

Texas USA Gymnastics
State Committee Meeting
September 4, 2004
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
Lisa England – South 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

Meeting Called to Order: 2:10 pm

Topic: Introduction

Deana Parish, South Texas Coaches Education Chairperson was introduced and welcomed as our new SAC member. Cori Rizzo, Region 3 Chairperson was also welcomed into our meeting.

The SAC reviewed our Mission Statement and Juergen reminded everyone to always keep it in mind and refer back to it often to assure ourselves that we are making decisions that follow the Mission Statement. He also asked everyone to look at the individual Job Descriptions of the SAC members and to keep in line with obligations and tasks assigned to each person and to refer questions/concerns to the proper person.

Topic: Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.

Motion: Leslie Patterson
To accept the minutes from the last meeting.

Second: Larry McDonough

Vote: Passed Unanimous

Topic: Financial Report

The SAC was given a copy of the annual financial report.

Motion: Barbara Hughes
To accept the financial report as submitted.

Second: Oni Twilley

Vote: Passed Unanimous

Topic: USAG Election

Coir Rizzo mentioned that there was an election being held for the position of USAG Athlete Representative. Tom Forster, from Region 3 is running. Members can vote for 2 representatives, and you can go on line to USAG-Gymnastics.org and vote. Please show your interest in this election by casting your vote.

Topic: Level 5 State Championships

The Tour of Champions is visiting Texas. The show will be in San Antonio November 19, Houston November 20 and Dallas November 21. Many athletes, coaches and parents want to attend this show. This weekend is also the date for Level 5 State Championships.

The SAC discussed at length many options that might help allow the Texas gymnastics community to attend the show.

Motion: Martin Parsley

Due to the Tour of Champions scheduled visit to Texas, the SAC will allow the 2004 Level 5 Championships to be conducted as follows: 2 sessions Friday, November 19, 2 sessions Saturday, November 20 and 1 session November 21.

Second: Scott Crouse

Vote: Passed 9 For 1 Against (Carol Robuck) 2 Abstentions (Oni Twilley & Lisa England)

Topic: Blue Book

The cost of the Blue Book was discussed.

Motion: Scott Crouse

Provide the Blue Book on Line at TXUSAG.com at no cost. Sell hard copy to members at a cost of \$8.00 per book. This cost would include shipping.

Second: Oni Twilley

Vote: Failed 2 for (Oni & Scott C. 10 against, 1 Abstention, Deana Parish

Topic: Blue Book

Motion: Lisa England

Provide the Blue Book on Line at TXUSAG.com at no cost. Distribute Blue Books to any USAG members that are attending GAT. Sell hard copy to members at a cost of \$5.00 per book. This cost would include shipping.

Second: Martin Parsley

Vote: Passed 8 For 3 abstentions (Scott Crouse, Marilyn Blilie, Barbara Hughes

Topic: Judges Rankings for Recommendation to Regional & JO Nationals

Juergen discussed the results of the coach's survey that was sent out to each of the 53 teams in Texas that had athletes that attended the Regional & JO Nationals. Only 13 Clubs responded.

Topic: Meet Bids

There are still no bids for the level 7-10 qualifier set on February 5-6, 2005 for the North area of the state.

Topic: Rules Clarifications

The Start Value of the Level 4 Bar routine will remain at 10.00 for the 2004 season, as voted on in an earlier meeting.

Topic: Summer Meeting

The SAC discussed at length the possibilities of holding or canceling the Texas USAG Summer meeting for 2005 since it is a new compulsory year.

Motion: Martin Parsley

Hold a training session on Friday, June 3 that will allow coaches an opportunity to observe athletes in training with selected clinicians. Host the Athlete Awards banquet on Saturday, June 4, 2005.

Second: Pat Ethredge

Vote: Passed

Topic: Walk of Fame Update

Juergen is still investigating options to have a brick shaped in the state of Texas made to honor Carol Hillenburg at the Walk of Fame.

Topic: Ranking of Judges

Cori reminded the SAC members that it was their job to complete the Ranking of Judges forms that Juergen will be sending them. They can use the information that was collected by the coaches through the survey, but should keep in mind that the survey may only be used as a tool to assist them in the ranking and that they should keep in mind that only 13 of the 53 Texas clubs responded to the survey and that the results is not a complete depiction of how coaches across the board might rank the judges.

Topic: Level 2-3 Competition Fee

The SAC discussed whether we should charge a competition fee for the sanctioned Level 2-3 competitions. At this time we will not.

Topic: SAC Meeting

The next SAC meeting will be November 14, following Level 6 State Championships, in the Houston area.

Topic: Judge Name Tags

Juergen reported on the cost of the Name tags for the Texas Judges.

Motion: Scott Crouse

Have name tags made for all Texas Judges.

Second: Carol Robuck

Vote: Passed

Topic Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Scott Crouse

Second: Martin Parsley

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45pm