

Wisconsin USAG State Meeting Minutes  
March 23, 2002

Meeting called to order at 10:45 p.m. by Sandy Hamm, State Chairperson.

Individuals present: Sandy Hamm, Jay Carey, Chris Grainger (State Judging Director), Mitch Connor, Kosty Kolesnikov, Ralph Druecke, Tom Auer, Brad LeClair, Dave Brose, Patrick Okopinski, Jerry Umhoefer, Jason Hill, Christian LaRoe, Josh Ames, Jerry Fix & Stacy Maloney.

Clubs represented: Salto, Racine, M & M, Midwest Twisters, All Star, WGA, Scamps, Oshkosh, Swiss, and LaFleurs.

June 17, 2001 state meeting minutes approved.

Motion on the floor to allow all pro-members present to be allowed a vote, with the purpose of encouraging more participation, especially amongst the judges.

Discussion  
Motion *fails*

Motion to allow judges as a group one vote (as if they were a club), at this and future meetings for all purposes other than the election of the state chair.

Motion is seconded and *passed*.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Regional qualifying score was met by all class fives that plan on attending the competition.

All-State Team camp qualification is discussed.

Traditionally, top 20 class 6 (7-9yr) and top 20 class 5 (8-9yr) are eligible for the camp.

Motion is made to allow all 24 class five (8-9yr) to go to the all state camp.

\*Motion is seconded and *passed*.

M&M offers their facility to host the camp on June 22-23 or 29-30. The specific date is yet to be announced.

The format of the camp will remain the same.

Judges Report:

The state of Wisconsin needs more judges for times when any of the six judges we have are not able to attend a planned competition.

Chris Grainger would like to see some of the coaches in the state become certified to judge in a "pinch" situation.

Coaches are reminded to deliver tips and leads to the state director of anyone who may be interested in becoming a judge.

A judge evaluation was sent to coaches around the region to help the regional director select judges for the regional and possibly national championships. Coaches were reminded to submit these evaluations when they get them to make sure that our state is represented at the regional and national championships.

The judging director asked if coaches would like to have the start values posted at competitions. The coaches agreed that displaying start values would help to answer many questions without approaching the judges at competitions. Chris will try to put this into effect in the next season for optional and compulsory boys.

Next year, several of the judges will be assigned to different events

#### Treasury Report:

For the period late March 2001 through March 22, 2002 we had income of \$13,820 and expenses of \$7,406, a net increase of \$6,413. This leaves us with a current checking account balance of \$8,046. Upcoming expenses including hotel, etc. for chairman at Regionals and entry fees for Wisconsin qualifiers to J.O. Nationals.

Motion is made to pay the full entry fee to J.O. Nationals for those who qualify.

Motion is seconded and *passed*.

#### Other Items:

The future stars testing and regional clinic will be held in Wisconsin in 2002.

The greater Milwaukee Convention Bureau, and Salto, will be hosting the 2003 USA Championships in downtown Milwaukee.

Help will be needed to run this multi-venue event. There will possibly be some fundraising activities for in-state clubs that wish to help in ticket sales.

A regional mini-congress will also be held in conjunction with the event.

Coaches are reminded to check the USA-gymnastics web site for updates to the J.O. manual.

Coaches are reminded to respond to the state director's e-mails to help keep open lines of communication amongst the gymnastics community.

Coaches are reminded to set their session times as soon as possible or submit tentative schedules for their invitational meets to help families plan for their specific dates of attendance.

In review of the class seven division of competition, many feel very positive about it's first year, and encourage others to promote this class of athlete.

Meeting adjourned March 24 at 1:00 a.m.