

Texas USA Gymnastics State Committee Meeting

June 1, 2006
Humble, Texas

Members Present:

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

Absent:

Martin Parsley – District 3 Representative
Al Gamboa – District 1 Representative

Meeting Called to Order: 1:00 0pm

Topic: Ethics

The SAC discussed the expectations of behavior of all SAC members

Topic: Meet Bids for 2006-2007 Competitive Season

The SAC reviewed the 37 bids from 17 different clubs who submitted bids for 14 competitions awarded by the SAC for 2006-2007. These meets include all State Championships and all 4 of the statewide optional qualifying competitions. A complete list of those meets and the host clubs will be published on the official Texas USAG website and in the competition calendar of the Blue Book.

Topic: Training Camp & Summer Meeting

The Texas USAG Training Camp will be an annual event. Larry McDonough discussed how successful the Training Camp and Summer Clinic has been. He further stated that he is very interested in discussing with coaches across our state any interest that they may have participating in 2007 Training Camp and Summer Clinic as a speaker. Please contact Larry McDonough, Coaches Education Chair or Diane Callison; the newly elected State Chair if you or someone you know would be interested in participating. The SAC is very aware that we have a wealth of information within our coaching colleagues and encourage them to come forward and participate. A tentative date has been set for 2007 meeting. Once approved by the Regional Chair, this date will be added to the state calendar.

Topic: Site for the 2007 Training Camp, Summer Clinic and Banquet

Diane Callison, as newly elected State Chair discussed the possibility of rotating the location of these events. It was the suggestion of the SAC that the State Chair continue to host this event in the location that is in the best interest of the entire gymnastics community without regard to the location.

Topic: Banquet Update

A report on the number of attendees and the revenue needed to host the annual banquet was discussed. The SAC will discuss at the fall meeting to be held in conjunction with GAT the number and categories of awards that are presented.

Topic: Gold, Silver and Bronze Divisions for Levels 5, 6 & 7

The SAC addressed a letter received concerning this divisional system. With the nature of Texas having such a strong gymnastics community and the desire of that community to recognize more of the athletes for their accomplishments they believe that by taking the 5 age groups and dividing those into 3 different categories, this changes from awarding 5 All Around winner into awarding 15 All Around winners. In essence the Levels 5, 6 & State Championships are divided into 3 separate meets with 5 age groups in each division. The Gold Division, Silver Division and Bronze State Championships. The SAC appreciates and addresses the concerns of all of our constituents.

Topic: Levels 5, 6 & 7 State Championships Leotards.

For the past few years Texas SAC has offset the cost of a State Championship leotard for each competitor. This has ultimately resulted in a financial strain on the state budget. The 2005-2006 season cost the state approximately \$8000.

Motion: Scott Taylor

Second: Marilyn Blilie

The SAC should investigate securing a leotard in the \$10.00 range. If we cannot find a vendor that can meet these criteria, the leotard program for the Levels 5, 6 & 7 should be discontinued and replaced by another program with an alternate gift in the \$10.00 range.

PASSED **unanimous**

Topic: State Meet Team Banners

At this time the SAC has a contract with Signature Signs to be the vendor for all Team Banners of state sponsored competitions. The Committee has not received any bids from other companies showing interest in submitting a bid to be the supplier of the State Team Banners.

Motion: Scott Taylor

Second: Scott Crouse

Continue to use Signature Signs as the official vendor for the state banners.

Vote: **Passed** **unanimous**

Topic: Cost of State Banners

Due to rising costs of petroleum products and by-products the SAC discussed the cost of the state banners that are made from these by-products. Signature Signs at this point makes little or no profit from these banners and does this production as a service to the gymnastics community.

Motion: Pat Ethredge

Second: Scott Crouse

Increase the Team Fee to \$35.00 to cover the increase in the products used to produce the Team Banners.

Passed **For: Crouse, England, Ethredge, McDonough, Parish, Robuck, Twilley & Hughes**
Opposed: Taylor

Topic: Team Awards

The SAC would like for the District Representatives to contact the clubs in their districts to see if there is a different Team Award program that the majority of coaches and clubs would like or if they want to continue the Banner program in the future.

Secondly, the SAC discussed the percentage of Team entries that are awarded at state sponsored competitions. In an effort to standardize this program the following motion was made:

Motion: Oni Twilley

Second: Scott Taylor

Award 100% of teams entering Team Competition at District Qualifiers and all other meets that recognize Team competition.

Passed: **For: Crouse, Ethredge, Parish, Taylor, Robuck, Twilley, Hughes**
Against: England, McDonough
Abstain: Blilie

Topic: Optional Qualifying Procedure

Members of the SAC contacted coaches throughout the gymnastics community and found that the majority of coaches would like to change the existing qualifying procedure. This procedure was addressed in the 2006 Spring newsletter and will be changed for the 2007 season as follows:

Allow Level 7-10 athletes to qualify for post season at any statewide qualifier or Invitational in Texas as long as the Invitational is not held on a qualifying weekend.

The SAC discussed the possibility of hosting only 2 qualifying competitions. One in the North and one in the south on the same weekend. This was tabled until our net meeting for point of information.

Topic: Proxy Attendance at SAC Meetings

Diane will investigate whether proxy attendance is allowed at the national level. The SAC will follow their procedure for future meetings. According to Roberts Rules of order, Proxy votes are not allowed.

Topic: Guidelines for Assignment of Judges

Motion: Marilyn Blilie

Second: Pat Ethredge

The Sac will set-up written criteria for the assignment of judges to state sponsored competitions.

Passed **unanimous**

Topic: The State Chair Election and the trickle down affect.

Juergen discussed the election for Diane Callison as Texas State Chair. Each State Chair has the ability to set up the SAC to their own discretion.

Diane discussed with the SAC that there will be some changes to the structure of the SAC. She also discussed that according to the Operating Code as written now that elected SAC members should be elected

by the entire state. Her concern is to allow each district to have a representative that they find confidence in and one that is educated to the specific needs of that district. Much like a congressman is representative of his district. She will investigate with the National Office the possibilities available to us to ensure that District Representatives reside or work in the district that they represent and are elected by their constituents in that area. With the vast amount of space that Texas serves, she believes that it is important that the District Representatives be readily available and aware of the specific needs of their district.

Topic: Summer Meeting

Diane discussed the possibility of hosting the Summer Meeting during a 3 or 4 day cruise out of Galveston Island. Region 8 has hosted educational meeting aboard a cruise and she would like Texas to have the same opportunity. She has done some investigation of the cost of a short cruise and has found that it is fairly inexpensive and would like the SAC members to discuss this with the coaches and club owners in their areas and see if there is interest. This cruise would be open to coaches, Club owners, judges and their families. The more the merrier! She believes that it would be a wonderful time to fellowship, relax and learn!

Topic: Hillenburg Invitational

This year the Level 2-5 Achievement Carol Hillenburg State Invitational will be hosted on 2 separate weekends. Trevino's Gymnastics will be the meet site with Rich Trevino as meet director.

Topic: Levels 2 & 3

Motion: Scott Crouse

Second: Marilyn Blilie

Levels 2 & 3 will have the same guideline for fees, awards etc as Level 4.

Passed Unanimous

Topic: Level 2 & 3 Season

There was a discussion concerning the length of the season for these levels.

Motion: Carol Robuck

Second: Larry McDonough

Host a Level 2-4 State Invitational in May of each year, with the first one being held May 5, 2007.

Passed: Unanimous

Topic: Level 2 & 3 State Invitational

The State Invitational for Levels 2, 3 & 4 that will be held in May of each year will be called the **Allen Streeter Memorial Texas State Invitational** in honor of the father of Bryan Streeter.

Topic: Qualification for Levels 2, 3 & 4

Motion: Barbara Hughes

Second: Scott Crouse

Level 2, 3 & 4 athletes **will not** be required to attend a district competition to enter District Championships.

Passed: Unanimous

Topic: Distribution of Meet Information Packets

The SAC discussed whether it would be reasonable to replace the mailing out of meet information to posting this information on the TXUSAG.com website and having clubs print the information for their use. An example of the inefficiency of mailing was expressed in the fact that for a state meet over 200 packets must be mailed and the average attendance is from 40 clubs. There is of course the concern that the Post Office has had an increasing amount of lost mail. This will be discussed further in the future.

Topic: Texas State Official Meet Entry Form

Motion: Scott Taylor

Second: Lisa England

For All Texas State sponsored competitions the **OFFICIAL TEXAS ENTRY FORM MUST** be used. This form is available in PDF or Word Document on the Txusag.com website.

Passed: Unanimous

Topic: Competition Fees

A discussion on the fees of \$1.75 per athlete paid to Texas USAG for all Level 5-10 athletes was discussed.

Motion: Deana Parish

Second: Barbara Hughes

Effective August 2006, the competition fees paid to Texas USAG for all Level 5 –10 athletes will increase to \$2.00 per athlete.

PASSED: **For:** **England, Blilie, McDonough, Parish, Twilley, Hughes**
Against: **Crouse, Ethredge, Taylor, Robuck**

The SAC expressed collectively and individually their appreciation for Juergen for his contributions to the State of Texas during his time of service. Juergen will be missed by all. He has been a great example of fairness, and concern for the athletes of Texas. Thank you Juergen for all you have done for our state. We wish you, Jeannie and baby Jace the best life can bring.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm.