

New York USAG State Committee Meeting  
August 4, 2016 Providence, Rhode Island

The meeting was called to order by Tina Ferriola at 2:05pm

Roll Call:

Present

Larry Goldsmith

Al Drozdowski via phone

Val Stoughton

Jamie Winkler

Bill Borges

Jo Piehler

Gary Gregory

Mary Bakke-Spadaro

Dan Hassoun

Barry Coss via phone

Ed Konopa via phone (Left call at 4:40)

Sharon Sparling

Tina thanked the committee for its hard work during the year.

Bill moved to set the dates for the Early State meet for February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Elmira Gymnastics.

Motion - Bill Borges

Second – Jamie Winkler

Passed Unanimously

Mary motioned to approve \$500.00 to have Matt build a NYS Awards Podium going out 5 places with Bill's suggestion of making individual boxes for each place with the place written on the front and back of each box and a slide-in holder to insert the event. The NYS logo would be on the award stand.

Motion – Mary Bakke-Spadaro

Second – Gary Gregory

Passes Unanimously

(Considering all the stipulations incorporated in the award stand, addition funds would be available if necessary.)

Jo Piehler motioned that the NYS Committee has the best interest of the State membership and athletes on hand and has the right to determine the judging officials for the 2017 New York State Championships. The voting ballot results are heavily taken into account for each State Championship. Judges may officiate at as many State Championships as the Committee determines necessary. There is not a maximum number of State Championships for each judging official.

Motion – Jo Piehler

Second – Bill Borges

Passed

10 in favor, 1 opposed

Jamie moved that when determining alternates for State meets, the committee make two lists of preferences – one for downstate judges and one for upstate judges. Every effort will be made to replace a judge from the same geographical area as the judge that needs to be replaced. Three alternates will be listed for both upstate judges and downstate judges. Last minute replacements may come from either upstate or downstate. If the alternates are exhausted the Committee representative assigning the judges for the State Championship meets will replace the judges as needed.

Motion – Jamie Winkler

Second – Dan Hassoun

Passed – Unanimously

Concerning New York State’s Declaration Date for all levels including Individual Event Specialists (IES) for Levels 9 and 10:

The highest level the athlete competes in a sanctioned competition after the New York State Declaration Date of February 1, 2017 designates her level of competition for the remainder of the year. After the Declaration Date mobility may only be to a higher level.

Motion – Val Stoughton

Second – Jo Piehler

Passed Unanimously

Motion to continue the rule for 2017 that if a gymnast competes in the Level 2-6 Early State Championships (February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017), she is not allowed to participate in the Xcel State Championship Meet (March 17 – 19, 2017).

Also, if a gymnast competes in the Xcel State Championship Meet, she may not compete in a JO State meet the same year.

Motion – Ed Konopa

Second – Mary Bakke-Spadaro

Passed 10 in favor, 1 opposed

Sharon motioned to change the title of Member at Large to Downstate Meet Director Representative.

Motion – Sharon Sparling

Second – Larry Goldsmith

Passed Unanimously

The Representatives for each JO Level from the New York Committee are:

Levels 9 and 10      Jamie Winkler

Levels 7 and 8      Dan Hassoun

Levels 5 and 6      Bill Borges

Level 4              Al Drozdowski

Levels 2 and 3      Gary Gregory

Xcel                  Gail Caspare

Questions concerning a level may be addressed to these representatives.

Motion – Gail Caspare

Second – Sharon Sparling

Passed Unanimously

Gymnastic clubs hosting State Championship meets will be responsible to pay for the rooms for judges and necessary meet personnel for the State Championship meets. USAG will reimburse the clubs for the expense.

Motion – Larry Goldsmith

Second – Jamie Winkler

Passed – Unanimously

Ed motioned to keep the team format for the Level 2 culminating meet.

Motion – Ed Konopa

Second – Jamie Winkler

Passed Unanimously

Tina reported that the cash on hand is \$92,424.31.

Tina also supplied the following information concerning New York State USA Gymnastics:

132 member gymnastic clubs

782 Professional Members

810 Xcel athletes

4,427 JO athletes levels 1 through 10

Bill Borges presented a very informative update on the NY Health Club Act that effects every gymnastics club in New York State. The information included:

1. New York State Committee has hired a lawyer to investigate our options and best way to proceed
2. The law says among other things that:
  - a. A contract must have a 3 day cancellation policy
  - b. There is a cap to what may be charged per month
  - c. Every club with a minimum of 500 students must have an AED
  - d. The lawyers feel that the law is an “overbreath document” and is vague
3. Possibly the best way to approach the issue is to try to have gymnastic schools reclassified so that we are not considered a Health Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.