

Walled Lake Schools Bowling Boosters
General Membership Meeting
Feb. 3, 2020 at 7 pm
Commerce Twp Library Meeting Room

Welcome and Introductions:

Head Coach: Jennifer Willbur	President: Amber Schoffler
Vice President: Mollie Polakos	Treasurer: Richard Deck
Secretary: Nicole Robinson	Central Parent Rep: Tiffany Willis (not present)
Northern Parent Rep: Serena Deck	Western Parent Rep: n/a

Meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by Amber Schoffler.

Introductions of all Board Members were made.

Boosters President Report:

- a. Boosters accomplishments from the previous season
 1. New signs installed at both ends of Wonderland acknowledging it as home of Walled Lake Schools Bowling teams.
 2. New display cases were installed by the main restrooms at Wonderland to showcase trophies and plaques that the teams have won through the years of the program.
 3. Coaches kits were given to all coaches at the start of the year- contained basic supplies needed such as ice pack, tape, NuSkin, bandaids, etc.
- b. Fundraising events for this year- details of money raised contained in the Treasurer's report (see separate Treasurer's report document)
 1. 50/50 raffles during home meets at Wonderland- \$768.00 YTD
 2. Bottle Drive- \$1200.30 YTD
 3. Sponsorship Letters- \$5100.00 YTD
 4. Eliminator Tournament- \$3097.54
- c. Bowling Banquet Update: to be held Friday March 13, 2020. Doors open at 6:00 pm, festivities run approximately from 6:30-9:30 pm. Bowlers and families typically follow with going to Wonderland Lanes for Glow Bowling.
 1. There will be vegetarian options offered
 2. When submitting Banquet forms be sure to include the bowler in your count but do not pay for him/her (that cost is covered by the Bowling Boosters).

Vice President Report:

Mollie has already sent out an e-mail to all Boosters members regarding the upcoming 2020/2021 Board Elections and process. Currently accepting nominations until 2/7/2020. Voting to be held from 2/8/2020 to 2/13/2020. New Board Members will be announced at the banquet. Only people who have a

current bowler in the program can be nominated for office. The Head Coach position is decided by Walled Lake Schools Athletic Director Brian Swineheart.

Treasurer's Update:

1. We have 51 bowlers and 13 coaches in the program this year
2. This was the first year the Eliminator Tournament was held
 - a. 26 teams total- 18 varsity teams and 8 JV teams
 - b. Wonderland will hold 40 teams max- goal for next year is to try to get 34 teams
 - c. Suggestion made to advertise the event on the Walled Lake Schools website and David Mack suggested advertising that the tournament is open to JV teams in an effort to try to get more to participate so that they could have their own separate bracket
3. Legacy Scholarship funding and information was reviewed as this needs to be funded by the Boosters every year

Head Coach Report:

- a. Tryouts for 2020-2021 season- more than likely will be held over a span of a couple of days
- b. Western Co-op team -was developed in cooperation with MHSAA rep and Brian Swineheart in order to allow more bowlers the opportunity to bowl. All bowlers on the team are earning the normal credits through their own school. This was done in an effort to avoid making any cuts. All bowlers were given option to join, not everyone decided to do so.
- c. Recruiting for next year
 1. School announcements will be made again at all 3 schools
 2. Flyers placed at Wonderland
 3. Presence at 8th Grade Orientation night
 4. E-mail out to all parents prior to tryouts through weekly e-mail from Judy Evola (WLS Communications director)
 5. E-mails sent out to all 3 schools athletic directors and Brian Swineheart (Head athletic director) prior to tryouts
 6. David Mack who is a coach in the Fall Saturday morning league at Wonderland indicated that those coaches start talking with the bowlers there for the 2-3 weeks prior to the tryouts trying to encourage participation
- d. Tournament/Championship Update
 1. February 14th- Senior recognition at Wonderland meet
 2. February 21st- Lakes Valley Conference Tournament at 300 Bowl
 - a. Varsity Top 10 averages for Boys and Girls are recognized
 - b. JV Top 10 averages for Boys and Girls are recognized
 - c. Have to have a 24 game minimum in order to qualify for these
 3. February 22nd-23rd- JV Championships at Sterling Lanes
 - a. Some bowlers and their families have opted to stay overnight at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Sterling Heights on Saturday night

- b. Optional party at Dave & Busters in Sterling Heights Saturday night will be held also- need a wrist band in order to eat (given to those who have pre-paid)
- 4. February 28th-29th- MHSAA Regionals (Varsity Only) at 300 Bowl
 - a. Team event on Friday- can take up to 7 bowlers
 - b. Individual event on Saturday- can only take up to 6 bowlers

Questions from General Membership:

1. Kathleen O'Connor and Gail Esker asked about the rule regarding a Coach not being able to coach his/her own bowler. They are concerned because the WLN Girls Varsity coach, John Kohler, would not be able to coach the girls team again next year if his daughter makes the team.
 - a. Head Coach Jen Willbur discussed the rationale for this decision was based on parent complaints from last season that were both in person and in writing on the end of season surveys sent out from Brian Swineheart.
 - b. She indicated if parents were not happy with the decision that they could reach out to Brian Swineheart but in her role as Head Coach she would be adhering to this rule.
2. Practice times outside of regularly scheduled practices- Jen Willbur indicated that this is allowed as long as there is at least 3 bowlers to one coach and suggested that a parent also be in the vicinity to monitor.
3. Wearing of team jerseys to school on game days- Ken Casagrande suggested the bowlers be encouraged to do this as a way to promote the bowling program. Jen indicated she would bring it up with the coaches and the bowlers.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm by Amber Schoffler.