

AZ NAWGJ BOARD MEETING

Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2015, 10am

Opening

The first meeting of the new AZ NAWGJ BOARD MEETING was called to order at 10:10 AM in Scottsdale, AZ by Pam Evans, AZ SJD.

Present

Pam Evans – SJD

Nita Boyer – Treasurer

Dianne Grayson – Assigning

Robbie Sumpter – Education

Vanessa Behm – Web

Debbie Harned-Casarez – Mentor

Lindsay Abney – Assigning

Neela Nelson – Clinician/Ethics

Caren Mansholt – Secretary

Absent

Donna Payne – Meet Director

Andi Snyder-Pederson - CPE

Open Issues and New Business

1. **Budget** – Nita and Pam have been trying to balance the checkbook since they have taken their positions. We have approximately \$18,000 and they will continue to determine the exact amount. We will need to have a balanced budget by Nov 1st so that we can provide a 1 year and 5 year budget. The savings account that was held by the previous SJD has been closed and funds were deposited into the checking account.
2. **NAWGJ Dues** – Dues for all AZ Judges have been paid. There were some that had paid and Nita is sending out reimbursement checks to those judges.
3. **Judges Cup** – scheduled for January 2016. We discussed a theme and agreed on the name “Diamondbucks” meet. The meet will encompass fake monetary awards that the gymnasts earn based on their meet scores. Each gymnast will start the meet with the same amount – TBD – and then can go into the “store” at the meet and spend their Diamondbucks. No parents are to be allowed in the store. We will need to work on items to have for sale. Suggestions are:
 - Leos, headbands, bracelets, socks – possibly purchase inexpensive options at Region 1 Congress
 - Vanessa will check with her mom and see if she has any to donate
 - Caren will work on finding a wallet that gymnasts receive at registration to keep their money during the meet
 - Continue to work on other ideas to fill the store

Vote: Robbie moved for the meet to be a “cash” meet as described above. Lindsay seconded the motion.

Result: Unanimous decision.

Details of meet:

- Site for Judges Cup TBD. Possibly hold meet at Aspire.
- Judges each bring 1 item for raffle baskets for Judging fundraiser
- \$60 entry fee per gymnast but no team fee
- Nov. 15th is deadline to register
- Debbie Harned will make phone calls to gyms if needed to encourage participation
- Judges will get their NAWGJ dues paid that are due July 31, 2016, for the first session that they work
- We will pay \$50 per session to each judge for any subsequent sessions worked. Judges can use money from Judges Meet toward Education expenses throughout the year.
- 40-60 kids per session
- Meet to include all Excel level gymnasts and all Optional level gymnasts
- Temporary Schedule – begin meet on Saturday and hold 2 sessions that day; hold 3-4 sessions on Sunday
- Use 2 gyms and 2 sets of equipment
- Assign 2 judge panel for Excel sessions and 2-4 judge panel for Optional sessions (possibly 2 judges practice judging)
- Proposed host gym will get the proceeds from concessions and AZ NAWGJ will get the proceeds from the gate entry fees collected
- We will pay for the use of the gym – fee TBD
- Vanessa to send a “SAVE THE DATE” ASAP to prospective gyms to anticipate attendance

4. **Helping Hands** - Pam introduced us to the “Helping Hands” opportunity that exists for states to help out other states in need of NAWGJ funds. There are various ways to contribute to a Helping Hands fund. One way would be to use 50 cents from each entrance fee for Judges Cup to go into the fund. We did not vote on this opportunity. We may want to revisit this later.

Vote: Neela moved to support local DLG gymnast Tori Williams in her efforts to obtain funding to attend the Macavian Games in November 2015. Robbie seconded the motion.

Result : AZ NAWGJ will donate \$100 to the GoFundMe campaign for Tori.

5. **New Cannon** – No gambling during judging.
6. **SJD Meeting 2016** - Pam will attend the National SJD meeting in San Jose following the Olympic Trials.
7. **Website Update** – Vanessa started over with the web site and created a new logo. Cost to continue with GoDaddy site is \$415/5 yrs and \$44 fee to include privacy statement.

Vote: Robbie moved to use Go Daddy as the website administrator and Nita seconded the motion.

Result: Majority approved motion.

We will need to address compensation for Vanessa for time administered to creating new website. We will vote on that once the website is complete.

New web design should include the following:

- Link to the National NAWGJ site
- Include class information for Robbie as classes are scheduled

- **Link to the USAG Master Test Schedule**
 - **Include the first test date for AZ – which will be in late October, as Pam’s schedule allows**
- 8. Judges new to AZ** – we have several current rated judges that are moving or have moved to Arizona: Jen Jenkowski (level 6/7/8) moved here from Colorado and Karen Crickett (level 9) will be moving here from Texas in December.
- 9. Carpooling** – SJD cannot instruct Judges to carpool. Encourage all judges to use common sense for meets outside of the Phoenix metro area and carpool when possible.
- 10. Compulsory Clinic** – Details as follows:
- To be held at Chandler H.S. on August 29th
 - Judges’ social with food and drinks from 10–11 a.m. Dianne and Pam will check at Costco and local establishments for food and drink options. We will have a raffle at sign in. Pam has some gifts from her National SJD meeting to use as give-aways.
 - Clinic to be held in Theatre at Chandler H.S. from 11–2:30 p.m . Schedule as follows:
 - 11:00 – Pam - Introduction to new board members
 - 11:10 – Vanessa - Website presentation
 - 11:30 – Dianne and Lindsay – new assigning site
 - 11:50 – Pam to show video regarding Judges’ conduct
 - 12:00 – BREAK
 - 12:15 – Neela – Compulsory updates
 - 12:30 – Neela and Pam conduct practice judges on all 4 events
 - 2:30 – Conclude clinic
 - Vanessa will send an Evite for the invitation to all Arizona judges. Coaches will not be included this year. Deadline to register is August 20th.
 - Caren to do Agenda for Clinic and send to Vanessa to compose flier to encourage participation

Vote: whether to charge for the clinic or not

Result: 4 for no charge and 3 for charging attendees. Majority wins – there will be no charge for the clinic.

Vote: to pay clinicians for their time and preparation for the clinic. Nita moved for the motion to vote. Robbie seconded the motion.

Result: Unanimous to decision to pay clinicians \$150/hr for 2 hours.

11. Judges Cup for next season – Consider having the meet in August 2016.

12. National Judges Cup 2016 – We will do a raffle for all the judges interested in attending this meet. It is the same weekend as our Judges Cup.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. by Pam Evans, AZ SJD. The next general meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on August 29, 2015, after the Compulsory Clinic.

Minutes submitted by: Caren Mansholt

Approved by: [Name]