

USAG-MI: SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MARCH 31, 2007, CADILLAC, MI

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

Members Present: Jeff Kraft-GKWG, Russ Young-Phenom Flips & Judge, Chris Cuddeback-Waters Edge, Jeff Borders-Judge, Curtis Wilson-GTC, Samer El-Awad-GTC, Bruce Unkefer-Red Cedar, Mitchell Conroy-Judge, Gregory Asfrakhan-SCWB, Rich Weatherwax-Gym Jesters, Scott Fry-Gym Jesters, Ian Lang-High Flyers, Chris Chenavier-High Flyers, Devin Halliday-Oakland, David Rayburn-AGI, Mary Beth Pern-AGI, Heath Wall-Branch, Neal Blocher-MEGA, Bill Fringer-MEGA, Tony Mason-Mid Mich, Brian Franson- US Airborne, Steve Kovacs-Gymn Unlimited.

Call to order: 7:35 pm by Shawn

Opening Statements by Shawn: Good communications continues to be a high priority. Shawn asked members if anyone thought communication should be improved. No one voiced any need.

Approval of Fall Minutes: M-Bruce U, 2nd Russ Y, approved.

Approval of Financial Report: M-Bruce U, 2nd-Chris C, approved.

Web Site – Suggestions: Several positive comments about the new web site. Questioned asked about previous intent to get pictures of state gymnasts on site. Shawn stated no one is sending him pictures and asked for members to do so or have parents send him some from the state meet. Shawn's email is >
shawnclement@yahoo.com<

Web Fees: Notice that the board approved \$450 to web master (Shawn Clement) for work on the web site. Same amount Region 5 pays. Brian F asked what issues are to be approved by the board and what issues are approved by the members? Answer: Under USAG Rules and Policies the State Chair can determine that as he sees fit. Makes it most important that the members elect someone they can trust.

Qualifying to Regionals: Members reminded to clearly designate on entry how you want your team(s) entered; i.e. all ages or by age group. Team entry fee for each designation required.

Qualifying to Nationals: There are several ways to qualify. Best to just meet the score. Can qualify by 5 or 4 events etc. Go to state web site, news and minutes, national qualifying process for more details.

State Clinic: Will be held again at Bounce June 16-17 in conjunction with Michigan State Elite Clinic (see next item). Last year 72 kids participated, we did not have a lot of new coaches or new programs represented. Discussion on format for clinic and how to improve it. Need for advanced planning stated. Possibility of classroom sessions discussed. Idea: solicit topic suggestions from members via email. Importance of event as education and fund raiser expressed.

Michigan Elite Camp Report by Juha: Having the information and registration forms at this year's state meet was very successful. 13 of 18 qualifying gymnasts already signed up. Level 7 qualifiers will be asked tomorrow. Camp starts Friday, June 15 which gives the Elite camp kids Fri and Sat morning before the State Clinic boys begin. Many members like the June date better than when it was in August. Brian F asked if an email reminder about the clinic could be sent out 4 weeks and 2 weeks prior to the clinic and any major event.

Enrollment for State Meet: Discussion incident of coaches changing gyms and kids following so close to state meet. This caused extreme hardship on state meet organization. Discussion of what policies could be created to discourage this from happening again in the future. After some spirited discussion motion made to table until fall meeting; passed by acclamation.

Judge and Coach of the Year Voting: Primary system worked well, greatly increasing participation. Shawn will conduct same procedure next year if re-elected.

Subjects from the floor: None at first, than one more comment about "the incident".

State Chair Election: Two nominees made from the floor; Shawn Clement and Heath Wall. Shawn Clement will serve another two year team. Shawn invited Heath to serve on the board as Secretary.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lanny Mills