**Minutes of the Takedown Parent Meeting**

**May 24, 2021**

**Sparkman High School Wrestling**

**Officers Present** **Not Present**

Ashley Moore - President Janice Robb – Volunteers and Social Media

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, Allan Westenhofer

**Call to Order**

The Takedown Parent meeting for May 2021 was called to order by Takedown President, Ashley Moore at 6:34 PM. The meeting was held at Sparkman 9 Gym.

Officer introductions were made for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

**Reading of Minutes**

Melanie gave a summarized version of the minutes from the last meeting.

**Financials Report**

Julie reported that the May month-end balance in the public account is still $9,449.64. No change.

**Old Business presented by Ashley**

Ashley reminded all parents that the goal is to have 4 teams this year, so communication will be key. So she let parents know about the ways we inform parents: www.sparkmanwrestling.com is our website, our Remind option is @tdcboo, and our email is senatorswrestling@gmail.com

**New Business by Ashley**

***Fundraisers:***

We will be doing at least one car wash this summer. So it will be important to sign up for emails and “Remind” messages.

**Coach Watson’s Report**

Overview - He covered some myths parents might have about the wrestling program. 1) Wrestlers usually don’t have any discipline issues; in fact, they are typically some of the best student athletes. 2) They don’t focus on weight management, so don’t be concerned with that. 3) You can usually do as many sports as you want to, you don’t have to do just one sport at Sparkman.

The Wrestling Program has Four Pillars: RARE (Respect, Aggressive, Resilience, Excellence)

There will be a big coaching staff this year, and they have to live up to those RARE qualities too.

Summer Program – not required for 7th, 8th or 9th grade. So they can only do body weight like push-ups. The rest are doing a lot of weight lifting. It will be different than before. This year we will do workouts before football practices and before it gets too hot. 6am-7:30am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Football players don’t need to do both workouts. Workouts begin on June 7th, and room will open 5:45. Football workouts start at 8:00-11:00.

Recruiting – Last year we didn’t recruit as much, because our mats were pretty full and we were working under COVID restrictions. But this year we will ramp that up. We normally have one of the largest programs in the area. Last year we had 3 females who wrestled. This year we will have a Varsity Team, JV Team, Freshman Team and Female Team. Females will have an option to wrestle only girls, or boys.

Regan and Cameron spoke about female wrestling experience.

Fundraisers – We need more to cover the expenses for four team, especially to build the female team with new uniforms and gear.

Tournaments – at least one in Mobile and maybe one or more in Tennessee,

Schedule – is locked except for middle school and female team. A lot of female tournaments will be in Tennessee.

Mask protocols – He thinks masks will be optional by June 7th system-wide.

Communication- GroupMe is how he can communicate because it is monitored by administration.

**New Business**

Ashley handed out the “How to Stay Connected” sheet

**Next Takedown Parent Meeting**

July 12th in person at 6:30pm possibly in the S9 auditorium at the school.

**Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:17 pm.**