

Gretna Youth Board meeting minutes

March 17th, 2024

Meeting was called to order 8:00PM by past vice president Broc Fuhrman

Present at the meeting: Broc Fuhrman, Ben Zitek, Cory Shedeed, Heidi Sutton, James Thompson, Jeremiah Rethwisch, Christian Bessmer

Taxes: Heidi Sutton, Treasurer, Taxes are required to be filed by May 15th, 2024 and is asking for assistance in filing the taxes and suggests if a family club member is an accountant asking for their assistance with filing taxes in lieu of dues for club membership for their child.

- Christian Bessmer reaching out to John Koffman for assistance and recommendations.

Coaching commissioner role: suggested individuals to fill the position include, Josh Gibbs, Trevor Fauver, Ryan Krueger, and Matt Bruggeman

- Broc is going to reach out to Matt Bruggeman

Start of the season:

- Season sign up/shoe exchange/singlet try-on between November 1st and November 3rd
- Preseason open to all levels starting November 11th, 2024
- Official full season begins December 2nd, 2024

New Executive Board Elections:

- Broc Fuhrman elected president
- Ben Zitek elected vice president
- Heidi Sutton elected treasurer
- Christian Bessmer elected secretary

Coaching Re-imbursement: The board had a discussion of past reimbursement practices and desire to reimburse some of the costs of attending State Wrestling. Jeremiah Rethwisch made a motion to offer Corey Campbell, Matt Huset, Josh Gibbs, Ryan Krueger \$150 reimbursement for some of costs incurred with coaching at Nebraska State Wrestling tournament in Grand Island, NE. Other coaches/board members that would have been eligible have already declined reimbursement. Ben Zitek seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously

- Broc Fuhrman is going to reach out to these coaches to see if they would like a check.

Summer Camps:

- Gretna High camp is scheduled June 14th and 15th and information is being disbursed through Facebook Gretna Youth Wrestling page currently.
- Gretna East Camp may be scheduled June 13th, Ben Zitek is going to reach out to Coach Cunningham to confirm
- OMAWA may require us to hold a camp as well. Going to contact Andrew O'Connor who is Gretna Youth wrestling current representative and currently at an OMAWA board meeting about camp requirements and possible benefits.

OMAWA Membership: Discussion of pros and cons of membership occurred going to continue to get clarification on club requirements to host tournament and clubs. Possible donation of club funds from camp used to donate to high school programs

Corporate Donations: Jeremiah Rethwisch brought up that many corporations donate to clubs similar to ours and would be interested and willing to donate to our club but we are currently a Private Foundation and need to be a Public Charity to be able to accept corporate donations.

- Broc Fuhrman is going to have his accountant look at the IRS letter

Next board meeting: Scheduled for April 24th time is going to be 7:00PM going to ask about using Gretna Middle school for location.

- Inviting Coach Tristin, Sean, Brandon, Channon Oseka to also attend.
- Parents invited
- Get notifications out as soon as location approved

Scholarships: Heidi Sutton states that it has been brought to her attention that other programs provide scholarships to the schools and we as a club do not currently have that in place. She suggested helping to fund a spotlight for the schools to spotlight their wrestlers in the gyms. Board feels this is a good idea and will be looking more into that

- In order to increase revenue for the club we will continue to push for the school district to allow us to host a youth wrestling tournament to help fund projects such as the spotlight as well as other projects

Future Meetings: Jeremiah Rethwisch brings up past season board decisions and communication was mostly done via group text message, while convenient, not everyone was available at the same times. Board has unanimously agreed upon monthly board meetings in person during the in season and a couple of off season

meetings. The board wants to focus on improved transparency and expectations for the club.

- Brief summary of meetings to go out after meetings

Election Buddy: Overall worked well, a few issues that were easily ironed out.

- Have every email get the election notification but only one registered email address be able to vote so more people get to see the nominations without having to ask spouses to forward emails.

Review of Roberts Rules: Jeremiah gave brief summary of Robert's Rules of Order

Meeting Adjourned at 10:53PM