

**Minutes from Georgia NAWGJ Board Meeting  
May 25, 2005  
at Jean DeArmon's home.**

**Present:** Gwyned Bius, Gretchen Connell, Jean DeArmon, Sharon Doyle, Marian Dykes, Jeanie Lipsius, Sheila Ragle (non-voting), and Stacey Harris: **Absent:** Ceal Wutka and Dana Kling.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fundraiser Chairperson:** Judges 500 will take place again at Roswell Sept 10-11 and will be USAG 2-6 with one non-sanctioned session offered which would be critique only. On Friday night Stacey suggested we have an open gym for any gymnast entered in the meet for an additional cost of \$10. Judges could volunteer and it would be a learning experience for both the gymnasts and the judges. We would like to do an AAU Judges Cup this year December 17th. Stacey will contact Ultimate to see if they are interested in providing the site. We will sell books again if Chris is willing to be responsible for it again. Jean would like to give the judges a gift at Judges 500, and something educational would be useful with all the new rules. Jean will order DEM Compulsory Cards for all the judges in Georgia in anticipation that they will work Judges 500.

**Member at Large:** Gretchen expressed her library concerns and will allow parties to check material out for up to 3 months. Gretchen may ask for payment to the SJD upfront before lending out some materials to ensure their return.

**Technology Coordinator:** After September Ceal will no longer be a member of NAWGJ and will not be able to serve on the board. **Jean will ask the membership if anyone would like to run for the position to finish Ceal's term.** Ceal is willing to continue as webmistress. **All meet referees are requested to send their meet assignments to Ceal at least 8 days before the meet.** Gwyned will ask at booking if you are willing or not willing to serve as meet referee. At this time Gwyned did not feel it is necessary that she have access to the website to update the assignments and she will continue to send out her updated assignment lists as usual.

**Contracts:** Gwyned expressed her continuing concerns about hard to book meets.

**Motion:** A motion was made to ensure that the hard to book meets are provided judges:

The booking agent will designate certain meets as hard to book, and will send the list of the hard to book meets to each judge before booking.

**At booking, each judge will first be asked to choose one (1) of these hard to book meets to book.**

If the judge does NOT book a hard to book meet, that judge is dropped two (2) booking groups later and will book at the bottom of that group.

Motion: Marian

2nd: Gretchen

Four in favor, two opposed. Motion passed.

Motion: If a judge books a meet designated as hard to book, and that meet is later cancelled and there is no other meet available in which to place this judge, then each judge cancelled is paid for three (3) hours by Ga NAWGJ.

Motion: Stacey

2nd: Gwyned

All in favor, none opposed.

A clarification was made by the board that Gwyned and Jean may use their discretion when assigning auxiliary judges for collegiate competitions and it is not necessary to do this by seniority.

Gwyned brought up the subject of theme meets. After much discussion the following motion was made:

Motion: We will continue to allow meet directors to allow alternate (theme) attire for the judges for their theme meets if designated by the meet director on the Judges Request Form.

Three in Favor, Three Opposed. SJD opposed.

Motion **denied**.

**Hospitality:** Jeanie says we have several new babies. Jean suggested she send them to me to put in the newsletter (of course, by the time I remember, I can put it with their graduation announcement.)

**Judges Trainer:** Dana reported that there are currently 140 people registered for the summer clinic at Roswell, with others on the waiting list. Jean will discuss with Dana the possibility of accommodating more participants in the clinic.

**Testing:** Jean plan to offer testing the weekend of August 27th or 28th (one day only.) She will go to the TA course in Portland and will send out information about testing in the newsletter when she returns.

**Membership:** Marian reported that Active Status has been replaced with CPE (Continuing Professional Education.) **Active Status cards are not used anymore.** We will begin to receive credit for each hour we spend in a clinic and will receive certificates documenting this that each judge must keep in a personal file and which may be periodically audited. We will begin to accumulate CPE hours in June.

Jean brought up the idea of providing graduating seniors with gifts from GA NAWGJ beginning next year, which everyone thought was a nice idea. Discussion of National Judges Cup 2006 in Houston was tabled.

The board had a brief discussion (knitting was the specific concern) about what is acceptable activity while NOT judging and the following motion was made:

Motion: Judges may do any activity at their table while they are not judging that does not interfere with the running of the competition.

Motion: Stacey

2nd; Gwyned

All in favor, none opposed.

At 9:37 pm the meeting adjourned.