

Illinois USAG Women's Gymnastics State Committee Meeting

Sunday, June 28, 2009

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 11:00 a.m. The Committee attendance was as follows:

Norbert Bendixen, State Chairman	Cyndi Zimmerman, J. O. Chairman	Randy Parrish, Level 9 – 10 Chairman -
Mary Joe Roehrig, Level 8 Absent Gym Moving	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	Jeanne Johnson, NAWGJ Representative	Leonard Isaacs, Education
Todd Gardiner, Elite Chair	Teresa Millmore, Level 4 Chairman Absent Family Obligation	

DISCUSSION AND OPEN BUSINESS

Members were given the annual Confidentiality form to sign and return to Norbert prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Norbert gave highlights of the very successful 2009 National Congress and imparted positive input from the National office. Among other things of importance was a ruling that no cell phones and no texting on any device be allowed at meets. The new version of the Rules & Policies is now downloadable online.

As Region 5 Congress is fast approaching, there was a call for volunteers and most of the Committee will be helping out or presenting.

We then continued on to the balance of the agenda:

LEVEL 8-9-10 STATE MEET

Motion No. 1: Moved to allow Excalibur to rent an additional floor exercise mat for a total of two for the meet, instead of on floor and a strip.

Proposed by Randy Parris

Seconded by Cyndi Zimmerman

All in favor

Passed

PROCEDURE TO BE USED FOR JUDGES SELECTION AT NEXT MEETING

Norbert discussed the possible use of a new system currently in employed by Stacey Mooney, who is willing to help with set-up of the program. The system is called *Quizdom* and basically each person would have a handheld remote device that would allow them to upload answers to pre established questions. This type of system could eliminate a great deal of time and make the process of voting move much faster and with greater anonymity. It was felt that this system would benefit the Committee.

Motion No. 2: Moved to have a two (2) round system of voting for judges for each individual state meet.

Proposed by Judy Redmond
Seconded by Andy Morreale
All in favor
Passed

Motion No. 3: Moved to take into consideration the list that NAWGJ provides, along with other pertinent information.

Proposed by Cyndi Zimmerman
Seconded by Todd Gardiner
All in favor
Passed

Motion No. 4: Moved to have 3 separate phases for each state meet. One phase will include all persons with affiliations; a second phase would exclude those persons; the third and final phase would include those persons in the voting process.

Proposed by: Steve Cacchione
Seconded by Andy Morreale
All in favor
Passed

MEET SCHEDULE PROCEDURE

Due to problems we encountered this season with too many requests for weekends in Phase 1, with no way to easily break ties; too many requests for weekends in Phase 2, we will need to revamp our system sometime during this season. The first such action came from NAWGJ wanting to implement a new Judge's Assigning system:

Motion No. 5: Motioned to inform meet directors that for the current 2009-2010 Season they will need to fill out Judges Request form on the NAWGJ website, even if they have already done so on the Illinois USAG website.

Proposed by Judy Redmond
Seconded by Steve Cacchione
All in favor
Passed

PREP OPTIONAL

Motion No. 6: Motion to keep Prep Optional rules the same as last year.

Proposed by Wendy McGrath
Seconded by Don McPherson
All in favor
Passed

INDIVIDUAL SPECIALIST SCORES AND DECLARATION DATE

Motion No. 7: Moved that we go with the highest score that the Region will allow.

Proposed by Judy Redmond
Seconded by Steve Cacchione
All in favor
Passed

Motion No. 8: Move that the last qualifying date to declare whether a gymnast is going All-Around or as an Event Specialist is the same date by both. They will designate their intent on their entry form.

Proposed by Andy Morreale
Seconded by Randy Parrish
All in favor
Passed

Note: Gymnast will still need to register at a competition as an Individual Event competitor if wishing to use that score for State as an Individual Event Specialist and/or register and compete in the All-Around to qualify to State as All-Around competitor. Gymnasts may not use the score achieved as a Registered All-Around gymnast as their qualifying score to Individual Event State.

STATE SERIES DRAW AND FRIDAY/SUNDAY SESSIONS

Clarification on the draw: that the J. O. Chairman will conduct a draw over the phone with the Level Chair for age groups; the J. O. Chairman will then complete the draw using the computer program Draw Feature.

Motion No. 9: Motion that the Level 8 sessions be split between the first day on Friday and the last session on Sunday. This motion was made keeping in mind the best interests for the safety of the gymnasts.

Proposed by Andy Morreale
Seconded by Todd Gardiner
All in favor
Passed

AWARDS

Motion No. 10: That all Certificates of Participation be computer generated and that every athlete will leave with a Qualifying Medal.

Proposed by Steve Cacchione
Seconded by Andy Morreale
All in favor
Passed

Secretary, Wendy McGrath, was enlisted to design a new Certificate of Participation award for the state.

TOWN HALL MEETING

It was suggested that there be a Round Table Breakfast meeting for all Illinois Professional Members at Regional Congress and Norbert will check on availability.

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL J.O. COACH OF THE YEAR – ILLINOIS NOMINEE

In an effort to develop criteria on which to base the Illinois State Committee's nominee, a Sub-Committee has been created to help standardize the nomination process. Leonard Isaacs, Andy Morreale and Todd Gardiner will teleconference on J. O. Coach of the Year criteria.

SUBCOMMITTEE FOR A POSSIBLE DUAL SEASON 2010-2011

A committee of Steve Cacchione, Cyndi Zimmerman, Judy Redmond, Randy Parrish and Jeanne Johnson (action as an advisor) will meet and have information for the committee by our next scheduled meeting.

STATE AWARDS BANQUET 2010

The committee received several suggestions asking that the banquet be moved earlier so that seniors could more easily attend. To that end, Cyndi Zimmerman will check with the hotel to see if May 16th or May 23rd is available.

STATE TRAINING CAMP

Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th was suggested as the dates for the State Training Camp. The event would be directed by Marco Bravo, along with Leonard Isaacs and would be in conjunction with NAWGJ, as in past years this format was successful. Todd Gardiner said there was a possibility that his facility may be available from noon on Saturday and all day on Sunday. He will check his calendar and advise the committee.

CULMINATING DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS TOPICS

- Norbert will send out emails requesting feedback on days that committee members are available for a September meeting.
- Dress Code: seems to be working. The committee received verification from The State Chairman's Workshop held in Dallas that Coaches that are not in proper attire can be refused entrance to the Competitive Floor.
- We will continue with wrist bands for state meets.
- Several Meet Directors are not checking USAG numbers or birthdates. Possible solution would be to drop those clubs down to the bottom of the list for any further meet hosting.
- The same solution would be possible for not complying with electronic data from their Hosted meet competitions being turned in on time.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. The decision on the 2016 Olympics will be made on October 2, 2009. We are all hoping for Chicago!
- B. Feedback from announcement of State Meet schedule.
 - a. Cyndi Zimmerman should recuse herself because she is employed by so many clubs hosting State meets.
 - **Explanation:** Cyndi Zimmerman volunteers at all State Meets.
 - b. Issue: Discrepancy in allocation of State meets to a broader number of clubs.
 - **Explanation:** Please see graph below:

2009-2010 State Meet Bids

Bids	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6-7	Level 8-9-10
Dynamite	X		X	
Elk Grove	X			
Energym			X	X
Gem City	X			
Gym Corner	X	X		
GymNasti		X	X	
Gymnastics Etc.		X		
Gymnastics X-Calibur	X		X	X
Palatine		X		

Held State Meets	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05
<i>Energym*</i>	X	X	X	X	X
Gym Corner	X				
Gymnastics X-Calibur	X				
Gymnastics Etc		X	X		
GymNasti		X		X	X
Quad City		X			
Dynamite			X	X	X
Elk Grove			X		
Gainers					X
Hinsdale					X
Midstate				X	
Palatine					X
Quincy					X

* For several years running, the Committee did not receive meet bids for certain levels. Energym stepped up and volunteered to run meets that no one had bid on. This happened two years in a row.

C. The committee will update the bid form for the 2010 – 2011 season. Items to be taken into consideration are as follows, but not necessarily in this order of importance:

- a. Location
- b. Facility
- c. Equipment
- d. Overflow
- e. Seating
- f. Meet Director
- g. Experience
- h. Hotels and Airports
- i. Bathrooms
- j. Hospitals with Level 1 Trauma Centers
- k. Parking
- l. Diagram of Site with Equipment Layout
- m. Warm Up area
- n. Awards area

D. Procedure for approving minutes – total turnaround time 14 days:

- a. To committee within five (5) days
- b. Redlined and returned to Secretary within three (3) days of receipt
- c. Corrected copy to Norbert for approval within two (3) days

d. Approval to Secretary and Webmaster within three (3) days

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. CST

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Wendy R. McGrath, Secretary

ILLINOIS STATE USAG WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

Wendy R. McGrath, Secretary

Norbert Bendixen, State Chairman

September 12, 2009 Minutes approved by Committee