

November RIWA Meeting Minutes – November 21th, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:27PM by Chairman Joao Vicente.

- **Roll Call.** Chairman took roll call. Middletown, Warwick PAL, Coventry, Burrillville, North Providence, Johnston, Lincoln, Mat Officials Director, Chairman, Vice Chairman, SafeSport Director, and National Team Director present.
- **Financial Report.**
 - Minimal change in account balances due to small membership income. No real spending.
- **501c3 Status.**
 - Joao Vicente handled the issue and corrected. We are now in good standing. Discussion about filing IRS Form 990N on time moving forward.
- **Coaching Requirements.**
 - Claro made a motion to require all RIWA coaches that coach in the corner and receive free entry at RIWA tournaments have at least a copper or bronze USA certification no later than January 1st of each season. Motion was seconded by Walter Borden and the motion carried unanimously.
- **Bylaws.**
 - Still currently on hold.
- **Johnston Tournament.**
 - Pushing back afternoon session. 12PM to 1PM weigh-ins, 1:30PM start time for wrestling.
- **Referee Training**
 - Training went well on November 15th, 2025. Final training session upcoming on November 28th, 2025 at Mayo Quanchi in Coventry.
 - Motion made by David Capone to reimburse the RIWOA \$240 for rule books and case books purchased and given to youth officials. Motion seconded by Joe Esposito, Motion carried unanimously.
 - Motion made by Walter Borden for Joe Esposito to purchase 40 flip discs for youth officials for upcoming season. Motion seconded by David Capone. Motion carried unanimously.
- **State Tournament Venue.**
 - Special committee to find a venue in lieu of PCTAC building as costs have skyrocketed. Committee formed consisting of Walter Borden, Mike McClarney, and Mike Floody to explore alternatives. Present options 10 days ahead of next meeting.

- **Team RI.**
 - Discussion of Mason-Dixon duals, RIWA financial support of Team RI for the event.
 - Fundraising discussion for all of RIWA and national team support.
 - Motion made by Walter Borden for the RIWA to allocate \$5,000 to cover the entry fee and some travel expenses for the families for the Mason-Dixon duals, men's team only this year. Motion seconded by Claro Dimen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Geoff Poirier reported flyers for national team are ready and will be distributed at tournaments.
 - Add a donation box to RIWA tournament events for donations to support the team RI.
- **PO Box for RIWA.**
 - Discussion around needing a PO Box to be professional for a location to publish on website for fundraising and not oppose home addresses.
 - Motion by Walter Borden to approve obtaining a PO Box for the RIWA at the Providence post office for \$192 per year. Motion seconded by David Capone. Motion carried unanimously.
- **RIWA Coaches Summit.**
 - Motion to reimburse Walter Borden \$125 for the sanction for the cancelled RIWA coaches summit. Motion seconded by Claro Dimen. Motion carried unanimously.
- **End of Season Banquet.**
 - Walter Borden will investigate costs for holding an end of season banquet at Wright's Farm.
- **December Coaches Meeting.**
 - Next meeting will be held at This Guy's Pizza in Johnston on December 22nd, 2025.
 - Motion for RIWA to cover cost of food and soft drinks at December meeting at This Guy's Pizza made by Walter Borden. Motion seconded by Joao Vincente. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn, seconded, and carried.