

**USA-Gymnastics Washington
State Committee Meeting
September 14, 2020 via ZOOM**

Present:

Sandy Flores	State Chair
Susan Riley	Secretary
Adriane Stewart	North Sectional Rep
Frank Lee	Central Sectional Rep
Kevin Milliren	South Sectional Rep
Adana Harris	East Sectional Rep
Yulia Hancheroff	Optional Rep
Laurie Reid	Compulsory Rep
Jan Urfer	Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond Rep
Bekah Robitaille	Xcel Bronze/Silver Rep
Nola Ayres	Education Rep
Patty Ames	NAWGJWA Rep (non-voting)
Denise Green	Judges Rep (non-voting)
Kim Thomson	Club Owners Rep (non-voting)
Lauren Phelps	Website (non-voting)
Nicole Elves	Fundraising (non- voting)

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am PST by Chairman Sandy Flores.

Finances:

Balance is \$10,025.72, includes the \$5,000.00 donation for Education. It does not include the \$3,738.00 still held in bankruptcy. Follow up on the balance will be done as it appears as though a refund was issued from A1 Awards, however, not the approximate \$5,000.00 we were expecting from the medals purchased for the 2020 Optional State Meet.

Discussion was held on account discrepancies. Sandy reported that she has no new information.

SACC Report:

USA Gymnastics Status: USA Gymnastics is hoping to come out of bankruptcy soon. A lot of positive changes are coming, and they report things are going in the right direction.

WA Membership Status: 916 athletes, 166 Professional Members and 29 Registered Clubs (one of which is Northwest Aerials who is keeping their club status as they will be hosting meets in the coming seasons.)

Executive Leadership Team (ELT): Big push on Safe Sport and developing a tier system to help clubs, athletes, parents, and coaches know how, when and to whom they should report violations to.

ACE Program: USA Gymnastics will be revisiting the new name for the “Junior Olympic Program.” Although ACE Program was originally selected, it was discovered that the acronym “ACE” has many other uses and not all are appropriate for what USA Gymnastics is pushing to achieve.

State Championship Dates:

Discussion was held to see if moving the State Championship dates would be possible. Three issues with moving the meets were discussed 1) Facilities may not be available for the current meet hosts to move the

meet. 2) Optional State and Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond State are already scheduled for the last qualification weekend for the Regional Championships and 3) There is no indication that the Regional and above meets will be moved. Therefore, the committee chose not to take any action at this time.

Website:

Our website host has changed, however we have the same web address, www.usagwashington.com. The site will be updated regularly and if you see anything that needs changed or updated, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren. Discussion was held on what clubs could be listed on the website. ** see addendum

State Clinic Update

Theme will be 2021 Olympics and will be held on July 23-25, 2021.

Contract will be signed in January 2021. Funds from Snohomish County Grant (\$17,400) and donations (\$5,000) will be used on the facilities costs for Lynnwood Convention Center rental (3 days ~ 12 hours a day), includes technology, food, and room set-ups.

Athlete showcase will be Saturday night and is open to all Level 9/10's in the USA. Discussion was held on if we should charge out of state athletes and Laurie pointed out that it would violate NCAA rules to charge for some and not others.

Discussion was held on prices for judges and if we could allow judges to attend for free as they have in the past. Adana, Susan and Sandy will write letters to try to cover the Washington Judges Fees with donations. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Recommendation to use the Lynnwood Convention Center for the State Clinic for 2021.

Motion: Frank

Second: Laurie

PASSED

Athlete Tracker:

Nicole was asked for her prepared report prior to the Committee choosing to bring forward the discussion regarding the appointed position not being consistent with the job description set in the State Handbook. Athlete Tracker is listed under the responsibility of the Secretary and thus to change the job description of an elected position, the committee must take a vote to do so.

~~**Recommendation that Nicole Elves be the athlete tracker under Supervision of Susan.**~~

Motion: Sandy

Second: Kevin

4 in favor; 6 opposed

DEFEATED

Monthly Club Owners Calls:

This topic was removed from the agenda. Currently, if any calls with club owners take place it will not be a part of USAG Washington. If as Owner Rep, Kim would like to start them up, she may do so.

NAWGJ Report:

13 meet requests have been submitted. One has changed dates and one has cancelled. The 10 for 10 check list developed by the National NAWGJ office will be sent to all meet directors. These forms should be filled out and returned to Patty ASAP. 10 for 10 is not required, it is highly recommended as it will give judges valuable information about the meet and the precautions the club is taking to keep everyone

healthy. It was emphasized that this form will not determine if judges are assigned to your meet, it simply gives judges more information when deciding to accept the meet assignment.

Question was asked if judges will be assigned to a meet if the club is not current membership of USAG. For instance, if a club is waiting to renew their club membership but would like to send in the judging request form.** See addendum.

Committee Reports:

Susan: nothing to report

Adriane: nothing to report

Frank: One new topic to be brought up in new business

Kevin: nothing new to report

Adana: nothing new to report

Yulia: TOP's Questions: Testing dates TBA, there will be a testing at the State Clinic on July 23, 2021.

All TOP's for 2020 have been cancelled. Awaiting more information on 2021.

Laurie: nothing new to report

Jan: nothing new to report

Bekah: nothing new to report

Nola: nothing new to report

New Business:

Budget

Discussion on state budget. Sandy is working on a budget for approval.

Handbook

Discussion on updating the handbook. Sandy reported that the handbook will be updated after each meeting.

Facebook Page

Discussion was held on Washington Professional Members Facebook Page not being available to all members. Sandy said she would change the name of the Facebook page.

Committee Appointment

Recommendation to appoint Janine Bell to the State Committee as a non-voting member as the Mental Health Specialist.

Motion: Frank

Second: Susan

PASSED

Meeting Recording

Discussion was held about the meeting being recorded. The recording will be deleted when the meeting is over.

National NAWGJ:

The National NAWGJ has been working on the "Skill Model Video Project" with specific elements to educate judges in recognizing the characteristics and quality of a skill which separates an excellent performance from a good or basic performance in hopes of making deductions more consistent across the country. They have started with Uneven Bars and can be found on the National NAWGJ website under education. A link will be added from our state's website.

Discussion was held with regards to the judging shortage Nationally-Regionally-Locally. It was reported

that several things are being done to help, such as coaches encouraging former or current gymnasts to reach out to the State Judging Director, Patty Ames, who will assist them in the process of becoming a women's gymnastics judge. They must be 16 years old to test at the Compulsory and/or 7/8 level. There will also be a concerted effort to improve the diversity of our judging community.

Next meeting will be in December, date/time TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 am PST

ADDENDEM:

The Regional Committee Chairman and National Committee Chairman indicated to Sandy that a club does not need to have a sanction but does need to be a Member Club to request judges through NAWGJ. Clubs that have not renewed their Club Membership will also be removed from the current website until they are current with USA Gymnastics.

Respectively submitted by Susan Riley.