

# 2009 Spring Board Meeting

Saturday, March 21, 2009

6:14 PM

## **Present:**

Nick Hitchcock  
Tom Buese  
Jermiah Garrett  
Samer El-Awad  
Lanny Mills  
Juha Tanskanen  
Shawn Clement  
Keith Dunton  
Al Sharns  
Ryan Markham  
Neal Blocher  
Jeff Kraft  
Shane Uson  
Marcelino Ijueua  
Tony Mason  
Jonathan Conrad  
Curtis Wilson

The Spring Board Meeting was called to order Curtis Wilson at 6:36 and seconded by Jonathan Conrad

## **Agenda Items:**

### 1. Opening Statements

- Minutes from Fall Meeting were reviewed. Hard copy minutes were not available and Shawn instructed everyone who had not read the minutes where to find them. Lanny Mills made a motion to accept the minutes and the motion was seconded by Juha Tanskanen. The Fall Meeting Minutes were accepted.

### 2. Financial Report

- The financial report was reviewed. Jonathan Conrad made a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded by Bill Fringer.

### 3. Web Site

- Shawn Clement asked for input and told people to review

#### 4. Qualifying Scores For Regional's

- Shawn Clement instructed everyone on where to get the information and discussed what the qualifying scores are. There were no comments

#### 5. Qualifying Scores For Nationals

- Shawn Clement instructed everyone on where to get the information and discussed what the qualifying scores are.
- Shawn explained quota system
- Jonathan Conrad asked if a level 9 out of age group can qualify to Regional's. Shawn said yes...but they do not get to go to Nationals

#### 6. State Clinic

- Discussion Items:

- The weekend will remain the same. June 12th-14th.
- Co-insides with the elite camp
- Shawn said that we do well with using in state clinicians
- Shawn asked if there was any questions
- Kids Sports USA will host a State Future Stars Meet/Fall Clinic in conjunction with the Fall Meeting. Dates TBA

- Michigan Elite Clinic

- Top 6 (Age 10 - 11) - Level 9
- Top 6 (Age 10 and Up) - Level 9
- Top 6 - Level 10 babies
- Top 6 - Level 10 older guys
  
- Juha Tanskanen will contact clubs and athletes on who qualified
  
- Lanny Mills posed a question. Separate Elite Clinic from State Clinic - Too much stress on one gym.
  
- Shawn recommended following Juha's suggestions for splitting the elite camp from the state camp.
  
- Shawn asked who is willing to host elite clinic: June 12- 14.
  
- Bid - Mid Michigan, MAG

- Juha Tanskanen made a motion to vote on the bid. The motion was seconded by Curtis Wilson.

QA: Would location effect decision of if kids would attend.

### **Vote Results:**

Mid-Michigian - 4  
MAG - 5

- Sending Junior Coach to Nat Workshop
  - No one applied for 2008
  - 2nd week of November:
  - For 2009 a coach must submit an application to Shawn Clement by July 27<sup>th</sup>. The application will be posted on the usag-mi.org web site by the end of June. The State board will then review all applicants and make a selection by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The coach that is selected must do the following upon return:
    - Video of Camp
    - Notes on camp
    - Coach that goes must share Knowledge
    - We will try again as long as the finds are available
- Judge & Coach of the Year (General Discussion)
  - Shawn: Online worked well
  - Election Process: General Discussion
- **Juha Tanskanen made a proposal for new selection criterion.**

### **Detailed Proposal:**

#### **Proposal for Annual Awards given by USAG-MI**

After several emails and somewhat confused conversations between board members I have come to the conclusion that the current system does not satisfactorily define the awards and their relations to actual achievements acquired.

Therefore I think that it is time to restructure the award system for the year 2010 and beyond to match what is happening on the field in the real life. This may cause us to revoke voting privileges from the public or at the minimum

limit these rights to manageable level. System where everyone can nominate anyone looks good on paper but does not reflect actual coaching or judging or gymnastics achievements but rather encourages my friend – your friend approach.

This in mind my suggestion is to split both coaching and judging categories into two separate awards. In the coaching ranks this would be Optional (8-10) and Compulsory (4-7) coach of the year award. In the judging recognitions we would go back to what used to be the method: National and JO judge of the year.

Third category (what ever the name is) would be totally outside these two categories, and a person could achieve this recognition by being an asset to the gymnastics community within the state of Michigan in any other way. These other ways could include but would not be limited to; organizing boys meets that go above and beyond the norm and has the strong support of membership, organizing clinics, training camps and –seminars, volunteering time for abovementioned duties, supporting such events with participating athletes, volunteering their facilities to be hosts of such events, educating coaches and judges thus spreading the knowledge within the community, unselfishly and willingly acting in any other way towards the betterment of gymnastics within the state.

In this category, if needed, longer than one year time spans could be used to better identify and evaluate the achievements of potential award recipients.

For the coaching and judging awards selection criterion would be pre-determined to eliminate any voting needs thus keeping emotional influence to minimum. Nominees for the general gymnastics award (for lack of better term) would be selected by the board after careful evaluation of each individuals “gymnastics resume”. Afterwards voting would be opened for the membership with each nominee’s accomplishments published.

### **Coach of the Year selection criterion:**

Time period would be from State meet to the State Meet. (mid March – mid March)

Selected coach would be the coach whose athlete accomplishes the highest single achievement on the following lists. In the case of two or more athletes achieving the same exact number, highest ranked athlete within that category would be honored.

(Age groups in the following list follow National team guidelines for USAG)

#### **Optional Coach of the Year**

- Olympic team member
- World Championships team member
- Senior National Team Member
- Level 10 Junior National team member
- Athlete competing at the USA Championships
- Level 9 Junior National Team member

- L 10 Event medalist at the Junior Olympic Championships
- L 9 Event medalist at the Junior Olympic Championships
- Athlete attending the Ricky Deci Memorial camp
- L 10 Regional team champions (either age group or both, in case of split higher team score)
- L 9 Regional team champions (12-13)
- Region V team member (actual competing athlete)
- Athlete attending the Region V all star camp (traveling squad)
- Athlete attending the Region V training camp
- L 10 State team champions
- L 9 State team champions
- L 8 Regional team champions
- L 8 State team champions
- Individual rankings from state meet in order of L10, L9 & L8

### **Compulsory Coach of the Year**

1. Level 7 Regional team champions
2. Level 6 Regional team champions
3. Level 7 Regional silver medal
4. Level 6 Regional silver medal
5. Combined “points” ranking from state meet in levels 4-7 \*

\*Points given for gold, silver and bronze only and as follows  
 Gold (team and/or individual AA) 5 points  
 Silver (team and/or individual AA) 3 points  
 Bronze (team and/or individual AA) 1 point

With the points total we have the winning club and then the club can decide who is the coach to receive the award. In case of a tie between clubs we will use points/level from level 7 down

### **National Judge of the Year:**

Based on a cumulative point system using the same time span and rewarding points in a following manner: (auxiliary judges would receive 50% of points)

1. International meet ran by USAG, FIG or any continental federation 7
2. International meet ran by individual organization 6
3. Senior level USAG meet (championships etc) 5
4. NCAA Championships 4
5. BIG TEN Championships 3
6. College Tri+ meet (Windy City etc) 2
7. College Dual meet 1

## **JO Judge of the Year:**

Based on a cumulative point system using the same time span and rewarding points in the following manner:

1. Junior Olympic Championships	5
2. Region V Championships	4
3. State Meet	3
4. Out of state Invitational	2
5. In state Invitational	1

Respectfully submitted by:  
Juha Tanskanen

### **Highlights:**

- Compulsory Coach of the year
  - Optional Coach of the year
  - The board will suggest all awards (top three) general membership picks who should get the award. Board will have criterion to go by
  - Cindy Sharens - Slate until fall meeting and criterion has been published in the spring meeting minutes. General membership will have a chance to review.
- Elections for State Chair
    - Shawn will remain as state chair for the next two years
  - Subjects from the floor
    - Michigan follows the National Rules and Policies. Any of State's rules and policies are posted in the minutes from the spring and fall meetings. The minutes are posted on the usag-mi.org web site.

**Motion to adjourn by Shawn Clement at 8:04. The motion was seconded by Ryan Markham**

**Respectfully submitted by Bill Fringer, Secretary**