



FL NAWGJ Board Meeting via Zoom

June 9, 2021

Susan Monahan called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

Clinic Chair	Mark Robbins	Present
Ethics Chair	Pam Sherwood	Present
Event Coordinator	Patricia Lydon	Present
Media Specialist	Vinnie Silber	Present
Mentor Chair	Susan Lomas	Present
North/Central Assigner	Carol Curley	Present
South Assigner	Sharyn Strickland	Present
Secretary	Debbie Hyde	Present
State Judging Director	Susan Monahan	Present
Volunteer Coordinator	Kevn McNamara	Present, <i>left early</i>
NAWGJ President	Cookie Batsche	Absent, <i>non-voting</i>
FL USAG SC	Toni Rand	Absent, <i>non-voting</i>
Distinguished Guest	Evelyn Chandler	Absent <i>non-voting</i>



Susan M. relayed some information from the FL USA Gymnastics summer meeting (June 3, 2021)

- The FL USAG Committee has voted once again to continue to use FL NAWGJ as the official assigners for all FL qualifying competitions.
- Susan Monahan has been approved to continue as the CPE Coordinator for FL USAG.
- The Committee has voted to return to 2-judge panels for all levels and at all qualifiers.

Financial Reporting

- We are currently in our 3rd financial quarter and have \$34,885.95 in our account. Some expenses still to come in include: summer clinics, compulsory testing reimbursement and Judges' Cup.
- All cancelled meets from last season were given a credit for this year. An email was sent to all in January that listed their credit amount. The deadline to use the credit was May 1, 2021. Eight Meet Directors used their credits (\$198 total) and nine did not.

Annual Reports

- Two annual reports were presented and briefly discussed. They are:
 1. STATE JUDGING DIRECTOR'S - ANNUAL REPORT FORM
June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021
Total number of NAWGJ Member Judges: 111 (as of May 31)
Total number of Meets Assigned: 76 (Note: a multiple-day meet counts as 1 meet)
Total number of Judging Assignments: 704 (Each judge assigned to a meet = 1 assignment)
Total number of newsletters/email communications: Website, FB page, YouTube pg
Total number of NAWGJ Sponsored Clinics: 5
Total number of Times Exam Given: 1

2. FL JUDGES BY RATING

4/5=10%	10=35%
7/8=12%	N=29%
9=9%	B=5%

USAG RATED JUDGES - FLORIDA (as of 5/23/21)

	4/5	7/8	9	10	National	Brevet USA	Brevet FIG
TOTAL - 186	70	16	18	40	33	5	4
Active - 113 (61%)	11	13	10	40	33	5	1
Inactive - 73 (39%)	59	3	8	0	0	0	3

Testing Updates

- Compulsory Levels 4-5:
 - On-line exams should be available through USA Gymnastics on August 1, 2021
 - FL NAWGJ will reimburse the \$25 exam fee for all current FL NAWGJ members (1 time). Deadline to submit an exam receipt will be October 10, 2021.
- Optional Levels 8-10:
 - FL is offering 1 test in the 2021-2022 season. It is scheduled during the weekend of September 18-19 (Judges' Cup) at Wiregrass Sports Complex in Wesley Chapel.
 - Beginning August 1, 2022 Optional written exams should be online, while the practical exam will continue to be required to be conducted live with a certified Test Administrator.
- National / Brevet Testing Eligibility:
 - 51 FL judges are eligible to test National/Brevet in 2022. If all pass, then 49.5% of FL judges will have a National + rating.
 - Submission is now open and runs through midnight, November 1, 2021. All submissions should be sent to Marian Dykes, Evelyn Chandler and Susan Monahan.

2022 National Judges' Cup: Will be held in New Orleans, LA on January 7-9, 2022. Susan M. will update the application form, start promoting the opportunity and get the form uploaded onto our website. The Board will select the final applicant(s) at our next meeting in October 2021.

- **Recommendation to budget for and send one/two judges to the 2022 National Judges' Cup.**

Motion: Pam Sherwood

Second: Kevn McNamara

Passed unanimously

National Gymnastics Association (NGA): Some discussion ensued regarding NGA and how it impacts FL judging. This year there are only 2 meets that have indicated they will host NGA session(s) attached to their USAG qualifier. Judges who accept contracts for these meets will need to purchase an NGA membership and fulfill all necessary requirements (background check, Safe Sport, Concussion Course, etc.). For this year, judges will be contacted directly by the Assigner and asked if they are willing to accept an NGA session and comply with their membership rules. It is important that judges know there is NO negative consequence if they decide that they do not want to join NGA and this will not affect their availability for other meets on those weekends. Assigning will commence as usual based on our current standards (special requests, affiliation, location, rating, etc.).

SJD Workshop 2021: This years' SJD Workshop will be held in Seattle, WA on July 8-10, 2021. Due to a potential surgery, Susan M. is unable to attend this year and Debbie Hyde has agreed to step as her proxy.

Around The Table:

- **Event Coordinator – Patricia Lydon:** FL NAWGJ Judges’ Cup is September 17-19, 2019 at Wiregrass Sports Complex. Three rooms have been set aside for our use (testing, meetings, etc.). Critique sheets need to be developed in order to align with the new routines. Susan L., Pam S. and Susan M. volunteered to assist in creating the sheets. Patricia will develop a Google doc to sign up for JC. Considerations include carpooling with full mileage, single drivers with reduced mileage and hotel room needs. Gift suggestions for the judges is needed.
- **Mentor Chair – Susan Lomas:** Currently there are 15 people who have inquired about becoming a judge. Susan always communicates with these people and sends them information. She is encouraging them to attend the practice judging clinic in Melbourne in August. She is also in the process of organizing a committee of 3 to 4 people to streamline the mentoring process more affectively.
- **Volunteer Chair – Kevn McNamara:** We had 17 volunteers for 9/10 Regionals in Bradenton in April (15 from FL and 2 from SC) and 38 volunteers for Nationals in Daytona in May (34 from FL and 4 from other states). We provided judges’ gifts for a total of 43 judges (9 for Regionals & 34 for Nationals) at a cost of \$682.12 – all expenses for Volunteers and judges’ gifts came in under budget. The next volunteer opportunities are Level 6-8 Training Camp in St. Pete (TBT) on July 23-24, followed by Judges’ Cup in September.
- **Assigners – Carol Curley & Sharyn Strickland:** It is hoped that assigning will be back to normal this season. It is anticipated that USA Gymnastics will set a priority assigning guideline as in years’ past, i.e. –
 1. Those who have tested/passed the new compulsory routines (expiration 12/31/2029).
 2. Those who have tested/failed the new compulsory routines (expiration 12/31/2021).
 3. Those who have not yet tested the new compulsory routines (expiration 12/31/2021).
- **Ethics Chair – Pam Sherwood:** National NAWGJ has created 2 new canons. They are:
 1. You cannot give out the judges’ contact list or use the judges’ contact list for non-NAWGJ business.
 2. Judges should not claim that they were at a clinic when they did not attend it.Pam also plans to put out a reminder that judges should be cognizant of what they post on social media. There have not been any Covid updates from USA Gymnastics or NAWGJ.
- **Clinic Chair – Mark Robbins:** Summer 2021 clinics are all set and Mark is following up with Cookie’s work in putting these together while Mark was gone. Next project is the Fall Brush Ups and Mark plans to contact the previous coordinators and utilize the same format as in 2020. It proved to be successful. A bit of brainstorming commenced about Test Prep clinics in 2022, but no decisions were made yet.
- **Media Specialist – Vinnie Silber:** Our Facebook page has 662 members (friends) and is up 97%. We’re getting several likes and shares from other states. Our NAWGJ FL website has also been well received. At the completion of his report, Vinnie announced that he is retiring from judging and therefore needs to also resign from his position on the FL NAWGJ Board. Susan M. has accepted his resignation and this will become effective on July 31, 2021.

Open Forum: Susan M. asked Vinnie to leave the meeting so the remainder of the members could discuss the future of the Media Specialist position. Vinnie signed off and much discussion followed. Due to his valuable and experienced skill set, Susan M. suggested that Vinnie be appointed to the position, thus making it a non-voting position on the Board. Some members felt that we should continue to keep it a voting position and offer it up to the general membership to promote “new blood” and opportunity. Every member voiced an opinion and then Susan M. called for a motion and a vote.

➤ **A number of things were proposed:**

- 1. The Media Specialist position be appointed until the end of this current term (7/31/2021).**
- 2. We will create, post and advertise a detailed application form for the position.**
- 3. The deadline to submit the application form will be September 1, 2021.**
- 4. Only current FL NAWGJ members will be eligible to apply.**
- 5. The Board will review all applications received and make the final decision soon after the 9/1/21 deadline.**

Motion: Sharyn Strickland

Second: Mark Robbins

Approve - 5

Oppose - 1

Passed

Final discussion revolved around FL NAWGJ to purchase a Zoom Pro account.

➤ **Recommendation to research and purchase a Zoom Pro package for future meetings.**

Motion: Patricia Lydon

Second: Pam Sherwood

Passed unanimously

Our next Board meeting will be October 13, 2021. Topics to include: NJC applications, new budget, Green Flag award

Meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm