

Abington Bulldogs Youth wrestling Club
Parent Meeting
Wednesday, October 18th 2017 at 8:00 PM
North Penn VFW

Board Present: Coach Sean Bennett (Pres/Director), Eric Delaney (VP), Brad Kibler (Treasurer), John Breen (League Rep.), Coach Bill (Head Coach), Priscilla Patterson (Rec. Secretary)

Parent Members present: 18

Meeting called to order at 8:11 PM

President briefly introduced board members and coaches.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- September expenses are settled/reimbursements made
- October expenses still pending
- Website cost \$194.97 for updates and improvements

NEW NEWS

- **New singlet policy was explained**- Singlets are borrowed from club. Wrestlers will hand singlets back after their last match at their last meet. Not to go home with them. Very expensive to replace.
- **ICWL Open description and requirements:**
 - 1st year wrestlers only/wrestler should have at least 50% wins from season matches/required to attend no less than 5 of 7 Saturday meets during the season/sign-ups are done on line and are parent responsibility (see coaches with any tournament questions- can be overwhelming to parents who are new to the sport)
- **Season Details**
 - 7 week season
 - First week of practice Wednesday, November 1st and Thursday, November 2nd both at 6:30-8:00 pm
 - After that practice schedule is always Tuesday/Thursday 6:30-8:00 pm (arrive at 6:15- shoes take time to lace!)
 - Wrestling practice attire-gym shorts, t-shirt, wrestling shoes (brought and put on there) and head gear
 - Parents of wrestlers in Beginners class are required to stay at practice. Advanced/older kids room: parents have option to "drop-off" after 4 consecutive practices
 - Wrestling meets are on Saturdays. Usually morning; may have afternoon meets. Average hours at meet= 4-5. Wrestler should be at location 60-45 minutes before meet time –Need to stretch, warm up, check in with coaches and get match numbers.
 - First match: December 16th Schedule details to come.
- **Conduct expectations**
 - Wrestlers expected and encouraged to shake hands with opponent before and after each match.
 - Parents no discouraging shouting. Let your child listen to his/her coach during match.
 - Show kids good example of sportsmanship. When congratulating your child consider the other child who just lost his/her match.
- **Hygiene**

- No street shoes on the mats and no wrestling shoes off the mats
- Kids MUST shower a.s.a.p. after each practice and each meet to reduce spread of germs and bacteria such as ringworm, etc.
- Each wrestler will receive DEFENSE (soap designed to aid in preventative maintenance). Also good- any hard soap.

POSITIONS/HELP NEEDED

- **Website Manager-** Dennis Staples is currently managing the web but plans to hand it over once several issues are cleared up
 - Tom Parker was motioned, second motioned and voted in by present members to take over for Dennis. (Tom will also create sign up genius for home meets as needed)
- **Snack Bar Coordinator** for home meets- Elisha (last name?) & Kim Delaney volunteered to share responsibility.
- **Will also need parent involvement with score keeping at home meets as well as tournaments & set-up and take down for home meets**
- **Coaches-** If you would like to assist in coaching you must have clearances.
 - League Rep gives breakdown: PA state criminal/FBI abuse check/must register with our league (ICWL)/ SAFE SPORT (90 min online course; required by USA Wrestling)

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Meeting closed @ 9:34pm by President

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

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