

Meeting Minutes

for

Northern Virginia Wrestling Federation October 19, 2017 Fall Meeting

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Subj: NVWF 2017 Fall Meeting Minutes

Ref: (a) Meeting notice to Club Board Members on October 17 as Reminder

Encl: (1) Agenda

1. Meeting was held at West Springfield High School Library 6100 Rolling Rd, West Springfield, VA 22152, for the NVWF 2017 Fall Meeting October 19, 2017 6:30-8:30 P.M. The meeting date was also set at the August 2017 meeting.
2. Enclosure (1) agenda was provided to members for the subject meeting.
3. Role call – all clubs had representatives at the meeting.
4. A summary of the August meeting was provided as follows:
 - a. The August meeting was established due to the absence of a spring meeting for the main purpose of holding elections for Officers.
 - b. Elections were held across the board for the first time in the history of the NVWF for all Officer positions. The bylaws and articles of incorporation state that the NVWF is required to have elections on an annual basis every spring. The documents state that each club may cast one vote for each position.
 - c. Since there was only one person that expressed interests in the Treasurer position, Jimmy Zoller was unanimously voted for that position. Additionally, Doug White was voted unanimously as the Equipment Manager since he was the only person that expressed interests in that position.
 - d. Votes were cast for the remaining three positions with the following results:
 - i. Mike Gingras received the most votes and thereby selected the position of Commissioner.
 - ii. Bill Marck received the next highest votes and then selected the position of Secretary.
 - iii. Scott Matheny received the third highest votes and then selected the position of Deputy Commissioner.
5. Mike Gingras outlined his approach on developing and modernizing the new software for NVWF that would:
 - a. Preserve the basic manner in which NVWF tournaments are managed,

- b. Allow flexibility in terms of the size of round robin groupings,
 - c. Efficiently pair more competitive matches and opponents,
 - d. Tally win/loss statistics,
 - e. Print wall-posted brackets and mat assignments, and bout sheets,
 - f. Create a new bout sheet approach for parents and table managers.
6. USA representatives presented materials in a 45-minute brief on how to recruit, retain, train, coach, and mentor young wrestlers at all ages in a friendly and inviting manner. All of the materials were online at the VAWA and USA Wrestling websites.
7. VAWA representatives, Bill Swink and Jack Harcourt, outlined wrestling opportunities for tournaments with possible plans for a duals event in 2018.
8. The NVWF adopted much of the schedule that was constructed the prior year in light of no spring meeting. It was about 75% complete, and therefore solicitations were made to attract hosts for select dates in January.
9. Several opportunities were arranged for duals for middle school age kids to pursue diverse wrestling formats. The intent was to address advanced wrestlers as well as those looking to experience wrestling on a full mat.
10. USA Wrestling Insurance – Shannon Matheny requested that all clubs identify their practice locations so USA insurance coverage applied.
11. USA cards – the NVWF required all coaches to have USA Cards for purposes of coaching on the side of a mat at tournaments. Coaches were also required to read the safe sport certification and take the online video to complete. Each wrestler must have a card, Limited Folkstyle Athlete, \$15 each, as well.
12. Treasurer – Jimmy Zoller, stated fees for the season at \$40 on-time registration, \$65 late registration with electronic invoicing enabled.
13. On-time registration closes midnight Nov 20th, with late registration enabled between Dec 1 – Dec 17.
14. Wrestlers were required to participate in 5 tournaments to be eligible for final tournament.
15. Additional Wrestling Opportunities, were outlined by Bill Marck, with middle school age duals as follows:
 - a. Two at FCA in November.
 - b. One at Loudoun County High School, December 17.
 - c. Open Tournaments and Clinics – was an emphasis area for NVWF wrestlers, as expressed in prior surveys both formally and informally.
16. Mike Gingras scheduled a hosting meeting on November 12, 8:00 PM.

17. Clubs were asked to ensure parents and coaches regularly checked skin and nails.
18. Caps were required for kids with long hair.
19. Mike Gingras initiated a conversation on how to keep parents in stands and kids from running around the gym. There was a desire to prevent persons from blocking the view of those that were in the stands maybe by making them kneel or otherwise.
20. Shannon and Mike expressed concerns in cases where clubs dramatically dropped in numbers due to poor transition changes, and emphasized the need for more than one contact person on record for each club. Mike requested clubs to maintain a note book and checklists for new persons that take over the club.
21. Adjournment of the meeting was 9:00 PM.