



## FL NAWGJ Board Meeting

Tampa, FL (Test Prep Clinic @ USF)

August 4, 2018



Susan Monahan called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

Clinic Chair	Cookie Batsche	Present
Ethics Chair	Pam Sherwood	Present
Event Coordinator	Patricia Lydon	Present
Media Specialist	Vinnie Silber	Present
Mentor Chair	Susan Lomas	Present
North/Central Assignor	Carol Curley	<i>online with gotomeeting.com</i>
South Assignor	Sharyn Strickland	Present
Secretary	Debbie Hyde	Present
State Judging Director	Susan Monahan	Present
Volunteer Coordinator	Kevn McNamara	Present
NAWGJ President	Evelyn Chandler	<i>non-voting Present (had to leave at 7:00 pm)</i>
FL USAG SC	Toni Rand	<i>non-voting Absent</i>

Susan welcomed all newly elected Board members: Pam Sherwood, Ethics Chair; Vinnie Silber, Media Specialist; Debbie Hyde, Secretary

All Board members signed Conflict of Interest & Confidentiality forms and returned them to Susan. She will keep the originals and send PDF's to Cookie Batsche (RJD) **Completed 8/6/18**

### I. RJD & Clinic Chair Report: Cookie Batsche

Cookie spoke first so that Evelyn (who needed to leave early) could be involved in next year's clinic discussion and decisions. After some feedback, it was decided that FL NAWGJ (with the approval of USAG FL) would host a judging clinic in conjunction with the State Clinic at ACE on July 27-28, 2019. The focus would primarily be for Level 9 rated judges and below since they tend to be less likely to attend out of state clinics and Symposiums. Clinic topics included a coach's session to explain the new rules and perhaps a session on judging the new 6/7 vault. It was also favorably decided to continue hosting our Fall Brush Up clinics. Sharyn will definitely host a Brush Up and other sites are yet to be decided. In the past we have hosted 5 different sites/locations around the state – South area (Sharyn), Ft Myers area (Kevn), Orlando (Susan L.), Tampa (Kevn) and Gainesville (Amy D.)

- ✓ **Action Item – Susan M. will purchase sanctions from USAG to cover all Brush Ups so that they may also earn CPE clinic hours.**

All is going well. Cookie mentioned that she is very proud of the work that Region 8 is doing and that the R8 SJD's have been instrumental in making changes at the National Board level. Brenda Eberhard - LA SJD, has been selected as the National Website Director (non-voting member on the National Board). Cookie is also heading up the Request For Projects (RFP) awards program, which is due by November 1, 2018.

- ✓ **Action Item – Susan M. will email the RFP form to the general membership soon.**

Cookie is also on the Ratings Task Force Committee for National NAWGJ and they hope to come up with a proposal for USAG that involves more knowledge with less stress.

## II. SJD Overview & Comments

- Financial Report: We currently have \$47,474.65 in our account as we finished the 3rd quarter on 7/31/18. There are still some sizable expenses coming up before our fiscal year (10/31/18) ends. A copy of our budget to date was submitted as well.
- Testing Update: 40 of our 112 active judges were eligible to test National or Brevet. There has been a very high rate of passing. Evelyn Chandler mentioned that a more positive and stress free testing is being discussed by USAG. Nat'l NAWGJ will be discussing categories within the National rating at their next meeting.
- USAG Rated Judges Report: (2290 active NAWGJ members nationwide)
  - 3038 Total USAG Rated Judges: (1) TX – 186, (2) FL – 172 (5.7 % of all USAG judges), (3) OH - 159, (4) Nor Cal - 139 and (5) PA - 133
  - FL judges by rating (below)

### USAG RATED JUDGES – FLORIDA (as of 7/30/18)

	4/5	7/8	9	10	National	Brevet USA	Brevet FIG
<b>TOTAL - 168</b>	52	22	19	34	35	6	4
Active - 112 (65%)	17	15	14	29	33	4	0
Inactive - 60 (35%)	35	7	5	5	2	2	4

- Beginning in 2019, National NAWGJ will be implementing Term Limits for the SJD and RJD positions. All other positions (National Board and SGB's will follow suit at a later date).
- Sharyn Strickland mentioned that the new “decline” button on GymJas is working great and assigning has started and is going smoothly. Sharyn left the meeting at this point.
- 2019 National NAWGJ Symposium: July 11-14, 2019 at the Renaissance Hotel in Ft. Worth, TX
  - Discounts and incentives for members to attend was discussed in-depth.
  - **Motion: Susan Lomas            Moved to give a \$100 rebate to each member who goes to National NAWGJ Symposium in 2019 to assist with their expenses.**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>:        Kevn McNamara    Passed unanimously**
- National Judges’ Cup: Will be held in Overland Park, KS, January 4-6, 2019. Anticipated expenses will be around \$1700 if we send 2 judges like we have done in the past.
  - **Motion: Cookie Batsche        Moved to pay the expenses for 2 FL NAWGJ members to attend the National Judges’ Cup in 2019.**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>:        Susan Lomas        Passed unanimously**
- ✓ **Action Item – Susan M. will update the NJC application form and send it out to the general membership. Debbie will work with Susan to coordinate the trip.**

## III. Assigning Report: Carol Curley

Carol needs a list of non-compliant judges for assigning purposes. She would also like a list of those who have passed their tests. Susan will coordinate with Nikki Spinelli (CPE) and compile a non-compliant list for both assigners. As SJD, Susan is the only one authorized to change ratings for the judges in the GymJas system. She has been keeping up with this as test results come in. Carol requested that judges be reminded frequently to update their information on the assigning site.

## IV. Mentor Chair Report: Susan Lomas

Susan has been responding to all those who have inquired about becoming a judge. A number have registered for testing at various sites in August and also in September at Judges Cup. She needs a list of all

new testers (taking the 4/5 exam) from all Test Administrators in order to organize practice judging sessions at Judges' Cup. She has provided DVD's for study purposes to a number of judges and has broken even on sales.

**V. Volunteer Coordinator's Report: Kevn McNamara**

There are no Regional meets being held in Florida in 2019. Kevn will assist Patricia with Judges' Cup this year and assist other positions as needed.

**VI. Event Coordinator's Report: Patricia Lydon**

Patricia presented a draft volunteer form and asked for feedback on mileage, ride sharing and hotels. She will update the form and keep the .35 per mile reimbursement (paid round trip for ride share drivers, while solo drivers will receive .35/mile one way only). Critiques will be done by team per event like last time. After this year we will reevaluate to continue the critiques or not.

- ✓ Action Item – Patricia will get the finalized volunteer form out to the membership ASAP.

**VII. Secretary's Report: Debbie Hyde**

Debbie will assist Susan M. with National Judges' Cup as mentioned above. She will also undertake other duties as assigned or needed.

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

Pam will update the FL NAWGJ Handbook. She will tackle the uniform issue and write something up about what is proper and what is not to be distributed to the judges. Once the new R&P is published, Pam will update our Handbook to the new rules and guidelines.

- ✓ Action Item – The goal is to have the Handbook updated and completed prior to Judges' Cup in September so that it can be printed and given out to the new judges. Susan emailed the Handbook to Pam and R&P was recently released.

**IX. Media Specialist's Report: Vinnie Silber**

Vinnie is completely revamping the FL NAWGJ Website and has already looked into Go Daddy – it is more user friendly, cost effective and interactive. It should launch within a few months once testing is over and he can concentrate on this project better. Funds still remain in the account and can be used for this venture. Susan M. will approve all information before it is placed on the site. Cookie mentioned that nothing can be placed on any of our social media (website, Facebook) that can be construed as benefitting a business without NAWGJ National Board approval.

- ✓ Action Item – Vinnie will build the new website with a projected launch date within 90 days.

- **Motion: Cookie Batsche**      **Moved to adjourn the meeting.**  
2<sup>nd</sup>:      **Susan Lomas**      **Passed unanimously**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm**

**Next meeting scheduled for January 17, 2019 (Thursday) in conjunction with the Sand Dollar Meet in Kissimmee at the Silver Spurs Arena**