

**USAG Junior Olympic Program Committee Meeting
Minutes
Saturday, May 4, 2013 in Portland, Oregon**

The meeting was called to order, Saturday, May 4 at 7:05 am PST, by Dave Klein, JOPC Chairman.

Item #1: Welcome - Dave Klein

Item #2: Roll Call

Reg 1	Paul Tickenoff	Present
Reg 2	David Klein, Chairman JOPC	Present
Reg 3	Gil Elsass	Present
Reg 4	Dan Coon, Secretary	Not Present
Reg 5	Bob Witmer	Present
Reg 6	Steve Randall	Present
Reg 7	Rich Pulsfort	Present
Reg 8	Kevin White	Present
Reg 9	Brandy Wood	Present
NGJA Rep	Dean Schott	Present
Jr Rep MPC	Hideo Mizoguchi	Present
Jr Rep MPC	Kelly Crumley	Present
Jr Staff Rep	Tom Meadows	Present
Athlete Rep	Kevin Tan	Not Present

12 of 14 voting members present

Men's Program Staff: Voice, no vote (All were present)

Men's Program Director: Dennis McIntrye

Junior Olympic Program Coordinator: Dusty Ritter

National Team Coordinator: Kevin Mazeika

Men's Program Coordinator: Lisa Mendel

Notable Guests:

Roger Baldwin - Incoming Region I Chair

Bo Morris - Incoming Region III Chair

Kevin Watson - Incoming Region IX Chair

Item #3: Motion to approve past minutes (11/16/12 & 3/5/13)

Minutes were not available to approve.

Item #4: Reports:

2014 Long Beach Jo National Report, - Tim Klempnauer. The Championships will be held in the same venue as 2011 with some upgrades. Everything is on track.

Presentation of the 2015 JO National Bid - There was one bid from Daytona Beach, Florida, Meet Director, Al Sharnes. There was a brief presentation.

Motion: Paul Tickenoff - That the JOPC recommend to the national office that the bid for the 2015 JO Nationals be awarded to Al Scharns to host the event in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Second: Gil Elsass

Approved: 12 – 0

National Office Report - Dennis McIntyre

- 1) National Office would like to know the date for each of the 2014 Regional Championships. Last available date without a variance is April 4-6, 2014. Please make sure you email him your dates and location.
- 2) Pro Memberships has made the switch to a common expiration date of July 31 each year. Safety certification and background checks will be scheduled to expire on July 31 as current terms expire.
- 3) The Online Course, Fundamentals of Gymnastics (still free) will be required for all levels of Coaches Certification after July 31, 2013. Members should also remember to complete and submit the Coaches Certification Pre Placement form that can be found online.
- 4) Remind anyone who is hosting a state or regionals clinic to register the event with the USAG so coaches will get education credit. The status of your membership, educational credit, etc can be found online after you create an account and check the link "My Membership."
- 5) There are no new updates to the upcoming USAG calendar. The calendar can be found online at www.usag.org.
- 6) A handout was provided outlining the new "Men's High School Gymnastics Task Force." Some discussion followed.
- 7) There was some discussion of the future of the NCAA Men's Gymnastic program and ways that individual private clubs can get involved.

Age Group Program - Dusty Ritter

- 1) Dusty distributed a handout that summarized many of his comments about the 2012-13 JO Season.
- 2) It was noted that considerably more gymnasts made it to the second day this year than ever before. He gave the percentages in each of the 9 single year age groups.

National Team Report - Kevin Mazeika

Kevin gave a brief report of the status of the National Teams.

MPC Report - No report was given.

NGJA Report – Dean Schott

Dean gave a brief report.

Item #5: Items for discussion

- 1) National fee structure. It was decided that there was not enough time to tackle this issue. The issue was table until the fall meeting.
- 2) Frank Cumiskey Nominations – Two individuals were nominated for the 2014 Frank Cumiskey Award. The final vote will be held in the fall.
- 3) Level 4 Mobility. Gil Elsass motioned that that Level 4 gymnasts who turned 6 after September 1st be allowed to move to Level 5 if they competed the previous year as a Level 4. Brandy Wood seconded. There was a push to not act on this issue and give the Age Group Committee the chance to look into this and other possible changes. There was no action on the motion.
- 4) JOPC Chairman Elections.
Nomination: Bob Witmer nominated Dave Klein for the JOPC Chairman.
Second: Kevin White
Approved: David Klein was unanimously elected for an additional 3 years.

A very nice plaque was given to outgoing committee member, Gil Elsass for his years of dedicated service to the JOPC, Region 3 and to the men's program in the United States. Gil expressed that he was extremely proud and humbled.

Motion to adjourn: Bob Witmer

Second: Rich Pulsfort

Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 am.

Minutes submitted by Gil Elsass