

Blaine Wrestling Takedown Club Meeting Minutes 9/21/09

Call to Order

President Moody called the meeting to order at 6:40. A motion to approve the August meeting minutes was made. Motion carried.

Board Members Present

Ben Moody-President
Jaymi Greseth-President-Elect
Missy Meyers-Treasurer
Kari Muyres-Secretary
Pat Butnick-Youth Representative
High School Representative-Bill Hintz

Officer Reports

President Ben did not have anything to report at this time.

President-elect Jaymi reported on our 503C status. The cost to do this is about \$1000-1500. She reported that state filings are costly. If anyone knows someone who does financials, let us know. We could benefit from someone who is a CPA or has specialized financial training. The entire process will take from 8 to 14 months. Our 503 status starts back to the date we began the paperwork so that we would be able to use our funds donated from the application date. Finally, she reported that waivers should be signed at our tournaments, looking ahead at insuring ourselves.

Treasurer Missy reported that our balance last month was \$400.28. The balance after Oct. 4 which reflects our shelter rental for the picnic is \$196.72. The Finance Committee has made progress, and they will report on that next meeting.

Secretary Kari had nothing to report.

High School representative Bill had nothing to report.

Youth representative Pat had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Communication committee:

Kim Ann asked Ben to report on issues with communication. First contact Kim Ann, then Ben if you have concerns with emails or any type of correspondence. Recruiting efforts will fall under here as well. Some concerns were raised in the timeliness of the information posted onto the website. It was suggested that Chris Gross may need assistance in updating the website.

Recruitment committee:

Recruiting and fundraising are our focus on Sept. 24th with another tabling opportunity. We need two people to work the table. October 9 and 14 are opportunities to table once again. Contact Ben if you are interested. Other events include the Family Picnic at Lion's Park in Ham Lake from 4-7pm. The remainder of the information will be deferred until next month.

Equipment Committee:

Don took an initial list of inventory of high-school equipment. Uniforms and pricing include Varb's (?) sporting goods- waiting to hear back from suppliers. The goal is to report to us during the next meeting with some specific details. There is about a four to six weeks lag time in ordering and receiving product. It was brought up whether or not we include the cost of the singlet with the sign-up fee. This year is the last year the singlet is included in the entrance fee. It was also suggested that we have wrestlers donate their singlets once the season is over. The cost of our gear in the past was: \$4 a tee-shirt, singlets cost \$22-26.

New Business

- Fundraising

Laurie reported on the upcoming Pancake breakfast and spaghetti dinner. Space Aliens has a program, no workers needed, just families come and purchase the meal. The committee is deciding on a beginning of year fundraiser, possibly candy bars, cookies, T-shirts. Jaymi suggested coffee. At the current time, the committee has looked into the 50% profit-bearing companies only. It was suggested that we include a letter to families that may be inundated with fundraising to consider a cash donation as well as a letter describing where the money goes. Youth fundraising from last year profit amounted to \$1690.60. Perhaps we can sell our fundraising products at our tournament.(?) Josh has contacted gas stations, one responded with a car wash. We need adult supervision for high school kids pumping gas. They are looking into ways to get the older wrestlers included. It was mentioned to contact Cub for bagging- look at the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Our goal is to raise as much money as we can prior to the start of the wrestling season. It was suggested that we have a pre-season fundraiser and one during season as far as a pancake breakfast for a fundraiser. It was also discussed to have raffles at the tournament.

Ryan reported on the Taco Bar fundraiser at Scoops. We need to put money into it first. The suggested charge is \$10 per raffle ticket. We discussed holding this fundraiser possibly for spring?

- Recruitment

President Ben mentioned offering pizza parties at the middle school for the Oct. 24th informational meeting. The first half of the program will involve showing a slide show.

The second half is dedicated to the returning families and describing how practices will be run. For grades 3-5, we will distribute flyers during the week of the 12th at the schools. Ben has a map of various businesses to call to use flyers. Please take a map and email Ben with your results. We are looking for people to make calls and distribute flyers. The next recruiting will be the free clinics held on November 2, 4, 9, and 11th. There will be free practices in November M-F for the first few weeks. Coach Luck will show a video at his place with a focus on high school recruiting and a focus meeting. It was suggested to offer a family discount for multiple kids wrestling. Another idea is to have youth football exposure. November 1 is a youth football game @SLP high school which is the superbowl Sunday for the youth program. Josh recommended that we make a brief commercial to air on North Metro. The Crosstown Bank will use their marquis for advertising.

- Text Chaining Idea

It was suggested that to encourage the wrestlers to arrive at practice, we might want to try mass texting them. President Ben recommended a text chain. We would make two different trees, one for youth-middle and high school. One person is responsible for starting it, and then they would pass it onto five people. We would need people to sign-up to be senders. It was suggested to “pilot” it with high school kids. Ben will discuss this in more detail with Kim Ann and present a more polished form next meeting.

Open Floor

None

Announcements

- We need more volunteers for tabling football games!
- Next Booster meeting is at 6:30 at Ham Lake VFW on Oct. 19th
- 1st annual Family Wrestling Picnic will be held on Oct 4th at Lion’s Park in Ham Lake.
- Please support the Ham Lake VFW for the steak fry the second Thursday of each month, and let them know you represent the Blaine Youth Takedown Club.
- Also, Committee Chairs please make sure you are working on your binders.

Motion to adjourn was made by Treasurer Missy at 7:45, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Muyres
Secretary