



Ontario Amateur Wrestling Officials Association
AGM Meeting Minutes Oct 14-15, 2017 in Milton, Ontario

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Call to order: 9:24am

I. Roll Call:

Area Chairs	Geoff Griffin, Guy Quenville, Martin Pollock, Laura Steffler, John Cook, Tim MaGarrey, Rob St. Jean, Marcia Chiasson, Robert Parsons, Stephanie Robertson Owen, Scott Mauthe, Darryl Owen, Michelle Flinders
Executive	Ed Zinger, John Krahn, Martin Pollock, Carl Chan, Laura Steffler, Rob St. Jean, Adam Baxter
Guests	John Dawson, Lee McKay, Bobby Keomany, Erv Morine, Fred Schaller, Sean Norris, Ruiz Ville, Daphne O'Brien, Stephan Quenville, Ashley Menagh, Amir Alizadeh, Albert Rundstedler
Regrets	Gary Bird

Proxy votes:

1. Bobby Keomany for Garry Bird
2. Sean Norris for Martin Pollock
3. Fred Schaller for Gary Bird

II. Reading of the Minutes/Correspondence:

Questions:

1. Suggest adding profit and loss balance sheet on the website.
2. Awards criteria is now also posted on the website.

Motion to pass minutes as posted: Rob St. Jean, Darryl Owen – passed.

III. Business arising from the minutes:

No items raised.

IV. Vice Chairman's Report: Ed Zinger

See report on line. New control cards are being rolled out to track events completed. The card will be posted on the website. The area chairman is responsible to control it.

Comments/Questions: None.

V. VC Admin Report: Adam Baxter

See report on line. We are continuing with online registration. This system works well, provides a good list of information for all officials.

Comments/Questions: New officials who also compete as athletes are required to register both on the OAWA & the OAWOA but only pay to the OAWOA.



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VI. VC Financial Report: Martin Pollock

See reports on the website. National Cadet/Juveniles: we had 9 extra officials that counted, thus we get additional funding from WCL. Funding has to go to OAWA then to be paid to OAWOA. Investment fund has earned about \$300. Marty will not be running for treasurer again next year. Anyone interested should step up now.

Questions/Comments: Motion to accept the financials report Fred Schaller /Geoff Griffin – passed.

VII. VC Technical Report: Carl Chan

See report on line. Recommendations for upgrades from provincial B to A:

- Caesar Flaurnt
- Chris Garneau
- Daphane O'Brien
- Nicole Mazara
- Ruiz Ville

Comments/Questions: Want to point out that the upgrade success rate in the past was less than 50%. Area Clinicians manual is fluid and should be updated regularly.

VIII. VC Marketing report: Laura Steffler

See report on line. Brief discussion about awards. Draft points system for years of service is continuing to be developed to develop an awards system.

Comments/Questions: Concern that it doesn't address draw masters and doesn't address workhorse officials that aren't in UWW, etc. Recommendation that the internal awards system should be more focused on provincial officials.

IX. VC Communications report: John Krahn

See report on line.

Comments/Questions: None.

X. VC Apprentice report: Rob St. Jean

See report on line.

Comments/Questions: None.

XI. Past Chairman report: Gary Bird

See report online.

Comments/Questions: None.

Motion to accept all executive reports Bob Keomany/Albert Rundstedler – passed.

XII. Pairing Masters Chairman report: Michelle Flinders

See report on line.

Comments/Questions: None.



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Motion to accept PM chairman reports as posted Marcia Chiasson/Bob Parsons – passed.

XIII. Area Chairman reports:

See report on line.

Comments/Questions: None.

Motion to accept area chairman's reports Michelle Flinders/Guy Quenville – passed.

XIV. Resolutions:

None.

XV. Election of Officers:

Scrutineers: John Dawson, Daphne O'Brien & Albert Rundstedler.

Chairman nominations:

Guy Quenville/Bobby Keomany for Ed Zinger. **Acclaimed.**

VC Technical nominations:

Motion by Fred Schaller/Geoff Griffen for John Krahn – **Winner.**

Lee McKay/Darryl Owen for Scott Mauthe

Motion by Carl Chan/Laura Steffler to destroy the ballots – passed.

VC Communications nominations:

Motion by Bobby Keomany/Robert Parsons for Scott Mauthe

Motion by Laura Steffler/Bobby Keomany for Marcia Chiasson – **Winner.**

Motion to destroy the votes Robert Parsons/Bobby Keomany – passed.

VC Marketing-One Year term nominations:

Motion by Bobby Keomany/Robert St. Jean for Carl Chan – **Winner.**

Motion by John Cook/ Tim MaGarrey for Scott Mauthe

Motion to destroy the ballots by Marty Pollock/Carl Chan – passed.

Adam Baxter cast a vote for the acclaimed nominee.

VC Apprentice nominations:

Motion by Guy Quenville/Michelle Flinders for Rob St. Jean – **Winner.**

Motion by Carl Chan/Geoff Griffin to Bobby Keomany

Motion to destroy ballots Albert Rundstedler/Stephany Robert Owen – passed.



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XVI. General and New Business:

1. Investment discussion

- a. We received a T5 tax form for the investment. Initially the investment planner told us that there was no way it would generate a T5. The planner was clearly mistaken.
- b. The plan is to dissolve the investment to avoid future T5's.
- c. Tim to review with the OAWA auditor to see how we can pay the T5 tax.
- d. Discussion regarding incorporating OAWOA separately. Start discussions with a lawyer. Try Centre for Sport & Law group.

Motion to remove the required \$50/room charge for officials volunteering at nationals in province: Darryl Owen/Scott Mauthe. Motion passed.

Break 12:15pm

2. Resolutions, Nominations for Awards

Provincial awards are posted on the OAWOA website, national awards are also posted on website.

- **Provincial Dave Rendell Award:** The award is a jacket. Leadership, Provincial AE.
Guy Quenville/Ed Zinger for Lee McKay – **Winner**
Geoff Griffin/Garry Bird for John Krahn
- **Provincial Perkins Award:** \$100 provincial award for a new official up to a provincial A.
Mike Saunders nominated by Geoff Griffin/Lee McKay
Ceaser Fleurant nominated by Robert St. Jean/Fred Schaller
Daphne O'Brien nominated Darryl Owen/Stephanie R Owen. – **Winner**
Alex Sterling nominated by Marty Pollock/Sean Norris
Racheal Khoo nominated by Michelle Quenville /Marty Pollock
Jade Parsons nominated Scott Mauthe/Carl Chan
- **National Dave Rendell Award:** \$500 towards the cost of a UWO tournament. For a National A or a UWW III
Marcia Chiasson nominated by Lee McKay/Martin Pollock – **Winner**
Bobby Keomany nominated by Stephanie Robert Owen/Marcia Chiasson
- **National Mike Sherratt Award:** \$500 can be used to fund costs to a national, or international clinic.
Sean Norris nominated Martin Pollock/ Darryl Owen – **Winner**
Ed Zinger nominated by John Krahn/Carl Chan
Jason Flinders nominated by Robert St. Jean/Michelle Flinders
- **National Tony Stokes Award:** \$500 can be used for a national or international tournament not necessarily for an upgrade.
John Krahn nominated by Carl Chan/Fred Schaller
Jason Flinders nominated Robert St. Jean/Michelle Flinders – **Winner**
~~Ed Zinger nominated by Adam Baxter/Marcia Chiasson not eligible~~
- **Coralee Roy Award:** \$500 dedicated to national pairing masters
Ashley Menagh nominated by Guy Quenville/Michelle Flinders – **Winner**
Sue Perkins nominated by Carl Chan/John Krahn
Steph Quenville nominated by Rob St. Jean/Lee McKay
- **Mike Erchuck:** \$750 Qualified to be nominated to the Olympics level



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Ed Zinger nominated by Albert Rundsteadler/Guy Quenville – **Winner**

3. Miscellaneous

- VCT duties will be reviewed when we do the constitution amendments.
- OAWOA Awards Program: draft points program introduced and is open for discussion. Intended purpose is to recognize years of service. Current recommendation is for 10years-20years-30years-40years = bronze, silver, gold, platinum. Executive to propose three options on the actual awards (e.g. Pins) and will then share with the board via email for broader input.
- VC Apprenticeship position, should it remain as a one-year term or change to a two-year term?
Vote: **1 year**
- Ontario Seniors is being hosted by OAWOA this year. Need to ensure volunteers for manual labor, moving mats on Saturday and Sunday (November 25/26, 2017). Weigh-ins in the morning, take-down volunteers are required.
- Provincial C to A discussion: Member must be a B in order to go to provincials.
- Review constitution amendments.
- 2018 AGM will be October 13/14, 2018. Motion for AGM to be in Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes area by Erv Morin/Bob Parsons. Bid includes food - dinner Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday. www.Bonnieviewinn.com

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Albert Runstedler, second by Rob St. Jean.
4:42pm.



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Ontario "Systematic Travel Assignment Process" (STAP) Points – Ed Zinger

- Ontario specific adaptation based on the national CAWO STAP points system.
- Goal to promote and foster the development of the OAWOA members.
- Remains the responsibility of each official to maintain the minimum requirements to retain the rating.
- OAWOA executive committee shall review and approval all assignments (normally the night before the Guelph Open each year).
- Prerequisites for sanctioning: all OAWOA members must have attended at least 2 provincial championships with a desire to improve their national ranking.
- Points are allocated based on what you do for the association (how much work you put in).
- "Trips" are defined as trips out of province.
- Comments from Group Discussion:
 - Make it clear that it is an **OAWOA** funded/assigned trip.
 - Merit to add in a value associated with being an area chair (5 points).
 - Points awarded for self-funding to national championships should be made clear that it's from the previous season. General consensus to remove the 7 points for "neighboring province".
 - General consensus to base this structure on calendar year.
 - Is there an opportunity to add a penalty system – e.g. if you cost the association a room and do not show up for the event, then you should lose points (case by case basis)?
 - Suggestion in the case of a tie situation – perhaps consider calling the two people to see who wants it?
- Still a draft, but will help to address who has worked the most within our province.

2017-2018 Wrestling Rules – Ed Zinger

- UWW has released new weight classes and new tournament format (2-day format with same day weigh ins). Canada accepts the UWW rules changes with Canadian rule modifications (this has not been made official yet by WCL).



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- Canada is likely to maintain the 1-day tournament format for the 2018 season because clubs who have bid on hosting events in 2018 planned for 1-day events. Unclear what will happen in the future.
- Biggest UWW changes for 2018:
 - Possibility of officials being drug tested – if someone is perceived as being under the influence of something, then they hold the right to request a sample.
 - At the 2017 world championships in Paris, UWW indicated that they were not happy that the caution +2 was worth more than a take down. As a result, the UWW has decided to change cautions back to +1 (however, no official news release). Will only award caution +2 if the illegal action prevents scoring.
 - In year 1 of the 2-day tournament format, athletes will have a 2-kg weight allowance on day 2 of the event. Following year 1, athletes will need to make weight on both tournament days.
 - UWW has divided the training personnel into two groups: educators and evaluators. Educators will teach only, they will not evaluate referees.
 - Score clocks will count down from 6 minutes (rather than count up – this was implemented in Canada already).
 - Negative wrestling will not be tolerated.
 - Holding the fingers - on first offense, warn the offending wrestler (can slap off fingers if close enough). If athlete continues to hold onto the fingers, caution +1.
 - Blocking with the head (burying the head) - not considered passivity. Allow the action to continue to not take away the advantage from the offensive wrestler. Either the offensive wrestler scores or the action is stopped. If the action is stopped due to blocking with the head, this is avoiding wrestling by the defensive wrestler. Award caution +1.
 - Fleeing the mat – also not considered passive, this is avoiding wrestling.
 - Passivity (Activity Period) do not stop the action to award the point if there is no scoring in the 30 second activity period.
 - Mat chair can now call a quick video conference without the coach throwing in a challenge. This is generally reserved for the situation when a coach has already lost their challenge and the incorrect scoring would negatively affect the wrestler. Want to get the right winner on the mat.
 - Increased focus on controlling the coach and corner. As soon as someone steps onto the mat, the on mat official should apply the yellow card. Make sure that the coach who is approaching the table is also the coach who is sitting in the corner. Feedback from OAWA – positive feedback from the coaches with respect to making accreditation mandatory for coaches.
 - Final decisions for a caution, passivity, pins, etc. are made by the mat chair. Judge provides an opinion, but cannot confirm anything. Judge can initiate scoring and penalties if the referee is not.



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Track Wrestling – Michelle Flinders

- Select weight class, select athletes, hit save & continue.
- Mat-side control will be run by a volunteer.
- Points will be logged with a time stamp.
- Reset the shot clock by typing in “00” and then hit set.
- If the activity period clock is running and the main clock is “stopped” then the activity clock will stop also.

General Comments – Ed Zinger

- Be aware that as a referee you are not to make any judgement regarding declared genders. OFSAA for example, has a transgender policy.
- OAWA has a harassment policy and has also updated the code of conduct for members of the association. This information should be covered in your area chair safety clinic.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:42 am