

**Junior Olympic Program Committee Meeting
USAG-Men, Indianapolis, IN
September 18-19, 2014
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order, Thursday, September 18th, 2014, @ 6:00pm, EDT, by David Klein, Chair, JOPC. (Reports/Open Discussion)

Opening Remarks

I. Roll Call

Reg. 1 – Roger Baldwin
Reg. 2 – David Klein, Chairman JOPC
Reg. 3 – Bo Morris
Reg. 4 – Dan Coon, Secretary
Reg. 5 – Bob Witmer
Reg. 6 – Dan Young
Reg. 7 – Rich Pulsfort
Reg. 8 – Kevin White
Reg. 9 – Kevin Watson
NGJA Rep. – Dean Schott absent
Jr. Rep. MPC – Sergei Pakanich
Jr. Rep. MPC – Hideo Mizoguchi
Jr. Staff Rep – Tom Meadows

Men's Program Staff: voice, no vote

USAG, Vice President of Men's Program - Dennis McIntyre
Junior Olympic Program Coordinator - Dusty Ritter by phone
National Team Coordinator - Kevin Mazeika absent
Men's Program Manager – Lisa Mendel

II. Approval of Past Minutes, pending

III. Reports Section

A. USAG National Office – McIntyre;

1. Calendar
2. Policy Updates; R&P update; new R&P online following meeting
3. Member Services place of most change
4. Member Clubs
5. Technology update: Age Group Competition Program materials to App., and/or I-book. (for use in next quad.)
6. Essential Elements Program and materials
7. Regional Elite Team Championships & format
8. High School Program; manual
9. NCAA Program; priority status
10. USA Gymnastics State & Regional Web sites
11. J.O. Nationals bids: Spokane & Battle Creek

Motion to recommend to USAG that the Battle Creek, MI, bid for J.O. Nationals, 2016, be accepted.

**Motion: Bob Witmer
Second: Roger Baldwin**

Yay=9
Abstain=1
Motion approved

B. Jr. Olympic Program Coordinator – Dusty Ritter (via conference call)

1. Changes working smoothly with the Age Group Competition Committee
2. Review of progress with JE Division and impact of Technical Sequences
3. Regional Elite Team Championships serves to guide consistent strategy
4. More focused plan
5. Future Stars program develop strategy to work with Age Group Competition Committee, working year round.

Motion to adjourn, Thursday, 9/18, 8:43pm.

Motion: Hideo Mizoguchi
Second: Bob Witmer
Unanimous

Meeting called to order Friday, 9/19/14, 9:06am, by JOPC Chair, David Klein.

IV. Roll Call

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A. National Team Coordinator – Dennis for Kevin Mazeika: very pleased with all performances.

B. MPC Report - Hideo Mizoguchi/Sergei Pakanich.

1. Recognize Kelly Crumley for outstanding service to MPC and JOPC & welcome Sergei Pakanich as new MPC & JOPC member
2. Welcome new L-10 National Team Members;
3. Reviewed Jr. Pan Am Games results in March, particularly results for Alec Yoder,

C. National Scholarship Report – David Klein.

D. NGJA Report – Bob Witmer for Dean Schott.

1. Review of JO Nationals Judging Honorarium
2. Review compensation for judges at J.O. Nationals every 2 years; cannot raise the honorarium without adjusting entry fee for meet host. Propose \$200.00 increase. Currently entry fee is \$160.00. At present \$950.00 is what judges are paid. Five dollar increase recommended to \$165.00 entry fee.

Motion to increase J.O. Nationals to \$165.00, effective 2015.

Motion: Kevin White
Second: Hideo Mizoguchi
Unanimous

Motion to increase judge's honorarium at J.O. Nationals beginning 2015, to \$1,100.00.

Motion: Kevin White
Second: Kevin Watson
Unanimous

Further discussion: review J.O. Nationals entry fees and judges honorarium every two years. Dean Schott to project update on fees.

IV. Special Committee Reports

A. JO Nationals Format Review; combine JO's & JE's, Region Teams in Session 3. Needs to be stabilized for next couple of years.

Combining JE and JO athletes in optional sessions on the first day and use the 3rd session for a Regional Team Competition with JO and JE athletes - from AGCC report, item d. The competition level is so high that there is a need to create the most ideal situations in a competition. Session 3 has best 108 optional routines. JO Nationals can only do so much.

B. Judging Fee Proposal – Review new template on judging fees.

Issues with local judging associations not working with meet director(s) as intended. Still questions regarding judge's fees for compulsory level traditional format and for level 8-10, modified capitol cup. Fees are set for State and Regional Championships.

V. Unfinished Business

Bill Foster Proposal – Gymnastics Development for Teenage Boys; being considered for the next quad.

- Virtue is competing in own age division
- Pairs with high school program
- Potential for developing the base
- Even playing fields, peer-to-peer competition, and more recognition
- Challenge is to how to fit into the program
- Attraction is kid wants to play the real game

VI. Special Orders.

J. Frank Cumiskey Award

Awarded to CJ Johnson

VI. New Business

- A. JO National qualifying Scores – poll via state chairman about state meet entries. Demand state meet entry submitted by February 1.**

Motion: The entry deadline for all state championships is February 1. Refunds will be available 14 days prior to the state meet. Begin, 2015.

**Motion: Kevin White.
Second: Bo Morris.
Unanimous.**

Motion: State chairs must report state meet entries to the Regional Chairman by February 15.

**Motion: Kevin White.
Second: Roger Baldwin.**

- B. Pro Score Updates** (Technical Sequence addition for ease of combined scoring);

- C. Review of competition format with respect to use of GK competitive attire.**

For 2015, Junior Elites wear for Optional Competition, (first competitive day)
Junior Olympic athletes wear on finals day. Same format as 2014.

Motion to adjourn, Friday, 9/19, 3:07pm, EDT.

**Motion to adjourn, Bob Witmer
Second: Kevin Watson
Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted:

**Daniel Coon
Secretary, JOPC**