

SWC Minutes

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Present:

Joe Archangelo, Kevin Charles, Ron Eby, John Groom, Jeff Hewes, Vic Leonard, Steve Lex, Buddy Lloyd, Chris Mattioni, Russ Neal, Peter Parlett, John Rigby, Reese Rigby, John Rusnak, Bill Shedaker, Shawn Tidwell, Bob Watson, Meghan Groom as guest.

Buddy started the meeting by clarifying what WLP meant on the Trackwrestling website when a team roster is displayed. It means that a student wrestler can access his own Weight Loss Plan so the coach does not have to spend time printing weight loss charts. Buddy also clarified how a DIAA ruling came about that allows a wrestler from Concord to wrestle a fifth year.

It was noted that Gary Cimlaglia has vacated the executive position at DIAA and Kevin Charles has been brought in to cover that position until a new hire can be put in place. Kevin outlined the interview process and the expectation that a new executive director will be in place by the beginning of February.

We next focused our attention on the format of the Dual team Championship tournament with the concern that quite a few potential teams that apply to this tournament do not have enough wrestlers to fill all weight classes and the resulting mis-matches in the first round would be an embarrassment to our sport. It was noted that during the initial approval of the expansion to eight teams this change would be re-evaluated each year.

We conducted a review of the process for seeding and then conducting the Dual Team Tournament, particularly the first round which will be held at eight different sites. The responsibility of SWC members will be to attend the meet they are responsible for and assure that the weigh-in is conducted and the results are posted to Trackwrestling.

Buddy made particular note of the help and leadership provided by Chris Mattioni over the years we have conducted the Individual Championship Tournament at Cape Henlopen. This led to a discussion of support for the use of our Trackwrestling computers and clocks. It was noted that Microsoft has stopped supporting Windows 7 and Buddy in an attempt to be proactive upgraded the memory of our computers to 4GB (from 2GB) and to Windows 10. This has led to some recent compatibility issues where they have been used in tournaments, but the latest use gave no problems, so maybe that is no longer a concern.

Vic Leonard gave us a summary of the state of Girls wrestling in Delaware. He announced a proposal to have two girls wrestling clubs, one based at Caravel (Sunday practices on Sundays at noon) and a second at Caesar Rodney. Buddy suggested that we could have a girl's championship tournament on Sunday at Smyrna the day after

the Dual Team Tournament. Variations were suggested. John Rigby offered the idea of having girls wrestle girls as part of the little rough Rodney Tournament. Kevin Charles mentioned that Long Island teams have been using girls versus girls matches to fill out dual meet weight classes. The final thought was to get a discussion of the proposal to have a girls' championship tournament on the February agenda for DIAA with the idea of getting support for these ideas.

Under Coaches Concerns, Jeff wanted officials to be more careful about signaling a fall by the use of a whistle and then a hand signal such as slapping the mat. John Groom agreed to bring this to the attention of officials. Chris asked if the officials wanted "tappers" at the Individual tournament to which the answer was yes.

Reports from League administrators revealed no significant problems, but it was noted that a clarification that the home team was responsible for recording the results of a match was necessary.

Since some tournaments at the end of the year are not strictly conference tournaments, they have each been renamed as a "Qualification Tournament". The sites for this year will be William Penn, Milford, and Wilmington Charter. Seeding for the Individual Championship should be easier since Trackwrestling will be able to provide seeding information for all 24 wrestlers in each weight class that will get consideration.

Finally we reviewed the calendar obligations and the date and time for the next SWC meeting.

Adjournment was at 10:30.