

Cumberland Wrestling Association
Minutes
February 6, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Olson at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Chad Olson, Art Adams, Wes & Judy Lansin, Scott & Shelly VanErp, Sara Peterson, Kay Capra, Ken & Jackie Sparish, Cappy Capra, Ray Hatzenbeller, Bob Erickson, Seth Strickland, Jerry Lindfors, and Tony Capra.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Shelly VanErp made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2 meeting. Art Adams seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Robin Arnold was absent; therefore, no report was available. Bills discussed for payment were: D.W. Wrestling Products (\$604.50) – singlets. Shelly VanErp motion to pay, Art Adams second. Blake Cifaldi (\$500.00) – scholarship. Kay Capra motion to pay, Jackie Sparish second. Bob Erickson – Burnsville meal (appx. \$80.00). Shelly VanErp motion to pay, Kay Capra second. Seth Strickland – middle school pizza reimbursement from 2007 (\$27.25). Shelly VanErp motion to approve and Art Adams second.

Coach Updates

Bob Erickson briefly updated the Association on the high school wrestlers. Said they are down to about 12 kids, 11 will wrestle regionals on Saturday.

Chad Olson updated the Association on the K-2 program. Said there are consistently 42-45 kids in the wrestling room each week. Tony Capra said attendance was poor at the 3-4 grade level. About 15-16 registered and about 8 show up on a regular basis.

The Association discussed ways to get parents of youth wrestlers involved. Sara Peterson and Jerry Lindfors have agreed to discuss any questions or concerns they have while practice is in session. Jackie Sparish suggested adding rules and other important wrestling info to our web site.

Much discussion was held concerning the 5-8 grade program, and how to make it better. Jim Richie is at the Elementary School, making it hard for daily contact with the kids. Kay Capra suggested a PE course involving wrestling. Seth Strickland and Bob Erickson have agreed to contact Jim Richie to discuss a meeting/potential pizza party prior to the first practice on February 11.

Old Business

Chad Olson updated the Association on the cookie dough fundraiser. We sold 1,014 boxes, with a net profit of \$6,192.00. There are about 15 boxes left to sell. Pickup will be on Wednesday, February 13 from 3-7 at the American Legion. Chad has asked for volunteers to help from 1:00 – 3:00. Cappy will be there.

Kay Capra talked about the state wrestling tickets. We have about 14 left. Chad indicated that the WIAA would take them back if we were unable to sell them. Bob Erickson knows a lot of coaches that would be willing to purchase leftover tickets.

Tony Capra talked about the Badger/Gopher wrestling match on Sunday, February 17 at 2:00 p.m. He said if we had 15 or more, the cost would be \$4.00 per ticket, plus about \$5.00 to ride the bus. Thought the bus would leave about 11:00 a.m.

New Business

Chad Olson received a request from Ben Biron (2005 graduate) for scholarship funding. According to the Association By-laws, the applicant must submit his request by April of his senior year, and accept the scholarship within one year of graduation, unless prior arrangements were made with the Association. Much discussion ensued on whether or not this scholarship was appropriate. Pros and cons were discussed, and ultimately it was decided that Chad Olson would write to Ben explaining why this award was outside of our by-laws, and explain his circumstances. The Association would then further discuss the matter after receiving Ben's letter.

Judy Lansin is to send thank-you's to Mark Fuller, BJ Brenna, Bob Nugent, Kwik Trip, and the Advocate for their support throughout the year.

The youth tournament was briefly discussed. Nichole Donatell has metals for \$2.00 a piece. The tournament committee will need to meet at some point in the future. Ken Sparish brought up the cost of entry fee – wondering if it was appropriate to raise it from \$10.00 to \$12.00. Chad Olson indicated he had researched some of the surrounding tournaments and \$12.00 is average, also taking into account the cost of the trophies/metals. Jackie Sparish discussed ways to help with concessions – potentially sending out times for people to fill in, and if they are unable, they need to find a replacement.

Kay Capra talked about the wrestling banquet. It will be March 9 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons. The Association gave Kay the authority to discuss food with Johnny Olson at Hilltop \$5.00 - \$8.00 per plate is okay. The Fan of the Year was discussed and will be awarded to Bob & Jill Ranallo. Bob Erickson will get the plaque. Jackie Sparish has agreed to get the gifts for the cheerleaders, including Ashley.

Chad Olson talked about the 50-year wrestling anniversary coming up this year. He attended the anniversary celebration in Ellsworth and got some very good ideas. Chad talked with Joe Hagenbarth, and the Association has given the go-ahead to move forward. The date will be the most important to schedule in the very near future.

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The Association discussed a way to honor Scott Hilton for his 30-years of officiating. Jackie Sparish will make him a shirt.

The next scheduled meeting is March 5, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library. .

Ken Sparish made a motion to adjourn. Shelly VanErp seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Lansin, Secretary