

USAG Junior Olympic Program Committee Meeting

Minutes

Sunday, May 8th, 2011 Long Beach, CA

The meeting was called to order, Sunday, May 8th 2011, at 7:45AM, PST, by Dave Klein, Chairman, JOPC.

I. Roll Call

Reg 1 – Paul Tickenoff
Reg 2 – David Klein, Chairman JOPC
Reg 3 – Gil Elsass
Reg 4 – Dan Coon, Secretary
Reg 5 – Bob Witmer
Reg 6 – Steve Randall
Reg 7 – Rich Pulsfort
Reg 8 – Kevin White
Reg 9 – Brandy Wood
NGJA Rep. – Dean Schott
Jr. Rep. MPC – Kelly Crumley
Jr. Rep. MPC – Hideo Mizoguchi
Jr. Staff Rep (interim) – Tom Meadows
Athletes Representative – Jay Thornton Absent

Men's Program Staff: voice, no vote

Men's Program Director - Dennis McIntyre
Junior Olympic Program Coordinator - Dusty Ritter
National Team Coordinator - Kevin Mazeika Absent

13 voting members

II. Approval of Past Minutes

A. September 16th – 17th, 2010 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes;

Motion: Rich Pulsfort

Second: Bob Witmer

Passed: Unanimous

B. March 1st, 2011 Conference Call

Motion to approve the minutes;

Motion: Paul Tickenoff

Second: Brandy Wood

Passed: Unanimous

C. April 28th, 2011 Conference Call

Motion to approve the minutes;

Motion: Bob Witmer

Second: Paul Tickenoff

Passed: Unanimous

III Reports Section

- A.** 2011 JO National Championships Report – Long Beach, CA – Tim/Roger: All sessions ended by 10pm except for Thursday, 8/5, due to an injury. Judges were faster. Note to Regional Chairman regarding entries to J.O.'s, highlight team members, not on Entry forms but Results forms.
- B.** USAG National Office Reports – Dennis
1. 2012 JO Nationals Update – Cincinnati, Ohio
 2. 2013 JO Nationals Bids –
 - a. Battle Creek, Michigan
 - b. Portland, Oregon

JOPC voted to recommend to USAG-Men, Portland as site of 2013 J.O. Nationals
 3. Dennis further reported:
 - a. USAG University up and running
 - b. New membership Director, Cheryl Jarrett; Encouraging all coaches to get involved – information is on the USA Gymnastics web site.
 - c. Moving toward all memberships & safety certification in on the same date.
 - d. Into an Olympic year, 12 months and 2 weeks before Visa Championships, 2012.
- C.** Age Group Competition Program Update – Dusty
1. Compulsory Committee; R & P review, web streaming, posting Online, social media issues regarding kids, language, will require permission regarding web streaming, video and photos, usage of athletes image, spectator video/guidelines, advertising conflicts.
 - a. On entry forms some kind of permission agreement needs to be added.
 - b. Need for feedback on Compulsory Committee and they've been getting it. Compiling document listing all questions and responses. Generally many positive comments. Balance between recreational and developmental aspects, consistency from level to level.
 2. Optional Committee; evaluate how to eliminate hurdles/obstacles regarding technical implementation. Operational obstacles: revenue/increase entry fees to State & Regional Championships; probe regarding impact on technical implementation/assure access to program; new wrinkle on Regional team concept, tech sequences moldable thus considering different possibilities. Stay open-minded regarding possibilities. Technical sequences expanding the opportunities. No action required of JOPC at this time since authorized continued development, with Dusty updating.
- D.** JO Nationals/Age Group Program Competition format – Dusty

E. MPC Report – Mizo/Kelly. No report.

F. NGJA Liaison Report – Dean Schott

1. Overview: increase level of communication between JONAL's, JORTD's & all JO Judges;
2. increase opportunities of involvement for more Judges in the entire program;
3. increase communication & participation between Judges & Gymnastics Community.
4. Timeline of Headings;
 - a. 2010 JOPC Meeting
 - b. 2010 National Future Stars & National Coaches workshop
 - c. 2010 Judging Course Jr. Material
 - d. 2011 JO National Championships Judges Selection
 - e. 2010 – 2011 JO Program Judging Questions
 - f. 2011 Regional Meet Referee Conference Call
 - (1) Conclusion: Standardization of specific items @ RC created consistent template for consistent competition and judging format from the JO Regional championships to J.O. Nationals.
 - g. 2011 JONAL / JORTD Conference Calls
 - h. National Judging Fee Proposal.

G. National Scholarship Foundation Report – Dave

1. 3 applicants: Matt Baker, Riley Barkley, Alex McCabe. \$10,000.00 awarded. Donation to Cal Berkley program. 12 applicants coming up.

IV Special Orders

A. Frank Cumiskey Award – nominations for 2012.

Motion to move the nominations to Summit meeting in September.

Motion: Kelly Crumley

Second: Tom Meadows

Passed: Unanimous

1. Recognition proposal re. Frank Cumiskey Award:
 - a. Change the verbiage in the R & P.
 - b. Have the minutes reflect the recipient.
 - c. Notify individual within 1 week + letter in September.
 - d. Like to see a little more formality in notification.

- e. Consistent occasion of the award at J.O. nationals.
- f. Place on the USAG web site, in addition to history of Frank Cumiskey, list of all recipients, and link to video or YouTube of video.

V Unfinished Business

National Jr. Olympic Judging Fee Proposal - Dean

1. This is a proposal to the JOPC. Recognize Bachman & NGJA on developing the proposal, now is the time for the JOPC to respond as did Bachman et al. Dean reviewed the history; identify the best of each fee structure, consistent, simple. Comparative analysis with the Association Presidents, then compare and analyze data; ie. regional cost of living versus etc., certification. – JO versus national versus FIG, hourly versus per athlete. Create consistency across all Associations, easier to support and manage fee structure, going forward with the ability to estimate event costs.
2. NGJA administrative track: NGJA membership approval, governing board review and approval. Proposal now before JOPC & USAG.
3. Proposal from the NGJA. Disseminate info for comprehensive exam by the coaches.

VI Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn @ 11:03AM, Sunday, May 8th, 2011, Pacific Standard Time.

Motion: Bob Witmer

Second: Rich Pulsfort

Passed: Unanimous

Submitted by Daniel Coon, JOPC Secretary

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President