

SYRACUSE WRESTLING OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – February 12, 2012

1. The meeting was opened at 5:07 PM by President Tom McGee.
2. The minutes of the January 22nd meeting were approved with one correction: Mike Froot was selected as a "Lifetime" member. (Tortora/Spicer)
 - A. Tom announced that dues for next season are due tonight. Those not able to pay dues tonight MUST make arrangements with Fred Brown.
 - B. The Treasurer's report was approved. (Spicer/Bigford)
3. **Committees:**
 - **Arcaro Award:** The award was presented to Marcellus at the Sectional Finals.
 - **Scholarship:** Mitch Alpha of Jordan-Elbridge was awarded the 2012 Hawke-Pettinelli Scholarship.
 - **Nominations:** Jeff Geer will conduct elections under New Business.
4. **Old Business:**
 - Tom reiterated that anyone interested in Officiating the State Tournament should let him know, in writing tonight.
 - Ratings for Actives this season were emailed to the membership.
5. **New Business:**
 - T.J. Fraher made a motion to take up a collection for Ben Neadom, who was injured at work. The motion was seconded by Gene Tracy. \$350.00 was raised. Steve Cuipylo made a motion that the Association match the collection. The motion was seconded by Jeff Geer and passed.
 - Section III will hold an Officials' Recruitment seminar on March 5, 2012. Rick Spicer and Fred Brown will man a booth for the SWOA.
 - **Elections:** Jeff Geer – Joe DeBarbieri was nominated for the office of President. There being no further nominations, the Secretary cast one unanimous ballot for Joe. Rick Spicer was nominated for the office of V.P. There being no further nominations, the Secretary cast one unanimous ballot for Rick. Fred Brown and Steve Cuipylo were nominated for the office of Secretary/Treasurer. Fred was elected by a vote of 24-8. Bill Doran was nominated for the office of Interpreter. There being no further nominations, the Secretary cast one unanimous ballot for Bill. Shawn Akley, Mike Letcher. TJ Fraher, Gene Tracy, and Dick Meldrim were nominated for Member-at-Large. Shawn was mistakenly removed from the election due to a misinterpretation of the constitution by the S/T.(my apologies Shawn) TJ and Gene were elected by the membership.
6. **Interpretations:**
 - A wrestler is considered out-of-bounds if one supporting point is out and the other crosses the plane of the boundary line.
 - When the defensive wrestler is on his feet and the offensive wrestler is on the mat holding the defensive man's legs, you can warn or penalize the offensive man without stopping the match.
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7. **Assignments:**
 - Fred Brown distributed assignments.
8. **Adjournment:**
 - Adjournment at 6:23 PM (DeBarbieri/Doran)

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Fred Brown, S/T