

**JOPC Meeting - Chicago, II**  
**Friday, September 8, 2006**  
**Agenda**

**Men's Junior Olympic Program Committee**

*The meeting was called to order at 8:09 PM EST by Chair, Roger Baldwin. (for Gil Elsass)*

**I. Roll Call**

Members Present:

Reg 1 – Roger Baldwin

Reg 2 – David Klein

Reg 3 – Steve Glickley proxy for Gil Elsass, Chairman JOPC

Reg 4 – Dan Coon

Reg 5 – Bob Witmer

Reg 6 – DeWayne Davenport

Reg 7 – Rick Tucker

Reg 8 – Kevin White

Reg 9 – Dean Schott

NGJA Rep. – Jon Culbertson

Jr. Rep. MPC – Bill Foster

Jr. Rep. MPC – Steve Butcher

Jr. Coaches Rep – Kelly Crumley

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

Members not present:

Athlete Rep – Jay Thornton

**II. Approval of the Battle Creek Minutes**

**Motion to Approve Minutes: Kevin White**

2<sup>nd</sup> : Bob Witmer

Vote: passes unanimous

**III. National Office Report**

Bulk of National office report will be covered in State and Regional Chairman's Summit. There was a brief review of sanctioned events issues.

Scholarship money and sponsorship is becoming more and more attractive to gymnastics clubs who seek to find ways to offset the expense of competitive gymnastics. To ensure that athletes in your club do not receive funds in a manner which could hurt their NCAA eligibility it is important to seek guidance directly from the NCAA.

**IV. 2006 J.O. National Report**

The financial report from the 2006 JO National Championships was distributed and reviewed. The JOPC would like to thank meet hosts Cindy and Al Sharns of Branch Gymnastics for conducting an outstanding event.

**Motion to Approve Report: John Culbertson**

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Foster

Vote: passes unanimous.

**V. 2007 J.O. National Report – Norman, Oklahoma (Natl. Office)**

There was general discussion about the venue and the host club. The hosts for 2007 J.O. Nationals were able to get the 2006 women's J.O. National Championships televised and are also hoping to get the 2007 Men's nationals televised. Meet planning is progressing on schedule.

**VI. 2008 J.O. National Championships Update**

No formal bids for 2008 have been received but several bid packets have been sent to interested organizations.

**VII. Academic All-American Report**

USAG awarded more than 350 Academic All-Americans in the 2005-2006 season which is another all time high for the award and is a very positive reflection on the athletes participating in gymnastics. Coaches and athletes are reminded to please return the Academic All- American application into the office as soon as possible before the April 1 deadline each year as the review process is a time intense undertaking.

**VIII. MPC Report - Steve Butcher and Bill Foster**

- a. Steve Butcher started some general discussion about allowing junior specialist the ability to qualify into US Championships. At this time there is not support for this at the Junior Elite level.
- b. Bill Foster discussed that the MPC voted to change how juniors qualified to USA Championships. The top three all around athletes from the 14 to 15 and 16 to 18 age groups from 2007 Winter Cup Challenge will automatically qualify to 2007 Visa Championships. In addition, the top three age eligible all around Level 10 gymnasts from each age group from the 2007 J.O. National Championships will automatically qualify to the 2007 Visa Championships. All remaining gymnasts must qualify to the Visa Championships at the elite qualifier. To attend the elite qualifier an athlete must compete in a USA Gymnastics sanctioned event using FIG scoring in the 2006 – 2007 season (Winter Cup Challenge will not count for this qualification).

**IX. NGJA Report - (Jon Culbertson)**

Gerrit Dejonge is a new JOTD in Region IX.

Jon presented his reports from the Junior Olympic Nationals as well as from the Junior Pan American Championships.

**Motion to accept report:** Kevin White

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Foster

**Vote passes: unanimously**

**X. Age Group Committee Report 2005-08**

The written Age Group Competition Committee report from Gil Elsass was distributed. There was general discussion concerning the GPA Bonus and the age groups for Level 8 and the minimum age for Level 4. The JOPC would

like to thank the Age Group Competition Committee for its work on Update #7.

**Motion: JOPC recommends that the Age Group Committee review the GPA bonus chart for the level 8-10. And to look at the age group of the level eight program, and the level four program.:** Kevin White

2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Witmer

**Vote passes: unanimously**

**Motion to accept the Age Group Competition Committee report:** Bob Witmer

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Foster

**Vote passed: unanimously**

**XI. Athlete Report**

No report

**XII. USA Men's Gymnastics Coaching Association Report**

You can join the USA Men's Gymnastics Coaches Association by pay pal!

**XIII. Voting for the 2007 Frank Cumiskey Award**

**Motion: To suspend the rules and allow an election for multiple Frank Cumiskey Awards in 2007:** Bob Witmer

2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Foster

Discussion: Many members thought that to suspend the rules to allow two recipients, regardless of how deserving, would dilute the quality of the award

Vote: 2 in favor

11 against

Motion defeated

There two nominations from the JOPC meeting conducted in Battle Creek were Bo Morris and Ken Achiron. The JOPC conducted a ballot vote for the 2007 Frank Cumiskey Award and the winner will be announced at the 2007 Junior Olympic National Championships

**XIV. Report from Special Committee to look at Judging Issues (written report)**

Dean Schott, Chairman of the Special Committee reviewing judging issues, stated that he is collecting reports from around the country, and that data is being compiled in an effort to see what is actually happening across the country and to ensure that judges and coaches get a chance to voice their concerns and opinions. This is a complex issue and there are many factors and misconceptions on both sides of the issues. It is important to carefully consider all of the factors. The next step it to enter into dialog in order to come up with a fee structure(s) that is equitable for everyone

**XV. J.O. Nationals Format (Qualifying Scores, Specialists, Event Presentations, Judges Fees)**

No format change to happen for the 2007 JO Nationals.

The JOPC will conduct a conference call on February 27, 2007 at 12:00 PM EST to discuss the qualifying score and the target numbers for qualifying into JO Nationals.

**XVI. Entry Fees:** State Championships, Regional Championships, Regional Future Stars

**Motion to raise the State Championship fee from a maximum of \$50 to \$75, and the Regional Championships fee from a maximum of \$75 to \$100** Roger Baldwin

2<sup>nd</sup> : DeWayne Davenport

Vote: 10 in favor

1 opposed

1 in abstention

Vote passes:

**Motion to raise the Regional Future Stars fee from a maximum of \$50 to \$75.** Roger Baldwin

Died for lack of second.

**XVII. New Business**

none

**XVIII. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Bill Foster

2<sup>nd</sup> **DeWayne Davenport**

**Vote passes: unanimously**

10:45 EST

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President