

## GCWCOA Meeting Minutes

January 6 , 2009

President - John Wallace,

Vice President - Dan Milkovich,

Secretary– Jim Behrens, Treasurer – Dave LeBrun  
Senior OWCA District Rep – Mike Kallai  
Junior OWCA District Rep – Todd Vennis

Meeting called to order at 7:44 by John Wallace

Members introduced themselves with 40 members in attendance

**Guest Speaker** Scott Morgan Official of the Year

Scott said that this is his 20th season as an official. He wrestled for Gene Melin at Madison and was recruited to officiating by Toby Dunlap. He feels that wrestling in general, and officiating in particular, has helped him understand more about life. He stressed that, in his opinion, it is important for coaches and officials to work together to improve the sport and to help the kids. Scott concluded by saying that he is very proud of his accomplishments.

### **Vice Presidents Report**

Dan Milkovich was absent and there was some discussion about the guest speaker for the banquet. At this time nothing more is known.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dave LeBrun said that we have \$5270 in our checking account. This will change rapidly with the upcoming banquet. We have 113 current members.

### **Secretary's Report**

Jim Behrens reminded all coaches to remember to use the online voting system (myOHSAA) to vote for officials they feel have done a good job for them.

## District Rep's report

Mike Kallai reminded all present that any proposals to be considered at the state meet meeting need to be submitted to him, or Todd Vennis, in writing.

## All Star Meet

The date of the meet is Friday, March 13 with a back up date of March 14.

Team selection is to be done on March 8.

There was some discussion about using the coaches that were selected last year since they were not able to coach due to weather.

In the end a motion was made, seconded, and passed (24-2) to select a new slate of coaches for 2009.

## Selected as coaches for 2009

### East

Guy Trinetti Jr	Willoughby South
Brian Malloy	Kenston
Greg Dobson	Glenville
Mark Enni	Shaker Heights

### West

Steve Vaughn	Normandy
Russ Germaine	Lakewood
Don Caramell	Midview
Vince Curiale	Avon Lake

Ray Anthony will get scorers and officials for the meet.

John Gramuglia and Mike Kallai will run the 50-50 raffle at the event.

All applications for the wrestlers are to be faxed to John Wallace at his school.

## All Star Banquet

Monday, March 16 is the new date for the event. This will allow members to leave for the NCAA Championships by Wednesday evening and still not be in conflict with St Patrick's Day.

Tickets will be \$40 and will be sold at the door

Trophies will be provided by Gary Sorace

## Nominations for Outstanding Merit Award

Tom Daly nominated by Guy Trinetti Jr

## Nominations for Asst Coach of the Year (to be voted on at the March 3 meeting)

Scott Hivnor	Lake Catholic
Loren Rabnick	Collinwood
Evan Brown	Solon
Chuck Fuerline	Willowick
Will Knight	Shaker Hts

Coach(es) of the Year to be nominated at March 3 meeting and voted on at the April 2 meeting.

Jim Behrens is to prepare a ballot for the vote.

## Misc.

Dick Bliss passed out the packets and answered questions about the proposed sectional seeding of teams.

He also shared a draft of the letter being sent to all Principals and Coaches in the Northeast District asking for their support of the proposal. As of this time all sectional tournaments, except two, have people ready to speak about the proposal and gather signatures at the events.

It was decided to send the packets out in the name of the District Reps, rather than the GCWCOA, so it does not appear as though we are the only group in favor of this proposal.

John Wallace reminded all coaches to get their individual wrestler's records to Larry Hoon for publication in the Plain Dealer.

Mike Kallai moved to select a coach at the October 2009 meeting to be the GCWCOA representative for the state Coach of the Year.

Discussion followed and the vote was unanimously in favor.

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