

GA NAWGJ Board Meeting Minutes December 1, 2001

Location: Athens, Georgia

Attendees: Jean DeArmon, Marian Dykes, Jeanie Lipsius, Marilyn Bishop, Ceal Wutka, Kathlyn Skeslock, Chris Jackson

Invited Guests: Sheila Ragle, Gwyned Bius

Absent: Lisa Wheaton

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 PM by Jean DeArmon, GA SJD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary -The minutes from the September board meeting were approved as amended.

The next newsletter is in production and should be ready for mailing within the next two weeks.

Technical -

The WEB site counter is posted, closing a previous action item.

Meet Referees are reminded to provide Ceal with their judging assignments as soon as possible as more judges use the WEB-site for this information.

Membership -

Marian reported that it is acceptable to use either the blue or yellow active status cards for 2002.

Marian agreed to send Chris a new roster for inclusion in the next newsletter.

NOTE: Any roster change must be sent to Marian with signed authorization to publish the change.

Hospitality -

The board discussed the modifications to hospitality at the Judges 500. The consensus was that the amount and type of food provided for the coaches and judges as just about right.

Jeanie reminded all to let her know about coaches and judges who are expecting and who have had their babies so that she can send them their present and plan for next year.

Judges Training -

Kathlyn reported that she has a list of several potential new judges who are interested in testing.

After much discussion about the frequency and schedule of test opportunities in 2002, a motion was made to offer two tests sponsored by Ga NAWGJ in the Spring and Fall of 2002.

Motion: Chris Jackson

Second: June Seymour

Passed: 7-0

It was agreed that all judges would be notified via a mailing of the Ga NAWGJ sponsored 2002 test schedule. Other test sponsors, JCI, Region 8, Mini-Congress, etc. have their own notification procedures.

Member At Large -

Marilyn provided an AAU update:

Vault clarification: The run approach will not be judged by any AAU level.

Beam clarification: Level 4 - gymnasts may show a lock position or step directly into the next skill.

Marilyn and Jean have Level 3 video tapes available for judges to check out of the library. Robin Nance is making a Level 4 tape. This will be added to the library as soon as it's available.

Judges assigned to AAU state meets will be required to judge 3 meets prior to the state meet at that level, per the AAU board.

AAU Updates: If you are interested in receiving AAU updates by mail, please provide a stamped self-addressed envelope to Marilyn Bishop.

Contract Chairman -

June raised concerns regarding the use, or lack thereof, of the Meet Director Notification Cards. It was noted that the contract process is an important process for insurance purposes, as a courtesy for Meet Directors, and as a part of the NAWGJ service agreement. Several suggestions were discussed to make this process easier on everyone and less expensive to manage including:

- A return to the contract forms used for State Meet and above
- A cover letter containing common information such as fees, carpooling and a list of judges with an attached roster for mailing information.

- Include the Meet Director Notification Cards in the Request for Judges letter and have Meet Directors interested in receiving the cards address and stamp them and return them with their form.

It was agreed that this issue would be revisited at the next board meeting.

Fundraiser Chairperson -

Jean reported that Lisa is planning on representing Georgia at the National Judges Cup in St. Louis. All pertinent information has been provided to Patty Shipman.

Booking Agent -

Gwyned reported that additional meets have been added to the calendar that she is having difficulty servicing. In some cases, the number of meets per weekend exceeds our current capability to service. In other cases, available judges are not willing to travel to meets out of town.

There was discussion regarding ways to motivate judges to take out of town meets, which would significantly minimize the servicing problem. The board agreed to revisit this issue at the next board meeting.

New Business:

Judges 500: A suggestion was made to raise the number of required sessions from 2 to 3 to be eligible for Ga NAWGJ clinic support. This discussion was tabled until the next board meeting.

SJD Eligibility: A question was raised regarding the eligibility of members interested in running for the SJD position in the future. Per the Judges Handbook, candidates must have held elected positions on their state NAWGJ board in order to be eligible for this position.

Clinic Hours: Per the USAG Board, Regional Training Camp will only count for 3 hours toward the State in-gym card. The objective is to get judges into gyms. For those judges using the Regional card, only one Regional Training Camp can be used for a maximum of 3 clinic hours.

Score Verification Fee: A score verification fee can be assessed when there are 120 competitors, after scratches, the first full day of competition.

State Meet Eligibility: A question was raised regarding a judge's eligibility to judge a State meet if they booked only 3 meets at the level of the State meet they wish to judge and one of those meets is cancelled. The board recommended that practice judging would be considered acceptable, but that the question be taken to the State Board. Jean agreed to take this to the Ga State Board.

AAU State Meets: A concern was raised that higher rated judges should share the wealth with lower rated judges who have appropriate eligibility with regards to AAU State meet assignments. The Board recognizes that we are top heavy in Georgia, but that will cycle around and eventually judges will get their turn.

Sheila's Laminator: Sheila's laminator was destroyed at the Judges 500. The board recommended that she get a replacement and send Ga NAWGJ the receipt for reimbursement.

Clinics: The Board recommended that we offer a 1/2 day optional refresher clinic during the Holidays in preparation for the upcoming optional season. Kathlyn will get several dates together, coordinate with Marian, and get a letter/email out to everyone. The topic will be JO Optional Update and the cost will be \$10 per person to provide refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Jackson
Secretary, GA NAWGJ