

September 20, 2008

Ft. Myers, FL

Call to order: 3:00pm

Members present: Margie Canfield (President), Bethany Mihaly (Vice President), Mike Martin (Meet Coordinator), Dean Ratliff (Technical Director), Pat Simon (Secretary/Treasurer), John Cunningham (Professional Member Rep), Wendy Cauthen (Member at Large)

Topics of Discussion:

1. Review of 2007 Board Meeting Minutes—Minutes approved by John and seconded by Bethany, all in favor. Margie to make appropriate changes in the NHSGA Coaches Information Packet.
2. 2008 Senior Showcase Questionnaire Results were discussed and various points were moved into the “new business” part of this meeting. An online survey system will be used next year—Survey Monkey, Zoomerang—John Cunningham and Pat Simon to send information on possible websites that would accommodate our needs.
3. 2009 SSI Location: Mike Martin told of the possibilities
 - a. St Pete Beach –voted down-basically-been there done that twice
 - b. Roswell Georgia-voted down-due to huge expense and located in the middle of nowhere.
 - c. Mohican Sun—voted down due to huge expense
 - d. Virginia Beach, Wendy Cauthen’s high school gym-lots of discussion about gym, how many sets of equipment, where to get the equipment, what to do for the kids, proximity to airport, possibility of a grant, BUSY holiday weekend for VB, dates of meet to weekend not Th, Fr
 - i. Voted on Virginia Beach-all in favor, none opposed; meet committee to finalize details and send information to board members.
 1. Meet dates: Friday, May 22-Practice, Saturday, May 23-Team and Individual Prelims, Sunday-May 24th Individual Finals
 2. Airport to use: Norfolk Airport or Newport News Airport
 - a. Norfolk International Airport is about 30 minutes from the oceanfront.....Newport News/Williamsburg Airport is about 1 hour 15 minutes away from the oceanfront.....
 3. Theme of the meet—Dolphins
 4. Boat sunset cruise-7:30 board, 8:00-10:00 cruise-eating on boat-looking into a couple option depending on expense, if spouses of coaches want to go they will have to pay \$35, this is not open to parents. Discussion of possible private charter and private caterer if the Spirit of Norfolk was too expensive. Wendy Cauthen to look into this.

5. Optional activity for gymnasts and coaches the evening after Saturday prelims-local waterpark-\$14.99 after 4:00pm, gymnast pay on their own. Wendy to look into an even greater discount for the group.
6. Sports Marketing Department has a grant program that Wendy is going to write up for financial assistance.
7. Must publish the restaurants will be VERY busy and the waits will be long to get served.
8. Wendy will check with Excalibur (club) to see where they get their equipment for their meets.
9. Discussion of various vendors selling outside the doors-Promote the NHSGA with shirts, bumper stickers, vinyl clings (I made it to Nationals; NHSGA-Bethany to research vinyl clings);
10. Hotels are Ramada on the Beach; The Beach Quarters Resort and Turtle Cay Resort-Executive Suite Upgrades will be at Turtle Cay Resort with a room rate for all at \$169.
11. Mike continues to invite Texas women's team—sent out specific letter to Janet Cochran and Denise Coats—now to contact Debbie Williams

4. How to Score in 2009:

- a. 4 vs 3 scores to count for team score:
 - i. Most states use 4 scores for their team scores
 - ii. 4 scores would increase the necessary depth for a team to have
 - iii. Would a state not come if they can't get 4 kids-states come now that only have one or two gymnasts
 - iv. More kids would feel like their scores will count and be needed
 - v. No difference in places if we would have counted 4 scores this year
 - vi. Propose to count 4 gymnasts per event was set forth by John Cunningham, Margie Canfield seconded the motion, all were in favor, no one opposed
- b. Federation or USA Level 9 Modified
 - i. Why do we currently use level 9 modified discussion:
 1. We thought USA judges need to fulfill a "pro-bono" requirement and we are it for some of them
 2. Some think it shows a better separation of the top of the top due to the increased requirements and difficulty available
 3. Comment about the Federation rules were starting to be more and more similar to USA rules anyway
 4. Why not use Federation rules since that is what most high schools use during their season anyway.
 - a. Harder to get judges?

- b. Those who use USA Level 9 or 10 are able to “dumb down” their routines and score better than they would if they used level 9
 - 5. Comment to have a brochure made to help Federation gymnasts meet the Level 9 modified requirements—Margie will look into this with judges she knows that judge by both rules.
 - 6. Proposal to continue to use USA Level 9 modified rules the 2011-2012 Federation Rules book comes out and then revisit the issue by Margie Canfield, seconded by Bethany Mihaly, 6 yes, 1 opposed
 - c. All Star and Team or all one group-
 - i. Compared scores as to with and without All Star (individual)-change in winner of meet (1st and 2nd switched) all other places stayed the same, three teams would have had one more gymnast score for their team ☺
 - ii. Proposal to eliminate two “division” and give each state the chance to have 12 gymnasts per event with 4 scores counting by Margie Canfield, seconded by Wendy Cauthen—all in favor, none opposed.
5. Board Member Jobs:
- a. Committees-Chairs were appointed to each committee
 - i. By-Laws Committee-Dean Ratliff
 - ii. Membership Committee-Pat Simon
 - iii. Ethics Committee-Wendy Cauthen
 - iv. Finance Committee-Margie Canfield
 - v. SSI Committee-Mike Martin and Wendy Cauthen
 - vi. Awards and Recognition Committee-John Cunningham
 - vii. Sponsorship and Donation Committee-Bethany Mihaly
6. Website-
- a. Continue to update pages
 - b. Rae Chrane to be contacted to have a “Get to Know the NHSGA Coaches” part of the website-Margie will contact her about this project.
 - c. On forms state the “Only Lead Coaches Can Register Gymnasts and Coaches” for SSI
 - d. Put the specific year on the membership forms.
7. By Law Updates-
- a. Update Committee to make appropriate changes and send to membership after meeting for approval depending on proposals and votes.
 - b. Change
8. Finances
- a. Margie to send financial report to members who request them when all receipts and donations have been made. Will be posted as “per request” on the website.

- b. Receipts must be sent to Sec/Treasurer (Pat Simon) no later than two weeks after finish of event for reimbursement. Make a copy
 - c. Pat Simon to set up new bank account in his town.
 - d. Margie Canfield to send Pat Simon the 501c3 forms to get put into place so we can accept tax deductible donations from companies.
 - e. Once 501c3 status is achieved sponsors such as Gatorade, Dove, etc will be solicited for financial help.
9. How do we promote the NHSGA?
- a. Gymmeet.com---chalkbucket.com websites that will help get our name out there
 - b. Bethany Mihaly to create a pamphlet to promote NHSGA and send to Ex Board members for suggestions and a vinyl window cling to members to put “wherever” they would like to.
 - c. Recruiting other states:
 - i. Margie-Minnesota, John-California, Dean-Alaska, British Columbia/Québec/Alberta and Wyoming; Bethany-Georgia, Kentucky/Kansas, Louisiana; Wendy-Maryland; Pat-Vermont and Maine; Mike-Mexico
 - ii. Discussion of turning our SSI into an International Senior Showcase Invitational—everyone seemed excited about this possibility ☺
10. Other business:
- a. All American Team Scores—
 - i. Count 4 for team scores not 3-Bethany to come up with new averages for website page.
 - b. Discussion of
 - c. If coaches are given a hard time by their state as being a “coach” at the SSI they can be called “sponsors” and it doesn’t send up the “red flag.”
 - d. We need to PUBLISH family opportunities for family fun better.
 - e. Map to coaches hospitality room and post hours.
 - f. Darker march in state signs and have a “band stand” to hold the signs at each event.
 - g. Goodie bags—better this year but have each gymnasts bring a team/state t-shirt to put into a big bag to trade with other gymnasts who brought one. Give out tickets when you donate your shirt so you are assured a pick as well.
 - h. Coaches and gymnasts meeting the evening after the practice-try to include ALL gymnasts if the space allows.
 - i. Definitely make sure ONE person is at the music station to play all music.
 - j. Need to order more awards for next year—John in charge of that.
 - k. Get more vendors at meet site-lobby—Margie to solicit these
 - l. Discussion of the gymnasts that attend the SSI should automatically be All American Gymnasts—some states the gymnasts isn’t of All American caliber but the gymnasts “wants” to come to this meet since it is her last meet ever; this topic didn’t really get anywhere—revisit at next

meeting—maybe those who make the finals??? The coach is already a member and just needs to do the paperwork to make it happen.....

- m. Online Membership forms—PayPal as an option?
- n. Meet responsibilities need to be more clearly defined and more evenly distributed
- o. Made sure all names, address, phones, etc were accurate of board members.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:26 pm by Dean Ratliff seconded by Mike Martin—of course all were in favor. ☺