

USAG Texas Committee Meeting ~ Date: Sept 1, 2006

Called to Order Time: 12:12 pm

Roll Call

<i>Person</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Proxy</i>
Diane Callison	State Chair	X		
Larry McDonough	Education Chair	X		
Scott Crouse	North Competition Chair		X	
Lisa England	South Competition Chair	X		
Al Gamboa	District 1 Representative		X	
Scott Taylor	District 2 Representative	X		
Martin Parsley	District 3 Representative	X		
Carol Robuck	District 4 Representative	X		
Oni Twilley	District 5 Representative	X		
Barbara Hughes	District 6 Representative	X		
Dawn Herbel	Administrative Assistant	X		
Leslie Patterson	NAWGJ Representative	X		

Texas State Administrative Committee

There have been some changes within the SAC members. The North and South Judges Education Chairperson positions have been dissolved. Deana Parish, South Coaches Education Chair resigned. The new structure of the committee will have 1 Coaches Education Chair, who can reside in any area of the state. The new administrative assistant for the SAC is Dawn Herbel.

SAC Operations

Diane wants to begin working a year in advance to allow the gymnastics community of Texas to have enough time to introduce changes within their programs in a timely manner. This will also allow clubs and coaches an opportunity to give feedback to their District Reps and other SAC members.

Confidentiality

Diane discussed how important confidentiality and ethics are while being a member on the TX board. All members were asked to sign a confidentiality statement.

Elections

Election for SAC board members will continue to be staggered so that there will not be the possibility of having all new board members at one time. From now on elections will probably be performed online through the National Office. There was a discussion about whether district reps should be voted on by the entire state or just the district they would represent. Online voting could be divided by zip code, however, TX districts are not based on zip code. Diane will continue to collect information on elections from the National Office.

Financial Report

The National Office now requires an annual Fiscal year Financial report to be either sent via US Post Office or posted on the State Website.

There was a discussion regarding gyms not in good financial standing with the state. The board referred to page 40 of the Texas USAG Program Guide and Directory (the Blue Book) which states a first offense fine of up to \$200.

There are several clubs who are still not in good standing due to unpaid competition fees. Although all of the clubs with outstanding debit to the state have been contacted by the State Chair, their accounts are still not current. The issues with these individual clubs are being addressed by the Competition Committee to determine what action will be taken.

District updates

Each District Representative reported on the competitive program within their area. The level 2s and 3s have started to compete. There has been very positive feedback so far. The District Reps were encouraged to continue to collect feedback on the programs from the clubs they represent and to bring this information to the attention of the SAC.

Education

There was a discussion regarding the training camps if it would be better to split them into one in the north and one in the south. Also if it would be a good idea to have a compulsory camp before season starts. The National office will be holding a regional training camp and congress every year. We have to look at how this will affect TX. The Education Chair is looking for Clinicians for the 2007 Summer Clinic and Training Camp. This event will be addressed again at our next meeting.

National/Regional Items

Kathy Kelly wants to do an Elite meet in the Houston area the weekend of March 10th. This would be a friendship meet with other countries.

Budget

Short Term Goals: The short term goal of the board is to pay down debt with the long term goal of having a minimum of 13K in the bank every summer. The income for the state should increase this year to 2s and 3s beginning to compete. The board is currently in the process of obtaining bids from leotard companies.

Summer Meeting 2008 Diane would like to see if there is interest in holding the summer meeting of 2008 on a cruise out of Galveston. District Reps are asked collect information from coaches to see if there is interest in this. Coaches can bring family and of course Judges and families are invited to join in. Lisa England will contact her Travel Agent to begin getting prices and a time line.

Allen Streeter The Allen Streeter memorial meet will use the same format as the Hillenburg invitational. The board will select the site with no bids. The committee also needs feedback from the clubs and District Reps to see if we should host one of these 2 meets in the south each year or if we should hold one in the North and one in the South each time we run one.

Vote Item: Allen Streeter Memorial Meet

Hold the 1st annual Allen Streeter Memorial State Invitational at Metroplex this year.

Motion: Barbara

Second: Scott

For: Unanimous

Against: none

Abstain: none

Passed

Summer Meeting 2007 The goal for this next summer's meeting is to break even. There is a plan to put the training camp purpose on the website. There was a discussion as to whether the coach's social should be continued.

Athlete Awards Banquet Beginning in 2007, in the category of TOPS National Team, the athletes who are invited to the "A" camp will be recognized and receive awards. According to the National Office these athletes are the only athletes who should be recognized under the title as National Team Member. Texas will no longer include the athletes who attend the "B" Camp and Diamond TOPS category in the annual awards banquet since they are not truly National Team Members.

Vote Item: Plaques to A team TOPS members only at banquet.

JO National Team members are Pride of TX, so we should not duplicate awards with 2 plaques.

Only members of the TOPS "A" Camp will receive a plaque at the banquet. JO National Team Member are the Pride of Texas, so only the Pride of Texas Plaque will we presented.

Motion: Martin

Second: Scott Taylor

For: Unanimous

Against: none

Abstain: none

Pass

Vote Item: Hillenburg meet Income

All money made from Hillenburg invitational to be allocated to the general fund.

Motion: Barbara

Second: Larry

For: Unanimous

Against: None

Abstain: None

Passed

Competition Issues

Gold, Silver and Bronze According to the National Rules and Polices, we will have to run all of the state meets within the allowable number of competitors. There was a discussion about the need to publish gold, silver, bronze explanation for the blue book and Website. The Competition Chairs will work on this document.

Start Value ~~Level 2s, 3s and 4s now start out of a 9.0. In addition, 2s and 3s will only receive a color on their score card. Scores will only be turned into the computer for tabulation purposes.~~ All Compulsory Level Routines will have a 10.00 Start Value, in accordance with the National Standard.

State Meets The SAC received a letter from a coach desiring to increase the number of entries at each Level 5 State Championship to 400. The board feels comfortable with compulsory state meet numbers.

Hall of Fame Meet Hall of Fame meet – we will continue to keep 2 teams with the entry paid by athletes. These athletes will not receive recognition at the Banquet since they receive their recognition at the competition. Entry Fees for this meet must be paid to the TX USAG with entry into the meet. TX USAG will send the final entry form and check to the Hall of Fame meet.

Calendar

The annual District meetings are be held no later than May 6th for calendar formation and awarding of District Qualifiers.

State Awarded Meets Bids for State Awarded meets is now **March 1, 2007**. This will allow the SAC to award those meets at the Spring Board meeting and to have the Blue Book ready for distribution at the Summer Meeting.

Summer Meeting 2007 There was a discussion regarding the weekend for the Summer meeting and banquet. The date was set for June 22 – 24, 2007.

Ranking of Judges

There was a discussion about the ranking form used by the TX board to rank judges. Some questions were determined to be redundant and unnecessary. Changes will be made to the form. This form will be posted on the website to allow judges to know the criteria by which they were evaluated. This process is only a tool used when ranking the judges for Regional and National assignment recommendations.

Net Conference

Discussion regarding have a net meeting for the November meeting of the Board. More information is necessary and we are looking for someone who has knowledge in this area. This type of conference would save the state money.

Standardize Agenda

In an effort to plan ahead there have been some changes made to the agenda for each of the board meetings. Rankings of judges will occur at the summer meeting as well as assigning of judges for compulsory state meets. The standardized agendas will be posted on the website to allow coaches and judges to know the topics to be addressed on an annual basis at each SAC meeting. Other agenda items will be added as they arise.

Blue Books

Blue books will be distributed at meets by the district reps. In an effort to recover the financial status of state account, TX USAG will not be mailing them anymore unless they request them via the website. A fee will be charged for postage.

Adjourn – 6:18pm