

## SC USAG Committee Minutes

June 30, 2013

Committee Members Present: Davita Ivey, Vicki Walker, Jaquelin Bailey, Anna Sexton, Tricha Tapio, Louise Peck, Joanne Child and Mendi Knisley

Meeting began at 2:12.

Joanne distributed Committee information to be corrected for publication. Each Committee Member was asked to verify or edit their information.

Joanne discussed briefly the need to obtain a sanction for Tom Koll Clinic. It was determined that Mark will obtain the sanction, and Davita will submit the CPE form for Judges Accreditation credit.

The SC USAG State Meeting date will be September 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Thomas Gymnastics.

The Committee discussed the need for a host hotel and rate for the Tom Koll Clinic. Mark will verify the host hotel and the hotel rate and report it to the Committee. This information will be included in the SC USAG Newsletter.

Joanne brought to the Committee's attention the need to designate an assigning official for the upcoming season.

Vicki made a motion to use SC NAWGJ as the assigning organization for the upcoming season.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaquelin

Vote Unanimous

Motion passed.

The Committee discussed additional judging issues, and the following motions were made.

Mendi made a motion that any State Meet Judge replacements within three weeks of the State Meet will be approved only by the SC USAG Chairman. Once a replacement is made SC NAWGJ will send a contract to the replacement judge.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Tricha

Vote Unanimous

Motion passed.

Mendi made a motion that any one judge panel used for any Levels and XCEL must be assigned to an unaffiliated, rated judge for the Invitational to be used as a SC USAG State Meet Qualifier Meet.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki

Vote Unanimous

Motion passed.

Mendi made a motion that all XCEL Competitions including SC USAG State Meet Qualifier Invitational Meets and SC USAG State Meets must be judged by a rated judging official.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki

Vote Unanimous

Motion passed.

The Committee also mentioned that when the SC USAG State Meet contracts are sent to the judges the following should be included in the contract and in the e-mail portion when the contract is sent to each judge: "This contract is contingent on your re-certifying your current rating by December 31, 2013. If you have not re-certified, you will be replaced on this meet."

The following dates and locations for the SC USAG Training Camp were presented to the Committee:

September 28-29 - Level 3-5 at Thomas Gymnastics – Training Camp Coordinator: Stacy Robinson

October 12-13 - Level 1, 2 & XCEL Bronze, Silver, Gold at Florence Gymnastics – Training Camp Coordinator: Pam Mobley

November 2-3 - Level 6-10 & XCEL Platinum, Diamond at Davita's Funtastic Gymnastics – Training Camp Coordinator: Ashley Lamborn

Tricha made a motion to accept the dates and hosts clubs presented to the SC USAG Committee.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki

Vote Unanimous

Motion passed.

The sanctions will be obtained by Mark for the Level 3-5 Training Camp, by Pam for the Level 1, 2 & XCEL Bronze, Silver, Gold Training Camp and by Davita for the Level 6-10 & XCEL Platinum, Diamond Training Camp.

Admission fees for State Meets

The Committee discussed that the State Meet admission fees were raised two years ago and that invitationals need to use the weekend rate for those who are staying all weekend.

Vicki made a motion to leave the State Meet Admission fees the same as the previous year.

Motion withdrawn by Vicki. (2<sup>nd</sup> by Davita)

The Committee discussed how the family rate was not consistent between the outside facility and home gym facility pricing.

Jaquelin made a motion to reduce the home gym facility to \$20 per weekend for the family rate. (2<sup>nd</sup> Louise)

Motion withdrawn by Jaquelin.

Vicki made a motion to raise the outside facility to \$35 per weekend for the family rate.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mendi

Vote - 4 yes, 4 no

Motion failed.

Vicki made a motion to reduce the home gym facility to \$20 per weekend for the family rate.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Louise

Vote - 5 yes, 2 abstain

Motion passed.

State Meet Financial Statements

The SC USAG Committee can expect to receive from Thomas Gymnastics the 2012 Level 5-10 State Meet Financial Statement this week via e-mail.

An Xcel State Meet Financial Statement needs to be obtained from Foothills Gymnastics and sent to the SC USAG Committee this week.

The SC USAG Committee discussed the 2013 Financial Statements for the Level 2-4 and Level 5-10 State Meets.

The equipment rental statement for the State Meet bid form needs to be added to the State Meet Director packet.

The SC USAG Committee discussed State Meet formats for the 2014 State Meets based on a review of numbers from the previous year and the recommendations of the Tracking Coordinator.

The SC USAG Committee decided that State Meet formats will be made based on current tracking information. The State Meet decisions will be revisited after the tracking information is collected from clubs on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. At that time, the SC USAG Committee will determine if any changes need to be made based on current tracking information.

From the SC USAG Survey responses, the SC USAG Committee discussed the conflict of dates between the SC USAG Optional State Meet and NCAA conference meets and the possible suggestions in scheduling the State Meets.

The discussion continued regarding how to schedule the meet, assigning judges if adjustments were made, and how to make the apparel process easier during the meet.

The SC USAG Committee did not want to move the State Meet to an earlier date as to allow the gymnasts more time to train and to compete closer to the Regional dates.

SC USAG Committee will take all of these ideas into consideration including scheduling the Level 9 & 10 sessions on Sunday after the Judge's ratings have been established and the individual judge's availability and volunteer requirements have been completed.

#### State Meet Dates and Designation Date

The following dates were presented to the SC USAG Committee:

Level 1-5 – April 5-6, 2014

Level 6-10, Gold, Platinum & Diamond – March 21-23, 2014

Bronze & Silver – March 28-29, 2014

Tricha made a motion to accept dates and levels as presented with a designation date of March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Anna

Vote Unanimous

Motion passed.

#### Number of Judges per panel for State Meets

Mendi made a motion that the judges per panel be as follows:

Bronze & Silver – 2

Level 1-5 – 2

Level 6-10, Gold, Platinum & Diamond – 4

2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki

Vote – 5 yes, 2 no

Motion Passed

#### State Meet Awards & Entry Fees

Individual awards:

The SC USAG Committee discussed options for the individual awards.

Jacquelin made the motion that Level 1 & 2 actual birthdates will be used to determine equal age groups with no more than 15 in an age group and no more than a two year age span beginning at the youngest age of each level and 100%

placement ribbons for the events and 100% placement medals for all around, places 11-15 may choose to use a participation ribbon. State Meet entry fee will be \$45.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anna

Vote – 6 yes & 1 abstain

Motion passed

Jaquelin made a motion that Levels 3-5 actual birthdates will be used to determine equal age groups with no more than 15 in an age group and no more than a three year age span and awards will be 50% +1 for the events and 100% in all around. State Meet entry fees will be \$55 for Levels 3-5.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki

Vote Unanimous

Motion passed

Vicki made a motion that for the XCEL levels actual birthdates will be used to determine equal age groups with no more than 15 in an age group and no more than a three year age span and awards will be 50% +1 for the events and 100% in all around. State Meet entry fees will be \$55 for Bronze and Silver, \$70 for Gold, Platinum and Diamond.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jaquelin

Vote Unanimous

(The motion passing is contingent on the Regional Administrative Chairman approving the \$70 entry fee for Gold.)

Vicki made a motion that for Levels 6-10 actual birthdates will be used to determine equal age groups with no more than 15 in an age group and no more than a three year age span and awards will be 50% +1 for the events and 100% in all around. State Meet entry fees will be Levels 6-10 is \$75.

2<sup>nd</sup> Louise

Vote Unanimous

The Awards Coordinator announced that duplicate awards will be given for ties at SC USAG State Meets.

The SC USAG Committee discussed team awards based on a recommendation from the SC USAG survey, yet no change was made to the current procedures.

Event Specialist at State Meets

Anna made a motion that the State Meet entry fee for event specialist will be \$20 per event for Levels 8-10 & XCEL.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jaquelin

Vote Unanimous

Motion Passed

State Meet Tax

Vicki made a motion for the State Meet Tax to be \$5 for State Meets Level 1-5 & XCEL Bronze & Silver.

2<sup>nd</sup> Davita

Vote Unanimous

Motion Passed

SC USAG State Meet Qualifying Scores

Mendi made a motion for the Event Specialist Qualifying Scores to be 7.5 for the XCEL Levels and 8.5 for Levels 8-10.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Davita

Vote Unanimous

Motion Passed

Davita made a motion for the remaining SC USAG State Meet Qualifying Scores:

Levels 1, 2 & Bronze – Must participate in at least one meet prior to entering the state meet.

For Levels Silver, Gold, Platinum & Diamond, the qualifying score will be 30.00; for Levels 3-8, the qualifying score will be 30.00; and for Levels 9 & 10, the qualifying score will be 32.00.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaquelin

Vote 6 yes, 1 no

Motion Passed

The SC USAG Committee discussed that no divisions for Level 3 & 4 could be determined at this time until we have updated tracking information. The Committee will revisit this as needed.

The SC USAG Committee clarified that the SC USAG State Meet gifts are a duty for the Awards Coordinator and the Senior awards and gifts will be a duty for the Newsletter position.

Meet Tax

Tricha made a motion that the SC USAG Meet Tax will be \$2 per athlete at each SC USAG Qualifying Invitational.

2<sup>nd</sup> Louise

Vote - 6 yes, 1 abstain

Motion Passed

The SC USAG State Meet gifts for the 2014 State Meets will be an item valued at no more than \$5 per athlete. Mark volunteered to research ideas and present them to the SC USAG State Committee for approval.

Judging

The SC USAG Chairman clarified that to be eligible for XCEL Regionals a judge must be rated Level 10 or above.

One of the issues that the SC USAG Committee was asked to address was the volunteer requirement for the SC Judges to be eligible to judge the SC USAG State Meets. The SC USAG Committee made a few clarifications: 1) For several years now the judges are asked only to critique elements, parts of routines or entire routines and is at no time asked to coach and/or spot elements, 2) As many of the judges in our state serve dual roles as coach and judge, the judge may decide to coach at the training camp which would also fulfill the judge volunteer requirement and 3) the SC USAG Committee feels it is important for the SC judges to work with the SC athletes, therefore Regional and National training camps do not fulfill the volunteer requirement for eligibility to judge the SC USAG State Meets.

After discussion, no changes were presented for the volunteer requirement.

Training Camps

The SC USAG Committee will require Financial Statements be turned in to the SC USAG State Chairman for the hosted training camp within one month after the training camp date.

Mendi & Vicki will make a checklist for Training Camp Coordinators.

SC USAG Newsletter

The SC USAG Newsletter will be sent to the clubs and judges in a mass e-mail. The web master will post the SC USAG Newsletter on the web site and send the SC USAG Newsletter to the individual SC USAG Members.

#### SC USAG State Meet Refund Policy

SC USAG State Meet Refund policy will follow the policy dictated in the upcoming season Rules & Policies.

#### Club of the Year

Vicki made a motion that in addition to the process used last year for determining the Club of the Year, for each athlete who qualified to Level 9 or 10 Nationals the previous year, 10 points will be added to the Club score for this year, and at the end of the current year State Meets for each Level 7-10 athlete who qualifies to Regionals the club will receive 5 points towards Club score. For the first, second and third places for all around athletes at the current year SC USAG State Meet for Levels 6-10, the club would be awarded 6, 4, 2 points respectively. Levels 1 -5 and XCEL for the first, second, and third place all around places at the current year SC USAG State Meet the club would receive 3, 2, 1 points respectively. Team places won at the SC USAG State Meets will be weighted for each level.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaquelin

Vote Unanimous

Motion Passed

#### SC USAG Tracking Fees

Mendi made a motion that the SC USAG Tracking Fee for Levels 1-2 & bronze be \$5 per gymnast and for Levels 3-10, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond the tracking fee will be \$10 per gymnast.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jaquelin

Vote Unanimous

Motion Passed

After receiving feedback on the tracking registration for the SC USAG State Meets, the following adjustments will be made for next year:

1. Add the ability to register for the team competition for the State Meets.
2. The coaches will be able to register for the State Meets once added to the online database, and then the Webmaster will verify the athletes' qualification and payment of the SC USAG Tracking Fee.
3. If a gymnast has registered for the State Meet and not met the criteria, the Webmaster will contact the Club Coach via e-mail to rectify the situation.

#### Coach of the Year

Anna made a motion that the following be the 2013-2014 Coach of the Year Criteria: 1) Be in good standing with USAG and SC USAG, and 2) Be a coach of any level within SC.

Individuals should be encouraged to nominate those they feel are worthy and taking into consideration professionalism within the job description as coach.

2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki

Vote Unanimous

Motion Passed

#### Letterman Jackets

Carol Olney has volunteered to continue to be responsible for the advertising, promotion, and ordering of the SC USAG Letterman jackets.

#### Next SC USAG Committee Meeting

The new SC USAG Committee will use on-line voting for State Meet Bids due August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The next SC USAG Committee Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Tom Koll Clinic at Thomas Gymnastics. The annual SC USAG State Meeting will be held at 3:00pm at Thomas Gymnastics. The SC USAG State Chairman will assign the Committee Members portions of the meeting that they each will be responsible for presenting at the SC USAG State Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:17pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mendi Knisley