

GCWCOA Meeting Minutes

November 3, 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 7:30 by John Wallace

Members introduced themselves with 36 members in attendance

Secretary's Report

No corrections or additions to the minutes of 10/6/09

Treasurer's Report

Dave LeBrun said that we have \$5525.00 in our checking account with 94 paid members. Three new head coaches have joined the association

The clinic on 10/24, at Westlake drew 46 people.

District Rep's report

Mike Kallai

The State Duals looks like it will be adopted by the OHSAA in 2011. This will be a progressive team tournament in the same basic time frame as the current individual tournament. More details will come later.

Again a reminder that coaches MUST use the "Optimal Performance Calculator" this year. The mandatory weigh in sheet must also be used and it will include the weight a wrestler may wrestle at for each week. If the wrestlers weigh is below what is allowed, he (she) can not wrestle.

Next meeting of the Association will be on December 6.

The new members of the Hall of Fame were selected. The new members will be our own John Gramuglia and Ralph Cubberly from Pemberville Eastwood.

Todd Vennis

Todd talked to OHSAA Commissioners Zaborniak and Snodgrass. He was told that underclassmen are not allowed to participate in an All Star meet. A change of name (for example the "Burning River Classic") may cure this.

Vice Presidents Report

Dan Milkovich had nothing to report

D3 Coach of the Year

Don Lorence Jr, of CVCA, read a letter from himself to the CVCA team. In the letter he praised his father, Don Lorence Sr, as being the single biggest influence on his wrestling career, his outlook on wrestling, and how he learned to be the coach he is today.

Presidents Report

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.

Reminded members that all the current officers positions are up for election this year. Please give some thought to members who would be good candidates. Voting will take place in February.

Recognized Ron Alexander (Benedictine) as a guest in the audience.

Reverse Raffle is at Karl's on November 25 at 7 pm. Each member is encouraged to sell two tickets. Mike Antonyzyn has tickets with him.

Congratulations go out to Mike Kallai who was voted as the new Vice President of the OHSWCA.

Nominations were opened to select a new Junior District rep to replace Mike Kallai.

Tony DiGiovanni was nominated by Rich Fleming

second by Leo Saniuk

selected by the membership by 32-0 vote

Agenda Items

Unfinished Business

Since Vince Mattucci was not selected as a member of the Greater Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame last year, the membership unanimously voted to place him in nomination again. His bio is due by December 1, 2009.

All Star Meet

The meet will take place on 3/13 at Baldwin Wallace. Time will be 7 pm. The only possible issue would be if the BW woman's basketball team would have a tournament game on that date. If that is the case, the alternate site will be Garfield Hts. High School.

Jamie Milkovich stated that he feels the coaches need to make every effort to have all State champions wrestle in the meet. Make it what it once was.

The meet will be two teams but may have more than the 14 weight classes in order to accommodate any All Star wrestlers that want to participate. One mat will help to make it special.

As noted above, we may need a new name for the event.

Tony DiGiovanni stated that he feels the coaches should be selected asap to allow them to select and work on match ups. The idea of having the various Coaches of the Year as the All Star coaches was discussed.

Moved by DJ Vondruska and seconded by Greg Urbas to have the Coaches of the Year be the All Star coaches.

Passed by the membership 30-0.

The All Star coaches will be:

Don Lorence Jr
John Gramuglia
Sean Grosz
Loren Rabnick

John reminded all the coaches in the meeting that they are responsible to get wrestlers for the four coaches. Do not rely on the All Star coaches to do all the work.

Rich Fleming stated that, in his opinion, the coaches should have total latitude in selecting the wrestlers and the weights they wrestle at.

Leo Saniuk stated that he believes that, for the event, we should think of the competitors and the individual match ups, not the weight classes.

The Milkovich Award will remain as part of the meet.

New Business

Tony DiGiovanni stated that he feels that we need to address our declining membership. He further stated that, in his opinion, we need to decide on the group's objective for existence.

A proposal was made to draft a letter to be sent out to get more coaches to join the GCWCOA.

Jamie Milkovich stated that he does not like the new 7:30 start time for meetings.

Dick Bliss stated that he sent packages concerning the Sectional seeding proposal to all the members of the OHSAA Northeast District Board. The package included a cover letter stating that 85% of the coaches who responded to the proposal approved of it. This isn't the small number of disgruntled coaches they seem to think it is.

Rich Fleming told members that on November 7, Baldwin Wallace will be hosting a quad at noon. Admission is free.

Mike Antonymyn told the members that Phil Gregor, at Medina Buckeye, is looking for some teams for the Mike Lewis Duals on December 12. If anyone is interested contact Phil at 330-388-8124.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully,

Jim Behrens

Secretary GCWCOA