

Call to order: October 3rd, 2009 at 6:21 pm Shawn/Jonathon
Attending: See List

1. Opening statements from the boards
 - a. Communication: Suggestions:
 - b. No suggestions on how to better service
 - c. Review of Spring Meeting Minutes
 - i. Tony asked if any coaches were put up Future Stars Camp in Co
 - ii. No one contacted Shawn – No follow up was completed by Shawn
 - iii. Motion to approve – Shawn/Tony
2. Financial Report:
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 - a. Al asked how much money the state clinic made. Shawn estimated 800 into the account.
 - b. Al asked how many kids were at the state clinic? Shawn said that there were 68 kids.
 - c. Motion to approve financial report – Jonathon / Derick
4. Elite Camps/State Clinic:
 - a. Clinic Report:
 - i. 68 kids
 - ii. Great feedback from kids and parents
 - iii. Format is good
 - iv. Brandon asked if the evaluation could be updated – general discussion , make the evaluation current
 - v. Less skills will make for a quicker evaluation
 - vi. Brandon volunteered to the state clinic evaluation
 - vii. Jonathon asked if the separation (state & elite clinic) was good. Juha said that the elite kids were more focused. Al and Shawn confirmed Juha's statement.
 - viii. Shawn will handle the administrative side of setting up the elite clinic this year.
 - b. Elite Camp Report:
 - i. 12 kids
 - ii. The camp lost b/w 300-400 K.
 - iii. Juha and Shawn were disappointed in the low numbers that attended. Shawn wants to try to get the numbers up to at least 36 athletes.
 - iv. Keith suggested that maybe we should invite kids from Level 5 – 6 to increase revenues and raise interest. Juha suggested that maybe we do a physical preparation camp for these kids instead. Possibly 8 total athletes. Hand picked by coaches and Juha.
 - v. Brandon said that some of the kids did not go because it was financially restrictive. He suggested that we increase state meet entry fees to pay for the clinic. Shawn said that we could not do this because of current regulations.
 - vi. Cindy suggested to adjust date because of the increased time kids are going to be in school. Possibly just move the start date.

- vii. Curtis suggested that we see if we could get some big name athletes to help with the camp
- viii. Juha said he would check with Kurt and see what is possible.
- ix. Al suggested that the winner(s) of the Whitfield scholarship has to help at the state clinic and/or the elite clinic. Al will bring up to the board at the next meeting.

c. Dates and Site for camps:

- i. Bids will be online:
- ii. State Clinic:
 - 1. 2010 date – Fathers day weekend. June 12th-13th
 - 2. Location: Hosted by Mid-Michigan
- iii. Elite Clinic:
 - 1. 2010 Camp will be held on June 18th – 20th.
 - 2. Location: Juha suggested that this get tabled until spring meeting.

Cindy suggested that Shawn put on the website that bids need to be submitted the week b/f state meet. (March 15th 2010)

d. Dates for a fall future Stars and bids

- i. Shawn asked if Al and Cindy would host a fall future stars and hands on clinic state clinic. (9/18 – 9/19 2010). Al and Cindy agreed to host.
- ii. Fall meeting should be held on this weekend.
- iii. Juha suggested that we do a coaches clinic on Saturday and then use Sunday for a Future Stars Clinic.
- iv. Cindy suggested that the Future Stars advertisement in the state meet program and make announcements at the meet and advertise at other meets. Educate the parents and the kids.
- v. Keith suggested that possibly give special awards for those athletes that participated in Future Stars program.
- vi. Shawn stated that Michigan's numbers are low with regards to the USAG recommended age group restrictions.
- vii. Shawn suggested that if we hold a future stars evaluation, break down the age restrictions (12 yrs old doing 8 and 9 year old routines). State level only evaluation.
- viii. Juha said we cannot refer to these as Future Stars routines. Juha will check with the National staff to see what restrictions we are under. Juha will notify Shawn of their decision. If it is OK, Shawn will notify clubs to start Coach and parent education.

5. Coach and Judge of the year policies

- a. Shawn suggested that the coach and judge of the year continue as a “popularity contest”. Board gives an award to Contributor of the year award for outstanding coaching and success.
- b. Shawn thought that Juha's point system may promote sand bagging.
- c. Al (Cindy) suggested that maybe we have a rookie coach of the year.

- d. Cindy suggested that we separate and have a compulsory coach of the year and an optional coach of the year.
 - e. Al suggested using Juha's point system to build a nomination list for coach of the year (Optional & Compulsory) then put out the list to the general public for a final vote.
 - f. Contributor of the year could be decided by the board.
 - g. Jonathon will pick three judges for coach of the year, then put out the list to the general public for a final vote.
 - h.
6. State Meet entry policies
- a. No discussion – The policies that were put in place two years ago are still in place. See previous meeting minutes for more details.
7. Bids for State Clinic/Elite Clinic
- a. State – On line bidding – see above
 - b. Elite – Tabled until Spring meeting
8. Bids and vote for State Meet
- a. Mid-Michigan - Tony
 - b. Bounce - Jonathon
 - c. Branch – Al/Cindy
 - d. In the future all proxy votes must be sent directly to the state chair in order to be considered.
 - e. Totals by vote:
 - i. Mid-Michigan - 3
 - ii. Bounce - 2
 - iii. Branch – 7 will host 2010 state meet
9. Topics from the floor
- a. For anyone hosting a meet this year. Judges (Michigan) owns the score system (key pads and software) and will lease out for the meets. The cost is 200.00 for the weekend.
10. Adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn Juha/Tony at 8:52 PM