

USAG Texas Committee Meeting ~ Date: April 1, 2007

Called to Order Time: 6:28 pm

Roll Call

<i>Person</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Proxy</i>
Diane Callison	State Chair	X		
Larry McDonough	Education Chair	X		
Scott Crouse	North Competition Chair		X	
Lisa England	South Competition Chair	X		
Al Gamboa	District 1 Representative	X		
Scott Taylor	District 2 Representative		X	
Martin Parsley	District 3 Representative	X		
Carol Robuck	District 4 Representative	X		
Oni Twilley	District 5 Representative	X		
Barbara Hughes	District 6 Representative	X		
Dawn Herbel	Administrative Assistant	X		
Leslie Patterson	NAWGJ Representative	X		

Minutes from November were distributed and reviewed.

Accept the minutes from the November SAC meeting

Motion: Oni

Second: Barbara

For: Carol, Larry, Oni, Lisa, Martin, Barbara, Al

Against: none

Abstain: none

PASS

Financial Report.

The state is in the black. As of this meeting the balance is \$30,752.12. There are still some clubs who have not paid their competition fees. Future financial goals of the committee are being reviewed.

District Reports

District 1 – lost a few clubs. Discussion on how West TX can maintain clubs and increase numbers

District 2 – not in attendance, Donnie Yarros going to run for the position of district rep

District 3 – had district meeting at level 7 State, not all clubs were in attendance.

District 4 – going to hold meeting last week of April

District 5 – Early meet bids deadline - only had 2 turned in by the deadline. Mailed contact info sheet to all gyms in the district for them to fill out and return. Response has been very low.

District 6 – lost 3 clubs. Response from clubs poor as well. Meeting will be held at the end of April. Discussed the possibility of moving age groups around at meets so the Junior A's are not always the first session.

Communication from Texas USAG & Contact Information

It is the responsibility of each coach, judge, and gym owner to update contact information with your district representative and TX USAG web master (go to the website and sign up for notification of updates)

Competition Chair Report

The committee has been tougher with fines this past season especially with repeat offenders. Scott and Lisa work together on every instance for consistency. Not receiving information does not excuse the responsibility of coaches, club owners and judges.

Attached/Unattached

Gymnasts are not required to be attached to a club in order to compete at meets. The only requirement is for a coach to be physically responsible for them during competition and fees to be paid in full.

Website Report

Since December 2006 the following things have happened on the website:

- Posted compulsory state and achievement state meet results
- Updated the calendar
- Posted classified ad on new ad page
- Added Meet Results button to Navigation bar
- Updated Judges list
- Posted optional qualifier info and optional state meet info
- Posted State meet results
- Posted news to District 6 page
- Posted Region 3 Congress news
- Posted spring meeting agenda and newsletter
- Continue to add more names to website update notification list (200+ requests)

NAWGJ Report

Leslie provided the board with the things TxNAWGJ has done to accomplish it's mission of "Providing professional development, leadership, and support to Texas NAWGJ members and to unify and promote women's gymnastics throughout the state" during the last 4 years. These included: increased clinics, easier access to information via the website, supporting judge's education with "Points for Education" program, and helping supplement the use of 4 judge panels at state meets.

Education Chair Report

Larry reported that he is looking forward to offering his assistance during the Region III Congress June 14-17th.

Letter of Considerations to JO Committee

Carol Robuck is going to write a letter to the JO Committee via Cheryl Jarrett for the committee to consider the following items:

- Allow Tsuk, Yurochenko, and Handspring Front timers for level 7 vault
- Give a time limit for competition sessions and eliminate the specified number of allowable gymnasts. Based on the 5 hours of competition time, the flexibility of 15 minutes to 30 minutes of stretch and the possibility of continuous Capital Cup format, it is quite easy to compete more than 56 athletes in a session and not use the entire 5 hours allowed.
- Level 2- 4 start value at 9.0
- Allow states to have the choice for level 3 to use a dive roll or handstand flatback

- Allow states to have the choice for level 4 perform a flat back or a front handspring over the vaulting system that is turned sideways. This would allow these “grassroots” athletes to begin blocking and working on repulsion that is necessary to clear the table when they perform a Handspring vault at Level 5.

Team Entry to Meets

The SAC discussed changes in team size or members after the entry deadline. Although it has been the policy of the state to not allow changes, it could not be found in writing.

After the meet entry deadline, changes to team size or any additions to the team will NOT be allowed. Designated team is determined on day of meet entry.

Motion: Larry

Second: Al

For: Larry, Al, Martin, Barbara

Against: None

Abstain: Carol, Oni, Lisa (all not in attendance at time of vote)

PASS

Leotards

GK ran into a problem getting the fabric for the level 7 leotards, so they upgraded the fabric free of charge. Diane took a poll with the coaches to see who was willing to increase meet fees to have better leotards. An overwhelming majority of coaches supported increasing fees for a better quality of leotard.

Meet Fee Increase to Fund Better Leotards

Increase meet fees by \$5 so can have Mystique Fabric for Level 5, 6 & 7 state leotards

Motion: Barbara

Second: Lisa

For: Oni, Lisa, Al, Martin, Larry, Barbara

Against: Carol (wanted Velvet instead of Mystique)

Abstain: None

PASS

(This motion will bring the entry fees for Level 5 N/S & 6 State to \$75.00 and for Level 7 state to \$85.00).

Gold, Silver, Bronze

The results of the Gold, Silver, Bronze survey that was posted in the Texas Newsletter were distributed. There were three clubs who voiced their opposition to using these divisions.

Level 7 Gold, Silver, Bronze

Diane asked the committee if Texas treating Level 7 as a compulsory level since the Gold, Silver, and Bronze divisions were designed when Level 7 was a compulsory level? Now that Level 7 is a Optional Level she would like for the committee to address this issue. See Motions for further information.

Eliminate Gold, Silver, Bronze from Level 7

Maintain G/S/B for levels 5 and 6, but eliminate it from level 7.

Motion: Lisa

Second: Al

For: Lisa, Al

Against: Martin

Abstain: Oni, Carol, Larry, Barbara **FAILED**

Research Gold, Silver, Bronze within Districts

Address G/S/B within districts during the month of April to get feedback as to what the districts would like to do. District Reps are to report to Lisa by 5/2/07 with response from districts.

Motion: Barbara

Second: Carol

For:

PASS

Level 7 State Qualifying

Instead of having 120 gymnasts from the south and 120 from the north qualify for Level 7 State, use a percent of a percent to determine qualifying. Will always guarantee 240 gymnasts to attend Level 7 State.

Motion: Carol

Second: Lisa

For: Oni, Carol, Barbara, Lisa, Larry, Martin

Against: None

Abstain: Al

PASS

Meet Entry Fees for Level 5 and 6 Placement

Increase meet entry fees for District Qualifiers to \$40 for level 5 and 6 placement. Achievement fees will remain the same.

Motion: Lisa

Second: Oni

For: Carol, Larry, Oni, Lisa, Martin, Barbara, Al

Against: None

Abstain: None

PASS

Level 6 North/South State Meet Entry Fees

To bring the fees in line with other competitions where judges must be brought in from other cities, the SAC discussed increasing the entry fees for some meets.

Increase Level 6 N/S State meet entry to \$50

Motion: Barbara

Second: Oni

For: Carol, Larry, Oni, Lisa, Martin, Barbara, Al

Against: None

Abstain: None

PASS

Out of State Meet Scores

~~For levels 7—10, allow out of state meet scores as qualifying scores for State as long as the meet not on a State Qualifying weekend. In addition, the individual coach must submit scores to the state meet director~~

Motion: Oni

Second: Martin

For: Oni, Martin

Against: Carol, Lisa, Al, Barbara

Abstain: Larry

FAIL

Two Judge Panels for Level 5 Achievement

~~**Would like to use two judge panels for level 5 achievement**~~

Motion: Carol

FAILED

Bluebook

The bluebook is to be distributed at the Region III Congress. That means all updates must be to Dawn by May 1st, so that she can make the changes in time to get it to the printer. We will print the same number of books as last year.

New Meet Entry Form

There will be a new meet entry form starting this fall. In addition to the form each gym must submit their gym roster from USA Gymnastics. By submitting this roster, meet directors will be ensured that athletes are current members of USAG and that birthdates, name spellings and Levels are accurate. If an entry form is turned in without the official roster there will be a \$25 fine for the first offense and a \$50 fine for the second offense. Further offenses will double with each offence. The new entry form and instructions will be found in the bluebook.

Meet Bids

All meet bids for the 2007-2008 competitive season that were turned in after the deadline were rejected.

Spring SAC Meeting

Move the spring SAC meeting from 9/10 State weekend to Level 7 State weekend.

Motion: Lisa

Second: Martin

For: Carol, Larry, Oni, Lisa, Martin, Barbara, Al

Against: None

Abstain: None

PASS

GAT for SAC Members

TX USAG to pay for registration fees for GAT for all current SAC Members.

Motion: Martin

Second: Larry

For: Carol, Larry, Oni, Lisa, Martin, Barbara, Al

Against: None

Abstain: None

PASS

Election Report

Texas will run an election for District 6 Representative and for North Competition Chair. All other board member are unopposed in their desire to continue serving Texas.

Hillenburg / Streeter

There was a discussion on The Hillenburg and Streeter meets as to where to hold them and at what time of the year. The Hillenburg Invitational will be hosted at Trevino's once again this year.

Summer 2008 Meeting

By next meeting it will be decided where/when the Summer Meeting 2008 where be held.

Banquet

The same award criteria as last year will be used again this year. The following athletes will receive awards:

- AA winner at North/South, State, Regional Westerns and JO Championships
- Qualify for Westerns or JO Nationals
- Pride of Texas (National Team Members)
- Hall of Fame team will receive a plaque

We will ask the Level 10s and Elites to help us present the awards to the lower level athletes.

GAT

Need to start thinking about nominations and awards for GAT 2007.

Newsletter

Diane asked the committee if it would benefit the members of our gymnastics community to set specific times of the year to publish a newsletter or to continue to publish as the need arises. The committee beleivs it would be best to continue to publish as the need arises.

Website

Districts are encouraged to post meet results quickly. A significant number of calls and emails come in each week from coaches and parents looking for the results. Website ads: is the state charging enough for online ads on the website? Leslie will research this issue.

Judges Selection

Compulsory meets will be assigned at Region III Congress. Optional meets will be assigned at GAT. Assigning committee would like to know what clinics and in gym experience judges have had in the past year to help with the assigning process. Leslie, as president of TX NAWGJ, will sit in on the assigning meetings to give insight. There was a discussion about the current make-up of the assigning committee if there is any bias with 3 coaches from the North and 1 from the South.

Adjourn 12:43 am