

GEORGIA NAWGJ BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 24, 1999

In Attendance: Sheila Ragle, Marian Dykes, Jeanie Lipsius, Chris Jackson, Lisa Wheaton, Brock White. Absent: June Seymour

SJD Sheila Ragle called the meeting to order at 9:30 PM on July 24, 1999 in Savannah, GA.

1. Betty Sroufe: The first item of discussion concerned Betty Sroufe's recent health setback. The board unanimously agreed to send her an angel from Georgia NAWGJ to add to her collection. We have since heard that Betty is recovering nicely from her stroke.
2. Active Status: A national rule clarification regarding active status states that if a judge's card is not filed, that judge may not be booked at all. Since this is a recent clarification, it was agreed that the Georgia booking letter will contain a Sept. 1, 1999 deadline for receipt of active status cards by Marian Dykes. Delivery of a completed active status card to Jean DeArmon at booking will not change the booking order. Georgia judges who missed the Dec. 31, 1998 date but met the Sept. 1, 1999 date will be booked at the bottom of their level. Georgia judges who miss the Sept. 1, 1999 date will not be booked at all.
3. Booking: It was agreed that Georgia judges will be grouped by the date they received their highest level rating, assuming each judge has met the active status criteria.
4. State Meet Judging Assignment Process: For 1999-2000, the process is as follows: a state meet availability letter will be mailed shortly and must be returned to Sheila Ragle no later than Aug. 15, 1999. A slate of judges will be prepared for each state meet and presented to the GA USAG board for approval. Judges will be notified of their assignment to state meets at booking. Judges who have been assigned to a state meet must have their in-gym card completed and submitted to both Marian Dykes and Sheila Ragle no later than Sept. 1, 1999.
5. Calculating Break Time: Sheila reported that a clarification regarding calculating break time was discussed at the National SJD Workshop. This clarification can be stated best by using the following example:
In the past, if the total actual judging time was 4 hours and 25 minutes, break time was calculated using 4 hours on the chart. If the total actual judging time was 4 hours and 35 minutes, the time was rounded up to 5 hours for break time calculation.
The new clarification states that if the total actual judging time is anywhere between 4 hours and 4 hours and 59 minutes, the break time is calculated using 4 hours on the chart. Partial hours are no longer rounded up to the next hour.
6. Judges Compensation Package: Sheila also stated that the judge's compensation package changes as of Aug. 1, 1999. All levels will receive a \$2.00 per hour raise with the following exceptions: Level 8 judges will receive a \$1.00 per hour raise and Level 5/6 judge's compensation will remain the same.

7. Judges Handbook: Sheila also brought back several samples of judges handbooks back from the SJD Workshop. She provided these to Brock to analyze and produce a Georgia Judges Handbook.
8. Judges 500:
 - o Lisa reported about the upcoming Judges 500 to be held at Roswell Rec. Invitations have been mailed. We have offered both qualifying and non-qualifying USA and AAU options to all participants. Availability letters will be sent shortly to all Georgia Judges so that panels can be established and coverage can be ensured. Awards have been ordered. Goody bags were discussed. It was decided that lanyards with a gymnast key chain would be given this year instead of the traditional notebook.
 - o Lisa solicited suggestions for improvement. Recommendations were made to separate the qualifying and non-qualifying competitions by session rather than by judging panel and to have judging panels judge different levels if dual sessions are required.
 - o Scorekeeping options were discussed. It was agreed that Lisa would investigate having Roswell provide this support. Meal suggestions were provided to Jeanie.
 - o Late entries were discussed. **A motion was made recommending that entries received after the deadline, or after a maximum of 560 competitors was reached, would be returned.**
Motion: Lisa Wheaton
Second: Marian Dykes
Approved unanimously
9. New Business: **A motion was made recommending the purchase of a fax machine with an associated telephone line and a copier for both our booking agent and our SJD.**
Motion: Marian Dykes
Second: Jeanie Lipsius
Approved unanimously
10. Miscellaneous Discussion Items
 - o Tom Cook's wife, Stacy, is also experiencing serious health problems. It was agreed that GA NAWGJ also send her an angel.
 - o The response for Dottie Cook's retirement was phenomenal! She will truly be missed!
 - o Board Elections will take place next year. . consider running for office!

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Jackson
Secretary