

November 2008 league minutes

In attendance: East County Cyclones, KSMC, L.O.Elite, Clackamas, Milwaukie Youth Wrestling Club, SWWWWC, Estacada, Hood River/Airtime, Molalla JuJu Warrior Mat Club, Dayton, St. Helens, T-N-T, NW Disciples, PRYDE, Centennial, Newberg, Cleveland, Silverton, USA School of Srestling, Portland Inner City Wrestling, USA Cobra, Columbia River Braves, Wilsonville, Putnam Mat Club, Art !

CALENDAR First order of business was our Calendar and it is still incomplete. November and December tournaments are pretty solid (OR City still not confirmed), but some League tournaments in January have still not been confirmed. **NOTE:** The league tournament on Saturday, December 27 is at Forest Grove. The Classic Qualifier is in Newberg. These are two separate tournaments. Initial printing of the calendar was unclear.

Art passed out the infamous \$300 checks to the clubs present and will send the rest out. This money will not be received next year. At our October meeting it was motioned and passed to replace this club stipend with a "reimbursement of up to three coach cards, including background checks, for teams that attend more than half the league meetings and participate in running the Art Reynolds Junior Collegiate Championships. Total no higher than \$60 per card". You will be reimbursed at the end of the year. Save your coach card invoices or plan on getting another copy offline at the end of the season.

USA Wrestling Club Charters need to be turned in to Art. Please send Art a COPY of your charter when you receive it in the snail mail from USA Wrestling. Art: 17305 Pumpkin Ridge Rd. North Plains, OR 97133

SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEES: Art has created a form for the nominating coach to fill out for Scholarship nominations. Please contact Art for a form or request one at the next meeting. 503-647-2889.

OLD BUSINESS: Late last year, the League voted to send \$500 to "Save Oregon Wrestling" for 10 years with the understanding that the money would be returned if the team was truly dropped from the college. No money was sent and the team has subsequently been dropped.

League Meets: REMINDER, cards on the table by 8, wrestle at 9.

Last meeting we voted to send Ginger Lile (our National Pairings Director!) \$1000 toward the purchase of a laptop computer that would be adequate in size to run a tournament or have laptops connected to it. She found one for slightly under \$1000.

Discussion on Website: We need to pay \$15 ASAP to continue to maintain our domain name. (>nwjcwa.org<). Thad Eakins works with a company called Scripted Motion and this is who initially developed our website. The company charges \$95 per year to host (simply maintain the information flow) our website. Any updates or additions to our web page would cost us. There are three options to this cost: 1) \$90 per hour to be billed, 2) purchase a contract rate of \$65 per hour or 3) bulk sum... Cathy didn't catch what that means. At end of discussion: We will pay for our domain name that Thad said we would be able to keep, and there are several people checking into webpages as possible alternatives. No updates will be made to the website this month.

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TOURNAMENTS AND USA CARDS You must sanction your tournament, through USA wrestling, online. For our League tournaments, you must specify that this is an "Invitation Only" tournament. Also, if you chose to sign your wrestlers up online, it is a quick but slightly more expensive. Print out the cards for you wrestlers and print an official roster from the website off for yourself. If you are sending your paperwork and money in to Tony Jones to save your wrestlers \$4.75, please do it as soon as possible.

ART REYNOLDS NW JR. CHAMPIONSHIPS Art has received proposals from three or four vendors and will look into their proposals a little further.

NEW CLUBS Molalla JuJu Warriors Mat club and Cleveland Mat Club have requested entrance into the league. They were both admitted on a voice vote. You are on Probationary status for 1 year. Welcome.

New Business: Ginger suggested to Art that the League should have it's own laptop but there were too many questions about what her suggestion meant and why we would need one. Art will look into it.

Art offered a great fundraising opportunity to anyone interested: His sister does fabulous Christmas wreaths. Call him if you want more information.

DISCUSSIONS 1) Do our bylaws allow us to charge for tournaments? Answer, at this time the bylaws actually specify we will not charge. 2) Costs involved in AAU wrestling vs. USA wrestling 3) Kirk Spencer Mat Club is absorbing the All Phase Mat Club. There will be two distinct clubs as a result: Kirk Spencer Mat club with kids in our League and the West Linn/All Phase mat club consisting mostly of kids better that League capabilities. KSMC is a part of the League, but the resulting West Linn/ All phase mat club of elite wrestlers would not be in the League. And I have no idea what happened to the Canby Mat club.

That is all, I believe!

Cathy Peters