



2019 Canadian Arm Wrestling Association AGM

July 12, 2019

In Attendance:

Rick Pinkney, NS - CAWF Pres
Tracey Arnold, SK - CAWF Sec/Tres.
Joey Costello, ON – CAWF VP, Team Captain
Ashley Costello, ON – Team Captain
Patrick Callan, BC – BC Rep, CAWF Assistant Ref in Chief
Anthony Dall 'Antonia, BC– CAWF Communications Director
Keith Koenig, BC – President
Shawn Ross, NS – Vice Pres
Dave Campbell, ON – CAWF Ref in Chief
Jeff Frank, AB - President
Solomon Latimer, SK - Rep
Darrell Steffensen, MB – President
Marc- Andre Campeau, QC – President
Charlie McGeoghegan, PEI – President
Brittany Sutherland, MB – First Nations Rep.
Steve Lanteigne, NB – Vice President
Tony Brooks, ON - President

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

Reviewed 2018 AGM minutes

Under Old Business – 3. Remove Team Canada from motion and add this to the CAWF Rules for completing at Nationals.

Charlie M. is requesting a 1 kg clothing allowance for youth

Motion: Youth are allowed 1 Kg clothing allowance and must wear T-shirt, pants/shorts to weigh in.

2nd the motion: Joey Costello

Vote: Unanimous – Passed Add to rules as well

Joey Costello adopted the 2018 agenda minutes with these changes

Dave Campbell seconds this

Rick and Tracey discussed finances.

Motion to accept: Steve L.

Dave C. Seconds motion

Elections:

None this year

Provincial Reports:

Manitoba – Darrell Steffensen – Gearing up for the 2020 Nationals. Had 57 youth at Provincials, and are expecting a huge turnout for Nationals.

Alberta – Jeff Frank – Best ever Provincials this year. New members and a new president. Clubs are promoting and growing the sport. New Club in Camrose, and new jerseys this year.

Ontario – Tony Brooks – Great year. Numbers are up and they are getting new shirts

Saskatchewan – Tracey Arnold, Solomon Latimer - Good year. Focusing on recruiting youth and women. We have consistent tournaments at consistent events now. We have new clubs in Lloydminster and McLean. Largest team at nationals to date.

Nova Scotia – Shawn Ross – Good year. The youth are doing well. The Youth are the backbone of the organization. Hosted the Atlantics. The numbers at provincials were down, but still have a strong team for nationals.

New Brunswick – Steve Lanteigne – Getting more new people out to tournaments. They now have between 12-15 people consistently.

Quebec – Marc-Andre Campeau – Interested in hosting another national event. There numbers are increasing provincially all the time.

British Columbia – Keith Koenig –Everything is going really well because of the Vancouver area. Provincials are growing every year.

PEI – Charlie – The numbers are good and improving.

2020 Nationals – Darrell S. discuss 2020 Nationals in Winnipeg

- There will be a link for info for Nationals
- July 4th and 5th
- Possibly running 4 tables on day 1
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Old Business:

1.) Process to suspend a competitor from competition – Dave Campbell

Motion to create a process and written rules regarding suspension at Nationals, including the following:

- Write the suspension guidelines into the rules.
- Include the Head Referee in the decision.
- Identify the Head Referee at local tournaments.
- Refine the policy to make sure it is fair

- Always having a 3rd Ref and Team Captain/Provincial Rep. present when discussing the decision

Rick has started creating document, and will share once complete

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3.) 2021 – Discussion of BC to host Nationals. Are they interested? Possibly not. Will need to find a host

Team Canada Report: Ashley Costello and Joey Costello

Turkey 2018

Each year we strive to streamline the team registration process, making it easier for everyone to register, order uniforms and communicate with each other. Once the team began to take shape, we started a Team Canada Facebook group to share new information as it became available. The team Canada fundraisers were a huge success and brought awareness to both the world championships. With Team Canada fundraising money, we provided gift cards to Source for Sports for athletes to order their gear, we had custom cards made with the CAWF logos on them and mailed them out to the team. All uniforms were shipped to the competitors directly.

We had a great team this year with 25 competitors and 4 referees! One of our objectives is to get repeat athletes back to the world championships each year so that they can grow as world competitor. We had 11 competitors that have been to a world championship before. This year Team Canada brought home 1 gold, 3 silver and 2 bronze medals. We were very proud to see the flag on the podium and hear the national anthem played! Each year we see the athletes grow and they have the courage to train hard and come back better prepared. We hope that we will continue to improve as a country and see our flag on the podium again this year in Romania.

After the event, we had custom calendars created using photos taken in Turkey and mailed before Christmas so the athletes will have a reminder of the event all year long on their wall.

For this year, we made an online registration and offered it to past competitors to pre-register. We have several athletes that are registered pending their attendance and performance at nationals.

Thanks,

Ashely and Joey Costello

First Nations Representative of CAWF: Brittany Sutherland

- Comes from Peguis First Nation where there is ~10,000 people
- They have 60 members in their club
- Trying to schedule events in communities to bring awareness to arm wrestling
- Currently working with their community, but will be reaching out more
- Chartered a bus to travel to Nationals
- Lots of interest and support
- From Trevor Sanipass – N.A. Indigenous Games July 12-18, 2020
- Looking for help in Halifax
- Arm wrestling will be a demo sport, with hopes of it becoming a main sport in 2024
- Its for youth 14-19 years old
- Contact Trevor or Brittany if anyone interested
- N.S. team committed to helping and supporting the event

Discussion: Pat Callan created a points system. Based on participation, promotion and circuit tournaments. Anthony to send website details to Tracey

CAWF Referee Report: Dave Campbell

- Referee reports are required to be filled out and sent in. This needs to be done
- Reports are found online on the CAWF website. They will be creating a fillable online report. Will notify once completed.
- There were a few broken arms of this past year. Please do not post videos online.
- Injury reports need to be completed and mailed to Dave
- The Referee clinic is full this year
- Need more referee clinics
- Work on policies and procedures
- Try to recruit and have more involvement from younger referees

New Business:

1. Fred Roy Award -Rick Pinkney

-Award in Fred's name 1989-2014, "Making a Difference"

Motion: Starting 2020, a Fred Roy Award will be decided on by nomination and voting by the CAWF executive for someone who is making a difference in the sport of arm wrestling. Each province will put forward names to the executive, by the next AGM.

2nd the motion: Charlie M.

Vote: Unanimous, Passed

2. WAF/IFA Discussion – Allowed 1 hr. for discussion – Ryan Espey addressed the Board with his concerns and brought facts forward.
- It was noted that Rick decided to join IFA as a referee (individual), not as President of Canada. Rick did not notify anyone on the CAWF Board that this was his, until after it happened.
 - WAF did send letter recognizing that Rick joined IFA, requesting Rick be suspended from the CAWF.
 - Agreed to the vote and Joey will take results back to WAF. We will wait to hear back from WAF

Motion Joey makes a motion that the CAWF, executive and directors, move to suspend Rick for 1 year starting July 14th, 2019 at midnight. He will continue as staff and contribute to the speeches at Nationals.
2nd the motion: Steve L.

Vote: Majority opposed, Vote did not pass

Joey to notify WAF of Canada's decision to not suspend Rick.

Closing remarks: Thank you everyone for coming out and helping to create another successful year.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:59 pm

Shawn R motion to adjourn meeting

Dave C seconds the motion