N.C.W.C.A. Minutes ~ Meeting ~ 3/13/12

- 1. Wrestling starting date for 2012 ~ 13 will be Monday ~ November 12th.
- State agenda was briefly discussed. Anyone with concerns regarding the agenda items (e-mail was sent) should contact Ed Ramirez ~ ASAP. Main concern was Section 8 receiving a small amount of at - large wrestlers. Suggestions made how to receive more points, however, suggestions made would also benefit other sections.
- 3. Rob Paletta ask that all coaches get their reservations and P. O's taken care of ASAP. Coaches are reminded of appropriate dress for wrestlers at the County Dinner. Appropriate dress is at least a dress shirt & pants, shoes. A tie/jacket is recommended. No shorts, sneakers, jeans, t-shirt, etc. will be accepted. Wrestlers will not be allowed to the podium to receive their awards if not appropriately dressed.
- 4. Dan Guido spoke regarding procedures regarding changes, new proposals, etc. Stated that open discussion of proposals was a major step in the right direction. However, suggested that we start the proposal procedures earlier. This will allow coaches to discuss proposals and then return to next meeting for further discussion and possible straw vote. This would give coaches time to digest and think about the information presented. Tom Maddock suggested the December Coaches Meeting since it is usually a light agenda. All proposals are sent to the Sports Committee for review and approval.
- 5. Summary of Proposal Discussions ... Please note : The following is a summary of the discussions regarding the proposals, not a review of each proposal. Please review the proposals and speak to your Sports Committee Rep for additional comments or concerns.
 - Weight Certification : Cliff's proposal was based upon the use of the Tanita scales. It was difficult to come to a consensus without knowing the decision regarding the scales. Ed & Cliff are on a State Committee. The other proposal was in regards to the 14 Day Waiver Rule. The most coaches seemed favorable.
 - 2) League Format : A Ten League/five (5) team format was suggested. Allowing all Leaguesmatches to be scheduled in January when two (2) lbs. are added. Also suggested was scheduling all League matches on a Saturday. There seem to be pros & cons to this suggestion. Another Proposal was returning to the format of Leagues by enrollment & ability grouping. Makes matches in the Leagues more competitive. This proposals received support. A straw vote was taken to have Leagues by Enrollment & Ability as in the past. Yes : 29 - No : 4.
 - 3) Dual Meet Playoffs : Proposal made to divide into three groupings of approx. 16. All teams would be ranked. Therefore, having the best 16 teams in the A tournament with others to follow. Allows for all teams to be involved in wrestling in a competitive system. Most coaches were in favor of ranking teams, which was mentionED in another proposal. It was also discussed that teams should be able to opt out of participating in the Dual Meet Playoffs. Therefore cutting down on the over-all size of the tournaments. Coaches agreed that the present system does send the top teams to the final four/finals Also that the Leagues structure and the Dual Meet Playoff structure, whatever it will be ... should be separate. A straw vote was taken for a three (3) grouping/16 team format. Yes : 26 No : 5.
 - 4) Opting up. It was recommended that there should be no guide lines. If a team wants to move up they should be allowed. Further discussion regarding past, present & future of D II. Straw vote was taken to keep the present criteria. Yes : 30 No : 1
- 6. Tom Maddock announce the schools that did not turn in money or still owe money to the assoc. Schools that do not meet their obligation of \$350; their wrestlers will not be eligible for scholarships and jeopardize their awards from the coaches assoc. Coaches also are affected regarding coaches awards.
- 7. A list of wrestler/schools were announced that still owe their Section 8 singlet. Please clarify with Ed Ramirez or return singlet. Checks will be turned into BOCES soon.

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