



Manitoba Arm Wrestling Association Meeting Minutes

Location: Smitty's on Kenaston

Date: April 14, 2024

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:15 PM

Attendees:

- Jose Morneau
- Vivian Santos
- Vincent Squires
- Terry DeBaets
- Matt Shulz
- Mike Pagtakhan

Absent:

- Brittany Sutherland

Agenda:

Review Updated Budget for the 2024 Manitoba Provincial Championships:

Vince presented the revised budget for the provincial championships. Discussion focused on potential savings of \$1000 on medals and an anticipated profit of \$1000 from t-shirt sales. The current bank account balance and outstanding bills were addressed. While we are currently under budget, it was noted that additional funds are required, which will be covered by tournament entry fees and t-shirt sales.

Manitoba Provincial Championships:

- Discussion around the logistics of the Referees Clinic with Dave Knox as lead. 12 people have registered.

- It was confirmed that a 3lbs clothing allowance will be permitted, as this detail was omitted from the poster.
- Additionally, it was agreed upon to allocate a separate room for Vivian and Mike to manage the paper draw sheets.

Voting at Annual General Meeting:

Confirmation was made that 2024 is a voting year for new executive board members, who will serve a 2-year term. Discussion ensued regarding the eligibility criteria for voting at the AGM. The Constitution was reviewed, which currently states that "membership fee paid entitles holder to voting privilege at Annual Meeting." There was deliberation on whether payment at sanctioned MAWA events could constitute "membership fee paid." It was agreed that further clarity is needed to define the voting requirements at the AGM. Discussion also covered allowing youth arm wrestlers to vote at the AGM, with consideration of the age cut-off at either 12 or 16 years old. The following motion was moved by Mike Pagtakhan and seconded by Vivian Santos:

Whereas there is a consistently growing number of youth participating in MAWA tournaments in recent years;

And whereas youth (aged 12 - 17) have expressed a desire to participate in the process to select members of the MAWA board;

Therefore be it resolved that youth aged 12-17 who have participated and competed in sanctioned MAWA tournaments in the last 12 months be permitted to vote in MAWA board elections, alongside:

Current members of the MAWA board and past executives of MAWA;

MAWA referees (spotter, Level 1, 2, 3, Master);

Danny Attenburg recipients;

Individuals who have helped organize MAWA sanctioned tournaments within the last 12 months (e.g., draw sheets, registration, emcee);

People living in Manitoba who have arm wrestled in sanctioned MAWA tournaments within the last 12 months.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Wording for Upcoming Protest Rule:

The proposed wording for the protest rule was discussed and agreed upon:

"In the event of a dispute regarding a referee's call, competitors are entitled to request an explanation from the referees. Should one arm wrestler wish to formally protest, they must remain at the table and

notify the referees of their intent to protest, accompanied by a \$40 fee. This fee serves as a commitment to the protest process. If the protester's argument prevails, the \$40 is refunded; otherwise, it is allocated as a contribution to the MAWA. Exiting the table forfeits the right to protest, and the referee's decision stands. Therefore, it is advisable to remain present and arrange for payment if necessary. The protest may be reviewed by the tournament director, other referees with a minimum Level One certification, and relevant MAWA officials."

Examples of protestable situations were provided, including:

- The head referee forgetting to say "READY" before the "GO," resulting in a flash pin.
- An elbow foul that was not called and is visible on recorded video.
- A movement in the referee's grip just before the "GO" that went uncalled.
- An intentional push foul evident on recorded video.

Status of Referees in Manitoba:

The significance of spotters, Level 1, 2, 3, and Master referees was discussed, emphasizing the need for a head referee for the province.

Next Meeting:

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 12:00 PM, hosted at the Assiniboine Gordon Inn located at 1975 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM

Prepared by: Vincent Squires Secretary & Treasurer

Approved by: Josee Morneau & Vivian Santos