

GCWCOA Meeting Minutes

October 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 7:32 by John Wallace
Members introduced themselves with 42 members in attendance

Secretary's Report

No corrections or additions to the minutes of 9/8/09
Jim reminded members that a State rules meeting will be held at Willoughby South on 10/14.

Treasurer's Report

Dave LeBrun said that we have \$4686.54 in our checking account.
Don Ferris Scholarship money has been paid out but the Al Carroll Scholarship has not been paid.
Dave reminded everyone that the annual GCWCOA Clinic will be held at Westlake.
Drew Pariano, from Northwestern, and Frank Romano, from Notre Dame College, are the guest clinicians. The date is October 24. Cost is \$10 per wrestler.
We currently have 63 paid members
We received \$500 to the Al Carroll Scholarship, from an anonymous donor, per John Duplay.

District Rep's report

Mike Kallai

The State Duals may be adopted by the OHSAA in 2011. The exact time line is not known as of now. Troy Roth will make a presentation to the OHSAA.

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. The calculator will go on line on 10/15/09.
Future used of the web site will include real time scoring in matches and streaming video.

Dick Bliss

The idea of seeding teams at the sectional level is back. Ron Knight contacted Dick to get updated info, which Dick provided.
Larry Acker (president of the NE District Board) then contacted Dick with a very

negative reaction to the proposal stating that it is the work of a small number of coaches. Dick will follow up with Mr Acker.

Todd Vennis

Announced that Mike Kallai is in the running to become the VP of the OHSWCA and urge all coaches to attend the clinic in Columbus and vote for Mike.

Vice Presidents Report

Dan Milkovich had nothing to report

Presidents Report

Per Larry Hoon, NDCL is looking for a head coach. If interested, contact AD Frank Platzar.

Per Tom Manning, the web site 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.

Please support the GCWCOA clinic at Westlake on 10/24.

Reminder to coaches to attend the OHSWCA clinic on 10/15 and 10/16. Currently only 17 NE coaches are members of the state association.

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.

Nominations for state wide Coach of the Year need to be made. These must be made by 12/1/09.

Nominations were opened by John.

D1 John Gramuglia nominated by Mike Rovtar
second by Leo Saniuk

D2 Sean Grosz nominated by Leo Saniuk
second by Joe Chesbrough

D3 Don Lorence Jr nominated by Matt Ambrose
second by Tony Indiano

Nominations were closed

John said he neglected to mention that Loren Rabnick, of Collinwood, was selected as our assistant Coach of the Year.

John stated that the paper work for Mike Arnold's nomination for the Hall of Fame had

been misplaced last year. Since it is too late to include it for the current year (and we have the two nominations we are allowed), it will be held by Mike Kallai until next year.

Agenda Items

Unfinished Business

All Star Meet: After discussion, it was decided that the meet will take place on 3/12 or 3/13 depending on site availability.

John has been in contact with Coach Stehura at CSU but, as of now, doesn't know if the meet can be held there.

Rich Fleming and Frank Romano were asked if their schools would host the event. Frank replied that he would like to have the event but his site is too small to hold it.

Rich said he would like to host the meet but will have to check with the proper people at BW and see if it can be done. He will also find out if there is a cost and report his findings to John Wallace.

Next was discussion of the banquet and associated costs. Dave LeBrun restated that we lost about \$3000 last year by holding the banquet.

Moved by John Gramuglia to suspend holding of the banquet for one year to see if it gets the association back on better financial footing. Awards will still be given out at the meet.

Second by DJ Vondruska.

More discussion followed and a vote was taken.

Banquet to be suspended for one year by a vote of 36-0.

Discussion followed concerning the format to be used.

Two teams vs. four teams

Public vs. private

D1 vs D2 and D3

Should underclassmen be invited?

Todd Vennis pointed out that underclassmen (or seniors doing spring sports) may have eligibility issues and that we should make sure that all of this is good with the OHSAA.

Tony Digiovanni suggested the idea of using smaller numbers of wrestlers to make up the "teams". We don't have to use the active weight classes and can pair the wrestlers up to make for an exciting event. It was mentioned that the wrestlers don't even have to know who their opponent will be, the idea being to make wrestlers want to wrestle in the event.

In the end, no decision was made concerning the format to be used. This will be re-

visited at the November meeting.

New Business

Mike Rovtar recommended that we should give some sort of award to Gary Sorace for 17 years of service to the Assocation.

Todd Vennis suggested that the All Star MVP award could be named the in honor of Gary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57

Respectfully,

Jim Behrens

Secretary GCWCOA