

MINUTES FLORIDA COMMITTEE MEETING – FRIDAY JUNE 12, 2009 Jacksonville

Roll Call: Taken by Toni Rand Florida USAG State Administrator at 6:00pm

Section 1 – Mike Body

Pam Kitchen

Section 2 - Michael Hamer

Cindy McLane

Section 3 - Tim Keckler

Jeff LaFleur

Section 4 - Evelyn Chandler

Mark Weber

Section 5 - Mike LaFleur

Amy Schultess

Section 6 - Rene Niccollai

Sharyn Strickland (Randy Sikora absent – Sharyn non voting)

Non Voting Members present

Regional JO Chairman - Brad Harris

CPE Coordinator – Catherine Fariz (did not stay for entire meeting)

CPE & Judging Issues

Catherine Fariz advised the committee of the function of the CPE coordinator and answered any questions that the committee may have. After report Catherine was excused from the meeting

Discussion by committee concerning criteria for judges that are assigned to the Florida state meets and how many judges per event the committee would prefer at State meets. The committee will work on a ranking of available Florida judges for State meets.

The committee was informed that our selection committee in addition to assigning the judges for all state meets may set panels for events for state meets however, the assigned Meet Referee will also be included in the assigning of judges to events. All state meet assignments must be contracted by mid October so that the information may be given to Marian Dykes, RTC by November 1st. It is important that judges fill in availability form for the entire season in July or August.

To continue to use NAWGJ as our assigner for all USAG competitions in Florida.

Motion: Evelyn Chandler 2nd Rene Niccollai PASSED BY ALL

Elect Catherine Fariz as the CPE coordinator for USAG Florida

Motion: Mark Weber 2nd Mike Body PASSED BY ALL

The State Meet Judges Selection Committee will consist of Evelyn Chandler, Rene Niccollai and Mike Body. Toni Rand and Mark Lee Robbins will be advisors to the committee. The committee will present a list of judges for ALL state meets no later than October 15th for approval by the Florida committee.

Motion: Mark Weber 2nd Pam Kitchen PASSED BY ALL

Committee discussed number of judges at each State meet. It was determined that Level 8-10 will continue to use 4 judge panels and that Level 2/3, 4 and PO will continue to use 2 judge panels.

Concerning number of judges for Level 5/6 State and Level 7 State, the committee will determine if we will have 2 judge panels or 4 judge panels after they receive a list of available judges for these competitions and preliminary recommendations of judges for each meet from the Judges Selection Committee.

Motion: Mark Weber 2nd: Amy Schultess Yes – 9 NO – 2

Discussion concerning Florida qualifying Scores for State competitions.

The qualifying score for Levels 4, 5, 6, PO, 7, 8, 9 & 10 will be a 32.00AA scored at a USAG qualifier as determined by the Florida committee. Only Levels 7, 8, 9 & 10 may use scores from invitationals outside of Florida. Levels 4, 5, 6 & PO must compete in Florida USAG invitationals qualifiers. PO must compete under Florida PO rules.

Level 2/3 athletes must attend a Florida qualifier to attend State Meet.

Motion: Jeff LaFleur 2nd Mark Weber PASSED BY ALL

Budget was presented to the committee. Florida USAG has a current balance of @\$27,000 that will carry over to the 2009-10 season. Discussion by committee concerning how we can use the money to benefit our athletes and clubs. The committee would like to set up more educational opportunities for clubs especially for clubs wishing to make the transition between compulsory to optional in addition to some of the other things that we have been doing.

Florida USAG will pay the Regional entry fee for all Level 8, 9 & 10 Athletes that compete at the Regional competition. (Note: the entry fee has been raised to \$100 for the Regional competition)

Motion: Mike LaFleur 2nd: Michael Hamer PASSED BY ALL

Florida USAG will pay the Level 7 Regional entry fee for all qualified athletes to the Regional competition plus provide a gift to all athletes that qualify to the regional competition PROVIDED the funds are available at the time.

Motion: Mark Weber 2nd Amy Schultess PASSED BY ALL

Discussion about Team at State meets concerning terminology for levels, how many levels we will have and how many athletes at each level will count. Currently, 3 scores per team count at all levels of Team competition.

Team Levels will be called DIVISIONS at all State meets based on number that is needed.

Division 1 – Division 2 – Division 3

Motion: Mark Weber 2nd – Michael Hamer PASSED BY ALL

Teams will be placed into Divisions using the following formula at all State meets

15 or less Clubs entered will be 1 Division

16 – 30 Clubs entered will be divided into 2 Divisions (as equally as possible)

31 or more Clubs will be divided into 3 Divisions (as equally as possible)

Teams will be ranked by number of athletes entered in the State meet and split into divisions as required. If a team scratches an athlete after the Team Divisions have been determined the Team may NOT move to a different level. If a team ADDS a gymnast that would move them up to a larger Division, they must move to the new division.

Motion: Michael Hamer 2nd Mike LaFleur PASSED BY ALL

Survey will be sent to the Clubs that competed in the Large or Division 1 Team level at the State meets to determine if we should continue with 3 scores counting or use 4 or 5 scores counting at this level.

Draw was done for Level 8 and Level 7 State meet and will be posted on the Florida web site. Since level 7 will have a regional competition, we needed to do a draw for this level. The committee asked Toni Rand to see if we can use oldest to youngest rather than always youngest to oldest at our state meets for competition. The proposal was presented to flip the order every other year.

State Meet Dates for the 2010-11 season were presented to the committee.

November 20 & 21, 2010 – Level 2/3 State meet
December 4 & 5, 2010 – Level 5/6 State meet
December 11 & 12, 2010 – Level 4 State meet
March 18 – 20, 2011 – Level 7 & PO State meet
March 25 – 27, 2011 – Level 8, 9 & 10 State meet

Motion: Evelyn Chandler 2nd Rene Niccollai PASSED BY ALL

Discussion of PO program for Florida and the Regional PO competition. Committee discussed the possibility of adding a Novice level for our state in addition to the level that we currently have. Toni Rand will present a proposal of rules to the Florida committee to review and a vote will be taken to determine if Florida will add this division to our State qualifiers and State competition. Committee was presented with the new OPEN division that will be used at the PO regional meet in addition to the 4 sets of rules that have been used at the PO region 8 invite – the OPEN division is very similar to current Florida PO rules and is open to all athletes 6 & up regardless of level. The new OPEN division starts at a 10.00 SV like Florida rules.

Florida will replace the current Florida PO rules with the “OPEN” rules that have been set up for the OPEN division at the Regional competition for our Florida PO rules.

Motion: Mark Weber 2nd Mike Body PASSED BY ALL

Committee will consider adding a Novice division for Level 5 athletes and below for the Florida PO program. Rules and guidelines will be presented to committee by Toni Rand for review. The committee will vote on proposal by August 1st

Motion: Tim Keckler 2nd – Pam Kitchen PASSED BY ALL

Committee discussed the regional PO competition. Athletes must compete in a State meet to qualify to the Regional competition and there will be 5 different levels at the regional meet. The Florida committee discussed how we can work within our state to provide a way for all our athletes to qualify.

All PO athletes in Florida MUST COMPETE at the Florida PO State meet if they wish to enter the Regional PO meet at the OPEN or Platinum Levels.

Motion: Mark Weber 2nd Mike Body PASSED BY ALL

Discussion concerning if we add the Novice level to the Florida PO program.

Note: Florida added Novice Division August 2009 – All athletes must compete at Florida PO state meet to qualify to PO Regionals

If Florida committee adds another Level to the Florida program, any athlete that wishes to enter the PO regional meet MUST compete at the Florida PO State meet in either the Novice or OPEN division. The rule to allow the compulsory state meets to be used to qualify to the regional competition will be eliminated.

Motion: Mark Weber 2nd Mike LaFleur PASSED BY ALL

The committee discussed that Florida would send a team at the OPEN division only to represent Florida (top 6 athletes from the Florida state meet will qualify to the team)

the committee will discuss sending a team at the Novice level if we set one up.

Florida USAG will not pay the entry fee for athletes that attend the PO regional meet.

Brad Harris discussed the criteria for Florida and Regional coach of the year that the National JO committee would like the states and regions to use when selecting coaches. Coach or Club selection should be based on team placement, AA champions, at ALL levels of competition during the SEASON – coaches and their clubs should show excellence at all levels of the JO program that season – the committee may factor in how coaches relate to their athletes and to the other clubs in our state as well. The selection does not need to be a different coach every year. The committee will work on a formula that will assist them in their selection each year.

State clinic for 2010 – issue was tabled as we needed to see dates of other clinics – regionally and nationally

Mark Weber presented a report on the Florida state clinic for 2009 that will be held in Melbourne on August 2nd – the staff and topics will be available for the website soon – the committee is very excited at the quality of the staff and the topics that will be presented – we may have 3 lines of topics so that we can add more sessions. We hope that all the Florida USAG clubs will attend – thanks was given to Mark, Jeff and Michael for their work to date on this project.

Toni Rand thanked Marty Kallen for his work on the Florida web site and for his volunteer time.

Pam Kitchen encouraged the committee to strongly consider the added level to PO.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm by Toni Rand

Amendment: Add Vote on adding Novice Division

The Florida Committee voted to allow the addition of the Novice level to our PO program. The Novice program will be restricted to level 5 & below athletes.

PASSED July 2009

The Florida Committee voted to allow 2 vaults at the Novice level – Front Handspring 10.00 start value Level 4 flat back Vault – 8.00 start value PASSED August 2009