

TEXAS USA GYMNASTICS

Fall 2006

A Note From Diane

Hi Everyone,

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another compulsory season. The athletes are mastering the routines and once again the Texas coaches have produced a great group of athletes for the state championships!

The Texas SAC is working hard to represent each of you. We have standardized the agendas for the year and those will be posted on the TXUSAG.com website. Minutes from all the SAC meetings are posted on the website as well. Please let your District Representative know if there are items you would like to have discussed. It will be added to the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Big changes have been made to the website to help you all keep abreast of the ever changing sport we are all involved in. Changes include a button for each District. This will give you a place to view calendars, news about your District and meet results for your specific District. We are adding a coach's education button. You can write in questions and the answers will be posted on the web. We are also adding a feature that will allow clubs to buy advertisements.

Please never hesitate to contact your District Representative with issues that may arise and if you cannot reach them, call me. I want you all to know

that we are here for you and want to represent you throughout the year and during our meetings.

As we approach the end of 2006, there is so much for us to reflect on. Texas gave a fond farewell to Juergen Achtermann who has retired from the State Chair position after four years of service. Juergen is happily spending more time with his family and his new son Jace.

We added the compulsory Levels 2 and 3 to our competitive program, and it is growing by the day. Oni Twilley, District 5 Representative, welcomed his new son, Blake and Larry McDonough, Coaches Education Chair welcomed baby girl Taylor. I know there are many more gymnastics families that have grown over the past year as well.

While we are all sharing some wonderful turkey and time with our friends and families, let's not forget to take a moment to remember the US troops who protect us throughout our days and nights and to ask for their safe return. During our busy days, I hope we take the time to reflect on our own blessings, large and small.

The best of the Holidays to each of you and to your families.

Diane

Diane Callison
State Chair

ATTENTION MEET DIRECTORS!

NOTE: The \$10.00 Region 3 check is NO LONGER required. If you sent a check that was held after 8/1/06 the check will be shredded.

NOTE: Meet Results MUST be sent Electronically to TX. USAG. Athlete Competition Fee Worksheet MUST accompany Sanction.

Send Coach Sign In Sheets to National Office ONLY..

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Ex Officio Board Members

NAWGJ – Leslie Patterson

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Please see the blue book or TX USAG
website for contact information.

Athlete Awards Banquet

Beginning in 2007, based on changes in the program in recent years, only the members of the **A Camp** will be recognized in the TOPS category at the Awards banquet.

State Administrative Committee

With every new State Chair there are is the potential for change to the Administrative Committee. As one of my first official duties as State Chair, I reviewed the structure of the State Administrative Committee. After consulting with Cori Rizzo, our Regional Chair and other persons at the National Office, I was encouraged to reduce the number of positions on the State Administrative Committee (SAC). I realized that I needed to accomplish this task without reducing the representation of the clubs, coaches and athletes of Texas. To reduce the size of the board without affecting the representation of those entities, I reduced the size of the SAC by the following 3 positions.

Coaches Education Chairperson

During the past 4 years we have had a North and a South Coaches Education position. I decided that I could reduce this position to one elected position as Coaches Education and to allow this person to set up a committee of coaches to assist him/her. Allowing the educational chair to appoint his/her committee gives us more flexibility to have a larger group of persons meeting the needs of education across Texas. If you or someone you know is interested in education, I encourage you to contact Larry McDonough and offer your service.

Judges Education Chairperson

In prior years we have had a North and a South Judges Education Chairs. Since the judging community has an organization that specifically meets the needs of the judges, the impact to that group will not be affected. The committee will continue to hear the voice of the judging community through the ex-officio position held by the Texas State Judging Director. This is a non-voting position however the State Judging Director is included in our meetings to bring the voice of the judging community to the table. This change is consistent with the makeup of the Regional Committee.

Judges Assigning Committee

Beginning with my term of office, the assigning committee for Texas USAG has 4 primary members, Martin Parsley, Larry McDonough, Oni Twilley and Scott Taylor. Should you have questions or concerns in regards to the officials contracted to judge Texas USAG meets, please contact one of the Assigning Committee members.

A Special Thank You

We all know people who touch our lives and the lives of others. We have four such people that I must mention.

Juergen Achtermann. Besides the endless magic that he brought not only to our State Championships, (and if you know Juergen, you know I mean that literally), but to many other competitions, Juergen has served Texas as a District Representative for many years and as our State Chair for the past four.

He touched many lives during his time on the state board, and he will certainly be missed by us all. With a bride of just a few years, the birth of his first child, Jace, a growing gymnastics business and now the added job of coaching at 2 different High Schools, something had to change. I know that he will be missed by all of us on the board, but I also know that he has made the right decision to set his priorities in the right order and spend more time with his family. Juergen, thank you for all that you have given Texas in the past and for who you are.

Marilyn Blilie In th past four years I watched Marilyn mature as a board member into a person who understood the need to put the kids first even when it wasn't the most popular choice. Marilyn stepped in as Judges Education Chair and managed to juggle digging through pages upon pages of judge's applications, spread sheets, charts and last minute replacements while teaching school, judging and raising children. Marilyn, thank you for all you gave to Texas USAG.

Deana Parish Although Deana coaches full time and is raising a teenaged daughter, she was willing to give of her personal time as the South Education Chair. Dena has a wealth of knowledge from her years of experience as a coach. Deana, like Juergen realized that she had to make some difficult choices in her life and give up some of the things that she was involved in to focus on her daughter and other responsibilities. Deana, thank you for stepping up and offering to share your knowledge with the coaches and judges of Texas.

Pat Ethredge There is probably not another person who has served Texas for more years than Pat. The years of service are too many to list and it just makes me seem older to put a number on it, so I will forego that exercise and say that when Pat joined the Texas Board, judges were wearing bright blue double knit suits that came with Bell Bottom pants, she was judging in Superiors, and girls were screaming over John Travolta dancing under the disco ball!

It is a difficult to appropriately thank someone who has volunteered for that length of time. Pat, thank you for your many, many years of service to the state of Texas.

So, from me, with my heart full of gratitude, a fond farewell to all of you.

Diane

Compulsory Survey Questioion

 I DO NOT want to use Gold, Silver, and Bronze divisions, only age groups at the Level 5, 6 & 7 State Championships.

Name: _____ **Club** _____

Contact Number _____ **Email** _____

Mail to:

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3rd Quarter Financial Report

State Chairman's Quarterly Financial Report Statement State: Texas

Date: From 07-01-2006 to 09-30-06 Chairman: Diane Callison

INCOME	
Rebates Pro	<u> \$1197.00 </u>
Rebates Athlete	<u> \$1448.63 </u>
Competition Fees	<u> \$7148.00 </u>
Competitions	<u> -0- </u>
Clinics	<u> -0- </u>
Certifications/Testing (specify):	

Promo Income:	<u> \$ 431.80 </u>
Other:	
Interest	<u> -0- </u>
Donations	<u> </u>
Loans	<u> \$1969.01 </u>
Travel Reimbursement	<u> \$350.00 </u>
Bank reversals	<u> \$ 27.75 </u>
Total for Other:	<u> \$2346.76 </u>

EXPENSES	
Communications	
Newsletter Printing/Postage	<u> \$2591.62 </u>
Phone	<u> \$ 490.28 </u>
Web Page	<u> \$1014.64 </u>
Total Communications	<u> \$4096.54 </u>
Office	
Supplies	<u> \$ 174.73 </u>
Secretarial	<u> \$ 1248.75 </u>
Equipment	<u> \$ 2227.00 </u>
Total Office	<u> \$3650.48 </u>
Awards / Apparel	<u> \$ 22.00 </u>
Competitions Expense	<u> -0- </u>
Promotional Expense	<u> \$ 58.44 </u>
Certifications / Testing	<u> -0- </u>
Clinics	<u> \$ 396.59 </u>
Travel / Meetings	<u> \$ 2633.37 </u>
Other	
Bank Charge	<u> \$ 6.00 </u>
Loan Repayment	<u> -0- </u>
Total for Other:	<u> \$ 6.00 </u>

TOTAL INCOME \$12572.19

TOTAL EXPENSES \$10863.42

Beginning Balance	<u> \$3735.44 </u>
Total Income	<u> + \$12572.19 </u>
TOTAL	<u> = \$16307.63 </u>
Total Expenses	<u> \$10863.42 </u>
Ending Balance	<u> \$5444.21 </u>

Checkbook Balance	<u> \$5444.21 </u>
Cash	<u> + -0- </u>
Savings	<u> + -0- </u>
Total	<u> =\$5444.21 </u>

* Separate Financial Statements Required for all events run through State Account

** Travel Expense form required for all travel entries*** Copies of receipts required for all expenses

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Pages with updates can be downloaded from the TXUSAG.com website

Page	Topic	Change From	Change To
7	Judges	9.00 Start Value	10.00 Start Value
7	Judges	A "color Flag" scores 8.0 – 9.0	Blue scores between 9.0 – 10.0, Red, 8.0 – 8.975 etc
8	Start Value	9.00 Start Value	10.00 Start Value
8	Awards	Blue 8.0 – 9.0 Red 7.0 – 8.975 White 6.0 – 6.975 Yellow All Scores Below 6.00	Blue -9.0 – 10.0 Red 8.0 – 8.975 White 7.0 – 7.975 Yellow – All score below 7.0
8	Awards	Levels 2-3: Scores flashed (Color flags)	Corrected colors for scores as above
16	Level 7 Qualifying Procedure	1 st paragraph, Statewide qualifier weekends date for February 3-4	February 10-11, 2007
18	Level 8 Qualifying Procedure	1 st paragraph, Statewide qualifier weekends date for February 3-4	February 10-11, 2007
20	Level 9 Qualifying Procedure	1 st paragraph, Statewide qualifier weekends date for February 3-4	February 10-11, 2007
22	Level 10 Qualifying Procedure	1 st paragraph, Statewide qualifier weekends date for February 3-4	February 10-11, 2007
38	Region 3 Meet Results	4 th box from bottom – Send \$10.00 to Region 3	Delete "a check in the amount of \$10.00, Regional Fee, payable to Region 3" (no longer required)
59	Meet Results	4 th check at bottom of page	Results can also be in Excel format Refer to the Scoring Program instructions to convert files to either a CSV or an Excel file format.

Have you Heard???

- **You are invited** ~Meet Information for all District Qualifying and Championship competition can be posted on the website free of charge.
- **And the Winner is**~ Meet results form all Texas USAG governed competitions can be posted on the website at no cost to the meet director.
- **Texas Links** ~We will add a link you your invitational website free of charge for all Texas organizations.
- **Are the results in yet?** Meet Directors please remember, your meet results must be electronically sent to the state chair within 48 hours of the completion of your competition. These results must be in either CSV or Excel format.
- **Looking?** We offer opportunities for you to purchase space on our website for the sale of equipment, coaching needs, advertising for your invitationals and other advertising needs. Please contact Dawn Herbel, Administrative Assistant for details at: macdiarm@alimni.rice.edu
- **Summer Clinic** Larry McDonough, Coaches Education Chair is interested in talking to you about topics and clinicians for the 2007 Summer Clinic. If you don't get an opportunity to chat with him at a meet, contact him at: Larrymcdonough@verizon.net or 214-607-0874
- **How do I get a Blue Book?** Posted on line or request a copy – order form available at TXUSAG.com



Congratulations to
TX Members of
2006 World Championship
Team

Team Silver Medal
Nastia Liukin – Silver Medal on bars
Natasha Kelley – 7th place on floor

Care List

Mark Williams, husband to Debbie, Level 10 Judge - our sincere hopes for a speedy and complete recovery for Mark as he fights cancer.

If you know of people in our gymnastics community that you would like to add to our care list, please contact Diane Callison or Dawn Herbel.

We've gone Electronic!

In an effort to reach more of our members and keep up with the cyber world we live in, we are now publishing newsletters on the TXUSAG website. If you would like to receive a hard copy (via snail mail) of the TXUSAG newsletter please go to the website (newsletter link) or fill out the form below and mail it to:

Dawn Herbel
1727 Meirwoods Dr.
Spring, TX 77379

You must be a current Texas USAG Professional member and must supply your Pro Number.

Please Print

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

USAG Pro #: _____