

State Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 pm by Cory Wanek, State Chairman.

Present at that time were: Cory Wanek, Tom Auer, Julia Robinson, David Granger, Dave Russell, Jerry Fix, Mitch Conner, Brian Struebin, Stacey Maloney, Kostya Kolesnikov, Karen Euer, Pat Okopinski, Vassil Vassilev

Clubs represented: CSA, LaFleurs, Scamps, Racine, Salto, Swiss, M&M, Altius, All-Star, WGA and Oshkosh

A motion to approve the minutes from June, 2003 meeting was made by Tom Auer and seconded by Jerry Fix. The motion passed unanimously.

I. Old Business

State R&P not ready yet. It is now planned for the Summer Meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding the need for R&P.

II. New Business

1. All –State Team...what is the purpose? There was a long discussion re: whether the point was to have fun and reward the kids or to “train”. It was decided through discussion that the Class 7s would receive the certificate at the State Meet, but would not participate in any further activity, mostly due to their young age and the high need to monitor them. They would, however, receive a T-shirt if one was given to the other teams for Class 6 and 5.

If there was a sleepover, Salto might be available to host it. A motion was made by Tom Auer to pay \$200 to any club that hosts the All-State Camp/Clinic in order to reimburse for lost revenue and incidental expenses. The motion was seconded by Mike Giles. Motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion, it was suggested that instead of a sleepover and clinic (that the kids don't learn much from) the entire idea be changed. Jerry Fix and Mike Giles will look into the possibility of getting tickets to a Brewers game. This would allow the boys to have fun and possibly be recognized for their achievements (on the scoreboard? Over the PA system?)

The weekend of June 19/20 was determined to be a good weekend by most of the coaches present. Jerry and Mike will check into the Brewers schedule and will get back to Cory regarding the possibility of having the boys attend a game.

2. Cory discussed the idea of a State Clinic that could possibly be combined with Illinois. Discussion ensued as to how many kids from IL would show up, whether it should be for coaches only or kids as well. Most felt that it would be more beneficial to have it for coaches only. There was a discussion about bringing someone in to discuss the 2005-2008 routines. The feeling was that

it would be helpful, but since the JO Workshops will be happening, no one was sure whether National Office would want to do that. Cory will check into that.

3. The date and location of the Summer Meeting was discussed. If the All-State Team goes to a Brewers game, the meeting could be held before the game. One possibility for a location is Pat O.'s parents' hall.
4. Other important 2005 dates for future reference are: JO Nationals 5/5-8 (Houston, TX), NCAA 4/7-9 (West Point, NY), Easter 3/25-27, Regionals 4/9-11 or 4/2-4 (Iowa), State 3/18-19.

III. Treasurer's Report

There was a review of the State's financial position by Tom Auer (see Profit and Loss and Balance Sheets presented at the meeting).

There was discussion of the Head tax, and everyone was informed that we need to bring ideas to be considered at the Summer meeting for how to deal with the tax, and how much we feel is appropriate. At our Summer Meeting Cory will have numbers for us to look at to get a better idea of what other states and regions are doing.

IV. Other business

Pat O. suggested that we look into the cost/feasibility of giving State Letters for club gymnastics. He pointed out that we lose boys in High School because they want recognition. Parents could buy letter jackets and letters/pins could be given either by clubs or by the State. Response was positive, and he will look into prices so we can have further discussion at the Summer Meeting.

There was also a discussion about how to reduce costs for the Class 7 kids. Ideas included reducing the Head Tax, reducing costs for meets, uniforms, etc. The idea is that many parents don't want to pay out a lot at the beginning, and it might be easier to "draw them in" if the costs are lower.

There was a motion to adjourn by Pat O. and seconded by Mitch C. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm.