

**Minutes from Georgia NAWGJ Board Meeting  
August 17, 2004  
at Jean DeArmon's home.**

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** A new roster is currently in-work. The roster will be distributed at booking and will include all members who have returned completed info sheets.

**Booking:** Gwyned will bring in-gym cards for 2004-2005 to Judges 500. We discussed individual contracts for meets before Judges 500, as well as contracts that judges accept after booking. Contracts should be completed for these meets. All judges should be reminded that they should send 1 copy of the contract to Gwyned and 1 copy to the gym. Because some meets are accepted at the last minute, all judges should carry a contract with them.

**Fundraiser:** Stacey told us that Judges 500 will have 540 competitors. We discussed the site for 2005 but this was tabled until after this year's 500. Jean has taken care of door prizes for this year. We discussed the new AAU Judges Cup (to be called Up, Up and Away with AAU) that will take place December 18th at Gymnastix Training Center in Buford. Only 8 judges will be needed and Jean will try to get volunteers who may not be available to work Judges 500 in September. If she can't get 8 volunteers, it may be necessary to pay some of the judges.

**Hospitality:** Jeanie says we will need a new caterer for Judges 500, so she'll research her options.

**Judges Training:** Dana is currently working on updating the Judges' Handbook and asked for volunteers to proof it for him. Several board members offered to help. Dana will work with these volunteers to get them a copy of the manual to proof. Level 2&3 compulsory cards should be ready to hand out at Judges 500 and Dana will check on putting them on our website as well. Dana will try to put the Meet Referee's Duties in the handbook as well. Dana will get with Peggy Simpson to plan a compulsory state clinic for 2005. Right now he is looking into the weekend after the Reno clinic. Marian brought up the fact that he may have difficulties getting his hands on sufficient quantities of the new compulsory books. USA Gymnastics has indicated that supplies and staff may be in such demand in the month following the workshops, there may be additional fees for national clinicians and books may not be available for shipment.

**Motion:** A motion was made to send Dana to the compulsory clinic in 2005 as the Ga

NAWGJ Judges Trainer. This would include registration fees, airfare, hotel and meals.

Motion: Marian

2nd: Gretchen

**All in favor, none opposed**

**Member-At-Large:** Gretchen asked about pursuing a separate AAU judging uniform. The point was brought up that we do NOT have a special uniform for USAG but rather just an NAWGJ uniform.

**Motion:** A motion was made to continue to wear our NAWGJ uniform for all meets unless otherwise directed by the meet director.

Motion: Gretchen

2nd: Sharon

**All in favor, none opposed.**

**Secretary:** Jean asked a time frame for the next newsletter. The fall newsletter should be complete by Judges 500 (Editors note: this means about 2 months later.) There was some discussion about sending the secretary to learn Robert's rules of Order but Jean said the organization did not have anywhere near the amount of time or money needed to properly train the secretary so expectations will need to be lowered. The entire board agreed with Jean's astute observation regarding the secretary. Hey!

**Technical:** Ceal wasn't here but we did briefly discuss the time frame in which meet refs should make assignments. Some meet refs prefer to make all their assignments at the beginning of the season and some meets prefer to do it the week before, and at this time both methods are acceptable.

The board discussed some questions brought up by the membership:

1. "When the rule states that judges should not be required to arrive at the hotel prior to an overnight stay past 9:30pm, does this include stopping for dinner?"

While we never came up with a definitive answer to this, the bottom line remains that the judges need to be at the hotel by 9:30pm.

2. "Are there any consequences for female judges wearing slacks when the contract stipulates men in ties and women in skirts?"

The consequence is that the judge may not be asked back by the meet director.

Insurance for state board members should be in place shortly. There is a problem with the booking agent position because it is a paid position and cannot be on the board. The board need to consider ways for Gwyned to be insured as well, which just may require her insurance to be purchased separately.

Jean asked the board if we would like to send a representative to Judges Cup January 7-9, 2005 in New Orleans, LA at the Morial Convention Center.

**Motion:** A motion was made to send Gretchen to the 2005 Judges Cup as the Georgia representative.

Motion: Marian

2nd: Sharon  
**All in favor.**

Jean received a request that the board consider making a guideline that any judge who is assigned an out of town meet (state in particular) that is over 60 miles (or some other, yet to be determined, specific mileage) must arrive the night before, to avoid traffic concerns. After some discussion we decided that we as a board, however powerful, cannot control Atlanta (or any other) traffic and that we would continue as before, allowing the meet referee, meet director and judges to make this decision. There will always be isolated situations where a judge encounters traffic problems.

We discussed gifts for departing board members, Kathlyn and Lisa.

**Motion:** A motion was made for Jean to purchase gifts with a value of approximately \$10 per year served with a minimum of \$40.

Motion: Gwyned

2nd: Jeanie

**All in favor.**

Jean showed us the proposed budget for Judges 500 2004.

#### **New business:**

We feel that as a NAWGJ organization, we should encourage members to go to National Symposium by providing some funds. We also discussed the upcoming Brevet and National Courses.

**A motion** was made to pay the registration fee for those GA judges invited to the Brevet and National Courses for those judges active and otherwise eligible per our guidelines for reimbursement.

Motion: Jeanie

2nd: Gretchen

**All in favor, one opposed.**

**A motion** was made to pay the full registration fee for the NAWGJ National Symposium for those judges choosing to go and those judges active and otherwise eligible per our guidelines.

Motion: Marian

2nd: Stacey

**All in favor.**

At 8:10 pm the meeting adjourned.