

State Meeting June 13, 2004 10:00am at Salto Gymnastics

Present: Patrick Okopinski, Jay Carey, Kostya, Kolesnikov Tom Auer, Mike Giles, Vassil Vassilev, Jerry Fix, Stacey Maloney, Julia Robinson, Dave Granger, Mitch Conner, Karen Field, Brian Struebin and Cory Wanek – Chairman.

I. Approval of agenda for today's meeting.

This was moved by Mitch and seconded by Tom. All present voted for approval.

II. Approve minutes from March, 2004 meeting.

This was moved by Kostya and seconded by Jay. All present voted for approval.

III. State of the State – Open discussion of this past season.

People spoke about their perception of the season. Most indicated that the season went well, except for State Meet. Discussion ensued re: coaches acting in a leadership role, and communicating with parents, kids, and other coaches re: appropriate behavior. There was discussion re: treating each other and each others' teams with respect by not rotating early and by not allowing unsportsmanlike conduct to occur. People spoke of learning from the past and moving on.

Old Business

IV. Club Reports – Each club representative tells us about number of gymnasts and recent activities/changes at their club.

Pat O has about 15 USAG kids, and about the same number of AAU kids. Jay has about 30 kids. Tom has 15. WGA has about 20 kids. Jerry has 52 kids and 5 coaches. Stacey has 54 kids and 3 coaches. Scamps has 28 kids and 2 coaches. Mitch has either 56 or 58 kids (depending on injuries) and 3 coaches. Brian has 15 kids. Karen has 20 AAU kids, and is looking at having some of them go USAG.

V. Judges report and current situation/s from Ron Fenske.

Expectations for next season: We really need judges. Please talk to any 17 or 18 year olds to see if anyone would be interested in taking the course. To keep the judges that we have, we need to build in breaks so that there aren't meets every weekend. There will be a No Approach policy during meets. If there are questions about a score, an Inquiry form must be filled out and submitted to the Meet Referee. The judges will be available after each session to talk generally about what they saw. Optionals will have start scores posted. Judges pay has not increased in 4 years. There are different proposals currently re: how to increase the pay. One option is to pay per gymnast (compulsories:1.00/1.10/1.20, optionals: 1.15/1.25/1.35) with a minimum amount per session. This helps with the costs for a modified capitol cup meet. There will also be a fee for time the judges sit in between sessions if there is more than three hours between sessions.

Possible Judges Meet at Racine Gymnastics: this would be in early December, and would be for compulsories only. One idea is to not flash scores, but tell each kid what he needs to work on. Discussion ensued re: benefit to compulsory vs Optional kids.

New Business

VI. Short open discussion regarding the new routines.

People talked about the Workshops, the faulty DVDs, and everyone is looking forward to the update on June 15th. There was a discussion re: what might be changing in the FIG.

VII. R&P for the State

An R&P was handed out from Ohio and Southern California. There was discussion re: the need for an R&P and consensus was that the coaches advisory board should put it together and then we can vote on at the State Clinic.

Do we need an Ethics Board?

People decided that we should have an Ethics Board, along with policies. No one anticipates the need for the Board to do anything, but we should be prepared. There was discussion on how many people should be on the board.

We voted to take items VIII and IX out of order. We voted for State Meet first.

VIII. 2005 Meet Schedule

Ice Berg – February 18th – 20th; revised

Iowa Boys Invitational is March 4-6; revised

State Meet will be March 18-19

March 25-27 is Easter Weekend

Regionals is April 7-9 (or April 1-3)

Nationals is May 5-8

IX. Bids for Hosting State Meet 2005

La Fleur's

Scamps

Both clubs presented their proposals. A ballot vote was taken. Scamps had 8 votes and LaFleurs had 3.

X. Coach of the Year – Mitch Connor to lead discussion.

Mitch discussed the concept of Coach of the Year, which has fallen by the wayside. People talked about the elements that should be considered. People suggested tenure, sportsmanship, performance. Southern California says anyone who has a gymnast who places 1st in All-Around at any level can be considered. It was suggested that the Judges should be able to recommend names. It was decided that the R&P group will put some ideas together and will put it in the R&P.

XI. State Clinic

We are required to have one. Discussion ensued on what the focus should be. One idea is to have a 3 hour clinic for compulsories and another 3 hour clinic for Optionals to go over the routines. This could be held Sept. 24/25 perhaps at LaFleurs.

XI. Treasurer's Report

Review of financial position by Tom Auer—he handed out financials

Review of head tax

2005 Invitational Meet Head Tax /judges surcharge (currently \$1.75)

Annual \$20 head tax

USAG National Academic Scholarship head tax (currently \$1.00)

Other options

After discussion of how the taxes currently work, Mitch moved to table this item, with Jay seconding the motion. Cory will put together some numbers for different scenarios and will present them to everyone at the next meeting (probably during the State Clinic).

XII. All State Team Outing to the Brewers Game – June 19th 4:00 Tailgate 6:05 Game (Coordinate where to meet and such)

T-shirts were handed out and people are to go in on the East side. They will try to have balloons on the top of cars. Anyone who can bring grills, etc, contact Mike G. Mike is coordinating the tailgating.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Jay and seconded by Pat O at 1:40pm.