

GCWCOA Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2010

President - John Wallace

Vice President - Dan Milkovich

Secretary– Jim Behrens

Treasurer – Dave LeBrun

Senior OWCA District Rep – Todd Vennis

Junior OWCA District Rep – Tony DiGiovanni

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by John Wallace

Secretary's Report

No corrections or additions to the minutes of 12/1/09

Treasurer's Report

Dave LeBrun said that we have \$7382.00 in our checking account with 97 paid members. As of January the cost for dues rises to \$30.00

District Rep's report

Todd Vennis and Tony DiGiovanni were absent.

Mike Kallai: The State Duals looks unlikely for 2011 as of now. There has been no approval by the OHSAA at this time.

Proceeds from the state coaches association were down about \$3500.

Vice Presidents Report

Dan Milkovich had nothing to report

D1 Coach of the Year:

John Gramuglia thanked the association members for selecting him as Coach of the Year. He stated that they feel like they have a great program at Wadsworth. He has been with Mike Kallai for 19 years and they have a number of outstanding assistant coaches with the team. The key is to have fun. This includes team dinners and other team building functions. As an example, they held a team barbeque this year. They also took part in a team challenge course at Medina Vocational School, something he recommends to other coaches. They also use the time from 7-7:30 am for a study session in his classroom. This allows him to make sure all the wrestlers are keeping up with their school work. He further stated that the GCWCOA has existed since 1947. In that spirit, it is our responsibility to carry on in the promotion of wrestling and not let the work done by past generations be lost.

Presidents Report

John reported that the complaint filed with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission has been resolved. It appears to them as though we (the GCWCOA) have done everything correctly with regards to the complaint. We had no jurisdiction in the voting that took place. We will wait for confirmation, in letter form, from the Commission.

It was noted that Pat Galbincea has moved to the city desk at the Plain Dealer and is no longer covering wrestling. Tim Warsinsky will be the PD reporter from now on.

As of this time, it looks as though Pat Galbincea will be a new member of the GCWCOA and is willing to be the new secretary for the group.

Agenda Items

Unfinished Business

Dick Bliss reported no updates concerning his letters submitted last month.

Larry Hoon needs info for the Plain Dealer. Coaches are reminded to send him the info at larryhoon@yahoo.com. At this time the requirements are that a wrestler has 10 wins and a winning percentage of 80%.

All Star Meet

The event is to be held on 3/13 at Baldwin Wallace.

John Wallace will prepare a letter to be sent asking "high level" wrestlers to participate in the meet.

We will need a way to get plaques to the D1 college wrestlers because of the Nationals. It was suggested that we honor local officials that will be working the state tournament. Awards cost about \$1600 last year, per Dave LeBrun.

Tom McCafferty will be in charge of promotion of the event. He has a number of ideas on how to best approach this. It was mentioned that the new man at the PD who can help is Dave Campbell.

It was suggested that the Lifetime Award be presented to Pat Galbincea unless Jamie Milkovich has someone else in mind. Frank Romano will work with Jamie on this award.

We will present an award to Gary Sorace for his many years of service as the GCWCOA Secretary.

John reminded members that (per Tom Manning) the web site still needs three sponsors at \$50 each. This would include a banner ad and links to their web site. This amount

would cover our costs for the site. If anyone knows a business that would be interested, please have them contact Tom.

New Business

None

Items for the good of the order:

Mike Kallai reminded members that the State Duals are this Sunday at Wadsworth and they can use help in many forms.

Chris Kallai and Leo Saniuk (USA Wrestling) report that Cleveland will be the host site for the National Championships this year, the first time it has moved from Las Vegas. It will be at the Wolstein Center, from 4/22 to 4/25, 2010 and the Cleveland Sports Commision will run the event.

They hope to bring the Olympic trials to Cleveland after this is successful.

Info is available on www.usawrestlingohio.com.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help, please contact Chris Kallai.

Frank Romano told us that Notre dame is ranked #1 in the country in the NAIA and that the National Duals for the NAIA and Junior Colleges are this weekend at Northern Iowa.

Dan Milkovich reported very favorably on his team's trip to Florida over the holidays. They wrestled in a 32 man bracketed tournament and the team finished 6th overall. He recommends this tournament to any teams looking to do something different over the break.

John Wallace reported on the passing of Jack Lichtenburg (Strongsville '07) while at Kent State. He had 126 victories for the Mustangs over 4 years, but John's point was that we need to keep the lines of communication open with all the wrestlers.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully,

Jim Behrens
Secretary, GCWCOA