

**Minutes from Georgia NAWGJ Board Meeting  
December 8, 2003  
at Jean DeArmon's home.**

Present: Gwyned Bius, Gretchen Connell, Jean DeArmon, Sharon Doyle, Marian Dykes, Jeanie Lipsius, Sheila Ragle (non-voting), Kathlyn Skeslock and Ceal Wutka.  
Absent Lisa Wheaton

The meeting was called to order at 6:52 pm.

Jean began the meeting by asking all board members to sign a confidentiality form. 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.

Jean asked if we would like to send a representative to the National Judges Cup in Seattle, WA. Due to the distance and expense it was decided to send a contribution instead. A motion was made to send a \$150 contribution to the National Judges Cup.

Motion: M. Dykes  
2nd: S. Doyle  
PASSED

The board then had a discussion about what judges are permitted to do while at their table when their particular event is finished: The board decided that reading and paperwork is permissible, but judges should refrain from other activity.

The board then discussed whether to allow Judges 500 to count as one of the three required meets to be eligible to judge state meets. It was discussed and Judges 500 will count as one of the three required meets. However, if a judge is assigned as an assistant to Jean, rather than as a judge on the floor, this would not count. So any judge who anticipates needing to count Judges 500 as one of their three meets should contact Jean in advance and ask to be assigned as a judge on the floor.

Gwyned then expressed her continuing frustration with hard to book meets. The board is going to come up with some suggestions to alleviate this recurring problem and will ask for help from all GA NAWGJ members to come up with a solution.

Jean is looking into giving judges years of service pins, or the possibility of giving gifts for certain numbers of years of service.

Jean would like us to consider having an AAU Judges 500 the first weekend in January. The Judges 500 in the upcoming fall will not have AAU gymnasts. Since there are not many meets at the beginning of January Jean will ask Lisa Wheaton to look into the possibility of hosting an AAU Judges 500. Judges will not be asked to donate their time for this meet.

Jean will also poll coaches at USAG Level 4 State in Cartersville to see if there is any interest in moving up the fall Judges 500 to before Labor Day, September 28th-30th of 2004. This would open up more weekends in the fall to other meets. However, since Judges 500 is so successful on its current weekend we want to be sure the coaches are in favor of a move before we consider it.

The board then discussed the wearing of open-toed shoes for theme meets. In many cases at theme meets, open toed shoes may be appropriate, and it was decided that the choice of attire (including shoes) is up to the meet director and that open-toed shoes may be worn if the meet director feels it appropriate considering the theme.

Jean then brought up the need to consider a weapon policy for meets because it was an issue in another state, when a judge had a gun on his person during a meet. But it appears to the board that it is against GA state law to carry a weapon at sporting events so it was not necessary for us to create a policy.

*A motion was made to reimburse judges (entitled to reimbursement for a clinic) \$140 for Region 8 Congress or National Congress. For any other clinic the reimbursement shall be up to \$100.*

Motion: M. Dykes

2nd: G. Bius

PASSED

If Jean registers the GA Judges with one check there is a discount. So any judge wishing to attend Region 8 Congress in Nashville should have their registration form to Jean by March 1st, 2004.

At 8:20 pm the meeting adjourned