

G.C.W.C.O.A., INC.
Minutes: December 2, 2008

President - John Wallace
Vice President - Dan Milkovich
Secretary - Jim Behrens, elected
Treasurer - Dave LeBrun
Senior OWCA District Rep - Mike Kallai
Junior OWCA District Rep - Todd Vennis, elected

Call to order: John Wallace

40 members in attendance

Guest Speaker: Dick Bliss, Div. II Coach of the Year

"Richard's Ramblings", Has good assistants, and good program.

Tries to do things differently to keep kids interested.

Started his youth program in 1971, is so popular the first year program is a feeder for his youth program.

Youth program is self-sustaining and makes its own money.

He believes there are good kids everywhere and that wrestling is an escape for most kids and an opportunity for all. He likes to help kids look beyond the sport and towards life.

Teaches basic positioning for moves and fundamentals

Has not lost enthusiasm for the sport.

Rules Update: Ray Anthony & Tony Dunlap

If snow day the day before event both teams get 1 pound allowance without notification.

Designated Doctor can overrule skin note.

Hair can not be over eyes or below eyebrows.

Uniform must be worn properly.

Wrestlers must report directly to mat after reporting to table

Coaches Chairs must be 5' away from circle at tournaments, 10' away at Dual meets.

Vice President Report: Guest Speaker and Lifetime Achievement Award update

Treasurer's Report: Wednesday, Nov. 26th a success at Karl's!

104 paid members

Secretary's Report: Jim Behrens, elected

District Representative's Report: Dick Bliss, Mike Kallai

- Mike Arnold and Jay Hunt '09 Hall of Fame OWCA Nominees

- OWCA Coach-of-the-Year

Nominations are our 3 Coaches of the year: Dan Milkovich, Dick Bliss, Mike Antonyzyn

-Sunday, January 11th Ohio Duals @ Wadsworth, coaches encouraged to help score and run tables.

Would like to double the number of teams next year.

Discussion to have a State Dual Tournament that starts in February

OWCA Hall of Fame Nominations are open for '09-'10

-New deadlines & guidelines - Take nominations October-March, keep running list of acceptance by nominees,

Vote on all nominees April 2nd, 2009 - - narrow down to 2

-The 2 official OWCA HOF nominees must have all paper work to the GCWCOA

District Rep by August 1, 2009 for submittal to OWCA by September 1st, 2009.

All-Star Meet:

-Friday, March 13, 2009, Garfield Hts. High School, 6:30 PM

-Back-up date, Saturday, March 14, 2009, 6:30 PM

- Coaches to be nominated at December and January Meeting, voted on at

February meeting, Team selection on Sunday, March 8 2009,

-applications now on-line.

- Dave Lebrun is working on Marines as sponsors of event.

All-Star Banquet: Mike Rovtar

Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at Independence Holiday Inn, 6 PM

- \$40.00 for all tickets
- Take Bids on Awards
- Left over '08 E/W All Star Awards distributed, see box on table
- Need Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient, Jamie Milkovich to secure
- Need Guest Speaker, Frank Romano to talk to Gene Weiss
 - Meals will only be paid for
 - 1. All All-Stars and All-star Coaches
 - 2. 4 Officials, that actually officiate on the mat.
 - 3. All State Champions
 - 4. All college All-Americans.
 - 5. Guest Speaker

Fundraising: Report from Reverse Raffle Committee, Mike Antonyzyn -Karl's Inn at the Barrister,

- Todd Vennis offered to hold JV Tournament in '09-'10 at Lakeland Community College next season and give proceeds to GCWCOA, if officials donate time.
- Marines will be at East-West All-Star match will be donating \$\$\$\$ to GCWCOA.

Scholarships: Al Carroll Scholarship, Due Date April 1, 2009

- Don Ferris Scholarship – Deadline for application April 15, 2009

President's Report:

Nominations: Outstanding Merit Award -

Assistant Coach of the Year Nominations

Tom Daly, Willoughby

Scott Hibnor Lake Catholic

Lauren Rudnik Collinwood

Div. I Coach of the Year -

Div. II Coach of the Year -

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To be voted on at April 2nd, 2009 meeting at Harry's Steakhouse.

Larry Hoon to do records for the Plain Dealer this year, Larry's e-mail:

larryhoon@yahoo.com

Monday, December 15, 2008 1:00pm minimum 10 wins and must have won 80% of matches

Monday, December 22, 2008 1:00pm minimum 10 wins and must have won 80% of matches

Monday, December 29, 2008 1:00pm minimum 10 wins and must have won 80% of matches

Monday, January 5, 2009 1:00pm minimum 15 wins and must have won 75% of matches

Monday, January 12, 2009 1:00pm minimum 15 wins and must have won 75% of matches

Monday, January 19, 2009 1:00pm minimum 15 wins and must have won 75% of matches

Monday, January 26, 2009 1:00pm minimum 15 wins and must have won 75% of matches

Monday, February 2, 2009 1:00pm minimum 20 wins and must have won 70% of matches

Monday, February 9, 2009 1:00pm minimum 20 wins and must have won 70% of matches

GCWCOA Clinic next year, Date TBD

Dave LeBrun confirmed GCWCOA Clinic next year. At Fairview HS,

Saturday, October 31st, 2009

Confirmed Northwestern University Staff, Drew Pariano, also Frank Romano Notre Dame College

Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame

Vince Matteucci – voted and selected, Ray Anthony to get bio, John Wallace forwarded bio to Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, 2008.

Will keep **Howard Ferguson** as nominee for 09-10

Adjourn: 9:20PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2008, 7:00pm Pizza, 7:30pm meeting

-Div. I Coach of the Year – Mike Antonyzyn