

Texas USA Gymnastics  
State Committee Meeting  
June 2, 2005

**Members Present:**

Juergen Achtermann – State Chair  
Diane Callison – Administrative Assistant  
Larry McDonough – North Coaches Education Chair  
Deana Parish – South Coaches Education  
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  
Barbara Hughes – District 6 Representative

**Absent –**

Lisa England – South Competition Chair  
Diane Callison as Proxy  
Oni Twilley – District 5 Representative  
Pat Ethredge as Proxy  
Leslie Patterson – Judges Representative

**Meeting called to order at 4:38pm**

**Topic: Minutes from last meeting:**

Motion: Diane Callison for Lisa England

Accept Minutes from last meeting as read.

Second: Barbara Hughes

Vote:               **Passed**               Unanimous

**Topic: Blue Book**

Motion: Scott Taylor

Second: Barbara Hughes

For the year 2005-2006 it was determined that the SAC will print 1 blue book for each Professional member based on membership at the time the book goes to print. We will distribute these books at GAT to all attending members and then give remaining books to District Representatives. Additional copies will still be available for purchase through the Administrative Assistant for a cost of \$5.00.

Discussion: The SAC believes that the membership finds the Blue Book invaluable to the general membership and would like to offer that service.

Vote:               **Passed**               Unanimous

**Topic: Website**

Motion: Martin Parsley

Second: Larry McDonough

Officially purchase the website domain name, if the cost is \$100 or less.

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

**Topic: Level 5**

Qualification to advance to Level 5 Championships will occur at District Championships. Based on the total number of athletes competing in Level 5 District Championships, a percent of a percent of each age group will advance into the state championships.

Motion: Carol Robuck

Second: Pat Ethredge

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

**Topic: Level 5**

The State Championships for Level 5 will be known as "USAG Texas State Championships for Level 5"

Discussion: Although there will be 2 state championships, one held in the north and one in the south, both of these meets are to be considered state championships.

**Topic: Team Competition**

Motion: Deana Parish

Second: Pat Ethredge

When entering Team competition the following will determine team size:

3-5 athletes ~ Small man

6 or more ~ Large team.

Vote: Passed

For: S. Crouse, L. England, M. Blilie, D. Parish, A. Gamboa, S. Taylor, M. Parsley, C. Robuck, B. Hughes, P. Ethredge, O. Twilley

Against:

Abstain: L McDonough

**Topic: Age Groups**

Motion: Larry McDonough

Second: Marilyn Blilie

At all State sponsored meets, redistribute the athletes into equalized age groups per level after entries are received.

Discussion: It has been a concern that often there is a significant difference in the number of athletes per level at meets. This often results in one age group having over 30 athletes and one age group having as little as 8. Although an athlete may float between different age groups from meet to meet, that would be a very minor change. The birthday would determine which age group and it might change meet to meet perhaps a few weeks or maybe a month, but nothing significant. Since we already redistribute the age groups at state most coaches and athletes will be used to this concept. Redistribution of the athletes will help not only with awards it will also help setting session to avoid conflicts with the number of athletes allowed in one session.

Vote:

For: S. Crouse, L. England, P. Ethredge, L McDonough, D. Parish, A. Gamboa, O. Twilley

Against: S. Taylor

Abstain: M. Parsley, C. Robuck, B. Hughes

**Passed**

**Topic: District Competition**

Motion: Scott Crouse

Second: Scott Taylor

All compulsory athletes MUST compete within their own District. They may NOT enter District Qualifiers in another district.

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

**Topic: Awards**

The committee discussed the order in which the second 50% of AA winners are presented. Many years back if a child placed 50<sup>th</sup>, the place was called out when presenting her award. Approximately 8 years ago the SAC changed this policy to as meet directors simply refer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 50% as additional AA winners, with no reference to placement.

As has been the policy, this order does not have to be random. Calling AA winners randomly could result in missing a child's name or could result in a child that actually finished at the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half being called last.

**Topic: Open Scoring**

The SAC discussed open scoring.

**Topic: State Leotards**

Motion: Diane Callison for Lisa England

Second: Scott Taylor

Shop the market for Leotard pricing for the State Championships to make certain that GK pricing is competitive.

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

**Topic: Meet Bids**

The meet bids for Level 7-10 statewide qualifier and State Championships were awarded based on the best circumstances for competition of each level. The SAC received many great bids for the upcoming season. With only 12 slots to fill, and the SAC received 51 bids. The SAC thanks all clubs that submitted bids.

**Topic: Professional Ethics**

Motion: Pat Ethredge

Second: Larry McDonough

The SAC will take disciplinary action concerning falsification of documents.

Vote:

Abstained: Scott Crouse

**Passed**

**Topic: Professional Ethics**

Motion: Martin Parsley

Second: Larry McDonough

The SAC will assess a monetary fine of \$200 for the falsification of documents.

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

**Topic: Professional Ethics**

Motion: Martin Parsley

Second: Scott Crouse

Add to the Penalty Section of the Blue Book:

Falsification documents will receive a monetary fine. The amount will be at the discretion of the competition committee and will be determined on the individual circumstances. In addition, a recommendation will be made to USAG to place any member on probation for a period of time or in extreme circumstances to have their membership revoked.

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

**Topic: Professional Ethics**

Motion: Pat Ethredge

Second: Scott Crouse

A Club will not be permitted to enter athletes into any state sponsored competitions unless that club is in good standings. This would include payment of all meet fees that may be outstanding from checks that may not have cleared a bank, late fees or any fines.

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

**Topic: SEGA**

The SAC discussed the fact that SEGA, a long time club located in South Houston burned. Much of the building was damaged and most of the equipment. The circumstances surrounding the fire appears to be related to some youths setting fire to a dumpster in the back of the gym.

The SAC will place a note on the website for those wishing to render financial assistance Jim Archer, the sole owner of the club.

**Topic: Texas USAG Test Administrator**

Motion: Pat Ethredge

Second: Al Gamboa

Give \$500 financial assistance to the Texas USAG Test Administrator (TA) to attend the mandatory TA workshop in Portland, Oregon.

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

**Topic: State Chair Stipend**

Motion: Scott Crouse

Second: Martin Parsley

The State Chair shall receive a stipend of up to \$1200 to attend the 6 state championships held in Texas.

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

**Topic: TWU Scholarship**

Scott Taylor addressed the SAC on behalf of Frank Kudlac requesting that Texas SAC be more involved with supporting the TWU Gymnastics program. He stated that it was the only collegiate program in Texas and that we should encourage athletes to attend that program. Some SAC members believe that although it is good to have a collegiate program in Texas, the real focus of TEXAS USAG should be the age group program. TWU would like more athletes to be able to apply for their program. There was some discussion on possibly creating a scholarship program for athletes attending TWU.

Motion: Carol Robuck

Second: Scott Taylor

Athletes may apply for Collegiate Gymnastics application funding aid with Texas USAG.

Vote:

Abstained:

Lisa England

Pat Ethredge

**Passed** Unanimous

**Topic: Level 7 State**

The SAC discussed the number of judges used at Level 7 state. At this time the SAC does not believe that 4 judge panels are necessary for Level 7.

**Meeting Adjourn**

Motion: Barbara Hughes

Second: Larry McDonough

Vote: **Passed** Unanimous

10:20 pm