MINUTES (Approved)
TEXAS USA WRESTLING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting Date: September 9, 2026
Meeting Time: 9:00 PM CDT
Location: Google Meet (virtual)

Roll Call - Clark Forward, Secretary

QUORUM = 8	
NAME & TITLE	**PRESENT**
1. Martin Floreani, Chairman	Y
2. Brittany Vo, Vice-Chairman	Y
3. Clark Forward, Secretary	Y
4. Matt Gordon, Treasurer	Y
5. Richard Leal, FS/GR Director	Y
6. Anne Yarbrough, Women's Director	Y
7. Mike Tantillo, Youth Director	N
8. Chuck Carpenter, Officials Director	N
9. Sam Estrada, West Region Director	Y
10. Albie Cigarroa III, Far West Region Director	N
11. Nick Janowitz, Central Region Director	Y (late)
12. Jeff Frank, North Region Director	N
13. Jared Bleiler, South Region Director	Y

Quorum: 8
Present at roll call: 8
Absent at roll call: 5 (Mike Tantillo, Chuck Carpenter, Albie Cigarroa III, Nick Janowitz, Jeff Frank)

Central Region Director Nick Janowitz joined after roll call and participated in the balance of the meeting, bringing attendance to nine directors.

Call to Order

Chairman Martin Floreani called the meeting to order at approximately 9:06 PM CDT following roll call, which confirmed a quorum.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The August 26, 2026 Board meeting minutes were presented for approval.

Motion: Matthew Gordon

Second: Martin Floreani

Vote: No objection.

Outcome: Motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

Treasurer's Report — Fiscal Year Close (August 31):

The preliminary financial statements from August 31 were presented. 2026 revenue was approximately $1.1 million, compared with approximately $1.05 million in the prior year, with both revenue expenses up in several categories. The board discussed tournament support staff expenses in the North Region. Regional profit-sharing cannot be calculated until outstanding freestyle tournament reports are received. The Board discussed the continuing shortfall of event volunteers and the resulting paid-staff cost; no action was taken. The budget process will begin next month, paired with a review of the region-state profit-sharing model.

Chairman's Report — Membership Meeting and Texas Wrestling Summit:

The Chairman reviewed the highlights he intends to present at the September membership meeting, including 17 Fargo All-Americans, five finalists, and one national champion; a record 184 Texas athletes at Fargo; coaches card membership up approximately 16% and athlete membership up approximately 17% year over year; and non-event, non-membership revenue expected to exceed $100,000 for the year.

Summit preparations are complete and Troy Tirapelle is confirmed as a clinician. Each team director will provide brief highlights at the membership meeting.

Committee Reports

Rules Committee — Proposal 9:

Proposal 9, tabled at the August 26 meeting, was revised to permit on-site weigh-ins at local tournaments and circulated to the Board in advance. No other changes were requested.

Motion: Matthew Gordon moved to approve rule-change Proposal 9 as revised.

Second: Martin Floreani

Vote: No objection.

Outcome: Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Tournament Apparel Booth RFP:

Vice-Chairman Vo presented the final vendor scorecard, reflecting revised bids of $7.50 per athlete from Blue Chip and $6.00 per athlete from Rudis and comparable total value to the state once gear allowances were added in. Discussion weighed product range and brand presence against event-service reliability, including a report that Rudis limits itself to three events per weekend. The board voted by roll call, with five in favor of Rudis and four in favor of Blue Chip.

New Business

Election Voting Procedures — September Membership Meeting:

The Board revisited the voting method for the September membership meeting election. The board raised a concern regarding the auditability of the USA Wrestling voting platform and advocated a state-administered ballot; some directors opposed changing the method before the election on

September 12th. The Board voted by roll call, with five in favor of retaining the USA Wrestling membership voting system and three in favor of a state-administered ballot. Chairman Floreani, a candidate in the election, abstained.

Mixed-Use Club Charters:

USA Wrestling has declined to renew charters for clubs offering non-wrestling disciplines. Effects identified were removal from national club director, reduced charter revenue and, under TXUSAW bylaws, loss of club voting rights beginning with the next election cycle. The Treasurer has requested the list of affected Texas clubs from the national office, and proposed a test import be run to confirm whether charter status affects club affiliation in USAW Membership tournament registration exports.

Coaches Applications:

Richard Leal reported that the coaches application will be posted on October 1st.

Items Deferred:

Fundraising, including suite sales, Open State sponsorships, and a raffle, and the proposed December tournament were deferred to a future meeting.

Announcements

The Texas Wrestling Summit and membership meeting will be held September 11-12, 2026, with the membership meeting scheduled for 12:30 PM on Saturday, September 12.

October 14th, 2026 was announced as the next regular Board meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Clark Forward

Second: Martin Floreani

Outcome: Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:07 PM CDT.