

Oregon NAWGJ Board Meeting

(Via Zoom)

August 19, 2020

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Debbie Anderson, Katrina Cosgrove, Sara Bronleewe, Chris Bowles, Staci Greene, Lisa Boylan, Lynda Carlson, Theo Simmons, Kelly Feuer, Beckala Millon, Rochelle Mallett (late arrival & by phone)

Brief overview and introduction of being on a board; Debbie to send out links.

INTRODUCTIONS

Lisa Boylan - Compulsory Educator: Been back in Oregon since 1992.

Lynda Carlson - Historian/Length of Service Award Coordinator: Been judging in Oregon all of her careers; been on many boards, both NAWGJ and USAG.

Kelly Feuer - Optional Educator: Back in Oregon; was in CA from 1999-2009; now here to stay.

Katrina Cosgrove - Winter/Spring Assigner: Grew up in Oregon, fun judging with judges who judged her and fun remembering looking up to those judges. Been on board for a while as compulsory assigner, now moving to optional assigner.

Sara Bronleewe - Fundraising Coordinator/Financial Reviewer: Born and raised in Oregon; has lived overseas at times, but now here in Oregon.

Chris Bowles - Optional Educator: Been in Oregon since 1979; started judging when his daughters did gymnastics; has been on and off the board for about 25 years.

Theo Simmons - Fall Assigner: Second year of judging, first year on board. Been in Oregon since 2015.

Staci Greene - New Judge Coordinator/Mentor North: 5th year on board. Started judging in 2002. Born and raised in Oregon.

Beckala Millon - New Judge Coordinator/Mentor South: Has been judging for a while. Moved to Eugene in 1982. First year on board.

Rochelle Mallett - Secretary/Website Manager: Second term on board. Judging over 20 years.

Debbie Anderson - President: On the board over 20 years, judging over 30 years. Happy to be serving the State of Oregon.

NEW BUSINESS

Safe Re-entry

- Check out 10 for 10 checklist
- What will it take for judges to feel safe judging?
 - A reminder to all of the announcement that USAG will honor sanctions for 2021 season. Chris suggests he would feel more comfortable if USAG or National NAWGJ offered more guidelines.
 - Staci wonders if there are meets scheduled for fall. Spookfest hosted by NAAG is only meet scheduled for fall. In addition, numerous gyms are hosting intersquad meets.
 - There was a suggestion to Meg for separate gyms for warm-ups and competition. Once girls compete, they exit the building following distancing and mask guidelines.
 - There was a suggestion to Meg that sessions be one level and one age group to keep the numbers down. No audience, no extra people at the tables.

- There is talk about live streaming competition so parents can watch. With fees being so high only seems right that the parents can watch
- Question of confirmation that fall season is a “no-go”. Deb says that gymnasts haven’t had the time to train to be ready for fall competition.
- Suggestion of dual meets.
- Concern that parents should be present at competitions due to possibility of injury. Not realistic for parents to be absent.
- Emphasis that whether to judge is a personal decision and we all will support the decision that each individual makes.

Ideas for Keeping Judges Engaged This Fall

- Publishing a list of videos and scoresheets to study
- Having videos and judging over Zoom - have a Master Panel come up with scores
- There are some videos posted on National NAWGJ site for practice
- A request for compulsory videos - compulsory videos harder to obtain due to permissions b/c younger gymnasts
- Concern for new judges to recoup investment
- Can possibly even out with taxes - Robin Ruegg has info to help with tax questions
- Check with local gyms for opportunities to observe
- Meg has confirmed that judges can come to gyms to critique
- To consider: should ORNAWGJ reimburse judges when traveling to gyms for critiques? In what capacity?
- Gym critiques and observations are an opportunity for new judges to be mentored by veteran judges

Going Green

- Proposal for judges to lead by example by bringing own water bottles to meets
- A nice water bottle as a gift?
- Article by Mary Lee Tracy about hosting a green meet
- Suggestion that judges should do our part, but can’t dictate what gyms do

Annual Membership Meeting

- Will be a Zoom meeting in September
- Deb explains that this is an opportunity for all members to discuss topics that is traditionally done at the beginning of annual Judges Cup
- Suggestion to offer it once, record it and post it for those who missed it
- Deb will pick a date mid-September, selected from three predetermined dates based on results of a poll sent to members

Testing

- Next testing date will be August 29 at Rigert Elite
- Possible other dates in October and/or December
- Nobody signed up for compulsory test since new routines next year
- Suggestion to ask at Membership Meeting how many people plan to test so will have a better idea of how many additional testing dates should be added.
- Compulsory testing will be open-book, online. Optional open-book, online for written portion. All with time limit.
- Videos probably in person

Judges Awards

- Determine what we will be awarding
- What benchmarks
- How to finance
- Potentially have awards at annual Membership Meeting (Banquet?)
- Lynda would like to start with a welcome gift after judges pass their first test - looking for ideas
 - To send out survey for suggestions
 - What would Theo suggest (as a new judge)
- Also, Lynda putting together a historical timeline featuring judges who are still with us and some that aren’t
 - Deb has online archives and will share with Lynda

National Judges Cup

- January 8-10, 2021, Louisville, KY
- Will any people will want to participate?
- Can we send a Level 7 team?
- Need to send an Oregon gift
- How can we choose a L7 team if no Jumpstart meet

- Look at videos from previous meets
- First determine who is interested in going
- What is ORNAWGJ financial responsibility for sending a team?
 - \$130 to register a team

Green Flag Award

- For judges who have made an impact
- Oregon did not submit anyone last year
- Start thinking about who to nominate for this year

Helping Hands Fund

- How can Oregon help other states in our Region
 - For example, waiving fees for clinics
 - Invite a judge to come into a local gym?

New National NAWGJ Website

- Sign up so you will receive updates

Virtual Judging

- Video tape gymnasts then judge the video
- Tabled for now

FINANCES

Quarterly Financial Report

- Broke even with our summer clinic; spent \$1200, earned \$1200 from out-of-state judges
- Very economical since virtual
- Deb and Sara each to check over financials for any mistakes
- Goal to spend at least 50% on education; that is ORNAWGJ primary function

Assigning Fees Discussion

- Should small intrasquad meets with one or two judges be charged an assigning fee?
 - Lisa moves to waive assignment fee for Fall 2020 intasquad meets
 - Lynda seconds the motion
 - All in favor - motion passed

Payment of NAWGJ Dues

- ORNAWGJ not doing a fundraiser this year
- Deb suggests paying for NAWGJ dues as a reimbursement (currently 35 members = approx. \$2100, already accounted for in budget)
 - Chris moves to reimburse NAWGJ dues 2020/2021
 - Beckala seconds the motion
 - All in favor - motion passed

RJD Funding

- \$5/judge goes to the Region 2 - already has been done

New Budget

- Fiscal year runs November 1 - October 31
- Concerns about a contingency if Tom Koll is not able to come out August 2021
- Need to be mindful that we have not fundraiser this year, Sara suggests being conservative with our funds - keep a baseline reserve, keeping in mind that we will also be buying new books, etc.
- Sending judges to Reno would be substantially more than having TK come here
- ORNAWGJ contribution to have TK come to Oregon is \$2500
- If TK can't come out, \$2500 can be distributed between judges in state to be used for compulsory education?
- Consideration for paying registration fees, individuals would pay for own travel costs
 - ORNAWGJ paid for registration and some travel fees at last National Congress
- Could a different weekend be considered if TK can't make scheduled weekend?
 - Meg would be on top of that

5-Year Plan

- Deb looking to make a 5-year outlook, wanting a couple people to help with that

- Goals for fundraising, what can we afford to do, etc.
- Sara, Chris, Staci and Lisa interested
- Future Zoom meeting to be scheduled for that

PARKING LOT

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Covid guidelines when a gym hosts a dual meet
 - Follow state guidelines
- To Do
 - Lynda: Poll/Survey
 - Deb: Dates for Member Meeting
 - Deb: 5-year plan follow-up
 - Lynda: Ideas for welcome gift
- Lisa offers nationalgym.org for more info

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Meeting adjourned 8:23pm
 - Lisa moves for meeting to be adjourned
 - Lynda seconds the motion
 - All in favor - motion passed

Respectfully submitted:
Rochelle Mallet, Secretary/Website Manager