

## Blaine Wrestling Takedown Club Meeting Minutes 11/21/2010

Meeting called to order by President Jaymi Greseth, but it was acknowledged that there were not sufficient board members to achieve a quorum on voting items. Meeting minutes from October not available to review. Jaymi will follow up with Kari M. and email these to the board for approval.

### **Officer Reports**

**Past President** – Ben Moody – Not Present – Jaymi reported that Ben would like to provide a wallet card with coaches and booster club contact information to youth and high school parents. This would help with communication at tournaments, matches, etc. The board discussed the idea, how often updates would need to occur and if a cheaper alternative would be to put on the website (as much of it is there already) and inform people it's out there so they can program into their phones. Donna Duffy at Post Net offered to give quote based on whatever information is provided. The item was tabled with no additional discussion or motion entertained.

**President - Jaymi Greseth** – Jaymi stated that she is still learning and is bound to make mistakes as president of the booster club. After the October meeting, where youth program fees that were approved by the board in the amount of \$90 (including t-shirt and water bottle, but no singlet) Jaymi and Don Studer proceeded to have a discussion with Ben Moody after of the board meeting. They discussed wanting to stay reasonably priced; what equipment was included along with the fee and who gets to determine the fees. Jaymi and Don ultimately agreed to charge only \$85 for the youth registration fee. This act/change goes against the basic protocols of Roberts Rules of Order and it should not have been done outside of the board meeting once the fees were agreed/voted upon by the board. The change in the fee will need to be “readdressed” by the board at an upcoming board meeting. The board acknowledged that Ben either needs to attend the meeting or provide his written statement of recommendations regarding fee levels or other youth matters. Jaymi indicated that additional work was needed on roles/responsibilities and additional protocols.

**President Elect** – Don Studer - Not Present

**Treasurer** – Missy Meyers – Takedown Tournament netted a profit of \$1,713.08; SA Fundraiser collected donations of \$767.00. Lots of activity in November for income/expenses. Current Balance in checking account is \$10,515.79. Working on cash projections for the next few months so as to address potential equipment needs for the club at the high school and youth levels. Continuing to finalize fiscal year end reporting (9/1/2009 – 8/31/2010) which will be the basis for annual Form 990 filing for the club.

**(Interim) Secretary** – Missy Meyers – Present – nothing to report

**Youth Rep** – Don Bross – Not Present

**Middle School Rep** – Bill Hintz – Not Present

**High School Rep** – Jane Boster –SA Fundraiser went well overall. It was a success financial and the shifts were covered with volunteers. THANK YOU Parents and Wrestlers for helping out with this! Recommend for next time that one person be an event coordinator, even if not on site for all shifts. This person can coordinate with on-site adults for volunteers who don't show up, calling an early end to a shift if warranted, etc. Also, for liability reasons adults should not leave until ALL wrestlers/managers have been picked up or given a ride home.

## Committee Reports

**Communication** – Joe Hays – Current process for getting information out to families is to email Beth (website updates) and Joe (email) with information by Saturday each week. Include both of them in the email and .cc Jaymi for followup. Information should be typed up in a word document so they just have to cut/paste. Joe and Beth should not have to compose anything. If you have a flyer or document to attached, send that along too! Emails will be sent on Sundays by Joe Hays. Keep in mind you need to check the calendar and try to give a week's notice for things.

**Fundraising** – Laurie Studer – Not Present – Missy Meyers shared the following: We have some fundraising tshirts for sale – Blaine mom's, general mom's, Blaine youth and general youth. These were available for sale at the Takedown Tournament and Youth Registration. The plan is to make them available to sell at home matches also. Silly Bands have been handed out at the youth level. Bags of 6 sell for \$5. Youth families were given sets of 10 bags to sell with a due date of 12/1. Not moving this to the high school level yet, but that is an option. SA Fundraiser summarized above. Next service fundraiser is 12/24. Jane Boster as the HS rep is helping to coordinate this event. Parent and wrestler volunteers are needed to help bag groceries and collect donations. Pancake Breakfast at Green Mill is planned for January 15<sup>th</sup>. All wrestlers (Pre-K to high school) and managers (high school) will be asked to sell 5 tickets at \$5 each. Tickets and information will be handed out the week of December 13<sup>th</sup>. Money and unsold tickets is due back January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Volunteers will be needed for this event also – preferably adult or high school age. Watch for more information on this!

**Planning** – Ben Moody – not present

**Events** – Beth Holmquist – not present – Jaymi reported upcoming events are:

Dad's Day – 12/5 at high school wrestling room 2-3:30 pm with a social afterwards at Broadway Pizza 4:30 pm

Mom's Day – 12/4 at Broadway Pizza 11:00 am

Alumni Night – January 14<sup>th</sup>

Parents/Senior Night January 27<sup>th</sup>

Youth Banquet – March 6<sup>th</sup>

**Tournament** – Jaymi Greseth – Takedown Tournament drew wrestlers from Mankato, Prescott, WI, Stillwater, Iowa. It was considered a success. We will definitely do it again. Input suggesting some changes to staging were suggested for next year and duly noted. It will continue to be the first weekend in November so as not to interfere with fall sports just ending (youth football, etc). High school wrestlers are not allowed to referee for this event anyway, so having them gone deer hunting is not really a huge issue. February tournament planning to begin in December. Jaymi is in charge of this process. We need to get going on it from a sponsor/donation perspective.

**Equipment** – Ted Meyers – An inventory of all non-high school items had been completed and a handout was provided to the board. An inquiry was made about the reams of colored paper and Ted indicated that it was not in the materials he gathered from Ben Moody's house. Jaymi said she'd follow up with Ben on the whereabouts of the paper. Joe and Julie Hays had completed the inventory of the high school equipment and a discussion ensued about the quality and quantities of the warm-ups. They also inventoried the equipment for Roosevelt Middle School. Ted indicated that he was engaging all coaches (high school – youth) in a discussion about equipment needs and had created a "long-term planning" document. The purpose of the document is to track, understand and ultimately prioritize the needs of the program and to ensure we could cover the needs or fund-raise additional resources. There was a brief discussion on the layout of the document; the various sources of funding available at the high school level and a review of current needs. Ted discussed his meeting with Coach Luck to understand the needs of the high school and the number one priority is

new varsity warm-ups. The HS inventory needs to be reviewed with Coach Luck to finalize any new equipment plans. A new process is being implemented that will require all new equipment requests to come through Ted, as the chair of the equipment committee. This new process will apply to all levels of the program and the goal is to maximize the resource available and to find the best possible pricing or discounts. Additional discussion needs to be had with Don Studer about new process and the fact that it should not impact existing process related to t-shirts or other clothing orders. This new process is really about wrestling equipment (e.g. singlets, warm-ups, headgear, coach's shirts, mat tape, etc.)

**Freestyle** – Adam Leiter – not present

### **New Business**

- **Secretary Nominations** – Jaymi asked for any suggestions for a replacement secretary. Joe Hays recommended Julie Miller-Hays. There was not a quorum of officers at the meeting so this item was tabled until December meeting.
- **Clothing Apparel for Upcoming Year** – Order forms are available for the general Blaine wrestling merchandise. Due date is December 3<sup>rd</sup> to ensure delivery for Christmas. Jaymi will work with Joe/Beth/Don to get this communicated. The high school only options selected by captains are being worked on over the Thanksgiving weekend. Jaymi is going to facilitate this. It may be with another vendor.

### **Open Floor**

- **Freestyle/Greco** – It was asked for Adam to come to a meeting to present his plan for the Freestyle/Greco program going forward. The board would like to see a 1-3-5 year plan to start building this program. It currently does not draw much if any revenue and has no specific plans in writing that have been shared. Jaymi agreed to take this to Adam.
- **Statistics** – Question was raised on who is doing stats and how they will be communicated. Ted Meyers – Equipment chair indicated this was on the high school wish list. Joe Hays indicated he had been researching as well. Jaymi reported that Adam will be working with the managers and that this will be their responsibility at the high school level.
- **Managers** – Who is responsible for giving direction to the high school managers? Short answer is that the high school coaches are supposed to be giving structure around behavior expectations and duties. Jaymi reported that Adam will be working with the managers and training them on keeping stats, their duties and responsibilities, etc. Julie Miller-Hays will contact Adam to offer help.

### **Announcements**

- Future Booster Club Meetings will be on the third SUNDAY night each month. Next Meeting is 12/19 at 6:30 pm at the VFW.
- VFW Steak Fry - Support the VFW by attending the Steak Fry the second Thursday of the month.
- Silly Bands Fundraiser money is due 12/1/2010.
- Watch for Pancake Breakfast tickets to come out week of 12/13/2010 – due back 1/5/2011!

**Motion to adjourn meeting was made, seconded and affirmed at 7:50 pm.**