

**Joint Meeting - Women's Administrative Committee, J.O. Committee,  
Technical Committee  
Mason, Ohio  
May 21, 2007**

The meeting was called to order 9:00 am

**I. Roll Call and Introductions:**

National Committee Chairmen:

Administrative Committee	Kathy Ostberg
JO Committee	Tom Koll
Technical Committee	Cheryl Hamilton

Regional Officers

Region 1	Jen Shipman, Dan Witenstein, Neela Nelson
Region 2	Ruth Sandoz/Meg Doxtator, Laurie Reid, Linda Mulvihill
Region 3	Cori Rizzo, Cheryl Jarrett, Carole Bunge
Region 4	Jim Schlott, Don Houlton, Linda Thorberg
Region 5	Bobbi Montanari, John Geddert, Char Christensen
Region 6	Jen Scannell, Larry Goldsmith, Pat Panichas
Region 7	Lynn Perrott, Linda Johnson, Myra Elfenbein
Region 8	Deb Kornegay, Paul Padron, Marian Dykes

JO Program Manager	Connie Maloney
Vice President Program	Kathy Kelly
Vice President Membership	Kathy Feldmann
Collegiate Coaches' Asoc	Mark Cook
NAWGJ	Carole Ide
GK Elite	Sallie Weaver
AAI	Ken Cysewski

**II. AAI Report**

Ken Cysewski from AAI addressed the committees on equipment updates and asked for input from the community. Ken expressed that having a list of equipment posted on the USA Gymnastics website was very beneficial for both the coaches and the AAI reps. A suggestion was made to provide some type of weight on the front base of the vault table.

**III. GK Elite**

Sallie Weaver, President GK Elite, addressed the committee regarding the relationship between USA Gymnastics and GK Elite and her pride in providing apparel for JO Nationals. The scope of GK sponsorships provide over ¼ million dollars to USA Gymnastics. Sallie invited the committees to email her directly with suggestions on how GK can improve their support. GK can provide non-competitive apparel (T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc) as well as competitive prices and invited the regions to contact GK for those needs. Sallie encouraged the committees to spread the word within the community and let the members know that GK stands behind all their products.

**IV. USA Gymnastics Member Services**

Kathy Feldmann reported that the number of registered athlete members has increased. Kathy encouraged the committees to give her any input that will provide additional services to our members. USA Gymnastics University has begun! Articles have been published in *Technique Magazine* on exact initiatives that are beginning this year. Kathy thanked the committees and the women's program for the support of National Congress. Kathy apprised the committees concerning the upcoming requirement for professional members to pass a background check before membership is activated. A pilot program with staff and Board personnel will begin very soon and background checks conducted by NCI National Center of Safety Initiatives, also used by the US Olympic Committee) will hopefully begin August 1 with the new athlete registration year.

**V. Collegiate Coaches' Association**

Mark Cook reported to the committees on the results of the NACC\_W meetings which were held this week. He thanked the JO Program for all the work accomplished to produce the athletes who go on to compete in

college. Mark encouraged the continuation of the close relationship between our two organizations. Mark informed the committee of a recent ruling by the NCAA regarding text messaging and recruiting. According to the new rule, collegiate coaches are NOT ALLOWED to text message potential recruits.

## **VI. NAWGJ**

Carole Ide addressed the committees and presented the NAWGJ's proposal concerning the Fee Structure. Tom explained that the Judges' Compensation Package is under the jurisdiction of the national office. This is the opportunity for the committees to give input. Marian Dykes suggested that the office investigate using the CPI (Consumer Price Index) annually to adjust the fees.

## **VII. Technical Committee Report**

Cheryl reported that the committee worked on the Judges' Training Videos last fall and requested that the office provide technical assistance or outsourcing to complete the necessary and essential video projects in time for the Regional Congresses.

## **VIII. Administrative Committee Report**

Kathy reported on the election results for the Administrative and the Pre-Elite Program. The new Regional Administrative Committee Chairmen are Region 2 - Meg Doxtator; Region 5 – Bobbi Montanari and Region 6 – Jen Scannell. New Pre-Elite Committee Chairs are Region 2 – Joe Rapp; Region 4 – Bart Roskoski and Region 7 – Dena Walker. The Administrative Committee will be reviewing the R&P and their section of the Operating Code. Election Procedures, Sanction Violations, etc. will be reviewed at this meeting. New Sanction violation procedures will be in effect August 1, 2007. Letters will be sent to those meet directors who have had violations reported from the 2007 season.

## **IX. Pre-Elite/Elite Programs**

Kathy reported on the initiatives at the elite level. Gary Warren conducted a "video conference" for the TOP's State Directors which was very efficient and cost effective. The Hopes Division and the developmental camps have been well-received. The national team will go through selection procedures for the Pan American Games the end of May and then final selection camp in July. The World Championships Team (7) will be determined immediately after the competition at Visa Championships.

## **X. Competition Report**

Connie asked that the reporting procedures for JO Nationals be presented in a consistent format. Connie will provide an Excel template to all Regions.