

# **GREAT LAKES ZONE GYMNASTICS COMMISSION**

## **Meeting Minutes - September, 2008**

**Attendance:** Colleen Eckel, Chairperson; Molly Riley, Mike Looker and Trish Huffman, NE; Rhonda Miller, NW; Mindy Conrad, Jane Oberfield and Jennifer Nichols, SE; Debbie Comstock and Enian Phillips, SW. Jennifer Anderson and Any Simpkins, guest.

Colleen Eckel called the meeting to order at 10:31 am.

### **Financial Report:**

The financial report showed a treasury balance of \$6,846.33.

### **Zone Representatives and Assignment of Duties:**

All Zone Committee Representatives were reminded of the duties they are responsible for in their own networks. The following duties can be found on page 4 of the constitution:

1. Information gathering - By December 1<sup>st</sup>, send the Zone President names, correct addresses and phone numbers of participating Y's, coaches, and a professional contact person at each Y in that network. 2. Information disbursement - getting Zone minutes and other information out to all network teams. 3. Act as a Network liaison - bring any matters causing concern in our network to the attention of the Zone Committee. Only bring concerns that are relevant to Zone business.

### **Comments of National Meet:**

Everyone seemed to have a great time. For awards, they did break down more age groups but didn't seem to give out enough awards if there was only a few in each age group. They didn't break ties and some didn't like the tumble strip they used for Level 4's. They did like the idea of everyone wearing their gymnastics attire during awards.

### **Review Team Numbers From All Networks:**

We received participation numbers from most networks. Colleen will compile the results and Molly will email it to the Zone Committee members.

### **Details of bid for the 2009 Zone Championship meet:**

April 18-19 at the Hoover High School in North Canton, OH. A mailing will be sent out some time in January. They will have two gyms with about 100 ft floor space. Floor and beam will be in one gym and bars and vault will be in the other gym but the gyms are connected.

### **Review Forms and Fee Policies:**

The proper forms are located in your constitution or the Zone web site for your 2008-09 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 network tracker. After the network 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. 1<sup>st</sup>. Make your checks payable to the Great Lakes Zone Gymnastics Treasury.

### **Review Petitions:**

The Zone Committee reviewed the petitions and recommendations were given. Each team will be notified of the decisions within the next weeks.

### **Other New Business:**

First.. meet dates

Greater Toledo YMCA – December 6<sup>th</sup> Optional Invite

Greater Toledo YMCA – December 20<sup>th</sup> Compulsory Level 4-6

Greater Toledo YMCA – February 21<sup>st</sup> Frogtown 4's

North Canton Gymn. Center – January 24<sup>th</sup> Optional Invitational/High School Invitational

Greater Miami Valley YMCA – November 8<sup>th</sup> Level 4-9 Invite

Miami County YMCA – January 31<sup>st</sup> Level 4 Invite

Licking County YMCA – February 14-15 – Valentine Invite Level 4-9 & H.S.

Second..rule changes

Start looking for rule changes for the **2009 – 10** season as far as special requirements, difficulty requirements, etc. for L7 – L10. This info will be posted on the USAG website **October 13** (expected date). This will give everyone a year to get ready for the new rules for next season.

Third..fees

It was brought up to lower the Zone fee from \$3.00 to \$2.00 per gymnast. We will take a look at lowering the Zone fee for next year. We wanted to look at how much money is going to be reimbursed for coaches clinics and training. We will evaluate everything next September to see if we can afford to lower the amount.

### **Select Day and Time for January Meeting:**

Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am - conference call

