

GREAT LAKES ZONE GYMNASTICS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES - September, 2005

Attendance: Colleen Eckel, Chairperson; Molly Riley, Mike Looker and Trish Huffman, NE; Rhonda Miller and Casey Koenig, NW; Jim Pritchard, Jane Oberfield, and Jen Nichols, SE; Debbie Comstock, Danielle Harris and Denise Brunck, SW. Lori Gross, Vicki Thewes and Sam Gonzales, special guest.

The meeting was called to order at 10:33 am by Colleen Eckel.

Financial Report:

The financial report showed a treasury balance of \$4,737.57. A motion was made by Debbie Brunck and seconded by Casey Koenig to except the following: Reimbursement on gas mileage for all Zone Representatives will go from \$0.34 per mile to \$0.48 per mile effective immediately. Motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

Zone Representatives and Assignment of Duties:

All Zone Committee Representatives were reminded of the duties they are responsible for in their own clusters. The following duties can be found on page 4 of the constitution: 1. Information gathering - By December 1st, send the Zone Secretary names, correct addresses and phone numbers of participating Y's, coaches, and a professional contact person at each Y in that Cluster. 2. Information disbursement - getting Zone minutes and other information out to all Cluster teams. 3. Act as a Cluster liaison - bring any matters causing concern in our cluster to the attention of the Zone Committee. Only bring concerns that are relevant to Zone business.

National Meet Update:

2005-06 YMCA National Meet will be in Hanover, PA. The YMCA National Gymnastics Committee will be meeting in October.

Feedback From the Summer Zone Clinic:

A big thanks goes out to Casey and Kelly from the Greater Toledo YMCA for demonstrating and teaching us the new routines. It was a very positive experience and it got us all off to a great start.

New Business

Minimum & Mandates Scores Will Be Discussed At The January Conference Call:

Zone Representatives are to start thinking and getting input from their networks on what to do with minimum and mandate scores. Zone Representatives are to e-mail Molly with their suggestions on minimum and mandate scores and their ideas on a "open optional

level". I will compile all the ideas and e-mail the Zone Representatives before our conference call in January.

Bids for the 2005-06 Zone Championship Meets:

A bid was made by Vicki Thewes from the Alliance YMCA and Sam Gonzales from the Louisville YMCA to host the Level 5 meet on March 25th & 26th at the Alliance YMCA. This was the only bid for the Level 5 meet. There were no bids for the Level 6-9 meet but Debbie Comstock said the Tecumseh YMCA was looking into the possibility of hosting this meet. They were trying to nail down a few of the details and were not ready to present a bid at this point. They will let us know if a few weeks.

Review Team Numbers From All Networks:

Level 4's – 382, Level 5's – 325, Level 6's – 201, Level 7's – 130, Level 8's – 121, Level 9's – 42. These numbers so not include Michigan. We are waiting on their numbers.

Review Forms and Fee Policies:

The proper forms are located in your constitution or the Zone web site for your 2004-05 rosters. Please complete your roster as follows: 1. Please type your roster or write legibly. 2. Separate each sheet by levels. 3. List each gymnast by age level (all cadets, then preps, then Jrs. & then Srs.). 4. Have your roster signed by your Executive Director. 5. Make sure all birth dates and membership expiration dates are correct. All forms and \$3.00 per gymnast must be given to each cluster tracker. After the cluster tracker has checked all forms, send one check along with all forms, to Colleen Eckel, North Canton YMCA Gymnastics Center, 7241 Whipple Ave., North Canton, OH 44720 by Dec. 1st. Make your checks payable to the Great Lakes Zone Gymnastics Treasury.

USAG/YMCA Update:

USAG is trying to push through a policy that would require anyone using USAG routines to be a member and pay the USAG fees. Casey Koenig is keeping us aware of what is going on with this situation. There has not been a policy set at this point. The YMCA of the USA is also aware of the situation and is ready to take action if necessary.

Other New Business:

A motion was made by Denise Brunck and seconded by Debbie Comstock to add the following: Any gymnast from the 2004-05 season who received a 36.0 all-round or higher at a compulsory level, must move up a competitive level for the 2005-06 season. The all-round score must have been received twice within the 2004-05 season, one score can be from a closed Y meet and one can be from an outside meet. Motion passed.

Level 4 Zone Championship Meet Next Year:

There is a growing number of Level 4's coming up in our programs. Start thinking - - Should we do a Level 4 District Meet for the 2006-07 season? Bring back some input from your networks.

Select Day and Time for January Meeting: January 20th at 9:30 am - conference call