

## TAAF Summer Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2023 (Unofficial until after 9-20-2023)

Meeting called to order 10:05 am by Jan Eyman

Introduction of Board Members:

Jan Eyman-Commissioner

Tricia Guertl-Texas Best

Rich Trevino-Trevino's Gymnastics

Rob Harmon-Corinth

Nick Chaimson-Irving Gymnastics

Megan Fenton-Richardson Gymnastics

Janet Cochran-Excite Gymnastics

Special Time to Say Goodbye to two council members: Brad Turner and Nick Chaimson

Jan presented both departing council members plaques thanking them for their service to the organization for so many years.

### 1. Banquet

- a. AA Rings were shown to the membership attending the meeting.
- b. Banquet Costs
  - i. Competition fees did cover the cost of the banquet with a narrow margin. Jan stated that the fees needed to be paid on time-invoices sent-and some are still unpaid.
  - ii. **NEXT SEASON: FINE to Meet Directors if head tax and insurance is not paid within 7 days of meet date. Penalty will be \$5 per athlete enrolled in the meet. This is a change/increase from current rule which was based on 30 days late.**

### 2. Hot Topics:

- a. Meet Hosting:
  - i. There was much discussion about the need of MORE SPECIFIC procedures for protocol-possible creation of a checklist and have the specific procedures more streamlined
  - ii. Equipment must be up to date
  - iii. Environment/Staff/Personnel must be prepared
  - iv. Quality awards-along with this item, it was suggested that meets need to be a "real event" for not only the athletes, coaches and

judges, but also for the spectators-they are the ones that keep our meets going with their financial support.

- v. Results reports to Scoremaster **MUST BE WITHIN 24 HOURS** after the conclusion of a meet. **NEXT SEASON:** \$100 Fine for late reports.
  - vi. Failure to get meet schedule approved **BEFORE** publishing will result in a \$100 Fine-this will take effect **NEXT SEASON**.
    1. Results **MUST be in proper format**. First Offense: Warning and re-do of the information. Second Offense: Reviewed by Council for further action in current or future seasons.
  - vii. BIDS are **due by June 30** for Qualifying Meets and the Schedule will be published by July 15
- b. State Meets
- i. Problems this Year
    1. Experience
      - a. Three qualifying meets held BEFORE club can bid on a state meet-discussion about this and why it was important to make the meet run successfully and smoothly-that is why it was **REQUIRED** that these meet hosts also engage a qualified and approved Meet Director to assist in running that meet along with meet host. This was discussed within the membership attending.
      - b. First State Meet Host (after preparatory qualifying meets) **must** also engage the services of an experienced meet director approved by the council/commissioner. The membership present at the meeting discussed this topic at length and agreed it needs to be enforced.
      - c. Presentation
        - i. Expectations for State Meet Hosts regarding:
          1. Timely publication of information/complete reporting of results
          2. Organized and educated personnel of meet host staff
          3. Presentation-State meet quality
            - a. Most prestigious, exciting for everyone involved and an exceptional experience for everyone involved
          4. Equipment Standards

- a. All equipment should be in competition condition and meet host should have enough mats for each event or enough to share equally among events.
  - d. **STATE MEET BIDS ARE DUE BY JUNE 15.** If multiple bids for the same state meet are submitted, the voting will commence. Qualifying meet schedule may be delayed until voting is completed.
- 2. **VOTING ITEM. Consider going back to the three state meets**
  - a. Unpredictable attendance
    - i. Numbers did not increase-rather decreased slightly:
    - ii. Numbers were very unevenly distributed-hard to predict
    - iii. 2023 State Meet Numbers (4 Meets)
      - a. Bronze/Silver 418 (56% were XS)
      - b. Level 1-2 257
      - c. Level 3-4 447
      - d. Level 5 + 344
    - iv. 2023 State meet Numbers if used 3 State Meets
      - a. Bronze/Level 1-2 438
      - b. Level 3/Silver 532
      - c. Level 4 + 492
    - v. Rob Harmon will be the NEW Competition Chairman to review meet Schedules
    - vi. Leaving more weeks for qualifiers-if the season were extended by one week , the clubs have a better chance to get the number of mandatory meets in-see schedule
      - 1. March 1 being the Mid-Point of the season-there would be a possible 6 meets before the midpoint and a possible 6 meets after the midpoint of the season.
    - vii. Mothers Day weekend WILL be included.
    - viii. Proposed schedule does **NOT** conflict with any USAG post season meets for Optional/XCEL levels
    - ix. We would then allow Friday sessions to accommodate numbers



- ii. 14.3.04 ADD: All 3 meets may be in the second half of the season.
- iii. 14.6.06 REWORD: ( no need to mention USA Gymnastics in this chart)
- iv. 14.8.01 SCRATCH: or twelfth(12<sup>th</sup>)place, whichever comes first.
- v. 14.11.06 ADD: 7 days from receipt of invoice.
- vi. 14.11.08 I'm confused on this rule. Notes say: \$100/ 7 days
- vii. 14.12.11 ADD: (20) after the word twenty in the first line.
- viii. 14.14.02 b) SCRATCH: twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) place. Replace with: through 50%.
- ix. 14.19.04 b) ADD: Medium after the word Large.
- x. 14.19.05 e) DELETE: entire item. Not needed any longer.
- xi. TAAF Manual of Procedures  
Article 5.5 chart ADD: Included under  
Gymnastics-State Team Fee
- xii. Jan reported on eliminating inflated scores
- xiii. Comments on division breakdown-Rob reported on the movement between divisions at certain levels
- xiv. Other topics/issues:
  - 1. 7 days instead of 30 days for head tax/insurance submission

### 3. Petitions

#### a. Out of Control this season

- i. There will be a form that must be completed and turned in by **APRIL 1.** (unless special circumstances are evident)
- ii. These incidences **WILL NOT** be granted exceptions:
  - 1. Illness with NO medical record/note
  - 2. Coach errors
  - 3. If you have an athlete that is missing a meet in order to qualify-it is the coach's responsibility to find a meet for that athlete-if none can be found, that coach needs to contact Jan to see what options are available.

### 4. New plan to have all Background Checks for Gymnastics begin August 31

- a. August 31, 2023 begins background certification and August 30, 2024 ends that year. Background checks done anytime during the season ALL come due again on August 31 of the new year.

- b. Is the sign in method working? Changes-there were a few comments on this but overall, the membership present seemed to be satisfied with the current system.
- 5. Other discussion topics
  - a. Judging inconsistency-8 judges per meet NEED to be the standard; using 4 judges (single judge panels) with a Meet Referee would be a last resort method.
- 6. TAAF Safety Course-maybe? Needs to be cost-friendly. Rita Brown was mentioned as a source.
- 7. Educational event sponsored by TAAF-many coaches cannot afford to travel to workshops/meetings where they can get good educational materials and information. This was discussed and a date of July 2024 was selected. More info to follow.
- 8. Jan will send out an open nomination form to the membership for those members that might be interested in serving out Nick and Brad's term of office (one year left) and possibly continue serving on the Council.
- 9. Future Discussion: Acro Tumbling
  - a. Positives: Many colleges and universities are including this offering to incoming students; minimal equipment costs; Title IX requirements are fulfilled by adding this sport.

Meeting was adjourned by Jan Eyman at 12:15 pm June 3, 2023