

NORTHWEST JR. COLLEGIATE WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

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October 14, 2012 Minutes

In attendance: SWWWC, E. Co. Cyclones, N. Co. Bobcats, Barlow, Gladstone, N. Marion, Newberg, Askeo International, Clackamas, Silverton, Canby, Scappoose, Columbia River Braves, Iron Eagle (Centennial), Forest Grove, Sherwood, Tualatin, West Hills, Oregon City, Estacada, Wilsonville, Cleveland, Cobra, Wilsonville, Milwaukie, Molalla, Cleveland, Colton, Peninsula, Milwaukiethat's 30!

- Read minutes from March 2012 meeting. Most important change that will affect this year's League operations will be a request to staple a copy of EVERY WRESTLER'S USA Card onto the back of their League weigh-in slip. (the White/yellow/blue cards).
- Theresa Lees gave an update about the new Scholarship program. Of the \$2500 we have set aside as a League each year for Scholarships, we took applications from wrestlers planning to attend Regionals in June. Names were drawn out of a hat to determine recipients. 19 wrestlers applied and all 19 were given a \$100 scholarship AT Regionals to offset the cost of their entry fees. Theresa reported that the program was very well received.
- Coach Pittman spoke briefly on the Regional and National tournament results. He said the Cadets in Fargo did well, the Juniors almost as well. The Juniors did great up until the quarters and semi's. Roy complimented Cleve Thompson for keeping the cost of the Tournament very reasonable.
- Mike Short complimented two of our League wrestlers who are now Freshman. One from Barlow, one from Clackamas. Both attained All-American status at Fargo! Congratulations. (sorry I did not catch their names.)
- Art Reynolds Championships will be held January 26, 2013 at Clackamas High School. Clackamas Coach, Mike Short, would like to have weigh-ins the night before or by Satellite. (there was no discussion, so I guess that is OK) The cost of the facility will be \$800-\$1000 dollars. Other details will be worked out in the near future. Please, remember, this is a LEAGUE tournament. We ALL participate in tables, weighins, staging, etc. We will work with the Bracket room and try to run Schoolboys and Cadets from the beginning of the tournament in the upper gym. We will also make plans to bring wrestlers and families into the gym and out of the cold weather quicker.
- A First Aid Certification for at least one coach per club is recommended. If you would like to attend a live class, call Cathy and with enough interest, she will arrange a class. Otherwise, you may do a basic course online at the American Red Cross website.
- Art reminded us that all Clubs must have at least one Coach with a VALID USA Coach Card. He would also like to see at least one Official from each club. That could be a Referee Official or a Pairings Official.
- A copy of your Club Sanction or a copy of the receipt of payment for your Sanction is needed to Art or Cathy ASAP. You should not be wrestling unless your club is Sanctioned. (Go to www.themat.com to sanction)
- If you host a tournament this year, MAKE SURE TO COMMUNICATE if you are having a regular start or staggered start time tournament, if you are running 6 man brackets, etc.
- Art will try to order about 3 dozen NFHS Rule books for the League Coaches.
- Coach Pittman spoke about Kelsey, Milwaukie's female Olympic Wrestler. He said her family did not have sufficient funds to go to the Olympics in London and that fact was known only at the last minute. He felt the League should be able to help with something like that and that Art (as our President) should have the option to donate money without a meeting of League Reps. Everyone thought that sounded good.
- Girls State Collegiate Championships will be the "first weekend of Spring Break", Oregon Spring break, I assume, at Milwaukie High School(?).
- New Clubs: We welcome Askeo International Wrestling out of Vancouver, WA to our League. Originally started by Damon McPherson, now coached by John Thomas and Chris Hamblin.

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THIS JUST IN: For those of you familiar with Sandy High School Wrestling and Triple Crown Mat Club, I would like you to know about a Benefit Wrestling Tournament to be held on Saturday, NOVEMBER 17, 2012 at the new Sandy High School Campus. This is a 4-man bracket OPEN tournament. \$15 per wrestler. The proceeds are to benefit Coach Robert Paul who has been battling Cancer for quite some time now. His fight is still uphill and his Insurance has been exhausted. I know this is the date of our first League tournament, and Silverton WILL host the tournament, but for your better wrestlers, or those of you closer to Sandy, I would suggest attending this benefit tournament. Silverton Mat Club will be donating some of the proceeds of our League Tournament to Robert.

NEXT MEETING: November 11, 6pm at Wilson High School Thanks. Cathy 503-602-1968
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