

Minutes of Tennessee Wrestling Federation State Meeting September 20th, 2008

Members in Attendance:

Jack Gallagher	Higher Calling Wrestling Club
Al Miller	Higher Calling Wrestling Club
Mike Hatcher	Higher Calling Wrestling Club
Rabbit Turner	Soddy Daisy Takedown Club
Jared Swint	Cumberland University
Del Hawkins	Combat Athletic Center
John Kramer	Lion's Pride Grappling
Steve Smith	Lion's Pride Grappling
Stephen Petricca	Lion's Pride Grappling
Jared Grindstaff	Independence High School
Jonathan Simpson	Mid-South Wrestling Club
Walt Holmes	Mid-South Wrestling Club
Israel Cordero	Arlington Wrestling Club
Garrett House	West Tennessee Takedown Club
Larrick Johnson	Tipton County Wrestling Club
Charles McTorry	Ensworth High School

Member Clubs Not In Attendance:

- Big Rock Takedown Club
- Chattanooga School of Wrestling
- Commodore Wrestling Club
- Eagle Wrestling Club
- Hawks Wrestling Club
- Knights Wrestling Club
- Middle Tennessee Wrestling Club
- Nashville Catholic Youth Wrestling
- Progressive Martial Arts Academy
- Wolfpack Wrestling Club

Old Business

- Meeting called to order at 9:15 A.M.
 - Garrett House and Larrick Johnson presiding.
 - Current President, Jose Delgado, had moved out of state.
- The minutes from TWF's 2007-2008 state meeting were read by Larrick Johnson
 - Motion to accept by Garrett House (West TN Takedown Club)
 - Seconded by Al Miller (Higher Calling Wrestling Club)
- Financial Report (Appendix A) given by Treasurer (Larrick Johnson)
 - Some discussion of check from Bobby Davenport
 - Motion to accept by Al Miller (Higher Calling Wrestling Club)
 - Seconded by Garrett House (West TN Takedown Club)
- Membership Report (Appendix B) given by Membership Director (Larrick Johnson)
 - Motion to accept by Jonathan Simpson (Mid-South Wrestling Club)
 - Seconded by Mike Hatcher (Higher Calling Wrestling Club)
- Summary and notes from State Leadership Summit in Colorado Springs given by attendees sent my TWF, Al Miller and Larrick Johnson
 - Notes
 - Recommendation that we attempt to send more members in the future
 - Recommendation to move away from requiring singlets for younger wrestlers and allow T-Shirt and shorts for competition
 - Discussion of conflicts of interest and need to be aware of where these might occur
 - Ideas gleaned from Georgia presentation
 - Need to have presence on myspace and facebook
 - Georgia has 1,200 kids that purchase a USA Wrestling card but never attend a tournament
- Discussion on continued usage of League Cards in Tennessee
 - Vote taken to keep league cards in use
 - For – 6
 - Against – 3
 - Proposal to limit use of league cards to folkstyle tournaments and other situations as approved by the board (Ex. Clinics, camps, etc.)
 - Passed Unanimously
- Review of National Team Summary (Appendix C) given by Garrett House (West TN Takedown Club)
 - Motion to accept by Walt Holmes (Mid-South Wrestling Club)
 - Seconded by Larrick Johnson (Tipton County Wrestling Club)

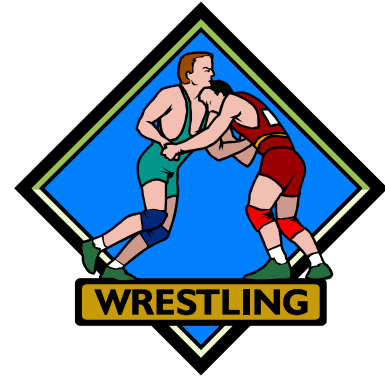
New Business

- Schedule
 - Proposal to hold 3 tournaments each year during the Freestyle and Greco-Roman season which all clubs will attempt to attend and not hold any tournament in opposition
 - 1 tournament each year to be the state tournament with preferred site in Middle TN
 - Remaining 2 tournaments to rotate host cities each year
 - Hosts during odd years will be Memphis and Chattanooga
 - Hosts during even years to be Nashville and Knoxville
 - Knoxville on condition that interest is shown in the area
 - All other weekends are open for tournaments and other activities
 - Dates for Big Three tournaments set for 2008 – 2009 season
 - Big Three #1 – April 11th – Pat Nailen Classic hosted by Mid-South Wrestling Club
 - Big Three #2 – May 9th – hosted by Higher Calling Wrestling Club
 - Big Three #3 – May 16th – state tournament hosted by Independence High School
 - Passed unanimously
 - Best of the Best
 - Vote to keep event passed unanimously
 - Hosted by West Tennessee according to rotation schedule
 - Unanimous recommendation passed to consider change in format to include all three styles: folkstyle, freestyle, and Greco-Roman
 - To be finalized at later state meeting
 - Middle School State Championship
 - Proposal to host a state tournament for middle school wrestlers proposed by Al Miller
 - Difficulties of fitting into the various leagues around the state as well as not bumping up against the AAU schedule discussed
 - Sub-committee formed to investigate differing seasons and make a recommendation on date
 - Committee members: Garrett House, Mike Hatcher, Charles McTorry, Jared Grindstaff, Del Hawkins, John Kramer
 - State Freestyle and Greco-Roman Tournament
 - May 16th to be hosted by Independence High School
 - Poster
 - Motion was made to create a poster with the schedule of events on it and send out to schools across the state
 - Motion passed unanimously
 - Poster to feature two currently #1 ranked NCAA wrestlers originally from TN and who wrestled in USAW, Nick Marable of Missouri and Jordan Leen of Cornell
 - Deadline for submission of event date to be included on poster is November 1st
 - Posters to be made by Jared Grindstaff
 - Reimbursement possible
- Tournament Fees
 - Proposal to require 20% of Freestyle and Greco-Roman tournament profits come back to the TWF
 - Passed 6-0
- Officials
 - Motion to have officials clinic on March 28th in Nashville by Jonathan Simpson
 - Seconded by Jared Grindstaff
 - Passed by vote of 6-1
 - Jared Grindstaff to secure host facility
 - Motion to have second officials clinic week of April 4th by Larrick Johnson
 - Seconded by Jack Gallagher
 - Passed unanimously

- Location to be in Chattanooga
 - Referee's Fees
 - Proposal by Jack Gallagher to standardize referee pay at tournaments
 - Proposal for pay as below by Jared Grindstaff
 - Pay scale: M3 - \$10/hr, M2 - \$15/hr, M1C - \$20/hr, M1 - \$25/hr
 - Seconded by Stephen Petricca
 - Rejected by a vote of 4-3
 - Proposal for pay as below by Garrett House
 - Minimum pay scale: M3 - \$8/hr, M2 - \$10/hr, M1C - \$12/hr, M1 - \$15/hr
 - Seconded by Mike Hatcher
 - Passed by vote of 8-0
- Tennessee Summer Wrestling Championship Series
 - Proposal by Jonathan Simpson (Appendix D)
 - Seconded by Garrett House
 - Passed unanimously
- Uniform Inventories
 - Inventory of current national team package given by Garrett House (Appendix E)
 - Proposal made to sell remaining inventory at a reduced cost with proceeds returning to TWF in order to fund new, re-designed uniforms for teams in 2008-2009
 - Passed unanimously pending more in-depth financial analysis
 - Inventory of older national team package stock given by Garrett House (Appendix F)
 - Proposal made to allow inventory to be sold at tournaments with proceeds returning to TWF general fund
 - Passed unanimously
 - Mike Hatcher to take inventory at begin sale at pre-season tournaments
- Fundraising
 - Proposal by Stephen Petricca to allow whomever takes fundraising position to keep 25% of funds raised
 - This is in line with current public operations
 - Seconded by Mike Hatcher
 - Passed unanimously
- Awards
 - Youth Athlete of the Year
 - Turbo Smith
 - High School Athlete of the Year
 - Cameron Croy
 - Coach
 - Mike Hatcher
 - Volunteer
 - David Mason
- Election of Officers
 - Each of the following positions were uncontested and elected by unanimous vote
 - Southern Regional Director – Mike Hatcher
 - Mid-State Regional Director – Jared Grindstaff
 - Eastern Regional Director – Del Hawkins
 - Junior Director(s) – Mike Hatcher & Charles McTorry
 - Cadet Director(s) – Del Hawkins & Rabbit Turner
 - Kids Director(s) – John Kramer & Stephen Petricca
 - Officials Director – Jack Gallagher
 - Coaches Director – Larrick Johnson
 - Fundraising Director – Stephen Petricca
 - Communication / Website – Garrett House
 - Treasurer – Melissa Kramer
 - Membership – Larrick Johnson

- Secretary – Garrett House
- The following positions were contested; winners listed
 - Western Regional Director – Walt Holmes
 - Vice-President – Al Miller
 - President / Chairman – Larrick Johnson
- The following positions were left unfilled
 - Women’s Director
 - Open Director – Suggestion made to contact Coach Bono and have someone from UT-Chattanooga coaching staff involved
- Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:57 P.M. by Garrett House
 - Seconded by Larrick Johnson

Appendix A



TENNESSEE WRESTLING FEDERATION TREASURER'S REPORT December 2007 – September 20, 2008

9/20/08

BALANCE ON HAND 12/07/07:	799.42	
BALANCE ON HAND 09/09/08:	3,164.97	
INCOME:		
GRECO/FREESTYLE STATE:	1,210.00	
PARENT NATIONAL TEAM FEES:		
USAW STATE MEMBERSHIP FEES:		
BOBBY DAVENPORTS FUNDRAISER:	750.00	10% of \$7,500.00
EXPENSES:		
OFFICIALS:		
Jose Delgado Ck 1562 – Schoolboy / Cadet Duals:	830.00	
Jack Gallagher CK 1548 – Tn State GR/FR	75.00	
Jose Delgado CK 1547 – Tn State & Higher Calling Tourney	473.00	
BOBBY DAVENPORT RETURN Ck 1571	6,700.00	
COACHES FARGO CK 1573 MH	2,693.32	
NDSU FARGO DEPOSITS	875.00	
Cadet Duals ck1567 MH	3,471.66	
Schoolboy Duals ck 1565 RT	899.00	
Schoolboy Duals ck 1566 AM Hotel	1,304.75	
AIR TRANSPORTATION FOR STATE LEADER SUMMIT:		
Vice Chair	578.50	
Membership Director	516.00	

Appendix B

Membership Report

Year	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Athletes	728	702	516	675	470
League Cards	N/A	N/A	876+	550	N/A
Coaches	94	127	97	132	58
Clubs	14	27	32	28	11
Events	N/A	10	N/A	N/A	N/A

Appendix C

Review of TN National Teams

Schoolboy Folkstyle National Duals

TWF did not send a team.

Schoolboy Freestyle & Greco National Duals

TWF sent a team to the Schoolboy National Duals in Indianapolis, IN. A training camp was hosted by the Soddy Daisy Wrestling Club and coached by Rabbit Turner (Soddy Daisy Wrestling Club) and Del Hawkins (Combat Athletics Club). Other coaches helping at the tournament included Garrett House and Mark Hataway (both West TN Takedown Club). The team consisted of 13 wrestlers who filled 12 weight classes out of a possible 17 weights. The team went 1-6 while defeating Delaware in pool play. They then lost to Team Georgia in the consolation bracket. The team then went on to soundly defeat North Carolina in an exhibition match.

Team Scores:

Pool Play:

Match #1 Round 1: Michigan Red F defeated Team Tennessee F 60-18

Match #2 Round 2: Illinois F defeated Team Tennessee F 57-20

Match #3 Round 3: Team Tennessee F defeated Delaware F 35-35

Match #4 Round 4: Pennsylvania Red F defeated Team Tennessee F 59-20

Match #5 Round 5: Team Wisconsin F defeated Team Tennessee F 60-13

Match #6 Round 6: Team Tennessee F received a Bye

Match #7 Round 7: Indiana Gold F defeated Team Tennessee F 63-11

Consolation Bracket:

Match #1 Champ. Round 1: Georgia F defeated Team Tennessee F 48-26

Wrestler Region Breakdown on the Team:

Eastern – 1

Southern – 6

Middle – 3

Western – 3

Individual high notes for the team were Turbo Smith who went 6-1 at 120lbs recording 3 pins and TJ Satterfield who went 6-1 (2 forfeits) at 210 lbs.

Cadet Freestyle & Greco National Duals

TWF sent a team to the Cadet National Duals in Kansas City, MO. The team competed in Freestyle only, although there had been interest in competing in Greco as well. It was determined that enough wrestlers were not present to handle both styles. A training camp was hosted by Higher Calling Wrestling Club and coached by Mike Hatcher and Al Miller (Higher Calling).

The team consisted of 11 wrestlers who filled 8 weight classes prior to any bumping. The team went 0-6 while in pool play and was not pulled into the consolation bracket.

Team Scores:

Pool Play:

Match #1 Round 1: Oklahoma 1 defeated Tennessee 66-14

Match #2 Round 2: Missouri 2 defeated Tennessee 52-27

Match #3 Round 3: Washington defeated Tennessee 56-21

Match #4 Round 4: Maryland defeated Tennessee 49-20

Match #5 Round 5: North Dakota defeated Tennessee 58-19

Match #6 Round 6: Tennessee received a Bye
Match #7 Round 7: Minnesota 1 defeated Tennessee 72-8

Wrestler Region Breakdown on the Team:

Eastern – 1
Southern – 7
Middle – 0
Western – 3

This team suffered heavily from the amount of forfeits it was forced to give up and injuries that piled up throughout pull play, depleting an already shallow team. This highlights the fact that we need multiple athletes at every weight class we can get.

Individual bright spots were Zach Watson with a 3-1 record at 105lbs (Zach was forced to sit out due to injury during his fourth match), Michael Hooker with a 5-1 record at 119 lbs, and Cole Hayes with a 5-1 record at 130 lbs.

Junior Freestyle & Greco National Duals

We did not send a team due to the lack of interest. We only had 2 athletes submit deposits and 6 others who expressed interest but did not commit fees.

Kids Freestyle & Greco Nationals

Only one athlete from TN was present, Tate Robinson from the West TN Takedown Club. Tate finished in 6th in Greco and 7th in Freestyle at Schoolboy 77 lbs.

Cadet & Junior Nationals

TN did send a contingent to Fargo in 2008, however none of the trips were subsidized by the state organization other than official Jose Delgado. One group drove from Memphis, TN while the other traveled via a combination of car and plane starting from Chattanooga, TN.

Coaches that represented Tennessee in Fargo were: Al Miller, Mike Hatcher, Brian Baucke

General data on the performance of TN wrestlers at Fargo is documented below. Tennessee did have one All-American in Cameron Croy of Brentwood, TN who placed 7th in Cadet Freestyle at 189 lbs.

Cadet Greco:

Total Wrestlers: 8
Total Record: 13-16

Cadet Freestyle:

Total Wrestlers: 11
Total Record: 21-22

*1 All-American – Cameron Croy of Brentwood, TN finishing 7th in freestyle at Cadet 189 with a record of 6-2

Junior Greco:

Total Wrestlers: 3
Total Record: 4-6

Junior Freestyle:

Total Wrestlers: 3
Total Record: 1-6

Appendix D

Proposal for Tennessee Summer Wrestling Championship Series

Purpose: Place enfaces on participation in all state sanction tournaments, as well as national and regional events by Tennessee athletes. Recognize those athletes that participate and excel during the TWF summer wrestling season.

Participants: Everyone who is registered with the TWF and participates in the summer season.

Uses: Recognize those athletes that excel during the season. Criteria for determining members and weights for the national duals teams. As criteria for other state sponsored awards.

Execution: Points will be awarded for finishing inside the top 3 in state sanctioned tournaments. Participation in regional and national events will also garner some points as well as placement. Points may only be scored in one weight class per event. The following is an example of a point system:

Local Tennessee Tournaments

1st – 5 points each style

2nd – 3 points each style

3rd – 1 point each style

State Tournament

1st – 8 points each style

2nd – 5 points each style

3rd – 2 points each style

Regional Events

Participation – 2 points each style

1st – 11 points each style

2nd – 7 points each style

3rd – 3 points each style

National Duals

Participation – 10 points

National Individual

Participation – 4 points each style

1st – 20 points each style

2nd – 18 points each style

3rd – 16 points each style

4th – 14 points each style

5th – 12 points each style

6th – 10points each style

7th – 8points each style

8th – 6 points each style

Awards: An award of the states choosing will be given to an athlete in each age group totaling the most points. In the case of a tie the state may choose to give 2 awards or to look at which wrestler scored the most points in one weight class.

Appendix E

Current Team Tennessee Uniform Package										
Item	YS (40-60)	YM (60-75)	YL (75-90)	XS (90-110)	AS (110-130)	M (130-155)	L (155-185)	XL (185-225)	XXL (225-275)	Total
TNT Singlet - Blue (Brute Orb)	0	0	0	2	2	10	9	0	2	25
TNT Singlet - Red (Brute Orb)	0	0	0	2	1	10	9	1	2	25
TNT Full Zip Jacket - Blue and Gold (Holloway Cyclone)	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
TNT Shorts - Blue & Gold (Cobblestones)	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
TNT Drawstring Bag	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TNT Blood Rag - White & Blue	10									10
TNT T-Shirt - Gold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coach Polo Shirts	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4

Appendix F

Older Uniform Items in TWF Possession										
Item	3XS (55-75)	2XS (75-95)	XS (95-115)	S (115-135)	M (135-160)	L (160-190)	XL (190-220)	XXL (220-250)	3XL (250+)	Total
Team Tenn Singlet - Black & Red Matman (Old)	3	4	1	6	3	0	3	0	0	20
TN National Team T-Shirt - Red (Old Style)	0	0	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	12
TNT Wrestling Shorts - Black by Badger	0	0	0	0	9	5	0	0	0	14
Team TN T-Shirt - Black	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TNT Junior National Duals 2005 Shorts - Blue	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Team TN Wrestling Sweatshirt - Grey w/ Red Trim (Old)	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Team TN Wrestling Sweatshirt - Grey (Old)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Team TN Shorts - Red Mesh (Old)	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
TNT Full Zip Jacket - Asics Blue and White	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	4