

## **Ohio Boy's USA Gymnastics Fall State Meeting**

October 9, 2004

*Meeting called to order by Ron Ferris at 7:25 P.M. at Hocking Valley Gymnastics.*

### **I. Roll Call**

State Chairman: Ron Ferris

State Vice-Chairman: Mike Serra

State Secretary: Toby Karnehm

Members Present:

Zhong (Jason) Dong

Rob Spruell

Eric VanSickle

Don Sellman

Norm Stulz

### **II. Minutes from last meeting (03/20/04)**

Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting.

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Don Sellman

Passed: Unanimous

### **III. Report from the State Chairman Ron Ferris.**

-Ron reviewed the State of the State Report (on file with minutes)

-Ron discussed the Financial Report (on file with minutes)

- We have not received Gahanna Cyclone's (Arnold Classic) or Queen City's (State Clinic) sanction fees from last year.

**-Motion to approve the Financial report.**

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Norm Stulz

Passed: Unanimous

-Ron reviewed the Blaine Wilson Classic Income and Expenses (on file with minutes).

### **IV. Report from Vice-Chairman Mike Serra**

-Mike thanked Keith Pettit for putting on a great Champions Camp this summer. It was great for the kids and coaches.

-Mike stated that Sean Sawyer did a great job organizing the Compulsory Clinic. He feels that everyone backed out at the last minute. This also happened with the Optional Clinic this past weekend.

-Mike suggested getting a communicator that could call clubs to remind them of important dates coming up (30 days before).

-Ron suggested sending out postcards to remind coaches of dates and to check the website.

-Mike wants to bring back the success of the state clinics like we had in the past years.

-The members present all thought that 3 state clinics were too many. Discussion on maybe putting the Compulsory and Optional clinics on the same weekend.

State Champ Camp- 4 days

State Clinic (Optional & Compulsory together)- 2 days

-The State Champions camp will be a State run function. Any gym can bid on hosting the camp. Suggestions on who will host the camp will be at the State Spring Meeting.

-Ron appointed Mike Serra as Chairman of Training Opportunities (State Clinics and Champions Camp).

-Mike will recommend gyms for hosting clinics and Champions Camp.

-Mike will contact gyms to see if they are interested in hosting camp.

#### **V. Report from State Secretary Toby Karnehm**

-Toby would like to step down as State Secretary since he will only be judging this year.

-Nominations can be e-mailed to Ron Ferris (teamogi@aol.com) or Toby Karnehm ([tobybuckgym@aol.com](mailto:tobybuckgym@aol.com)). **Anyone interested???**

-Toby stated that the Ohio Judges Course will be on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at Ohio State University.

#### **VI. Webmaster Report**

-Keith Pettit was not present at the meeting so there was no report.

-Ron stated the State Meet Policies posted on the Ohio webpage were incorrect.

#### **VII. Regional Report**

-The Regional Camp at University of Michigan was a great success.

-The Regional Future Stars competition will be held at Buffalo Grove Gymnastics.

-Bob Witmer was again voted the Region V Chairman.

-Mike Serra stated that Region V is pioneering the Regional Camp format.

#### **VIII. National Report**

-Discussion on the format changes for this years JO National Championships.

-Mike Serra was upset with how information is being relayed to the coaches of the Region.

-Mike was upset that the Regional Chairman voted against having Level 8's at Nationals this year before consulting with the coaches.

-Ron stated that we will be using the new JO Rules and Routines this year but will be using last years Code of Points. The new FIG Code of Points will probably be available sometime in May, 2005.

#### **IX. State Calendar**

-Reviewed meets already on the schedule.

-These are meets that need to be added to the schedule.

Judges Course- 11/14/04 – 9:00 A.M. at OSU (location TBA)

Sunrise Invitational- 11/21/04

Derby Classic – 12/5 & 5/04

Hocking Valley – 12/11 & 12/04

The Cup, Covington KY (Cinci.)- 12/17 & 18/04

## **X. Vote on State Championship Date and Site.**

-Ron stated that the section for the State meet this year (Northeast) would leave Sunrise Gymnastics out and they would not be able to bid on State meet for another 4 years.

-Ron recommended allowing Sunrise to place a bid on this Years State meet, but they did not.

### **-The State Meet will be the weekend of March 19, 20.**

-Ron Ferris placed a bid for State Meet. It would be at the same High School that it was in 2002. He has bids in to AAI for the equipment rental. He would like to rent the AAI equipment for the Blaine Wilson Classic then hold it until the State Meet.

### **-Motion to have the 2005 State Championships in Youngstown, hosted by the Ohio Gymnastics Institute the weekend of March 19, 20.**

Motion: Don Sellman

Second: Eric VanSickle

Passed: Unanimous

-Discussion on having any State run function to have information out 30 days prior to the event.

-State function would include Clinics, Champ Camp, State meet, and State meetings.

### **-Motion to have information out by postcard and posted on website for any State run function no later than 30 days prior to the event.**

Motion: Don Sellman

Second: Mike Serra

Passed: Unanimous

## **XI. Topics from the Floor**

-Don Sellman stated that we need to support the Clinics that the State holds.

-Don Sellman passed out a letter written by a parent at his gym. It was a letter to the Athletic Director at OSU, Andy Geiger about hosting and the State Championships for upcoming years.

-The members present discussed the issue.

-Ron suggested having Don Sellman get a group together to look into this further and get back to the membership at the State Spring Meeting.

-Everyone agreed on looking into the idea of having OSU host the State Meet every year.

-The committee would consist of Don Sellman, Ron Ferris, and Dr. Gabriel. Anyone else that is interested in being apart of this committee can contact Ron Ferris or Don Sellman.

## **XII. Motion to Adjourn**

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Rob Spruell

Passed: Unanimous

*Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 P.M.*

*Respectfully submitted by Toby Karnehm.*