

USAG New York State Committee Meeting
May 3, 2019 Rochester, NY

The meeting was called to order by Tina Ferriola at 7:30 pm

Roll Call

Present:

Mary Bakke-Spadaro

Gail Caspare

Barry Coss

Al Drozdowski

Larry Goldsmith

Gary Gregory

Dan Hassoun

Jo Piehler

Sharon Sparling

Val Stoughton

Robin Thomas-Harper

Jamie Winkler

Absent:

Bill Borges

Tina recognized Jo Piehler's years of service to the USAG NYS Committee. Tina and the committee thanked Jo for her Jo for her contributions to the NYS gymnastics community.

NYS Financial Report – Tina Ferriola

NYS current balance with USAG is \$51,634.45.

JO Report Summary – Jamie Winkler

Jamie distributed a statistical chart on the number of JO gymnasts in NYS and Region 6. It is noted the number of JO athletes in New York State and in Region 6 have decreased since last year. (New York 2018 4,475; New York 2019 4,013)

Jamie reported that 48 NYS gymnasts qualified to Eastern Nationals; 33 NYS gymnasts qualified to JO Nationals. The gymnasts came from many gyms.

Jamie discussed Level 6 & 7 vault concerns and suggestions. They will be brought up at the National JO committee meeting in Indianapolis on May 21-22. The items include table height options, assigning different values to the different vaults, where does the front handspring timer lead as Level 8 is not allowed to perform a handspring front vault.

Xcel Report Summary – Gail Caspare

Gail distributed a statistical report on the number of Xcel gymnasts in NYS and Region 6. There are 154 more Xcel gymnasts in NYS this year as compared with last year, 313 more Xcel gymnasts in Region 6 than last year. (New York 2018 1,319; New York 2019 1,473)

Xcel Committee organized 3 clinics for Xcel gymnasts. 78 gymnasts attended the clinic at Dutchess, 43 gymnasts attended the Victors.

An Xcel Regional Qualifiers Clinic for gymnasts who qualified to Xcel Regionals was held at World Class. 23 gymnasts attended. The coaches and judges at each clinic did an outstanding job. Their names are included in the written report to the committee. Steve Swider, Keesha Keilly and Mike Mordenga comprise the Xcel Clinic sub committee.

This year for the first time New York State will recognize an Xcel club with the title Xcel Club of the Year.

Enhancing communications is a continuing goal of our Xcel Committee. To date we have established a direct email list to Xcel clubs, Barry posts Xcel news on the web site, Tina sends emails to the membership, clinics include updates, Xcel committee members work to inform the membership.

Motion to appoint an Xcel representative to the NYS Committee for a one year term. This is a non-voting, advisory position.

Motion – Gail Caspare

Second – Sharon Sparling

Passed

Tina appointed a 3 member committee to appoint the Xcel representative:

Sharon Sparling

Jamie Winkler

Gail Caspare

Tina requested candidates send a short bio to the 3 person committee.

Motion – To keep the hospitality budget for food for coaches and judges for state meets at a maximum of \$1,500 per day.

Motion – Robin Thomas-Harper

Second – Mary Bakke-Spadaro

Passed

Motion to retain the current qualification scores to NY State Meets:

Levels 8, 9, 10 32 AA

Levels 6, 7 33 AA

Levels 3, 4, 5 32 AA

Level 2 30 AA

Xcel All Divisions 30 AA

Motion – Val Stoughton

Second Gary Gregory

Passed

Motion to retain the New York State Declaration date as February 1st. Therefore, the highest level the gymnast competes as of February 1, 2020, designates her level of competition for the rest of the year. After this Declaration Date mobility may only be to a higher level.

Motion – Jo Piehler

Second – Mary Bakke-Spadaro

Passed

Motion to establish the number of gymnasts that count toward team score at State meets:

Level 10 3

Level 9 4

Level 8 4

Levels 3 thru 7 5

Level 2 determined by number of gymnasts

Xcel Bronze 5

Xcel Silver 5

Xcel Gold 5

Xcel Platinum 4

Xcel Diamond 3

Motion – Robin Thomas-Harper

Second - Jamie Winkler

Passed

Motion – Level representatives:

Levels 9 & 10 Jamie Winkler

Levels 7 & 8 Larry Goldsmith

Levels 5 & 6 Dam Hassoun

Level 4 Al Drozdowski

Levels 2 & 3 Bill Borges

Xcel Gail Caspare

Motion – Gail Caspare

Second – Sharon Sparling

Passed

Motion to retain 4 judge panels at 5 & 6 State Championships.

Motion – Robin Thomas-Harper

Second – Jamie Winkler

Passed

Motion to have a working meet referee at the 5 & 6 State Championship meet.

Motion – Val Stoughton

Second – Larry Goldsmith

Passed

Motion to retain a non-working meet referee at Xcel Bronze and Gold Championship meet.

Motion – Sharon Sparling

Second – Gary Gregory

Passed

Motion to continue the selection process for officials for NYS Championship meets. This includes voting by the membership. Then the members of the USAG NYS Committee will meet to select the judges. ALL members of the NYS Committee who are judges will be excused from the selection process.

Clarification: When alternates are needed for state Championship meets, they will be selected from the judges' association of the judge needing to be replaced. (Extenuating circumstances may be taken into account.)

Motion – Robin Thomas-Harper

Second – Al Drozdowski

Passed

Barry presented a "Club of the Year Point System" to make the selection process more objective. Due to time restraints this is tabled until our next meeting.

The Committee reviewed the bids for the 2020 State Championship meets. After considering finances, location and distributing meets around New York State, the following host clubs were selected:

Levels 2 & 3 Downstate	Gym Nest
Level 4 Downstate	New Image
Levels 2, 3, 4 Upstate	The Victors
Levels 5 & 6, Xcel Bronze, Gold	CNY
Levels 7 & 8	Niagara
Levels 9 & 10 & Xcel Silver, Platinum and Diamond	Galaxy

Motion to accept the 2020 State Champion Meet sites:

Motion – ?

Second - ?

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37pm.

The actual motions and seconds were:

Levels 2 & 3 Downstate Gym Nest

Motion - Jamie Winkler

Second – Mary Bakke Spadaro

Level 4 Downstate New Image

Motion – Gail Caspare

Second – Sharon Sparling

Levels 2, 3, 4 Upstate The Victors

Motion – Larry Goldsmith

Second – Mary Bakke Spadaro

Levels 5 & 6, Xcel Bronze, Gold CNY

Motion – Jamie Winkler

Second – Dan Hassoun

Levels 7 & 8 Niagara

Motion – Sharon Sparling

Second – Mary Bakke Spadaro

Levels 9 & 10 & Xcel Silver,
Platinum and Diamond Galaxy

Motion – Dan Hassoun

Second – Mary Bakke Spadaro