

MANITOBA ARMWRESTLING ASSOCIATION

Executive Board Meeting

June 15, 2024 10:30AM

Tim Hortons, Portage Avenue

Attendance:

Vivian Santos, President

Terry DeBaets

Vince Squires

Ryan Heron

Ward Drake

Adam Thompson

Regrets:

Mike Pagtakhan, Vice President

Vivian calls the meeting to order at 10:30am. Introduces Agenda items to be discussed.

AGENDA

1. **Manitoba Armwrestling Association Constitution, Revised 2024.** Vivian presents a draft Constitution and advises that the last available written draft was 2009. Since then there has not been a revised written version even though there have been many executive meetings in between that changed the constitution. For example, the number of voting directors was 5 and it was increased to 7, but it never changed. Vivian advised that she went through the CAWF Constitution and tried her best to capture the essence of the CAWF and incorporate language and rules that was pertinent to Manitoba armwrestlers. We don't necessarily need to follow everything CAWF, Manitoba can still create its own rules/policies that are Manitoba made.

Vivian stated that she was committed to having a revised Constitution put forward in a special meeting 6 months after the May Annual General Meeting, which is by November 2024. She already proposed and discussed with Stan Scott and Darrell if we could tie in the special meeting hours before the Sword Tournament (tentative date September 21, 2024) and they were supportive. A social media post and email would need to be sent two weeks before the special meeting date and attach a pdf draft form of Constitution and By-laws for the armwrestlers review. Also, that will be the time to vote in a Treasurer and Referee-in-Chief. No other agenda items will be allowed, such as new businesses.

Board went over all the changes and accepted most, except the following:

- Section 4 and 5 with respect to membership and suspension of an armwrestlers. We need to merge the two sections in dealing with suspending an armwrestler and working with the Ethics Advisory Committee. CAWF has a Code of Ethics and that will assist with future issues.

- Section 4 with respect to duties of executive director and appointing a Treasurer. There were still different opinions on the idea of whether the Treasurer should be a voting or non-voting member. However, the language is fine as it stands and this position will be an advisory position and should be voted on at the special meeting. When the AGM occurs, then it can be debated then with the membership. Vince has agreed to remain Treasurer until a new one is appointed at the upcoming special meeting with the assistance of Vivian who is currently the secretary-treasurer of CAWF.
- Section 7 with respect to duties of officer and appointing a Referee-in-Chief. Again there were still different opinions on the idea of whether this position should be a voting or non-voting member. However, the language is fine as it stands and this position will be an advisory position and should be voted on at the special meeting. When the AGM occurs, then it can be debated then with the membership.
- Section 1 with respect to the annual general meeting, the Board had decided that the AGM shall be held “BEFORE” the provincial championships.
- Section 6 with respect to the annual general meeting, it was discussed about what age was the minimum requirement to vote at AGMs. There was a healthy debate about allowing the following minimum age: 12, 14, 16 and 18 years old. A vote by show of hands happened:
 - 12 - 0 voted
 - 14 - 1 voted
 - 16 - 5 voted
 - 18 - 0 voted

16 years old will be the minimum age allowed to vote at AGMs.

2. **MAWA By-Laws Revised: April, 2024.** Vivian presented the MAWA By-Laws that was amended by the previous board. The board went over each section and supported most, except for the following:
- BY-LAW 1 with respect to the sanction fee. It was agreed upon that increasing the cost will assist with the insurance coverage, but to also start collecting extra funds as the cost of hosting provincials has gone up significantly. It was agreed that the increase would be \$150.00, effective January 1, 2025. This would allow promoters time to prepare for 2025 tournaments and budgets accordingly.
 - BY-LAW 3 with respect to the “bye” fee, the language was to reflect that the cost would be “one arm fee at provincials” this way if the fees went up at provincials year after year, then the by-laws would not need to be amended every year. There were discussions that if people volunteered at provincials (ex. Draw sheets, refereeing, registration table, and emceeing) the bye fee could be waived. Anything outside of these stated volunteer positions would be at the board's discretion.
 - BY-LAW with respect to video protests. It was clarified that these would only occur at the Provincials. Language was amended about who can review the protest videos as follows “The protests may be reviewed by the Head Referee

and another referee involved with the protest match, and/or, if available, another referee with minimum CAWF Level 1 referee.”

Meeting ended at 12:15PM.

Next meeting date: to be determined.