

January 5, 2020

**Members present:**

Chris Young, Amber Gruber, Steve Andres, Nick Henderson, Jeni and Brad Melby, Jim and Carol Andres, Amanda Hennessy, Ashley Holmquist, Skip Toops, Chet Gahler, Mike Stangl, Eric Andres, Buck and Kim Radunz

**Old Business:**

- Clarification to verify the Scholarship Committee for 2020: Gordy Kapsner, Darren Girtz, Jeni Melby and Kristen Andres.
- New Scholarship Criteria- Kristen will ensure the school has the new criteria.

**New Business:**

- Raffle Update: Permit was approved. Buck is getting donations. Club goal is to try to get tickets out for sale by the January 27th.
- Pierz hosting junior high wrestling event on January 13<sup>th</sup> (grades 5-9)- table workers are needed.
- Pierz hosting March NYWA Tournament, dates: Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> is the NYWA regional team qualifier. Each team attending is to provide a table worker. Jim Andres has secured hired referees (high school officials) for this event. Workers will leave mats in the PAC and allow the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to wrestle right away on Sunday morning.
  - Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> is the NYWA individual qualifier. Wrestling will begin at 10:30am.
    - All wrestlers will need their NYWA number prior to the tournament.
    - All district qualifiers this year will be scratch weights.
    - Steve will work with Ashley T. to revamp the sign-up sheets. It is expected that the high school wrestlers work at the qualifier tournaments well as all wrestling families. Workers will be needed for Saturday and Sunday.
- January 25<sup>th</sup> will be a busy day for Pierz Wrestling: Youth Team Tournament in Cloquet, K-3 Scrimmage in Foley, and 7-9 state qualifier in Milaca.
  - Discussion about transportation issues for some of the youth team wrestlers. Goal is to keep kids involved and participating. Motion to approve cost of transportation to Cloquet with the use of the school van. Jim Andres stated he is willing to drive the school van. **Skip made the motion and Chris Y seconded, motion carried.**
- January 30<sup>th</sup> SCSU Event: SCSU Wrestling coming to Pierz for Kolton E. Senior collegiate wrestling event. Mark Jensen will also be recognized for his National Wrestling Hall of Fame Induction. Youth wrestling dual with Big Lake will begin at 4:30, followed by High School Dual with Sartell and then SCSU Wrestling.
  - Jim Andres to confirm refs for the event.
  - Steve to get a hold of media to see if we can get a release.

- Dawn to do a Facebook post about the event.
- State Tournament Payments: Now is the time to start planning. School pays for the coaches and 2 rooms. Motion to cover up to \$3000.00 for state tournament expenses. **Mike S. made the motion and Buck R. seconded, motion carried.**
  - NOTE: Kids need to turn in their receipts for reimbursement.
- Youth Tournament Recap: 332 youth wrestlers participated from other towns and schools. Tournament went well with no major issues. One complaint of youth running a table. Discussed all tables started out with high schoolers or adults running the table and was likely a situation where it was passed down. Ropes seemed to work well to keep people seated when they were mat side. Discussed coaches' shirts and new singlets, both were well received by all. Could tell where the coaches were and could also tell when a Pierz Wrestler was on the mat.
  - Discussed Foley sending over 60 wrestlers to our tournament and we should support their tournament. Motion made to cover Pierz youth wrestler's entry fees for the Foley tournament on February 7th. **Chris Y. made the motion and Kim R. seconded, motion carried.**
- Senior Night: Motion approved to spend \$150 for a package for the Senior Wrestlers. Kim will work on putting this together. **Jenny M. made the motion and Kim R. Seconded, motion carried.**

**Next Meeting February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m., at the Pierz Fire Hall**