

# Huskerland Summer Meeting 2007 Agenda/Minutes

In attendance: Fred Hall, Doug Denson, Darrell Jennings, Bobbi Hall, Marie Rodriguez, Karen Hunt, Rusty Hunt, Steve Palmer, Craig Hellwege, Chuck Sherer

- 1) **Plaque with all Hall of Famers shown for display at Huskerlands.** Neither the design nor the place for display is settled, but there will be a permanent plaque created to be displayed yearly.
- 2) **100% weigh-ins.** With the random procedure being used DQs are running about 1%. The entire board felt this method was working and club directors knew and accepted the rule as is. We will not make any changes this year.
- 3) **Replacing of board members. Resigning after several years of excellent service to youth wrestling with Huskerland are Lyle Miller and Rusty Steiger.** Dave Andrews and Dave Hochstetler will split Lyle's duties of hiring table workers and assigning rooms for the board and officials. Approved as new members were Jeff Schoepf and Rick Rutt. This simply recognizes what each of them have been doing to help us past several years. Rusty's announcer duties have yet to be reassigned.
- 4) **We need to find and train managers/directors in 2 key positions.** Jim Allen has graciously agreed to serve one more year as Duals Director and the format will be altered to shorten the day for everyone. Jason Cullison is tentatively expected to take over in 2009. Fred has also indicated he plans to resign from the board after Huskerland 2010. Everyone on the board will be helping identify his successor and we want to have that person work closely with Fred at least for 2010 if not 2009.
- 5) **Medals.** We must reorder for 2008. We buy medals on a 3-year cycle. The awarding of Participation medals was discussed since we need to reorder this year. Many of them were left all over the arena or simply not picked up. It was decided to use the existing supply for 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade division in 2008 but eliminate these medals once those on hand are exhausted.
- 6) **Vendors.** We expect Kick's to again be our official apparel provider. New for 2007 was the Necklace Guy. Rixstine is likely to again provide awards and engraving, while we had inquiries from another one or two with available space being a factor.
- 7) **HOF 2008:** We have some excellent and deserving candidates. However we are always asking for club directors, coaches or former athletes to nominate deserving people. If anyone knows someone they feel should be considered please write a nominating letter to one of the Executive Board or Craig.
- 8) **Online registrations only.** We adopted this policy for 2008. It helps us contain costs in the face of increased venue fees. We had not changed entry fees since 2000 while our operating expenses have gone up. Since then, entry fees for weekly tournaments have risen from \$8 to \$10 to \$12 in many cases. Consequently entry fees for Huskerland 2008 were set at \$17 online or \$20 if they absolutely must be mailed. We will allow individual online entries for 2008, however any individual entry will be ineligible for scoring club points. Parents, check with your club director if unclear to you.
- 9) **Add a 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grade Novice group?** A club director had suggested this to me and we take your suggestions seriously. However, the members in attendance felt there was not enough interest statewide at this time. It was also pointed out by those very active with clubs that most of these younger wrestlers (and their parents) have quit coming to practice long before Huskerland for various reasons.
- 10) **Possible increase in payments to workers.** Table workers and the young men who work security or admissions have not seen an increase since they were first being paid. This item will be discussed at the fall board meeting.
- 11) **Date changes:** Everyone agrees getting away from the Good Friday/ Easter Sunday weekend is in our best interest, as is moving ahead a week. However previous commitments by the UNK administration forclude this most years. We will avoid that weekend whenever the venue allows.