

HUSKERLAND SUMMER BOARD MEETING

Sunday June 22, 1:00pm
Bison Conference Room, 603 "L" St
Lincoln NE

In Attendance:

Fred Hall	Doug Denson	Darrell Jennings	Bobbi Hall
Chuck Sherer	Jeff Schoepf	Steve Palmer	Katheryn Palmer
Craig Hellwege	Tony Fulton	Rick Rutt	Rusty Hunt
John Sutton	Marie Rodriguez	Dan Helmick	

Issues discussed and decisions made were:

- 1) Do we adopt the high school rule on optional starts for 2nd and 3rd periods? (Fred)** This was a very short discussion and adopted unanimously by those in attendance. For anyone not familiar with the high school rule, anytime the wrestlers are to begin from referee's position, if the top wrestler wishes to release his opponent and start neutral, he will inform the referee and they will immediately be placed on their feet prior to the whistle to start wrestling.
- 2) Do we change and have 5-6th graders offered choice at the beginning of the 2nd and 3rd periods? (Fred)** A bit surprising but also adopted with little discussion. All felt the level of Nebraska youth wrestling has advanced significantly since Huskerland was founded and the time had come to make this change. Along with this, period length was extended to 90 seconds for the same reason, and to encourage more aggressive wrestling.
- 3) Do we adopt the high school rule for OT (Fred)** No. No one was in favor as normally there are less than 10 OT matches at the Huskerland tournament.
- 4) Hall of Fame nominations: any names?** Although I do not wish to announce the names of nominees at this time, some deserving people were nominated. As always however, we ask our club directors and coaches to forward the names of those you feel deserving of recognition to Fred or Craig.
- 5) Accept PayPal for club dues and entries? (Fred)** Obviously there are some transaction fees to consider. Unfortunately no one had done the research prior to the meeting to give us the information we needed. The next week Bobbi did call PayPal and got the information we need. While this is not final, I think it will ultimately be available by November 1st.
- 6) 16-man brackets for 7-8th (Fred)** With the Guy Mytty Champ of Champs match used, everyone felt that in effect, this is what we are doing. Plus at this time we still feel an obligation to encourage wrestlers to continue in the sport. More matches and fewer medallists in 16 man brackets would be contrary to our goal in many cases.
- 7) Site of Huskerland 24-25-26. (Doug / Fred)** We have been quite happy and I know our club directors have been happy to be in Kearney. Coach Marc Bauer has helped us and done all he could. However negotiations over the last 12 months have not been easy. Therefore with the advent of a wrestling program at Hastings College, our interest in seeing our fees directed to a wrestling program, and the promise of more desirable dates, the decision was made to move Huskerland 24 to Hastings College's Tom and Nancy Osborne Athletic Complex. For 2009 the date remains April 10-11, Friday and Saturday. However beginning in 2010 we have agreed that Huskerland can be scheduled for the first weekend of April.
- 8) AAU or USA (Doug)** Although a few details remain to be ironed out, I feel confident to say we will be changing our insurance carrier from USA to AAU. We will let all directors know details of the program in the October / November newsletter.

As usual, anyone who knows of changes at the club director level or of club contact address is asked to please let us know.