

Team Georgia Wrestling August BOD Meeting  
August 30th 2009, 2pm - 5pm  
Domanico Family Home

Meeting Minutes

- 2:00pm Call to order – Chairman Anthony Flatt

Members present: Dave Matthews - EBoard, Wrestling Knights; Thomas Connell - Collins Hill; Anthony Flatt- E Board – CHHS; Dan Hilliard - EBoard, Lumpkin Co; Cheryl Flatt - Board, CHHS; Larry Holloway - EBoard, Walton; Danny Lutz -EBoard, Etowah & TWC; Mark Moore - Board, Appalachee; Ron Domanico - Board, Lovett; Melody Domanico - EBoard, Lovett; Bob Stevens – Pope; Blaine Hess – Pope; Danny Sinnot- Peachtree Ridge; Chris Powell – Hillgrove; Daryk Cochran- Alexander; Sean Moistner - EBoard, Alexander; Randy Kawa, Takedown Sportswear

- EBOD absent: Mercedes Draffin, Randall Balch

- 2:05pm Reports from the Executive Board
  - Chairman's Report – Open Comments – State of Union
    - Role of EBM, BOD and RM, volunteers and guests in BOD meetings
    - Active volunteers perspective – replacing non-active volunteers
  - Vice Chairman's Report's
    - Dan Hilliard gave the Tour of Georgia Proposal. Still have one region without a tournament. Tour of GA - 1 week appeals process for results. Need work on tie breakers, need budget for Larry, need medal cost Larry motion to accept proposal - Sean 2nd, passed.
  - Membership Report – Danny -As of July 2009 July 09' vs. July 08'
    - 4,970 vs. 4,791 Athletes, 822 vs. 831 Coaches, 25 vs. 17 Officials, 136 vs. 122 Clubs, 82 vs. 73 Tournaments
    - Beginners were up and helped keep up the budget
  - Kids Director report – Fall Schedule Update
    - Cheryl Flatt is currently the Kids Director and would like to find a replacement to start working with her now.
    - Harrison can't run Kids state, try to run at CH. All to look into other options
  - Treasures report – Divisional Action Plans and Budgets, 501c3 update
    - Larry reports we have spent all the monies from last year's budgets with no hold over. Some things will have to be cut or pared down.
    - Dixie Duals - budget \$60 a kid

- Kids National will have to be 0 budget (self supporting)
  - Super 32 - \$50 per wrestler from GA – 0 budget
  - Ron's handout
  - Dave Matthews motioned to fund all GA kids for Super 32 with a \$50 rebate from Team GA. Sean seconded. Larry abstains. Passed.
  - Central Regionals will have to be 0 budget.- 2 vans
- HS State Championship banquet, previously paid \$3500, offered \$5,000 last year.
  - Danny motioned to fund the HS State Championship banquet with \$2500 this year. Sean seconded. Passed.
  - Larry's budget cuts for this year include:
    - Darton College was given money twice last year totally \$4500 so GAWA may have to limit money this year.
    - NHSCA has run and will run the HS State Duals under Team GA this year with 0 budget.
    - Larry suggested no full refunds and no credit card refunds next year from duals or fargo trips.
    - Suggests only 2 scholarships per style per tournament.
    - Officials – New usa \$7.50 per wrestler per style
    - Kids credit is \$500 max for 8 tournaments
    - SER Volunteers – 1 worker up to \$100 total credit
    - No discounts on anything unless board votes
    - Larry recommends 1 yr. cut on all travel
    - We are \$15,000 over budget this year
    - No OTC coaches trips, no women's fall coaches trip
    - Danny motions to except all proposed budget cuts and Dave seconds. Passed.
- Larry reports that the Team GA credit card is in his name with himself as the guarantor.
  - Dave motions that Ron apply for a Team GA credit card as the National Teams Director. Dan seconds. Passed.
- Secretary's Report – Leadership meeting recap
  - Melody Domanico mentions highlights of the Leadership Summit and ask those interested to read her written blog on the website.
- Women's Wrestling – Update
  - Mercedes was not present and submitted no update.

- Melody mentions that Roosevelt White wishes to help. Gave a short history of Don St. James coaching for a few months. It was mentioned that Ebony White did go to Fargo this year.
- Chris Powell to start a pilot program, with help of Chiropractor partnership w/ USA wrestling
- Unfinished Business
  - Strategic planning - Team GA Vision, Mission, Core Values, Strategies, Goals & Action Plans
    - Team Georgia's Vision is "To be the premier wrestling association".
    - Team Georgia's Mission is "To promote the growth and quality of wrestling in the state of Georgia".
  - Website improvements – update
    - New website is launched
    - Takes 4 different sites (techsavy, trackwrestling, themat.com, and TG and combines them. Now our site to be used to online registration, brackets, usa card purchases, and more trackwrestling rating system.
  - Committees – Beginners Committee, Online registration Committee
    - Beginners Committee – Beginners Tournament Policies and procedures, FAQ's
    - Chris Powell commented on the Beginners Tournament proposal.
    - Online Registration Committee – Stabilizing and improving online registration. CC provider, membership cards
    - Blaine Hess describes the State Middle School duals program and this will be his last year after 5 years. He is looking for his replacement currently.
    - Need to get passionate people to chair what their passion is
  - Code of Conduct – EBM, BOD, RM, Volunteers, Coaches, Wrestlers
    - Recent forum discussions thoughts and reactions, get away from negative, get our message out there, strategy to get out correct information.
  - Tournament Directors not fulfilling their obligations and what can be done about it, Nail and skin checks at tournaments, USA cards
    - Tournaments need to be more uniform, and TD need to follow policies. Need to be written out very specifically.
    - Regional Managers need to monitor better and get more involved
- New Business

- USAW Fee increases \$1 card, \$15 Club, \$15 Sanction
  - USA Wrestling tried to increase cards by \$3. State Chairs disagreed. It will go up by \$1 but GA will not increase their fees plus will not charge the \$4.75 handling charge to save GA wrestlers money.
  - Team Ga \$0 Card, \$0 club, \$0 sanction increases – except Kids Folkstyle State and Nationals, increase from \$100 to \$500
  - Move all sales from themat.com to the TGA website.
  - Dan motions that all entrance fees for tournaments are raised to \$3, \$5, \$7. Sean seconds. Passed.
- Fall Meeting Agenda
  - Reports from the executive board
  - Beginners Tournament Proposal
  - Splitting Mats Proposal
  - Wrestling up
  - 3 Tournament Rule – Folkstyle
  - MS Proposal
- Super 32 sponsorship; \$ per athlete? Paid to the athlete or to the Event Leaders?
  - How do we publicly communicate
  - \$50 per wrestler rebate: Will advertise an application, parents must fill out prior to event, send to Ron, after wrestler participates in at least one match, Team GA will send a check for \$50 to his parents for help in expenses.
- National Teams Director and Events
  - Team GA Kids
- Status of arrangement with Takedown Sportswear
  - Randy Kawa mentions he would like to have a more formal agreement , like a 1-5 yr agreement/contract, with Team GA and things spelled out a bit more clearly. Ways to encourage more business for Randy through our website was discussed. Details need to be discussed. TGA will put his banner on everything that goes out.  
Randy sees Ken Chertow ads as competition yet Chertow paid \$2K for those. Randy supports TGa but TGa also spends a lot with him.
- Blaine Hess - MS Duals - has a committee in place
  - New concept last yr. - traditional ms teams and USA MS teams
  - Traditional MS teams is untapped - 3000-5000 kids
  - USA teams - CH, Pope, Lassiter, North Gwinett
  - Jan 23 MS State Duals
  - Last year 20 teams.
  - Looking for 12-16 team on each side.
  - After that look at having qualifier

- How do we get kids that are non USA kids wrestle in USA tournament?
  - USA Event card. Last year we sponsored event card
  - Propose USA sponsor event card - \$10
  - Will cost Tga Approx. \$2000.
  - MS duals - lower cost to get into event
  - \$125 per team to \$100
  - But incr gate to \$5/\$7/\$10
- Charters -TGA cost was \$40. Incr to \$55 - Club cost - \$55.
  - Sanctions - TGA cost was \$25. Incr to \$40 - sanction cost not \$105.
- Need standard proposal form on website.
- Spring Tournament Format and Schedule
- Officials Director Position

**Anthony motions to adjourn the meeting and Sean seconds. Danny objects. Passed.**

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Respectfully submitted,

Melody J Domanico, Secretary

### Meeting Rules

1. Items to be introduced in agenda order.
2. Items to be introduced by motion.
3. Motion to have a second to be open for discussion
4. Each Representative may speak once to the motion on the floor.
5. Each Representative shall have a maximum of 3 minutes to speak to the motion.
6. Each Representative may again address the motion on the floor once all others have been given a chance to speak.
7. Discussion shall be terminated by the motion to "Call for the Question".
8. Vote shall be executed by the EBM show of hands.
9. Request for clarification or information must be directed to the chairman.

Additional Comments:Discussions should be short and balanced towards both pro and con of the motion.

- Voting should be done in a timely manner.
- Caucuses shall be held outside the meeting room.
- No side bar conversations.