

SYRACUSE WRESTLING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – DECEMBER 18, 2011

1. The meeting was opened at 5:04 PM by Past-President Dick Meldrim.
2. The minutes of the December 4th meeting were approved. (Hatalla/K. Cook)
2.1 Dues and assessments are paid in full.
3. **Committees:**
 - **Arcaro Award:** Scott O'Neil asked that Arcaro worksheets be returned to him on a regular basis so that he is not inundated with them at the end of the year.
 - **Scholarship:** Steve Cuipylo– No report
 - **Nominations:** Jeff Geer asked that anyone interested in running for an elected office notify him ASAP. If anyone has any questions about what is involved in holding office please talk to Jeff.
4. **Old Business:**
 - Gene Tracy went gave a financial statement for the tournament. There were 24 teams, over 300 wrestlers, 29 Champions. Gene thanked C-NS and the membership for their help. John Crompton congratulated Gene for a great job of running the tournament for it's first 20 years. Gene wished Dave Christopher and Shawn Akley good luck running it in the future.
 - Dick thanked Shawn Akley and Greg Bailey for developing the Dual Meet tournament breakdown sheet. One of these should be left with vouchers at Dual Meet Tournaments.
 - Gene Tracy will bring the website up to date in the near future. Gene will take photos at the next meeting.
5. **New Business:**
 - The NYSWOA Screening Committee met on Dec. 10th. 26 Officials and two alternates were selected for presentation to the State Wrestling Committee at their meeting on Jan. 19, 2012 and will be made public following that meeting.
 - Lou Pettinelli asked the membership for volunteers to work the tables at the State Tournament. Volunteers will receive floor passes, refreshments and will get the \$99.00 room rate at the headquarters hotel, the Hampton Inn in Albany.
 - Dick mentioned that he, Brad Hamer and Fred Brown visited the SRC Center at OCC, where the Section III finals will be held. The site is ideal for a wrestling tournament. Eight mats will fit easily and the seating capacity is 6,500.
 - Dick reminded members that, per our constitution, members not otherwise involved in the Section III finals MUST work the tables at the tournament. John Crompton will be assigning the table help at this year's tournament
 - Dick asked for a motion to approve the purchase of long sleeved t-shirts for State Qualifiers. Dave Christopher made the motion, seconded by Shawn Akley and it was approved by the membership.
6. **Interpretations:**
 - A "Reinforced headlock" grabbing one's own thigh with the opponent's head encircled is potentially dangerous and should be stopped. All headlocks should be watched carefully to see that the wrestler's wind or blood is not cut off.
 - Officials should never look away from the wrestling to make sure that the table is properly recording points. Officials should also never turn their backs to contestants when returning to the center of the mat after an out-of-bounds call.

- Officials are letting body locks go too long. Give the defensive man an opportunity to complete a move in progress, if he does not complete the move stop the match and award the point.
- Back points and falls should not be called from the knees.
- It is the responsibility of the Official, in tournaments, to make sure the score is correct, the correct wrestler is circled and the time of day is placed on the bout card.
- Wrestlers MUST be stationary prior to starting a match.
- Reporting to the table, not ready to wrestle, is a technical violation. One point should be assessed and the injury time should be started immediately and run until the contestant is "ready to wrestle".
- Officials MUST go to the table when a Coach's requests a conference.
- Tucking the laces into the shoe does NOT satisfy the rule that laces must be secured.
- The ONLY place tape can be used on a headgear is on the chin strap to secure the headgear and only when it does not remain secure by itself.

7. **Assignments:**

- Fred Brown distributed assignments.

8. **Adjournment:**

- Adjournment at 5:58 PM (DeBarbieri/MacNaught)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Fred Brown, S/T