

SC USAG Committee Meeting
Carolina Gymnastics Center
August 24, 2012

Meeting Called to Order by the SC USAG Chairman Joanne Child at 2:00pm. Mendi Knisley was appointed as the Secretary, and Roll Call was conducted.

Members Present: Terry Mula, Joey Smith, Davita Ivey, Joanne Child, Vicki Walker, Christina Jones, Mark Bonsky, Tricha Tapio, Mendi Knisley, Louise Peck, Pam Mobley, and Jacquelin Bailey

Confidentiality Policy

The SC USAG Chairman reminded the SC USAG Committee Members of the Confidentiality Policy signed previously and that the policy is still in effect for this meeting.

NAWGJ as the Official Assignor

Vicki made a motion for SC NAWGJ to be approved as the Official Assignor for all meets in South Carolina.

2nd by Mendi

Vote Unanimous

MOTION PASSED

SC USAG Web Site

Joanne informed the SC USAG Committee that the incorrect link to our new web site is on the Region 8 web site. Joey will send the Region 8 Chairman the new information and help to update the SC USAG Competitive Calendar on the Region 8 web site.

SC USAG Meet Tax

Joanne reminded the SC USAG Committee that the current Competition Meet Tax is \$0.50. From conversations from other USAG State Chairmen in the Region, SC has the lowest Competition Meet Tax in Region 8. Joanne proposed an idea to raise the competition fee to be used in promoting and supporting the creation of collegiate programs in SC. By doing so, the SC USAG Committee could promote that every club in SC is supporting the efforts to add collegiate gymnastics programs in SC. From this idea, SC USAG Committee Members discussed raising the fee to be used at the discretion of the SC USAG Committee. With the funds being collected, the SC USAG Committee could explore using the funds for needs of the SC USAG Office, improved State Meet gifts, or supporting the creation of collegiate gymnastics programs in SC.

Mark made a motion to raise the SC Competition Meet Tax to \$1.00 for the 2012-2013 Meet Season.

2nd by Joey

Vote – 6 yes, 5 no

MOTION PASSED

Coach of the Year

Mark discussed changing the Coach of the Year criteria. One of his suggestions was to include coaches of Level 7 athletes. The SC USAG Committee Members discussed other options of types and levels of coaches that could be recognized.

Mark made a motion that the current criteria be updated to include all competitive levels for the Coach of the Year in the 2012-2013 season.

2nd by Joey

Prior to voting, the current Coach of the Year criteria was read. The current criteria is: 1) Level 9-10 Coach within the last 2 years, 2) Be in good standing with USAG and SC USAG, 3) Had Regional or National gymnasts within the last 5 years and 4) Have a record of volunteering by being a clinician and/or serving on USAG Boards within South Carolina and/or in Region 8 within the last 5 years.

Upon hearing the current criteria, Mark withdrew his motion. Discussion among the SC USAG Committee focused on aspects requiring the coaches to have coached Regional or National athletes and the volunteer requirement.

Mark made a motion for the 2012-2013 Coach of the Year criteria: 1) Be in good standing with USAG and SC USAG, 2) Be a coach of any level within SC, and 3) Have a record of volunteering by being a clinician and/or serving on USAG Boards within South Carolina and/or in Region 8 within the last 2 years.

2nd by Jacquelin

Vote – 4 yes, 7 no

MOTION DID NOT PASS

Davita made a motion to keep the Coach of the Year criteria for the 2012-2013 season the same as it had been previously in the 2011-2012 season.

No Committee Member seconded this motion.

Pam made a motion for the 2012-2013 Coach of the Year criteria: 1) Be in good standing with USAG and SC USAG, 2) Be a coach of any level within SC, and 3) Have a record of volunteering by being a clinician and/or serving on USAG Boards within South Carolina and/or in Region 8 within the current competition season.

2nd by Mark

Vote – 9 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain

MOTION PASSED

SC USAG Club of the Year Award

Mark reminded the SC USAG Committee of the procedure used in the 2011-2012 season to determine the SC USAG Club of the Year.

Tricha made a motion to use the same procedure for the 2012-2013 season to determine the SC USAG Club of the Year and evaluate the procedure again at the May meeting.

2nd by Mark

Vote unanimous

MOTION PASSED

State Meet and Tracking Registrations

Joey explained his proposal to the SC USAG Committee in order to have the SC Clubs register their athletes for both tracking and State Meet registration using a unified, electronic system. SC Clubs will still need to submit a check to the appropriate entities.

Tricha made a motion to accept the proposal for both tracking and State Meet registration.

2nd by Vicki

Vote unanimous

MOTION PASSED

Joey and Vicki will follow up with e-mails to the membership to remind the clubs of these changes and to help guide them with the new procedures.

Meets on Training Camp Weekends

The SC USAG Committee revisited the topic of clubs hosting meets on SC USAG Training Camp weekends. As previously voted upon by the SC USAG Committee, the current stance is that clubs may not host an invitational as a State Meet Qualifier on a SC USAG Training Camp weekend.

Pam made a motion to continue to implement the current stance that clubs may not host an invitational as a State Meet Qualifier on a SC USAG Training Camp weekend.

2nd by Tricha

Vote unanimous

MOTION PASSED

State Meet Gifts

Tricha presented a few ideas to the SC USAG Committee to consider for the 2013 State Meet athlete gifts. The ideas include toboggans, silicon watch, and necklaces with a different charm. Tricha also presented the pricing for each and all the gifts would be approximately \$2.50 to \$3.00. Tricha will obtain samples of these items for the SC USAG Committee Members to view at the upcoming training camps. Once the SC USAG Committee has viewed the items, the final selection will be voted upon by e-mail.

SC USAG Survey

The SC USAG Survey was sent to the SC USAG Committee August 2nd for review by Committee Members. On August 13th, the SC USAG Committee decided via e-mail to discuss the SC USAG Survey further at the August 24th Committee Meeting and to distribute the SC USAG Survey only at the 2013 State Meets.

A current copy of the SC USAG Survey was distributed to the SC USAG Committee. The SC USAG Committee was asked again to make recommendations for changes or new topics. Any suggestions should be sent to Mendi in a timely manner.

SC Guidelines

The SC USAG Committee discussed continuing the project of collecting and putting the SC Guidelines, rules and procedures into a new format. Tricha and Mendi volunteered to work on this project during the next year and present their progress at the May meeting.

Agenda for the Annual State Meeting

Joanne went over the Agenda for the Annual State Meeting and asked for any additional topics. Topics were then distributed to the Committee members to present.

Under Other, the following items were discussed.

Donations

The SC USAG Committee agreed that \$300 would be sent to the Jenkins Family Fund.

State Meets

The SC USAG Committee approved the following State Meet locations on August 14th via e-mail:

Xcel – March 15-17 – Furman University – Foothills Gymnastics

Level 5-10 – March 22-24 – Winthrop University Coliseum – Thomas Gymnastics

Level 2-4 – April 5-6 – Rock Hill Volleyball Center – Thomas Gymnastics

The SC State Meets locations were determined because only these clubs submitted bids to host the SC State Meets. Mendi will send out the SC USAG State Meet Contracts and Meet Director packets to the host clubs.

State Meet Slates and Petitions

Mendi reported that she had communicated with the SC NAWGJ Board regarding the updated requirements decided by the SC USAG Committee at the May 12, 2012 meeting. After the SC NAWGJ Board meeting, Mendi will report to the SC USAG Committee regarding the procedures for collecting petitions, State Meet Availability, volunteer requirements and presenting the State Meet Slates for approval.

CPE Clinic Hours at Training Camps

Mendi presented ideas regarding CPE Clinic Hours at the SC USAG Training Camps. The SC USAG Committee determined that with the Tom Koll Clinic, no additional hours were needed, yet that providing one or two hours at the Optional Training Camp would be beneficial to coaches and judges. Mendi will work with Mark to provide CPE clinic hour opportunities at the Optional Training Camp.

2013 Tom Koll Clinic

SC USAG will host Tom Koll again in 2013 to present the new compulsory routines. The Tom Koll Clinic will be held September 13-15, 2013 at Thomas Gymnastics.

Next Committee Meeting

The next SC USAG Committee Meeting will be held in May. The SC USAG Committee will use e-mail to communicate and vote until the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05pm.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Mendi Knisley.