

WHSPA Meeting Minutes 12/1/12

Location: Reel Inn in Necedah, WI

In attendance:

J. Lewis, D. Bauer, J. Kallas, S. Cain, R. Lukow, S. Schube, E. Mach, C. Sepich, T. Lambeth, J. Schillinger, R. Brettigen, S. Trudeau

Topic 1: Is there enough voting members? With Schillinger arriving, yes. Discussion continued on sentiment regarding having just enough to vote. Do we want to go with the minimum or open up to more voting members such as through the on-line survey tool SurveyMonkey? After much discussion, it was determined there is quorum to have on-site voting. With this decision, we can proceed with the meeting.

Topic 2: Can we continue with face-to-face meetings? The method of Skype is one option. Most prefer the face-to-face allowing for more open discussion, less miss-interpretation. This year we had the problem of a contest on the same day as the meeting, eliminating some of the voting members.

Topic 3: During topic 1 much of the discussion, there was also content on voting in new candidates. We have an open position in region 1 and 4. Both regions has two known interested candidates at the time. Region 4 interested candidates are R. Johnston and S. Schube. Region 1 candidates are K. Nelson and X. Open discussion how to vote in new region candidates. Should the voting be at the region level – in other words – within the region at regional contests. Or voting only at the committee meetings.

Discussion about how to determine voting of the new candidates. Vouch for someone not present themselves or the candidates speak at the meeting about themselves. Or have these candidates submit a summary of their interest and PL career/experience and why they should be considered.

Topic was voted on as 'Approved': Voting will be done at the regional level. The interested candidate will submit their bio at the January region meet(s) and at the February region meet(s) the candidates would be voted on. The winning candidate is then a part of the committee for the April meeting as a voting member.

Topic 4: Create a distribute list for as many WHSPA coaches as possible. To share news on when the meetings will be held or other news. How to acquire the names was left a little open-ended.

Topic 5: Having the state contests on two different weekends. Joe cited many incoming emails, as many as three a day, questioning the decision. Worked around the table. Jason said that he could see advantages of both ways. Talked about bringing the 'best of best' to the state meeting. Both RG and Scott stated they are not in favor due to the two trips/hotels/teammates supporting at both. Shawn stated the qualifying totals should be increased to allow for smaller competition numbers and then return to one contest. Joe stated playing 'devil's advocate' and talked about the questioning (from outsiders such as parents or coaches of other sports) of the credulity of our organization when we have 20-30 deep in a weight class. Chris is strongly in favor of the contests on two different days. Cited how

there are not many bidders (to run the contest) due to concern of running well, size of contest, etc. If interested parties knew running such a contest is not actually that daunting. Talked about 'sharing the wealth' with more schools hosting around the state. Said the three sessions isn't so good – 'long fricken day'. Steve of River Falls added input about some schools won't bid on the state meet if they don't run a regional meet because they can't get into the regional meet rotation. Discussion then about having a school run a meet year over year and knowing the quality of the contest. Some schools raise money from the regional meet and this is an important funding piece they may dependent upon. Joe talked about there being no WHSPA requirement that meets had to be at certain schools. Scott suggested something like the 'last chance qualifier' rotating. Joe brought the conversation back to the origin, what are we going to do about the split state meet situation. Chris reminded us that our decision was to do the split meet for two years, 2013 and 2014. Erich asked Joe to provide some transparency on where the emails coming from, such as determining if there is a bulk of emails coming from one school or region. Joe said he simply couldn't say as the emails don't always identify which school they are from nor did he try to keep track of this. Joe stated he at least wants to see us complete one round of the split weekends. He is not hardcore either way, he is open minded to both. Chris reminded of the value of moving the contests around the state. Discussion included what to do with 2014, prepare for two meets as voted on previously. Possibly rescind in April meeting after we experience the split meets. One suggestion: lock in two locations with one of the locations having the capacity/capability to hold one big contest. 'Don't push the flush handle until you are done.' quoted by Mr. Cain during the meeting. Tonya asked how we are going to end the discussion. Joe pointed out that the WHSPA December meeting has been the meeting where bids were submitted and voted on. He has received no paper bids to date. Chris reminding that the 2014 state meet schedule has the girls and boys flip-flopping, boys first weekend and girls the second weekend. Bid interest indicated:

March 1

- Region 3 combined (Seymour, Kaukauna, Neenah)
- River Falls with Osceola and Phillips

March 8

- Whitnall
- Riverdale, Holmen, GET

These schools (and other interested schools) must submit an electronic bid application to Joe via email on Feb. 28th. Joe will then send the bids to each of the voting members, the region candidates and individuals who submitted the bid before the April WHSPA meeting. This will allow all to consider each bid before the April meeting.

The bid application is found on the WHSPA site in More/forms for coaches/hosting a state meet application

Topic 6: What is the role of the WHSPA in the state meets? Is it to coordinate the referees? Order awards? Take in the entry fees and handle registrations. Discussion about what part of the referee

coordination would be taken care of Tonya. Tonya stated she would take the majority of the scheduling prior to the contest, working with the meet director as referees may contact the meet director directly. During the contest, Tonya would coordinate all referee assignment and oversight. Also coordinate all drug testing to ensure min. quantity is met and the new testing instructions followed correctly. The discussion included the state meet entry fee – what is it for? Chris brought up the idea of all registrations/entry forms and entry fees going directly to Joe (or another entity) for the administration piece. WHSPA takes care of awards, drug testing and referee fees. Chris thinks there would be monies leftover for the WHSPA committee. Joe pointed out that Chris has consistently brought up this idea over several years. Lengthy discussion on how would the funds is divided out. Discussion about what to pay the referees at the state meets.

Jason put up the motion of:

Referee will receive one night of hotel if beyond 50 miles radius from contest location and \$75 for a full session. \$75 for a full day, one session. Or \$50 per session in a two session day. The meet director will determine the hotel location and room rate where the paid night is for, it is not determined by the referee. A session has its' own weigh-in. The session period lasts from equipment check starting fifteen minutes before weigh-in to the last deadlift of that session.

Voted as 'approved' by unanimous decision.

Topic 7: The role of vice-president was discussed. Jeff said that he doesn't really have much for duties. Jeff proposed he or Dennis would handle the payment of the referees at state meet, drug testing payment, USAPL fees (if any).

Joe motioned the following:

The WHSPA vice-president will take on the following duties:

- Order the trophies for the high school state meet
- The referees of the high school state meet
- Collecting WHSPA meeting agenda items and setting the agenda

Voted as 'approved' by unanimous decision.

Topic 8 Three information items on Createch:

- Createch has offered to create a WHSPA merchandise website with a wide variety of items. Most likely this site will not be ready for Dec. 15th.
- They will be providing a new t-shirt design.
- Still willing to send a merchandise box to regional meets with proper notification. Most likely not be able to the December meets but will try if they are contacted.

Topic 9: Chris confirmed GET contest is on January 5th, not the weekend after. Joe will update the WHSPA contest.

Topic 10: Hall of Fame. Andy C. submitted input via email to Joe that there is not any activity on this subject. Revisited the minutes from the April 2012. Move forward with developing the Hall of Fame. With the inaugural introduction of the Hall of Fame recognize two individuals who were involved in high school powerlifting before the inception of the WHSPA, Bruce Sullivan and John Malin.

Joe said that he could add a section to the WHSPA site for submission of nominees. Still need to bring together a sub-committee to work through the details. Sub-committee was not formed as there was not enough members present to do so.

Topic 11: Discussion on the Blazer scholarship offer. Reviewed the voting results and the majority was for each meet director to contribute monies to keep scholarship going beyond the Blazer's contribution. Their contribution offer is \$1,500 per year for five years. Meet director is to send \$1 for each lifter at the region contest, in addition to the \$1 already provided, to the WHSPA. Still need to bring together a sub-committee to work through the details. Sub-committee was not formed as there was not enough members present to do so.