



Ontario Amateur Wrestling Officials Association
AGM Meeting Minutes Oct 13-14, 2018 in Brechin, Ontario

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Call to order: 9:28am



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Regrets	Rob St-Jean

II. Reading of the Minutes/Correspondence:

1. Profit and loss balance sheet have been removed on the website due to hack risk.
2. 2017 AGM meeting minutes has been posted to the website.

Minutes passed as posted

III. Business arising from the minutes:

No items raised.

IV. Vice Chairman's Report: Ed Zinger

[See report on line.](#) This executive has been cooperative and has accomplished a lot including a streamlined registration process. Hosting the 2017 Ontario Seniors was not well supported by the coaches and athletes, we had 5 less officials than there were athletes registered. We are continuing to work towards improving the STAP process. The 2017 bid process was complicated by the fact that events were changed at the last minute. National process will be changing, they will be implementing sessions for referees so that people will be phased in and out for specific parts of the event. At the 2017 AGM, this board decided to vote out the \$50 fee for rooms at national championships. This resulted in confusion around rooming responsibilities at the 2018 Senior Nationals – we can't let this happen in the future. At the same event, an upgrade opportunity was lost because the individual in question didn't register for the event – this is also something that is now being enforced at the national level and we as individual referees need to be accountable for this. At the OAWA AGM, it was voted in that officials required police background checks. The OAWOA executive felt that this was unreasonable and this is still being negotiated between the OAWA & OAWOA presidents – This will be required for the 2019 season.

Comments/Questions: Comment from Tim MaGarrey – have tried to follow up with senior coaches to find out why the ON Senior Championships wasn't well supported, no real response. It is now mandatory for all officials in Ontario to have background checks in order to participate in wrestling. OAWA has a relationship with Sterling (mybackcheck.com), who works with the Coaches Association of Canada in acquiring police background checks online. Comment from Curtis Wilson, can we set up a system where at the beginning of the season we collect all this information (photos, code of conduct, police background checks, etc). This is an individual process due to the privacy issues and therefore our association cannot keep this info. Wrestling Canada is looking at the possibility of setting up a sport



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database to house this information, but that has not yet been implemented. Another point – should we add the responsibility of registering officials to the OAWA portfolio?

V. VC Admin Report: Adam Baxter

[See report on line.](#) We are the second year of the registration process, with a few updates coming this year. Going to add a few fields for example, a check box if you are also an OAWA athlete or coach. 2018 numbers indicated a +/- of zero so we had the same number of registrants as in 2017. This system works well, provides a good list of information for all officials. Need to do a little more work with area chairs to get them familiar with how to access the information online. The website also has a member's tabs with their rankings and years of service with the OAWA. Two areas dropped until 5 members this year (Toronto South West, Thunder Bay) so these areas will lose their voting privilege for this AGM.

Comments/Questions: Scott Mauthe – you need to clarify the roles of communications and admin because MC should be sending out communications and meeting minutes. Bev Holmes – have difficulty finding out who is registered in each area. Going forward, each area chair has access to the google doc where they can check their official registrations and as well there will be a list of referees and ranks.

VI. VC Technical Report: John Krahn

[See report on line.](#) There are lots of great officials in Ontario and that is a testament to all the people in the province who work to develop referees. Ontario has a strong number of UWW referees, a number of referees who received national upgrades, and four provincial upgrades.

Comments/Questions: Note from Carl Chan – Policies and procedures have changed; all national referees must do a national control clinic every year. Note from Adam Baxter – in 2019, we are offering 4 national control clinics: ON Sr, ON Jr, Matmen, and Guelph Open.

VII. VC Financial Report: Martin Pollock

[See report on line.](#) Our account and the investment are doing well. It was discussed at the summer executive meeting that we increase the funds to the investment. Have been doing well with the new structure and contract with OAWA. Cadet/Juvenile was our biggest earner, it almost doubled from the 2017. Still have difficulties with registration – for example, there are 3 people from SS Marie who did not pay registration fees in 2018. Also, three people who were upgraded from aspirants to National C's have not paid for their 2018 national fees. Suggest adding a column to the member list to show their region. If you are the area chairman, it is your responsibility to know who is in your area and to send Marty (VC Financial) the list with the correct amount for fees. Area chairmen must get the Form 2 signed by referees (two copies) and send the original to Marty (see website – tax donation form).

Questions/Comments: Motion from Scott Mauthe to forgive the outstanding fees from 2018 for the SS Marie referees. Seconded by Bob Parsons – feels like it's difficult enough to get referees and coaches in this area so the penalty may discourage continued participation. Sean Norris – this sets a precedent and is a slippery slope, we can't pick and choose who has to pay. Tim MaGarrey – motion to amend the initial motion – rather than forgiving the fees, sending an invoice to the wrestling club who was responsible for paying these fees – seconded by Lee McKay. Bob Parsons – request to withdraw the second for the original motion. Original motion ended. Tim MaGarrey – motion to send a letter and



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invoice to the SS Marie wrestling club to advise the fees from 2018 are required to be a member in good standing. Guy Quenville second. If the SS Marie wrestling club do not pay for the 2018 fees, then the OAWA will send a letter advising they are not a member in good standing. **Motion carried.**
Motion to accept the financials report Bob Parsons/Guy Quenville – **Motion carried.**

VIII. VC Marketing report: Carl Chan

[See report on line.](#) Ashley Menagh and Sean Norris received awards from Wrestling Canada in 2018. Based on proposals at the 2017 AGM, we are giving awards for years of service with the OAWOA. Pins for 10, 20 & 30 years of service; a watch for 40 and a bag for 50 years of service. We are going to present pins at the AGM. The watches and bags will be presented at tournament clinics that the individuals will be attending. We will be stocking pins and everything else will be made to order. Numbers were based off of the 2017 self-reported years of service. Worked on branding merchandise: still have ~80 Canada wrist bands; ~400 blank wristbands; red & yellow cards; whistles; pens. Also prepared a package of a cinch bag (\$15), water bottle (\$20), polos (\$25) – get all three for \$50.
Comments/Questions: Request to add a list of available merchandise online.

IX. VC Communications report: Marcia Chiasson

[See report on line.](#) We are continuing to move forward with online registration are trying to utilize the website and our email list for communications. If area chairs have questions about where to find information, please let us know.
Comments/Questions: Can we post clinic information (videos, powerpoints, etc) to the webpage?

X. Past Chairman report: Gary Bird

[See report online.](#) Trying to implement similar opportunities and experiences at the provincial, national and international levels
Comments/Questions: None.

XI. VC Apprentice report: Rob St. Jean

[See report on line.](#)
Comments/Questions: None.

Discussion - upgrades to provincial B's
Heather Ciccone
Mahdi Warsame
Ian Sterling
Ethan Sparks
Bradley MaGarrey

Motion to accept all executive reports Steph/Geoff – **Motion carried.**

XII. Pairing Masters Chairman report: Michelle Flinders

[See report on line.](#)
Comments/Questions: No one is here to speak to the report. Gary Bird – UWW does not recognize pairing masters any more. What do you think about the pairing masters working at the tables? Ashley –



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the limitation is hardware availability. Wrestling Canada was looking into the Arena Program, is this moving forward? Michelle and Ashley have been working on this but the software doesn't have a double elimination bracket draw at present.

XIII. Area Chairman reports:

[See reports on line.](#)

Comments/Questions: Resignation of Laura Steffler for the Durham area. This will be addressed in new business.

Motion to accept area chairman's reports Scott Mauthe/Steph – **Motion carried.**

XIV. Resolutions:

None.

Break at 11:30 am

Resume at 1:04 pm

XV. Election of Officers:

Scrutineers: Ashley Menagh & Erica Levesque

Proxy Votes:

- Todd Lupa for John Cook
- Bobby Keomany for Gary Bird
- Sean Norris for Marty Pollock

Voting Area Chair Members:

- Scott Mauthe, Geoff Griffin, Bob Parsons, Guy Quenville, Tim MaGarrey, Steph R-O

Executive Voting Members:

- Gary Bird, Adam Baxter, Marty Pollock, Marcia Chiasson, John Krahn
- Ed Zinger will vote in the case of a tie

Total Votes = 15

VC Financial nominations:

Motion by Bird/Krahn for Martin Pollock. **Acclaimed.**

VC Admin nominations:

Motion by Guy/Marcia for Adam Baxter. **Acclaimed.**

VC Marketing nominations:

Motion by Bird/Steph for Carl Chan – **Winner.**

Motion by Krahn/Griffin for Riad Hassan



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Motion to destroy the votes Bird/Krahn – **Motion carried.**

VC Apprentice One Year term nominations:

Motion by Chan/Bobby for Riad Hassan

Motion by Lupa/Parson for Steph R-O – **Winner.**

Motion to Krahn/Guy for Bobby Keomany (declined)

Motion to destroy the ballots by Guy/Griffin – **Motion carried.**

XVI. General and New Business:

1. Nominations for Awards

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

- **Provincial Dave Rendell Merit Award:** The award is a jacket. Leadership, Provincial AE.
 - Guy/John nominated Zinger
 - Stu/Lupa nominated Scott Mauthe – **Winner.**
 - ~~Parsons/ nominated Tim MaGarrey~~
 - Steph/Bev nominated Gary Bird
- **Provincial Perkins Award:** \$100 provincial award for a new official up to a provincial A.
 - Mauthe/Owen nominated Jade Parsons – **Winner.**
 - Krahn/Griffin nominated Mike Saunders
- **National Dave Rendell Award:** Nominate an Ontario referee to be considered for this award by CAWO. \$500 towards the cost of a UWO tournament. For a National A or a UWW III.
 - Bird/Guy nominated Bobby Keomany – **Winner.**
 - Lee McKay/Mauthe nominated Marcia Chiasson
- **National Mike Sherratt Award:** \$500 can be used to fund costs to a national, or international clinic.
 - Parsons/Bobby nominate Ed Zinger
- **National Toni Stokes Award:** \$500 can be used for a national or international tournament not necessarily for an upgrade.
 - Guy/Lupa nominate Marcia Chiasson
 - Norris/Curtis nominate Steph R-O – **Winner.**
- **Coralee Roy Award:** \$500 dedicated to national pairing masters.
 - Parsons/Lupa Michelle Flinders
- **Mike Erchuck:** \$750 UWW I qualified to be nominated to the Olympic level (UWW IS).
 - Parsons/Lupa nominate Steph – **Winner.**
 - Mauthe/Baxter nominate Flinders
 - ~~McKay/Bird nominate Curtis Leung~~
 - ~~Riad/Erica nominate Mike Drought~~

2. Area Chairman

- Prior to the lunch break we received an email from Laura Steffler advising that she wants to step down as area chair for the Durham Region.



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- The executive discussed a solution and have decided to combine Toronto SW with Toronto NE and will make Daryl Owen the interim area chair for the Durham Regions for 1 year.

3. Tournaments for 2019

- The OUs (planning to run 3 mats and limit to 6 officials and 1 pairing master) are the same time as the Cadet/Juvenile provincial championships.
- No host province or venue decided yet the national senior championships.
- Will post the Ontario bid process November 1 – December 1, 2018.

4. Budget

- Keep the budget same as last year

5. Memorial for Amir

- This was discussed at the 2017 AGM, we did not recommend an award. Instead we decided that we would have a memorial at an upcoming event. This was done at 2018 Senior Nationals by Lee McKay.
- Perhaps we should do a presentation to the family with a plaque or something similar? Do we do an award to an athlete at the OFSAA or Ontario championships? Should we have a discussion with the family? Would they prefer a donation to a charity?
- Board members have tasked the executive with deciding what and when.

6. Provincial AE

- This was established as an honorarium to long standing officials as a recognition of commitment and years of service. Should review to ensure these are correct.
- Nominations for new AEs? How do you get to be one? Are there criteria? Can it be taken away?
- Suggest removing it as a ranking from the constitution and making it an award.

7. STAP Adjustments

- 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).
- Significant changes include:
 - Can build points in a single calendar year.
 - Voting area chair and/or executive member gets 5 points. Executive members who also hold area chair positions will not get double points.
 - Current ranking will be based off of current OAWOA list.



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- The executive has discretionary power to suspend assignments in circumstances where individuals have been involved in disciplinary or performance reviews in the last 2 years of service and the member has the right to appeal the decision.
- Success potential can range from 0 to 10.
- 4 points can be earned at the Ontario Jr and Sr provincial championships and 6 points for Cadet/Juvenile provincial championships, up to a maximum of 10 points.
- Discussion
 - Motion to allow 2 points for officials travelling from everywhere but central Ontario. Must do at least 1 tournament. **Motion carried.**
 - Motion to allow 2 points for executive members for time committed to the association (maximum 7). **Motion carried.**

8. OFSAA Clarifications

- Geoff Griffin – increased OFSAA fees (cost for the conveners) are a concern for the tournament organizers.
- Marty will send a contract to the committee. Please discuss it and send feedback.

9. Nationals Discussions

- For national criteria, please go to https://wrestling.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/CAWO_Policies_Procedures_2018_FINAL.pdf
- Must do one national control clinic each year.
- National A and National AE officials must attend a national championships every two years.
- AE officials must attend the Senior National Championships every three years.
- Wrestling Canada wants us to have a national uniform. Currently, the uniform is tentative until the Senior World Championships. CAWO will follow the direction of UWW.
- Pre-registration for national championships is very firm and there will not be leniency for officials who register late.

10. Event Attendance (Late Withdrawals)

- We have had an issue during the last 2 years where people are pulling out of an event 24 in advance. This can incur costs when we have to cancel hotel room bookings outside of their policies.
- Should there be a 72-hour rule for officials? If they cancel outside of that time frame, there should be some sort of disciplinary follow up. Should we have a STAP penalty?
- If the association incurs costs, the individual will be presented with an invoice to cover those costs. The individual will not be a member in good standing until paid.
- Motion – if someone drops out of a tournament within 3 days (72 hours) they will face a 5-point STAP penalty. The decision is appealable and certain circumstances will be considered. Two infractions within 12-month period will result in a one-year suspension from the STAP program. **Motion carried.**



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11. Location for 2019 AGM

- Will be planned for the weekend after thanksgiving in 2019 – October 19.
- Bobby/Baxter nominated Milton – **Winner**.
- Erv/Daryl nominated Brechin.

12. Miscellaneous

- None.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting by Tim/Bob.

4:30 pm

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Call to order: 9:37am



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Rules Clinic – Ed Zinger

- Changes in effect as of September 1, 2018
 - If a wrestler pushes their opponent out of bounds from a standing position, no points will be scored. No penalty will be implemented to punish the “pushing” wrestler. The “pushing” wrestler shall be given an attention for negative wrestling.
 - Par Terre Starts
 - Initial position for bottom wrestler:
 - Lies on stomach in the center
 - Arms stretched out to the front and legs stretched out to the back
 - Arms and legs must not be crossed
 - Hands and feet must touch the mat
 - Initial position for top wrestler:
 - Knees sideways of the bottom wrestler, both knees on the mat
 - Places both hands on the back of the opponent without hesitation
 - Same position for FS & GR
 - In par terre, if the top wrestler starts incorrectly, an attention will be awarded. If after the attention, the top wrestler again refuses to correct the starting position, the match will be restarted in the standing position and no caution will be applied to the top wrestler.
 - Considerations for Out of Bounds
 - Was there an offensive action that finished going out of bounds? If so, score the action
 - If there was no score going out of bounds, were the wrestlers standing or was ground wrestling established?
 - Was there a lift involved?
 - If standing and no lift, did either wrestler flee?
 - If one wrestler steps out and the other wrestler has a good hold and is still in bounds, indicate the step out with the appropriate color hand and hold the whistle until the offensive wrestler has a chance to score (as long as the move is progressing).
 - Greco Passivity



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- **Only used to stimulate scoring in a low scoring match**
 - Stimulate action (verbally)
 - Offer passivity, get confirmation from the mat chair (do not stop the action until ~1:30)
 - Once confirmed, stop the match and give one point to the active wrestler. The active wrestler gets choice of standing or being on top in par terre position.
- Can only have 2 passivity's per match
- In a 3-minute period, don't call a passivity in Greco until about 1:30
- Do not end a period in par terre
- Give top wrestler 25-30 seconds to work holds in par terre
- If one wrestler gains all their points from ordered par terre, consider giving the other wrestler an opportunity on top – if possible
- **Negative Wrestling in Greco**
 - Needs to be enforced more strictly
 - Some situations may be stopped and give an attention (e.g. grabbing the fingers); Other situations may be direct caution +2 points (e.g. jamming the hands in the face to prevent scoring)
 - Must be willing to make these calls early in the match, this sets up the rest of the match
- **Considerations for Negative Wrestling**
 - Generally considered when a wrestling is excessively blocking or for situations of brutality
 - Some situations, especially if preventing an active score for egregious brutality – direct caution and +1 (FS) +2 (GR)
 - For most situations:
 - Referees prerogative to stop match and give attention to offending wrestler
 - If negative wrestling continues, referee must stop the match and ask for a caution 1 or 2 points simultaneously
 - Must get confirmation from mat chairman
 - Protocol and referee mechanics must be correct to help differentiate between negative wrestling and passivity
- **FS/GR Cautions**
 - GR cautions are C+2 except offensive leg fouls are C+1
 - FS/WW cautions are C+1 except fouls in the danger position are C+2
 - Procedure:
 - Standing – stop to give warning. Stop and ask for caution
 - Par Terre – give attention verbally and indicate, ask for caution without stopping, must have confirmation to stop the match.
- **Evaluating Scoring**
 - Was the defensive wrestler standing or in par terre?



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- Amplitude or no amplitude?
- Did the defensive wrestler land in danger or not?
- Correct Hold/Throw
 - It is no longer adequate to move someone from point a to b without control or expose and be awarded points for a correct hold (effort)
 - The action must land with the defensive wrestler landing with their chest or hip in contact with the mat
- Mat Chair Responsibilities
 - Must confirm a fall, caution and passivity
 - Consultation/conferences – no longer use video during the consultation (discussion only)
 - Video Reviews
 - Everything can be challenged except falls and passivity
 - Must be challenged within a reasonable time frame, consider the following:
 - Once the match restarts, often the situation is no longer reviewable
 - When did the points go up on the score board?
 - Use judgement – when in doubt, better to review it
 - Mat Chair needs to explain to whoever is doing the review and what the situation is that is being challenged
 - Fleeing the hold – all 3 referees must agree if the call is changing the result of the match

Adjournment

Adjourned at 11:32 am