

# Huskerland Wrestling Summer Meeting June 11, 2006

Board Members Present: Fred Hall      Doug Denson      Darrell Jennings      Bobbi Hall  
Lyle Miller      Karen Hunt      Rusty Hunt      Chuck Sherer  
Tom Sawyer      Steve Palmer      Marie Rodriguez

- 1) **Joe Hansen has stepped down** to devote time to his daughter and her activities. **Dave Hochstetler of Dorchester will join the board** and serve to co-ordinate timers & scorers at Huskerland. Dave is a long-time coach and supporter and well respected.
- 2) While it is desirable to go earlier in April and avoid Easter weekend, it is dependent on date availability. Doug is working with UNK to renew our 3-year agreement which has expired. We really want to stay in Kearney if at all possible.
- 3) Referees. It was discussed to get at least a few referees from the western half of the state. However few officials have participated in the youth mentoring program from that area. We will do our best to get officials from Grand Island and west. The most important thing remains that those who work Huskerland are familiar with the amended rules used, and willing to adapt to the level of the wrestlers. The knowledge of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader can not be compared to that of a high school sophomore. Also we want referees who we know will be there once they commit. It is no fun to try and replace people at the last minute.
- 4) Skin checks by referees. Chuck and Rusty agreed a cursory skin and fingernail check is not unreasonable. However it is important **coaches and club directors take the major responsibility** and insure any wrestler with a questionable skin problem come prepared with a doctor's note if necessary, clearing him to wrestle.
- 5) Weigh-in procedures were discussed at the request of a few club directors. Basically we felt the current plan is working well. People are familiar with the system and this method puts every wrestler at risk of being called to weigh in. After several years where we saw no DQs on challenges but a few during the weigh in, we had 2 challenged wrestlers DQ'd this year. It should be well known by now that **each entrant is given 3 pounds over the listed BRACKET WEIGHT.**
- 6) Hall of Fame. It was agreed that the Board should be involved with a yeah or nay vote on all names submitted. Craig wishes to remain involved with the nominating process but the board is also soliciting nominees from the clubs, and some former Huskerland Board members are worthy candidates.
- 7) It was decided to recognize those involved for 20 or 25 years at 5 year intervals. These people will be recognized at Huskerland 25, Huskerland 30, etc.
- 8) Line of succession. While I have no plans to step down in the next 2 or 3 years, I am approaching 60 and things can always change. I feel it is important to identify someone who has the knowledge, ambition, and desire to eventually succeed me. It is important to have someone involved within the next couple years.
- 9) Mission Statement. A mission statement was presented and adopted for the Huskerland organization. The managers felt it was necessary to make it known to everyone after all these years just what we see our purpose to be. **The Mission Statement can be found on the web site.**
- 10) **Coaching Passes.** Some clubs seem to ruin a good thing for the others who play not only by the letter of the rules but the intent. Those clubs decided to save the \$3 difference between a coaching pass and gate admission and list every mom, dad, grandparent, and sibling as coaches. Consequently we have raised the cost of a coach's pass to \$10, good for both days. That removes the financial gain to purchasing a pass instead of gate admission for those who are not legitimately coaches or club directors. The goal with coaching passes remains to make it easier for you to get to mats to coach, and reduce unnecessary congestion on the floor.
- 11) Hospitality. Marie brought to our attention the additional costs associated with the meals provided to officials and all workers if we must move to another site. This is an area she does a tremendous job with and we will keep her thoughts in mind as we negotiate our arena renewal.
- 12) Equity of financial support for various positions. It was brought to our attention some people (not board members) were questioning why certain clubs were always involved, and compensated for certain jobs during the tournament. Discussion centered on accountability and reliability. The present plan is working, we feel comfortable with it, and we know this group will be there all day as needed. No changes will be made at this time. However if other clubs want to inquire about any job they are welcome to contact one of the three managers and discuss it.