

Wisconsin USAG State Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2003

Meeting called to order at 9:45 p.m. by Sandy Hamm, State Chairperson.

Attendance: Kostya Kolesnikov, Martin Keane, Chris Grainger, Cory Wanek, Patrick Okopinski, Tom Auer, Sandy Hamm, Stacy Maloney, David Russell, Brian Struebin, Nick Mantz, Jerry Fix, Josh Ames, Jerry Umhoefer, Mitch Connor, Jay Carey, Dave Brose

Clubs represented: All Star, CSA, LaFleurs, Midwest, M&M, Oshkosh, Racine, Salto, Swiss & WGA

June 30, 2002 minutes were approved without discussion.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Auer gave an overview of our financial position. Current checking and savings balance is \$11,508.66. Sandy gave a reminder that the State had voted to cover the registration fee for all boys that qualify for Nationals. Brief discussion that the presence of Chris as the 7th Judge was well received by all coaches.

Old Business:

Sandy gave a reminder that the judges as a group get one vote on matters other than election of State Chair.

State website can and should be used by all clubs for pre-meet and results distribution.

Reminder that for Class 6 the 7-9 year old age group will be split this year for both State and Regionals into a 7 year old group and an 8-9 year old group.

Start Value Flashers were used at State meet this year. This was well received by the clubs. Flashers were paid for by the State.

New Business:

Jason Hill has withdrawn his name for consideration for State Chair. This leaves Cory Wanek as the only nominee. Cory is unanimously approved as the new State Chair. Sandy then proposed that Cory function as his Proxy for the Regional meeting upcoming at Grand Forks. Mitch made a motion to provide Cory with a 3 person advisory committee for the Regional Meeting. Jerry Fix, Jay, Mitch (tentative) and Stacy (tentative) volunteered to assist Cory at the meeting.

Judges Report:

Chris reported that the year has gone well and that he is looking to add 1 to 2 new judges. In his opinion, the addition of a meet referee for State Meet has gone well. He feels that is good to get

used to, since coaches will not be able to approach the judges to discuss scores at Regionals or Nationals. Mike Smith, Cory Wanek and Ron Fenske will be judging at Regionals. With the USA Championships being in Milwaukee this year, Chris suggested that we acknowledge the judges who will be at this meet with something unique to Milwaukee. After discussion, Dave Russell motioned/Mitch seconded that the State provides a budget of NTE \$1000 towards a gift for the judges. Motioned passed with Chris, Jerry and Tom volunteering to be on a committee to decide the gift. They will report back to the group with in 6 weeks via the Internet. They will get in touch with Cory and he will forward it out to the group.

Head Taxes:

Mitch motioned/Jay seconded that we keep the \$1.75 Invitational head tax for 2003-2004 season. Motion passed.

Stacy motioned/Mitch seconded that we keep the \$20 annual State head tax for the upcoming season. Motion passed.

Reminder to send in the \$1.00 USAG National Academic Scholarship head tax for all meets.

The Regional Head Tax of \$10 was a one time levy and will need to be voted on at the Regional meeting to retain for the upcoming year. It was decided that Cory needed to see that financial position of the Region before we could see how he would vote. This will be left up to our committee at the Regional meeting.

Camps and Activities:

Sandy had decided to acknowledge the top 15 boys in Class 7 as making the All State Team. They were provided certificates stating such. His question is "is this enough or should they be included in the State camp?" Unanimous decision that the certificates were sufficient. Dave and Sandy brought up to the group that they needed a decision on how to figure the Class 6 State Team now that we are splitting the prime 7-9 age group into two age groups (7 yr. old and 8-9 yr. old). It was decided to pick the Class 6 State Team from the top 20 boys from the overall 7-9 age group. In regards to the All State Camp, attended by the top 20 Class 5's and top 20 Class 6's, what should the format be? Dave Russell suggested that this camp should be a reward, more than a clinic and since the USA Championships are in Milwaukee this year, why not take them to the meet? Jerry Fix motioned/Mitch seconded that we take the 40 All State Boys to the Sunday Men's Finals at the USA Championships. Motioned passed. Sandy volunteered to secure the block of tickets for the boys and an appropriate number of chaperones.

Adjournment:

Pat motioned/Mitch seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:35.