

## KWOA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JULY 11, 2011 (LOUISVILLE, KY)

**Members Present:** Jim Shaw, Chris Shaw, Garrett Pikul, Brandon Pickett, Eric Friddle, David Wolterman, Mike Ford, Rocky Durham

**Invited Guests:** Chris McCoy (VP, KWCA/Head Coach, Louisville Male High School), Adam Lantman (Treasurer, KYSWA/Head Coach, Summit View Middle School)

The meet was called to order at 7:08 p.m. at El Nopal Restaurant. All members & guests present were welcomed by Jim Shaw, KWOA President, and were thanked for attending the meeting.

J. Shaw discussed the KWOA banquet that was held on May 1, 2011 at Hodgenville City Hall, About 20 paid members attended the banquet, which was down from the 2011 banquet. D. Wolterman inquired about what percentage of paid members voted in the KWOA election, which took place at the banquet. J. Shaw stated that about 30-50% of members participated. All members present at the banquet voted and only about 5 members not present at the banquet voted by absentee ballot.

J. Shaw then discussed the newly elected officers, who assumed their duties on July 1, 2011. J. Shaw will remain as KWOA President, C. Shaw will serve at the President-Elect, Mark Shumate will serve as Vice-President, R. Durham will serve as Treasurer, and G. Pikul will serve as Secretary.

J. Shaw reviewed the agenda that was e-mail out to all executive board members. J. Shaw also reviewed the KWOA goals for 2011-2012, which are:

1. Conduct at Fall Clinic
2. Have Assigning Secretaries in all Regions of the state
3. Hold a minimum of 2 fundraisers
4. Publish 4-6 Editorials
5. Develop a new officials training program
6. Improve or maintain the current level of participation in the KWOA (Presently 71% & would like to grow to 80%)
7. Define criteria for selecting State Tournament Officials with the KHSAA
8. Recruit new officials (goal is to increase the number of officials by 10-15%)

C. Shaw updated all members of current membership standings. For 2011-2012, the KWOA has 21 paid members. C. Shaw will compare those numbers to 2010-2011. It was decided that the KWOA would recruit officials at the Fall Clinic and that the Local Association President in each region would be responsible for reaching out and communicating with all previous members and KHSAA registered officials.

C. Shaw & R. Durham gave an update on the KWOA finances. Currently, the KWOA has a balance of \$2,372.58, which is about \$1,500 more than was in the account 1 year

ago. J. Shaw stated that one of the major reasons for the increase in funds is due to the KWOA Spring Classic Tournament, which was held on March 19, 2011.

J. Shaw re-introduced the new officers and all officers will serve their terms from 07/01/2011 through 06/31/2013.

The schedule of meetings will be discussed by J. Shaw with M. Shumate, who was unable to attend. The next scheduled KWOA meetings for 2011-2012 will be the Fall Clinic, a January meeting, and the Banquet in 2012. The January 2012 meeting will be coordinated by D. Wolterman and will be held close to Lexington due to having the previous meetings in the Louisville area. D. Wolterman informed members that there is a location in Lexington that the KWOA would be able to use and he would be able to obtain. Dates, times, and locations will be posted on the KWOA website when they become available.

J. Shaw reviewed the assigning secretaries for all Regions. Region 1 (Western KY) is Mickey Walls, Region 2 (Central KY) is Eddie Paden, Regions 3, 4, & 5 (Louisville) is Larry Mann, Region 6 (Northern KY) is Eric Slugantz, and Region 7 (Lexington) is David Wolterman. At the present time Region 8 (Eastern KY) does not have an assigner. However, D. Wolterman may be able to assist out Region 8 when needed. J. Shaw stated that he spoke with Mike Barren about 1 month ago about approving E. Slugantz as the assigner for Region 6 with the KHSAA.

J. Shaw reviewed the Local Association Presidents for 2011-2012. Mark Graham from Western Kentucky will be officiating this year and J. Shaw has spoken with him about being the President for Region 1. Region 2 will be Marty Fulkerson, Regions 3, 4, & 5 will be Garrett Pikul, Region 6 will be Brandon Pickett, Region 7 will be Eric Friddle, and Region 8 will be Chris Spurlock.

J. Shaw then turned over the floor to C. McCoy to update members about worth with the KWCA. C. McCoy stated that the weight class changes that have been made by the NFHS will be adopted by the KHSAA. The KHSAA is about 95% completed with coordinating the move of the State Tournament from Frankfort to the Horsepark in Georgetown. C. McCoy has toured the venue and stated that it is a nice venue and will be make crowd control easier. C. McCoy stated that the tournament would be moved from 3 days to 2 days but nothing official has been announced by the KHSAA. Regional realignment will be occurring in the near future. The earliest that re-alignment would take place would be for the 2012-2013 school year. Re-alignment will most likely affect Louisville taking it from 3 regions to 2. The Wrestling Advisory Board & KHSAA are not sure what schools would make up the new regions but 8 regions will be still be in place.

The KWCA will be holding a 2 day Coaches Clinic beginning on 10/31. They will be brining in guest speakers and would like to have an official present to speak with the coaches. G. Pikul mentioned that Keith Smith, KY USA Wrestling Director, was working with Gary Canter, KWCA President, about coordinating officials at this event.

C. McCoy also brought up the mandatory evaluation of officials by the KWCA. J. Shaw agreed that this process needs to take place and the KWCA is trying to figure out what sanctions could be put in place if coaches do not turn in evaluations (i.e. not being able to vote or possibly not participating in the KWCA State Duals). Correspondence for this task will be between KWCA & J. Shaw and G. Pikul.

J. Shaw then discussed communication duties. It was decided that the President-Elect will be responsible for communication of all matters from the KWOA to all registered KHSAA officials, with the hopes that it will increase participation within the KWOA. D. Wolterman suggested working with the Assigning Secretaries to increase participation with the Local Associations. It was agreed that M. Ford would work with C. Shaw in communication with members. M. Ford would be responsible for e-mail contact with members. It was determined that all communication will be sent to KHSAA officials, all Assigning Secretaries, and both C. McCoy & G. Canter.

J. Shaw discussed the new officials pays scale, which was approved by the KHSAA Board of Control. Discussion was brought up about confusion that may take place with coaches about the new pay scale. It was agreed that the KWCA would be responsible to working with coaches and that J. Shaw & G. Pikul would be responsible for communicating with the KWCA about the pay scale.

Review of the KWCA State Duals selection process was addressed. For the 2011 State Duals, the KWOA selected the officials to work this event and the KWOA will be allowed to continue this practice for the 2012 State Duals. J. Shaw stated that some officials were selected in order to gain experience to work the KHSAA State Tournament. C. McCoy stated that there were no issues with the officials selected to work the State Duals and that the 2012 event will remain at Henry Clay High School & will be January 28, 2012.

Discussion of the website was brought up and it was agreed that C. Shaw would be responsible for working with M. Fulkerson on enhancing and maintaining the current website.

J. Shaw reviewed that it was agreed to purchase the new Stalling DVD produced by the CWOA. It was agreed that the KWOA would purchase 2 copies of the DVD and 1 copy would be given to the KWCA to watch & review.

A. Lantman then presented to members about the current middle school system and how post-season works. Middle School uses a District tournament and then a Regional tournament in order to qualify for the State Tournament. The Middle School State will be held the first weekend in February at Montgomery County High School. A Lantman inquired about what the process is for requesting officials and who coaches need to contact in order to obtain officials. G. Pikul stated that in Louisville he was approached by several coaches to work post-season middle school events and was asked to help school obtain officials for post-season events. G. Pikul asked that the Middle School Association adopt a policy that middle schools utilize KHSAA Assigning Secretaries to

obtain officials for events. All members were in agreement and A. Lantman requested assistance from the KWOA for obtaining officials for the Middle School State. J. Shaw stated that the KWOA would lend assistance in selecting officials to work the Middle School State Tournament and that a list would be sent to A. Lantman with all of the assigning secretaries utilized throughout the state.

Discussion of the 2011 Fall Clinic took place and M. Shumate is responsible for coordinating the clinic. Everyone was in agreement to continue the same format as last year with an hour given to a rules clinic and 2-3 hours for presentations & mat time. R. Durham & B. Pickett agreed to assist M. Shumate in coordinating the clinic. C. McCoy stated that the clinic could be held on October 8 at Louisville Male. J. Shaw stated that the committee would work with Chris to see if the date would be feasible. J. Shaw would work with Mike Barren to have him present for the rules portion of the clinic as was done last year.

4-6 editorials will be published for the upcoming year and G. Pikul & R. Durham will be in charge of coordinating the editorials.

Review of fundraisers for 2011-2012 was presented. G. Pikul discussed potential changes to be made to the 2012 KWOA Spring Classic. Major changes include moving the date up to March 10, 2012 and adding Cadet & Junior divisions to the event. All members agreed to the changes and a flyer is set to be finalized and ready for distribution by September 1, 2011. J. Shaw discussed working with the KWCA on a second fundraiser for the year and all were in agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.