

SCUSAG Committee Meeting

May 21, 2011

Fairfield Inn, Columbia, SC

Meeting was called to order by Joanne Child at 11:43am

Members Present: Louise Peck, Joey Smith, Winnie Witten, Vicki Walker, Mendi Knisley

Davita Ivey, Terry Mula, Jaquelin Bailey, Janet Efland, Reggie Mixon

Tina Jones arrived at 12:50pm.

Absent: Pam Mobley, Louie Liguori, Tricha Tapio and Carol Olney

The absent Committee members provided information via e-mail prior to the meeting expressing their concerns or introducing new ideas to be discussed at the meeting. These ideas were read or presented by various Committee members during the meeting.

Joanne presented thank you notes written to the SC USAG Board from various individuals.

Minutes:

The Secretary, Carol Olney submitted via e-mail minutes compiled from e-mail votes occurring throughout the past year. The Committee Members made corrections to the minutes.

The Committee Members discussed how to publish specific votes.

Joey made a motion to approve the E-mail Minutes presented to the SC USAG Board on May 21, 2011 with votes published as majorities and without specific Committee Members' names.

2nd Vicki

Passed unanimously

The SC USAG Minutes will now be saved on a flash drive to preserve and for easy distribution.

Joanne discussed different procedures as to how e-mail voting should occur.

Joey made a motion that motions made by e-mail will be sent to the SC USAG Chairman. The SC USAG Chairman will then send the motion to the Secretary to send out to the SC USAG Committee Members. All votes will be sent to the SC USAG Chairman. The SC USAG Chairman will count the votes and send the results to the Secretary. The Secretary will then record the motion and votes in the SC USAG Minutes and send out to the SC USAG Committee Members.

2nd by Reggie

Passed unanimously

Jim Gault Fund:

Joanne presented the information regarding the Jim Gault Fund.

Mendi made a motion to donate \$500 to the Jim Gault Fund.

2nd by Louise

Passed unanimously

State Committee Elections:

Joanne reminded the SC USAG Committee Members that this was an election year and that all positions were up for re-election. Joanne thanked the SC USAG Committee Members for their service. She sincerely appreciated the time members had given to their role.

Joanne presented the new positions for the upcoming elections. The following positions will make up the SC USAG Committee: Assistant State Chair, Secretary, Newsletter, Awards, Apparel, Web Master/Tracking, NAWGJ Representative, Top Representative, Fund Raising (2 Positions), Area Representatives one for each area 843, 803 and 864.

Web Site/Tracking

Joey presented the athlete numbers from the 2010-2011 competitive season. The first number is the number of athletes that competed at that level in SC and the second number is the number of athletes that competed at that level at the SC State Meet.

Level 4- 314/294	Level 6-109/70	Level 8-85/75	Level 10-21/18
Level 5-243/192	Level 7-130/111	Level 9-38/32	

The following numbers only indicate the number of athletes that competed at that level at the SC State Meet.

Level 2/3- 39

Bronze- 200 Silver-188 Gold- 90 Platinum- 76

At the State Meets the following total number of athletes competed:

Level 2-4 – 450, Level 5-10 – 498 and Prep Opt – 576

Joey then presented ideas as to how to track the Prep Opt athletes and the new procedures he would use in the upcoming season. The SC USAG Committee Members then discussed the competition fees.

Vicki made a motion that the Level 2, 3, Bronze and Silver athletes will pay \$5 competition fee and Level 4-10, Gold and Platinum athletes will pay \$10 competition fee. All tracking information will be sent to the Web Master/Tracking Committee Member.

2nd by Janet

Passed unanimously

Joey discussed with the SC USAG Committee Members how items should be sent to the Web Master to be placed on the web. SC USAG Committee Members were reminded that it is their responsibility to check the items and to alert the Web Master when to remove items from the web site.

SC USAG State Annual Open Meeting and Clinic

Joanne presented that the SC USAG State Annual Open Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 28th. Joanne then proposed a clinic to be held on Saturday, August 27th. Mendi indicated that the SC NAWGJ Board had voted at their board meeting on May 9th to host a Judges Clinic on Saturday, August 27th and were in the process of obtaining a clinician.

Mendi made a motion that SC NAWGJ and SC USAG work together to provide a clinic for both coaches and judges on Saturday, August 27th.

2nd by Jaquelin

Passed unanimously

SC USAG Training Camps

The SC USAG Training Camps will be on the following dates:

Level 4-6 – September 10-11, 2011

Level 2, 3 & PO – October 15-16, 2011

Level 7-10 – November 5-6, 2011

The SC USAG Committee Members discussed how best to decide the locations of each training camp.

Joey made a motion that the Fund Raising Committee Members in conjunction with the SC USAG State Chairman and Assistant Chairman decide on the locations for all SC USAG Training Camps.

2nd by Jaquelin

9 in favor, 1 opposed

The subcommittee met and decided the following sites would be used for the SC USAG Training Camps.

Level 4-6 – Carolina Gymnastics

Level 2, 3 & PO – Florence Gymnastics

Level 7-10 – Terry & Don's Gymnastics

Admission Fees for State Meets

The SC USAG Committee Members reviewed the current Admission Fees for State Meets as well as those for Regional meets.

Joey made a motion to continue with the current Admission Fees adding the definition of a senior as 55 and older.

2nd by Terry

Passed unanimously

SC USAG Survey

The SC USAG Survey results were sent to Committee Members via e-mail. A few copies were distributed for those who had not had the opportunity to review. The SC USAG Committee Members discussed the results and comments from the survey.

SC State Meet Financial Statements

The SC USAG Committee Members reviewed the SC State Meet Financial Statements. At this time the suggestion was made that the State Meet Director's Packet needs to be updated to include a financial statement guide for the Meet Directors. Mendi will work to update the State Meet Director's Packet and send to the Committee Members via e-mail for approval.

SC State Meet Dates & Designation Date

The SC USAG Committee Members reviewed the calendar for the 2011-2012 season.

Louise made motion to accept following dates for the State Meets:

March 12-18 - Prep Opt. State Meet

March 23-25 - Optional State Meet

March 30-April 1 - Level 2-4 State Meet

2nd Janet

Passed unanimously

Vicki made motion that March 1st be the designation date for all Levels 2-10 & PO.

2nd by Terry

Passed unanimously

Judge Panels for State Meets

After discussion and consideration of the survey results, the SC USAG Committee Members decided that the number of judges per State Meet would remain the same.

Level 2-4 - 2 judges per panel with a separate Meet Referee

Level 5-10 - 4 judges per panel with a separate Meet Referee

Prep Opt – 4 judges per panel with a separate Meet Referee

Refund Policy for State Meets

The SC USAG Committee Members discussed the refund policy for State Meets. The SC USAG Committee strongly recommends that the State Meet Directors use the Rules & Policy refund policy found on page 38. State Meet Directors that choose to refund less than ten days prior to the meet should note to the recipients that this is an exception to the policy and must refund to the club not an individual.

State Meet Entry Fees

After discussion, the SC USAG Committee decided that the State Meet Entry Fees would remain the same.

Meet Tax

Reggie made a motion that the Level 5 State Meet pays a \$5 Meet Tax.

2nd by Janet

Passed unanimously

All other State Meet Taxes would remain the same.

State Meet Qualifying Scores

Janet made a motion to raise the State Meet qualifying score for Levels 4, 5 and 6 to 29.

2nd by Reggie

Passed unanimously

All other State Meet qualifying scores would remain the same.

Age Groups/Divisions

Mendi made a motion to split the Level 5 State Meet competitors into Novice and Open Divisions.

2nd by Winnie

9 in favor, 1 opposed

All other State Meet age divisions would remain the same.

Awards

The SC USAG Committee clarified that the Level 4 and Prep Opt awards are exactly the same.

Adjustments were made to clarify the Level 5-10 awards should be 50% + 1.

State Meet Eligibility Criteria for Judges

Mendi presented a motion to accept the recommendation from the SC NAWGJ Board that the State volunteer requirement be that a judge must volunteer at a minimum of two Sessions at any SC Training camp per year to be eligible for a State meet assignment. Volunteering for a Regional Qualifier Clinic will fulfill one Session of this requirement.

2nd by Joey

Passed unanimously

The SC USAG Committee then discussed the timing of the SC Training Camps, when to accept petitions and the voting needed to send the State Meet slate to the Regional Technical Chairman.

Davita made a motion that the State Volunteer year be November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2011. For the 2012 State Meet Eligibility you may use hours from either the 2010 or 2011 Optional Training Camp. Yet these hours may only be used one time.

2nd by Winnie

Passed unanimously

State Meet Judge Petitions will be due October 23rd.

Mendi also explained that the SC NAWGJ Board, in conjunction with the Meet Referees, will send out the State Meet Event Assignments no less than three weeks prior to the State Meet. The SC NAWGJ Board felt this would be the best way to ensure that the judges were adequately prepared on the event assigned by looking at their assignments throughout the year and to take into consideration Regional event assignments.

Prep Opt Rules

Davita made a motion to follow the Region 8 Prep Opt rules and accept any changes for the upcoming season.

2nd by Reggie

Passed unanimously

Louise Peck Scholarship Form

Mendi and Janet suggested ways to update the Louise Peck Scholarship Form. Mendi presented a short biography of Louise Peck to be included on the form. Mendi will update the form and then send it to the SC USAG Committee for approval via e-mail.

Invitational Formats

In an effort to properly adhere to the Rules and Policy Inquiry regulations, the SC USAG Committee strongly recommends the use of a separate Meet Referee for any invitational using the modified traditional continuous rotation format.

Letterman Jackets

In an effort to publicize the letterman jackets sufficiently to the athletes, the SC Training camps and the SC State Meets will be provided flyers to be given to each participant.

Apparel Fund

The SC USAG Committee discussed the apparel fund. The SC USAG Committee provides apparel for 119 athletes at approximately \$70 per athlete.

Terry volunteered to write a letter explaining who benefits from the apparel fund in an effort to obtain more support from teams. The letter will be included in the Training Camp information included in the newsletter.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:28pm

Respectfully submitted by Mendi Knisley