

Meeting Minutes

The January 3rd meeting was called to order by President Mike Rovtar at 8:02 PM. Mike welcomed all in attendance, and wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mike introduced the Division I Coach-of-the-Year, **Marc Enie**, from Shaker Heights HS.

Marc thanked the members for the honor and award, and made it a point to thank and acknowledge all of the "older" coaches who have come before him and laid the ground work for Northeast Ohio Wrestling. Enie specifically thanked his coaches for their influence on him, like **Ron Gray & Frank Romano** at Kent State.

Marc is a 4th year head coach, who had a team place of 10th in Ohio in 2005. He went on to extend credit and thanks to his Assistant Coaches, Tito Vasquez, Will Knight and Josh DiMacchia.

Besides all of this hard work, Marc highlighted the cooperative spirit between his program and the Shaker Heights Football Program as a key ingredient in the growth of his program.

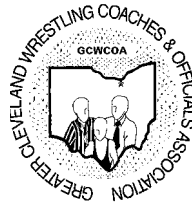
Well done, Marc. Continued best wishes for success.

Larry Hoon then addressed the body with the Treasurer's Report:
 CHECKING.....\$ 13,321.36
 DON FERRIS SCHOLAR.....\$ 30,363.00
 AL CARROLL SCHOLAR.....\$ 18,641.45

There were **135** paid members and **44** in Attendance that evening.

Secretary, **Gary Sorace** reminded thos present that the dues are \$20 in January, \$30 in February and \$50 as of March 1st, according to our fee schedule. Also, members present were reminded to sign the attendance sheet.

District Reps, **Mike Kallai** and **Dick Bliss** reported from their December meeting in Columbus that the Ohio Duals will be Sunday, January 8th at 3 different locations. Mike asked for help timing or scoring for the Wadsworth (DI) Event. Dick mentioned that Northeast Ohio will be well represented at this year's State Tourney: Our own **Brian Malloy** was selected as the DIII OHIO Coach-of-the-Year for his work at Berkshire. **Bill McGrain** has been selected for induction in the Ohio Wrestling Hall-of-Fame for his work at Olmsted Falls and Waynedale. And **Pat Semary** will be acknowledged for his many successful years of Service.



ALL STAR WEEK

Just as a *reminder*, the All Star Meet will be held on Friday, March 10th at 6:30, CSU Woodling Gym. Past-President, **John Gramuglia** is the Meet Director this year.

The All Star **Banquet** will be held Tuesday, March 14th at Holiday Inn Rockside, 6 PM. Gary Sorace and **Guy Trinetti** will chair that event.

The following coaches were nominated for All Star Team Coaching:

EAST

- Pat Murphy** – Berkshire
- Sean Jackson** – Bedford Hts
- Sean Grosz** – University School
- Guy Trinetti, Jr.** – Willoughby South
- Jay Hunt** – Collinwood
- Jamie Milkovich** – Maple Hts
- Dave Mariola** – Twinsburg

WEST

- Bill McGrain** – Olmsted Falls
- Steve Vaughn** – Normandy
- J. Mendicino** – Berea
- Greg Urbas** – St. Edward
- Pat Semary** –

At our February 7th meeting, we will select 4 East & 4 West. Please plan to attend, and help decide.

The All Star Banquet Committee will consist of Trinetti, Sorace, **Rich Davis, Dean Wikel, Mike Kallai & Mike Rovtar**. This committee will meet to share duties associated with the A/S Banquet.

Old Biz

The Youth National Tournament was again discussed. There seems to be some question as to what the role is for the GCWCOA. Mike Rovtar spoke with the Director, and she spoke of possibly generating proceeds for the GCWCOA. More info is needed to settle this question.

New Biz

Starting date for 2006-2007 Season is December 4th, and some coaches feel that there is some weekend "shortage" for the December tournaments. Dick Bliss promised to call Hank Zaborniak to discuss the issue.

Don't forget to * **VOTE** * for your officials on line, if the OHSAA State Site is ever up and running. Early reports from those trying is that the site does not work!!

Thanks to Tom Manning, GCWCOA Tech Director, we have new forms, news items and current membership lists posted at GCWCOA.org

Former Solon and JCU wrestler, Mark Hawald, Jr. has created a website at Cleveland-wrestling.com Check it out if you have a minute. It is well done. The GCWCOA is considering linking to that site, as well.

It is rumored that, in all of their *infinite wisdom* the District Board has made a ruling that each Sectional Team gets only 2 Coaches Passes for the Sectional Tourney. The Assistant Coaches bust their butt all year, and get to buy their own ticket to work at the Sectional. Needless to say, the DB never consulted anyone with **any** wrestling knowledge...to see how poor of a decision this is. If they did, they just don't care.

*** RULE CHANGE ***

Just to show that some governing bodies DO LISTEN, the NFHS has changed their stance on knee pad requirements:

“All parts of a pad must fit snug to the body. Loose pads pose an injury risk to an opponent whose hand or finger may become entangled in the pad. The rule also includes equipment that has lost its elasticity as well as new products that may leave a gap. Originally we stated that the kneepads with the manufactured hole in the front or back had to be covered and taped, however, the NFHS has decided that the knee pads do not have to be taped as long as they are tight-fitting. The key here is tight-fitting...if they are loose, they must be taped to prevent a wrestler from getting his finger or hand from injury.

This is from OHSAA, per Ray Anthony.

Next meeting, Tuesday, February 7th at 8 pm, Independence MS. PIZZA at 7:30.

Guest Speaker: Terry Atkins, 2005 Official of the Year.