

**Junior Olympic Program Committee Meeting
Rosemont O'Hare Hilton, Rosemont, IL
Thursday, September 12th – Friday, September 13th, 2013
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order, Friday, September 12, 2013, @ 7:30pm, CDT, by Dave Klein, Chair, JOPC.

I. Roll Call

Reg 1 – Rober Baldwin
Reg 2 – David Klein, Chairman JOPC
Reg 3 – Bo Morris
Reg 4 – Dan Coon, Secretary
Reg 5 – Bob Witmer
Reg 6 – Dan Young
Reg 7 – Rich Pulsfort
Reg 8 – Kevin White
Reg 9 – Kevin Watson
NGJA Rep. – Dean Schott
Jr. Rep. MPC – Kelly Crumley
Jr. Rep. MPC – Hideo Mizoguchi
Jr. Staff Rep – Tom Meadows

Men's Program Staff: voice, no vote
Men's Program Director – Dennis McIntyre
Junior Olympic Program Coordinator – Dusty Ritter
National Team Coordinator – Kevin Mazeika
Men's Program Manager – Lisa Mendel

II. Approval of Past Minutes

- A. November 16th, 2012, Conference Call.**
Motion to approve the minutes: Bob Witmer
Second: Tom Meadows
Passed: Unanimous.
- B. December 12th, 2012, Conference Call.**
Motion to approve the minutes: Bob Witmer
Second: Kelly Crumley
Passed: Unanimous.
- C. May 4th, 2013, J.O. Nationals Meeting, Portland, OR.**
Motion to approve the minutes: Bob Witmer
Second: Kelly Crumley
Passed: Unanimous.

III. Reports Section – Part 1.

- A. USAG National Office Reports – Dennis McIntyre.**
1. Review of upcoming International Sr. & Jr. Competitions
 2. Various administrative updates re. all athlete and pro memberships now expire on July 31 each year, sanctions, locating level/age distinctions.
 3. Report on High School initiative and College Club development.
 4. New MAG Junior Age Group Programs, (i.e. Excel); Recreational/competitive program.

the Age Group Competition Committee (AGCC) will explore options and come back with a recommendation.

- B. Junior Olympic Program Coordinator Report – Dusty Ritter.
1. New AGCC for current program review and to develop 2016 – 2020 Program: will begin work immediately and consult with 2012 - 2016 development committees on updates, etc.
 2. Proposed members are: Nat Hammond, Tim Klemptner, Mike Serra, Sergei Pakanich, & Marc Yancey.

Motion to accept listed members of the 2013-2016 AGCC: Hideo Mizoguchi
Second: Bob Witmer
Passed: Unanimous.

- C. National Team Coordinator Report – Kevin Mazeika.

- D. MPC Report – Hideo Mizoguchi & Kelly Crumley.

- E. Regional Elite Team Program – Kelly Crumley.
1. Think of each Region as its own country, a micro version of the national team program organization and its components.
 2. Will be composed of Regional Elite Gymnasts
 3. In 2014 plan to conduct a National Regional Team Championships with each Region eligible to send a Regional Elite team. The program and competition will also held prepare athletes and coaches for international competition.

Motion to adopt 2014 Regional Elite Team National Championships held at the Olympic Training Center in conjunction with the Colorado Open, Saturday, March 1: Kevin White
Second: Bob Witmer
Passed: Unanimous.

- F. NGJA Report – Dean Schott.
1. Continued education amongst the many elements of the judging community including the JORTDs, JONALs and Regional Championships Meet referees. The NGJA conducted monthly calls with all judging groups.

- G. National Scholarship Report – David Klein.
1. 8 applicants reviewed in April with \$32,000.00 awarded.

IV. **Special Committee Reports**

- A. 2013 – 2016 Age Group Competition Program – Dusty Ritter.
1. Overview and report with proposals for the format of the 2014 Junior Olympic National Championships.
 2. The proposals also included qualification to the Junior Olympic Nationals in both the Junior Olympic (JO) and the Junior Elite (JE) Divisions

Motion to adopt for all Levels in the JE Division: Technical Sequences (TS) to be performed on Day 1 with Optional routines performed on the 2nd day:
Motion: Bob Witmer
Second: Rich Pulsfort
Passed: Yay=11, Nay=2.

3. Further discussion reviewed;
 - a. Individual event specialists who place in the top 5 at the Regional Championships are eligible to compete in the JO Division if they do not qualify in the all around.
 - b. Club Team Championships; due to logistical and participation issues, there will be no ceremony for the club team, teams will be sent the banner and the results published
4. There will be JOPC conference call to determine Qualifying Scores; Monday, February 24th, 2014.

Motion: Format Schedule for Level 10 competition at the Junior Olympic Nationals first day of competition will be Session 1 – JO, Session II – JO, Session III – JE.

Motion: Bob Witmer

Second: Kevin Watson

Passed: Unanimous.

Motion: Qualification to the Junior Olympic National Championships:

- All athletes – both JO and JE Division will fall under the Regions allotment numbers
- JE Division will use a Qualifying Score (QS) that equals the Technical Sequence all around score plus the Optional all around score. If athlete does not make the minimum QS for Technical Sequences and Optional AA, then he has not qualified to the JE Division.
- JO Division will qualify using Optional scores only
- Any athlete who meets the established qualifying scores in either the JO or JE Division will qualify to the JO Nationals even if that athlete falls outside of the Region's total allotment of athletes.

Motion: Dean Schott

Second: Bob Witmer

Passed: Unanimous.

Motion: Club Team Awards; Club team results at the JO Nationals will be announced at the event, club team banners will be mailed to the program and the club team results will be published on the USA Gymnastics web site.

Motion: Bob Witmer

Second: Dan Young

Passed: Yay=12, Nay=1.

Motion: Regional team competition at the JO National Championships will be determined using the top 3 scores from the JE Division from both of the Level 10 age groups.

Motion: Tom Meadows

Second: Kelly Crumley

Passed: Yay=11, Nay=2.

B. Judging Fee Proposal – Hideo Mizoguchi

The goal of the judging fee proposal for sanctioned events outside of the Championships level events is to make the method fair and consistent. The recommendation is to standardize many aspects of the judges fees but leave the final compensation per athlete to be negotiated at the regional/association level.

Motion: Athlete minimum is 50 entered in a session.

Motion: Bo Morris
Second: Kevin Watson
Passed: Yay=12, Abstain=1.

Motion: Rider fee negotiable to maximum of 30% IRS fee.

Motion: Tom Meadows
Second: Kelly Crumley
Passed: Yay=11, Nay=1, Abstain=1.

Motion: Modified Capital cup negotiable to max of 30% per judgment fee for session.

Motion: Tom Meadows.
Second: Kevin Watson.
Passed: Yay=12, Abstain=1.

Motion: Accept document as submitted by NGJA Judging Fee Proposal Committee with amendments as noted to include: document applies to all USAG sanctioned events, other than State, Regional, National Championships & Future Stars National Championships.

Motion: Roger Baldwin
Second: Tom Meadows
Passed: Yay=12, Abstain=1.

Motion to Adjourn @ 11:00pm CDT, September 12, 2013.

Motion: Kevin White
Second: Bo Morris
Passed: Unanimous.

Meeting called to order, Friday, September 13, 2013; 9:05am, CDT, by Dave Klein, JOPC Chairman. Roll Call: all members present, 13 voting.

V. Special Orders

A. Frank Cumiskey Award

The JOPC voted to award the 2014 Frank Cumiskey Award to Phil Savage.

VI. New Business

- A. Level 8 Pommel Horse with no pommels Competitive Format.**
- 1. A discussion regarding a proposal to have Level 8; 11-12 year old division compete a pommel horse routine with no pommels. Level 8 in the 13 & older age division would continue to compete using the pommels.**
 - 2. Straw vote: Yay=10, Nay=3.**
 - 3. Issue tabled pending further discussion with the coaching community and a JOPC conference call was scheduled to further discuss and decide the proposal.**
- B. J.O. Nationals Qualifying Scores; (item IV, minutes) 2013-2016 Overview and Report.**
- C. Technical Sequences Update – Kevin Mazeika. Check the updates**

D. Academic All American Awards.

Motion: In order for a athlete who is home schooled to receive an Academic All American Award, that athlete's GPA must be confirmed by the accredited independent organization or school system that is responsible for oversight and certification of that athlete's home school studies. In the absence of such confirmation, no Academic All American Award may be granted.

Motion: Kevin White

Second: Bo Morris

Passed: Unanimous

E. Age Group Restrictions. Discussion regarding 6 year old gymnasts competing as a Level 5 gymnast.

Motion: A gymnast whose competitive age is 6 on September 1st may compete Level 5 within the 7 to 8 year old age group, the gymnast may compete Level 4 once he has turned six years old.

Motion: Roger Baldwin.

Second: Kevin Watson.

Passed: Unanimous.

F. Clarification regarding the National Scholarship Foundation Tax: **State and Regional Championships do submit the National Foundation Scholarship tax.**

G. Review of the J.O. Nationals Judging Fees: at present, \$950.00, is paid to judges judging J.O. Nationals. Judges fees are reviewed every 3 years and are tied to competition entry fee The current JO Nationals entry fee now at \$160.00. The number of overall judgments at J.O. Nationals has increased.

Motion to raise judge's honorarium at the JO National to \$1050.00 and the entry fee to \$165.00 for 2014.

Motion: Dean Schott

Second: Roger Baldwin

Failed: Yay=5, Nay=8.

H. Notes: Future Stars program

- Trampoline scores will count for Future Stars all around scores.
- 8-9 age group will have new routines for 2014 season.
- Trampoline will count for all around in 2013 for 8-9 year olds and they will have no choice on routine selection.
- Published very basic execution requirements, in update #2,

I. **Motion to adjourn: Kevin White**

Second: Roger Baldwin

Unanimous: Adjournment @ 6:23pm, September 13th, 2014.