

Cumberland Gymnastics Booster Club

Parent Meeting

July 28, 2017



I. Welcome

- a. President Report – Kelly Rimmer
 - i. Called to order at 5:35pm.
- b. Approval of March 2017 Minutes. Moved to Approve: Kelli Bender Seconded: Sarah Navarro.
- c. Meeting began with introduction of the Executive Board and went around the room so that everyone was able to introduce themselves.

II. Melanie's Report

- a. **Remind 101: text (469) 208-6797 and put @teamcg in the message.** Please sign up if you have not already.
- b. Summer practice is going well and the moving of the gym went well and the girls have seemed to adjust to the changes. Camp also has been going well. The guest coaches and the hip hop days were fun for the girls. Melanie explained the tuition for the camp and summer are determined by the time that the girls are there and divided evenly. Camp week does have extra staff, special activities (blow up slide, etc.), so there are fees added into the camp tuition for those items. Melanie added that camp will not be mandatory for the gymnasts next year, but that will need to be known by July 1st. If a gymnast does not attend camp, they will have the week off.
- c. Conferences – A list of dates will be added to Time to Sign Up (TTSU) by Sunday. The first day of conferences will be when the school year schedule is available and sent to everyone. August 18th is the last day of the summer schedule and the gymnasts will have off that Saturday and possibly Monday. The school year schedule will start that week. Melanie explained that there are 8 or 9 school districts that the girls attend and she looks at all those school schedules to try to make the gymnasts schedules work for the majority. She will put out the school year schedule in 2 releases, first and second halves of the year.
- d. Invitationals – The Invitational schedule will be out by next week. This year we will be going three BRGA league meets. This will allow for more Invitational meets for the gymnasts. They are:
 - i. November 11 & 12 at Perry Juniata
 - ii. December 9 & 10 at Dynamats in Williamsport
 - iii. January 6 & 7 Championship meet at Cumberland Gymnastics
- e. Melanie explained that you are able to email her to set up times to talk throughout the year. Conferences are only scheduled one time a year, but you can contact her any time if there are issues that need to be discussed or if you want to talk about the progress of your child.

- f. Angie Lane will be taking over the website. There was just an update to the Coaches page and the bios are now up for each coach.

III. Treasurer's Report – Kelly Rimmer introduced Nicky Tynan to the Booster Club (cgboosterclubtreasurer@gmail.com)

a. 2017-2018 Budget Report

- i. Nicky explained the budget sheets to the group. Melanie interjected to explain the state meet relating to the budget. The budget was created with the assumption that we will host a state meet. Currently, Melanie has put bids to host one of two state meets, but the selection will not be made until October 1st. We will most likely get one, but we will not get to host both meets. Melanie was not able to put in a first or second choice for preference. The two possibilities are either:
 - March 17-18 Level 9/10 at Messiah, or
 - April 21-22 Level 4 at Big Spring.
- ii. Nicky went on to explain the reason for higher assessment fees this year was due to smaller incomes for meets that were held last year and fewer gymnasts attending those meets. This is also due to the fact that the 2015-16 year was very strong in bringing in income, but the 2016-17 year was a bit lower. Melanie noted that we have a very well run Booster Club compared to others and that it is very well organized.
- iii. Nicky explained the true expenses are what it would cost to cover critical expenses without hosting meets.
- iv. Nicky requested that monthly fees be the same amount every month and to put checks in the Treasurer's folder in the gym. If you would like to pay quarterly fees, please email this request to Nicky and she will invoice you. The yearly assessment fee with the discount is due by 10th of September.
- v. A question was raised as to why the Hot Shots were so different in costs. This is because they are involved in fewer meets. Melanie explained that there will probably be no gymnasts this year competing at the Hot Shot level.
- vi. The fee schedule will be included as an attachment to the contract as well.
- vii. Any questions relating to the budget, please email Nicky.

b. Approval of 2017-2018 Budget. Moved to Approve: All in favor.

IV. Vice-President's Report – Larisa Juday

- a. Committees Overview – Larisa briefly explained the six committees.
- b. Committee Chairs – Larisa introduced the chairs and explained that the TTSU will be open after the meeting. The chairs have already been added to the TTSU.
 - i. Meet – Co-Chairs Kelli Bender and Ashley Jones
 - ii. Concessions - Co-Chairs Nora Gulden and Sandi Ilgenfritz
 - iii. Special Events – Heidi Sowers
 - iv. Yearbook – Cherie Ramsey
 - Looking for photographers

v. Fundraising – Nicole Gould

- This year every gymnast will be responsible for \$175 whether it be Buy-out, fundraising or a combination of both.
- A question was raised how this will work for the leo sale and what dollar value would be assigned to a shift. This will be determined when the fundraising committee meets.
- The \$175 will be per family, not per gymnast.
- The total will be due by the end of the year and not up front as the Buy-out was done previously.

vi. Public Relations – Joan Schmidt

c. Committee Sign-ups – deadline August 4th. Committee chairs will reach out after to schedule meetings in the near future.

d. Larisa can be reached at any time at 717-713-4028 or at thejudays@yahoo.com.

- Melanie can be reached at Cumberlandgym@earthlink.net or 717-422-8989. She would prefer to deal with issues when they arise as opposed to later.
- There will be a Mock Meet at the gym on Friday October 27th. This is not a requirement for the gymnasts. Melanie will be providing information about tank leos that the gymnasts will need within a week. New competition leos are not being purchased this year. There will also be an email coming out about swapping leos or re-ordering leos for those that may need them or to swap sizing.
- A question was asked about what the new gymnasts will need. A list with anticipated costs will be sent regarding this as well once everything that is required is pulled together. A new parent meeting will be held in the beginning of September.

V. Old Business

a. State Banners

- i. Melanie explained that there is a new point of contact for the state banners. The banners will list some of the big achievements over the past few years for the gymnasts. There was a previous vote as to how many years these will retroactively cover.

VI. New Business – All of these items were emailed to everyone prior to this meeting.

a. Team & Booster Club Handbook – This was revised a bit and the dates for the Booster Club meetings are included. Each family should try to attend all three, but only two are required, if unable to make all three. The next dates are:

- Thursday November 30th, and
- Thursday March 1st

All meetings are held in the same room as the first meeting.

b. Team Contract – This is a binding, legal document. Anyone is able to be a witness when signing the contract. Some highlights to note in the contract:

- i. Updated fundraising requirement to the \$175 total as previously discussed.
- ii. A revision was made to the volunteering for meets section. If a volunteer slot is missed, there will be a \$100 charge per missed obligation that is due within two weeks.

- iii. If there is an outstanding balance for any reason, the gymnast will be unable to register or compete in any Invitational until the balance is paid in full.
 - iv. If the family is unable to volunteer at a required meet, they must coordinate this with the Meet Committee within 60 days prior to the meet and something will be replaced in order to fulfill this obligation.
 - v. If a gymnast is unable to attend practice, please text or email Melanie. There are no make-ups for missed practice for team. If homework or a personal issue arises, please coordinate with Melanie.
 - vi. The last week of each month families and friends are able to watch the girls practice. Melanie encouraged everyone to do this, as the girls really enjoy this. Otherwise, please stay only 5-10 minutes at drop-off and arrive only 15-20 minutes ahead of pick-up. If you would like to come at another time to watch during the month, please email Melanie ahead of time.
 - vii. Changes were required to the contract and will be revised and emailed after meeting. Some copies will also be available at gym for those who may not have access to a printer.
 - viii. Exhibit A (Monthly Team Fee) will be completed before the contract needs to be signed and will come out when the team schedule is emailed.
 - ix. Signed contract is due to Melanie by August 15th.
- c. Volunteer Clearances - Any person filling a volunteer slot must have their volunteer clearances. These are valid for 60 months.
 - d. Banner Advertising – Each family that secures a sponsor with a banner advertisement will get \$100 added per banner to their personal account. A TTSU will be created for families to sign up for business that they will solicit. These will be reviewed and approved prior to each family soliciting a business. We want to be somewhat exclusive to businesses within zip codes.
 - e. Ongoing Communication – Survey Monkey was a new idea added for families to ask questions that may be uncomfortable doing so in front of a group.
 - i. Kelly added that a few comments were received, but they are hard to interpret if not clearly communicated and as they are anonymous, we are not able to ask the individual for clarity. These surveys will be available prior to each Booster Club meeting, but it is preferred that discussions are held at each meeting in an open forum, as it allows for better discussions/resolution.
 - ii. Melanie expressed that she just wants the best for the gymnasts and wants to see them all succeed. If you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to approach Melanie and be open and honest. She explained that she recently had chosen to let a coach go, as it was in the best interest of the girls. She is actively looking for a replacement to hire, but it is not an easy process.

VII. Communication Items from the Floor

- a. Melanie reminded everyone that when a child is dropped off to do it as you are driving out of the parking lot. Do not have them run across the driveway when dropping off.

- b. Sarah Navarro noted that the tie dyed items were all washed in a setting solution and they are all okay to wash.
- c. Big sisters/ little sisters were chosen at camp this week. This is meant to be a mentor for the girls and to exchange little items, like birthday cards, etc. This is not meant to be anything extravagant.
- d. The team roster will be sent out after it is final and will have the girls' birthdays. This will no longer be added to the website.
- e. Cherie Ramsey noted that she has all the photographs from last year and if anyone is interested in having these to please put a zip drive in Savannah's folder and she will copy them for your use.
- f. Adjournment – We adjourned at 6:50pm.