

Wisconsin USAG State Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2003

Meeting called to order at 10:40 a.m. by Cory Wanek, State Chairperson

Present at that time: Cory Wanek, Brian Struebin, Jay Carey, Kostya Kolesnikov, Dave Russell, Sandy Hamm, Stacy Maloney, Jerry Fix, Mitch Connor and Chris Grainger. Arriving later were Jerry Umhoefer and Tom Auer.

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

First item covered was a discussion/review of the state's head taxes. The annual tax remains at \$20. While compliance has been laudable, the discussion did include an agreement that clubs with athletes that had not been paid for would forfeit any state benefits, such as funding for J.O. Nationals and attendance at camps. The **deadline for payment of this tax** was first set for January 7, 2004, and then moved up to **December 1, 2003**. Coaches are urged to be prompt, reducing the need for Cory and Tom to chase after payments. Athletes added to the roster after the initial payment, must be paid for before they can compete. There are no refunds of this head tax.

The next thing covered was a discussion of the Region's one-year old head tax and one of the Region's main expenses, the camp at Lake Owen. Cory received a variety of comments on how the state coaches feel about these two items.

Judges Report: Chris reported that there was no news of any judges planning to stop judging. Marc Raygoza should be available if needed and Chris is looking to add one more. The Brewer outing at Miller Park was reported as a great success. Chris reported getting many comments on our gracious hospitality to the visiting judges.

Chairmen' Summit:

Cory, along with all State and Regional Chairs has been invited to Chicago September 12-14 for a "Summit". USAG will pick up two nights and some food, etc. Mitch motioned that Cory attend the event, and that state funds pick up the balance of Cory's expenses for the Summit. Motion seconded by Stacy, and passed unanimously.

Coaches Advisory Board:

Cory discussed his needs and plans for this group. One of the first tasks is working on Rules and Policies document for the state. He hopes to have a draft to vote on at the Spring meeting.

Meet Entry Deadlines:

After some initial comments, the discussion was reduced to controlling these issues as they affect State Meet. It was decided that State Meet entry forms must be mailed to clubs (postmarked) no later than January 21, 2004, and that they must be returned (postmarked) to the host club no later than February 21, 2003. Entries after that date will incur a \$10 late fee per gymnast that is entered late.

Approval of March 2003 Minutes:

After the group recognized this omission, Jerry Fix motion and Stacy seconded that we accept the March 2003 Minutes as printed.

2004 Meet Schedule:

The schedule was gone over, week by week, culminating with three bids for State Meet. LaFleurs, Scamps and Swiss submitted bids. A written ballot was taken and the vote was Scamps-2, LaFleurs-3, and Swiss-5. Swiss will hold State Meet March 20-21, 2004.

Financial Report:

Tom made a brief mention of our checking balance and some other numbers... Cory asked about posting this information on the website and the consensus was that this was fine and good.

Coach/es or Club of the Year:

Mitch brought up the discussion of re-instituting this award. The group offered mixed opinions and this item remains open.

Cory asked about a discussion board on Yahoo or the like, wondering if members would value it. The consensus was to stick with the website and email for now.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.