**Minutes of the Takedown Parent Meeting**

**April 5, 2021**

**Sparkman High School Wrestling**

**Officers Present**

Ashley Moore - President

Robyn Follhoelter – 1st Vice President

Tina Pizitz – 2nd Vice President

Carla Sanchez – 2nd Vice President

Julie Speaks – Treasurer

Melanie Forbes – Secretary

Janice Robb – Volunteers and Social Media

**Coach Staff Present:** Coach Ronnie Watson

**Call to Order**

The Takedown Parent meeting for April 2021 was called to order by Board President, Ashley Moore at 6:05 PM. The meeting was held via Zoom due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic.

The new officer introductions were made for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

**Approval of Minutes**

This is the first meeting of the upcoming school year, so there were no minutes presented from the previous Takedown Parents Meeting.

**Financials Report**

Julie reported that the March month-end balance in the public account is $9,449.64.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to report, but Janice asked about the option for accepting card or digital payments at the concessions stand. Some of the wrestlers had asked about this as an option, and she wanted to know if this has been researched. Coach Watson explained that this has been looked into before, but he was previously told it was not an option either due to Madison County School policy or Sparkman Bookkeeping restrictions. Melanie offered to look into this again for next school year and report back by the next meeting.

**New Business**

Ashley said her key focus is on better communication for the parents including the use of our team website and the Remind option. (@tdcboo).

Our next meeting can be in person and Coach Watson wants it to be a recruiting meeting. Zoom might be an option for those who can’t meet in person.

**Coach Watson’s Report**

Summer Program – There will be more weight lifting and strength training this summer. The times will likely change so they aren’t in the middle of the day. Middle School students will be optional and he will decide on a case-by-case basis who can join. Summer Program will start June 7th and be Mondays-Thursdays. When school starts back, he will also be opening the weight room in the afternoons so wrestlers can work out after school while football is practicing.

Recruiting - The next Takedown parent meeting will need to be a recruiting meeting. So he is working on flyers and other communications.

Fundraisers – These are key and are especially needed to help build the girl’s program. He will wait for the officers to announce their fundraisers, and then he will decide on his. He wants to do some this summer to build funds early. He is also hoping to get some corporate sponsorships

Tournaments - He still doesn’t know if we can travel out-of-state, but there are plans to attend the Daphne Tournament. There might also be some summer tournaments for those who can travel to them.

Schedule – Next year’s schedule is almost complete. Hoover, Spain Park and Arab are on the calendar, but he is waiting to hear back from other schools to get confirmations.

Spirit Wear - He is working on spirit wear and is open to suggestions on some new items

College Outreach - He is looking for a volunteer who might be able to help him design a slide or something to send to colleges to help celebrate the wrestlers and promote them to schools.

Mask protocols - Even though state mask mandates will soon be lifted, they will still be required at school and might even be necessary during the summer.

**Other Topics Discussed**

Benders will be hosting training sessions conducted by Kody Draper and Phillip Robinson. The information was shared with the parents by the Officers, but it was reiterated that this is not hosted or promoted by the school or the coaches. They have no involvement in this program.

**Next Takedown Parent Meeting**

May 3rd in person at 6pm possibly in the gym or auditorium at the school.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:58 pm.**