

**MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL**

Tuesday, November 12, 2019
5:00 PM Mountain Time

Present:

Bruce Baumgartner, President, Chairman
James Ravannack, Immediate Past President
Mark Reiland, 1st Vice President
Greg Strobel, 2nd Vice President
Kerry McCoy, Secretary
Van Stokes, Treasurer
Veronica Carlson
Mike Juby
Kyven Gadson
Rick Tucci
Pat Smith Louis Rosbottom
Rich Bender, Executive Director, ex-officio
Dwayne Cooper, Associate Executive Director
Dan Prochnow, Safe Sport Director
Cody Bickley, High Performance Manager
Haley Scherr, Executive Assistant

Absent:

Steven Thorpe
Stan Dziedzic, UWW Vice President

1. WELCOME, ROLL CALL

President Bruce Baumgartner welcomed the committee and took roll call.

2. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2019 MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, Executive Committee made by Mark Reiland.
Second by Jim Ravannack.
Approved.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Van Stokes reported that staff has been working with the independent auditors as part of the annual audit. They are scheduled to review the first draft of the financial statements next week and then follow up with a finance committee call to include the auditors. Staff is working to finalize

September/October statements and based on membership numbers, we are off to a great start for FY2020.

4. PRESIDENT NOTICE

President Baumgartner informed the Committee that an Edinboro University donor had asked for a favor of USA Wrestling. Baumgartner immediately sent the email to USA Wrestling and informed the donor that there would be no favor, and clarified that he represented two separate organizations

5. SAFE SPORT UPDATE

Rich Bender provided a SS update as Dan Prochnow was participating on a conflicting SS NGB conference call. The newly appointed Safe Sport task force had their first conference call. The Committee will work on creating a parent welcome / education orientation/brochure. The center for safe sport will audit USAW on November 21. He noted the Center for Safe Sport is backlogged and creating frustration for not only USAW but several other NGB's.

6. ONBOARDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Van Stokes has proposed a call of the onboarding ad-hoc call committee for November 18, 2019. He recently spoke with Denise Parker (USOPC, NGB Services) and she confirmed it would be well into 2020 before the USOPC had online training available and/or any templates available for our use. In that case, he will move forward with creating our own website page.

7. WOMENS HS

Bender stated, USA Wrestling certainly couldn't take any credit, but High School wrestling participation went up last year for the first time in several years. Several groups have been working hard on this effort to include the NWCA and the Foundation. The Wrestling Foundation started a test group, putting some materials together for all registered coaches in the state of PA and OR. And provided with kits with ideas and resources for recruiting and expanding squad sized. The early returns for these states has been positive. USAW has been working with Wrestle Like a Girl Foundation (WLAG) to increase HS sanctioning for women only (currently at 18). The WLAG had a gala recently in addition to a breakfast with a newly formed wrestling caucus headed by Mark Mullen (OK), and commented that both events were a success.

8. RTC UPDATE

Bender stated that the Big 12 had floated some legislation that would have been detrimental to the RTC model, but happy to report due to the efforts of many (to include the USOPC, Gary Abbott, Cody Bickley, USOPC Staff member Sarah Wilhemi) that legislation has been withdrawn. There was further discussion of the perception/concern of athletes benefitting from exposure to college

athletes/facilities and potential violations. USAW is prepared to investigate and adjudicate any potential violations of USAW Regional Training Center rules. We do receive calls from coaches often, but no formal violations have been reported.

9. TRIALS PROCEDURES REVISIONS

Cody Bickely, HP Manager explained to the Committee [and as mentioned on a previous call] the amendments were necessary due to schedule changes to the event calendar. Changes to the procedures are red-lined for clarity. USAW will not host the Dave Schultz Memorial in 2020 due to scheduling conflicts. The procedures have been updated, to include top two, instead of only taking the top one from the qualifier in PA. This has been vetted through the Sport Committees as well as the USOPC and once approved by the Executive Committee will be posted online.

Motion: Mark Reiland – to approve the procedures as presented.

Second: Louis Rosbottom.

Motion carried.

10. IN PERSON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

President Baumgartner confirmed the in-person meeting would be held in Minneapolis, March 21 at the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships. He encouraged any Executive Committee members wishing to delve deeper into a specific topic/issue to send Haley or himself an email to include on the agenda.

11. USAW BOARD MEMBERSHIP COMPLIANCE

President Baumgartner informed the Executive Committee that there were a handful of Board Members that had not renewed their membership as of September 1, 2019 after emails sent by both he and Haley. Kerry McCoy will follow up with these individuals as well and Baumgartner asked McCoy to consider proposing an amendment to the By-laws to include a deadline to renew membership.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Rick Tucci informed that USA Wrestling is sanctioning the first Womens NCAA wrestling championships which will be held at Adrienne College. The USWOA is providing the referees, and USAW will pay their stipends.

The USOPC filed a challenge to USA Badminton challenging that they are not providing leadership as they should. It is a good reminder to take governance and leadership role seriously

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Mountain time.