

March RIWA Meeting Minutes – April 30th, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 7:08PM by chairman Joao Vicente.

- **Roll Call.** Secretary took roll call. BTS, North Providence, Westerly, Warren, Coventry, Mat Officials Director, Treasurer, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Safesport Director, and National Team Director present.
- **Reading of minutes.** Posted on RIWA website.
- **Freestyle and Greco Season Tournaments**
 - 277 wrestlers in ocean state freestyle. Bigger venue needed for next year.
 - RIWA and Team RI hosting Freco event May 31 in Burriville at the Burriville High School.
 - Freestyle and Greco RIWA state tournament. June 12th weigh-in for Greco, Greco wrestling on June 13th, weigh-in for freestyle on June 13th with freestyle wrestling on June 14th. Tentative location Levy rink at Burriville.
- **Clinic**
 - Feedback and participation at Brown clinic event was all positive. Looking to schedule another one.
 - Venue change to the Pizzitola being considered for next year based on costs.
- **Freestyle/Greco practice opportunities.**
 - Coach Drance requested that after RI states, RIWA distributes a list of clubs and opportunities for where athletes can continue with freestyle and Greco roman participation.
- **National Teams**
 - Northeast duals went ok. Geoff's feedback is that maybe should not go back. They got matches, but the wrestling was not great for the boys, but girls competition was ok.
 - We are taking only 1 team to Florida for the 14U Nationals. The event is on June 13th. Silas Murray will be the traveling coach for this event. Wednesday, 6-8PM E cubed academy on Branch Ave in Providence.
 - Fundraising activities for 14U national team participants have been sent out. Minimum of 4 hours of volunteer time needed, full details communicated directly to the interested parties.
- **Fargo**
 - Sending 4 teams. Cadet and Junior, boys and girls.
 - Practice is Saturdays, 12:30PM to 2:00PM at Mayo Quanchi.
 - Coach Floody and Barry will be running those practices.
 - Final coaches list for Fargo still being determined.

- **Budget**

- Motion made by David Capone to access state fees on Limited Folkstyle membership fees of \$10, full athlete membership fees of \$20, high performance membership fees of \$20, and sanctioning fees of \$50. Motion was seconded by Walter Borden. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion made by David Capone to create a separate bank for Team RI to allow a separation of transactions for RIWA activities and Team RI fundraising activities and payouts. Motion seconded by Walter Borden. Motion passed unanimously.

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- **Scholarships**

- If you have athletes with multiple years of YOUTH wrestling experience that is a current senior in high school that has remained active in the sports of wrestling and has given back to the RI wrestling and are interested in the RIWA scholarships, please have them submit an essay to chairman Joao Vicente before the May meeting.

- **Funding for Fargo**

- To be eligible for RIWA funding your registration fee for Fargo, you must attend 2 of the 3 RIWA run freestyle/Greco events OR attend the Northeast Regionals.

- **Policy Updates**

- With the budgeting changes, new tournament policy will be developed. We will also establish a new conduct policy, tournament reimbursement policy, and a national team eligibility policy. We also new finalize new bylaws.

- **Adjournment.** Motion to Adjourn at 9:29PM by Chairman Joao Vicente. Motion seconded by Mike McClarney. Motion carried unanimously.