Take Down Club Minutes

October 11, 2022, 6:30 pm

The president, Ashley Moore, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the officers, Janice Robb (VP), Tina Pizitz (Secretary), Candice Kemp (Treasurer).

Ashley Moore presented some items of interest.

* Any of the officers can be contacted by the email listed on the team website.
* There is a Remind established for the wrestling program (@tdcboo). There are also Facebook and Twitter sites. The wrestlers have a GroupMe and need to contact Coach Watson to be added.
* Fees will remain the same for this season: $200 per wrestler ($150 for a sibling wrestler). Fees can be paid in person or through the My School Fees site. If you pay online through My School Fees, there is a 3% of purchase service fee charged. If you need to make payments, please contact one of the officers or Coach to set that up to avoid the 3% fee.
* The season runs from October through February. We have kept our fees low because we do a lot of fundraising. The first one is going to be a Coca-Cola fundraiser and it will be starting in a few weeks. We really need everyone to participate to help keep the program running smoothly.
* The Out of County form needs to be returned for your child to travel with the team. If your child has a form with another sport (football, baseball, band, etc.) then Coach can get a copy from the other sport. If not, please fill out the form and get it notarized. There are two notaries at Sparkman, one at the 9th Grade School and one at the High School. Either will notarize the form for free. DO NOT SIGN THE FORM until you are in front of the notary.

Coach Watson’s Report

* We currently have a Girls Team, 7-9 Team, JV Team, and a Varsity Team. We have 11 Coaches that will be coaching these teams.
* Coach Watson went over the various information handed out. All of this information is located on the team website. It is important to remember that this program will overcommunicate. We believe that everyone needs to know what’s going on. Parents may get several emails from both Coach and the Take Down Club Officers. The wrestlers will get information from Coach on the GroupMe.
* Each wrestler will need to have their forms completed in DragonFly. If you are having problems with DragonFly please contact one of the officers or Coach and we will help you through it.
* Practice begins on October 17, 2022, for the Girls Team and the 7th, 8th, and 9th grade. Practice begins on October 24, 2022, for the JV and Varsity team. You child cannot practice if your DragonFly information is not completed.
* All practices are at the Sparkman 9th Grade School. Make sure you have both your wrestling shoes for time on the mat and regular tennis shoes for time outside at every practice.
* Wrestling takes disciple. You’ll begin seeing changes in your child both in their physical condition and their demeanor. Our program is based on Four Pillars – R.A.R.E.
  + Respect
  + Aggressive
  + Resilience
  + Excellence

As your child begins embodying these pillars, they will grow in confidence both in their physical abilities and in their outlooks.

* The Hydration Test for the Female, JV and Varsity wrestlers and any wrestler in Grades 10-12, will be on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 8:50 a.m. at Bob Jones High School. Wrestlers should meet Coach Watson by the Turf Field. Wrestlers should wear a singlet under clothes. The test costs $25 and should be turned in to Coach Watson by October 28, 2022, as ell as the form for the test filled out. More information will be given to the wrestlers the week of the test. If you cannot make this test date the next one will be two weeks later in Decatur.
* There will be a Spirit Store for the program. The wrestlers are required to get the warm-ups identified on the flyer but everything else is optional.
* Pictures will be made. Information will be sent home as soon as everything is set up.
* The Sparkman Wrestling Team has become well known for being a group that can be depended upon to get the job done. If there is a need in the community, our team is one of the first that responds, and people know that our team can be counted on to do the right thing. We try to do a lot of community service to help our wrestlers out with getting required hours and helping our community out with needs.
* Coach has high expectations for this team. Wrestlers are encouraged to talk the team up. We need more wrestlers, females, and lighter weights especially, but we welcome everyone who is willing to put in the work.
* Quick hygiene note – this sport requires a lot of deodorant. Not just deodorant but the kind with antiperspirant in it as well. You may laugh about this note now but a month into the season parents will begin to understand why this has to be said. Also, your wrestler is going to need to shower after practice. We do a really good job cleaning mats and keeping things disinfected but we need the wrestlers to work just as hard keeping themselves clean so no infections are spread. The last thing, you have to keep your nails cut so you don’t accidentally cut someone else.

Ashley Moore then discussed transportation from the middle schools to the Sparkman 9th Grade for practice. She is working with Sparkman Middle School to set up a bus that will pick the wrestlers up at the middle school and bring them to the 9th Grade School but the bus driver shortage is impacting the timing. Right now it looks like these wrestlers will not arrive at the 9th Grade School until after 4:00 p.m.

Unfortunately, the Monrovia Middle School will not have a bus available to transport the wrestlers to practice. It is recommended that the Monrovia parents get together and arrange a carpool to transport the wrestlers after school.

Ashley Moore adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.