



Texas USA Gymnastics  
Committee Meeting

August 14, 2009  
Dallas, Tx

Meeting called to order: 8:03am

## Roll Call

### Members Present

Diane Callison	State Chair
Larry McDonough	Education Chair
Al Gamboa	District 1 Representative
Donny Yarros	District 2 Representative
Martin Parsley	District 3 Representative
Carol Robuck	District 4 Representative
David Worley	District 5 Representative
Barbara Hughes	District 6 Representative
Lynnis Waldon	Administrative Assistant
Leslie Patterson	NAWGJ Representative

### Members Absent

Scott Crouse	North Competition Chair
Lisa England	South Competition Chair

### **Topic: Committee Responsibilities**

Each Committee members signed and returned the Confidentiality Statement for their position.

### **Topic: Minutes**

Minutes for all conference calls were approved and will be posted on the website.

### **Topic: Dress Code changes**

Diane shares with the committee that the National Office added athletic sandals to the National Dress Code. The committee decided to get a clearer definition of "athletic sandals" before adapting this to our Texas dress code. It is the concern of the SAC that athletic sandals will be interpreted as flip flops and could be a safety issue.

### **Topic: Financial Report**

Financial Report given By Diane, total in the bank is \$26,993.19, this does not count the expenses for this meeting which will be approximately \$2000.00+ and \$3000.00 for the printing of the Blue Book. We should start our compulsory season with somewhere around \$20,000.00.



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Motion to approve Financial Statement.

Motion By: Larry McDonough

Second By: Barbara Hughes

**Passed: Unanimous**

**Topic: Election Report:**

David Worley won the election for District Rep for District 5. Other positions were won by acclamation.

**Topic: Term Limits**

Diane received a letter asking for term limits to be considered. The committee discussed the pros and cons of doing this. It was discussed that it is not in line with the national office, and in the operating code it states that offices are for either 1 or 2 years without any term limits. One concern of the committee is that lack of people actually interested in fulfilling the requirements of SAC positions. This could make it difficult to fill a position. The committee would not come up with a policy that would deal with the problems that would arise out of not being able to fill a vacancy if no one ran for the position.

**Topic: Hillenburg Invitational – State Fund Raiser**

Hillenburg meet is only scheduled as of today to be one weekend and one meet site. The committee discussed the possible need to add a Friday session to be able to increase the revenue possibility for the meet. The committee agrees that this is a very important fundraiser for the state; Diane will talk to Rich Trevino, the host of the Hillenburg, regarding the possibility of adding a Friday session.

**Topic: Meet Director Packets**

The committee discussed if the meet director packets are ready to post on the website under a new tab which would be self serve. Lisa and Scott are not here today. Diane will talk to them about the document's status.

**Topic: Banquet**

The athlete awards banquet for 2009 was very nice. The awards and video were well received by all the guests. There were about 387 in attendance. The committee discussed next year's banquet date and month for the 2010 banquet. It was agreed if a facility was available in July that would be the best time for the board.



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**Topic: Competition Concerns**

The committee discussed the concerns it had over the type of equipment that was used at the regional level competition this year and how the equipment used at major national competitions should be consistent with industry standard equipment. It was discussed that if a person bids a meet and loses their meet site after the bid is awarded, then the bid needs to be re-submitted and the committee should decide if the new site is adequate.

**Topic: Off Campus PE**

Lynniss gave a report on how some school districts are not allowing middle school children to leave campus early for Off Campus PE credit. Parents are calling the Texas Education Agency and talking to the individual school districts to get them to continue to honor early release.

**Topic: Out of District Competition requests**

The committee was asked to consider allowing gyms to compete outside of their districts for the compulsory program's district qualifiers. Since there are many invitational meets across Texas and several District meets to chose from the committee felt there was no need for change at this time.

**Topic: Prep-Opt Program**

The creation of the Prep-Opt program was discussed and the committee would like to have it developed in time for the 2010 compulsory season. Prep-Opt will be a parallel program; it will give coaches and athletes another option. Diane suggests a round table discussion by the coaches on the committee and other coaches within the districts. The committee decided that there must be a direction and timeline to get the project off the ground and for it to be successful. It was decided in addition to meetings with coaches and district reps, that Larry and Lynniss will put together a survey via constant contact to get more input. The board will follow up and discuss the results of the survey and the round table discussions at the next meeting.

**Topic: Competition Formats**

Competition formats were discussed by the committee. From all the input that has been received it appears that no one in the state wants the traditional format meet, i.e., warm up all 4 events then compete them. Based on this history and knowledge, the committee did not award any bids that submitted bids using this format.

**Topic: 2010 Calendar**

For the 2010 calendar the committee decided to break down the calendar by district to make it easier to understand.

**Topic:** The deadline for the next year's Blue Book will be May 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee feels the Blue Book needs to be printed earlier for 2010 to get all changes out to everyone sooner.



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**Topic: National Congress**

The committee discussed the pros and cons of going to National Congress in Hartford, Ct next year in place of GAT for our early season meeting. The committee will take it in consideration and decide at a future meeting after reviewing the costs of attending Congress.

**Topic: Judges Contracting Organization**

Motion was made to use NAWGJ as the contracting organization for the next year.

Motion By: Donny Yarros

Second By: Carol Robuck

**Passed: Unanimous**

**Topic: Ranking of judges**

The committee discussed the required task of rankings of the judges for Regional and above competition assignments. Since the SAC has a significant number of judges on the board, we want to see if that significantly impacts the rankings. A new format will be used this year. The ranking will be broken down between the coaches and the judges. The coaches on the committee will be allowed to take into consideration the rankings done by the judges, but are not required to use them in their final ranking.

**Topic: Compulsory State Assignments**

The committee discusses when to assign the compulsory season judges. The Assigning Committee will have a conference call this week on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The Optional season assignments for judges will be done at the next regular meeting following the Level 6 State Meet.

**Topic: Next SAC Meeting**

The next SAC and assigning meeting will be in Austin on the same weekend as Level 6 state. The assigning committee will meet Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00am and regular meeting will start at noon.

Adjournment: 10:30am