

Illinois USAG Women's Gymnastics  
State Committee Meeting

Thursday, November 18, 2010

A general meeting of the USAG Women's State committee was held at Cyndi Zimmerman's house. State Chairman, Norbert Bendixen, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The following Committee member roster was as follows:

Norbert Bendixen, State Chairman	Cyndi Zimmerman, J.O. Chairman	Randy Parrish, Level 9/10 Chairman
Dan Miller Level 8 Chairman	Steve Cacchione, Level 7 Chairman	Andy Morreale, Level 6 Chairman
Judy Redmond, Level 5 Chairman	Cindy Morano, Level 4 Chairman	Kathie Gebhardt Secretary
Don McPherson, Safety <b>Absent</b>	Todd Gardiner, Elite Chairman	Leonard Issacs, Education <b>Non Voting member</b>
Terry Theobald, Election Commissioner <b>Non Voting member</b>	Jeanne Johnson, NAWGJ Representative <b>Non Voting member</b>	

**Assigning Chief/Panel judges and events for State Meet Series** There was general discussion about having the USAG Women's State committee getting involved in the assigning of events and Chief/Panel judges. We all agreed that the committee needs to get involved and we came up with three different possibilities.

Motion: to have the USAG Women's State committee to be involved in choosing the Chief and Panel judges and events for the State Meet Series.

Proposed by Kathie Gebhardt

Seconded by Cyndi Zimmerman

All in favor

Passed

Motion: to have a Sub Committee, (of voting members, to be no less than 3 members with no maximum, plus the meet referee with the exclusion of any Judge on that State Meet.) who will choose the Chief and Panel judges and events for each State Meet Series.

Proposed by Steve Cacchione

Seconded by Cindy Morano

All in favor

Passed

The first State meet is the level 4/5 fall meet. The committee for this meet is Cyndi Zimmerman, Cyndi Morano, Judy Redmond, and Kathie Gebhardt and Randy Parrish. They will meet and include meet referee Paula Noe and have placements and event assignments by November 22, 2010.

Any one who is interested on being on a sub committee for the State Meet series must notify Norbert by Monday November 22, 2010.

**Prep Opt.** is here now in Illinois and we had general discussion on the levels and the ages to be used.

Motion: to follow Indiana in the starting age for the different levels. Must have had their 6<sup>th</sup> birthday for the Bronze level, 7<sup>th</sup> for the Silver and Gold, and 8<sup>th</sup> for the Platinum level.

Proposed by Randy Parrish

Seconded by Andy Morreale

All in favor

Passed

**Meet Directors-** Talked about keeping entry fee low along with USAG guidelines. Recognizing that NAWGJ takes a \$5.00 pay cut to judge prep opt. Also brought up that we can use a one judge panel and it could be a great opportunity for in house meet to add a prep opt. We all agreed to revisit this.

**Event Specialist-** We will leave what we had last year the same for the event specialist. Qualifying score 8.975, with mobility at 8.50. We do not have injury petitions to Regionals as a specialist. We did say that a coach must specify to the meet director before the meet that a gymnast is a specialist. She can only enter and compete no more then 3 events at anyone competition as a specialist.

Motion: to keep the specialist in the team awards. Leave it the same for now and may have Rules and Policies over ride that decision.

Proposed by Dan Miller

Seconded by Randy Parish

All in favor

Passed

Found on page 56 the Rules about specialist awards. All in agreement to table until next year.

**Open meeting-** Possible to have at Regional Congress, or State Congress. No date as of yet or place.

**JO Coach of the year criteria-** Ill Representative for Regional coach of the year. We will now refer to this as Illinois Candidate for National Coach of the Year. Leonard mentioned to consider this a 2 part thought. Part one is a coach who has many levels and producing champions. Part two is very visible at JO Nationals and Easterns. Dan Miller would like to be added to the Illinois Candidate for National Coach of the Year Sub Committee.

**State Awards Banquet-** June 12<sup>th</sup> 2011 at 2:00 p.m. same place but the price will go up \$5.00 There will no charge for JO National, Easterns or Elite gymnasts. Elites are to also get leotards but not for tops.

**State Congress-** will be June 25, 26<sup>th</sup> weekend. Cyndi Morano and Judy Redmond will be in charge. Will have an e – mail go out to public about topics for congress.

**State Training Camp-** June 11, 12<sup>th</sup> Judy Redmond and Jeanne Johnson will be information coordinator.

**Cover Girl-** Volunteers, how to get help that is 18years and older for the set up and take down. It will be July 21<sup>st</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. They need 40 people for set up and 40 people for break down. Steve Cacchione

mentioned that it can be labeled Part 1 as Heavy Duty, and Part 2 at Nuts and Bolts. Cindy will come up with a list of perks and make a flyer to try to get out at all meets. Send Cindy Morano and ideas

**Judges Selection-** Did we find the forms with all the number of gymnast judged at each level informative. Only 2 members used it. We would like to know how many years a judge has been judging and how many years she has had her current rating and also if they are in a gym or not.

Coaches not qualified to be on the floor. Need to make sure we all are sending in any infractions on the sanction form. Checking member numbers, expiration date, back ground expiration, and safety expiration dates. Meet Referees need to check equipment specs, judgments, time at end of meet and so on.

**New Business-** thoughts on if the judges and pick peers and rank them for each state meet. Who they feel should be on year meet. Do something like Ohio did with the input coming from the Committee, Judges, and Coaches.

Meet adjourned at 12:51 and with no date for next meeting.

Minutes submitted by:

Kathie Gebhardt, Secretary

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Norbert Bendixen, State Chairman