

**JOPC Meeting – Oklahoma City, Ok
Sunday, May 13, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM EST by Chair, Gil Elsass.

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Reg 1 – Roger Baldwin

Reg 2 – David Klein

Reg 3 – Gil Elsass, Chairman JOPC

Reg 4 – Dan Coon

Reg 5 – Bob Witmer

Reg 6 – DeWayne Davenport, Secretary

Reg 7 – Rick Tucker

Reg 8 – Kevin White

Reg 9 – Dean Schott

NGJA Rep. – Jon Culbertson

Jr. Rep. MPC – Tim Klemptner, *proxy for Steve Butcher*

Jr. Rep. MPC – Bill Foster

Jr. Coaches Rep – Kelly Crumley

Men's Program Director – Dennis McIntyre

Junior Olympic Program Director - Jeff Robinson, voice, no vote

Members not present

Athlete Rep – Jay Thornton

**II. Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2006
September 10, 2006, Conference call March 6, 2007
Tabled**

III. Reports

A. 2007 JO Nationals Organizing Committee

No report was presented

B. National Office Report – Dennis McIntyre

The addition of Jeff Robinson has been great for the junior program. He has hit the ground running. He is focusing on the whole junior program, and trying to get the junior athletes ready to handle the complex changes that have occurred as a result of the FIG.

Lisa Cooper is now the Men's Program Manager

USA Gymnastics is now focusing on World Championships in Stuttgart in 2008, to ensure our qualification to the Olympic Games.

The USA Gymnastics' Website is being reorganized.

C. Junior Program Report – Jeff Robinson

The junior program is very complex, because it needs to be. The state of gymnastics in the world is changing radically and therefore the junior program must change to prepare the athletes for success of our country at the world championship level and at the same time have a program that every athlete can successfully participate within.

D. MPC Report – Steve Butcher/Bill Foster (written report)

E. NGJA Report – Jon Culbertson (written report)

F. 2005-08 Age Group Competition Committee Report (no report)

IV. Bid Presentation(s) for 2009 JO National Championships

Cincinnati Men's Gymnastics Junior Olympic committee, inc. has placed a bid for the 2009 JO National Championships.

MOTION: The JOPC recommends that the national office consider awarding the 2009 JO National championships to Cincinnati Men's Gymnastics Junior Olympic Committee, Inc.

Motion: Kelly Crumley

Second: Bill Foster

Vote: Passes unanimously

V. Nominations for the 2008 Frank Cumiskey Award

Nominate Ken Achiron

Motion: DeWayne Davenport

Second: Bill Foster

Note: Nominations will continue to be accepted until the September JOPC meeting.

VI. 2009 – 2012 Junior Olympic Program – Jeff Robinson

Jeff Robinson first initiatives as Men's junior program director are to develop junior programs which are not overly reactive to the FIG changes and yet can meet the needs of the grassroots and elite gymnasts. Therefore he is reorganizing the Age Group Competition Committee and renaming it to the Junior Program Format Coordinating Committee. The structure is as follows.

The Junior Program Format Coordinating Committee (JPFCC) will coordinate the work of separate writing committees who will be tasked to writing the draft programs for:

- a. The compulsory level routines
- b. Optional level rules
- c. Competition format
- d. Future Stars Program (Junior Coaching Staff)

There were some concerns that the JPFCC does not report to the JOPC. Denis McIntyre and Jeff Robinson assured the JOPC that the junior program format coordinating committee does report to the JOPC, even though it was created by the Men's Program Committee. In this regard this committee's work will be reviewed by both the MPC and the JOPC. The Junior Format Coordinating Committee will respond and be responsible to the JOPC exactly as the former AGCC was.

Jeff is also looking to find a better delivery method for the junior program material, and their updates.

VII. Regional Congresses – Jeff Robinson

We are looking at providing a men's program structure to be used at Regional Congresses around the country.

- VIII. Qualification/Registration Process to Junior Olympic Nationals**
Tabled
- IX. Format for 2008 Junior Olympic Nationals – proposal for Jr Qualifying Procedure to 2008 Visa Championships**
Straw vote: The JOPC endorses the use of FIG scoring (with MPC approved exceptions) for the All Around Finals competition at JO Nationals.
Passes: unanimous
Note: The final formatting and adoption of this proposal will take place at the JOPC September meeting.
- X. Use of Jr PH for Level 4 & 5 competition**
Discussion: The committee does not feel the need to introduce a new piece equipment to the J.O. program.
- XI. Men's Scholarships (NGF and Simms)**
Tabled
- XII. Election of JOPC Chairman**
Gill nominated for chairman
Motion: Roger Baldwin
Second: Bob Witmer
Vote: passes unanimous.
- XIII. New Business**
A. Setting qualifying scores – Fall JOPC meeting
B. Possible separation of the 12 year old and 13 year old age groups at Level 9 at the JO Nationals.
Discussion no action
C. Question of equal regional representation of judges at JO Nationals.
Discussion no action
- XIV. Adjournment**
Motion to adjourn.
Motion: Bob Witmer
Second: Dean Scott

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Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President