MTWOA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes – Grand Championships Wrap-Up

Date: January 19, 2026

Time: 5:51 PM CST

Location: Virtual (Google Meet)

Presiding Officer: President David Davenport

Recording Secretary: Eric Ward

Note-Taking Support: Automated AI (Gemini)

I. Call to Order

President David Davenport called a focused board meeting to order to conduct a formal lessons-learned review of the Grand Championships, addressing financial performance, operational challenges, and improvement opportunities for future events.

II. Roll Call (Attendance)

Present:
- David Davenport (President)
- Ben Smitherman (Vice President)
- Eric Ward (Secretary)
- Wes McGaffin (Treasurer)
- Stephen Petricca
- Barry Clark
- Mike Arnold (Assigner)

A quorum was declared.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

This meeting was convened as a special, focused session. No formal approval of prior minutes was conducted.

IV. Reports & Discussion

A. Financial Overview (Wes McGaffin)
- Preliminary gross revenue estimated at approximately $34,750, excluding shirts and awards.
- After expenses, projected net income expected to exceed $24,000.
- Discussed increasing team entry fee from $150 to $175 to offset rising costs.

- Eric Ward calculated a hypothetical $4,000–$5,000 increase in net revenue under the revised fee model.

B. Positive Outcomes
- High-quality wrestling across divisions.
- Strong official participation with effective mentoring of newer officials.
- Minimal no-call/no-show issues among referees.
- Successful operation of multiple concurrent tournaments.

C. Identified Issues & Lessons Learned
- Officials leaving early without leadership notification.
- Inadequate tracking of athletes and coaches entering the facility.
- Misuse of coach credentials and hospitality room depletion.
- Confusing weigh-in flow and congestion.
- Liability and fire-marshal concerns due to overcrowding.
- Table worker login and device configuration delays.
- The awards presentation lacked a defined process.
- Tablet tracking (Chromebook) and parent-control shutdown issues.
- Parking constraints and limited payment options.

D. Proposed Improvement Areas
- Controlled credentialing and entry tracking. (coach's name list and limited armbands)
- Hospitality room access controls.
- Auditorium-based weigh-in flow.
- Defined awards workflow.
- Pre-event technology checklist.
- Tablet assignment tracking.
- Event staggering or shifts.
- Liability insurance evaluation.
- Venue capacity review.

V. Action Items / Next Steps

- Wes McGaffin: Finalize financial reconciliation and evaluate team fee adjustment.
- David Davenport: Review liability, capacity, and tracking requirements.
- Barry Clark: Develop a weigh-in flow proposal and golf tournament venue options.
- Ben Smitherman & David Davenport: Draft plans for hospitality, awards, traffic flow, and delegation.
- Board Members: Prepare solutions for discussion at the next full board meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting concluded after the completion of the lessons-learned discussion. No formal motions were made.