

GCWCOA Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2009

President - John Wallace

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

Vice President - Dan Milkovich

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by John Wallace

Members introduced themselves with 28 members in attendance.

Vice President's Report

Dan Milkovich was absent.

Treasurer's Report

Dave LeBrun said that we have \$4600.85 in our checking account.

We lost approximately \$3000 on the All Star banquet.

Dave reminded everyone that the annual GCWCOA Clinic will be held at Westlake with Drew Pariano, from Northwestern, as the guest. The date is October 24.

Secretary's Report

Remember to sign the sign in sheet.

Jim said the he has received his rules package from the OHSAA so all members should have theirs shortly if they haven't received it yet. Any problems, call the OHSAA office.

District Rep's report

Mike Kallai reported that the computer weight sheet may be used per the OHSAA.

The State Duals may be adopted by the OHSAA in 2011. Not firm at this time.

Hall of Fame nominations must be submitted by 9/15/09 for consideration.

There are no changes in the Coach of the Year procedures. This should be done by the November meeting.

There was no progress with the idea of seeding teams for the sectional meets; dropped due to lack of interest. Tony Digiovanni still feels like it is a worthwhile idea and should be pursued.

President's Report

John stated that Vince Mattucci was not selected for the Cleveland Sports Hall of Fame. We will continue to push for his inclusion when nominations are opened again.

John feels that, since we now have an complete email directory, we will need to decide if (and under what conditions) we pass out the list to outsiders.

John reminded members to think about nominations for the GCWCOA officers. Elections are this year.

USA Wrestling

Chris Kallai spoke on behalf of USA Wrestling. He stated that Las Vegas is out as the site for the FILA Jrs. and Srs. National Tournament.

They are currently looking at new locations. Along with Cleveland, other sites are Kansas City, St Louis, and Columbus. The Cleveland Sports Commision wants to bring the event to Cleveland. Rob Maron, of the CSC, spoke about the desire to see the event in the City.

Hall of Fame Nominations

There was some discussion as to exactly what the rules for nomination are.

It was decided that we can nominate one new person. Also that a previous nominee is to continue on the ballot, with no additional paperwork required, for one additional year assuming they were not selected.

Jay Hunt will have his nomination carried forward as he was not selected last year.

Mike Ambrose was selected as the new nominee. The info packet, for him, is believed to be in the possession of Todd Vennis (not in attendance).

Agenda Items

OSU Coaches Clinic will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 15 and 16, 2009.

Our fund raising clinic will be held at Westlake on October 24, 2009.

Scholarship winners for last year:

Al Carroll Scholarship

Dalton McHenry, of Elyria HS, will be attending Ashland University.

Don Ferris Scholarships

Gina Morell, from Padua and, daughter of Dave Morell will be at Walsh University.

Derek Larson, from St Edwards and, son of Hans Larsen will be at UNC @ Asheville.

Jamie Wright, from Lakewood, and son of Vinni Wright.

All Star Meet

Attendance is down and costs are up. What do we do?

Should the event be moved to the fall?

Dick Bliss mentioned several road blocks to moving the event to the fall.

- 1) How to identify All Star wrestlers prior to the season? Use last year as the criteria?
- 2) Are the wrestlers in shape for a pre-season event?
- 3) Pre-season, they cannot represent a school team.

He also stated that, per the OHSAA, a team loses a scrimmage if anyone on that team participates in the event. The All Star meet would count (and would have to be scored) like a preview.

It was moved by Rich Fleming and seconded by Dick Bliss to keep the All Star meet in the spring.

Discussion followed.

The vote was 19-7 in favor of keeping the All Star Meet in the spring.

At this time Dick Bliss moved that the Executive Committee decide on two proposals for things to be done with the meet, with the central idea being to stop losing money on it. Use some of the ideas that Tony Digiovanni has suggested.

Seconded by Dave Ressler.

The vote in favor of this was unanimous.

The Executive Committee will meet to decide the best course of action.

Tentatively, the meet is scheduled for the Friday after the State meet.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully,

Jim Behrens, Secretary, GCWCOA