

USAG-MI: SPRING STATE MEET MEETING, MARCH 30, 2008, HARTLAND, MI

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

Members Present: Jonathan Conrad-Bounce & Judges Ass'n, Keith Dunton-AGI, Anthony Mason-Mid Mich, Doug Bean-Flames, Steve Kovacs-Gym Unlimited, Curtis Wilson-GTC, Nick Hitchcock-MAG, Bill Fringer-MEGA, Nino Guera-Mid Mich, Bruce Unkefer-Red Cedar, George Krenk-GKWG.

Call to order: 9:30 pm by Shawn

Approval of Spring Minutes: M-Bruce U, 2nd Tony M, approved.

Communications Feedback: Group responded that communication is good (Shawn's emails) and that the web site is very good.

Financial Report: Balance as of 3/28/08 = \$1258.77 Yet to come: some state meet expenses and still to be collected meet taxes. State clinic will replenish the coffers. M-Bruce U, 2nd Juha T, approved.

Qualifying scores for Regionals: Scores are high for levels 6& 7, 48 for level 6s and 49 for level 7s. Any petitions must be in Shawn's hands by Sunday evening at the latest.

Qualifying scores for Nationals: Shawn asked if anyone had any questions – none voiced.

Web Site: JC asked if old meet info could be left on sight. LM thought it better to remove after meets are concluded. Shawn decided next year he will leave info up. Someone mentioned need new pictures on site. SC asks again for coaches to send him some.

Fall Meeting: Shawn concerned by lack of attendance at fall meeting – last year only 7 attended, mostly board members. Comment: needs to be in conjunction with another event such as a clinic similar to one hosted at ANA a few years ago. JC suggested we review the new compulsories and make it a judging workshop for coaches. Someone suggested inviting parents to that judging workshop. October 4/5 set as tentative date for such an event. Possibly a state future stars meet could also be run.

State Elite Camp Report-Juha: Info is one web site. Applications may be handed in here or by Region 5 Championships. Good organization last year but must have more equipment. Will be at Bounce again held on June 13-15.

State Clinic Report-Shawn: Will be at Bounce in conjunction with the Elite camp again; June 14-15. Good reviews and well attended. Attended mostly by gym from north and east sides of state; would like to see more gyms from west side of state at this clinic.

National Coaches Workshop: Shawn proposed we send one coach each year to this workshop and pay his expenses providing we apply soon enough to receive on site housing at the OTC for the coach. Discussion of what kind of report the applicant should make to share the knowledge gained. Shawn decided that the applicant must video the sessions attended. Juha said we can make DVDs for our members of the video. Lanny will compose an application and submit it to the board for approval and placement on the web site.

Judge and Coach of the Year: The current nomination and voting via internet system is working well, we will continue using it.

Filling the Secretary position: Bill Fringer was the only volunteer and was immediately appointed as such by Shawn.

Topics from the floor: Bill F asked if the gyms could go in together to purchase the electronic score flashers and rotate the system around for invitational meets. Or the association could buy and own it and rent it out to the gyms. Cost of system questioned. Bill said a wire system could be converted to be "wireless" from judges table to the computer, and just run wires from the computer to the wall signs. This would cost an additional \$250 per key pad but be cheaper than the full wireless system.

Shawn brought up that the 4s should get certificate & ribbons at the state meet and top 3 get medals.

Meeting adjourned: M-Keith D, 2nd-Bill F, approved 10:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lanny Mills