



## SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – WRESTLING

### MINUTES for Wednesday March 6, 2019

**1.0 Call to order.** Chairman Smith calls meeting to order at 10:08.

**2.0 Roll call.** Ernie Rivers – Page, Justin Hartman - Winslow, Chandler Evans – SDO, Rocky Nelson – Mogollon, Darellyn Rock – Chino Valley, Bryan Smith – Moon Valley, Pat Weber – Flowing Wells, Tim Bulb – Agua Fria, Steve Wene – Arizona Lutheran, David Gonzales – Desert Vista, Larry Colar – official, Sean Flannigan – Ironwood, Ryan Ridenour – Casteel, Shawn Rustad – Chandler Unified School District, and Dean Visser - AIA Sports Administrator.

Sectional site directors in attendance: Patrick Hurley – Pinnacle, Renee Regoli – Campo Verde, Mike Burrola – Ironwood, Kim Higginbotham – Bourgade.

Public in attendance - Drew Hayes, Anthony Higuera, David Pastoriza, Mike Bostwick, and Charlie Jones.

**3.0 Public comments** – Drew Hayes, head coach at Chandler Prep High School, requested alternate sites for his sectional tournament along with Mogollon High School. He suggested Chandler Prep as a host site as well. Mike Bostwick, head coach at Millennium High School, discussed several issues relating to girls wrestling, including type of style wrestled, coaching shortages, referee shortages, and potential wrestling in spring. Dean Visser addressed Title 9 restrictions. Mike Bostwick followed up with proposals related to one true champ tournament and a dual team state tournament. Dean Visser responded that these tournament concepts are under consideration. Charlie Jones, AIA referee, expressed support for more duals and wants duals to have more meaning. Wants duals to encourage participation in the sport. Anthony Higuera, assistant coach at Odyssey High School, raised many questions about girls wrestling and the timeline for full recognition as an AIA sport, treating females the same as males, seeding criteria at sectionals and state, and opposition to single elimination tournaments. Dean Visser explained logistical issues during state tournament. Bostwick raised issues with scheduling duals. Dean Visser explained that is a conference issue.

#### **4.0 Action items**

4.1 Approval of minutes of meeting held on May 3, 2018. Chairman Smith called for comments. Wene motioned for approval. Weber seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Updating results in Track Wrestling. Chairman Smith discussed forming a committee to set rules to update records. Dean Visser supports the committee proposal. Committee volunteers are Chairman Smith, Sean Flannigan, David Gonzales, and Chandler Evans. Chairman Smith moved to form a committee. Gonzales seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Selection of sectional leader to answer questions during the wrestling season. Wene moved to have each section appoint a leader to answer Track Wrestling questions during the season. Chairman Smith seconded. Discussion took place. Weber and Flannigan asked for clarification to



ensure this position relates to Track Wrestling matters. Chairman Smith offered an explanation and that it would probably be an athletic director, not a coach. Motion passed unanimously.

4.4 Clinic for Track Wrestling live scoring. Chairman Smith discussed the benefits of Live Scoring and proposed training sessions, clinics, and publications regarding same. Discussion by several members including Flannigan, Gonzales, and Weber. No action taken.

4.5.1 Girls wrestling weight input. Chairman Smith discussed issues related to input of weight certifications in Girls Season on Track Wrestling. No action taken.

4.5.2 Review weight classifications. Flannigan moved to keep same weight classes. Chairman Smith seconded. Brief discussion of members stating alternative weight systems in other states by Gonzales, Chairman Smith, and Rock. Motion passed unanimously.

4.5.3 Single v. double elimination at sectionals and state. Wene moved for double elimination at sectionals. Rock seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Smith moves to establish a committee to review girls wrestling issues, including tournament bracket types. Wene seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4.5.4 Girl uniforms (undergarment issues). Gonzales moved for requiring short sleeve compression shirts under boys singlets be required for girls wrestling. Nelson seconded. Motion passed 12 – 2, 4 abstained. Rock raised the issue of requiring hair coverings. Gonzales moved to consider hair covering in subcommittee of girls wrestling. Nelson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Committee volunteers are Chairman Smith, Rock, Gonzales, Rivers, and Flannigan. Visser will seek others. Visser clarified to public that the public may attend, but not participate as a committee member. Girls wrestling committee will also address other issues on the agenda, including rules, seeding criteria, and development of female officials.

## **5.0 Discussion**

5.1 Discussion of sectional guide line committee - Hartman, Ridenour, Rustad, and Nelson volunteer for sectional committee. Visser will participate as well and seek additional participants as deemed appropriate. Chairman Smith moves to establish the sectional committee. Ridenour seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5.2 State Tournament Information – location; schedule; weigh-ins. Visser briefly discussed the 2019 tournament and proposal for next year. Committee members thanked Visser and Smith for their service.

## **6.0 Member comments**

Visser thanked Weber for his service to the wrestling community. Committee members offered additional thoughts of appreciation to Weber, Visser, and other committee members. Visser set a goal of having committee reports done by end of April.

Chairman Smith adjourns meeting.