

**JOPC Meeting – JO Nationals Knoxville Tn.  
9 May 2010**

*The meeting was called to order at 7:45 AM EST by Chair, Gil Elsass.*

**I. Roll Call**

Members Present:

Reg 1 – Roger Baldwin  
Reg 2 – David Klein  
Reg 3 – Gil Elsass, Chairman JOPC  
Reg 4 – Dan Coon  
Reg 5 – Bob Witmer  
Reg 6 – DeWayne Davenport, Secretary  
Reg 7 – Rich Pulsfort  
Reg 8 – Kevin White  
NGJA Rep. – Dean Schott  
Jr. Rep. MPC – Bill Foster  
Jr. Rep. MPC – Kelly Crumley  
Jr. Staff Rep (interim) – Tom Meadows

Men's Program Director – Dennis McIntyre, voice, no vote  
Dusty Ritter - JO program coordinator, voice, no vote  
Kevin Mazeika - National Team Coordinator, voice, no vote

Members not present  
Athlete Rep – Jay Thornton  
Reg 9 – Raleigh Wilson

**II. Welcome Incoming Regional Chairmen**

Region 1 – Randy Wood  
Region 9 – Paul Tickenoff  
Region 6 – Steve RandalSteve Randall  
National Team Coordinator – Kevin Mazeika

**III. Approval of any Past Minutes**

No past minutes to approve.

**IV. REPORTS SECTION**

**A. Junior Team Program Report** – Junior National Team Training camp in February also selection camp for Pacific Rim Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne, Australia. The camp was a huge success. At the Pacific Rim the US won 18 medals total, including team Gold. The U.S. men won 15 medals – six gold, four silver and five bronze – in the senior and junior individual event finals. The juniors selected were: C.J, Maestas of Gold Cup Gymnastics took top honors on both still rings and pommel horse, as well as the third on parallel bars. John Orozco of World Cup Gymnastics, who won the junior all-around title earlier in the tournament, was the horizontal bar gold medalist and the silver medalist on pommel horse, still rings and parallel bars. Dylan Akers of Cypress Gymnastics claimed two bronze medals, vault and horizontal bar.

**B. MPC Report** – Junior Athletes stood up very well at the JR Pan American Championships. The men's Team included C.J. Maestas of Corrales, Gold Cup Gymnastics; Sam Mikulak of SCATS; Jesse Glenn of SCATS HB; and Jake Martin of Orlando Metro. The Junior Pan American Championships was the continental qualifier for North, South and Central America for the Youth Olympic Games.

**C. NGJA Report** – The NGJA is working hard to improve the service to its members and the gymnastics community. The new website [www.ngja.org](http://www.ngja.org) is very useful and informative.

- i. The NGJA hopes to create more opportunities for more people to be involved in officiating gymnastics across the country.
- ii. The NGJA hopes to create educational tools and educational opportunities.
- iii. Because of the JONAL/JORTD conference calls the number of discrepancies across the country has become drastically reduced. Worksheets for athlete start value determination will be available online. At the Junior Olympic National Championships 866 routines were performed, 5096 judgments rendered, 1% of those judgments produced inquiries, .5% of those inquiries resulted in a change of score.

**D. 2012 J.O. Bids from Cincinnati Convention** Visitors Bureau presented their bid for the Championships 2012.

**E. 2011 J.O. National Championship. Update on Long Beach, Ca.** – Going very smoothly. The venue is going to be great.

**F. Age Group Committee Report (AGCC) 2009-12**

- i. There are some questions whether taller gymnasts, whose legs touch the floor, should be able to raise the height of the Parallel Bars. AGCC is reviewing this situation.
- ii. Questions about the hold deductions on rings. Many feel that receiving the same deduction for a .5 sec hold or 1.5 sec hold is not good for the junior program. The AGCC has considered this and determined that the FIG rule would stand.
- iii. If questions arise within the age group program, please forward them to the AGCC before Dec 1 in order to make the Jan 1 update. Please use proper chain of command. Questions first go to the JO Regional Technical director. The JO Regional Technical director will inquire to Dean Schott if clarification is needed. If further clarification is necessary, Dean Schott will ensure that the AGCC is given the question.

**G. Age Group Committee Report (AGCC) 2013-16**

JO Format Committee Report is still reviewing statistical data, and trying to incorporate ideas from coaches and judges. The AGCC is working to increase value of JO Nationals to the families and gymnasts.

**H. National Scholarship Foundation Report**

- i. Only three applicants last fall.
- ii. Unused funds are placed into the foundation endowment fund.
- iii. The April deadline for applications has produced more applicants than in any previous year.

**I. USAG National Office Report**

Sept 9-12, 2010 – JOPC meeting – possibly to be held at USOTC.  
Nov 4-7, 2010 - Future star testing (tentative)  
April 8-10, 2011 – Regional Championships weekend Regional Championships should be scheduled for this date.  
Sept 8-11, 2011 – Tentative date for State and Regional Chairmen Summit

- V. Nominations for the 2011 Frank Cumiskey Award** to be awarded at J.O. Nationals in Knoxville Tx.  
**Motion: Receipt's name to be announced at 2011 JO Nationals.** Dean Schott  
2<sup>nd</sup>: DeWayne Davenport
- VI. Nomination for JOPC Chairman.**  
**Motion: David Klein for JOPC Chairman.** Kevin White  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Bob Witmer  
**Move to accept by acclimation.** Bob Witmer  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Kevin White
- VII. Roger Baldwin's Allotment Observations.** Discussion regarding 66% of level 9 in the country compete at JO Nationals verses only 24% of the countries level 10 (16-18). Tabled for September Regional Summit.
- VIII. Review the JO National Judging Fee Structure Discussion.** Tabled for September Regional Summit.
- IX. New Business.** Thank you to the outgoing regional chairmen for their dedication and commitment to improving men's gymnastics.
- X. Adjournment May 9, 2010 at 10:17am EST**  
**Motion to adjourn.** DeWayne Davenport  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Roger Baldwin  
Unanimous

Submitted by Dewayne Davenport, JOPC Secretary

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President