

**Georgia USAG Board Meeting  
November 20, 2011  
McConnell Middle School, Loganville, GA**

**Attendance:**

Drew Davis, Gwyned Bius, Becky Oppenheimer, Sheila Ragle, Marian Dykes, Jon Aardema, Judy Prestigiacomo, Sharon Doyle (guest)

Jon Aardema called the meeting to order at 2:40 pm. Since Michelle Pomerantz was out of town, Sharon Doyle was asked to take minutes.

**Reading of the Minutes**

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

**Financial Report**

We currently have approximately \$23000 in the state account with some income and expenses outstanding. Jon is planning to liquidate the Harrod account in the immediate future by having checks cut to the previously approved recipients.

**New Business**

**Election**

The current election for board secretary will close on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Level 6 State**

For the 2012 Level 6 State team championships, three scores (rather than four) will be counted for team both for qualifying for team finals and during team finals. We shall continue with the same format in which 6 individuals may compete for each of the top 8 teams, but with just the top three scores per event from each team counting.

Motion: Becky Oppenheimer, Second: Gwyned Bius MOTION PASSED

**New Levels in 2013**

The board discussed issues that members feel should be addressed. The change in level requirements that will occur in 2013 with the new rules could be addressed through parent awareness and education, perhaps with a letter introducing the new levels to parents before they are implemented in 2013.

### **Scoring Issues**

The perception by some coaches that the gyms are losing gymnasts due to low scores will be addressed at the summer clinic. We will come up with a format or session that will allow coaches and judges to discuss the issue in a non-confrontational manner, with perhaps some positive ways to discuss scores with parents.

### **State Championship Dates**

A motion was made for 2012-2013 State Championship dates to be as follows:

Level 3/6 Nov 9-11, 2012

Level 5 Nov 16-18, 2012

Level 2/4 Nov 30-Dec 2, 2012

Level 9/10/Xcel Mar 22-24, 2013

Level 7/8/Xcel Apr 5-7, 2013

Spring Compulsory May 3-5, 2013

(The levels of Xcel that compete on which weekend will be contingent on numbers. Another weekend may be necessary.)

Motion: Sheila Ragle, Second: Judy Prestigiacomo MOTION PASSED

### **State Clinic**

The tentative date for the state clinic will be June 16, 2012. Marian proposed Tom Forster as a clinician and will see if that is feasible based on his availability and cost, and will also find out if Roswell is available as a site.

### **Apparel for Board**

The board would like to purchase nice polo-type shirts for the board to wear to Georgia USAG events.

Motion: Judy Prestigiacomo, Second: Drew Davis MOTION PASSED

### **Level 10 State Meet Schedule**

The board discussed having the Level 10 session at the state meet on Saturday in the early afternoon for this year (2012) only to allow the Level 10 athletes to attend the SEC Championships that evening if they wish. The board also discussed purchasing tickets for the Level 10 athletes to attend this championship as a group. Jon will look into the feasibility of this, and if it appears feasible, may call for a vote from this board for approval at a future date.

**Preseason Optional Clinic**

Jon will send out the form this week for the December 28<sup>th</sup> clinic and post the information on the website.

The next meeting will be after the 9/10 state meet at a date TBD.