

Illinois USAG Women's Gymnastics State Committee Meeting

Sunday, September 7, 2008

A General Planning Meeting of the USAG Women's State Committee was held at the home of Cyndi Zimmerman in Naperville, IL. State Chairman, Norbert Bendixen, called the meeting to order at 10:15a.m. A quorum was present; those in attendance were:

Norbert Bendixen, State Chairman	Cyndi Zimmerman, J. O. Chairman	Randy Parrish, Level 9 – 10 Chairman -
Mary Joe Roehrig, Level 8 Chairman	Steve Cacchione, Level 7 Chairman	Andy Morreale, Level 6 Chairman
Judy Redmond, Level 5 Chairman	Wendy McGrath, Secretary	Terry Theobald, Election Commissioner
Don McPherson, Safety Chairman (left at 1:45pm)	Jeanne Johnson, NAWGJ Representative (left at 1:00)	Leonard Isaacs, Education Chairman
Todd Gardiner, Elite Chair- Nat'l Clinic @ IGI	Teresa Millmore, Level 4 Chairman – Death in Family	

JUDGES SELECTION PROCEDURE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Committee understands the importance of this procedure to the entire gymnastics community. Four hours of the total meeting time was dedicated to addressing this issue. The committee also reviewed the attrition in the judging ranks and is sensitive to the ramifications. Having considered, we voted as follows:

Motion No. 1: To do the same as last season by having the North and South Assigning Judges and the NAWGJ Representative, Jeanne Johnson, attend our next meeting, bringing their insight to the gathering, along with consideration of the NAWGJ Board of Director's recommendations presented to the State Committee today.

Proposed by: Steve Cacchione
Seconded by: Don McPherson

The IL-USAG State Committee Chairman, Norbert Bendixen, broke a 4 to 4 vote to reflect the consensus vote.

PHYSICAL VOTING SELECTION

Motion No. 2: To vote in the same manner as last year, i.e., A Blind Vote will be conducted and the votes will then be tabulated; A Meet Referee will be selected from that list, then the remainder will subsequently posted and Alternates selected.

Proposed by: Cyndi Zimmerman
Seconded by: Randy Parrish

Passed Unanimously

PREP-OPTIONAL

Motion No. 3: That Illinois should similarly adopt the entry age of 10 years for Prep-Optional competition, as has Michigan and Ohio.

Proposed by: Randy Parrish
Seconded by: Steve Cacchione

Passed Unanimously

PREP-OPTIONAL STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Motion No. 4: That Randy Parrish will attend the Prep-Optional meeting at Region V Congress, to ascertain the requirements for the State Representative. Randy will report back to the Committee.

Proposed by: Steve Cacchione
Seconded by: Judy Redmond

Passed Unanimously

COMPETITORS AS INDIVIDUAL SPECIALISTS

The Illinois State Committee Chairman, Norbert Bendixen, tabled this issue for further clarification that if an All-Around athlete is injured at the State meet, can she then compete as an event specialist. He will report back to the Committee.

STATE MEET DRAW

Motion No. 5: That the Level Chairman will do the draw and have the information posted on the website two (2) weeks prior to the meet.

Proposed by: Mary Joe Roehrig
Seconded by: Judy Redmond

Passed Unanimously

DRAW FOR AGE GROUPS

Motion No. 6: To follow the USA Gymnastics Rules & Policies guidelines in Chapter Two, *Hosting A Meet*, Page 40, item E-2-B, which states: "Using the pre-determined State guidelines, the Meet Director and State Administrative Committee Chairman (or other state committee member designated by the SACC), conduct the draw to determine the order in which the age divisions will be conducted."

Proposed by: Mary Joe Roehrig
Seconded by: Cyndi Zimmerman

Passed Unanimously

FRIDAY AND SUNDAY COMPETITION DAYS

After lengthy discussion, it was determined that this is an issue each individual family must decide whether they will attend on those days.

2008-2009 QUALIFYING SCORES

Motion No. 7: To keep the qualifying scores the same as last season:

Level 4	32.00 All Around
Level 5	33.00 All Around
Level 6	34.00 All Around
Level 7	34.50 All Around

Proposed by: Steve Caccione

Seconded by: Mary Joe Roehrig

1 Nay – 7 Yeas

2008-2009 ENTRY FEES

Motion No. 8: That we keep the entry fees the same as last year, i.e., the Early entry fee was set at \$50.00 and the Actual entry fee be set at \$75.00 for all Compulsory State Meets. Likewise, the Optional entry fees will remain the same for Levels 7 – 8 – 9 – 10 at \$75.00 for the Early Entry fee and \$100.00 for the Actual Entry fee.

Proposed by: Judy Redmond

Seconded by: Cyndi Zimmerman

Passed Unanimously

2008-2009 AWARDS

Level 5 through 8 awards are to remain the same as previous seasons, with is 33%. Level 4 awards will consist of additional participation medals.

Level 9 & 10 was tabled to allow Andy Morreale and Randy Parrish time to look at the age-group breakdown for the state, however the awards will remain at 33%.

Team awards will likewise remain the same as in previous years.

STATE CONGRESS 2009

Motion No. 9: That Illinois not hold a State Congress in 2009*, as Regional Congress will be held in Illinois.

Proposed by: Judy Redmond

Seconded by: Cyndi Zimmerman

Passed Unanimously

*The official date and location will be as follows:

September 17 – 20, 2009

Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center
1551 Thoreau Drive North
Schaumburg, Illinois 60173
(847) 303-4117
www.renaissanceschaumburg.com

*(Information added 9/11/08)

STATE AWARDS BANQUET

The State Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2009 if the date is available at the Esplanade Lakes by Double Tree, in Downers Grove, Illinois. Cyndi Zimmerman will try first to book that date and place. The date may change depending upon availability.

STATE TRAINING CAMP

The State Training Camp will be held for Levels 4 through 7 and will be used as a training vehicle for coaches and gymnasts. The Camp coordinator will be Cyndi Zimmerman and the Camp Director will be Marco Bravo. In his role as Education Chairman, Leonard Isaacs will work with Marco.

COACH IDENTIFICATION BRACELETS FOR ALL STATE MEETS

Motion No. 10: Because Professional Member cards are often in an inconspicuous place, it is proposed that each Pro member be checked in and issued a wristband id – in bright neon colors – for all state meets.

Proposed by: Cyndi Zimmerman
Seconded by: Judy Redmond

Passed Unanimously

ILLINOIS DRESS CODE

Norbert will double-check to see if this is a mandatory item and get back to the Committee with the answer.

NEW BUSINESS

- A coach's questionnaire will be posted online from November 1st to December 1st. The Committee is soliciting questions for the survey, from coaches in Illinois. These questions should be submitted to Norbert Bendixen, (norbertil@aol.com) by October 25, 2008.
- Wendy McGrath was appointed to notify Meet Directors of violations to the Illinois and/or USA Gymnastics Rules and Policies. The letter will set forth all penalties, possibly including forfeiture of their meet on the Illinois Meet Calendar, *including* large, long-established invitational's, or fines to be discussed at an alternate date by the committee.
 - The State Committee has experienced many infractions in the Meet Director's Procedures over the past year. These infractions include, but are not limited to:
 - Professional members not against the National office database, therefore being allowed on the floor without being properly credentialed.
 - Athletes competing with no USAG number.
 - Athletes competing with incorrectly listed USAG number.
 - Athletes with misspelled names.
 - Incorrect age groups.

- Incomplete score reporting, include late, or no electronic score reporting.
- These procedures, if followed properly would actually make the meets run more efficiently and on a timelier basis. Errors in gymnast's names and birthdates cause the posting of times to be delayed. Age Groups are divided equally and wrong names and birthdates cause a delay in posting the session times and age groups.
- A planning meeting for the 2009-2010 season will be sometime during the week of December 27, 2008 to January 4, 2009. Each committee member is to send an email with his or her availability.

The next Committee meeting will be held on either October 19 or 26, 2008, depending upon committee member and NAWGJ representative availability. Teresa Millmore volunteered her home, as did a number of others. Time and location will be announced at a later date, once a decision has been made.

On Thursday, September 11, 2008, Norbert Bendixen announced that the October 19, 2008 meeting would be held at Teresa Millmore's home.

On Tuesday the 16th of September, Teresa sent an email saying the meeting would be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 320 Towanda, Normal IL 61761.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. CST

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
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ILLINOIS STATE USAG WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

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