

**Texas USA Gymnastics
State Committee Meeting
June 10, 2004
Houston, Texas**

Members Present:

Juergen Achtermann – State Chair
Diane Callison – Administrative Assistant
Larry McDonough – North Coaches Education Chair
Mike Hunsucker – South Coaches Education
Marilyn Blilie – North Judges Education
Pat Ethredge – South Judges Education
Scott Crouse- North Competition Chair
Lisa England – South Competition Chair
Scott Taylor – District 2 Representative
Chuck Dickerson – District 3 proxy
Michelle Sanders – District 4 proxy
Oni Twilley – District 5 Representative
Barbara Hughes – District 6 Representative
Judges Representative – Jennifer Englehardt _proxy (ex-officio)

Members Absent:

Al Gamboa – District 1 Representative
Martin Parsley – District 3 Representative
Carol Robuck – District 4 Representative
Leslie Patterson – Judges Representative

Meeting Called to Order: 2:30 pm

Topic: Minutes from Last Meeting

The minutes published in the last newsletter were unofficial. Official minutes will be published on the web site.

Topic: Review of Mission Statement.

The State Chair read the Texas USAG Mission statement. He also distributed copies of the job descriptions of SAC members to take a moment to read their specific Job Description and to consider if we are holding ourselves to the duties and responsibilities of the job. He reminded us that each of us has a list of duties to fulfill and we remember that other members are taking care of the duties in their job description and that we should respect their ability to do their job.

Topic: Training Camp

Juergen thanked the organizers of the Training camp for their work. It is well organized, will host approximately 45-60 athletes and will be a great benefit to athletes, coaches and judges alike.

Topic: Awards Banquet

We will present over 240 awards this year at our banquet. We have reservations for more than 400 athletes, guests and coaches. This is by far the largest banquet to date. The committee discussed the type of awards given by the state for specific categories and will revisit this topic at the next SAC meeting in September.

Topic: Identification badges for Officials

Motion: Oni Twilley

Purchase name tags for all NAWGJ Officials to assist coaches in the identification of the Officials that judge in and around the state.

Second: Scott Taylor

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

Topic: Selection of Judges

There was a long discussion on the protocol for the selection procedures for judges. The committee reviewed a proposal presented by Marilyn Blilie for possible protocol of judges.

Motion: Scott Crouse

In the selection of recommendation of judges for Regional and National competitions, the SAC will request permission from the Regional Chair to use input equally from Texas State Administrative Committee (SAC), Coaches of Regional and National competitors and Texas NAWGJ state board members. Uniform criteria will be used in the evaluation of the officials for all 3 groups. In the selection of judges for state competitions, and all Optional statewide competitions, the same type of evaluation would be used with equal input from Texas SAC and Texas NAWGJ board members.

Second: Larry McDonough

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

****Response from Cori Rizzo, Regional Chair.** Per Rules & Policies, input from coaches and NAWGJ may be used as a tool for the SAC. It cannot be used as a mandatory percentage or weighted decision in the selection of judges.

Topic: Blue Book (Program Handbook & Club Directory)

The SAC discussed the distribution of the Blue Book and the cost of the publication. The Blue Book will again be on line for all members to refer to and will be downloadable for printing.

Motion: Oni Twilley

Keep the Blue Book on line for printing and offer the publication in form to members at \$10.00 per book (this would cover the cost of printing and postage).

Second: Pat

After discussion that the Blue Book is a service to the members of Texas, and that some SAC members do not want to change offering this publication a vote was taken.

For: Scott Crouse, Mike Hunsucker, Scott Taylor, Martin Parsley, Oni Twilley

Against: Lisa England, Pat Ethredge, Larry McDonough, Carol Robuck, Marilyn Blilie, Barbara Hughes

Vote: **Failed**

Topic: Blue Book

Possible ways to reduce the printing costs of the Blue Book realizing that many Professional members do not use it and considering the number of books returned due to incorrect mailing addresses.

Motion: Marilyn Blilie

Send a post card to all Professional members to allow these members to send in a request to receive a hard copy of the Blue Book. There would be 2 dates used for deadlines for mailings, August 1 and December 1 of each year.

Second: Pat Ethredge

Vote: Passed

Topic: Summer Meeting 2005

Motion: Scott Crouse

Set the Summer Meeting for 2005 on June 2 – 4.

Second: Scott Taylor

Vote:

For: Crouse, England, Blilie, McDonough, Hunsucker, Taylor, Parsley, Hughes

Against: Robuck, Twilley

Passed

Topic: State Championship Banners

A SAC discussed the problem of Banners that are left to meet sites.

Motion: Mike Hunsucker

When a club leaves before Team Awards are presented, it is the responsibility of the individual Club, NOT the Meet Director, to make arrangements to have banners picked up by another club or to make arrangements to pay for postage with the meet director.

Second: Lisa England

Vote: Passed Unanimous

Topic: Bid Form

The Bid form used by Texas needs review.

Motion: Barbara Hughes

Take the Regional Bid form and adapt it to meet the needs of Texas for State Championships.

Second: Oni Twilley

Vote: Passed Unanimous

Topic Awards

Check the wording of the awards portion of the Blue Book for clarity.

Topic: SAC Financial Books

Motion: Scott Taylor

Have an independent review of the financial books on an annual basis.

Second: Barbara Hughes

Vote: Passed Unanimous

Topic: Adjourn

Motion: Scott Crouse

Second: Pat Ethredge

Passed: Unanimous
6:10 pm

Meeting continued Saturday, June 12, 2004

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Topic: Meet Bids

State Championship and Optional State Wide bids were reviewed and awarded. (Calendar on separate page)

Topic: Fee paid for Summer Meeting site

Motion: Larry McDonough

Compensate the host facility of the 2004 Summer Clinic \$2000.

Second: Carol Robuck

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

Topic: Summer Meeting State Chair Stipend

Motion: Barbara Hughes

Increase the \$1000 stipend paid to the state chair for coordinating the summer meeting and banquet to \$1600.

Second: Oni

Vote:

For: Oni Twilley, Barbara Hughes, Martin Parsley, Scott Crouse, Pat Ethredge, Mike Hunsucker, Carol Robuck

Against: Marilyn Blilie, Larry McDonough, Scott Taylor

Passed

Topic: Level 4 competitions

Motion: Marilyn Blilie

Use Rated Judges at all Level 4 Sanctioned competitions.

Second: Pat Ethredge

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

Topic: Judges Selection

Motion: Scott Crouse

Collect data form coaches and NAWGJ to compile information for the SAC assigning committee to use for selection of judges for statewide optional competitions, State Championship, meets and recommendations for Regional and National Championship assignments.

Second: Marilyn Blilie

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

Topic: Education

Marilyn Blilie proposed that the SAC should endorse a program that pair's judges and coaches to visit gyms in an attempt to help educate others.

Topic: General Assembly Meeting at GAT

Scott Taylor mentioned that we should encourage people to attend the General Assembly meeting at GAT.

Topic: Gymnast of the Year

Vote on Gymnast of the year on a year-to-year basis.

Meeting Adjourned 9:30 pm.