

PTWC GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
February 22, 2016
Parsippany High School

Motion to Open at 6:34 pm by Cris Parente, seconded by Angela Wasilewski

Board Members in Attendance:

Angela Wasilewski
Cris Parente
Linda Gohn
Ralph Rocco
June Madia

Quorum? Yes (3 Voting Members)

Others In Attendance:

Mike Doktor
Mario Fornini
John Gregory

Board Members Not In Attendance:

Tony DeIntinis
Danny Ilic
Gabe Nazziola

Old Business

Registration Numbers 2015-2016

90 Members Total incl. 4 scholarship & 1 raffle winner

Grade	Number	East Side	West Side
Kindergarten	25	11	14
1 st Grade	12	2	10
2 nd Grade	3	1	2
3 rd Grade	17	4	13
4 th Grade	10	5	5
5 th Grade	10	0	10
6 th Grade	2	2	0
7 th Grade	4	4	0
8 th Grade	7	2	5
TOTALS	90	31	59

Discussed writing up a PR piece after the banquet to be included in the Parsippany Patch, Parsippany Focus, and the Daily Record. The hope is to raise awareness of the PTWC and have another positive recruiting season next year (2016-2017 season). We will revisit this issue at the April Board Meeting.

Annual Budget

Cris has put together a full run for the season and will review it with Linda and June. Information will be available for review on Google Docs. Need to discuss putting together the 2016-2017 budget in early spring. Our account is in the black but just barely.

Mat Purchase

Mat was delivered to the PAL the week of February 8th. It is in 7 pieces along with a heavy roller for the tracks and a container of wipes to use for lubricating the tracks. Mat was used at the last FS Dual on February 18. All fees for the purchase are paid in full. June will hold the track roller at her house during the off-season in order for it not to be lost in the PAL closet or used by another group. Plan is to have a mat dedication with our membership of wrestlers, families and local government. Loosely discussed a date but it was determined that nothing can be done until after the banquet due to time constraints and PAL availability.

Practice Information

Varsity Practices: Gabe will run joint practices with the Mendham team on Monday and Wednesdays until States on March 12-13. All will take place at Mendham High and Gabe sends out reminders. John will run Varsity practices on Fridays until States on March 12-13. June will confirm with the PAL that the practice space is available.

K-Clinic, KOM, FS Practices: Practices for the teams have concluded as there are no more competitions for those teams.

Family Work Bond

Volunteer families were notified by Cris Parente on February 15th with regard to completing work bond hours. The following families have worked 0 hours regular season and Holiday Tournament and were notified to participate at the FS Duals on February 16 & 18 as well as at the Mat Dedication/Uniform Return in March (date TBD) or forfeit their work bond check: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX. The following families did not participate in the Holiday Tournament and were notified to choose to participate at the FS Duals OR at the Mat Dedication/Uniform Return in March: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX.

Fundraising

PTWC's fiscal year runs through March 31. Any donations received prior to this date will be included for this season. Any donations received after this date will be included for next season.

- Status of donation from Gabelli: \$1,500 promised and on radar. Main contact is Ralph Rocco
- Elks Club & Kiwanis Club: June submitted financial information to both organizations in hopes of receiving a donation. Cris put together a packet of financials, membership, and mission information to be presented to the organizations which clearly outlines our costs, profits, and overall efforts financially as well as serving the community's families. Main contact for both organizations is June Madia. Nick Kumburis is a member of the Elks and June is working with him as her point-person with that organization. It is estimated that neither donation will be received in this fiscal year, based on their meeting schedules.
- Discussion of Sons of Italy-sponsored Pasta Dinner fundraiser prior to the Annual Banquet. It was decided that a date and man-power is not possible in the short time frame and estimate attendance would be too low to make the event by successful. We will revisit this at a future meeting.

New Business

Review of Kindergarten Clinic Program

K-Clinic was deemed a rousing success by Coach Albert Fornini. June attended the last few sessions with the kids and received feedback from parents and made the same personal observation. At their last practice session (February 13th) Albert presented each participant with a colorful certificate. The kids were thrilled, had a fantastic time, and learned great basics to move into KOM next season. It was the overall opinion of all at the meeting that this program be continued next season in the same capacity. It was discussed being more aggressive in moving up kids into KOM targeted by Coach Albert early in the season. We will revisit this issue at future meetings.

Future Stars Duals Possibility

Mario Fornini offered for discussion the possibility of PTWC hosting a late-season tournament for Future Stars teams. He had discussions with many other towns at the Annual Tournament (Jefferson, Montville, Roxbury, Long Valley, Lenape Valley, and Randolph) which expressed interest in participating in a true JV tournament. Discussion include a date, our costs of referees, location, and PTWC's ability to pull it together on a very quick turn-around. It was decided that our main road-block would be a location (PAL is booked by other organizations on given dates in late February/early March) and the costs we would incur for refs. We will revisit the possibility of including something like this on our calendar next season and will revisit the topic at a future meeting.

Next Season Leagues (November 2016 – March 2017)

Mario will be attending a meeting Monday, March 7th with the Northwest NJ League to discuss the possibility of PTWC re-joining the league. Discussion included: high-level league with K-6 participants, league has already noted they want each town to submit both JV and Varsity teams, event are held on Sundays and are primarily tri's and quad's, PTWC was successful a member in this league for a few years with high placers in the past (S. D'Uva, T. Grieco, J. Parente & C. Weissburg as 6th graders, N. Camiscioli, D. Deltinis, W. Parente as 5th & 6th graders, Z. Taylor as 4th grader, C. Wasilewski as 2nd grader, etc.) PTWC's main reason for pulling out for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 seasons was overall registration numbers. All in attendance were in agreement that Mario attend the meeting and report back with information at the next Board meeting (costs, commitments, opposing teams, hosting, etc.)

Discussion on participating in the following leagues was tabled to a later meeting: KOM, Future Stars, Northern NJ Gold & Silver, and Grade School leagues.

End of Year Banquet

Angela, Linda, and June previously made the decision to return to the Knoll Country Club again this year. Decision was based on fair pricing, ease of location, and continuing a positive relationship with the facility. Linda will contact immediately and confirm Tuesday, March 22nd as the banquet date and work out the pricing contract. The goal is to maintain as close to possible the previous year's contract. Pricing last year: \$35 adults, \$22 kids. PTWC off-set wrestlers' costs by \$10 making their fee just \$12. Due to budget constraints, PTWC will be unable to make this offer this year. Linda was given the go-ahead by June to work the contract within similar pricing as last year.

T-Shirts: after discussion of off-setting the wrestlers' costs vs giving them a t-shirt, it was decided that costs will not be off-set and t-shirts will be purchased by PTWC and given to all wrestlers who attend the banquet. In years' past, tshirts were ordered for all registered. This is not feasible this year due to budget constraints (costs were approximately \$400) and also because the number of t-shirts never given to wrestlers is so wasteful. The registration form will include a request for t-shirt size for each wrestler and that is the number PTWC will purchase. June previously agreed to work with Class Act to order these shirts. Cris will create a flyer and distribute immediately after Linda gets the numbers.

Trophies and awards were discussed. Discussion of Future Stars coaches being able to present a certificate award to team members at their discretion but there will be no trophy or even medal purchased. It should be a certificate. With regard to awards for the Varsity members, it was decided that the main Varsity coaches would participate in a blind survey for each of the awards (Warrior Award, Most Improved, Coach's Award, MVP, and Outstanding Wrestler) and can include justification comments. Coaches will be John – Grade School; Gabe – Gold Team; Tony – often helped in the corner with GS and Gold matches; Jeff & Jose – both worked in the practice room with the boys. Discussion included the need to limit a coaching father's choice to not include his own son for the sake of fairness across the board. It was also discussed that awards are not strictly for 8th graders but those boys (7 this year) should be given highest consideration. Discussion took place regarding criteria for awards and it was agreed that bout records are important but not as crucial as the commitment and respect wrestlers give to PTWC, their attitudes, and their respect among teammates and coaches. Wrestlers qualifying for States will receive a large trophy similar to those of the past but likely a bit smaller due to budget constraints and number being awarded (currently 7 with the possibility of up to 13 wrestlers qualifying before the tournament.) Final decision on that trophy (running \$75 last year and quoted at \$85 per item this year by Crown Trophy) will be made after qualifiers have concluded on March 6th and we have firm numbers. Last year's trophy cost (\$1009) is not acceptable for this year and need to be significantly scaled back.

**** Addendum to This Point on February 24, 2016 ****

Jose will not be part of the Varsity awards voting process. Please review Angela's decision:

“As for the coaches voting on who gets the “big” awards, I think it should be John, Gabe, Jeff and Tony. Blind vote as discussed. I absolutely LOVE Jose and think he has SO much to offer this club. However, after talking to parents and a few wrestlers, my understanding is that he was not around as much as I was led to believe. I do know that with his work schedule it was difficult for him to be around all the time which was the exact reason he told us he couldn't be a head coach of a team. I just don't think he was around enough or involved in matches enough to have enough information to vote. Jeff and Tony, as little as they were involved this year compared to past, know these kids for years and have dedicated a lot of time with this program and I think they are entitled to a vote. They are coaches and have been coaches of these kids for years.”

Motion to Adjourn Meeting at 10:09 pm by Cris Parente, seconded by June Madia