



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Sunday July 22, 2018**

Meeting Called to Order 12:37 pm

Committee Members in Attendance:

Mike Armstrong, Brent Phelps, Kelle Riley, Susan Riley, James Thompson, Kim Thomson, Jan Urfer

Welcome:

Thank you to Sandy Flores, for opening your facility for hosting the State Clinic. Thank you, Brent and the rest of the committee for putting together a great group of clinicians for our states education.

Financial Report:

\$28,803.41 was the balance as of June 30, 2018. As of the meeting, the account balance was \$21,972.18. Hotel only outstanding costs from the State Clinic not yet paid.

NAWGJA Report: Denise Green

Kathy Crawford (Education Representative), Crystal Lofton (East

Representative), Patty Ames (at Large), Kim Owens and Michelle Ripple (Assigners)

New National Level Judges: Crystal Lofton, Janine Bell, Leslie Carlson,

Please support the meets that benefit NAWGJA: Holiday Express (Metropolitan) and

Xcel Critique Meet (NWA) both in December. No Candy Corn Meet this coming season.

Communication:

Email-

Email will be the main form of communication. This is not only the preference of the National Office, it is also the best way to be sure all active members get all the information. When renewing your USAG Professional Memberships, please be sure we have the correct email on file for you, some emails have been kicked back already. We want to be sure all members get the information we provide.

Website-

We looked at other website hosts, however it cost more than we have paid in the past. As of Friday (July 20, 2018) the old website was down. Sandy Flores offered to reinstate the old website. Sandy stated she did not know the official decision to stay with the old site had been made. She would have the old site back up and running within 24 hours. We will make every effort to keep the website up-to-date.

Social Media-

At this time, we will not be using social media, such as Facebook for official communications. There are too many members that are not active on social media. This is not to say that the current Facebook pages, Washington State USA Professional Members and WA State Gymnastics Coaches, Judges and Club Owners are not great ways for members to connect and dialog, it just will not be used in official communications. If the two administrators want to continue to keep them active and updated that is up to them.

2018-2019 Calendar

Fall and Spring Determination Date-

The date in which the level of the athlete is to be determined by as well as whether an athlete is an Individual Event Specialist (IES). The determination date will be the Monday following the last qualifying weekend for each State Meet for all levels and divisions.

It has been clarified that to participate in a state meet the AA total score must be attained in one meet. If an athlete has attained IES qualifying scores on all events but has not attained the AA qualifying total in one meet they may enter three events as an IES.

Fall State- December 1-2 2018

Optional State- March 15-17 2019

Xcel State Bronze/Silver- March 15-17 2019

Compulsory Sectionals (Level 2-4) – March 23-24 2019

Xcel State Gold/Platinum/Diamond – March 29-31 2019

2018-2019 Calendar cont.

Spring Compulsory State (Level 3-5)- April 5-7 2019

Regionals – April 12-14 2019

Western Nationals – May 10-12

JO Nationals – May 17-19 2019

Sectional/State Bid-Locations

Fall Compulsories/L7 Judges Cup- Auburn Gymnastics

Optional State- Auburn Gymnastics

Xcel State Bronze/Silver – Northwest Aerials

South Sectionals – Black Hills Gymnastics

North Sectionals – North Coast Gymnastics (outside of gym)

Sectional/State Bid – Locations Cont.

Central Sectionals – Gymnastics Unlimited (outside of gym)

East Sectionals – AIM Gymnastics

Xcel State Gold/Platinum/Diamond – Garland’s Gymnastics

Spring Compulsory State – Emerald City Gymnastics

2018/2019 Washington Qualification Scores

Fall State – 1 AA score of at least a 33.0

Optional State – 1 AA score of at least a 33.0

Xcel Bronze/Silver State – 1 AA score of at least a 35.0 (lowered from the originally posted score of a 36.0 AA)

Sectionals (Level 2-4) – 1 AA score of at least a 33.0

Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamond State – 1 score of at least a 34.0

Level 3 and 4 Sectionals to State - % of a %

Level 5 to State - 1 AA score of at least a 33.0

Reporting Results/Qualifiers

Once the new Secretary (Sandy Flores) officially takes office, we will finalize the full procedure. Meet hosts will send in results and a copy of the sanction to the State Chair. Coaches will send a list of new qualifiers to the State Chair. You can mail to Susan Riley c/o GYMagine Gymnastics 3616 South RD #B3 Mukilteo, WA 98275 or via email to susriley@hotmail.com.

New Athlete Membership Registration

Clubs will be able to add athletes to their club roster and adjust levels at USA Gymnastics Membership Services. Clubs will then request that an email be sent to the athlete's parents. Parents will then register their athletes. Clubs will no longer be able to register all their athletes.

Xcel Bronze/Silver will still be considered Introductory Athletes. Xcel Gold/Platinum/Diamonds athletes are now considered Athletes; therefore, their annual cost increased.

Committee Reports

Sectional Reports- Nothing to report

Optional Report – Nothing to report

Compulsory Report – Nothing to report

Education Reports – Working on next year's State Clinic

Xcel Report – Nothing to report

National Congress

August 9-11 in Providence, Rhode Island

Registration still open

Discussion/ Q & A

1. Discussion of how Safe Sport Policies impact our sport. Washington gym owners Kim Thomson (Gymnastics East), Brent Phelps (Auburn Gymnastics), Sandy Flores (Emerald City Gymnastics) and Stephanie Renggili (Advantage Gymnastics) are attending a meeting July 27, 2018 in Indianapolis, IN.

2. Judge Pricilla Hickey expressed her concern on how judges are selected for Level 10 State and Regionals. Stated that new Level 10 and National level judges are not getting enough experience at the higher-level meets. She stated she wished she saw more of a mixture of the veterans and the new judges at the meet. Committee member Brent Phelps stated that the committee takes a lot of things into consideration when selecting judges and states that the committee has tried to mix in newer judges with the veterans, however that Level 10 State is not a place for judges to gain experience, especially given the meet determines who moves on to Regional. Active member Sandy Flores then brought up that Regionals is also not the place for new judges to gain experience, Further, that then the move by some states to send judges in just for Level 8 Regionals is financially also burdensome for states.

Discussion/ Q & A cont.

3. It was then asked if judges were required to do a certain number of hours inside a gym judging to be eligible for selection to State and beyond meets. Committee member Brent Phelps stated it is not required in our state, however that judges are always welcome to set up a time to come into his gym and practice judging on his athletes.

Committee member Mike Armstrong also stated he has a hard time getting Level 10 judges to come to his meets. He understands that they have other meets and commitments, and maybe they are not able to make the trip to Spokane, however the invitation is open.

Active Member Brian Muenz, expressed that the judges need to take some initiative to get into the gyms to gain experience. With more experience in the gym will help the newer rated judges get more exposure to be selected for invitational meets etc.

4. Membership is encouraged to send questions and agenda items in to those that represent them at any time for the next meeting. No need to wait for the committee to ask for concerns. Committee member Brent Phelps stated that all items are addressed and discussed fully. Committee member Mike Armstrong asked that members sign their emails and avoid “anonymous” submissions.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:35 pm