

**USAG-MI: FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, OCTOBER 7, 2007, HARTLAND, MI**

**Officers Present:** Shawn Clement-State Chair GTC, Lanny Mills V Chair MILLS USA, Juha Tanskanen-Tech Director MEGA.

**Members Present:** Russ Young-AGA, Keith Dunton-AGI, Jonathan Conrad-Bounce & Judges Ass'n, Nancy Hanes-High Flyers, Joe Campbell Web Site.

**Call to order:** 2:12 pm by Shawn

**Approval of Spring Minutes:** M-Jonathan C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Juha T, approved.

**Communications Feedback:** Everyone in attendance, with computer capacity is receiving emails from Shawn. All members encouraged to frequently visit state web site at: USAG-MI.ORG.

**Shawn asks: How Better to Serve Membership:** Two suggestions; Keith needs to receive email at AGI, Joe suggests updating member list regularly, at least once a year. No other suggestions.

**Approval of Financial Report:** Current balance \$1,293.55 M-Jonathan, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Russ Y, approved.

**State & Regional Chairs Summit Report-Lanny:** Complete report is posted on web site. My impression is we are in good hands with Jeff Robinson at the helm. Also on web site is summary of Summit discussions on how to promote all aspects of men's gymnastics. Local discussion on this proceeded.

**State Clinic Report-Shawn:** Almost 80 boys attended. Many positive comments. Good format and date. Will run same weekend, Father's Day, next year and will be at Bounce again also. Hosting in conjunction with State Elite Camp was good also.

**State Elite Camp Report-Juha:** Good turn out of 17 boys over the 3 days. Stations were a problem when the State Camp boys showed up. We need to either host at a different sight such as MILLS USA or create more stations at Bounce. We will try to set up more stations at Bounce next year. MILLS USA will be back up site.

***Recorder's Note: Having the registration information ready at the State Meet greatly affected the positive turn out for both clinics.***

**New Rules for 2007-08:** Optional levels 8-9-10 will be judged by FIG with .1-.3-.5 and .8 for a fall. Elimination of bonus for extra element groups for levels 8 & 9 may be a problem. Optional levels will also use FIG vault tables. Compulsory levels not changing this year; still use .1-.2-.3 and .5 for a fall. Spirited discussion of this move followed. Coaches strongly urged to educate their optional gymnast's parents on this topic. Juha will prepare a paper with examples for distribution.

**New State Meet Entry Policy:** If a gymnast changes clubs within 30 days of the state meet date he must submit a new entry with full fees. No refund will be granted for the original entry and the gymnast's score will not count toward any team's score. (The purpose of this rule is to facilitate the smooth operation of the state meet. Late changes make administration of the meet difficult.)

**Proposal to add North, South, East & West reps to board:** Due to poor attendance at this meeting the decision was made to table this topic until the spring meeting.

**State Meet Bids for 2008:** Three bids received; Bounce, GTC and Gymnastics Unlimited. Bounce was awarded the meet by vote of those present. Note: no representative from Gym Unlimited was present.

**Other meets:** Red Cedar is planning a meet for first weekend in February. All gyms planning meets are encouraged to get info to Shawn for posting on state site.

**Topics from the floor:** Jonathan requested change in state meet weekend due to end of Easter Break. Request denied. Nancy Hanes reported that the AAU National Gymnastics Meet will be at the Rock Financial Center the 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in July. She is encouraging support by the men's gymnastics community. A qualifying meet (coed) will need to be held around the last weekend in April. AAU uses USAG level 8 rules. Jonathan will see if he can host the meet. MILLS USA will be on stand by. Shawn will post info on this meet on the web site. Lanny encouraged support of this event by our community.

**Meeting adjourned:** 4:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lanny Mills