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**Minutes of Meeting: 5/4/10**

1. Ed Ramirez reviewed the changes/information from the State Wrestling Meeting. You have already received this information, however I am attaching again for your viewing pleasure. Also explained was the newly formed Wrestling Sports Committee. Ed stated that Section Eight requires all sports to have a Sports Committee. Each League has representation.
2. Laura Maddock updated our finances. We started this year with approx. \$20,000. Approx. \$16,000 in Scholarships were given out. Waiting for monies from scholarship donors and outstanding monies from the County Dinner. We spend additional monies this year on the State Team and increased NCWCA scholarships an additional \$100 each. We should start the 2010 - 11 season with approx. \$7,000. As previously approved, we will donate \$100 to the Mike Davey Foundation. We will also continue to pay coaches dues to the Friends of L I Wrestling. Regarding the County Dinner, Chris Critchley stated that the following teams have submitted P. O. 's but no money received and/ or nothing received ; Jericho, Mephram, Plainedge, Seaford, Sewanhaka West and Wantagh. Chris asked coaches to please follow up or School Business Office will be called.
3. League Alignment is now strictly by enrollment - no ability grouping - as per Section Eight. The Leagues with either six or seven teams will rotate from year to year. This is a two year commitment. Leagues will change due to enrollment.
4. Dan Guido and other coaches expressed concern that the coaches had no voice regarding the changes made to our sport. Ed stated that coaches should speak to their committee representative to express their concerns. Dan stated that it was not so much the outcome but the process.
5. Dual Meet Playoffs has been changed to One "A" Tournament and the N I T. The " A" Tournament would consist of 24 teams. The top three teams in each League. The other teams would wrestle in the N I T. Ed stated that this format is falling in line with the proposed State Dual Meet Tournament. DMP will be two days; January 28 th & 29 th. We will wrestle for 3 rd & 4 th place. The Finals of the "A" & the N I T will be wrestled side by side. The 8 League Champions would be seeded and the remaining teams would fall automatically. Sal LoStoppo, Dan Kraus, Cliff Forziat expressed concern that we changed from the format we had. Football and their playoff set -up was referred to. Cliff stated that Section 8 has been a leader in innovated ideas in wrestling now used throughout the State.
6. Weight Certification process will be schedule the same as last year. After the initial day, appeals, etc. will not be scheduled by appointments as in the past. It will be a first come - first serve basis. Wrestlers will receive a number when they arrive. We will try & get a Bakery Ticket Number Machine ! Question regarding certification of Football players who are still in Playoffs or Championships games. Ed stated that no waivers will be allowed. They will have to certify the same as everyone else. Special scheduling will be considered if needed.
7. Qualifying Tournaments will remain at six ( 6 ). They will all be scheduled on Saturday. Besides the various conflicts of scheduling Qualifiers on different days, it did not really help the officials situation. Any team wishing to host a Qualifier. Ed must receive a letter from your Athletic Director stating the request by the November Coaches Meeting. The Qualifying Tournament Ranking Committee will be formed at the beginning of the season. This will allow committee members more time to gather information and rank the teams.
8. Ed discussed status and billing process regarding rooms for coaches & wrestlers at the State Meet and BOCES involvement.
9. Process for voting for coach of the year was discussed. Motion was made that we do away with past practice of not being allowed to receive coach of the year honors two ( 2 ) years in a row. It was passed unanimously. It was also decided that candidates for Rookie Coach of the Year Award would be for coaches who are head coaches their first three years only. Even if they coached at different schools. Doug Axman stated that all voting for all coaches awards will take place after the County Tournament via e-mail. All coaches will be informed of the procedures, list of possible candidates for certain awards and last year's recipients.
10. Doug Axman explained that each school is required to fund raise for the coaches assoc. in the amount of \$350. The following procedures are being enforced. If a school does not meet their obligation; (1) their wrestlers will not be eligible for NCWCA Scholarships, (2) All - County Wrestlers for those schools will receive their gifts but the head coach will be billed for those items. It was suggested that coaches should be informed in writing before the end of the season that they have not met their obligation .

11. Discussion regarding the County Dinner. Ray Adams expressed how noisy and disrespectful people were by talking when presentations are being made. It was suggested a better sound system be used because people in the back cannot hear. Ed stated that we need to enforce a code of appropriate dress for the dinner. We will indicate this on the dinner form handed to wrestlers.

Chris Critchley stated that we will be looking for a different venue that should give us more options. Chris will work on organizing Fall Coaches Social/Fund Raiser. Any volunteers to help him ?

12. Rating of Officials was discussed. It was suggested that we rate the officials as an association rather than individually. It would be more effective. Bob Bennett asked why we cannot have a #4 for fair in the rating, Ed would check. Also discussed was not allowing officials to work the counties if they do not work the qualifiers. In addition, they must work both days of the counties.

13. Tom Maddock asked if school budgets fail and teams are eliminated, would the Leagues change and what would be the cut off date for the changes. Ed stated that the leagues would change but would check on the cut off date.

14. Reid Scalfani requested that we do away with the two ( 2 ) additional at - large wrestlers in the county tournament. After discussion, a motion was made by Mike Leonard. To continue the procedure with Ben Resnick coordinating the selection of the wrestlers. Motion approved : 33 - 1.

15. Representative from the Catholic Schools spoke regarding to the Seeding Point System in relation to point value for PSAL/Catholic School State Champs and Section Eight Champions.

No decision was made. It was tabled to the fall and will be reviewed by our Seeding Committee. Dan Guido suggested that we just lower the PSAL to the level of D II wrestlers.

16. Attached is the updated Calendar 2010 - 11 and League Alignment/Schedule.

17. Doug Axman stated that everyone should be aware of your representative on the newly formed Sports Committee and express your concerns to them or any member.

Submitted by Doug Axman

5/5/10