

**JOPC Meeting – Austin, Texas
Saturday, May 13, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM CST by Chair, Gil Elsass.

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Reg 1 – Roger Baldwin

Reg 2 – David Klein

Reg 3 – Gilert Elsass, Chairman JOPC

Reg 4 – Dan Coon

Reg 5 – Bob Witmer

Reg 6 – DeWayne Davenport, secretary

Reg 7 – Rich Pulsfort

Reg 8 – Kevin White

Reg 9 – Dean Schott

NGJA Rep. – Jon Culbertson

Jr. Rep. MPC – Bill Foster

Jr. Coaches Rep – Kelly Crumley

Men's Program Director – Dennis McIntyre, voice, no vote

Men's Senior Program Director – Ron Brant, voice, no vote

Men's Program Manager – Tania Heath, voice, no vote

Members not present

Athlete Rep – Jay Thornton

Jr. Rep. MPC – Stacy Maloney

II. Reports

A. National Office Report – Dennis McIntyre

Olympic Report.

- USA Gymnastics Men's Team did a tremendous job in Beijing and for the first time ever the men's program medaled in two consecutive Olympics.
- Moving forward the men's program will be focusing on improving our medal standing at World Championships and Olympics Games and on building our grassroots program and age group programs.

Tania Heath was introduced as the Men's Program Manager.

B. Senior Men's Program Director's Report – Ron Brant

Report from the floor at the Olympics.

- There was no other bronze medal event that received so much attention.
- The American gymnasts have heart and compete with heart.
- The junior program in the United States has a major influence in training our athletes to compete with this passion.
- Thank you to all of the Junior Olympic coaches and judges who have contributed to the development of our great athletes.

- III. Vote for 2009 Frank Cumiskey Award recipient.**
Motion:
2nd: DeWayne Davenport
Vote: Passes unanimously
Note: The Frank Cumiskey Award will be presented at the 2009 JO Nationals.
- IV. Proposal to put alternates in last session at J.O. Nationals**
General discussion.
Motion: To put regional team alternates within their regional team squads in the last session at J.O. Nationals.
Motion: Roger Baldwin
2nd: Bill Foster
Discussion:
Call for vote: Bob Witmer
Vote: passed unanimously
- V. Proposal to waive the National Gymnastics Foundation Scholarship Program headtax fee from non-competitive events hosted by the State or Region.**
Motion: That clinics, educational opportunities and Future Stars program evaluations that are supported by the USA Gymnastics States or Regions and where any proceeds from the event go to the State or Region shall be exempt from the national scholarship fee.
Motion: DeWayne Davenport
2nd: Kevin White
Vote: passed unanimously
- VI. National Scholarship Report – David Klein**
We awarded over \$25,000 within the last year. We have awarded over \$233,000.00 to over 38 athletes during the life of the National Scholarship Fund. There is a perception that this fund would be used by the elite gymnasts only and not be available for all aspiring gymnasts, however the records show that most benefit is received by the gymnasts who were not (at time of scholarship) on a national team.
- VII. Judging fees increased.**
General discussion. It is agreed by the JOPC that the judges need to be paid more at J.O. Nationals.
Motion: Raise the entry fee to J.O. Nationals to \$150 in order to increase the honorarium to \$850 per judge.
Motion: Bob Witmer
2nd: Dean Schott
Vote: passed unanimously
Motion to review judge's fees for JO Nationals on even years.
Motion: Dean Schott
2nd: Bob Witmer
Vote: passes unanimous

- VIII.** NGJA Elections: Jon Culbertson related recent changes to NGJA positions and that the new Junior Olympic Vice President is Dean Schott.

Motion: The JOPC recommends that the national office appoint Dean Schott as interim liaison to the NGJA.

Motion: Bob Witmer

2nd: Kevin White

Vote: passes unanimously

Note: The JOPC wants to recognize and honor the tremendous work of retiring NGJA Junior Olympic Vice President Jon Culbertson in his role as NGJA Liaison.

- IX.** Review and Discussion of Junior Olympic Program
- Kelly Crumley presented initiatives being taken at the regional level as part of the national team program
 - Discussion of more separation between Age Group Competition Program events and Elite Development Events

Motion: To create a format committee to look at changes for JO Nationals. The JOPC will approve this committee and a time table for that committee on a conference call by Oct. 1.

Motion: DeWayne Davenport

2nd: Kevin White

call for question: Bill Foster

Vote: passes unanimously

- X. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn.**

Motion: DeWayne Davenport

2nd: Dan Coon

6:50cst

Submitted by Dewayne Davenport, JOPC Secretary

Approved: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved: Steve Penny, President USA Gymnastics