

USAG Committee Meeting Notes - June 19, 2017 - 6:00pm - Brio Restaurant, Dunwoody, Ga.

Attendees:

Judy Prestiagacomo, Marian Dykes, Sheila Ragle, Gwyned Bius, Drew Davis, Brad McLaren, Stacey Harris, Michelle Pomerantz, Mandy Hadley, Gerson Ramirez, Becky Oppenheimer

+ Committee members signed the Ethical Obligations of USAG Employees, Officers, Directors and Committee Members, and the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire.

+ Mandy Hadley was welcomed as a new committee member, filling the position of Special Events Coordinator.

+ Michelle Pomerantz reviewed the committee member obligations.

+ Marian Dykes gave an update from the USAG Committee meetings:

- Professionalism - attire
- Athletes may not compete with a cast
- Coaches may not spot with a cast
- Mobility scores are changing for some levels
- Score change procedures revised
- Must have written backup for scores
- 2018 is a judges certification year, and it will be in conjunction with Region 8 Congress
- Spring board configurations have been revised
- If using a tumbling strip at meets, extra padding is required
- At level 3 and up, use of an alternative spring board is a Void vault
- More specific compositional deductions for Level 9/10 Beam/Floor
- Xcel updates

+ Georgia USAG balance in checking account as of 6/9/17 is \$111,372.

+ USAG Committee Members are required to take the Safe Sport course which is offered through USAG for free.

+ The committee job descriptions were distributed and reviewed.

+ Out of State companies running meets in Georgia, What can we do?

- After discussion, we had the following motion PASSED, Motion - Marian Dykes, 2nd - Stacey Harris

Make a note on the meet calendar created by the Scheduling Coordinator as to which meets are being hosted by Georgia gyms. Additionally, when there is an opportunity, we will encourage the Georgia gyms to attend meets hosted by Georgia gyms.

+ The financial statements from the 2016-2017 State Meets were reviewed. Note - West Georgia's financial statement was missing. All of the meets made a profit.

+ State Meet bids for 2017-2018 were reviewed and awarded as follows:

- Level 6/9/10 - awarded to Gymnastix - Motion - Sheila Ragle, 2nd - Stacey Harris
- Spring Xcel - Awarded to GGA - Lawrenceville - Motion - Becky Oppenheimer, 2nd - Gwyned Bius
- Level 7/8 - Awarded to GAA - Motion - Stacey Harris - 2nd - Judy Prestiagacomo
- Spring Compulsory - Awarded to GASG - Motion - Gwyned Bius - 2nd - Brad McLaren
- Fall 4/5/Xcel - Awarded to North Metro - Motion - Gwyned Bius, 2nd - Mandi Hadley
- Fall level 1-3 - Awarded to Roswell - Motion - Gwyned Bius, 2nd - Stacey Harris

Note: A motion was made to award to Ultimate - Motion - Marian Dykes, 2nd - Brad McLaren - FAILED

+ State Meet Deadline dates:

- Level 4/5/Xcel - Entry due 10/30/17, Qualifying due 11/6/17
- Level 1-3 - Entry due 11/13/17, Qualifying due 11/20/17
- Level 6/9/10 - Entry due 2/26/18, Qualifying due 3/5/18
- Level 7/8 - Entry due 3/5/18, Qualifying due 3/12/18
- Xcel - Entry due 3/19/18, Qualifying due 3/26/18
- Spring Compulsory - Entry due 4/9/18, Qualifying due 4/16/18
- Declarations date for Fall Season is 10/15/17
- Declarations date for Spring season is 2/15/18

+ Draws for State Meets:

- North Metro - Gerson Ramirez
- Roswell - Stacey Harris
- Gymnastix - Judy Prestiagacomo
- GAA - Becky Oppenheimer
- GGA-LAW - Sheila Ragle
- GASG - Brad McLaren

+ Optional Preseason Clinic - Motion - Sheila Ragle, 2nd - Gerson Ramirez

- The Optional Preseason Clinic will be held on Saturday, Dec. 30th
- Clinicians - we will approach: Nick Cedillo (?), Svetlana Boguinskaya, Justin Lowery, Courtney McCool Griffin and her husband.
- Volunteers - Ga NAWGJ

+ GA USAG Rules and Policies:

- No change in qualifying scores
- No change in specialist qualifying
- Good Luck Grams will be no longer be announced at State Meets. Motion - Gwyned Bius, 2nd - Drew Davis

+ Coaches Education - we will continue with our current policy for awarding attendance payment for the W300 and W400 courses. It was discussed that we try to expand this opportunity to other gyms.

We will offer up to 3 scholarships to attend the W300 and W400 course to gyms who apply by Dec. 1st 2017, are sending level 6 and above coaches, and are not already qualified. Motion - Gerson Ramirez, 2nd - Brad McLaren

+ The list of judges qualified to judge Regionals was distributed. Georgia will continue to award this on a rotation basis.

+ We will continue to fund the Level 9/10 regional entries.

+ Georgia USAG will donate \$5000 to the Tim Rand fund for the 2017-2018 season. Motion - Becky Oppenheimer, 2nd - Gerson Ramirez

+ It was decided that all medals for the state meets, both event and All-around will be 2.25 inches.

+ Sara Rhino from the Peach Pit will be helping Judy with apparel. No changes to what apparel will be offered.

+ Education - Regional Congress is in Atlanta in June 2018 in conjunction with National Judges Course. State Clinic will need to move to July.

+ National Gymnastics Day is September 16th, and Mandi Hadley will start to think about ways our state can participate for the future, probably not this year.

+ There were no updates from the level reps.

+ Next Meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 27th, 2017 at 6pm, place TBD.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

Notes submitted by Becky Oppenheimer - Secretary