

Wisconsin USAG State Meeting Minutes  
June 30, 2002

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Sandy Hamm, State Chairperson.

Individuals present: Brian Struebin, Chris Grainger, Mitch Connor, Kosty Kolesnikov, Patrick Okopinski, Jerry Umhoefer, Jason Hill, Jerry Fix, Josh Ames & Stacy Maloney.

Clubs represented: All Stars, CSA, LaFleurs, M&M, Salto, Scamps, Swiss & WGA

Prior to the meeting being called to order and prior to Stacy's, Chris' and Jerry Fix's arrival we began a discussion of Jason Hill's proposals to incorporate the Class 7's in the All State activities and to subdivide the Class 6 7-9 age group. After their arrivals we finished the discussion and it was decided to continue as we have with the All State Class 6 and Class 5 athletes and for Sandy to make a proposal at the regional meeting in October to have the region provide an additional age group in Class 6. That age group would be "bump up" 7 year olds and official 7 year olds. The 8-9 year olds would then be a separate age group in Class 6. Wisconsin is only interested in making this change if it is made at the regional level as well.

March 23, 2002 minutes were approved without discussion.

Our financial position was reviewed:

Current saving and checking balance is \$5,095.60

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We have \$610 of Judges' set aside funds unspent. A motion was made and passed to pay Chris Grainger or his designee from the fund at next year's competitions. He will function as a 7th judge and rotate from judge to judge at different meets, one per meet, providing oversight and training to our core of judges. Some of this money may be spend as well on a day of training at Chris' discretion.

Chris reported that he is enthusiastic about both Nick Mantz and Christian LaRoe becoming active members of our judging ranks next year. He also reported that Mike Smith's health (hip) continues to improve, and that Mike has won a judgment of \$5,000 against the man that attacked him by punching him in the neck in 2001. Of course, now he needs to collect the judgment. Mark Raygoza may not judge in 2003. And, of course, Ron got married the night before the meeting! Congrats to Ron and his new bride.

The [2003 Meet Schedule](#) was worked out:

Four clubs (LaFleurs, Scamps, Swiss & WGA) offered bids to hold State Meet in 2003. A vote was taken to narrow the field to two clubs, and then a final vote was taken. Swiss Turners was awarded the 2003 State Meet. There are several moves in the schedule this year due to Salto's hosting of the 2003 USA Championships. But both Salto and LaFleurs have been promised the opportunity to return to their "traditional" weekends in 2004.

Head Tax Issues:

A motion was made and passed to leave all head tax as levied in 2002. That means an Annual \$20 per athlete State Head Tax. This also mean a \$1.75 per competitor head tax for USAG Wisconsin boys meets (50 cents of which goes to the judging fund). In addition meet directors must pay a \$1.00 per competitor head tax to the National Academic Scholarship Fund.

A reminder was made that Region 4 has now instituted a \$10 per athlete Region Head Tax similar to the Wisconsin \$20 tax. This amount is due by December. Our Region has been running at a deficit and this levy was put in place at the regional meeting in Lincoln, NE last April. The motion to impose this tax, in an effort to make the region function in the black, was made by Sandy and passed by the State Chairpersons unanimously.

#### Junior Olympic Championships Entry Fee:

With the current financial situation it was decided to commit to paying the full entry fee for all Wisconsin qualifiers to J.O Championships in Savannah, Georgia in 2003.

#### Regional Future Star Testing and Clinic:

Reminder that many will be asked to help and that we anticipate the events taking place at more than one club's gym. Salto, WGA and Swiss should all be prepared to participate. The format of the Regional Clinic is completely open and those with desires or ideas should contact Sandy or Dan Coon.

#### Cool Waters:

Some folks from Swiss, initially primarily Lori Witmer, have been planning a club-wide party for all of Wisconsin's Gymnastics facilities. This event is being held at "Cool Waters" in Greenfield Park on Friday night, July 26, 2002. While this is not an official USAG function, this should be a great social event for our gymnastics community and all gymnasts and their families are encourage to attend.

#### Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.