

October 3, 2009

Ft. Myers, FL

Call to order 9:30am

Members Present: Margie Canfield (President), Bethany Mihaly (Vice President), Mike Martin (Meet Coordinator), Dean Ratliff (Technical Director), John Cunningham (Professional Member Rep.), Wendy Cauthen (Member at Large)
Absent-Pat Simon (Secretary/Treasurer)

Topics of Discussion:

1. Discussion on the minutes from last years meeting/old business
 - a. Comments included:
 - i. Having Dean follow up on creating a pamphlet that would give coaches who use Federation rules ideas of how to change them into Level 9 routines. Margie tried but it didn't work out very well. Send Dean a Federation rule book.
 - ii. Having Pat not reimburse anyone until ALL of the meet bills were paid in FULL, including credit card charges.
 - iii. Margie to get the 501c3 taken care of within the next two months! Make it a priority!
 - iv. Bethany to drop the pamphlet creating idea and have a separate link on the website to really promote the NHSGA.
 - v. Bethany to create and price out vinyl clings to put into "goodie bags."
 - vi. Continue to invite states to bring "things" for the goodie bags that will more than likely become goodie koozies instead.
 - vii. Recruitment update-pursue more actively once again. Bethany to create a face book "fan page" for NHSGA-hoping to get kids excited so they will ask their coaches about it and get a team together and come to the meet.
 - viii. Make sure ONE person is at the music—tell coaches to have more than one way to play their gymnasts music incase the CD they burned doesn't work. **Mp3 versions on CD's are recommended**, to suggest that on the website as well.
 - ix. All American scores for team to be changed to have 4 scores count instead of three since most states use 4 scores for their team scores and our SSI uses 4 scores also. Margie to make changes on the All American application forms.
 - x. Put a volunteer sheet out for coaches to sign up at.

Minutes approved by John Cunningham, seconded by Bethany Mihaly, approved by all.

2. Agenda Items

- a. **By law revisions**—minor changes to be made. Committee Actions:
Financial Committee: Dean sent Pat an x-cell program to use for keeping out meet expenses separate from our Association expenses but it wasn't used. Dean will also send this to Margie. Our Association money was also transferred to the Mukwonago bank so Margie can make e-payments for the credit card. A anti discrimination policy was also added to the by-laws.
- b. **Survey Results**—nice to have more than 9 people respond, 39 did and next year a survey will be sent to all that supply an e-mail address since Survey Monkey is upgraded. Comments about hotel proximity to meet and having the meet back in FL were two big comments. T-shirt exchange needs to have ONLY new gymnastics related t-shirts, suggested that states just have extras made to bring.
- c. **SSI Invitational Site Selection:** Mike presented three options with the pros and cons at each of them. Pros and cons of each were discussed.
 - i. Virginia Beach-Ruled out because of expenses/3 separate hotels for teams/long distance to facility from hotels
 - ii. St Petes Beach-limited to Mem. weekend ONLY
 - iii. Ft. Myers Beach-Voted as top choice on location, surrounding area, single host hotel, cost of facility, weekend choice, sound system available, gymnasts' room available to keep their "stuff," coaches room off the floor, administration at the site is a former Penn State gymnast-so he knows about gymnastics meets.
 - iv. Canton, Michigan was also offered as a site by John Cunningham to save on costs and was considered.

Mike Martin made a motion to have Ft. Myers as the host town for the 2010 SSI contingent on being able to financially break even. Margie Canfield seconded the motion and all in favor. Meet weekend is May 20, 21, 22nd.

Comment made that membership **list MUST be kept updated** so we can check to see if the coaches are members or not.

- d. **Budget-** Keep SSI credits and debits **separate** from associations expenses as per Dean's x-cell spreadsheet so we can determine if we are making or losing money on the meet from year to year.
- e. **Entry fees**—upon looking at expenses and credits decision was made to increase the **coach's fee to \$100** and the **gymnast's fee to \$135**. We decided we wanted to keep the quality that the coaches/gymnasts are used to so instead of taking things away we increased the fees. Along with entry fees comments were made to make **SURE each gymnast's high school coach is a member of our association**. They don't have to come to the meet but they have to be a member of the NHSGA. If one or two attending coaches claim that all of the gymnasts from their state are their gymnasts then they will be investigated. We understand the "issues" of coaching at the SSI and problems it can cause with states but decided that being a member of our association does not violate any states eligibility issues.
- f. **Officials:** Voted on to have a non judging meet referee which will be Dean Ratliff.

- g. **Rule Changes**—main concern was vault values. Proposal for NHSGA to use the NCAA vault values. Margie seconded it and all in favor. They will be posted on the website for people to view.
- h. **Refund policy**-we will have a nonrefundable entry fee policy effective 2010 SSI.
- i. **Late Fees**-there will be a \$100 TEAM late fee for teams that do not have their forms and fees in on time; which means you may have to plan ahead this year.
- j. **Weekend to hold meet**-It was dependant on meet location, so it will be May 20-warm ups, 21st Prelims, 22nd Finals
- k. **Hospitality Room**—Set times for the room at the hotel will be posted and Executive Board members will sign up to be the selected “host” of the room.
- l. Recommended that board members room together to cut costs or pay the difference on their own.
- m. Recommended that if a board member is also the liaison that they have another coach as the lead coach on the floor incase the Ex Bd member is needed for Association business.
- n. **Finals**-Various ways to conduct finals were discussed. Bottom line is that Dean and John will draw the lineup order for finals before the Executive Board Members leave the gym. Any coaches choosing to know the order before the meet are encouraged to stay as well and listen for their athletes placement in the line up. Individual events will be “spotlighted” at the finals. Starting with vault (one time over the vault) and bar touch(30 second per kid) When both touches are done we compete two vaults(one competitor)followed by one bar/two vaults/one bar until all are done. The vaulters second vault will be being scored while the bar routine starts and the next vaulter will vault when the bar routine is being scored. Then first 8 floor competitors get 4 minutes (30 seconds per gymnast) to touch and first 8 beamers get 30 seconds each. Compete first 8 on beam and floor and repeat with the remaining competitors. Awards after all events are completed. Competition time lines will be very similar to 2009 time lines; early start time.
- o. It was also decided to remove any limits to the number of athletes any state could bring. However we will still only count the top 4 scores per state. (Example-WI could bring 15 bar workers, 9 beam workers, 16 floors workers and 5 vaulters) States need to make NSHGA aware of specific event competitor numbers when sending in their forms.
- p. John Cunningham motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dean seconded it and all were in favor.

Meeting ended at 12:50pm

Respectfully submitted by Margie Canfield, President NHSGA