



Texas USA Gymnastics
Committee Meeting

March 30, 2008
Grapevine, Texas

Meeting called to order: 8:30pm

Roll Call

Members Present

Diane Callison	State Chair
Larry McDonough	Education Chair
Lisa England	South Competition Chair
Al Gamboa	District 1 Representative
Donny Yarros	District 2 Representative
Martin Parsley	District 3 Representative
Carol Robuck	District 4 Representative
Oni Twilley	District 5 Representative
Barbara Hughes	District 6 Representative
Lynnis Waldon	Administrative Assistant
Leslie Patterson	NAWGJ Representative

Members Absent

Scott Crouse	North Competition Chair
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Topic: Minutes from last meeting

Accept minutes as submitted and posted.

Motion By: Barbara Hughes Second By: Larry McDonough

Passed: Unanimous

Topic: Financial Report

Balance of state bank account as of March 27th, 2008 was \$36,207.05.

Hillenburg Financials were provided by Rich Trevino for 2006 and 2007 showing a decline in profits made on the meet, approximately \$13,334.46 less profit for 2007.

Accept financial report as submitted.

Motion By: Oni Twilley Second By: Barbara Hughes

Passed: Unanimous



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Topic: Blue Book Review

- Review of calendar dates to avoid conflict with State Meet Entry Deadline.
- Update labels two times a year – December and May when Blue Book is published.
- District Representatives to provide updates of club information.
- A form will be created to help submit updates to the Book Online throughout the year.

Topic: Carol Hillenburg Achievement State Invitational meet site 2008 Trevino's Gymnastics located in Lancaster, TX.

Topic: - Gate Fee Increase

The Committee discussed the possibility of increasing the gate fees for state sponsored meets. Since this increase would impact the ability of grandparents, extended family members and other supporters of the athletes to attend meets, the committee does not believe that the gate fees should be increased.

Do not increase gate fees for the 2008-2009 competition season.

Motion By: Martin Parsley Second By: Oni Twilley

Passed: Unanimous

Topic: Entry Fees

The committee reviewed financial reports from numerous meets and discussed increasing the entry fees for state sponsored meets. One club lost money this year hosting a statewide qualifier and several clubs cleared less than \$2000 on State Championship meets. With the increases in judging fees, cost of housing out of town judges and the cost of awards and utilities, the state committee members are concerned that an increase in entries fees should be considered.

Entry Fee Increase

-Increase the entry fee for all Placement state sponsored meets, including District qualifiers, District Championships, North/South State Meets, State Meets and Optional statewide Qualifier Meets.

Motion By: Martin Parsley Second By: Oni Twilley



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Passed: Unanimous – (The Regional Chair approved the following increases).

Level	Meet	Current	Requested Entry Fee	Approved 2008-2009 Entry Fees
5 P	District Qualifiers & District Championships	\$ 40	\$45	\$45.00
5 P	North/South State	\$75	\$85 this includes Leo (\$25) and (\$5) Region 3 apparel fund	\$85.00
6 P	District Qualifier \$ District Championships	\$40	\$45	\$45.00
6 P	North/South State	\$50	\$55	\$55.00
6 P	State Championships	\$75	\$85 This includes Leo (\$25) and (\$5) Region 3 Apparel fund)	\$85.00
7	State Wide Qualifier	\$50	\$55	\$55.00
7	North/South	\$55	\$60	\$60.00
7	State Championships	\$85	\$95	\$85.00
8	Statewide Qualifier	\$50	\$55	\$55.00
8	State Championships	\$75	\$80 Includes Region 3 Apparel Fund	\$80.00
9	Statewide Qualifier	\$50	\$55	\$55.00
9	State Championships	\$75	\$80 includes Region 3 Apparel fund	\$80.00
10	Statewide Qualifier	\$50	\$55	\$55.00
10	State Championships	\$75	\$80 includes Region 3 Apparel Fund	\$80.00

Topic: Election Report – State Chairman election results – Diane Callison was reelected by acclamation.

Topic: Discuss Gold/Silver/Bronze for Level 7
-The pros and cons of Gold/Silver/Bronze was discussed by the committee. The committee has decided not to move to make any changes to this system and to revisit it after the beginning of the new cycle.



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Topic: Team competition

The committee would like to gather the input from the members at large whether to allow team competition at the state meets for the compulsory levels.

Topic: Professional Dress Code

For gymnastics coaches at USAG sanctioned gymnastics competitions in Texas

In order to maintain a high level of professionalism and respect, Texas is now implementing a dress code for all coaches on the floor at USAG sanctioned events. The dress code is as follows:

Shoes: Closed toe athletic shoes.

Pants: Athletic warm-ups or "Dockers-style" pants. (No jeans)

Shorts: Hemmed, finished shorts that are a reasonable, "child-friendly" length. (No shorts with tears or holes or short-shorts.)

Shirts: Collared shirts or t-shirts identifying your gym or light business casual shirts. (No spaghetti straps, low-cut tops, or shirts revealing the midriff.)

Hats: No hats/visors.

This dress code policy, and the enforcement of it, is an attempt for all of us to gain and maintain respect and professionalism for ourselves as well as the sport of gymnastics. Please keep in mind gymnastics facilities and competitions are "family environments" and therefore we should wear attire that is appropriate for children (often times young children) to be around.

Compliance of this policy will begin August 1, 2008. The meet director or a board member will speak to any individual found out of compliance. Attention will be brought to the coach's infraction and adherence will be expected at the next competition.

Motion By: Martin Parsley Second By: Al Gamboa

Passed Opposed by: Carol Robuck.

Topic: Leotard Program

-The State Committee discussed the leotard program. GK will have an increase in the leotards beginning in the fall of 2008. Texas recognizes the generous discount that GK has offered us over the past 2 years. Discussion about the leotard program included whether the state should continue the program and how to cover the increase of the leotards. The committee members expressed how popular the leotard program was with



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athletes and parents. The program will be kept and any price increases will be included in the State Championship entry fee.

Topic: North and South State Meets for Level 7

-The committee members discussed at length the purpose of Level 7 North/South Championships. Approximately 10 years ago the North/South Championships was instated to limit the number of athletes advancing to the state championships based on the large number of Level 7 athletes in the state. Although the number of Level 7 athletes in the state of Texas no longer warrant the need for an elimination/qualification meet in the northern part of Texas, the committee determined that since we are nearing the end of an Olympic cycle, it would be in the best interest of the state program to continue offering these competitions within the state program through 2008. There is concern by the majority of the committee members that the quality of the athletes advancing to the state championships should be protected. Most of the members do not want to allow all athletes to advance to Level 7 State without meeting some sort of competition standard.

Allow Level 7 athletes to qualify from Level 7 North or South to Level 7 State by a score of 34.00 AA (this would allow athletes to injury petition an athlete to the State Championship)s.

Motion By: Barbara Hughes Seconded by: Oni Twilley

Passed: Unanimous

Topic: State purchase of ProScore System

-The board reviewed all the options available and the cost and feasibility of purchasing the electronic scoring system. If purchased this system would be available for rent to those clubs hosting State championships at a reduced rental fee of \$250 plus transportation and a rental fee to other competitions for \$400 per event plus transportation.

Purchase the Women's Mini Alpha Basic wireless model. This unit would include 4 Alpha Numeric score displays. The state will also purchase 8 keypads, 8 wireless slaves & 1 master slave. The approximate cost will be \$12,000.

Motion By: Oni Twilley Seconded By: Martin Parsley

Passed: Unanimous



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Topic: Web Report

-The new webmaster Keith is doing a great job. The board reviewed a new email service, called Constant Contact. This service can utilize the pro member email database to allow important messages to be sent directly to all members instead of only the clubs in Texas.

Begin using the Constant Contact service at a cost of less than \$30 per month.

Motion By: Martin Parsley Seconded By: Carol Robuck

Passed: Unanimous

Topic: NAWGJ Report

Leslie reported that the NAWGJ gave \$1,500.00 to Texas Dreams to help offset their judging costs for 9/10 State. They will also donate the same amount to Infinite Bounds for hosting Level 8 State Championships.

Leslie received numerous comments that the judging panels for 9/10 state were great!

During the 2007-2008 season the committee struggled with the a huge amount of cancellations from individual judges and the committee agrees that cancellations should be taken in consideration when selecting judges for assignments for the upcoming seasons.

Topic: 2008 Athlete Banquet

-The board discussed who would be recognized during the banquet. It was decided that winners of the state meet that is the last meet for each level will be recognized. (example Level 6 and Level 7 will be recognized at the State Meet level only, not the north and south meets). The Seniors will be recognized first so that they can help honor the lower levels. The banquet invitations will go out as soon as a site can be secured.

The banquet will be in Houston this year. The committee will purchase gifts for those athletes attending the banquet. Those athletes not attending will receive the awards certificate.

Motion By: Oni Twilley Seconded By: Lisa England

Passed: Unanimous



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Topic: Education Chair

-Larry has been asked by the National Office to do a lecture at National Congress regarding Level 7 vaulting and Level 4 – Level 6 skills for vault buildup.

-It was decided that based on the lack of attendance in prior years for the Texas USAG Summer Clinic/training camp along with the timing of the Olympic Trials, Games, Congress and Regional Congress that we will not host an educational clinic in 2008. The Educational Chair believes that 2009 will have better timing for educational purposes and will not conflict with the other major educational opportunities offered by the region and national office.

-In addition to the dress code being implemented for better integrity in our sport, our professional members need to be conscious of professionalism at any sanctioned meet. Another concern that the committee has is the increasing presence of non-pro members on the competition floor. One of the biggest safety concerns is the number of small non-athlete children. Although all of the committee members hold a deep love of children, according to Rules and Policies states that only coaches, athletes, judges and meet workers are to be on the competition floor. Young children and babies can easily be injured and the committee wants to protect them from harm. It is the responsibility of every professional member to keep the competition arena safe for all. The committee therefore requests that infants, children and other persons not directly involved with the competition be kept outside of the competition area. This would include coaches children and non competing athletes.

Topic: District Rep Reports

District 1: The district has concerns about Gold/Silver/Bronze and would like to research alternative ideas.

District 2: Everyone received a meet that bid, no one was awarded just one. The first 4 meets went to the large gyms and the second 4 went to the small gyms. The district voted to keep Gold/Silver/Bronze. The district would like to see Level 8 to go to a North State meet, maybe combine it with Level 7 North.

We need more communication to small clubs that they can have small invitationals as long as the correct number of judges is used.

They voted yes to keep the leotard program. The district feels everyone must attend a State Qualifier Meet. They were in support of a gate and entry fee increase.



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District 3: The district would like to look at combining Level 5 & 6 North meets. They don't want to raise the gate fee, but they are fine with raising the entry fees. It was suggested to make more age groups and sessions to lessen time for competitors between events.

The district was in favor of continuing the leotard program and also in favor of continuing the Gold/Silver/Bronze program. They also approved of the new dress code.

District 4: They have not been able to hold their district meeting yet, it will be April 12th. Capitol will not be able to host any meets this year because of moving to their new facility.

District 5: They have not been able to hold their district meeting. There has been several clubs close in this district as well as some new additions.

District 6: Most of the clubs voted to keep Gold/Silver/Bronze. It was suggested to create an AllStar Group. They would like to keep the North and South meets and do not want to qualify by score. The district would like to be able to qualify anywhere. They want to keep Level 4 as achievement.

They are also in favor of the leotard program. They voted for Entry fee increase but did not want to see a gate increase.

Topic: Competition Chair Reports - Scott Crouse was not present, Lisa England gave report.

They have problems with late entries to meets and collecting fines from gyms for late entries.

The competition committee as received email complaints about gyms hosting state sponsored meets and not posting results online as required. The question to the board is A) Is this a finable offence? B) Where would the money go? C) How much should the fine be? D) What is the time frame for the fine?

After discussion the board made the following decisions:

- A) Yes is will be finable.
- B) The money would go in the State Treasury
- C) \$40.00 Initial Fine and \$5.00 per day until results and/or a link to the host club results is received by Webmaster.
- D) The meet director will have 48 hours from the last day of competition to submit results to Webmaster.



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Within 48 hours of the conclusion of any state sponsored competition the meet results or a host club link to those results must be sent to the webmaster. Clubs not complying to this rule will be fined an initial \$40 and an additional \$5 per day until the results are received.

Motion By: Martin Parsley Second By: Larry McDonough

Passed: Unanimous

Topic: 2008/2009 Meet Bid Awards

The SAC received 41 bids for state sponsored meets. We thank all those clubs who submitted bids and the enthusiasm of the clubs to host a Texas USAG competition.

Level 5 North	Awarded to Lone Star at F.E.W Eules, TX
Level 5 South	Awarded to Stars – Houston, TX
Level 6 North	Awarded to Metroplex – Allen, TX
Level 6 South	Awarded to Reflex – Pearland, TX
Level 6 State	Awarded to WOGA – Frisco, TX
Level 7 North	Awarded to Infinite Bounds – Plano, TX
Level 7 South	Awarded to Gymnast Factory- Dickinson, TX
Level 7 State	Awarded to WOGA – Frisco, TX
Level 8 State	Awarded to Woodlands Gymnastics- Spring, TX
Level 9/10 State	Awarded to Texas Dreams – Coppell, TX
1 st North Qualifier	Awarded to Zenith – McKinney, TX
1 st South Qualifier	Awarded to Stars – Houston, TX
2 nd North Qualifier	Awarded to Achievers – at TWU, Denton, TX
2 nd South Qualifier	Awarded to Dana's – Santa Fe, TX

All bids are awarded contingent on the host club meeting the standards for equipment and being held in the facility listed on their bid.

Motion By: Donny Yarros Second By: Lisa England

Passed: Unanimous

Adjournment: 1:15am