

Blaine Wrestling Takedown Club

Meeting Minutes 1/16/2011

Meeting called to order by President, Jaymi Greseth at 6:38 pm. Nine people present.

Roll Call:

Past President, Ben Moody – present

President, Jaymi Greseth – present

President –Elect, Don Studer – present

Treasurer, Missy Meyers – present

Interim Secretary, Missy Meyers – present

Youth Rep, Don Bross – not present

Middle School Rep, Bill Hintz – present

High School Rep, Jane Boster – present

Meeting minutes from December meeting were approved with motion, second and majority vote.

Officer Reports:

Past President, Ben Moody – nothing to report.

President, Jaymi Greseth –nothing to report.

President-Elect, Don Studer – nothing to report.

Treasurer, Missy Meyers

- Current balance in checking account is \$12,936.95. Approximately \$1800 of this is clothing money and \$360 in singlet money still waiting to pay out.
- We are still waiting on two more reimbursements for youth conference tournament last year of approximately \$90 total.
- Annual Federal filings are complete for fiscal year ending 8/31/2010. The way things are tracked will look a little bit different to make the annual tax filings easier in the future.

Youth Rep, Don Bross – not present

Middle School Rep, Bill Hintz – nothing to report.

High School Rep, Jane Boster

- Pancake breakfast was difficult to manage at the high school level. Most wrestlers just put in their locker and then turned back in. Need to improve this for next year or make it a youth only fundraiser – optional for high school to participate in. Information forms – still working on getting completed info forms for all high school wrestlers. This process could be better next year. Perhaps have the form on the website for parents to complete online if possible.
- CUB FOODS FUNDRAISER - The annual Cub Foods Fundraiser, held on December 24th, 2010 was a rousing success! This event involves bagging groceries for patrons of the store which often results in donations to the

club. The event is run by high school parent volunteers and wrestlers. Many people accepted the challenge to volunteer at the event on Christmas Eve and for that we are extremely grateful. This wonderful group of people raised \$1,440.80 for Blaine Wrestling Takedown Club which is a new record for the fundraiser. Special thanks to Pam Schwandt for taking the lead on being there that day to make sure everyone knew their role. The wrestlers were AWESOME! They were courteous, fun and very well behaved! Store personnel were very complimentary of our boys! Again, thank you one and all for a great job!

Communications, Interim – Ben Moody

- There are two communications protocols set up. Weekly email – Ben sends out excel spreadsheet on Wednesdays to coaches, board members and committee chairs requesting updates. Updates are due back by Saturday evening. Weekly email is sent on Sundays. This format is the factual, clear, concise format designed to just get information out to people. Question was asked how these things get to the website as well. Updates will be forwarded by email or newsletter point person (currently Ben Moody) Beth Holmquist to update the website.
- Newsletter to be sent out monthly or bi-weekly is designed to be more of a narrative format with articles, etc. The booster club is still looking at a point person for both the weekly emails and the monthly/bi-weekly newsletters. Question was raised about the high school wrestling page under activities on high school website. This link is not active to our external website. Missy to follow up and find out how to get that to be an active link.

Fundraising, Laurie Studer

- The pancake breakfast fundraiser at Green Mill Restaurant in Blaine was held this past weekend and raised \$635 for the club. A total of 117 people stopped in to enjoy a delicious meal of pancakes and sausage. Thank you to the families that volunteered on Saturday. This includes the LeTourneaus, Boettchers, Studers, Foremans and Meyers families. They helped serve food, bus tables, take tickets, etc. Your efforts are much appreciated!
- SILLY BANDS FUNDRAISER - Silly Band money needs to be turned in as soon as possible. Please return all money collected AND unsold packages of silly bands to Laurie Studer at Youth practices. Contact Laurie if you have questions by phone at 763-413-4959. It is very important we collect these unsold packages back as there are upcoming opportunities to sell them!

Events, Jaymi Greseth for Beth Holmquist

- Alumni Night was January 14th, 2011 it went very well! We had about 15 alumni there and Shannon Schultz was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Positive comments on the event from attendees as well as Activities Director, Neil Fletcher.
- Parents Night is January 27, 2011 - Parents plan on coming for light refreshments and getting a photo taken with your wrestler starting at 5:45 pm prior to JV.
- Senior/Youth Night is planned for February 10th, 2011. Watch for more information coming out on these events in the weekly emails.

Tournament, Jaymi Greseth

- There will be tournament planning meetings January 19th and January 20th in the Blaine Wrestling Classroom at 6:15 pm. People are asked to attend one of these meetings. We will be working on getting things setup for our big tournaments on 2/5 & 2/6.
- In addition, we will be hosting Varsity Team Sections on February 18th & 19th. Jaymi to follow up on specific times and needs from the booster club. It is our understanding that we do NOT get the gate proceeds and are only allowed to do concessions for this tournament. Not sure if we need to provide table workers, equipment, etc. Comment was made to see if the table workers are paid for this event. They are in other districts.

- There are also tournaments planned for April 2011 – 4/15 Greco; 4/16 Freestyle and Old Timers. Adam Leiter and Ben Moody are point persons for these tournaments. MN/ USA will be engaged by Adam & Ben regarding recognizing this as a Freestyle/Greco Qualifier Tournament. It is our understanding that we will give up \$2 per admission/registration to MN USA for their assistance with the tournament (referees, planning, setup, etc.). More information coming from Adam/Ben.

Equipment, Ted Meyers

- Singlet orders will be in on Wed. 1/20. Need to get them screen printed. Have \$4.80 each to get that done. Should have everything ready by next week to hand out.
- Clothing order submitted 1/10 to OCMC. Heard back from them on 1/14. Have a few questions to resolve including an anticipated delivery date.
- Medals/Trophy order for upcoming tournaments will be submitted Monday or Tuesday.
- Long term equipment planning document reviewed by the group. Request was made for the board to approve up to an additional \$1,000 for various high school equipment such as water bottles and medicine balls. Equipment chair, Ted Meyers will address how the equipment will be labeled and stored with the coaching staff. Motion to approve monetary request was made, seconded and passed with unanimous vote.

Freestyle Committee, Adam Leiter

Not present. Per Jaymi Greseth, Adam does have a plan laid out for Freestyle Program. Per Jane Boster, Adam is unable to attend meeting as he is ill.

New Business

- Question was asked about youth coaches pay and when could the club pay out for this expense? This item in the budget contains \$1,500 for Youth Program Director and \$2,000 to be divided amongst youth coaches at the discretion of Youth Program Director. Ben Moody to get that information to Treasure, Missy Meyers. These will be paid out the week after our tournaments 2/5 & 2/6.

Announcements

- Next booster club meeting is on Sunday, February 20th, 2011 @ 6:30 pm at the Ham Lake VFW
- Tournament Planning Meetings – January 19th/January 20th at 6:15 pm in the Wrestling classroom – plan on attending one of these meetings!
- Silly Band Money due NOW! Turn in to Laurie Studer at youth practices!

Motion to adjourn made, seconded and approved by majority vote at 8:01 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by interim secretary, Missy Meyers.