

WSDDCA Newsletter: Spring 2010

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Spring Coaches meeting at Kamiakin High School. It was a beautiful day outside. For those of you who traveled, I hope you enjoyed the beauty of our fine state.

Below you can find a recap of the meeting in the minutes, but I will take some time to elaborate on some of the issues discussed. Please remember that I am here to represent you this year. Should you need anything, please contact me. As we head into the spring may you enjoy the beautiful weather and good luck putting together your new teams!

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Fall Conference: I Love Coaching: Why I Coach

The 2010 Fall Conference will be held October 2 & 3 at the Clarion in Yakima. A flyer and registration forms are being sent with this newsletter. Please make sure to register by the deadline so that we can have accurate numbers for planning purposes. We are planning to offer the stunt clinic at the Fall Conference, but we will not be offering First Aid/CPR in the fall. If you have any proposals for the Fall Membership meeting, please submit them to Executive Director, Lara Lindersmith, wsddca@gmail.com. The blank proposal form is available on our website.

WIAA State Recap:

Teresa Fisher reviewed this year's state championships. The two major areas of discussion were adding more people for bag checks or even having an expedited line for those with no bags and the importance of honoring the request of the Sun Dome to not bring in outside food or drink. She feels the food issue is something that we should be policing ourselves. She also asked the membership to begin thinking of an appropriate number to be involved in the Parade of Teams. Too many people are coming down to take part in this celebration, so it looks like we will have to put a number on how many may participate.

WSDDJA (formerly WSSJA) Updates:

This year's trainings are scheduled for October 16 & 17 and October 30. The spring meeting will be coming soon. One of the things that will be happening at this time will be a redistribution of duties. This will take the burden off of one individual to do all of this. The judges' executive board plans to continue working with WSDDCA board to address concerns that have arisen recently on Judges' Conflict of Interest.

Judges' Conflict of Interest:

A concern has arisen regarding judges' conflict of interest when they are judging performances and working directly with teams either as a coach or choreographer. To further discuss the issue a meeting has been scheduled for April 29th at 5pm at Mitzel's in Fife. All are invited to attend and bring their input. If unable to attend the meeting, coaches are encouraged to e-mail concerns or feelings regarding this issue to Kate Grieve or Lindsay Starr. You may also respond on the WSDDCA via a discussion thread. Contact Lara at the above mentioned e-mail address if you need assistance accessing the thread. After the meeting is held, the DDCA executive board will meet with the JA executive board to determine an appropriate next step. We will make sure that we keep coaches informed throughout the process

State Finals Format:

Discussion occurred regarding holding the state championships in a semi-final/finals format. Shannon Bibe of Kamiakin presented a detailed proposal on what this would look like. Coaches in attendance at the spring meeting agreed that they like the idea but they want more logistics figured out prior to voting on the implementation of the concept. In response to the idea, the executive boards of the CA and JA will work with the WIAA to figure out a feasible plan and report back to the association. At that time, the coaches' association will decide whether or not we would like to go forward with the idea. More discussion regarding this topic will occur at the fall meeting.

I have not given feedback on all proposals voted upon at the spring meeting, so please refer to the spring meeting agenda and minutes for more detailed information <http://www.wsddca.com/meetingminutes.htm>. I wish you the best of luck with the beginning of your seasons. I look forward to seeing you all soon, and I hope to see you at conference in Yakima. In the meantime, reflect on the reasons why you love coaching and remember that you are impacting the lives of many young ladies and gentlemen everyday!!

Take care,
Kate ☺