

Minutes from Georgia NAWGJ Board Meeting

August 29, 2005, at Jean DeArmon's home.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm.

Committee Reports:

Membership: The board discusses that since we are no longer filing Active Status Cards, we need to redefine the duties of Marian's position. Also, judges are reminded to keep CPE's for a year after they are due in case of an audit.

Motion: Marian is now responsible for coordinating the Annual CPE records as per the national guidelines.

Motion: Sharon

2nd: Gretchen.

All in favor, none opposed.

Hospitality: Jeanie discussed the food arrangements for Judges 500. On Friday night there are 30 kids coming to open gym (5's and 6's.) Jeanie will plan to bring food for those coaches and judges as well.

Fundraisers: Stacey stated that Judges 500 will have 11 sessions. One unsanctioned session will be Saturday night and be critique only and there is one session of Level 3's. The notebooks are hot pink and Richard will be doing the music.

Booking and Contracts: Gwyned said contracts are going out for invites. Gwyned is going to begin to book the hard-to-book meets. She will start with e-mail and if she doesn't hear from the judge she will then contact him/her by telephone. Jean brought up the fact that Gwyned can not be covered by the board insurance since her position is paid.

Motion: A motion was made to eliminate the contractual hiring of a booking agent.

Motion: Marian

2nd: Chris

All in favor, none opposed.

Motion: A motion was made that the contracts chairman will have the booking responsibilities previously outsourced by the board.

Motion: Marian.

2nd: Chris

All in favor, none opposed.

Since the booking agent extensively uses their computer, internet, and personal resources to book meets, Jean will arrange to reimburse Gwyned for some of her expenses. The board discussed it's new policy that judges be paid for three (3) hours if a hard-to-book meet that they had booked is cancelled and they do not contract another meet for that weekend. All judges that wish to be paid for three (3) hours by Ga-NAWGJ if their hard-to-book meet cancels need only send a voucher directly to Jean if they wish to be paid.

Gwyned reminded judges to send her an e-mail when they receive notice of test results so she knows their correct rating.

Technology: Chris brought up the possibility of changing to a new website provider, currently Hoskek but Region 8 has been switching to a provider called TG. Since the season is about to begin the board felt it was too late to change now but it's a possibility for next year. There is some confusion as to how the AAU and college meets will go on the calendar since the site will have just the USAG calendar. Chris also is going to solicit ideas from the judges as to what we'd like to see on the website. All board members are asked to give input at Judges 500. Chris also put together a distribution of funds proposal as to how we should give out the education money, but discussion of that was tabled for next time.

Judges Training: Dana stated that the classes for the new judges went well and the state clinic went well also. Dana is planning more classes so perhaps the new 5/6 judges can take the 7/8 test so they will be able to judge Prep Op. Gwyned said she needs clarification from AAU as to what rating is required to judge Prep Op. At Judges 500 Dana would like the judges to look at video to gain more insight into the acceptable range of scores for the new routines. Everyone has to get there an hour ahead so there would be time. Marian has some video she offered to Dana.

Sheila stated that she felt anything discussed at a board meeting cannot be discussed outside the board meeting. (Note: From our board meeting minutes, December 8, 2003: *When confidential information is presented orally it shall be clearly identified as confidential and the fact that a confidential matter was discussed (rather than the substance of the matter) shall be indicated in the minutes of the meeting.*) A question was brought up about ties for men. For USAG regional meets the contract does read ties for men. The NAWGJ official uniform for women does include pants. Invitationals may require a tie. There was a brief discussion about professional appearance regarding open toed shoes. (According to our board meeting minutes from December 8, 2003: *The board discussed the wearing of open-toed shoes for theme meets...and the choice of attire (including shoes) is up to the meet director.*)

At 9:00 pm the meeting adjourned.