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NYS Gymnastics Board Meeting Minutes 01/03/2021

Committee Members in attendance:

Bill Borges -absent
Gail Caspare -present
Barry Coss -absent
Al Drozdowski -absent
Gary Gregory -present
Dan Hassoun -present
Dana Marion -present
Val Stoughton -present
Steve Swider -absent
Robin Thomas Harper -absent
Jamie Winkler -present
Sharon Sparling -present
Mary Bakke Spadaro -present

The following are my notes from our last zoom meeting. I record the meeting and then watch it back to make sure that I have all of the topics covered.

- Reviewed judges' thoughts on the virtual meet from 12/30/2020
 - o Vaults can be difficult due to the speed of the event and not being able to see the gymnast's run
 - o Bars were great, similar to judging live
 - o Floor very hard to see any artistry, details, dance
 - o Maybe switch the judges around during the weekend of a meet so they are not overwhelmed on floor for three days straight
 - o Overall the speed of the meet was smooth and continuous
 - o Ideally, coaches should not be listening to judges scoring
 - o If each judge has an iPad for ProScore there wouldn't need to be as much communication between judges
 - o The gyms should pin the chief judge in the event room to see when to salute
 - o Mr. Todd's girls enjoyed competing in the meet
 - o Start practicing timing warm ups —not blocked
 - o Differences of lighting, angles, etc. between clubs affected the judging
 - o Coaches could ask questions or inquire to judges directly without a form

- Will pay Jan Caruso (Region 7 RXCC) \$300 as a thank you for her help with the practice virtual meet on Dec. 30th. State Chair will write a thank you and have a check forwarded from our USAG account. I will wait till the funds are entered from Meet Maker.

- Michelle Archer (State Chair of Massachusetts) is very experienced at running virtual competitions and is willing to run our state meets or even two state meets at the same time (New York, as well as, Massachusetts)
 - o Price: \$3000 for all three meet days, a judges training session, and a session for the coaches ** see information below

Finances:

Expenses paid in 2020-

Refunds for state meets - \$98, 220.43

Apparel - \$18,531.02

Facility Rental - \$59, 581.20

Equipment Rental - \$45, 500.00

Medals - \$17, 989.28

Money remaining in account - \$31.05

Money transferred from Meet Maker - \$71,360.00

Total soon:

\$31.05

\$71,360

\$1250.00 (fees from recent meets)

Total: \$72,641.05

Venues paid for: Canisius College, ON center, Bill Grays Ice plex, Bill Borges

Venues not paid yet: Jamie (Level 9/10/XCEL), Robin (Level 4 downstate)

Kathy King is willing to host any and all state championships, possibly a 4-day weekend if needed, can fit 100 spectators per session, with price of \$10,000 per session, she is also willing to split the door with the gym who was originally designated to host states. I suggested that the state takes one half of the door.

Kathy also had an inspector visit her facility who was well connected with politics and he is not sure the regional competition aspects of the state will continue. Kathy Hochul may come to Bright Raven to view the facility and give insights on competition. Kathy King has some contacts with her and is hopeful that she can reach out to her and get pertinent information.

State meet discussion:

- Reviewed the regions of New York State
- Three state meets would be possible while following the state's contiguous region rules- upstate, mid-state and downstate.
- With three state meets, the number of kids per session will be lower
- Cleaning in between sessions will prolong the meet as a whole
- Safest way would be to have the clubs compete in their own gym
- In general, parents want their kids to compete in any way possible

Start to plan now, send out a newsletter with a plan and clubs can communicate with any issues they come across

Plan options:

- Everybody will compete in their own club
- o unless their gym is unable to properly set up camera angles or does not have the proper equipment to compete, then they will have to communicate with other gyms in their area to possibly travel to another club to compete

Committee voting -

- Go back to two judges per event -discussion was held by the committee
- o Motion made by Dan Hassoun: for the 2021 gymnastics season for all virtual state meets we move from 16 (4 judges per event and 1 MR) to 9 (4 judges per event and 1 MR) for this year only
- § Gary Gregory seconds the motion
- § Vote is unanimous

- Raise the meet fee from \$80 to \$100? Discussion amongst the committee-

- o Revenue is down in general, so raising would be beneficial
- o Won't have to pay for travel and hotel for judges if virtual
- o Parents may oppose, but now they do not have to pay for their own travel and hotel
- o They should understand that this isn't permanent and that it is not meant to hurt them, and that it is the best way for their child to compete safely
- o Possibly negotiate and meet in the middle at \$90 entry fee

- o Motion made by Gary Gregory: for the 2021 state meets we raise the entry fee from \$80 to \$100 for this season only

§ Dana Marion seconds

§ Motion passes, vote is unanimous

- Could judges for states get together in one location so that they don't each have to go on the zoom call separately, there would just be one computer and both judges would judge from it.

- Awards

- o Ship to club

~~New Business~~ - within their own gym on zoom so everyone can see the athletes salute

After our meeting, I had a conversation with Michelle Archer concerning running our state championships virtually. She sent me the following information.

Meet Relief

Virtual Competition Package Information

Included in the Virtual Meet Package:

- Mailing of all scoring related materials to the officials
- One coaches meeting and camera check (additional meetings to accommodate anyone not available @ \$85.00/meetings)
- One officials meeting
- Set up of all Zooms for meetings and competition
- Pre Meet Introductions
- Live scoring to the myusagym app and website during the competition
- Announcing of awards ceremony

What you would need to do:

- Once meet schedule is finalized, communicate with the clubs about declaring their competition order. Once rotations are finalized, send to clubs for a quick confirmation.
- Order awards, etc as necessary.
- Send me the meet logo
- We can discuss times for the officials meeting and coaches meeting/camera

Check

- Each club would be responsible for streaming to their parents as they wish.

Pricing is as follows:

- Two day event \$2500.00
- Three day event \$3000.00
- Four day event \$3500.00

Add-Ons:

- Create the PTF @ \$1.00 per gymnast
- Determine sessions schedule (with one set of revisions) @ \$25.00 per session
- Send labels (if requested for gifts/awards) @ \$15.00

***Please review this offer from Michelle so that we can review/discuss it at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be Wednesday January 20th at 8:00 pm