

## **Minutes: Parent Meeting - August 14, 2025**

**Board members in attendance- Liz, Robyn, Dana, Ria, Michealene, Erin,**

**Start Time: 5:06 PM**

**Went over agenda and documents**

### Introduction to Team:

We are excited to kick off a new season with our Midwest gymnastics family. Gymnastics has been known for fostering an incredible and supportive community that thrives on helping gymnasts achieve their goals. As parents, we have an incredible opportunity to model how to be positive members of a team and lead by example for our gymnasts. We should strive to have positive attitudes and be dedicated to making the club successful for families and gymnasts. The MAG Board is here to support you and answer any questions you might have regarding the program or competition.

**Welcome to the 2025-26 season!!!**

### Board Members:

Liz Jones - President (Meet registrations, Travel and General Oversight of Club Activities)

Robyn Hulfeld - Vice President (Sports Engine Account Manager and Oversees club budget)

Dana Ervin - Secretary (Communications and Organization)

Heidi Perez - Treasurer (Overseeing finances for the season)

Michealene Zarach- Team Parent Representative (Organize Team Activities; Social Planning Committee)

Erin Rhodes - Team Parent Representative (Organize Team Activities; Social Planning Committee)

Ria Kotsis - Fundraising Coordinator (Oversees and coordinates team fundraisers)

- 1) Booster Club Questions: [magboosterclubboard@gmail.com](mailto:magboosterclubboard@gmail.com)
- 2) Financial Questions (regarding booster fees/credits): [magboosterclubboardtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:magboosterclubboardtreasurer@gmail.com)
- 3) Fundraising Questions: [magboosterclubboardfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:magboosterclubboardfundraising@gmail.com)
- 4) Coach Questions (Questions regarding gymnastics skills, level: Coach Kevin @ [kevin.midwestgymnastics@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.midwestgymnastics@gmail.com))

**For a faster solution to any inquiries- pay close attention to the different email addresses and their functions. Email the one that most closely matches your topic so it is not lost in the multitude of emails going to the main inbox.**

**The Booster Club organizes events/parties, fundraising, and handles the intricate details that go into competition season. Any and all things related to the actual sport of gymnastics go through Coach Kevin.**

### Other Communication/Social:

Website: <https://midwestgymnasticsboosterclub.com>

Facebook: Midwest Artistic Team 24-25

**The Website contains all up to date info: meeting minutes, schedules, etc. It is the home base for all communication that is sent out and important links like sports engine and USAG.**

**Join the Facebook page!!!!**

**Booster Fees: Please see additional handout for specific financial breakdown for the season**

All fees include the mock meet, coaches fees, all meet fees, and state

Compulsory (Levels 3-5) and Xcel: \$1845.12

Compulsory booster fees include all meets EXCEPT Gasparilla

Optionals: \$1684.10

Optionals (Level 6-9) booster fees include all meets EXCEPT Gasparilla

**Levels 8-10:** \$405.35 (you will have this as an additional payment in January to include regionals coaches fees; you will still be responsible for paying for the registration fee if your gymnast qualifies) Regional is mandatory this year for levels 8 and 9. These will be the only levels Kevin will take. One major complaint from last year was the frequent additional costs that kept coming up (ex. Mock meet, regionals, optional meets). The estimated cost for coaches to attend regionals will be split by everyone in those levels. Last year we were able to credit back a portion of the coaches costs because our estimate was higher than the actual costs. If that is the case, all families in levels 8 and 9 will receive a credit after regionals.

The only additional cost if your child qualifies will be the registration fee. If your child cannot attend the regional meet for any reason, reach out to Kevin.

Booster Fees are due September through December on the 1st or the 15th of the month. If you are not in good standing with the booster club, your gymnast will NOT be registered for the meets.

All of your account information can be found on your sports engine motion app. Additional financial reports are given periodically throughout the season. Please also remember, our website is the easiest place to find the most up to date information regarding finances and team information.

Payments start in September. We will offer the option of 5 payments because this is a leo year and we know it's a lot. You can pay everything up front if you want, just let us know.

All of the calculations for the booster fees are detailed on 2026 Budget Summary handout. Feel free to reach out with any questions about the fees.

**Gasparilla Classic**

Please remember to sign up on Sports Engine for the Gasparilla Classic if you are interested in going. Deposit is due on 10/1 but the sooner we know how many girls are going, the sooner we can calculate fees.

This is the travel meet and it is the only optional meet this season. If you are planning to attend RSVP on the Sports Engine app ASAP. The additional cost is determined by the number of people attending.

**PQ- Roughly how much will it be?**

Ans- We won't know until we know how many kids are going. After we have a rough number of girls, we will know how many coaches need to go. The fee per girl will be the cost of registration plus the cost of coaches divided by the number of girls. The more people going, the lower the cost.

Again, you do not have to attend this meet, but you do need to RSVP yes or no in the SE app.

NEW THIS YEAR!! We are having everyone RSVP for the meets. Without Liz being on the floor coaching, we don't know about injuries, level changes, etc. We want to make sure each athlete is registered for their correct level for each meet. If your child is injured, you can change their RSVP for certain meets if we know they will not compete. If this is done early enough in some cases, we can avoid paying the registration fee.

Please go into the SE app and RSVP to all of the meets. We need RSVPs for the Gasparilla meet ASAP! The deposit is due by October 1st.

Open App > Menu (3 lines) > Events and Jobs > Events > RSVP for each meet. Pay close attention to which groups are invited to which meets (Optionals, Compulsory & Xcel or ALL)

### **PQ- What hotel are we staying at in Florida?**

Ans- Liz is meeting about this with Kevin, but we are hoping to stay at the beach. When we know how many families are going, we can try to see about a room block

### Fundraising

August: Mums (more information will be sent out ASAP)

September: Double Good Popcorn Families keep 50% of profits. It's a very easy fundraiser because you don't have to do anything outside of sharing your link.

### Social Fee:

A social fee of \$35 for team bows, team experiences/parties is due September 1st or 15th (depending on your Sports Engine preferences).

Because of the success from the State Meet fundraisers, we are able to cover the cost of bows from the general fund. Everyone will have 1 or 2 matching bows for their uniform.

Uniforms- the email went out Saturday 8/16 with the sizing schedule. If you are not getting emails, send an email to the board at [magboosterclubboard@gmail.com](mailto:magboosterclubboard@gmail.com)

### USAG Membership

If you have not done so already, please register or renew your child's membership with USA Gymnastics. This must be done no later than the end of the week. Your child cannot be registered for meets until they have their USAG membership. Some of the meets we are attending have historically sold out so it is important to get this done as soon as possible. Those who have already renewed their membership have already been registered for the meets we are attending this season!

You must register or renew your USAG membership every season! If you have not done this, your child cannot be registered for meets. If you have questions, contact us for instructions, or visit the MAG website to find them under New Parent Info.

USAG changed the volunteer requirements this year. All volunteers must be Safe Sport qualified AND have a completed background check on file. The background checks are \$30 and last for 2 years. Teams will be fined if this is not done.

The Safe Sport certification is done under YOUR profile (not your athlete's). If you have done it already, you do a refresher. You have to repeat the full course every 5 years.

### Team Parents

Team parents are parents who volunteer for their gymnast's level. Usually 1-2 parents that work together and have a few responsibilities.

Responsibilities:

1. Communication with the level they represent and relaying information back to Michealene and/or Erin with information that is needed.
2. Organizing after competition snack bags.
  - a. Snack bags for each meet. Each gymnast receives a bag with a few snacks, a drink and a treat. The treat is up to you and what you want to do. For example, a scrunchie, something related to gymnastics, etc....
  - b. In the past most success has been having a parent or two choose a meet and split them all up that way.

Closer to the start of the season an email will go out to the team parents with the contact information for the parents of the gymnasts in the level they are representing. If there are any questions at all you can contact, Michealene Zarach at [michealenezarach@gmail.com](mailto:michealenezarach@gmail.com), and/or Erin Rhodes at [erinep51482@yahoo.com](mailto:erinep51482@yahoo.com).

**PQ- Is the Wisconsin Dells meet happening this year?**

Ans- Yes, we are already registered, and the room block should be on the meet website

**PQ- Are there actually rooms left? Pigeon Forge sold out very fast.**

Ans- Keep checking back on the website. The original block was already filled, and then they added more rooms and opened it back up again. They could repeat this. If you already booked a room outside of the discount, feel free to call the hotel to see if they can give you to group rate.

**PQ- Which meets do we need to RSVP for?**

Ans- You need to RSVP for every meet so Liz can print out lists to make sure everyone who should be registered is actually registered. If there is a meet you know in advance that you will not be attending, we don't have to charge you that registration fee.

**PQ- When is the deadline to not be charged because my daughter was injured last year?**

Ans- Each meet has their own deadline, so we don't have an answer for that. We will see if we can add drop dates to the RSVP on SE

**PQ- Are we expected to go to all of the meets?**

Ans- Yes, that is the general expectation. If there is a conflict, discuss that with Kevin. We just need to know ahead of time, so you don't get charged.

**PQ- I see some of the meets start on a Friday. Is there a welcome event that we have to go to?**

Ans- No. Your child will only compete for roughly 4 hours on one of the meet days. The meet schedules don't come out until a couple of weeks before, so we don't know which days anyone competes until then.

**PQ- So if it says Friday, they actually could compete on a Friday?**

Ans- Yes, they could compete Friday at 8am, Sunday at 5pm, or any time. It depends on the size of the meet.

### Finances

General Fund- The social fee goes into this fund to pay for bows, parties, and coaches expenses.

Went over 2024-2025 Season handout

Any questions regarding the general fund?

-none

### Sports Engine

All payments are run through sports engine. Please make sure all credit cards are up to date

\*A list of all athletes who are still not registered on SE was passed around. If your child is on the list, they need to be registered so we can start charging for the meets. If they are not registered, they will not be signed up to compete.

See documents:

1. How to Commit/Sign up for a Meet - RSVP for meets
2. Fall Schedule- Practice times and locations
3. Competition Schedule- Info for all meets
4. 2026 Expense Budget Breakdown
  - a. Last year, we got lots of questions about how fees are determined. Here is a breakdown of how the number was calculated:
    - i. Went through last years expenses
    - ii. Discussed coaches needs with Kevin for each meet
    - iii. Made a best guess estimate of costs for hotels, food and travel
  - b. Gasparilla Estimate
    - i. Last year's cost was \$8000 and about 30 girls went.
    - ii. Kevin has requested Friday for our competition day so the team can all compete on the same day.
    - iii. We are trying to do a team dinner and a team event.
      1. Kevin likes to plan team bonding activities on Thursday night and Saturday mid morning/afternoon.
5. Budget Summary Page
  - a. Breakdown of costs for the season
  - b. We have confirmed that there will be 4 coaches or less for attending each meet

\*\*Possible additional costs for the season- Christmas gift donations for coaches, secret santa, and donations to team families in crisis.

### Leotards

We are writing 1 check to Midwest for leos instead of doing individual family payments, so you are able to use SE credits if you want. If you don't want to use credits, just write a check or make a payment to your SE account, so your credit balance will not change when the payment goes out.

**PQ- how does it work if we want to pay with credits?**

Ans- Payments will automatically come out of credits before it would charge your card. If you want to pay with credits, you don't need to do anything.

**PQ- Are we doing backpacks, jackets and everything again?**

Ans- In the past, it has always been a full package. Hannah will be able to answer questions about the package. We don't have any information

**PQ- What is the difference between Optionals, Compulsory and Xcel? Why is the fee different?**

Ans- Compulsory and Xcel have one additional meet. Optionals has one less meet in the schedule, but they have regionals. The registration costs are also different for the meets, as well as the cost of travel for coaches.

**PQ- What is the hotel for the WI meet?**

Ans- Kalahari. Kevin and Liz are meeting about hotel options. If the hotel is not on the website, then they will email the info to us when the hotel block is ready. Keep in mind, you can stay wherever you want. You don't have to stay where the room block is, or where the team is. Do what is best for your family.

**PQ- Do you have any info on the Mock Meet?**

Ans- No, we don't. Kevin said it should be the last weekend in November (NOT THANKSGIVING WEEKEND)

**PQ- Is the mock meet different from the home meet?**

Ans- Yes. The home meet is put on by the Midwest and Kevin, not the Booster Club. The mock meet is not being sanctioned this year, and will only be our team. Kevin invited judges to come in and score the girls and also give feedback.

Keep in mind volunteering for the home meet is mandatory, and you must have your Safe Sport AND Background check done beforehand. We put in a bid for the state meet. Once we know if we have won, we will let everyone know

**PQ- DO we earn credits for the Home Meet?**

Ans- No, not for the Home Meet (Midwest Classic) since we are not hosting this. Kevin will give more information on the home meet and its requirements as well as what the money will be used for. We cannot speak to it because we are not hosting it.

I would, however, like to do our state meet similar to what we did last year where we open up sessions for volunteers and only make it mandatory if we don't have enough people needed to run the meet.

**PQ- Is the background check good for the calendar year or competition year?**

Ans- It is good for 2 years. Once you complete it, it will show the expiration date

For Safe Sport- if you did it before August 1st, it will expire in December. If you do it now, it's good for the entire season.

**PQ- {Inaudible}**

Ans- Hannah will have sizes of the same brand. A parent MUST be present and you will decide on a size together. Keep in mind, that this leo will be used for 2 years

**PQ- How do we get routines?**

Ans- Kevin is sending out the contact info in batches so the floor choreographers don't get overwhelmed. Nastia did all of the beam routines for the girls last year. If you have a floor choreographer in mind, run them by Kevin to see his thoughts.

Any other questions?

-none

Meeting Dismissed at 5:54 PM