

Ohio Boy's USA Gymnastics State Spring Meeting

March 20, 2004

Meeting called to order by Ron Ferris at 9:15 P.M. at Queen City Gymnastics.

I. Roll Call / Call to Order

Ron explained that the use of Robert's Rules of Order would be used for the meeting and that voting privileges were available to all USAG Professional Members for typical issues, but is limited to one vote per club in the cases of the State Championships and State Officers

State Chairman: Ron Ferris

State Vice-Chairman: Mike Serra

State Secretary: Toby Karnehm

Members Present:

Kenny Kawanishi

Keith Pettit

Tom Varner

Pat Fortunato

Sean Sawyer

Eddie McGee

Greg Ganim

Darren Lynch

Don Sellman

Mike Callahan

Chris Tollon

II. Minutes from last meeting on September 13, 2003

Motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting.

Motion: Mike Serra

Second: Keith Pettit

Passed: Unanimous

III. Report from State Chairman Ron Ferris.

-Ron reviewed the State and Regional Directors Summit that he attended on September 13th in Chicago.

-Ron explained that next season the term Classes would change to Levels to describe skill levels (Level 10 = Class I & II, Level 9 = Class III, Level 8 = Open Optional, Level 7 = Class IV, Level 6 = Class V, Level 5 = Class VI, Level 4 = Class VII)

-Ron stated that we as a State and Region are doing great at the National Level.

-The Ohio State University has 5 members of the Senior National Team training at their facility. Ron thought it would be nice to give the Hamm brothers and Jason Furr a gift, welcoming them to the State of Ohio. If anyone has any ideas, please let Ron know.

-Ron stated that the financial report is not finalized yet, because there are still some sanctions not paid yet. He will have the final financial report done once the State meet is completely over and all sanctions have been paid for.

-Ron discussed the Blaine Wilson Classic. The Wilson committee have not had their final meeting (scheduled for April 7th), so they have not “closed the books” on the meet yet. Ron stated that he thinks that there will be around \$1,500 going to the state.

-Ron explained the National Scholarship Foundation

-Ron stated that he would like a deadline for all sanctions to pay to the state.

-Mike Serra made a motion that all meet sanctions should be paid 2 weeks prior to the State Championships.

Second: Keith Pettit

Passed: Unanimous

IV. Report from Vice Chairman Mike Serra

-Mike passed out a proposal for the *Ohio Champions Camp*.

-Qualification: Top 8 rank order Class 1, 2, 3 (12-13 yrs only), Class 4 (10-11 yrs only), and the Top 5 Class 5 (8-9 yrs only)(total of 45 gymnasts) at the State Championships.

-Keith Pettit is looking into the availability of his facility, Queen City Gymnastics.

-Ron thanked Mike for putting this camp proposal together.

-Dates decided on by the members present:

August 14 & 15	Champions Camp	Queen City Gymnastics
September 11 & 12	Compulsory/Future Stars Clinic	Midwest Gymnastics, Dublin
October 9 & 10	Optional Clinic (Levels 8-10)	Hocking Valley

V. Report from Secretary Toby Karnehm

If you would like anything put onto the Ohio Website, you can also contact Toby.

VI. Report from Webmaster Keith Pettit.

-Keith is a member of the JO Compulsory Committee that is in charge of developing the new 2005-2008 routines for the JO program. Keith discussed some of the changes that will be made in the routines. He recommends that you attend one of the Coaches workshops to get the manuals. There will be a workshop at JO Nationals, or you can attend one of the Regional Coaches Workshops. You can get information on these on the USA Gymnastics website.

VII. Report from the Wilson Committee

-Next year’s date will be February 18-20, 2005 (Presidents Day Weekend).

VIII. Report from Championship Committee

-Keith is going to put together a State Championship packet which other host gyms of State meet can use.

IX. Regional Report

-If you have any questions regarding Regionals:

tgrodsky@hotmail.com (217)239-2808 ext.402

-Discussion on the qualifying score for Class 4's.

-NCAA's will be the same weekend in Champaign, IL.

X. National Report

-Ron explained the new format for JO Nationals. The top 36 All Around Class I & II athletes will move to the 2nd day of competition. The top 12 athletes on each event (not including the 36 All Around placers) will move to the next day as well. Qualification to finals will be based on a two score average

XI. State Calendar

-Discussion on the new sections for the State Meet Locations. These locations are in the State Meet Policies document, written by Keith Pettit.

-State Meet will circulate into these areas:

Cincinnati / Dayton Area / Toledo

Columbus / Southeast Ohio

Cleveland / Akron / Youngstown

-The primary location for the 2005 State meet will be in the Northeast section of the State. All bids for the 2005 State Meet will be presented at the Fall Meeting.

XII. Summer meeting date and times

-It was agreed on that there will be no Summer meeting. The next meeting will be the weekend of September 11,12 at the Compulsory Clinic at Midwest Gymnastics in Dublin.

XIII. Motion to adjourn

Motion: Keith Pettit

Second: Sean Sawyer

Passed: Unanimous

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Toby Karnehm.