

ONTARIO AMATEUR WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday June 3, 2017

Sport Alliance of Ontario Building

3 Concorde Gate

Toronto, ON

1. Opening Remarks/Roll Call: Determination of voting privileges:

Roll call:

Voting:

Bill Hogarth (President), Bob Parsons (VP Technical and Mariposa), Jason O'Neil (VP Coaching development and ESSEX), Kevin Ramroop (VP Athlete Development and Spartans WC), Steve Westwood (VP Admin), Steve Suraci (VP Communications – non-voting), Chris Stefopoulos (Secretary), John Cook (WCL Provincial Rep OXEL WC), Mark Sementilli (SWO Chair), Derek Kossatz (EO Chair and Tsunami), Ed Zinger (OAWOA Chair and Daredevils), Guy Quenville (NEO Chair and Voyageurs), Marlon Sherland (CEO Chair and Lexus Titans), Gary Bird (Matmen WC), Stan Tzogas (Team Impact WC), Shayne Byrne (L'Essor), Dave Mair (Discipline), Jeremy LeTour (Battle Arts), Mike Quinsey (Central Toronto WC), Chris Kelman (RAW), Ashok Kumar (Akhara of Champions), Neal Ewers (Beat The Streets), Chris Schrauwen (National Capital WC), Heather Sweezey (Brock WC and Jr Badgers)

Voting by Proxy:

Eamonn Dorgan (York WC) to Dave Mair
Kevin Mayhew (Arnprior) to Chris Kelman
Yasin Kaya (NILE Academy) to Jay Jordon
Neil Bangs (Timmins WC) to Guy Quenville
Tim Hickey (Pathway WC) to Chris Schrauwen
Scott Pepper (Tri-County WC) to Sarah Stringer
Tara Hedican (Whitedog WC) to Jeremy LeTour
Joe Greer (Laurentian) to Sarah Stringer

Regrets: Guy Zink (Past-President), Sheldon Francis (Treasurer), Derm Tilley (CWO Chair), Athletes' Representative – Vacant

Total votes: 40 including proxies, 30 excluding proxies

Non-Voting: Tim MaGarrey (Executive Director), Ron Wilson, Dave Narwal (Akhara of Champions), Sarah Stringer (National Capital), Jane DiMaria (Discipline), Ken Burgess (Team Impact WC)

2. Call for Items of New Business. 5 items added by Mike Quinsey

Motion: "That the OAWA change the Constitution to eliminate proxy voting"

Stan Tzogas/Heather Sweezey

Friendly Amendment:

Motion: "That the OAWA change the Constitution to limit proxy voting to three proxy votes per member."

This was deferred to new business.

Mike Quinsey presented an issue with voting rights. See attached. The membership directed the Executive to review these concerns.

3. Reports: The membership was given the opportunity to ask questions of submitted reports.

- Executive Committee Reports were reviewed - issues arising

The OAWOA will be invited to the summer OAWA Executive meeting to discuss resolution to outstanding issues outlined in Ed Zinger's report.

- Staff Reports were reviewed - issues arising

No issues arose. Tim requested that increasing women in wrestling be added to New Business.

Motion: "That the OAWA accept the reports as submitted."

Heather Sweezey/Guy Quenville in favour 32-1 Carried

Motion: "That the OAWA accept the Minutes of the 2016 OAWA AGM."

Chris Stefopoulos/Jay O'Neil Carried

4. Constitutional Amendment

MOTION: "The OAWA Executive recommends amending the OAWA Constitution and By-laws to formally incorporate the V.P. Communications as a full Executive committee position at the 2017 AGM".

Jay O'Neil/Kevin Ramroop **Carried**

5. Executive Committee Elections

President

Nominations: Jay Jordon nominated by Mike Quinsey seconded by Dave Mair

No other nominations

Jay Jordon was acclaimed

Vice-President Technical

Nominations: Bob Parsons nominated by Guy Quenville and seconded by KevinRamroop
Mike Quinsey nominated by Dave Mair and seconded by Neal Ewers

Ron Wilson and Ken Burgess were designated as scrutineers

Bob Parsons was elected

Motion: "To destroy the ballots."

Marlon Sherland/Neal Ewers **Carried**

Vice-President Development

Nominations: Jeremy LeTour nominated by Dave Mair and seconded by Mike Quinsey
Kevin Ramroop nominated by Bob Parsons and seconded by Heather Sweezey

Ron Wilson and Ken Burgess were designated as scrutineers

Jeremy LeTour was elected

Motion: "To destroy the ballots."

Ed Zinger/Gary Bird **Carried**

5. Executive Committee Elections (cont'd)

Vice-President Coaching

Nominations: Jay O'Neil nominated by Heather Swezey and seconded by Steve Suraci
Neal Ewers nominated by Dave Mair and seconded by Mike Quinsey

Ron Wilson and Ken Burgess were designated as scrutineers

Jay O'Neil was elected

Motion: "To destroy the ballots."

Ed Zinger/Bob Parsons **Carried**

Vice-President Communication and Promotion

Nominations: Steve Suraci nominated by Jay O'Neil and seconded by Mike Quinsey
Neal Ewers nominated by Dave Mair and seconded by Jeremy LeTour

Ron Wilson and Ken Burgess were designated as scrutineers

Steve Suraci was elected

Motion: "To destroy the ballots."

Guy Quenville/Bob Parsons **Carried**

6. Approval of Auditors for 2017-2018 and appointment of legal counsel.

Motion: "That the OAWA membership accept Kreston GTA LLP as the firm
to carry out the Audit for 2017-2018."

Chris Stefopoulos/Kevin Ramroop **Carried**

Motion: "That the OAWA use Brian Renken as legal counsel for 2017-2018."

Ed Zinger/John Cook **Carried**

7. Acceptance of 2016-2017 Audited Financial statements.

Motion: "That the OAWA membership accept the 2016-2017 Audited Financial statements as presented."

Chris Stefopoulos/Bill Hogarth

Carried

Break

Motion: "That the members move a New Business item up to this point in the meeting."

Stan Tzogas/Bill Hogarth

Carried

New Business:

A. Resolution of the Toronto Wrestling Development Centre - Mike Quinsey
Mike spoke to his hand out, attached.

Motion: "That the membership endorses the Executive's direction to hold a meeting, this summer, with the potential stakeholders of the Toronto Wrestling Development Centre."

Mike Quinsey/Bill Hogarth

Carried

New Business Continued:

B. Acknowledgement of denial of voting rights – Mike Quinsey
The mistake that was made was acknowledged and the membership will follow the Constitution as written.

Derek Kossatz has an issue with the error that occurred (in 2013).

Lunch break

Discussion 2017-2018 Budget

- Tim MaGarrey presented the budget.
- there were no questions to the budget
- Voting to accept the budget is deferred to the end of the meeting.

Motion: "That the OAWA membership accept the 2017-2018 budget as presented."

Bill Hogarth/Jay O'Neil

Motion: "That the membership table the above motion until the end of the meeting."

Bob Parsons/Guy Quenville

Carried

Provincial Championships Hosting

2018 Cadet/Juvenile Provincial Championships

Matmen WC bid to host the event.

Matmen will host the event

2018 Ontario Youth Festival

National Capital WC and RAW bid to host the event

RAW received a majority of the votes and will host the event

Discussion took place about raising the minimum standard to officiate at the Youth Festival. Tim noted that there had been a direction from the Youth Wrestling Committee to incorporate more local/developmental officials into the event. Ken Burgess (Youth Committee Chair) confirmed this but agreed to have the Committee review the direction to determine if it is still appropriate.

2019 Junior Provincials

January 26, 2019

Lexus and Battle Arts made a (joint) verbal bid

- The members accepted this bid by acclamation, but the club **MUST SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED COMMITMENT ARRANGEMENTS BY END OF SUMMER**

2019 Cadet/Juvenile Provincials

February 2-3, 2019

Mariposa bid to host this event but could not provide all required documents at this time.

- The members accepted this bid by acclamation, but the club **MUST SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED COMMITMENT ARRANGEMENTS BY END OF SUMMER**

2019 Ontario Youth Festival

April 27, 2019

National Capital WC and Mariposa bid to host the event

NCWC received a majority of the votes and will host the event

2019 Senior Provincials

November 23, 2019

Mariposa was the only club to bid for this event

Mariposa will host the event

Motion: "To destroy all the ballots."

Bill Hogarth/Chris Kelman

Carried

8. New Business/Discussion: Continued

C. Financial Transparency – Mike Quinsey

This item was deferred to the Executive Committee along with the Toronto Wrestling Development Centre topic.

D. Proxy voting – Derek Kossatz

Derek commented that Proxies are continually being attacked even when voted on and resolved.

Tim pointed out the members are split on this issue and that concerns continue to be raised about it.

Motion: “That the OAWA change the Constitution to eliminate proxy voting”

Stan Tzogas/Heather Sweezey

Motion: “To amend the above motion to limit proxy voting to three proxy votes per member.”

Bob Parsons/Ken Burgess

Withdrawn

The motion to amend was withdrawn as the mover of the original motion (Stan Tzogas) was no longer present to accept the amendment.

The matter was deferred to the Executive Committee for review.

E. Wrestling Canada Board of Directors OAWA member nomination – John Cook

- There are several WCL Board of Director positions up for election this year: President, Ontario and independent.
- Bill Hogarth is attending the June WCL AGM as the Ontario nominated WCL Board member. His position is up for election. John Cook currently holds a position on the WCL Board of Directors
- WCL not permitting board members that sit on other boards ie OAWA because of conflict of interest. Are they legally authorized to do this? Executive to look into the legality of their claim.
- OAWA must have a nomination prepared by the WCL AGM.

Motion: “That Jay Jordon attend as the OAWA representative to the WCL AGM.”

Gary Bird/Bob Parsons

Carried

F. Proxy change - See New Business item D above

G. Women in Coaching – Tim MaGarrey

Tim asked the Board of Directors to address the need for increasing women in coaching. Tim suggested that it may be a broader issue across all levels of participation, not just coaches.

Executive committee will review options to increase the number of women coaches and others involved in wrestling.

I. JAMAICA TRIP- Marlon Sherland

Beach wrestling tournament in Jamaica. August 2017 all age groups. Can we send a group to compete ie Ontario vs Jamaica?

- Good idea but due diligence must be completed before committing
- OAWA to support Marlon in researching this event

J. PAN AM YOUTH August 17-19 Santiago Chile. –Gary Bird

Gary suggested that the OAWA lobby the WCL to endorse a team to attend this Pan Am Youth event.

- the membership was in favour of this
- Tim noted we can help promoting Marlon’s club-run initiative.
- the WCL must approve this
- Our Youth rules may pose a problem against Pan Am level youth.

The OAWA President will present this at the WCL AGM.

AGM HOSTING

Motion: “That the OAWA 2018 AGM be held in Ottawa.”

Derek Kossatz/Marlon Sherland

Defeated

At this point, the prior Tabled motion was re-introduced:

Motion: "That the OAWA membership accept the 2017-2018 budget as presented."

Bill Hogarth/Jay O'Neil

Carried

Motion: "To adjourn the meeting."

Derek Kossatz/Bob Parsons

Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm.