

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 Spring Hill Gymnastics in Elgin, IL. State Chairman, Norbert Bendixen, called the meeting to order at 9:45a.m. The Committee had 100% attendance; they were:

Norbert Bendixen, State Chairman	Cyndi Zimmerman, J. O. Chairman	Randy Parrish, Level 9 – 10 Chairman -
Mary Joe Roehrig, Level 8	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	

CONGRATULATIONS

The 2009 American Cup that was held in February at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates was a huge success. Norbert continues to receive positive feedback on all facets of the meet and how Illinois was instrumental in a smoothly run competition.

STATE AWARDS BANQUET

Motion No. 1: National Invitational Tournament participants should be included in the IL State Awards Banquet and their fees should be waived.

Proposed by Don McPherson
Seconded by Judy Redmond
All in favor
Passed

STATE SERIES 2009 – 2010 & 2010 - 2011

Motion No. 2: Regarding *Open Scoring* at state and above all scores should be ***entered for all levels.***

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

Motion No. 3: Regarding *Open Scoring* ***show*** all 4 scores at all levels

Proposed by Don McPherson
Seconded by Mary Joe Roehrig
All in favor

Passed

Please note: Meet Directors should pay close attention to make sure the judges numbers are entered correctly!

Motion No. 4: To accept Proposal No. 2 without date clarification. Proposal No. 2 reads:

- Level 4 State - north and south combined
- Level 6/7 State
- Level 8/9/10 State
- Level 5 State

Proposed by: Teresa Millmore

Seconded by Randy Parrish

All in favor

Passed

Motion No. 5: Set date for Level 4 State meet to March 26 thru 28, 2010; Level 5 State Meet set for April 23 thru 25, 2010, Level 6/7 set for March 12 thru 14, 2010; Level 8/9/10 set for March 19 thru 21, 2010.

Proposed by Mary Joe Roehrig

Seconded by Judy Redmond

1 – Opposed

2 -- Abstained

Passed

Motion No. 6: Keep the meet structure the same for 2010 – 2011 Season

Proposed by Don McPherson

Seconded by Steve Cacchione

3 – In favor

5 – Opposed

2 – Abstained

Defeated

Motion No. 7: Level 4 and 5 to have State meets in the Fall and in the Spring in the 2010 – 2011 Season

Proposed by Andy Morreale

Seconded by Judy Redmond

5 – In favor

2 – Opposed

3 – Abstained

No Majority

A sub-committee will be formed to investigate data and report back to the Committee at our August 30, 2009 meeting

QUALIFYING SCORES AND ENTRY FEES

Motion No. 8: Set the Level 4 qualifying score at 32.00 All-Around and the entry fee at \$60.00

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

Motion No. 9: Leave the qualifying score for Level 5 the same at 33.00 All-Around and set the entry fee at \$60.00 for early bird registration and \$85 for regular registration

Proposed by Mary Joe Roehrig
Seconded by Andy Morreale
9 – In favor
1 – Opposed
Passed

Motion No. 10: Set Level 6 qualifying score at 33.50 All-Around and the entry fee at \$60.00 for early bird registration and \$85 for regular registration

Proposed by Judy Redmond
Seconded by Andy Morreale
2 – In favor
8 – Opposed
Failed

Motion No. 11: Set Level 6 qualifying score at 33.00 All-Around and entry fee at \$60.00 for early bird registration and \$85 for regular registration

Proposed by Judy Redmond
Seconded by Teresa Millmore
8 – In favor
1 Opposed
1 – Abstain
Passed

Motion No. 12: To leave Level 7 and Level 8 the same as last year, i.e. 34.50 and 33.00 All-Around, respectively. Entry fee \$75.00 for early bird registration and \$100.00 regular registration

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

Motion No. 13: To keep Levels 9 & 10 the same as last year, i.e. 32.00 All-Around and the entry fee at \$75.00 for early bird registration and \$100.00 regular registration

Proposed by Teresa Millmore
Seconded by Mary Joe Roehrig
7 – In favor
2 – Opposed
1 – Abstain
Passed

START VALUE FLASHING

Two situations with regard to flashing Start Values came up at this year – one at 9/10 State and the other at 8 Regional.

The correct procedure is covered in the USAG Rules and Policies on page 44 and I will enter part of it in these Minutes, but it falls upon all Judges and Meet Referees to be familiar with this ruling:

“2. Start Values for Optional (Level 7 – 10) Competitions

- a. Start Values are required to be either flashed or written on the competitor’s card at ALL Level 7, 8, 9 and 10 competitions.
- b. The State Administrative Committee may determine if the communication of Start Values is required (or allowed) at PREP Optional meets.
- c. Procedures for Flashing Start Values:
 - 1) Each Judge should independently determine a Start Value.
 - 2) The Start Value and the final score should be recorded on the judging slip and sent via the runner to the Chief Judge
 - 3) Each judge should flash the Start Value on the Start Value flashing unit as soon as the Chief Judges receives ALL judges’ score slips.
 - 4) Start Values do not have to match. A conference MAY be called to determine if the Start Value needs to be adjusted, either up or down.
 - 5) If the Start Value is changed as a result of a conference, the adjusted Start Value should be flashed as a “corrected Start Value”.
 - 6) See Meet Organizational Guidelines, Clerical Committee for additional procedures for the flashing of Start Values. These guidelines can be found on the USAG web site at <http://www.usa-gymnastics.org/women/jo/2001/w-meetorgguide.pdf>.”

TOUCH WARM UP

Andy to provide example that worked at his meet

STATE TRAINING CAMP

The date for the State Training Camp has been set as August 15 and 16, 2009

DRESS CODE

In general the Dress Code was adhered to despite the breakdown in communication between the Committee and the general membership. The state of Illinois received positive feedback at the Regional level and as always our coaches comported themselves admirably at Nationals. USA Gymnastics has implemented some changes to the ruling from last year and they will become available later in the year.

MEET DIRECTORS

There continues to be problems in several areas. Meet Directors are failing to check athlete and professional member information for accuracy. This includes age group/birthday verification for athletes. Several gymnasts competed in the wrong age group all season, even though the coach and Meet Director had been notified of the problem.

The Committee is in the process of deciding upon a ruling that will impress upon the coaches and Meet Directors, the importance of correct age groups. The Committee is leaning towards not allowing the club to be on the Meet Schedule for the next season. We are checking into such a ruling with other states and USAG.

JO COACH OF THE YEAR

[Should Illinois have set criteria for nominating a Coach of the Year or should we silently put forth several names to the Regional Committee and let them pass the chosen candidate onward? Norbert will discuss this matter at the next National meeting in August and ask for guidance from them.

REGION 5 CONGRESS

Region 5 Congress will be held in Schaumburg on September 17, 2009. Volunteers are needed to fulfill our job duties in the following areas:

- Presenters
- Attire
- Introduction
- Water
- Check Credentials
- Distribute Handouts
- Oversee Sessions

ALLSTAR TEAM COMPETITION AT OPTIONAL STATE MEETS AND ABOVE

Suggestion: that at state meets, Level 7 and up, that there is a small “competition” between squad. Each squad would be their own “team” and of the 8 squads in each session, a competition would be help in much the same way that 9/10 Nationals operates. This would help promote sportsmanship between gymnasts and will prepare them for the same scenario at Level 8 Regional’s and above.

The Committee felt we should encourage the cheering and team atmosphere, but that we could not institute a team award because most computer programs are not able to handle a supplementary team award in addition to the regular team awards.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2009 – 2010

It was discussed, with no outcome, having Town Hall meetings at Optional State meets and Compulsory State meets. We will continue to discuss the feasibility at our next meeting.

The next Committee meeting will be held Sunday August 30, 2009 at TBA

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. CST

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Wendy R. McGrath, Secretary

ILLINOIS STATE USAG WOMEN’S COMMITTEE

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