



# NYSTATE

## NYS Gymnastics Board Meeting Minutes 02/03/2021

### Committee Members in attendance:

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

State chair started the meeting reading a statement from a prior meeting.

This is a unique time in our lives and there really is no perfect answer as to how we will have state meets. We need to decide what is best for the athletes and make a decision. There will be unhappy people with every decision. That is inevitable.

Remember no matter what decision is made, we all have to be supportive of the board's decision.

### Voting and discussion on whether or not to go virtual

- Many kids will not be able to attend a live competition
- We would probably get more participating clubs if we go virtual
- Many clubs do not like or want virtual
- Too many potential problems with virtual
- Would rather not do a virtual meet if possible
- Too many things to go wrong virtually
- Keeping everybody's safety in mind virtual would be better unless live competitions would be 100% safe
- We will get people who do not like a virtual meet and people who do not like a live competition
- Judges traveling through the whole state is not the safest for them
- Regionals are currently planned to be live but are prepared to go virtual
- Keeping the same judges for 9/10 is not as important as for level 7/8

### Committee vote:

Live: 7

Virtual: 4

Discussing the details of a live state championship

- Three separate gyms would host a meet on the same weekend
- o Upstate: Bright Raven (Finger Lakes)
- o Midstate: Valley (Mohawk Valley)

Or

World Class (Capital Region)

\*has a smaller gym, many separate gyms or rooms

- o Downstate: Gotham Gymnastics (New York City)

\*no parking, not really space for spectators

Or

Chelsea Piers, NYC

The downstate meet must be in NYC region in order for Mid-Hudson and Long Island to attend

\*\*\* See map below of regions and counties

We discussed this at length as to how it would work and if the judges could or would travel across the state.

State Chair suggested that if needed, we could have 4 separate meets within the state instead of 3 (Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, Mid-Hudson, Long Island)

- Two set of judges, one set would do the upstate and Midstate meet, the other set would do downstate and Long Island
- Sites in Mid-Hudson and Long Island were discussed

Dates:

Level 9/10: March 19-21

Level 7/8: April 9-11

Xcel: April 16-18 (moved because it is closer to Xcel Regionals) XCEL S, G, P, D (not Bronze)

Level 9/10 Regionals: April 23-25

Level 7/8 Regionals: May 23-24 or May 15-16

\*\*Level 2,3,4,5, XCEL B - They are later on the calendar and will be determined at a later date. They may be a state championships or several invitationals.

Comments on Level 9/10 & 7/8 States

- If there are four sites, we have two sets of judges who each do two meets
- No matter what we do, nothing is going to be perfect, but we are trying to give kids a competition this year
- This is a unique year and we have to trust that all judges will be consistent and fair.
- Maybe the judges can have a zoom meeting before the state meet with all judges to discuss consistency.
- The committee feels the judges are 100% fair, just want the same scoring upstate and downstate.
- The children have been through a lot this year and we want to give them a state meet experience.

Final Decision

- For level 9/10 states there will be four sites
- o Bright Raven (Finger Lakes)
- o Valley (Mohawk Valley)
- o Galaxy (Mid-Hudson)
- o New Image (Long Island)
- All gyms will have the same Covid Protocols

\*\*\*\* Just a gentle reminder that we have all signed a confidentiality agreement with USA Gymnastics. This information should not be released until the minutes are approved by the board members and the newsletter is released to the membership.

When gymnasts register for the state championships, they should declare what regional area (site) that they will be competing in (there are several choices for some regions) This does not apply to many clubs, but a few.

## Money

- We currently have \$76,500 in our account
- Board members Jamie Winkler and Robin Thomas Harper were recused from this section – logged out of zoom.
- We could give each club who hosts a meet \$3,000 per day. With each gym hosting 3 meets they would get \$9,000 total. The cost for a grand total of \$36,000 given to hosting clubs
- Don't yet know if we will be getting money back from venues originally rented out for state meets (Canisius, On Center, etc.).
- We are planning on each of these meets being one day at each location. Difficult to plan due to unknown numbers
- \*\*\*\*Motion made by Sharon Sparling to pay the gym \$3,000 per day and if it goes beyond one day, it will be \$250 per hour
- o Seconded by Mary Bakke Spadaro
- A medical person runs for about \$25-30/hour (Price cap).
- \*The State will pay for the Medical Professional fee
- The host club will receive the fee from the state (see above), as well as, the proceeds from the door.
- In a prior meeting we voted to increase the state fees to \$100 per athlete. We also voted to only use 8 judges plus 1 meet referee. This will help to increase our revenue and decrease our expenses
- Host clubs have the opportunity of using a streaming service to let the parents watch remotely for a fee.
- The host will also provide and pay for boxed lunches for the judges at their meet. Food for the coaches is at the discretion of the host club.

Coaches only will meet next Wed., Feb 10th at 8:00 PM to discuss judges for State Meet. No officials will be on the call.

Gail, Sharon and Val will send out a list of judges that were chosen to officiate at the state meets, to all members of the board.

If the board members feel that any of the information in these minutes is inaccurate or needs to be modified, please call me at 716-570-0010 or email me at lgoldniag@aol.com.

