

Gold Medal Wrestling
Annual Meeting of Members

Wednesday, August 9th, 2023
6:00pm, DeForest Public Library

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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and those in attendance introduced themselves and shared their roles on the board and/or with the program.
2. Dale Evans shared a brief history of the Gold Medal Wrestling Club.
3. Expectations of the Board - Korey Feiner reviewed the following:
 - a. Overall goals (from bylaws):
 - i. **Financial Support.** To financially support and promote the wrestling programs in the DeForest area.
 - ii. **Communication.** To develop and maintain lines of communication between parents, coaches, school administration and public concerning wrestling programs in the DeForest area.
 - iii. **Results.** To put DeForest area wrestlers on the USA World and Olympic teams. (But shooting for success at the local and state level first!)
 - b. Meeting schedule: we aim for 3rd Sunday of the month at 6, but adjust as needed
4. Review of Board Positions and Election
 - a. Current board positions:
 - i. President – Ericka Schmidt’s term is ending. Chelsea Orvick was nominated for the President position by Robin Herring and was seconded by Korey Feiner. All voted in favor.
 - ii. Vice President – Korey Feiner is in current term and will next stand for election in 2024.
 - iii. Treasurer – Jessica Feiner’s term is ending. Marcy Hinz was nominated for the Treasurer position by Chelsea Orvick and seconded by Robin Herring. All voted in favor.
 - iv. Secretary – Robin Herring expressed interest in another board role, so Kristine Frye was nominated for the Secretary position by Korey Feiner and seconded by Robin Herring. All voted in favor.
 - v. At Large Representative – Dale Evans is in current 4 year term and will next stand for election in 2024.
 - vi. Past President – Ericka Schmidt moves from her president role to the past president role.
 - vii. Web Master – with Chelsea Orvick’s move to President, Robin Herring will assume the role as Web Master and will next stand for election in 2024.

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5. Treasurer's Report - Jessica Feiner reviewed the following:
 - a. Purchases made this year:
 1. New singlets for middle school, high school and redesign of gold medal
 2. New competition mat for middle school (1/2 is paid for)
 3. New scoreboards
 4. Banquets for Gold Medal, middle school team, and high school team
 5. State qualifier sweatshirts & tshirts
 - b. Fundraising:
 1. Meat Raffle: \$11,000
 2. Tournament profit (registration/concessions): \$13,056.80
 3. Regional Tournament Concessions: \$544.29
 4. One day only 4th of July Pig Roast: \$2,134.24

6. 2022-23 Gold Medal Program - Korey Feiner reviewed the following:
 - a. 93 Registered Wrestlers
 1. 2021-2023 Numbers 73 registered wrestlers
 - b. 17 Awesome Coaches!
 - c. Tournament participation
 1. Gold Medal Tournament: 69 of our own wrestlers were among the nearly 500 participants
 2. Large team turnout to other area tournaments (Oregon, Marshall, Sauk)
 3. State Qualifiers: 13 Wrestlers Competed in WWF Kids Folkstyle State Championships
 - d. Parade participation: 42 kids and 12 adults

7. Middle School Program Highlights/Goals - Damon Martinson reviewed the following:
 - a. New Mat purchase status
 - b. Rising Stars Middle School Dual set for December 11 @ Lodi

8. High School Program Highlights/Goals - Tyler Rauls reviewed the following:
 - a. Two wrestlers to Sectionals (Lucas Evans & Errol Romeis) / No State Qualifiers
 - b. 17 teams at our home tournament
 - c. Regionals – went very well
 - d. DHS is in the rotation for potential for hosting in the future
 - e. Conference
 - f. Sectional
 - g. Team Sectionals
 - h. Many teams inquired about scoreboard technology & commented on how well we ran things. Also enjoyed the food & hospitality

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- i. 60th Anniversary & Celebrating Dale – Success
 - j. Off-season wrestling program 2nd Year with our “In-House Off-Season Program”:
 - i. 3 Competitions hosted every Wednesday in June
 - ii. Had a practice component run by HS Assistant Coach, Nathan Kemp, every Monday in June.
 - iii. Increase in wrestlers participating at summer meets: 10 in Sun Prairie, 3 in Slinger, 13 in DeForest
 - k. Larger steps taken for organization & leadership: stepped up communication / organizational aspects / focus / intensity
 - l. 2nd Year Norski Wrestling Camp
 - i. 60 Kids! Including Walk-Ins
 - 1. Grades 1 – 8: 40
 - 2. Grades 9 – 12: 18
 - 3. 6 Coaches
 - m. HS upcoming Projects
 - 1. Records Boards
 - 2. Wall Pad Artwork
 - 3. Wrestling Room & Storage Area Layouts
7. Goals for 2023-2024 Season and Beyond
- a. Order New Medals
 - b. Volunteer opportunities/needs (coaches commitments, tournament concessions chair, other?)
 - c. Tentative schedule
 - 1. Registration starts 11/1 (youth basketball already open)
 - 2. Open mat: 11/27, 11/30, 12/4 (+parents meeting)
 - 3. Regular season starts December 7th
 - 4. Tournament weekend: January 13th & 14th
 - 5. TBD: Badger meet, banquets
 - d. Tournament/meet participation
 - e. Social media/promotional ideas
 - f. Possible Parks & Rec option
8. Open floor for feedback/questions from members in attendance
- a. Ed Motiff expressed support/concern about getting word about about 6th grade addition to middle school wrestling team
9. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.