**ONTARIO AMATEUR WRESTLING ASSOCIATION**

**2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Saturday June 2, 2018**

Thorold Secondary School

50 Ormond Rd

Thorold, ON

**1. Opening Remarks/Roll Call:** Determination of voting privileges:

**Roll call:**

**Voting:**

1. Jay Jordon (President)
2. Bill Hogarth (Past President)
3. Bob Parsons (VP Technical)
4. Steve Westwood (VP Admin)
5. Steve Suraci (VP Communications)
6. Chris Stefopulos (Secretary)
7. Sheldon Francis (Treasurer
8. Sheldon Francis (Jr Celtics)
9. Derm Tilley (CWO Chair)
10. Derm Tilley (Jr Mauraders)
11. Mark Sementilli (SWO Chair)
12. Derek Kossatz (EO Chair)
13. Derek Kossatz (Tsunami)
14. Ed Zinger (OAWOA Chair)
15. Ed Zinger (Daredevils)
16. Guy Quenville (NEO Chair)
17. Guy Quenville (Sudbury)
18. Marlon Sherland (CEO Chair)
19. Marlon Sherland (Lexus Titans)
20. Scott Gordon (NWO Chair on behalf of Francis Clayton)
21. Scott Gordon (Lakehead)
22. Harry Smith (Vipers)
23. Ortencio Vecchio (Kingston WC)
24. Cyril Hayes (K-Bay)
25. Sarah Stringer (NCWC)
26. Shayne Byrne (L’Essor)
27. Eamonn Dorgan (York WC)
28. Mike Quinsey (Central Toronto)
29. Kevin MacLellan (Hamilton)
30. Gary Bird (Matmen)
31. Doug Cox (Guelph)
32. Guy Charrette (Oxel)
33. Ashok Kumar (AOC)
34. Stan Tzogas (Team Impact)
35. Kyle Chocorlan (Wolverines)
36. Ryan Lue (Thunderwolves)
37. Dave Mair (Discipline)
38. Neal Ewers (Warriors)
39. Charlie Dimaria (Battle Arts)
40. Josip Mrkoci (London Western)
41. Bernard Sanchez (Team Xtreme)
42. Heather Sweezey (Jr Badgers)
43. Dave Collie (Brock)
44. Kris Kelman (RAW)

**Non-Voting**

John Cook (WCL Board Member), Malwan Joal (AOC~~)~~ Kerry Ashley (Trojans WC), Todd Idenouye (Wildcats), Courtney Lewis (Battle Arts ~~)~~ Carlos Vargas (Team Xtreme) Kevin Iwasa Madge, Larry Jaroslawski, Jess Tang (Matmen~~)~~, Kelsey Dayler (NCWC), David Trembley (L’Essor) Ken Burgess (XL’s), Laura Summers (TI Women’s Dev), Fred Ortencio (Action Reaction), Jane Dimaria (Battle Arts).

**Voting by Proxy**:

Yasin Kaya (NILE Academy) to Jay Jordon

Jay O’Neil (VP Coaching) to Bill Hogarth

Jay O’Neil (ESSEX) to Bill Hogarth

John Burke (Sarnia) to Bill Hogarth

Dave Hawkins (Windsor) to Bill Hogarth

Neil Bangs (Timmins WC) to Guy Quenville

Trevor Manchester (Algoma) to Guy Quenville

Angelo D’Amato (Central Avenue PS) to Guy Quenville

Krasimir Zhekov (BTST) to Neal Ewers

Tom Cako (Tri-City) to Doug Cox

Jeremy LaTour (VP Athlete Development) to Charlie Dimaria

Marzena Bogdanowic (Discipline Kids) to Dave Mair

Danny Brown (Elite WC) to Dave Mair

Chris Schrauwen (NCWC) to Sarah Stringer

Tim Hickey (Pathway WC) to Sarah Stringer

Kevin Ramroop (Spartans) to Chris Stefopulos

Farid Sahelgozin (Mariposa) to Bob Parsons

Gord Wright (Mariposa Youth) to Bob Parsons

Rob Richer (Notre Dame) to Bob Parsons

Chris Mask (Lancers) to Bob Parsons

Erika Levesque (u of Ottawa) to Derek Kossatz

**Regrets:** Jason O'Neil (VP Coaching development and ESSEX), Jeremy LeTour (VP Athlete Development), Athletes’ Representative – Vacant

**Total votes**: 65 votes, 44 excluding proxies

**Motion**: “That voting rights be given to the clubs that Bob Parsons listed in an email provided to the membership May 23, 2018, excluding the fictitious clubs that were added by Team Impact.”

**Dave Mair/Mike Quinsey 25 in favour, 12 opposed, 3 abstained**

It was requested that the slanderous comment be removed from the motion. The Chair stated that it did not have to be removed and the mover declined removing the comment.

During the discussion of the motion, Bill Hogarth, Past-President, requested that the Chair should remove himself from the discussion as Chair was being biased towards the motion. The Chair refused this suggestion.

Ballots will be sealed and held by Brian Renken to be delivered by Tim MaGarrey.

**Motion**: “That the vote be cast by ballot.”

**Josip Mrkoci/Mike Quinsey Carried**

**Scrutineers**: Scott McGregor, Jane Dimaria

Scott McGregor declined to scrutineer. Ashley Menagh volunteered to be a scrutineer

The Chair entered the scrutineer room, while the ballots were being counted, and instructed the scrutineers not to count votes cast by the coach of the newly registered clubs. These ballots were not counted.

2. **Call for Items of New Business. - Items added**

1. OFSAA Team Trophies (Sheldon Francis)
2. Governance Committee was struck by the OAWA Board of Directors at their June 1, 2018 meeting (John Cook)
3. Rash guard uniform allowance (Bill Hogarth)
4. Concerns brought to the OAWA Board of Directors by Tim MaGarrey (Bill Hogarth)
5. Establishing a USport Committee (Eamonn Dorgan)
6. Adding officials to require a police background (requested by Jane Dimaria)
7. Discussion of the specifics of the definition of a club be added to the new business

**3. Reports: The membership was given the opportunity to ask questions of submitted reports.**

**- Executive Committee Reports were reviewed - issues arising**

**President’s Report:** Report was presented

Issues arising from the report:

Members questioned the factual integrity of the report.

**Treasurer’s report:** Report was presented

**Motion**: “That Bill Hogarth replace Jay Jordon as the Chair of the meeting.”

**Bill Hogarth/Chris Stefopulos Motion withdrawn**

**VP Technical Report:**

**Motion:** “That all coach members must have a police back ground check completed every 5 years change from 2 years. The coach must submit the original copy with the jurisdiction stamp or complete it by a reputable company such as mybackcheck.com.”

**Robert Parsons/Scott Gordon Motion Defeated. 19 in favour 25 opposed**

**Motion:** “That all clubs joining OAWA will pay an $85.00 club fee for 2018-19. This will not be linked to one free coach anymore. The fee will be set yearly by the AGM on a yearly basis.”

**Robert Parsons no seconder**

A question arose to the Vice-President Technical’s Report regarding a comment in the report pertaining to some Executive members stating that it is acceptable for coaches to cheat if it is for athlete development. The Vice-President responded.

Adjourn for lunch

**Vice President Administration Report:**

A question was raised regarding the management of the OAWA bingo. Discussion only, no motion arising

**Vice President Administration Report:**

The Board of Directors will reconvene after the AGM to discuss the employment issue that arose at the June 1, 2018 Board meeting.

**Vice President Communications and Promotions Report:** no issues arose

**- Board Member Reports were reviewed - issues arising**

Athlete transfers were discussed. Coaches were reminded to review and adhere to the Code of Conduct Policy and utilize the OAWA athlete transfer process.

**- Staff Reports were reviewed - issues arising**

No issues arose. Tim requested that increasing women in wrestling be added to New Business.

The members gave Jay Jordon direction to open dialogue with Wrestling Canada regarding coaching certification.

**- Program Chairmen Reports were reviewed - issues arising**

No issues arose.

**Motion**: “That the membership accepts the reports submitted.”

**Bill Hogarth/Josip Mrkoci Carried**

4. **Constitutional Amendment**

At this year’s AGM, the following motion to amend the OAWA Constitution will be tabled:

**MOTION**: “The OAWA Executive recommends amending the OAWA Constitution and By-laws to formally include a Minimum Standard to be considered an OAWA recognized club Active and Associate – definition as attached”. See appendix 1.

**Sheldon Francis/Robert Parsons Carried 38 in favour**

Discussion of the specifics of this adoption be added to the new business

**5. Executive Committee Elections. The following positions are up for election/re-election:**

**Scrutineers**: Ashley Menagh, Jane Dimaria

**Vice-President Administration:** Steve Westwood is vacating the position

Eamonn Dorgan was nominated Mike Quinsey Seconded by Kris Kelman, Eamonn agrees to stand

Laura Summers was nominated by Heather Sweezey and seconded by Bob Parsons Laura agrees to stand

**Laura Summers was elected as VP Administration.**

**Motion**: “That the ballots be destroyed.”

**Derek Kossatz/Dave Collie Carried**

**Secretary**

Chris Stefopulos will run.

Jess Tang was nominated by Gary Bird and seconded by Dave Mair, Jess agrees to stand  
  
**Jess Tang was elected as Secretary.**

**Motion**: “That the ballots be destroyed.”

**Marlon Sherland/Gary Bird Carried**

**Minutes were passed over to Jess Tang, newly elected OAWA Secretary**

**Treasurer:**   
Sheldon Francis will run.  
Steve Suraci nominated by Gary Bird, seconded by Neal Ewers. Steve agrees to stand.   
  
**Steve Suraci elected as Treasurer**.

**Motion**: “That the ballots be destroyed.”

**Marlon Sherland/Gary Bird Carried**

**VP Communications & Promotions** is now vacated by Steve Suraci. Sheldon Francis nominated by Dave Collie and seconded by Chris Stefopulos. Sheldon agrees to stand.   
Ryan Lue nominated by Ed Zinger, seconded by Gary Bird. Ryan withdraws.   
Neal Ewers nominated by Dave Mair and seconded by Gary Bird. Neal agrees to stand.   
  
**Sheldon Francis elected as VP Communications & Treasurer**.

**Motion**: “That the ballots be destroyed.”

**Marlon Sherland/Neal Ewers Carried**

6. **Approval of Audit firm for 2018 – 2019 and appointment of legal counsel**

* Jay: suggested to skip discussion on the Audited Financial Statements, given the fact that we just elected a new Treasurer. Let’s afford our new Treasurer time to review the documents.
* Steve Suraci: We have to vote on the audit. The board approved the Audited Financial Statements the previous night.
* Tim: it is not necessary, since these are housekeeping items, though It is unprecedented to NOT let the membership vote, in this meeting, on the audit firm and appointment of legal counsel
* Jay: I personally feel we should hold off on the voting of these items until our new Treasurer has time to review them
* Kevin MacLellan: The new Treasurer has already been part of the Executive. The Executive and the Board has already looked over things. It is unprecedented to delay the vote - so why do it?

**Motion: “To not delay the approval of the audit firm and appointment of legal counsel”**

**Kevin MacLellan/Sheldon Francis Carried**

* Tim: We were asked to review our auditor including providing alternative quotes three years ago, we voted to not change our audit firms. We felt that our current audit firm was good value for money. Our current firm has been doing our audit for the past 5+ years. (Kreston GTA)

**Motion: To approve the audit firm, Kreston GTA for 2018/2019**Bob Parsons/Gary Bird Carried

**Motion: To approve Brian Renken as OAWA’s legal counsel**

**Bob Parsons/Gary Bird Carried**

7. **Acceptance of 2017/2018 Financial Statements**

* Tim suggested that members approve draft statements and then have the Board approve the final statements, given no significant differences between the two. The audit team does spend significant time on donations process - I mention this because it has been an issue of contention. The info we needed to provide to account for revenue and expenses was reviewed extensively. The auditor said there are no significant concerns with regards to our financial procedures.
* Gary: our year-end is March 31. There are a lot of delays in getting our members financial information for the AGM - do we need to move our year-end to be a date earlier than March 31.
* Tim: Delays are caused by time required to go back and forth between the firm and us. Its’ a busy time, there are delays in responding to emails and getting all the information prepared.

**Motion:** “to accept the 2017/2018 financial statements, pending approval of the final statements by the Board, and barring any significant changes.

**Ed Zinger/Bob Parsons Carried.**

**8. Wrestling Canada Nomination of Representative to WCL Board of Directors**

This election is to elect the nominee Ontario will put forward to stand for election to the WCL Board of Directors at the WCL Annual Meeting.

John Cook nominated by Gary Bird, seconded by Ed Zinger. John agrees to stand.   
Ryan Lue nominated by Doug Cox, seconded by Scott Gordon. Ryan withdraws.   
  
**John Cook elected as Representative to WCL Provincial Rep**

**9. 2018-2019 OAWA Budget**

* Tim: There needs to be a motion to approve the budget, seconded and then tabled until end of meeting to account for any budget implications of New Business.

**Motion** “To approve OAWA 2018-2019 budget “

**Bob Parsons/Sheldon Tabled**

**Motion**: “To Table this motion until end of meeting.

**Bob Parsons/Sheldon Carried.**

10. **Determination of Provincial Championships 2019 Ontario Seniors and 2020 Events**

* Tim: Suggested we table the 2020 Jr’s since we are running it in partnership with the Western Open for 2019 to allow us to evaluate after the 2019 event

**Motion**: “set aside vote for 2020 Jr Championship event pending results of 2019 Ontario Jr

Championship Event”  
**Gary Bird/Doug Cox Carried.**

* Tim:  2020 Ontario Cadet/Juvenile Championships is available to be voted on.

What do we want this event to look like? 2 one day events or 1 event in 1 day, issue with the later is that it’s a long event and it’s a lot of work. Is it worth discussing preferences for which kind of event we want? 1 day event limits the # of venues we can run it in since you need a space that can run 8-9 mats instead of 5 mats.

* Gary: do we have anyone interested even in running this event?
* Tim: For 2019, no one wanted to bid for this event so executive needed to assign it to Battle Arts. If we keep it to 1-day event, it means we have had it at this venue for the past 3 years in a row.
* Scott Gordon: It’s really expensive for us to fly from Thunder Bay. To extend to two days would increase our costs for the travel/accommodation. We did receive travel grant and if it does move to a 2-day event, we hope the travel grant can be extended as far as what it counts for.
* Heather: it’s hard to coach so many athletes for a one day event and be there for every athlete. I would prefer to move to 2 day event (Cadets one day, Juvenile another) - allows coaches to be there for all athletes and there is a team building component for being able to stay overnight and build the camaraderie. I prefer we run Cadets Saturday and then Juvenile Sunday to be able to leave early on Sunday.
* Gary Bird: Do we have policies on how many matches a kid can fight in a day? Do we have a situation where we have a kid lose their first match and spend the rest of their tournament on the B side and we run the risk of a kid wrestling too many matches?
* Tim: Our recommended sanctioning guidelines are 7 matches in one day. It hasn’t been an issue to my knowledge.

**Motion:** for the year of 2020 we go back to bringing Cadet/Juveniles to being 2 one day events.

**Bob Parsons/ Sheldon Francis. Carried.**

**By December 1st, 2018. Bids for the 2020 Cadet/Juvenile championships must be submitted.**

* Jay: Call for bids for April 25, 2020, Ontario Wrestling Youth Festival
* Tim: Tournament for about 325 athletes, 5 mats, Titans/novices/bantam age.
* Josip has made a **provisional bid for 2020 Ontario Youth Festival**.

**By December 1st, 2018. Final bid for 2020 Ontario Youth Festival needs to be submitted.**

Bid for: **Ontario Senior Championships - November 21, 2020.**

* Heather Sweezey: Brock bids to host Ontario Senior Championships.
* Bid accepted.  **Brock to host Ontario Senior Championships – Nov 21, 2020**

**Other Business**

**A. Upgrade OAWA online Membership and Event Registration**

* Steve Suraci: the system will cost an extra 6% (shared between OAWA and user, or the OAWA) with a 3% transaction fee. You can use it to register members to your club. It can take care of all registration online, tournament registration. Cost will be an extra $8000 approximately. Registration system is called CCN.
* Bob Parsons: I think we should be putting this more to the Executive to look into. Wrestling Canada will be creating its own online registration and potentially pushing it to provinces. I think we should look at this more before jumping into it.
* John Cook: WCL will be asking the provinces who would *like* to use a consistent online registration system. They recognize that not all provinces will want to jump onboard and thus, will not mandate that all provinces do it.
* Tim: We have opportunity to set the leadership for WCL in terms of online registration systems. WCL will likely not have their online registration system ready for 2019 (Jan 1) - so should OAWA wait or move forward with implementing our own system and set leadership in this area.

**Direction: Executive Team will look into this online registration system with the hope of implementing for 2019.**

**B. Women's Committee**

* Aim of creating more female coaches, and other members
* Jay: Put forward Sarah Stringer to head the committee
* Tim: Past practice is to **elect** (not appoint) a Vice-President and have them be a non-voting member of the Executive for one year and then bring it forward the next year at the AGM to determine if we want to change the non-voting position to a voting position/official position on the OAWA Executive Committee

**Motion:** Create a non-voting Executive Committee member Vice-President –Women for this year.

**Chris/Gary Carried.**

**Election for Women’s Committee executive member**

Heather Sweezey nominated by Dave Collie, seconded by Laura   
Sarah Stinger nominated by Jay Jordon, seconded by Gary Bird

Votes were tied. In the event of a tie, the President decides.

**Sarah Stinger elected as chair of the Women’s Committee.**

**C. OFSAA Team Trophies**

* Sheldon: the OFSAA Boys champions were presented their trophy. The OFSAA Girls Team Championship were not presented with their trophies this year. When I investigated this, I was told the trophy was being retired. As a result, the OFSAA Girls champions were not given their team trophy - nobody told me who made the decision but was told that they were being kept at Turner Fenton.
* Gary (to Tim): can you bring this forward as a concern to the OFSAA Sport Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting? No other process we have.

**D. Rash guards and shorts as appropriate attire for tournaments**

**Motion -**allow rash guards and shorts be allowed as tournament attire for provincial tournaments, except for Seniors.

**Bill Hogarth/Bob Parsons Carried.**

* Bob: Can we provide guidelines to ensure the shirts/shorts don’t get too loose and can we also put in place rules around colours for this attire.
* Gary: WCL is meeting next week. Why don’t we wait for WCL

**E. U-Sport Committee – suggestion from the board**

**Motion:** put together a committee to create new programs and support existing university programs.

**Eamonn Dorgan/Mike Quinsey. Carried.**

* Volunteers for committee: Eamonn, Mike Quincy, Neal Ewers, Courtney Lewis

G. **Background Checks for Officials**

* Jane Dimaria: Why are officials currently not being required to have police checks?
* Ed: if we did it, we would be the only sport to do it. We brought it up to WCL - they said no. It is field of play
* Tim: Evaluation/risk assessment was done regarding who needs to get police checks. It was concluded that risk level for on-mat officials was low. Therefore it was concluded that officials are not mandated to have police checks.

**Motion:** “All referees be required to have police checks completed”

**Neal Ewers/Mike Quinsey Carried.**

* Ed: the cost to have this done will not be taken on by the Officials association. It is an OAWA issue and enforcement issue - the officials will not be paying for it.
* Jay: I will work with Ed moving forward to how we might modify the motion and implement it in practice.

**H. Minimum Club Standards** - revisiting the club definition.

* John Cook: Tim and I have been tasked to design a governance committee and will set mandate and terms of reference, for the Board to discuss. This item will be the first order of business for this committee.
* Tim: Why don’t the people with concerns with the definition come forward to John and me with their suggestions on how to improve the club standards document? Duly noted.

G. **Revisiting Budget**

**Motion** “To approve OAWA 2018-2019 budget “

**Bob Parsons/Sheldon Carried.**

**Motion:** “to adjourn”

Moved by: Bob ParsonsSeconded by Sheldon.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm**

**Appendix 1:**

**Definition of Club for OAWA Constitution for Amendment to the Constitution:**

Minimum Standard for ***Active Club***:

* Head Coach - at least one registered member coach including completed background check who is NCCP Certified to Competition/Introduction or better.
* Head Coach agrees the Club will abide by OAWA Policies and Procedures.
* Head Coach can only be the head coach of one club.
* All Coaches working with the club are OAWA members including completed background checks.
* Minimum of an NCCP Competition/Introduction ‘in training’ coach present at all club events (practice, competitions, etc.).
* Head Coach has designed a Yearly Training Plan in accordance with the LTAD. Each practice follows a daily practice plan that is in keeping with the Yearly Training Plan.
* Club can show that it’s training environment meets minimum safety training standards:
  + All mats in good repair, properly secured, disinfected minimum weekly, no dangerous objects nearby (eg. Posts).
  + Any other training equipment used by the club in good repair.
* Club has a minimum of five (5) OAWA registered members
* Club has participated in a minimum of two (2) OAWA sanctioned events, or OAWA co-sanctioned events (with OFSAA or OUA) with club members competing under the club. OAWA sanctioned events include Regional Championships, camps, clinics and other OAWA events.
* New clubs subject to a one-year probationary period, during which they are considered an Associate Club.
* Club is eligible to attend, participate, in and vote at OAWA AGM

***Associate Club***:

* A new club that is within the one-year probationary period
* Or, a Club that otherwise does not meet the standards of an Active Club
* All Coaches working with the club are OAWA members including completed background checks.
* Club can show that it’s training environment meets minimum safety training standards:
  + All mats in good repair, properly secured, disinfected minimum weekly, no dangerous objects nearby (eg. Posts).
  + Any other training equipment used by the club in good repair.
* Associate Club is eligible to attend and participate in the OAWA AGM but will be non-voting.