

Unofficial Minutes of the PWCA Directors' meeting 4/9/17

President John Reynolds opened the meeting at 10:31 AM with representatives from every District in attendance.

Acting Secretary Ron L. Kanaskie presented and read the minutes. They were approved unanimously on a motion by Ron Frank; seconded by Jon Mykut.

Frank Wadas gave a brief treasurer's report highlighted by the fact that membership is at an all-time high. On a motion by Bob Greenly; seconded by Ben Hepburn, the report was unanimously approved.

President Reynolds suggested that former PWCA secretary Jim Clark be recognized for his 20-plus years in that position. Unanimous approval was implied.

Bob Greenly gave a report on the PWCA Scholarship, indicating that this effort should be better publicized at the District level. There is currently a three-week window and the consensus was that we needed to start the notifications at an earlier date. R. Kanaskie suggested that the complete form be included in every District's program at the PIAA District championships.

Bill Creps reported on the All-Academic Achievement, stating that the 311 nominations are the most ever. The student/wrestler must have at least a 3.0 GPA and a 60% or better varsity win percentage.

He next gave a comprehensive report on the recent PIAA Wrestling Steering Committee Meeting.

Dave Crowell informed the board that the Fall PWCA convention is schedule for October 13-14 in the usual Grantville site. The clinicians have not yet been selected. We expect Walt Fisk to be calling a meeting shortly.

President Reynolds gave a brief account of the recent PIAA Steering Committee Meeting.

In his opinion, the 20-man bracket will continue.

He reported that attendance at the PIAA State Tournament has been in decline for the past 14 years. Conjecture is that the TV airing and the inflated hotel prices are a huge part of the decline. It was also suggested that the length of time it takes to enter the arena (due to the security screening) is a factor.

Norm Palovcsik stated that in his opinion the fact that only 6 mats could be used was also a time-constraint factor. Dave Crowell offered that "We need to shorten the sessions. People don't want to sit through a long period of consolations."

President Reynolds impressed upon the Board that the PIAA and the Board itself have been dissatisfied with the dress of the coaches during the state championships. All of the District Presidents were in agreement that dress would be stressed in each District with notification going to athletic directors.

There will be some consideration by the PIAA to investigate the 22-point count to be switched to individuals rather than to the team. This study would most likely be implemented at the JR High level.

The expanding of Classification for the TEAM championships would not likely be favored by the PIAA at this time.

District 11 will be incorporating female wrestling this coming season.

The group also are looking into the 'Concussion' protocol for high schools.

Mr. Palovcsik informed the group that the attendance for the 11 inductees was an all-time high. He also reported that he will be stepping down as the Hall of Fame Chair effective immediately. Gene Waas and Brian Keller will be co-chairing this important aspect.

Tom Elling reported on the Top 25 team rankings on the PWCA site. All indicated satisfaction with the first-year effort. Mr. Elling reported that there are several teams /coaches that do not regularly report their results (as mandated by the PIAA). The Board effort, chaired by Jeff Madden, will investigate vis the PIAA and TrackWrestling what steps can be taken to rectify this shortcoming. One immediate suggestion was to notify the District Wrestling chairman of each District to make initial contact with offenders, followed by more stringent penalty.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.