

**Junior Olympic Program Committee Meeting
USAG-Men, J.O. Nationals,
Battle Creek, MI
Saturday, May 7th, 2016
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order, Saturday, May 7th, 2016, @ 7:07am, EDT, by David Klein, Chair, JOPC.

Session 1

Opening Remarks; David Klein, Chair.

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 – Mark Boboger
- NGJA Rep. – Dean Schott x
- Jr. Rep. MPC – Sergei Pakanich
- Jr. Rep. MPC – Mike Serra
- Jr. Staff Rep – Tom Meadows

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 absent
- Men's Program Manager – Lisa Mendel

II. Farewell/Welcome, (outgoing and incoming Regional Chairs).

III. Approval of Past Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes, JOPC meeting, September 10-11, 2015, Chicago. March 11th, 2016, Conference Call.**
- Motion: Bob Witmer, Bob Witmer**
- Second: Tom Meadows, Tom Meadows**
- Unanimous**

III. Reports Section

- 1. 2016, J.O. Nationals Championships Report-Battle Creek, MI; Scharns No report.**
- 2. USAG National Office Reports-Dennis McIntyre**
 - a. Elite Team Cup; very well received, returns to New Jersey, 2017. Senior athletes on board for draft.**
 - (1.) Men's gymnastics on web site, bring to September meeting how selection is being made, when finalized, collect head shots. Know by Winter Cup**
 - (2.) What is Region funding mechanism?**
 - b. Olympic Year, front end loaded. Seniors in Hartford, Jrs. paired with Men's trials in St. Louis.**
 - c. September meeting: Regional FS evaluations.**
 - d. 2017 J.O. Nationals Update: Orlando, Central Florida Sports authority not partnered with a club, but CGS hosted 3 World Championships. Point person tba.**
 - e. 2018 J.O. Nationals Bids: Ben Fox for Oklahoma City, last hosted, 2017. Tim Klempenaur & Roger for Reno, NV. Al & Cindy Scharns for Daytona Beach, future dates.**
 - (1.) Can we 'assign' a year? Changing bid process until September, accept bids for multiple years; 2019, 2020, 2021?**
 - (2.) A million parts to this event; scoring process is complex, level of detail is important, cost for families, experience of staffing.**

THE JOPC VOTED TO RECOMMEND TO THE USAG MEN'S PROGRAM, OKLAHOMA CITY, for 2017.

- 3. 2017-2020 Age Group Competition Program Update-Dusty.**
 - a. Structure expanded for growth,**
 - b. reboot to looking at Championships format,**
 - c. expansion to handle growth and make hope by 2020 better championship format**
 - d. Technical sequence program not changed, evolves & improves.**
 - e. Change in age determination date; year for change, RC assist, evolves and improves but stays stable and consistent.**
 - f. J.O. Nationals this year maxed out on numbers.**
 - g. Judges system shows improvement**
 - h. JOPC address review of high school rules re. eligibility-once in hs, no longer eligible for J.O. Program; many out of hs still competing.**
 - i. Foreign athlete rule; if representing another country.**

4. **NGJA Liaison Report-Dean Schott.**
 - a. **JONALs judging panels for continuity, more training available.**
 - b. **Updated selection process to judge J.O. Nationals.**
 - c. **Continued webinars & conference calls including J.O. Tech directors, all reviewed prior to J.O.'s.**

5. **National Scholarship Foundation Report- David.**
 - a. **proposal Part 2; challenges more athletes applying; 5 athletes didn't receive anything, had been previous recipients. There have been repeat recipients.**
 - b. **Funds back into scholarships not the endowment.**
 - c. **Part 2 proposal, withdrawn.**
 - d. **Foundation; increase passively some fundraising efforts.**

IV. Special Orders

1. **Frank Cumiskey Award-Nominations for 2016.**
 - a. **Chuck Chmelka.**
 - b. **Kevin White**

V. New Business

1. **Regional Meet Assigning and Meet Referee Proposal-Dean Schott, moved to September.**
2. **Athlete Eligibility in the Junior Program-Dusty.**
3. **Earlier allotment tables-Roger; need exact numbers from each state, when last state sends theirs in, then send to Roger. RC responsibility to verify accuracy! Tabled to fall.**
4. **Change to format of JO meet; instead of JO, announce them between 2nd and 3rd Session.**
5. **Age eligible foreign athletes; if represent another country, eligible for JO program? Frequently displaces US athletes.**

VI. Election of the JOPC Chairman.

Motion to elect David Klein to continuation of his work as JOPC Chairman.

Motion: Kevin White

Second: Bob Witmer

Unanimous

VII. Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Bo Morris

Second: Bob Witmer

Unanimous

Meeting adjourned, 8:52am, EDT

Respectfully submitted: Daniel Coon, JOPC Secretary