



2015 Canadian Arm Wrestling Association Agenda

May 15, 2015

In Attendance:

Tracey Arnold, SK - CAWF Sec/Tres.
Ryan Espey, MB - CAWF VP
Rick Pinkney, NS - CAWF Pres
Keith Koenig, BC- President
Pat Callan, BC – CAWF Referee in Chief
Anthony Dall 'Antonia, BC– CAWF Communications Director
Joey Costello, ON – CAWF Team Captain
Darrell Steffenson MB – MB Com's Director
Chantal Leduc, ON – Member
Dave Campbell, ON – Head Referee
Shawn Ross, NS – VP NS
Kayne Hemsing, SK – VP SK
Perry Bruhm, AB – Member
Gord Squire, AB - Member

Meeting called to order at 6:10 pm

Ryan Espey adopted the 2015 agenda minutes
Keith Koenig seconds this

Rick and Tracey went over the financial report.
Motion to accept: Ryan Espey
Keith Koenig accepted

Discussion around Gary McDonald's son's team jacket. Still need to resolve this issue
Where is the John Miazdyk Award? We need to find it. People were already looking, but have had no luck so far.

Provincial Reports:

Keith Koenig (BC), Darrell Steffenson (MB), Gord Squire (AB), Dave Campbell (ON), Shawn Ross (NS),
Kayne Hemsing (SK)

Rick is requesting a report on broken arms. CAWF would like to keep track of matches with major injuries such as broken arms or major muscle tears. Please keep track provincially and report at 2016 AGM

Team Captain – Joey Costello’s report from 2014 Worlds:

- Competitors booked their own flights.
- Everyone received a team shirt and a backpack
- Team spirit was low
- Everyone needs to be serious about the Team Meeting(s) at Worlds
- No team meeting then no money at the end
- The sponsor saw the event from the live feed
- There were 9 protests
- 8 competitors
- Looking at running it the same way, but may need to have help from a co-captain(s)
- Worlds for the next few years: Malaysia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Czech Republic
- 6 days for World Competition

1.) Discussion regarding a Director for Women position:

Ryan Espey: Motion that the CAWF establish a position as a voting member of the executive for Director of Diversity.

Joey Costello Seconds the motion

Ryan Espey nominates Chantal Leduc

Dave Campbell seconds the motion

VOTE: Unanimous

2.) Coaching Program:

CAWF needs a coaching manual developed. This will take some time to gather the information and develop.

Rick Pinkney asked Perry Bruhm to lead this

Tracey Arnold: Motion that the CAWF a position as a voting member of the executive for Director of Coaching.

Ryan Espey seconds the motion

VOTE: Unanimous

Shawn Ross nominated Perry Bruhm

Chantal Leduc seconds

3.) One Primary National Sponsor

Joey Costello: Motion that the CAWF has one primary sponsor for the team shirt only at World competitions.

Kayne Hemsing seconds the motion

VOTE: Unanimous

4.) Discussion regarding Sanction Fees for the Provinces – Tracey Arnold

Gord Squire: Motion that the CAWF establish a flat fee of a minimum \$300 per year which each province will pay at Nationals for any competitor to compete from any province or territory.

Ryan Espey seconds the motion

CAWF Executive committing to discuss and confirm fees per province in the next few months

Nationals Proposals for 2017:

Halifax or Calgary: both presented their proposals. Halifax in person, and Calgary by email

Unanimous vote for Halifax to host the 2017 Nationals

Ryan Espey Discussion to not limit or restrict the number of competitors from provinces

CAWF needs to determine who should be able to compete:

- Anyone who participates in Provincials should be allowed to compete at Nationals
- Need structure and qualifications to progress
- Open participation at Nationals

Ryan Espey: Motion that CAWF allows participation at Nationals based on Provincial participation. Byes will be applied through the CAWF by email 2 months prior to Nationals for a fee of \$200.

Joey Costello seconds the motion

Amended Motion: CAWF allows participation at Nationals based on Provincial participation. If not, byes will be applied through the CAWF by email 4 days prior to National competition for a fee of \$200.

Patrick Callan seconds the amended motion

VOTE: No abstains, Unanimous

Joey Costello:

World Competition in Malaysia is October 7, 2015

Joey brought up the concern of Ontario's Provincials (October 17, 2015) after the World competition.

Discussion regarding concern. CAWF may require further discussion

Chantal Leduc prepared and delivered a presentation regarding the misconduct that occurs in arm wrestling. We are striving as an organization to provide a safe place for families, women, youth, and minorities to compete. A policy and committee are required to drive and support this change.

It is recommended we have a Conduct policy instead of harassment policy.

Earl has volunteered to be part of the committee. He provided his input on a video as he could not make it to Nationals this year.

Chantal has recommended that we have representatives from every Province eventually

CAWF needs to build a process and have an infrastructure

The committee would help decide from the information gathered if the individual(s) are guilty of misconduct.

The CAWF would decide the consequence to the action(s)

Members Committed so far:

Director of Diversity: Chantal Leduc

Earl Wilson, ON

Joey Costello, ON

Ryan Espey, MB

Perry Bruhm, AB

Tracey Arnold, SK

Kayne Hemsing, SK

Rick Pinkney: WAF Update

Joey will have something out for World's in the next week.

Joey and Dave will split Team Captain for Team Canada

Meeting Adjourned: 9:29 pm