

MN USAG State Meeting
August 21, 2011
Minutes of the State Annual Meeting

Meeting called to Order:
10:30am CST

In Attendance:
Minnesota State Board Members and representatives of area clubs

I University of Minnesota

Jenny Hansen, Associate Head Coach of the University of Minnesota gymnastics team spoke to listeners encouraging better communication amongst members of the gymnastics community in promotion of our sport and U of M gymnastics. She talked about the Gopher Elite Kid's Club and asked gyms to find ways to show enthusiastic participation in related events. She also recommended club visits to the U of M campus. Feel free to contact her with questions or input: office: 612.624.7848, cell: 612.201.8739, email: alfx0001@umn.edu

II MNUSAG.COM

We are redesigning the state website for better communication and efficiency. We hope to have it up and running by September 2011.

III Introduction of Regional and Minnesota Board Members

Linda Thorberg	RTCC
Barb Tebbin	RJD
Bryon Hough	JOCC
Stephanie Gibbs	State Chair
Ryan Rohloff	Public Relations, XCEL committee, coaches education, L4 tracking
Sami Wozney	Zones
Mandi Gagne	Calendar, Ribbons, Minutes
Amy Blee-Dilley	Judge Liason, CPE tracker, XCEL committee
Heidi Mastro	Statistician/Athlete tracking L5-10, XCEL

IV Zones

Zones for compulsory qualifiers were determined and distributed.

V XCEL

Committee Members Introduced: Jason Violette, Ryan Rohloff, Amy Blee-Dilley, Doug Byrnes. The committee is looking for 2-3 more members. The meet calendar was distributed (and is published on the State Calendar). Numbers are up this year (nearing 300 athletes for 2011-2012). Entry fees discussed (the state recommends a max entry fee of \$35 for in-gym competitions all levels, \$45 for off-site locations for bronze/silver & \$55 for gold/platinum). USA-Gymnastics is working to standardize the program on a national level and we aim to continue to run a great program until that time where things may change (2013).

VI Level 4

The board voted to require a 30.00 AA qualifying score whereas any sanctioned L4 meet can be used as a qualifying opportunity. The entry fee for Level 4 State was set at \$55.00 per entrant. All Level 4 Meet results must be sent to Ryan Rohloff for tracking (in excel format). Scores will be flashed and a 2-judge panel is strongly recommended. We aim to continue to promote this level as achievement-oriented with team placement only. We are required to use USAG-affiliated A-1 Awards for medals. Ribbon-awards have not changed this year, but it was suggested we go the way of Level 5 in following years, which is likely (and Level 5 will go the way of Level 6, and so on).

VII Level 5/6 Format Change

With qualifiers and State moving to modified competition formats, the entry fee for qualifiers is now set at \$55 individual entry, \$40 for team, and State entry fee of \$70 (two sets of equipment). No other changes in format until further notice.

VIII Entry Fee Changes

XCEL in-gym: \$35 (recommended)
XCEL off-site: \$45 (recommended)
Level 4 State: \$55 (required)
Level 5/6 Qualifiers: \$55 (required)
Level 5/6 State: \$70
Optional State: \$75
Westerns: \$125
Nationals: \$125

IX Judges Critique Clinics

Compulsory critique set for October 23rd at Elite Gymnastics, details to be announced soon.
XCEL clinic/meeting set for October 23rd at Elite Gymnastics immediately following compulsory clinic.
Details TBA. North Shore also offered a location for an XCEL clinic/meeting only as an option as well.

Optional level critique is TBD, (possibly Dec 28 or 29) as we're looking for a facility willing to host (need 2 full floors and two full sets of bars).

Please contact Amy Blee-Dilley for more information or to offer your facility (pays \$200).

X Deadlines, Administrative fees, Policies

Head Tax is now called "Athlete Administrative Fee" and is due yearly on August 1st.

Team Rosters are due to Heidi yearly on August 1st (use the form provided on the state website)

All sanctioned meets must send results via e-mail on Excel spreadsheet (or CVS file if Excel is not possible).

All sanctioned state-sponsored meets (qualifiers and state meets) are required to send financial reports to Stephanie Gibbs. This form is found on the USAG website under "Forms".

XI Other Announcements

Contact information: Please check your club's contact information and communicate any necessary changes to Stephanie Gibbs.

XII Open Discussion

1. Suggestion to set a max admission fee for senior citizens at all meets (added to the agenda of the next board meeting)
2. Discussed admission fees for XCEL meets (state has offered recommendations)
3. Suggestion to add a chat/forum on the state website for coaches/judges ie: XCEL & maybe other topics (added to the agenda of the next board meeting)
4. Suggestion to start looking at how 2013 changes will affect the state and how to organize so we are ready ie: meet structure, what changes will be necessary, etc. (added to the agenda of the next board meeting)
5. Suggestion to experiment with online state meet registration. Bart Roskoski may assist with this starting with his meet(s).
6. State was interested in Level 8 training camps and possibly Level 7 if they would be in the state or at the same location of the 9/10 training camp (added to the agenda of the next board meeting)
7. State sponsored clinics/camps. Could use one for XCEL and possibly level 7/8 (added to the agenda of the next board meeting)