



## FL NAWGJ Board Meeting via Zoom

August 3, 2020

Susan Monahan called the meeting to order at 6:33 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
NAWGJ President	Cookie Batsche	Present <i>non-voting</i>
FL USAG SC	Toni Rand	Present <i>non-voting</i>
Distinguished Guest	Evelyn Chandler	Absent <i>non-voting</i>



Susan Monahan welcomed all returning Board members and new Clinic Chair member Mark Robbins. Thank you to outgoing member Cookie Batsche for all she's done to help and support FL NAWGJ. Her new position as NAWGJ President is a whole new learning curve.

All Board members have signed the NAWGJ Conflict of Interest & Confidentiality form and copies have been sent to Diane Thompson (RJD) and Ann Hepner (NAWGJ VP).

FL NAWGJ has been approved as the official assigners for all USA Gymnastics FL qualifying meets by the USAG FL Committee. The Committee has also approved Susan M. to replace Nikki Spinelli as the State CPE Coordinator.

### I. SJD Overview & Comments

- **USAG Rated Judges** – FL report (3356 total USAG rated judges nationwide)
  - (1) TX – 215
  - (2) OH – 192
  - (3) FL – 186 (5.5 % of all USAG judges)

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

## USAG RATED JUDGES - FLORIDA as of 7/16/20

	4/5	7/8	9	10	National	Brevet USA	Brevet FIG
<b>TOTAL - 186</b>	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

- Susan M. presented the current financial report and up-to-date budget. We ended the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (7/31/20) with \$36,660.93 in our account. Due to the unexpected pandemic, we will most likely end our fiscal year slightly over budget (by approximately \$4000), which is not too bad considering.
  - 2020 Judges' Cup had to be cancelled which is our largest source of income.
  - Several expenditures were also cancelled (SJD travel, summer clinics).
  - Toni told the Board that USAG FL has decided to give credits to any meet that cancels this season due to the pandemic (deadlines are September 1 and October 1, 2020).

- **Recommendation that FL NAWGJ credit/refund the assigning fees for all Fall meets that cancel by September 1, 2020 and for all Springs meets that cancel by October 1, 2020.**

**Motion: Kevn McNamara**

**Second: Vinnie Silber**

***Passed unanimously***

- The new Budget runs from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021. Susan M. will start working on it soon and will require all positions that have an individual budget to submit their numbers and rationals. Those positions include: Clinic, Media Specialist, Mentor, Event Specialist & Volunteer.

- **After brief discussion, it was recommended that FL NAWGJ send one person to National Judges' Cup (January 8-10, 2021 in Louisville, KY) and also select an alternate. If NJC is large enough, the alternate will be offered the opportunity to attend.**

**Motion: Carol Curley**

**Second: Kevn McNamara**

***Passed unanimously*** (This alternate decision will be made closer to the meet.)

✓ Action Item – Susan M. will update the NJC application form and send it out to the general membership within the next month. Debbie will assist in making the travel arrangements.

- **After brief discussion, it was recommended that FL NAWGJ pay the compulsory testing fees for all FL NAWGJ members next summer.**

**Motion: Susan Lomas**

**Second: Carol Curley**

***Passed unanimously*** (Not required to pass exam to receive one time payment.)

- Testing Update: Two tests were being offered in FL this year. The first one has been postponed to August 15 at Metro Gymnastics. The second test was scheduled to be held in conjunction with Judges' Cup in September, but has been cancelled along with the meet.
- Uniform: Cookie showed the Board a YouTube video that models new uniform pieces – 2 varieties of the jacket and the starfish pants. Lands' End is also creating a dress for NAWGJ and a collarless jacket. These should be available in the next few months.
- FL NAWGJ Handbook: Pam is making edits and updates to our Handbook. Once more info is known, she will write a pandemic statement to be included in the book. Final edition will be posted on our website.

✓ Action Item – Susan M. will get the edits from Pam and format/complete the Handbook. After which, it will go to Vinnie to post on our website.

- National NAWGJ & FL NAWGJ both have YouTube channels. We would like to expand ours and create and/or add more content. We encourage everyone to subscribe to both.

- A Committee has been formed to investigate the possibility of “Committee Assigning” for the future. This initial committee consists of Sharyn Strickland, Carol Curley, Susan Monahan, Evelyn Chandler & Debbie Hyde. Its mission is to research, create and implement a plan.
- Connie Maloney has made the decision that the Region 7 virtual clinic, Region 4 virtual clinic and National Congress are all considered “live” and are eligible for National/Brevet testing requirements.

✓ Action Item – Susan M. will get the new flash drive of routines to Susan L. who will then make copies for all Board members and Brush Up Coordinators for use whenever they need them.

## II. SACC Report: Toni Rand

- An Impact Statement outlining our commitment to Florida gymnastics was sent to all USAG FL Committee members on behalf of FL NAWGJ.
- Meet and judging guidelines from USA Gymnastics have not been finalized yet.
- National NAWGJ has created a Meet Director’s survey and FL NAWGJ has added a few more questions. We will send to all MDs and then post results on our website for judge’s reference.
- Level 1-4 & Xcel have been approved to allow 1-judge panels at FL qualifiers (this year only).
- Compulsory State Meet has been rescheduled to February 5-7, 2021 in conjunction with the Daytona Beach Open.
- Assign local judges whenever possible to keep costs down.
- Mileage caps no longer apply.
- Sessions will most likely be smaller with longer breaks in between for cleaning.
- Per diem may be offered in lieu of providing meals at meets.
- Judges need to be prepared to have fewer contracts this year.
- Toni will ask Meet Directors to provide phone numbers to the Assigners for better communications.
- USAG FL will conduct 4 separate compulsory clinics next summer after the Master Workshops are done. FL Clinics will be June 12-13, 2021 – Jacksonville & Tampa + June 19-20, 2021 – Orlando & South Florida.

## III. Assigners: Carol Curley & Sharyn Strickland

Fall assigning will begin on September 2 and Spring assigning will begin on October 2, 2020. This allows for all meet cancellations to be made known and the calendar to finalize. Assigners asked for the MD phone number to be listed on the request forms to aid communication. Toni will do this.

## IV. Clinic Chair: Mark Robbins

Mark talked about the Fall/Winter Brush Up Clinics in light of the pandemic. There are concerns about holding them in people’s homes this year due to safety and liability. A committee was formed (Mark, Patricia and Pam) to discuss ideas and will present their findings at our next meeting in October. He will also talk with Serena & Toni about the State Clinic next summer and how we can merge with it.

## V. Mentor Chair: Susan Lomas

Susan is considering forming a small committee of dedicated individuals to become mentors. It may work out better than the system currently being used.

## VI. Volunteer Coordinator: Kevn McNamara

The next upcoming volunteer opportunity is Level 9/10 Regionals in Bradenton over the weekend of April 16-18, 2021. Kevn will put out information and request volunteers after the first of the year.

## VII. Media Specialist: Vinnie Silber

Our website and Facebook subscribers are growing nicely. Vinnie would like to expand and add more content to our YouTube channel.

### **VIII. Ethics Chair: Pam Sherwood**

Social media issues continue to be the largest concern – judging and rescoring routines from competitions. Pam contacts all violators and complaints with an ethics letter of warning. She will present some of these issues at the general membership meeting.

**Our next Board meeting will be conducted over Zoom on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, beginning at 6:30 pm. Agenda items include:**

- General membership meeting feedback
- Judging items from the USAG FL Committee meeting (October 4, 2020)
- National Judges Cup selections
- 2020-2021 Budget approval
- Fall/Summer Clinics

➤ **Moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion: Susan Lomas**

**Second: Vinnie Silber**

***Passed unanimously***

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm**