



Texas USA Gymnastics
Committee Meeting

November 18, 2007

Meeting called to order: 6:35pm

Roll Call

Members Present

Diane Callison	State Chair
Larry McDonough	Education Chair
Scott Crouse	North Competition Chair
Lisa England	South Competition Chair
Al Gamboa	District 1 Representative
Martin Parsley	District 3 Representative
Carol Robuck	District 4 Representative
Barbara Hughes	District 6 Representative
Lynnis Waldon	Administrative Assistant
Leslie Patterson	NAWGJ Representative

Members Absent

Oni Twilley
Donny Yarros

Excused Early

Lisa England

Topic: Minutes from last meeting

Two corrections made:

1. Correct typo for "England" on first page

Motion By: Larry McDonough Second By: Carol Robuck

Unanimous



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Topic: Financial Report

Balance as of November 13th, 2007 was \$26,001.62.

Expenses Outstanding or To Be Paid:

1. The tree for Cori has been purchased and planted at a cost under \$400.00.
2. 1/3 of Leslie's rental car.
3. Fall SAC meeting expenses
4. State Leo and Medals

Income Outstanding:

1. State meet Awards for all 3 Compulsory meets
2. Leotards income from all 3 Compulsory meets
3. Competition fees from State meets
4. Oni Twilley holds the only outstanding competition fees for an invitational. Due to a family illness he will submit the fees by mail.

Reports:

Education Chair

No topics to report at this time.

District Rep Reports

District 1: Having trouble with gyms not reporting their meet information correctly.

District 2: District Rep unable to attend, he was involved in an accident on the way to the meeting. Prior to this meeting Donny mentioned that he had numerous judges sharing concerns about the number of assignments each judge received. Some of these were concerned about their own assignments and others were concerned about the number of assignments other judges received.

District 3: Several new people and clubs in the district. The rep is working on getting information up to the web quicker.

District 4: The new gyms hosting meets this year went well. They are still adjusting to meet the electronic requirements for communication of meet info and results.

District 5: Communication Issues are still being reported for this district.

District 6: Lost two clubs from the district. No other feedback from anyone.



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Competition Chair Reports

Both Competition chairs are working together to make all policies equal for the North and South. Issues were brought up on late start times being approved, but meet bid forms don't have start time of meets on the forms. Competition chairs would like to add this question to the bid page. Approval of late entries can not be regulated by the competition chairs due the Sports Act, meet directors have to enforce the late entries based on the size of the sessions. When the competition chairs receive meet evaluations they are either all 10's or they have lots of issues.

Topic: 2008 Competition Calendar

The committee accepted the proposed Calendar option A
Motion By: Martin Parsley Second By: Barbara Hughes
Unanimous

Topic: Team Competition and Team Awards

- The Committee discussed having a team competition 2008 for Level 5 North & South State it was brought to a vote: Motion by: Carol Robuck Second by: Barbara Hughes Abstained by: Larry McDonough Opposed by: Martin Parsley Motion carries

- The Committee discussed having a team competition in 2008 for Level 6 State and it was brought to a vote: Motion by: Carol Robuck Second by: Barbara Hughes Abstained by: Martin Parsley Motion carries

- The Committee discussed having a team competition in 2008 for Level 7 State and it was brought to a vote: Motion by: Carol Robuck Second by: Barbara Hughes Abstained by: Larry McDonough Motion carries

- The Committee discussed changing the policy on Team Awards. The Sports Act says that a athlete changing gyms and entering a meet must be allowed to be a part of that new gyms team. In order to maintain Small and Large team division, the state will now recognize 50% of the gyms entered in Team competition. There was concern that some small gyms might never receive a banner, but the Sports Act is clear on the rights of participation. A motion was made to change the banner awards to 50%:

Motion by: Martin Parsley Second by: Carol Robuck Abstained by: Scott Crouse
Motion carries



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Topic: The Committee discussed some concern that Level 7 North did not start at 8:00 am on Saturday. No action was taken to require a 8:00 am start on Saturdays for smaller meets.

Topic: Gold, Silver & Bronze Divisions

- Use web site survey capability to get opinions from clubs regarding keeping Gold / Silver /Bronze divisions for 2009 compulsory season.

Topic: Entry Forms Clarification

Entry forms for the 2008-2009 seasons should use the old style entry form (posted on the website) and then attach a copy of the USAG rosters for athletes and coaches along with the club's check.

Topic: North Statewide qualifier location

The Statewide Qualifier, Feb. 9th 2008 was to be held at Metroplex. Bryan Streeter would like for someone to take over the meet, he will honor the bid if no one else will host the meet. Lonestar held the next bid in line. They have accepted the bid and will host the meet at TWU. A motion was made to accept the change.

Motion By: Martin Parsley Second By: Al Gamboa

Unanimous

Topic: Competing as Specialists at State

The state will vote to adopt State Rules to comply with Regional Policy:

In regard to Specialists at State:

In addition to the national rules concerning specialists, a gymnast must:

- score a minimum of 25% of the required all-around score for Levels 8, 9 & 10 on the event they will specialize in.

Motioned by: Martin Parsley Seconded by: Scott Crouse Unanimous

- at Level 7 North & South a gymnast must score a minimum of 25% of all-around score on the event they will specialize in.

Motioned by: Scott Crouse Seconded by: Larry McDonough Opposed by: Martin Parsley
Motion carries.



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- in order for a gymnast to qualify as a specialist at Level 7 State, the gymnast must score a minimum of 9.0 on the event she wishes to specialize in.

Motioned by: Martin Parsley Seconded by: Scott Crouse Opposed by: Martin Parsley
Motion carries.

Topic: Giving Scores for 2's and 3's instead of colors

The committee will continue to use colors instead of posting scores for Level 2 & 3 competition.

Topic: Dress Code

Several people have shared concern that although the gymnasts and the judges are in professional attire during competitions that not all coaches are maintaining a professional appearance. Martin Parsley offered to work on the guidelines for a reasonable dress code for coaches to follow at all sanctioned Women's events held in Texas.

Topic: Judging - Affiliation and Assignments

- The National Rules and policies set the guidelines and policies of affiliation. Affiliation is described at length in Rules and Policies. It is recommended that judges become familiar with the guidelines of affiliation and the assignment of judges.

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Topic: Judge Concerns

- Several Judges expressed their concern that Meet Directors are not sending them the proper information concerning the schedule. Judges require different information concerning Session, i.e. if a Meet Director is using 4 judges or 8 judges and exactly which sessions each judge is contracted to officiate. The schedules posted for coaches on the website do not always address these details. To avoid further confusion, Meet Directors must individually mail or email each judge specific information concerning which sessions he/she is expected to judge.
- Judges have voiced concern about the down time due to meet times changing and the impact on the purchase of airline tickets. The board discussed that the meet director/meet host should have the discretion of purchasing the ticket to enable the best schedule possible for the benefit of the athletes.

Motion By: Martin Parsley Second By: Barbara Hughes

Unanimous



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Topic: Assignment of Officials

The Committee will review the policy of the number of assignments per judge in Rules and Policies, which sets the guidelines for the assignment of officials. It is their understanding that at this time they are compliant with the national guidelines.

Topic: Blue Book Changes

- Change Bid Form, page 60 to include meet “starting time”
- Change Level 7 page to delete first line about % of qualifying score.
- Make all changes in Blue Book in Red

All corrections for a Blue Book Errata should be sent to Lynniss within two weeks.

Topic: Web Site

Leslie Patterson has done a wonderful job getting our website up and running. She has asked that we find someone else to take over the responsibility. She has made many improvements, but she feels that someone else dedicated to it can take it to a higher level. The webmaster used by Martin Parsley, Keith Hanson, has expressed interest in taking on the responsibility, Leslie will get in contact with him to help the transition go smoothly.

Several districts are still not distributing meet results. According to Rules and Policies, meet results must be distributed to all participating clubs, either at the meet site, by mail or posted on the internet. This is a National Rule, and can be a finable offense for Meet Directors not following the guidelines.

Topic: Leotard Program

Everyone was happy with the quality of the GK leotards this year and the board will contact GK to bid on the leotards for another 2 year contract. The only complaint was that scrunchies were not sent with the leotards for Level 6 state Championships. GK said that they will look into this. The Leotards for Level 7 State will be Rainforest Mystique (Teal) with silver embroidery.

Topic: Gifts & Certificates for 2008 Athlete Banquet

A motion was made that all athletes would receive a certificate in honor of their accomplishments. Due to the difficulty of finding non attending athletes, effective 2008, only athletes attending banquet will receive the token gift.

Motion By: Carol Robuck Second By: Martin Parsley Abstained by: Barbara Hughes
Motion carries.



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Topic: New Business

- Grouping of Age Groups: Common Sense can be used to regroup age groups if the numbers are low.
- If athletes have qualified for state but is not going to be able to complete, the coach needs to let the meet director know as soon as possible in order for the alternates to have an opportunity to compete in their place.
- A new date for the summer meeting will be considered if the Carnival Cruise is available for that date. The date being considered is June 5th through 9th.

Topic: Next meeting

The SAC will meet after the Level 9/10 meet.

Adjournment: 11:50pm