

Texas USA Gymnastics
State Committee Meeting
September 2, 2005
Austin, Texas

Members Present:

Juergen Achtermann – State Chair
Diane Callison – Administrative Assistant
Larry McDonough – North Coaches Education Chair
Deana Parish – South Coaches Education Chair
Marilyn Blilie – North Judges Education
Pat Ethredge – South Judges Education
Scott Crouse- North Competition Chair
Al Gamboa – District 1 Representative
Scott Taylor – District 2 Representative
Martin Parsley – District 3 Representative
Carol Robuck – District 4 Representative
Oni Twilley – District 5 Representative
Barbara Hughes – District 6 Representative
Judges Representative - Leslie Patterson (ex-officio)
Regional Chairperson – Cori Rizzo

Absent: Lisa England

Meeting Called to Order: 12:20 pm

Topic: Mission of Texas USAG

The SAC reviewed our State Mission.

Topic: Minutes from Last Meeting

Correct the minutes to read: At state sponsored meets, redistribute athletes into 5 equal age groups per level after entries are received.

Motion: Oni Twilley
Accept the minutes as corrected.

Second: Barbara Hughes

Vote: Passed Unanimous

Topic: Discussion concerning entry fees paid with bad checks.

The SAC discussed the concerns of meet directors that received checks that had insufficient funds. Since meet fees are due only 2 weeks before meets and often it takes longer than that time frame for a club to be notified which club/person wrote an insufficient check, the SAC advises meet directors to follow the proper handling of these checks. This would include notifying your district representative of the situation, contacting the club/person and if the situation is not resolved, informing the proper law enforcement agency to assist you in recovering those funds.

Topic: Website update

A button will be added to directly access the minutes of SAC meetings.

Topic: Ranking of Judges

Juergen shared the view of the national office on the ranking of judges.

- Only judges that submitted applications to the appropriate entity can be considered for selection to Regional, Western or National Championships.
- Applications must have been received by the due date.
- Judges will be ranked by the SAC members without regard to the rating of each individual judge.

Topic: Age Group Format

Juergen reviewed the format for the age groups for the compulsory season.

Level 5 State Championships age groups will remain the same for District Championships and State Championships.

Level 6 State Championships age groups will remain the same for North, South and State Championships

Topic: Entry Deadline

Motion: Martin Parsley

Effective 1/1/2006, entry deadlines will be revised to 22 days prior to the 1st day of competition, last chance deadline to 19 days prior and no entries accepted 18 days prior to the 1st day of competition.

Second: Larry McDonough

Vote: Passed Unanimous

Topic: Level 2 & 3 Program

The Sac discussed both of these levels.

Motion: Scott Crouse

For the 2005 competition season, Level 2 & 3 competition will be allowed in Texas in invitational only. The SAC will revisit and re-evaluate bringing Level 2 & 3 into the competitive program to coincide with the competition program already in place during the upcoming meeting.

Second: Martin Parsley

Vote:

For: Crouse, Ethredge, Blilie, McDonough, Parish, Gamboa, Taylor, Parsley, Twilley & Hughes

Against:

Abstain: Robuck

Topic: Carol Hillenburg Invitational

The Sac Discussed the philosophy for the state sponsored fund raiser.

Motion: Scott Crouse

Allow Level 2 & 3 athletes to enter the Hillenburg Invitational with an entry fee of \$40.00 per athlete.

Second: Barbara Hughes

Vote: Passed Unanimous

Topic: Awards

Motion: Martin Parsley

Require meet directors for Level 6 & 7 North and South State Championships to use medals that measure a minimum of 2". These awards should be made of metal.

Second: Oni Twilley

Vote: Passed Unanimous

Topic: USAG Cheerleading

Juergen shared the vision of USAG to embrace cheerleading as a sport.

Topic: Election

Juergen notified that due to a technical error, the election for Districts 1, 3 & 5 Representatives, North Coaches Education and South Judges Education will be re-run. A call for nominations will go out soon.

Topic: Hurricane Katrina

The SAC discussed the devastation to the affected areas, and shared that several gymnastics clubs were completely demolished as well as numerous personal stories of gymnasts families left homeless. We hope that each person that is part of our gymnastics community that was not affected by this disaster can find it in their heart to reach out to those in need. The American Red Cross is the official representative to receive donations. If meet directors would like solicit donations to be given during their meet, they are encouraged to do so. They can call the Red Cross and those items will be picked up and distributed to those in need. Items such as food, clothing, toiletries, and other items are desperately needed.

Topic: SAC Meeting

The next SAC meeting will be November 13, following Level 6 State Championships, in the Austin area.

Topic Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Scott Taylor

Second: Carol Robuck

Meeting Adjourned at 3:45pm