



October 20, 2024, Annual General Meeting Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Joe Stabilito Sr., Audra Elfvin, Brian Martz, Kyle Martin, JP Terwilliger, Will Betancort, Elisa Lackey, Kevin Franklin, Pat Tocci, Chris Haines, Sean Lees, Chris Atkinson, Dan Heckert, Diane Brosius, Melinda Watkins, Joe Stabilito Jr, John Hughes, Shane Dugan, Ryan Green, Chris Elliot, Susan Wright, Kelly Hughes, Ashby Diaz, Peter Wirs, Coach Tirso, Kyle Pucci, Troy Zacherl, John Boyer, Brett Hyland, Joseph Bradley, Mark Steen, Micah Wagner, Dan Emmons, and Jake Lininger.

The meeting was called to order by Joe Stabilito Sr. at 1:02 PM.

Minutes – Audra Elfvin

Minutes from the General Membership meeting were presented and reviewed. Sean Lees motioned to accept the minutes and seconded by Chris Atkinson. It was voted and passed with 22 votes.

Treasurer Report – Brian Martz

This report was for the 2024 membership year.

Revenue	\$944,650.13
Expenses	\$862,756.36
Balance	\$81,393.77

Details of the treasures report will be available in the PA/USA Wrestling library in the membership system.

New Stipend Program – Brain Martz and Joe Stabilito Sr.

Joe Stabilito Sr. advised that the board has agreed to bring back the Stipend program which is a Fargo credit based on accomplishments (how wrestlers placed at certain events) capped at trip cost.

This will only be for the Fargo age groups this year and the board agreed to budget \$50,000 for the 2025 membership year.

Peter Wirs inquired about an IRS 990 regarding payroll tax delinquency. Brian said he would follow up on this and check with our accountant.

Election of Executive Board of Director

The Executive Board nominees ran unopposed and they were Joe Stabilito Sr. – State Chairman, Chris Atkinson – Vice Chairman, Audrey Elfvin – Secretary, Brian Martz – Treasurer, and Dan Heckert

They were approved by a vote in the membership and the results were 27 voters and 100% to elect the nominees

Before moving to the Election of the Safe Sport and Social Media Director Joe Stabilito Sr. suggested that each candidate give us a little background.

Safe Sport Director – Voting board member

The following candidates are listed below

Chris Elliot from Reynolds was a college coach and previous Safesport experience
Dan Emmons from the Shaler area, coach for Tiger wrestling and other board roles
Kyle Pucci does the social media for Flo Wrestling
Pat Tocci former Executive Board Member and current Penn Manor Athletic Director
Susan Wright works as a Clinical Therapist working with victims
Troy Zacherl from Edinboro area and has 4 daughters who wrestle, also a Chiropractor
Bill Rudick not on call but is an official and writes for the newspaper

The initial vote was taken and there was a tie between Pat Tocci and Susan Wright with 10 votes each. A total of 27 people voted and the remaining 7 votes were shared by the remaining candidates.

The tie-breaker vote was held and Susan Wright won with 14 votes.

Social Media Director

The following candidates are listed below

Ashby Diaz Brookeville coach, wrestled at Clarion and ran their social media and is a photographer
Kyle Pucci does the social media for Flo wrestling
Teagan Richmond was not on call but is part of our TO team.

The initial vote was taken and there was a tie between Ashby Diaz and Teagan Richmond with 10 votes each. All 27 eligible voters cast their vote.

The tie-breaker vote was held and Ashby Diaz won with 15 votes.

Joe Stabilito Sr. congratulated the winners and told the others that we would like to keep them involved and would be reaching out in the next few months.

Age Group and Fargo Reports – Elisa Lackey and Kyle Martin

Elisa Lackey the Women's Director said it was an extremely successful year
Winning 14un-freestyle and Greco; 16un-freestyle and Greco; Junior-Freestyle;
16un Fargo Freestyle; Junior- Fargo Freestyle 3rd

The next events are the Keystone vs Empire Clash on 11/16 in Hoboken NJ and
Mason Dixon NE Duals on 1/12/25 and accepting coach's applications for next season

Kyle Martin the Boys Director was not on the call so Sean Lees gave the report and stated that we need to max out for Fargo and need to identify 16un lightweights 4 per weight; we fell short in Greco and need to look bigger and get more on World teams by not over competing but developing to the Olympic level.

Special Event – Joe Stabilito Sr.

Border Wars between Private vs PIAA Germantown Academy Folkstyle weekend before NCAAs. We are sponsoring this event.

Keystone Classic - we will be the event sponsor and are looking to sponsor another college event.

Northeast Regionals will be held at Kalahari Resorts on the second week of May. We will be using there are 20 mats and we are expecting 2000 wrestlers.

Boys Junior Duals has moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin and we will look at sending two teams.

Girls Duals all age groups will now be in Indiana

The 2025 Season Schedule has been released and is on our website.

PAUSAW States

States will be held the weekend after Northeast Regionals in the State College Area we are working on finalizing locations. This year the kids division will have its own event.

14U Duals

This year we will be hosting again in Oaks, PA. This is the final year of our commitment but we plan to bid on this again as well as women's nationals.

New Business

National Dual Teams and Fargo Planning – Joe Stabilito Sr. and Brian Martz.

We plan to form a committee to do this planning and find the perfect solution. We will be kickoff meeting in January.

How to increase numbers by guiding athletes to competitions – Sean Lees

Sean Lees said to increase the numbers by keeping the better wrestlers out of the local competitions 4 peak levels train freestyle and Greco all year round. At states, the best guys aren't coming which frees up space to help the team grow for Fargo

New Leagues add to PA/USA membership

We are currently working with the River League to make them members of USA Wrestling and we are looking into starting a discussion with the Valley League. If anyone knows of any other youth leagues in the state that we should approach let us know.

USA Bracketing

Diane advised that there would be tournament changes for qualifiers since using a new system. Meeting with TSOs

Beach Wrestling Event

Chris Atkinson is working with Ed Duncan to bring a beach event to Pennsylvania.

Open Discussion – All

Peter Wirs stated that the Master's Division is not organized, not sanctioned, and because of this at the event he attended that week someone died in the stands because no medic on site. Joe Stabilito Sr. said he would address this with USA wrestling and that we dropped the Masters Division and went with an Open Division for our qualifiers.

Peter also asked if we were Article 10 compliant to address a Muslim wrestler's attire. Joe Sr. said he would discuss it with him.

Closing Comments

Joe Stabilito Sr. thanked everyone for giving their time to attend the meeting and noted that we are growing because you are a part of PAUSAW. Joe also mentioned that he is always open to any discussion and willing to help everyone across the state so please reach out.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Stabilito Jr seconded by Audra Elfvin and passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 2:20 PM