

Kentridge Wrestling Boosters Meeting Minutes – 2/8/15

Thanks to all that attended the Kentridge Wrestling Boosters meeting on February 8th, 2015 at the Freitag's house: Dave and Janet Slasor, Rob and Lynda Holman, Sandy Covey, Todd and Carrie Lantz, Chuck and Carla Viltz, Tom Meier, Rebecca Shores and of course Bill and Carol Freitag.

Rob reviewed the Financials. We still have a bout \$3800, comfortably above the same point last year.

- We will receive about \$180-200 from the parent Kentridge Boosters club
- The refund of a \$100 buyout was sent to Mr. Jimmie Stennis due to his persistence in demanding it. Bill confirmed that it was received.
- Noted Todd's wish for completing the order of special championship singlets for the beginning of next year.
- Todd answered a question about having to pay for travel to next year's Regional against GSHL in the Vancouver area by confirming that the KSD will pay for transportation, hotel and per diem for all wrestlers qualifying.
- Discussed the collection of remaining buyouts. There had been 4 families that had not paid, 2 of which have since quit, 1 which it was agreed would not be received and 1 that has made a financial commitment in purchasing items for the team in another way and thus their delinquent buyout is waived. Bill will follow up with the one check payment that bounced from one family.

Award Banquet:

Confirmed that the banquet will be in the KR cafeteria on February 26th from 6-8pm, the week after the State tournament.

The Boosters will pay for water/drinks and a sheet cake. Carrie has created a flyer which specifies potluck responsibilities by school year. The flyer will be sent home with wrestlers this coming week.

Awards and plaques for the wrestlers are already ordered and will be paid for by the school. Todd has already coordinated all of the varsity letter certificates and academic award certificates.

Discussion about coaches gifts was deferred until later.

Todd will send Bill a final list of active wrestlers as of the end of the regular season.

Picture Slideshow/Video: Bill will coordinate putting this together, working with Rey Trevino to get pictures that he has taken combined with his own. He will send out an e-mail asking for pictures to be loaded on the website for use. It was suggested that we sell CD's of the slideshow for \$10 as another fundraiser for Boosters.

Speech to Parents: Bill will ask for those that helped with Boosters this year to standup, then ask those with Seniors to sit down, then same for the Juniors to show the remaining parents that there won't be anyone left to run the Boosters. We need to encourage participation by parent of younger kids.

Blankets for seniors: The 2 blankets for Petru and Conor have been ordered. The club discussed reconsideration of providing the blankets to the other seniors who were not 4 year KR wrestlers and those will be ordered this week to be available in time for the banquet. Todd clarified that for the last 5 years he has been involved, ALL seniors have received the blankets.

Regionals Shirts:

Since we had neglected to preplan for alternatives to ordering the same style of t-shirts for Regionals, Carol contacted Dugans Inc who has provided them for the last 2 years to coordinate them again for this year. No time to redesign the t-shirt. We will go with the dark heather from as from last year's regionals. It was agreed that the Boosters would pick up the cost of the wrestlers who qualified for regionals but parents would have to buy them.

Bill will get the invoice amount to Rob for the total amount and will collect payment from parents to be sent to Rob for deposit to the Boosters account.

Fundraising:

Mariners Ticket Sales: We had a long conversation about the possible participation in the Mariners tickets sales, with an overview provided by Chuck Viltz (works for Mariners). He explained that the terms of the sales are not nearly as favorable anymore for smaller groups as he can not combine all local HS sports teams together to get the best ticket prices (last year, tickets could be bought for \$8 and sold for \$15-20 for a good profit). This year the prices are variable by quantity 80-160 tickets costing \$13 for a weekday and \$15 for a weekend. So even if we sold them for \$20, we would only profit \$5 per ticket. If we sold 80, that would mean only \$400. Cons were that we would have to commit to buy at least 80 tickets with risk that we don't sell them, that we are really competing at the same time with the KR baseball team who is selling on the order of 1000 tickets, and that it is not a big payday for the risk. We decided that we would not participate in this fundraiser this year.

Car Wash: Several people proposed doing a car wash or two during the offseason. These are done by others at Autozone and The Golden Steer. The Golden Steer is really KM territory so we agreed to look into doing it at the Autozone at Fairwood. Lynda Holman will check with Autozone as to scheduling an event in the spring.

SNAP: Decided to take another look at participating in this program where each participant provides 20 e-mail addresses, SNAP creates a solicitation letter asking for funds to help pay for and then follows up with a reminder and thank you (3 e-mails only and no further use of the e-mail after our fundraiser). Word is that some teams have raised as much as \$4,000 to \$10,000 from this fundraiser alone. It requires the coach to contact them for signup. We agreed to do this in the fall as soon as we get the early turnout list in October.

Bleacher Chairs: We sold all 12 of the chair inventory that we had at the beginning of the year. We made an estimated \$23 per chair for a net profit of about \$275 for all 12. The committee agreed that we should order more and work on selling them at other sporting events. Bill will contact the company and find out what their minimum order is for a reorder.

Summer Camp: Todd reports that we raised around \$600 from this last year and will do it again this summer. This money goes to the KR ASB fund and is then available to him for use in ordering uniform and equipment replacements.

Papa Murphy's Cards: Brought up as an idea to sell them for \$5 and keep \$4. No decision made to do this or not.

Pictures:

Arrangements for pictures were not made for this year and it was agreed that it is too late. Boosters will plan this to happen at the beginning of next season. Tom Meier said that he has a friend that may take them for free and provide discs of pictures for us to print out. It was proposed that if this worked out, that the Boosters could sell the picture discs to parents.

Rebecca Shores agreed to be the focal for pictures next year.

Open Discussion about Next Year:

Middle School Parents: Agreed on need to contact middle school coaches or booster clubs to get list of parent contacts and find out about active parents coming to KR next year. Carla will contact Northwood's Aaron Olson and Bill will contact Todd Smith for Meeker.

Home Duals: Todd discussed the desire to have home duals be more of a show with music and a mat light. Slasors have a friend that does lighting that might be able to setup theatrical type lighting. An idea was to look for KR kids to sing the national anthem or play music during breaks.

Big purchases: A mat light installation might be around \$4,000 and a new mat is around \$10,000, both out of reach right now without more fundraising coming in.

Tournament: Todd would still like to possibly do a tournament next year – perhaps a kiddie tournament with WSWA instead of a high school tournament. They can be big money makers. No one on the committee felt capable or knowledgeable enough to take that on. We need someone that has done it before (Rodger Berlin? Or partner with someone like Ruben Navejas of PCJWL)

Thanks for all of the participation!

Bill Freitag

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