

PTWC GENERAL MEETING AGENDA
September 19, 2016
Parsippany High School

Motion to Open at 6:40 pm by Ralph Rocco, seconded by Nick Kumburis

Board Members in Attendance:

Cris Parente
June Madia
Ralph Rocco
Gabe Nazziola
Dan Ilic

Quorum? Yes (3 Voting Members)

Yes

Others In Attendance:

Pete Justo
Nick Kumburis
Jay Anderson
Kim Doktor
Mike Doktor
Mario Fornini
Ana McGinty
Jose DeJesus
John Gregory

Board Members Not In Attendance:

Angela Wasilewski
Linda Gohn

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: Total is \$1,158.26

Breakdown is Gaming Account = \$598.82 and Checking Account = \$559.44

Any outstanding checks or deposits?

Proposed Budget for FY 2016: Attached. Cris will send to Ralph and June for further review. Cris will post to the website for review by Membership. Will be voted on at October meeting.

Registration Report

- Notification to all of last year's members open on September 1st. Flyers in Digital Backpacks were released on September 12th. Registration is fully open from now through the season start.
- All registrants must purchase a USA Wrestling Card. \$45 cost paid directly by families to USAW.
- Kindergarten Clinic: \$50 registration fee (raised from \$40 last year.) Each kid gets a t-shirt.
- Grades 1-8 Dates:
 - Early Bird Registration open September 1-30 at \$125 (same as last two years)
 - Regular Registration open October 1-31 at \$140 (same as last year)
 - Late Registration opens November 1 at \$150 (same as last year)
- Registration Number Goals include: 20 K-Clinic Kids and 60 Grades 1-8 Kids
- Last year: 25 K-Clinic, 65 Gr 1-8, which included 2 scholarship & 1 raffle winner & 1 no payment rec'd
- Current Registration Numbers: 6 Registered: 2 KOM, 4 Upper Level
- Non-Returning Confirmations: 9
 - K-Clinic: Rojas
 - Future Stars: Poff
 - Varsity: Parente, Nazziola, Camiscioli, Weissburg, Bruno, DeIntinis, Wasilewski

- Financial Aid available. Kids receiving “Free Lunch” are waived a Registration Fee. Kids receiving “Reduced Lunch” have reduced Registration Fee. All are confidential and handled through June.

OLD BUSINESS

PAL Trophies need to have the name plaque printed up with the boys’ names and returned to the PAL. Currently in Cris’ garage. Costs will be allocated into FY 2016 budget under Banquet.

New Coffee Pot needs to be purchased.

Non-consumables in Concessions is all stored in June’s garage. Lists of each box are included.

Old PTWC tshirts are available for purchase. Inventory lists are attached and pics are available to include on the website for purchase. Cris will post these on the website with a \$3 purchase price. Money will go directly into Fundraising in the bank ledger.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Elections

- President: Ralph Rocco – running uncontested. Discussion. All in favor 4 Against 0
- Secretary: Kim Doktor – running uncontested. Discussion. All in favor 4 Against 0

Both terms will last until September, 2018.

Recruiting Report

School Visits: Need to schedule and get coaches to commit to participate. June will contact Tony DeIntinis to help present along with Coach Lodato (BMS) and Coach Hernandez (CMS). June will contact the schools with appropriate dates – last 2 weeks of September and first two weeks of October (September 19 – October 14).

Its important PTWC maintain a working relationship with the middle school coaches in order to have them recruit for PTWC. All middle school wrestlers should be rostered on PTWC pre-season rosters with the hope they join. This will alleviate any issues will adding them to a roster, time allowances, etc. Gabe and Dan confirmed this is common practice for both North Jersey and Grade School leagues, respectively.

Having a “Open Mat Trial Week” within the first couple weeks of practice was discussed in order to accommodate kids who may be on the fence with joining. Insurance issues are at the forefront (as those kids will not have a USAW Card.) Kim offered a suggestion to June to contact our insurance company and request information on a temporary inclusion or rider to the policy for a small window of time to accommodate these kids. June is investigating.

Fundraising Report

Annual Holiday Tournament: Saturday, December 17th. PAL is booked for full day (APR and Gym). Discussed pros and cons of various ideas – team vs individual tournament, confirming teams, advertising, etc. Date will likely overlap with other traditional local tournaments (Chatham and Montville mentioned) and this could pose a problem. June will create and present a flyer to the full roster of coaches attending the Northern NJ League meeting on September 21 in order to generate interest.

Other ideas presented: Pasta Dinner, Buffalo Wild Wings. A Pep Rally Season Kick-Off Pot-Luck was suggested and met with positive response. Mike is familiar running this event. Nick suggested a car wash and offered the Elks Club building location.

Committee Reports

The following committees need to be filled by parents. These are non-voting Executive Board positions. Concessions, Work Bond, 8th Grade Liaisons, Recruiting, Fundraising, Apparel, Uniforms, Webmaster, Scheduling Coordinator (work along with June), Referees, Tournament. Cris will agree to continue as Registration Coordinator for the season as its already in progress.

General

Parent Meeting will need to be planned for the start of the season. Conduct within the first week or two of practices.

2016-2017 Coaching Program

After much discussion, June introduced Pete Justo as the new Head Coach of PTWC. Motion was made by Cris:
Pete Justo will be appointed the Head Coach of PTWC for the 2016-2017 season. The position will be a non-voting Board of Directors position within the Executive Board.

Motion approved by Ralph Rocco, seconded by June Madia. All in favor: 4 Against: 0

Discussion

- Pete knows the sport: he wrestled throughout high school and college. He continued after college and coached teams to championship levels.
- Pete has a vested interest: he is from Parsippany, does not have a child involved, is a former PTWC coach, is a local resident with the ability to do a great job and more importantly, is anxious to see PTWC turn-out a great group of wrestlers to PHS and PHHS.
- Philosophy consists of setting up a very consistent structure for instruction and discipline. PTWC needs to build very strong basics and do them well. This is a program full of young wrestlers who will be taught proper technique so as they grow and mature as athletes, the skills will follow them.
- Largest focus this season is to get the kids involved in the sport and want to come back and do it again, even have them work off-season to continue developing.
- Wrestle-Offs between team members will happen. Pete and the coaches will work out a plan and present it to the wrestlers and parents by the start of the season. Our current wrestle-off plan in the by-laws needs revamping but this section will be updated and in place. Cris working on by-laws and will include this information as it is received.
- Practice Requirements: details needs to be worked out but Pete is strongly suggesting 4 to 5 nights of practice a week until competitive season begins. Agreement among those present. June is working out locations and times and will get the information finalized. As soon as possible, the information will be posted to the website and members will be made aware of the schedule.
- With regard to kids who choose to participate in an outside club or team along with participating with PTWC, it was discussed using the current by-law standard. This is still up for discussion and resolution but it was made clear by Pete and Dan that in no way will a "club wrestler" be given priority or a "guaranteed spot" in any weight class on any team. It was also discussed that PTWC practice attendance will be required and mandatory by "club wrestlers" but each case will be discussed and decision made with the best interest of the team and all wrestlers involved being taken into consideration.
- It was also discussed kids participating with PTWC along with either the BMS or CMS team will not be required to attend PTWC on nights after a school match, but it will be encouraged that efforts be made to attend PTWC on those nights as well (discussion included that the middle school matches aren't always challenging or productive.)
- Pete is creating a coaching syllabus/outline to use in the first month of practices. He is looking for input from the coaching staff and wants to work together.
- Pete will commit to attending practices one night a week to participate and work out. He generally will not attend on Wednesday evenings due to personal commitments.
- Practice room will include:
 - Varsity and Future Stars working together at practices: this brings a large group of kids to work together. Less experienced kids have the advantage of learning from more experienced kids and those more experienced kids get the advantage of helping others learn more.
 - KOM and Kindergarten Clinic kids working as separate groups (KClinic only on Saturdays)
 - Group Instruction: full group will watch move being taught, listen to discussion, ask questions
 - Break-Out Groups: kids will break out in to groups of 3-5 kids based on weights, be monitored by a Coach, and work on the move. Coach will correct and redirect until fluency is achieved.
 - Live Wrestling, Drills, and Wrestle-Offs
 - Conditioning will be a major factor during practices and a top priority for PTWC

- At the upper levels no more dodge ball, football, climbing walls, running in and out, etc. A strong discipline and consistent behavioral approach will be used by all coaches in the room.
- 75-90 minutes of hard and fast work for the kids. Arrive on time or there will be consequences.

2016-2017 Team Coach Appointments

A request for coaching was put out to the entire PTWC membership via emails in August and September, as well as listed on the website for that time period. Based upon responses to June Madia, the following have currently been offered coaching positions for the upcoming year. All are required to immediately receive their Bronze Level Certification from USA Wrestling and submit a valid coaching card to the Registration Coordinator (Cris):

- Kindergarten Clinic: Albert Fornini. He will work on recruiting a new dad to help
- KOM League:
 - Coaches: Jay Anderson, Albert Fornini, Mario Fornini, Gabe Nazziola
 - Coaching Assistants: Nick Kumburis & Mark Ucab
 - Meeting being held on October 25, 7 pm, Morristown High School
- Future Stars League & Northern NJ Youth Wrestling League & Grade School League
 - Coaches: Jose DeJesus, Mario Fornini, John Gregory, Brian Marcotulli
 - Coaching Assistants: Ricardo Ballesteros & Mike Doktor
 - Future Stars Meeting date in October TBD
 - North Jersey Meeting: Wednesday, September 21, 6:30 pm, Jefferson High School: June will attend. Ralph will try to attend.
- Grade School: PTWC does not have the numbers to roster a team this season. The League has made an exception and will allow PTWC wrestlers to fill in weight classes on Long Valley's team. At this time, we are not sure how this team will be rostered (PTWC fill-ins vs PTWC/Long Valley combined team with wrestle-offs). June is under the impression PTWC will be included on a fill-in basis and therefore have no responsibility to host events or pay fees to the league. John will contact Kevin and receive more information on the process being considered.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting: 8:40 pm by Kim Doktor, seconded by Ana McGinty.