

**Junior Olympic Program Committee Meeting**  
**USAG-Men, Daytona Beach, FL**  
**May 9, 2015**  
**Minutes**

*The meeting was called to order, Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, @ 7:10am, EDT, by David Klein, Chair, JOPC.*

**Opening Remarks; David Klein, Chair. Dennis McIntyre, USAG Vice President of Men's Program**

**I. Roll Call**

Reg. 1 – Roger 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 absent  
NGJA Rep. – Dean Schott  
Jr. Rep. MPC – Sergei Pakanich  
Jr. Rep. MPC – Hideo Mizoguchi  
Jr. Staff Rep – Tom Meadows absent

Men's Program Staff: voice, no vote

Vice President of Men's Program - Dennis McIntyre  
Junior Olympic Program Coordinator - Dusty Ritter  
National Team Coordinator - Kevin Mazeika  
Men's Program Manager – Lisa Mendel

**II. Approval of Past Minutes**

**Motion to approve minutes, JOPC meeting, September 18-19, 2014, Indianapolis.**

**Motion: Bob Witmer**

**Second: Kevin White**

**Unanimous**

**Motion to approve minutes, JOPC meeting, March 17, 2015, Conference Call, to determine J.O. Nationals, 2015, Qualifying Scores.**

**Motion: Bo Morris**

**Second: Bob Witmer**

**Unanimous**

## Reports Section

### **A. 2015 J.O. Nationals Championships Report, Daytona Beach – Al & Cindy Scharns**

### **B. USAG National Office Report - McIntyre**

1. Dennis - Lisa;
  - a. Academic All American streamlining,
  - b. Review of credentialing process and concerns at J.O. Nationals members.
2. 2017 JO Nationals Bids:
  - a. Houston; Tim Erwin/Bo Morris.
  - b. Orlando Metro/Orlando Metro Sports Commission; Jeff Wood, ('18 better year for them).
  - c. Discussion to extend time frame for bid recommendation, from May to September.

### **Motion to extend time frame for bid recommendation from JOPC to USA Gymnastics to September.**

**Motion: Kevin White**

**Second: Hideo Mizoguchi**

**Unanimous**

3. National Team Report – Mazeika.
  - a. 16 months out from Olympics. Dusty handling Jr. camps & working with Kevin
  - b. Medical side: David Kruse has established Medical Manual for each USA Gymnastics National Championships level event. USA Gymnastics will bring in one of their designated trainers and/or physicians in addition to LOC provided staffing.

### **C. Age Group Competition Program Update - Dusty Ritter**

1. Written report provided to JOPC members.
2. Age Group Competition Program Update– Dusty submitted report.
  - a. Highlights: create series of documents for changes to present to JOPC, as advisory committee.
    - Keep everyone in the loop, work 95% complete by July 1 to provide time for consideration by JOPC.
  - b. Areas identified as ways to stimulate growth and provide opportunity at all levels to see numbers grow, promote peer-to-peer competition
  - c. Number of athletes in allotment increased dramatically, see report
  - d. Curriculum - not much in way of change, format of compulsories stays the same, but changes in routines. Needs to be some clarification regarding judging and rules.
    - Format; Level 1-10, similar but changes in routines.
    - Essential elements program, Levels 1-3.
    - Levels 4-7, compulsory, easy to see wide disparity in levels of ability, perhaps break into two divisions.

- Creating 3<sup>rd</sup> path (open optional), easier rule system to help recreational kids remain competitive.
- f. Looking at whole championships format. Create more financial resources for the region. See how to tweak system, create more opportunity, and movement to handle more kids with focus on growth and retention. Look at unintended consequences.
  - g. Optional rules to come but don't anticipate much in the way of changes.
  - h. Elite program, seen tremendous amount of improvement, proliferate Elite program into community. Athletes fundamentally sound after 3 years of TS/Future Stars. Intend to improve ways to address focus areas that impact international program, education of the judges. Moved up judges assignment scheduling.
4. Expansion of Jr. National coaching staff. Looking at providing more resources at junior level through Jr. National coaching staff and for younger additions.
  5. J.O. Nationals; Focus on growth, expansion and inclusion.
  6. JO Program In-put process: e-mail Dusty. Marc Yancey catalogues input for optional/compulsory and provides confirmation that suggestions are received.
  7. Question about clarification of financial resources tabled to fall meeting.  
Statement of the Chair: Strongly recommend we read fall meeting materials as they come out July 1 in order to be prepared for the September meeting.

**D. MPC Report – Hideo Mizoguchi/Sergei Pakanich**

1. MPC deals with Olympic selection protocol. Everything related to Olympic selection determined including Juniors who may be age eligible.
2. Winter Cup may be used as first qualifier for the 2016 P&G Championships. First day of competition will be seeded based on 2015 results.
3. Olympics selection procedure to USOC – MPC must complete by June in order to address approval process timeline.

**E. NGJA Liaison report – Dean Schott**

Goal is to continue the communications between the regional chairman and the judging community. We have numerous conference calls and webinars to drive the education. Increase level of communication between JORTD and Regional Chair.

**F. National Scholarship Foundation Report – David Klein**

Now a yearly report, report submitted.

**Motion that scholarship recipients have one year to use the funds awarded them. Awarded funds that go unused will be put back into the active portion of the scholarship fund, not the endowment portion.**

**Motion: Bob Witmer**

**Second: Bo Morris**

**Unanimous**

## **Special Orders**

### **Frank Cumiskey Award – nominations for 2016**

1. Yuejin Sun
2. Chuck Chmelka

### **III. Unfinished Business**

### **VI. New Business**

#### **A. Academic All American Awards – Report and proposal by Lisa Mendel**

##### **Motion to make the following changes to the Academic All-American process:**

1. Award academic All American to all students with a GPA of 3.5 or above, without level distinction (i.e. First Team, Second Team, Honorable Mention)
2. Drop the requirement for letters of recommendation from the coach and the school.
3. Redesign the application to include the biographical material.
4. Move the due date for Academic All American application to February 1.
5. Adopt a flat fee of \$20.00 for all applications.

**Motion: Bo Morris**

**Second: Bob Witmer**

**Unanimous**

#### **B. State, Regional Summit; September 10-13, 2015, Hilton Rosemont, Chicago, IL.**

#### **C. RETC; 2016. America Cup – Dennis**

1. Put it on the floor at America Cup, 2016. Need to have discussion after J.O. Nationals, but before September, 2015. If the RETC is to be on the floor, then Formatting and rules need to be determined before September.
2. Dennis, Dusty and Kevin to work on this because there is a Junior and Senior athlete component to this event. Need to establish a first steps structure.

Farewell, by Hideo Mizoguchi on his last JOPC meeting.

#### **Motion to adjourn**

**Motion: Roger Baldwin**

**Second: Bo Morris**

**Unanimous**

Meeting adjourned 9:39 AM

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Daniel Coon**

**Secretary JOPC**