

**JOPC Meeting – USOTC, Colorado Spring, CO
September 16 & 17, 2010**

The meeting was called to order, Friday, September 17th, at 1:05PM, Mountain Daylight Time, by David Klein, Chair, JOPC.

I. Roll Call

Reg 1 – Paul Tickenoff
Reg 2 – David Klein, Chairman JOPC
Reg 3 – Gil Elsass Absent
Reg 4 – Dan Coon, Secretary
Reg 5 – Bob Witmer
Reg 6 – Steve Randall
Reg 7 – Rich Pulsfort Absent
Reg 8 – Kevin White
Reg 9 – Brandy Wood
NGJA Rep. – Dean Schott
Jr. Rep. MPC – Kelly Crumley
Jr. Rep. MPC – Hideo Mizoguchi
Jr. Staff Rep (interim) – Tom Meadows Absent
Athletes Representative – Jay Thornton Absent

Men's Program Staff: voice, no vote
Men's Program Director – Dennis McIntyre
Dusty Ritter - JO program coordinator
Kevin Mazeika - National Team Coordinator Absent

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to correct the minutes from the Knoxville meeting, to read:

- Region 1, Roger Baldwin, with Paul Tickenoff, incoming chairman, present.
- Region 9, Brandy Wood, incoming chairman, present.
- Frank Cumiskey nominee's name corrected but not published.

Motion: Hideo Mizoguchi

Second: Kelly Crumley

Passed: Unanimous

III. REPORTS SECTION

A. USAG National Office Report: Dennis McIntyre

- Calendar submitted for events through 2012.
- Pan Am Championships very successful.
- Jr. athletes to Great Britain & Japan,
- World Championships in Rotterdam begin October 17.
- Future Stars, 1st weekend in November, will need two photos for 8 & 9 y/o's
- Ahead: dates for State and Regional Championships, April 8-10, 2010 latest for Regional Championships. Deviations require prior office approval
- September 8-11, 2011, for State and Regional Chairman's Summit.
- Future Stars is later in November, 2011, to 2nd weekend.
- 2013 is start of new format for J.O. Nationals.
- Mini-congresses, important to make some effort and take advantage of it to promote boys gymnastics.

- Under development: pro members will eventually be required to take at least basic coaching for accreditation; possibly 4 levels of accreditation, online courses.
- With respect to promotion of the sport, President aggressive and proactive, especially working with USOC supporting NCAA sports, constant improvement of the web site, UC Berkley a question and concern.
- Regional and State accounts. UAG administration is in development, but not active at this time. Transition period will require some advance planning. Anything into state or regional account will go through USAG, noted as income.

B. 2011 JO Nationals Update, Long Beach. On course.

C. 2012 JO Nationals Update, Cincinnati. On course.

D. MPC Report; team selection main item of business

E. NGJA Report; Dean Schott:

- Information of several items enhanced and aggressively disbursed; dissemination of more info.
- JO mentoring of judges.
- JONAL selections.
- Working strategic plan to groom judges.
- J.O. Nationals judging; 5300 judgments, 93 inquiries, 27 changes. Continuing education plan on several fronts to achieve consistency and standardized views.
- Educational DVD's now include optional exercises.
- Working to bring in judges for junior camps.
- Judging fees: Review and modernize, evolve, bring it to the present. It's a symbiotic relationship and all parties need to be involved. Desire is for a modern standardized national fee structure across the board.

F. National Scholarship Report;

- Last period of spring 2010, used more than 50% of available 2010 and 2011 funds taken in & used for this list of applicants.
- Follow up points, see full report.
- Dave Klein's 3 year term as the JOPC rep to the Committee is up.

Motion to reelect Dave Klein to serve another 3 year term on the National Scholarship Committee.

Motion: Hideo Mizoguchi

Second: Brandy Wood

Passed: Unanimous

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. Age Group Competition Committee Report 2009-2012; Dusty Ritter.

- Conference call in December to cover issues raised: January 15th deadline, for updates then no changes. Also working on way to get a skill evaluation accomplished. New skills must be evaluated as per the directive which appears in the Age Group Competition Program manual. Skills Committee composed of: Brian

Meeker, Barry Weiner, Dennis McIntyre, Steve Butcher and National Team Coordinator.

B. Age Group Compulsory Committee Update; Dusty Ritter.

Dusty, put out a request for suggestions for 2016 AGCC members, formed for AGCC for next quad. Dusty identified the following as his selection for the committee: Kelly Crumley, Tim Klemptner, Rich Pulsfort, Brandy Wood, Clay Strother and Mike Naddour.

Motion to accept members of the committee.

Motion: Bob Witmer

Second: Kevin White

Passed: Yay=9, Abstain=1

V. Special Orders

A. Frank Cumiskey Award; Nomination made by Kevin White.

Motion to award Frank Cumiskey Award to nominee.

Motion: Kevin White

Second: Paul Tickenoff

Passed: Unanimous.

Note: Award will be presented at 2011 JO National Championships

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Review of the JO National Judging Fee Structure; Austin, '08 JOPC meeting, raised judges honorarium to \$ 850.00, entry fee went to \$150.00 for JO entry. Increase has to be offset by increase in entry fee. Discussion centered around how much and when. If JOPC raises fee for judges, then the contract with the meet host automatically provides for an increase in the entry fee.

Motion; 2012 J.O.'s, judge's honorarium to \$950.00, entry fee to \$160.00.

Motion: Dean Schott

Second: Hideo Mizoguchi

Passed: Unanimous.

Motion to adjourn, Friday, September 16, 2010, 5PM, Mountain Daylight Time, USOTC.

Motion: Bob Witmer

Second: Kelly Crumley

Passed: Unanimous.

Meeting called to order Saturday, September 17, 2010, 9:35am, USOTC, by David Klein, Chairman, JOPC.

VII. New Business

A. Junior Olympic Program Structure.

Motion to authorize the continuance of the development of the J.O. format proposal, Dusty Ritter chair.

Motion: Kevin White
Second: Kelly Crumley
Passed: Unanimous.

B. Review of Rules and Policies guidelines

Due to a couple of issues developing in various regions having to do with regions creating own rules, in particular uniform requirements for Level 4's, we reviewed how much flexibility exists for Regions to do their own thing. Should R&P be reviewed and ambiguities checked? Two issues: RP, what can programs do with National Program? 2. Is the uniform rule written clearly and does it fulfill the original intent? Any deviation from the Rules and Polices or Age Group Program manual requires a request for rule change/deviation, to the National Office for approval.

Motion: The uniform rule for Levels 4 & 5, an athlete may compete in t-shirt and shorts up to FIG approved uniform with no deductions. Updated rule will appear in the next Age Group Update.

Motion: Dean Schott
Second: Bob Witmer
Passed: Yay=9, Abstain=1

C. Club Team championships: Discussion:

- Appears difficult to improve club team execution at J.O. Nationals in a substantive way. Looking at format and potential for a standalone event.
- JOPC continues to support the idea, keep the door open to the community. Satisfied that the committee has examined the prudence and supports keeping the idea alive and going with it.
- Outcome of format for club team championships not expanded yet, but logistically impractical, committee wants to state that it is very important to pursue.

D. Older Age Group Discussion.

- Bridge to collegiate club programs, look for avenue to provide opportunity for guys to compete in invitational competitions, either NAIGC or NCAA at invitational.
- Pushing for growth in collegiate club programs, can participate at USAG club championships or NAIGC uses Level 9, or through open division competition with NCAA rules.

E. 2011 J.O. National's Qualifying Scores:

1. Normally JOPC doesn't set scores at this time of year; allotment set for 696 last year, 720 actual #. The issue is, do Multi Event Qualifiers (MEQ) & Specialists count as part of the Regional allotments? At present they are a part of the allotment. For computation sake; don't count MEQ & Specialists as part of allotment.

Motion; the MEQ and Specialists are not to be included in the allotment. In addition set the number of participants for the 2011 JO National Championships to Level 10; 16-18 at 186, and the Level 10; 14-15 at 186.

Motion: Brandy Wood
Second: Paul Tickenoff
Passed: Unanimous

2. Region Team Alternates:

Motion: Regional team competition consists of the 6 Regional Team members without Alternate included in the session. The LOC has the discretion to add athletes to the Regional team session if needed.

Motion: Dean Schott
Second: Paul Tickenoff
Passed: Unanimous

3. Percentage distribution at J.O. Nationals of Level 10's & 9's.

Motion: Set the number of Level 9 participants at the 2011 JO National Championships at 294.

Motion: Paul Tickenoff
Second: Brandy Wood
Passed: Unanimous

F. Optional Rules Committee.

Motion: Approve members of the Optional Rules Committee; Andre Kan, Tom Meadows, Eugene Sun, Kevin Mazeika, Dean Schott.

Motion: Kevin White
Second: Bob Witmer
Passed: Unanimous

G. JOPC Secretary.

Motion; by e-mail the JOPC unanimously approved Dan Coon as Secretary of the JOPC.

Motion: Bob Witmer
Second: Dean Schott
Passed: Unanimous

H. Conference Call to determine Qualifying Scores.

Motion to set March 1st, 2011, as the date for setting Qualifying Scores to J.O. Nationals, Long Beach.

Motion: Bob Witmer
Second: Paul Tickenoff
Passed: Unanimous

Motion to adjourn @ 12:19pm, Saturday, September 17th, 2010, Mountain Daylight Time, USOTC.

Motion: Kevin White
Second: Dean Schott
Passed: Unanimous

Submitted by Dan Coon, JOPC Secretary

Approved by: Dennis McIntyre, Men's Program Director

Approved by: Steve Penny, USAG President