

GHS Fencing Booster Club
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 9, 2015

Attendees: Steve O'Connor (presiding), Chris Balestracci, Charles Chiu, Debbie Fisk, Christine Friel, Ted Killiam, Bob McNamara, Reno Migani, Anne Nelson, Michael Scott, Jing Zhang

Club Business

Minutes of prior meeting (November 11) were approved.

Finance

No change to the current budget. An email reminder will be sent out to all fencer parents for the club dues of \$75 (post-meeting note: email sent on Dec 10th by Steve O'Connor).

Coach's Update (Balestracci)

The quad-meet with Cheshire, Fairfield and Foran scheduled for Dec 12th was cancelled and will be rescheduled. Separate meet with Fairfield Warde has been scheduled for Dec 21st (away) and Feb 24th (home).

State Tournament - No new update.

Coach Balestracci drafted a letter to Sideliners requesting a donation (\$1,500) to partially fund the purchase of metal strips from Absolute Fencing Equipment.

Parent Information

The Banquet is set for March 23 at Woodwinds.

Coordinator for "gifts" for seniors is needed. Post-meeting note: Charles Chiu is working with Sara Sessions (past coordinator) and Kim Nelson/Shelley Talbot (current Senior Night organizers).

Shelley Talbot contacted Coach Mezzi to collect measurements of team members for ordering tees/socks/sweats.

Car-wash fund raising - Bob McNamara will contact Palumbo for a possible date in the Spring.

General Information

40th anniversary of GHS Fencing Program

There are no new updates.

Novice Tournament

Coach Mezzi has reserved the Gym and Commons for the Novice Tournament.

Coach Balestracci consulted Coach Barnett about their raffle and program booklet that could be modeled by our Novice Tournament. Since the tournament is a non-commercial event, the 50/50 cash prize raffle would be acceptable to conduct in his opinion (no legal opinion was obtained). The printing cost of the Morgan fencing program booklet was \$700 and resulted in \$2100 net profit from their fencing event. Coach Balestracci obtained a quote (\$829) from Royal Printing based on one of their recent orders and drafted a fund raising campaign proposal for the Novice Tournament. An electronic copy of his proposal will be provided to Steve O'Connor to aid any parent volunteer(s) to move forward.

Coach Balestracci will contact Coach Mezzi to consider raising the Tournament entrance fee from \$5 to \$10 and also sending the invitation earlier to maximize participation.

Steve O'Connor will contact Matt Catino for a proposed budget for running the upcoming Tournament that includes all three weapons.

Andrew Kaplan suggested setting a table for donation or sale of used equipment at the Tournament, which could be in conflict with our sponsored vendor (Absolute Fencing Equipment) on site. Parents suggested looking locally first before donation to other schools in need (e.g. Bridgeport Central).

Steve O'Connor conducted inventory of socks and tee-shirts in his possession.

Socks: adult size 10-13 (15x), adult XL size 13-15 (19x)

T-shirts: lady size small (11x), large (5x); man size small (3x), medium (4x), large (11x), XL (1x)

There is another batch of tee-shirts with Anne Maxwell that needs to be inventoried.

Post-meeting note: complete inventory of tee-shirts was conducted and additional XL will be ordered.

Reno Migani and Sara Sessions had received past information from Ellen Cordes and preparations for the concession stand are in progress.

Topics for Next Meeting

- Raffle and program booklet for upcoming Novice Tournament
- Fund raising events