



**Texas USA Gymnastics
Committee Meeting
June 14, 2007**

Meeting called to order: 12:45pm

Roll Call

Members Present

Diane Callison	State Chair
Larry McDonough	Education Chair
Scott Crouse	North Competition Chair
Lisa England	South Competition Chair
Al Gamboa	District 1 Representative
Scott Taylor	District 2 Representative (outgoing)
Donny Yarros	District 2 Representative (incoming)
Martin Parsley	District 3 Representative
Carol Robuck	District 4 Representative
Oni Twilley	District 5 Representative
Barbara Hughes	District 6 Representative
Lynnis Waldon	Administrative Assistant (incoming)
Leslie Patterson	NAWGJ Representative

Members Not Present

Dawn Herbel Administrative Assistant (outgoing)

Topic: Incoming & Outgoing Members

Discussion:

Donny Yarros as the new Dist. 2 Representative and Lynnis Waldon as the new Administrative Assistant were welcomed into the SAC. Both Donny and Lynnis were asked to read over and sign the National Confidentiality Documents and Operating Code.

Scott Taylor was thanked for his years of service and Dawn Herbel was given recognition for her year of service as Administrative Assistant. Dawn is stepping down because she is expecting her first child and needs time to adjust to her new family life.

REPORTS

Minutes: No additions or corrections

**Motion Made to accept by Scott Taylor
Seconded by Oni Twilley
Unanimous**



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Financial Report: Diane Callison passed out a financial report to all members.

Bills are outstanding for the banquet and the awards for the banquet. The banquet bill from the Hotel will go through National Office due to their contribution. The National Office is upgrading the dinners for our banquet to help meet their quota on Food and Beverage in order for them to still receive all the meeting rooms at no charge. This was due to low attendance of the conference. The awards for this year's banquet is approximately \$2,000 plus the cost of gifts for athletes. Diane and Lynn is looking into alternative vendors to bring the cost down in the future.

Collections for Banquet Tickets were good, only \$100 is outstanding and will be collected at the door.

Competition Fees also all paid to date.

Leslie questioned if ad prices might be low? Currently the web ad is \$75. We need to send out emails regarding classified ads on the web site.

**Motion to accept by Martin Parsley
Seconded by Barbara Hughes
Unanimous**

District Representatives:

**District 1 – Al Gamboa
Nothing to report.**

Board discussed why more athletes don't participate in the state meet from his district and what could TX USAG do to encourage them to participate?

The board discussed if there another level of competition that could be done to promote more competitions in that area.



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District 2 – Scott Taylor

District Meeting went well. A few bigger clubs went out of business and that is a great loss. Discussion of whether the use of Levels 2 & 3 competitions could help get clubs back in the program. Problem discussed at the district meeting was in regards to 2 clubs sending in their meet bids late. No one from these clubs attended the meeting.

District 3 – Martin Parsley

He lost a lot of clubs in his district. Participation is low when it comes to the district meetings. He will try to call clubs to get more to participate. He also suggests that on the competition calendars that it would be better for the Invitational meets to be clearly noted with the word “INVITE” next to the meet name. Also could state meets be denoted in the Blue Book separately? He also wants to encourage, as he does in his district, we continue to spread the wealth around when it comes to meet bids being awarded.

District 4 – Carol Robuck

They moved up their district meeting date and had 35 people attend. There are 2 new clubs hosting meets. Competing Levels 2 and 3 let smaller facilities host meets now, because the only club large enough to host a large meet is in the Valley is Mary Jane’s. There also is a question in Dist 4 if an athlete that lives across the border but goes to a club in Laredo can compete in a sanction meet in Texas? Yes, as a foreign athlete as long as they have a USAG number. Some athletes are believed to live in Mexico and have a Texas post office box for an address – the SAC board does not believe that this qualifies them to get a USAG number, it is our understanding that they must live in Texas, they can be a Mexican citizen but they must live in the US. Diane also stated that if a Mexico team wants to compete at a US meet that the hosting club must obtain a Foreign Sanction.

District 5 – Oni Twilley

Good district meeting. A few clubs folded. The meet bids were divided well.

District 6 – Barbara Hughes

Good district meeting. A few clubs dropped, but they also added one club. She is worried about the numbers and discussed combining some meets.



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Competition Chairs:

North Competition Chair – Scott Crouse

We need to be more consistent with letters and policies and see to it that protocol is followed. Continue to enforce fines and look for ways to problem solve with the meet directors and coaches. When policies and guidelines are not followed, it is Competition Chairs job is to explain what the rule is and to consistently enforce any applicable fines if necessary.

South Competition Chair – Lisa England

Lisa conducted the Gold/Silver/Bronze survey with the district reps and the overall consensus is to keep it. The survey by dist was:

Dist 1 – 4 yes & 3 no

Dist 2 - All yes

Dist 3 - Leave it.

Dist 4 - No don't want it.

Dist 5 – Leave it.

Dist 6 - 5 yes & 4 no, the rest didn't care.

General Discussion by Board

- Scott Crouse stated that G/S/B helps equalize ranks across America.
- Diane said that the chain of command should be followed by the meet directors with late entries they need to direct them to the competition or state chair. Then these people can assist the meet directors in maintaining the guidelines and rules.
- With the change in the new entry form and distribution of meet information Diane called upon the competition chairs to assist in getting the word about the new policy. The Competition Chairs will have a vital part in communication with the meet directors in making a smooth transition with the new forms. The meet results being posted online will reduce costs and make it available to everyone. Leslie said that she needs at least 48 hours from the time she receives it to get it posted. She also needs it in the proper format, html or Microsoft Word document.
- Competition Chairs will be sending out updated Meet Director packet.
- Scott T discussed needing a clarification about gyms with multiple locations competing as one team. Scott C said that this is a trend across the country and he thinks that where they are registered is their gym and that should be who they



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compete for. Diane said it also brings up where the liability lies is there is an accident at a meet which insurance would cover injuries.

- It was the boards understanding that all athletes must compete under the gym they are registered.
- Diane brought up how difficult it was for meet directors to track the coaches attending meets when it comes to valid Pro Numbers. Since clubs will be required to attach their USAG roster for athletics what about including coaches rosters as well. Scott C didn't think that was possible. Lynniss said that she had done it before. The board suggested that the sanction violation fines are being enforced by the National Office (between \$500 -\$1000) that the first violation gets a letter from Texas USAG and then the fines apply to subsequent violations.
- The Board discussed if there needed to be any changes to the 2009 optional season and that the state team conflicts with the competition schedule. No decisions were made.

Education Chair – Larry McDonough:

Larry is anxious to assist the Regional Office with anything they need his assistance with this weekend. Diane would like for Larry to work on the website page for the coaches' education.

Website Report – Leslie Patterson:

Diane Suggested adding a Parents Page on the website. The page could also give information about proper chain of command when they have a question etc. as well as being an informative area for those parents who visit the site.

Leslie will be updating the web site with new board member info and pictures. The 07/08 Blue Book will be ready on the website soon.

Administrative Assistant – Lynniss Waldon:

07/08 Blue Book is ready for distribution. It was discovered this today that there was an error on one of the pages that was affected by the election outcome. Lynniss and Diane will get it corrected before distributing. Although the Blue Book looks better than previous years and it has to do with some of the formatting issues of the pages. The state purchased a new version of Corel, which is the program used to set it up for the printer, this version better integrates with pdf files



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and should present a cleaner product for next years addition. Lynniss will be working on the conversion for the next year.

The certificates we use for the Banquet are about 13+ years old – Diane proposes that we use the new state logo in the design of a new certificate for next years banquet. Lynniss will work on the design to discuss further at our next meeting.

NAWGJ Representative – Leslie Patterson:

Leslie asks if we can have the Mexico Club removed from the Blue Book for next year, she is still concerned about the Mexico team members using US address to get USAG numbers.

Carol discussed that no one wants to pay for a west Texas judge to travel to a meet because of the high cost of travel.

Diane spoke about the possibility of need to redistrict – it would be a long term project that would require a committee if the SAC wants to do that.

Leslie said that she would be sitting in on the assigning committee later today and had nothing additional to report.

General Topics:

Leotards – Diane brought the leotard fabric and the color swatches for the different levels. Donny and Barbara were disappointed that there was no use of the Navy color. Diane said that we could discuss it more at the GAT meeting.

Ads – The board needs to be more proactive on getting more ads.

Financial – Diane asks that receipts from prior expenses be cashed as soon as possible and that in the future checks be cashed promptly so that it helps her keep better financial reports.

Financial - It was discussed and decided that due to the extended time between the SAC meeting today and the Banquet on Thursday that board members that traveled a distant to get to the meet/banquet would be paid for their gas and hotel (1/2 rate per night) for all nights. All board members agreed.



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Region 3 Congress – The number of coaches attending Congress was very low. It was discussed that GAT probably made a big impact on Texas coaches attending.

Cori Rizzo, Reg 3 Chairman – Cori came in to let the board know about a new service that will be offered soon through USAG. The new requirement for all Pro Members to have a background check prompted this new Background check service. This will be in affect August 1st for Pro Members, and the cost will be the responsibility of the Pro Member. It will be required to be renewed every 2 years. Eventually, USAG's Background Check service will be open to all clubs to run background checks on their coaches before hiring them for a small fee.

ITEMS

Summer Meeting 2008 - Diane suggested looking into a 3 day cruise, leaving Galveston on a Thursday and arriving back on Sunday. The cost of meeting now and the cost of the cruise were discussed, also the fact that everyone would have to obtain a passport by next summer to be able to cruise to Mexico. The proposed date was June 12th – 15th. Everyone agreed to think it over and discuss the topic again at the GAT Meeting. District Reps should be polling coaches for enthusiasm to having an educational event on a cruise.

2008 Banquet – If the board decided to have its summer meeting on a cruise then the banquet would have to be separate. The board will discuss this more at the GAT Meeting.

Awards – The awards for the banquet was discussed and other than working on bringing the cost down everyone thought the type of awards the athletes were receiving were fine.

GAT Awards – Diane distributed GAT awards criteria and asked if anyone wanted to recommend anyone for an award.

Newsletter Articles

We are looking for a newsletter editor. We need the coach's names to submit their names if they have a GAT awards recipient.

Meet Information/Results/Website Issues

Diane asked about getting labels for the meet director packets. It was discussed about the late bid received by Alexandria Reis.



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Ranking of Judges for Regionals/Nationals

Diane said there are 54 judges to be ranked and she wanted to know if they wanted to use a 10 question evaluation this year, pared down from previous years. The board decided that they could rank them based on the prior year's questions, but in a condensed format. Diane reminded them that the rankings had to be ready by GAT so she would like them turned in to her no later than the 15th of July.

The GAT assigning meeting will meet after the SAC meeting at GAT, the SAC meeting will be at noon, start with a meal and then resume at the meeting room.

Unfinished Business

The word still needs to be let out about the open meeting at GAT (Saturday night). It was suggested about sending out mass email.

Scott Taylor asked the board if anyone had a problem with him staying on the Assigning Committee even though he is not a SAC board member any longer? He pointed out all that he had done to fulfill his position and wanted the opportunity to continue. The board will investigate the possibility with the Regional Chair, Cori Rizzo.

New Business

Discussion about the mass emails, and that they have so many names on it that it has become Spam to most servers. It was decided to look into an email service to prevent this. Martin Parsley uses a service and he shared the information with the board, Leslie and Martin are looking into it.

Adjournment 5:30 p.m.