes to help with clarity of document
  2. Decision was made that all state championship matches will have 2 officials working
  3. Clarification will be put into document that Regions can have certified officials, but it is not required
  4. Region officials pay is up to the host, there is no set rate
  5. Rest time for wrestlers needs to be updated, going from 20 minutes to 15 minutes
  6. Mouthpieces will be required for wrestlers with braces
9. Tom Schoenhard proposed creating a document that sets some expectations for SDWCA state tournament hosts
  1. A working document was shared with SDWCA, changes and additions will be made before it is shared with SDWCA state tournament hosts
10. SDHSCA Wrestling Coach of the Year
  1. Decision was made that if the SDHSCA Wrestling Coach of the Year is in the running for NHSCA Coach of the Year, \$ will be provided to help pay for that coach to travel to the national convention
  2. This year because the convention is in Lincoln, NE, the SDWCA will provide \$1000 stipend
  3. This will be evaluated on a yearly basis IF a wrestling coach is in the running
11. New SDWCA Board members for 2023-24
  1. Clayton Wahlstrom and Spencer Novotny will be off the board
  2. After discussion of potential names, the decision was made to reach out to Cole Grocott and Cameron Gronke to see if they would be interested
12. USF mens and women's wrestling team looking for a possible donation
  1. SDWCA board will make a one time donation of \$1500 to both the mens and women teams, \$3000 total
13. Will talk about SDWCA postseason girls weights at September meeting
14. Next meeting will be in September, no official date was set