

Cumberland Wrestling Association
Minutes
March 5, 2008

Meeting was called to order by President Olson at 6:35 p.m.

Attendance: Chad Olson, Art Adams, Wes & Judy Lansin, Robin Arnold, Jerry Lindfors, Dusty Bazewicz, Sara Peterson, Jim Ricci, Ken Sparish, Kay Capra, Cappy Capra, Jim Richie, Seth Strickland, Bob Erickson, and Bob Cifaldi.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ken Sparish made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 6 meeting. Jim Richie seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Robin Arnold presented the treasurer's report. Current balance is \$12,242.44. Bills discussed for repayment were: Jackie Sparish (Scott Hilton Shirt - \$40.00); Jackie Sparish (reimbursement for cheerleader gifts - \$116.05); Uniquely Yours (trophies - \$2,927.00); Seth Strickland (Augsburg team camp gas - \$92.00, 7th/8th Grade Pizza Party - \$52.00); Mary Miller (reimbursement for welcome-home party - \$30.32); Judy Lansin (reimbursement for flowers and plates/John Peterson and envelopes for banquet - \$19.84). Ken Sparish made a motion to approve and Sara Peterson seconded.

Old Business

Jim Richie updated the Association on the middle school wrestling program. He said there were 21 kids out, and they are doing well. He ordered \$231.00 of tee-shirts that the kids are wearing to meets. He also ordered 15 headgear, which was approved at a prior meeting. Jim discussed the middle school conference meet. Jim and Bob Erickson will do the brackets and the Association keeps the gate money. Metals have been ordered. Some discussion was held on whether or not it would be appropriate to raise the gate fee because of the cost of metals. It was decided that it would not generate enough money to make a huge difference and it will be kept at \$2.00/\$1.00. Jim Richie will discuss this matter with John Ranallo to see if the school would be willing to kick in some money on the metals. Jim suggested someone sell shirts at the next middle school meet. Judy Lansin and Sara Peterson will line that up. Jim Richie discussed the possibility of having wrestling offered in the summer school program. There would have to be a licensed teacher. Jim and Seth will discuss this further.

Bob Erickson updated the Association on the high school program. Said 7 kids attended the tournament in Bloomer. He is also taking some kids to the take down tournament in Rice Lake, and will let the high school wrestlers know about Boyceville. The Regional Training Site for Freestyle and Roman Greco will be held in Rice Lake this year from March 16-April 26. Bob will let the wrestlers know about this opportunity. Bob is not sure about how many will attend the intense Augsburg Camp this summer.

Bob talked about the Wisconsin Dells Tournament. It will be the weekend of December 13. Rooms have been set aside at the Chula Vista (800)388-4782 for \$89.00 per night. Association may need to help with some funding. It will be 12-16 teams, with college wrestling as well.

Chad Olson talked about the K-2 program. Said there were about 35-42 kids there on a consistent basis. Some have been practicing Mondays and Wednesdays. Two buses have been lined up, one to St. Croix Falls Tournament and the other to Boyceville Tournament. Bob Nugent took some photos of the kids and they have been posted in the Elementary School.

Sara Peterson talked about the 3-4 grade program. Said there were about 15 kids, but they were not there on a consistent basis.

Ken Sparish said that a representative from the Gillett Tournament would like to come to the Cumberland Tournament for registration. Ken will call and confirm and Judy is to get it on the internet.

The youth tournament was discussed. Jim Sparish will handle the food. Sara Peterson provided a quote on water and Gatorade - \$32.66/case for Gatorade and \$4.99 for water, with a \$50.00 donation. Jim will need to contact Sara for details.

Chad Olson will get table workers and refs for Saturday. Art Adams and Bob Cifaldi will do the weigh-ins. Alexa and Sophia will enter the names on the computer. Judy and Sara are working on kitchen help. Kay Capra will line up registration workers. Wes and Jerry will handle the staging, with other help.

Chad Olson discussed the 50-year anniversary. Joe Hegenbarth would like to be a part of it, but a separate committee will be formed with Alumnists to handle most of the details.

Chad Olson discussed the Ben Biron scholarship request. He indicated that Tony talked with Peg at work. Peg was going to tell Ben to send the Association a letter. To date, that letter has not been received. The Association wanted to know how long the item would be on the agenda. Chad will contact Tony once again and have him tell Ben's mother that it will be removed from the agenda if no response is received by the next meeting.

New Business

Kay Capra talked about scholarships. She had a form available that the kids fill out for local scholarships. The Association decided to use the same form. Kay will talk with Kate Koehler and Kate will let the seniors know that the form needs to be filled out by March 30. Art or Chad will be at the senior banquet to present the scholarships.

Art Adams brought a situation to the attention of the Association. Someone posted a derogatory e-mail about Cumberland Wrestling on the Wisconsin Wrestling Web Site. Much discussion ensued and the Association decided to send the person who wrote it a letter. Rochelle Erickson will draft the letter for Chad Olson's signature.

Art Adams brought up Jim Reidy, questioning if anyone has asked him to help with Middle School. Bob Erickson said he has not had a chance, but will try to talk with him.

Jim Ricci wondered if at some point Cumberland would need to co-op. Other schools that have done this were discussed, with no good results. At some point, the School will be the one to dictate if this is an option.

Sara Peterson talked about the wrestling float. Said it was a great opportunity for the kids to get together in the summer.

It was also discussed how to make the middle school program better – that is where the wrestlers are dropping off. The middle school coaches should get something in the paper, including the schedule. Chad Olson talked with the Wausau West head coach about what he does at the youth level to have such a great interest in wrestling. They currently have 82 wrestlers in 9-12 grade. The coach said they make it a fun program for k-4, and then turn up the heat in middle school grades 5-8. He said he had great community support though.

The next scheduled meeting is April 2, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

Ken Sparish made a motion to adjourn. Art Adams seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Lansin, Secretary