

Cumberland Gymnastics Booster Club

Parent Meeting

July 28, 2014



I. Welcome

a. President Report - Nikki Cardin

- i. Called to order at 6:01 by President Nikki Cardin. Nikki started by introducing herself and the board. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask ANY officer.

b. Approval of April 2014 Minutes. Moved to Approve: Meredith Rauhaut Seconded: Janine Farrell

II. Melanie's Report

a. **Remind 101: text (469) 208-6797 and put @teamcg in the message**

b. Reminder about the fun events – be sure to sign up on TTSU.

c. Food sign-up for Friday night sleepover will be up for tomorrow.

d. Senator's game is Saturday – buffet, watch the game, and performance.

e. Conferences – you do not have to sign-up, but if you want one – please sign-up by Friday so Melanie can have everything ready.

f. Reminder about the invitationals. You have to sign-up on TTSU by August 15 for planning purposes. Payment dates are on the physical sheet. The three deadlines are: Sept. 2, October 1, and December 10. . Checks are made payable to CGBC, goes to Treasurer, not Melanie.

g. Warm-ups and leos will be determined by the end of this month and the payment will be broken up into two payments.

h. Big and little Sisters were handed out today. Since some left early, Melanie will hand them out and play a game with the girls tomorrow so they know who is in their “gym family.” The idea is to give a little extra support in and out of the gym to “bigs” and “littles”. Gives the girls a chance to get to know each other on a more personal level.

i. Fall school schedule will be out soon.

j. Fees will be going up slightly for the new season. If you want to take advantage of a 10% discount, you can pay September to May in one lump sum. Monthly fees are due by the tenth of the month.

k. Carmen is a new coach. She has coached in Spain (12 years) and in the US for the last five years. She starts officially on August 4th. She has a strong dance background and lives in Boiling Springs.

- l. As meets get closer, Melanie will send out some reminders about what the girls and gym families need to know.
- m. If you have a question/concern don't hesitate to call (422-8989) or email at the gym – cumberlandgym@earthlink.com.
- n. We have a lot of new families, please help to make them feel welcome and introduce yourselves.
- o. We will be setting up “mentor” families for the new parents to help you navigate things.

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. Wrap up last year's budget. We spent most of our income. Angela stated we ended the year with 8,000 to help us get the season started because assessments will not all be in in time for some of the earliest bills.
 - i. She reviewed the overall final budget with the members.
- b. Budget/Handbook Brainstorming Meeting
 - i. Angela spent a lot of time analyzing the numbers. How are we spending our money? There are shared expenses by all of the gymnasts. In other words, in order to be on the team this is spread out over all gymnasts.
 - ii. Our biggest expense is coaching fees sending our coaches to meets. Angela went through and explained how she broke that down even further. She showed expenses by BRGA meets and invitationals.
 - iii. Next Angela analyzed each of the meets – BRGA, States, Regionals, and Invitationals. Melanie donated a lot of her own time and expenses for personally in order to make sure the rest of the coaches got paid. Total was about 3,000. The biggest variable in determining coaching fees is invitationals. The average number of invitationals chosen by a gymnast and her family is three. We will pay for coaches' expenses for all gymnasts/coaches for up to three invitationals.
 - iv. Next Angela shared a draft budget that was developed as a result of the brainstorming meeting. Angela shared the budget and how we massaged some of the planned expenses (training, equipment, etc.). On the income side we are budgeting conservatively (Fall meet is a little risky, it may not happen because it is so early). Carlisle Classic is what was formally known as the Leprechaun, and the big State meet.
 - v. Angela has budgeted for a net income in order to start to build up a little cushion to help offset early season expenses until the first assessments are due.

- c. There are discounts. If you pay within the 10 days, from due date, you get a quarterly discount of 10%. If you pay the entire year in one lump sum you can get a 12.5% discount. By default, everyone will be doing quarterly payments. If you choose the monthly or whole year option, please let Angela know. Angela will spell out the due dates when she invoices.
- d. What happens if the whole year is paid early and a family fundraises? Any excess funds they earn can go for anything else paid for through the Booster Club (Invitationals, states, Banquet, etc.).
- e. The 75.00 fee for extra invitationals was derived by looking over the last three years' worth of meets to look at the per gymnast fee for coaches expenses. The amount ranged from 55-105 per gymnast.
- f. Nora made the suggestion that if we have a meet that has only a few gymnasts, perhaps we consider cancelling the meet. Melanie shared all of the scenarios we went through when trying to consider if a meet might be cancelled. At this point we are going to wait and see how the sign-ups flesh out.
- g. Coaches' expenses pay for session fees, lodging, travel (mileage/flight), meals, etc.
- h. Melanie addressed the issue of her attendance at all the meets. Last year she tried to attend all (but one) state meet. Melanie would really like some feedback on how your daughter feels about the need to have Melanie at all meets. As she grows her family, she may need to consider missing some even though she really wants to be at all of them. Tanya will send out a survey that will be anonymous so you can provide feedback.
- i. If at any time you need a balance for your account, email Angela and if you don't hear from her in a day or two, please email her again.
- j. Budget Report - Moved to approve Meredith Rauhut seconded by Larisa Juday.
Budget Approved.

IV. Vice-President's Report – Committees – Nikki introduced committee chairs.

a. Committee Chairs

- i. Meet – Co-Chairs Susie Mancuso and Tracie Martin, Kelli Bender “In-Training”
 - 1. If you know ahead of time that you cannot go to a meet, please make sure to communicate that to the meet committee so we can get something worked out.
 - 2. Look for information via email.
- ii. Concessions – Nora Gulden and Jess Hageman

1. Nora provided a handout, especially for new families with details about concessions. It will be emailed separately from the minutes.
 2. Donations REALLY help us offset costs. You can refer to the handout to see who has donated in the past. (She keeps expenses to an absolute minimum).
 3. If you know of a business that would be willing to donate, please contact Nora or Jess and they will follow-up with you to make sure we don't "hit up" the same business multiple times.
 4. If you get a donation, it can off-set your "ten dollar" donation.
- iii. Banquet/Special Events – Shelly Crawford
1. Early to talk budget. It is a celebration for the girls (their fees are covered) and family members pay a small fee. There are a few slots left if you are interested in signing up for this committee.
- iv. Yearbook – Kelly Richwine
1. It is a specialized committee that really requires a computer, download *Dropbox* for on-line sharing, have a good quality camera, and be flexible/available to attend multiple events. Photoshop is used to make pages, so knowledge of that software is a huge plus. We will meet in the fall to go over the details more thoroughly.
 2. Examples of the yearbook are on the table in the foyer.
- v. Fundraising – Jess Hughes
1. Pizza, sandwiches, Butter braids, leo sales
 2. Banners are a great way to earn a 100 one-time payment and each family can sell up to two banners.
 3. Banners cost 700, 100 for creation of the banner, 100 to gym family who "gets" the banner, 20% to Melanie, and about 450 for the Booster Club.
 4. More information will be sent out about the specific fundraising details and if anything needs to be changed in the handbook we will make the changes and re-post the handbook.
- b. Committee Sign-ups - Due by August 1, 2014

V. Old Business

- a. Any plans for how to recognize accomplishments of gymnasts as a banner in the gym?
 - i. Melanie commented how long we should go back? Melanie has owned the gym for ten years (as of spring 2015).

- ii. Should we have a banner that we add kids too or one banner per year?
- iii. Criteria for who should get on a banner needs to be decided, as well.
- iv. Maybe some of the state meet profit money could be earmarked for banners.
- v. Getting recognition for the girls into the newspaper is very difficult – if you have a contact at a newspaper that could help – please share with Melanie.

VI. New Business

- a. Handbook Revisions – Tanya reviewed highlighted sections in the Handbook that are new/changed this year.
- b. Schedules are out as soon as we get them. The meet director waits for all their numbers to make the schedule. So the league is going to try as a Blue Ridge to get the schedules out as soon as possible.

VII. Communication Items from the Floor

- a. Adjournment - We adjourned at 7:17.