

**GCWCOA Meeting Minutes**

**March 2, 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 7:35 by John Wallace.

Members introduced themselves with 19 members in attendance.

Chris Kallai spoke about the upcoming events in Cleveland and Akron and the schedule for the US Open. These are qualifiers for the World's team and are very important to try and get the NCAA's and the Olympic trials in Cleveland.

Mark Lembke (Cleveland Sports Commission) spoke about the need for coaches to get their wrestlers registered early. Additionally, they are looking for volunteers for both events. A clinic will be held for training.  
Sign up on the web site, [www.usawrestling-ohio.com](http://www.usawrestling-ohio.com)

**Secretary's Report**

No corrections or additions to the minutes of 2/2/10

**Treasurer's Report**

Dave LeBrun said that we have \$7107.00 in our checking account.

**District Rep's report**

Todd Vennis reported that many coaches feel we need to find a way to get more dual meets into teams schedules in the future. This is both to try and make the sport more fan friendly and to prepare for the 2012 season when it looks like the OHSAA will sanction a true dual meet state championship. Todd and Tony presented the membership with three possible proposals on ways to do this. Additionally, they are open to other ideas. This will be presented at the state coaches association meeting in Columbus.

Another item for the agenda is approaching the OHSAA with the idea of going back to weigh outs for in-season tournaments. The general feeling is that if they can be used for the OHSAA tournaments, why can't they be used for the entire season? The reasons given, in most if not all cases, are not valid. It should be consistent through-out the year and the OHSAA should not be allowed to have "special" rules. The other option, of course, is that the OHSAA events use the weigh ins only.

The last question is whether, or not, wrestlers should have to weigh in for a minimum number of matches at their certified weight. An example might be that half their matches would require meeting their weight requirement.

**Vice Presidents Report**

Dan Milkovich was absent

**Agenda Items**

**Additional nominations for Coach of the Year**

**D2**

Dave Wrobel      Crestwood      nominated by Dick Bliss

**D3**

Dugan Bentley Beachwood nominated by Leo Saniuk

**Asst. Coach of the Year**

John Heffernan St Ed nominated by Greg Urbas  
Will Knight Shaker Hts Mark Enie

**Nomination for Treasurer of the GCWCOA**

Dave Lebrun nominated by John Duplay and second by Greg Urbas

**All Star Meet**

Per John Wallace, the contracts for the meet are signed.

Dave Lebrun will order the pizza and beverages for the meet.

John needs the names of any wrestlers that are eligible for the Al Carroll Award for the wrestler with the highest GPA. He currently has a couple of nominees with 4.0 GPA's.

Items for the good of the order

John Duplay reminded members that applications for the Al Carroll scholarship are due by April 1. He also reminded us that the award requires the recipient to wrestle in college.

The Don Ferris scholarship is also April 1.

This award is for the child of a police officer, an official, and a coach. The recipient does not have to have been involved in wrestling.

Ken Chertow is having a camp at Baldwin Wallace on July 25-29, 2010. For info, look to [www.kenchertow.com](http://www.kenchertow.com).

John Wallace reported that the GCWCOA dinner will be at Harry's Steak House on March 30, 2010.

Rich Fleming asked for set up help at BW for the All Star meet. The reason is that the school is on vacation during the week and he isn't sure that he can get wrestlers to help out. Tom McCafferty, John Wallace, and John Duplay volunteered to help.

Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully,

Jim Behrens  
Secretary GCWCOA