Illinois USAG Women's Gymnastics State Committee Meeting Wednesday, July 11, 2012 and Thursday, July 12. 2012

A general meeting of the USAG Women's State committee was held at Hampton Inn in Naperville. State Chairman, Norbert Bendixen, called the meeting to order on Wednesday, July 11 at 9:27 p.m. the following Committee member roster was as follows:

Norbert Bendixen Cyndi Zimmerman Todd Gardiner Chairman J.O. Chairman Elite Chairman

Shane Sanders Sari Engle Steve Cacchione

Level 9/10 Chairman Level 8 Chairman Level 7 Chairman

Andy Morreale Judy Redmond Cindy Morano
Level 6 Chairman Level 5 Chairman Level 4 Chairman

Kathie Gebhardt – Excused Absence Don McPherson Leonard Isaacs – Excused Absence

Secretary Safety Education

Non Voting member

Terry Theobald Linda McDonald
Election Commissioner NAWGJ Representative
Non Voting member Non Voting member

We welcomed Sari Engle to our Committee and the following committee members were acknowledged for their recent accomplishments:

Steve Cacchione – Equipment Manager for the 2012 Visa Championships, USA Olympic Trials and the Kellogg's 2012 Tour of Gymnastics Champions.

Cindy Morano – Gymnastics Coordinator for the World Sport Chicago's Family Sports Festival

Interactive Gymnastics and Fitness Zone and Manager of the 2012 Visa Championships

and USA Olympic Trials Fan Fest Fitness Zones.

Andy Morreale - Received the honor of being named the "Most Enthusiastic Coach" at the 2012 National

High School Gymnastics Competition.

The Confidentiality protocol was reviewed. Ethical Obligation, Conflict of Interest and Confidential Information forms were passed out to all Committee Members for their signatures.

State Meet Series

Motion: To have the 2013 Xcel Level State Meet on the same weekend as the 2013 Level 5 State Meet

and to have 2013 Level 3* (*Later voted to become Level 3 State Invite) meet on the same

weekend as the 2013 Level 4 State Meet.

Proposed by Andy Morreale

Seconded by Steve Cacchione

9 in favor

0 against

0 abstained

Passed

Motion: Level 4 and Level 3 State Invite Competition be held on weekend of April 5, 6 and 7, 2013 and

the Level 5 and Xcel State Competition be held on weekend April 26, 27 and 28, 2013.

Proposed by Andy Morreale Seconded by Steve Cacchione

> 9 in favor 0 against 0 abstained Passed

2013 State Series Calendar

Level 4 State Meet and Level 3 State Invite- Date: April 5 - 7, 2013 Last Qualifying March 17, 2013 Level 5 State Meet and Xcel Level - Date: April 26 - 28, 2013 Last Qualifying April 7, 2013 Level 6 and Level 7 State Meet - Date: March 15 - 17, 2013 Last Qualifying February 25, 2013 Level 8, 9 and 10 State Meet - Date: March 22-24, 2013 Last Qualifying March 3, 2013

Motion: State Committee will host or the State Committee will assist in running a State Meet in some

capacity as a fund raiser.

Proposed by Judy Redmond Seconded by Cindy Morano

> 9 in favor 0 against 0 abstained Passed

All State Meet Financial Reports will come electronically to the State Chairman starting in the 2013 season.

Meeting Adjourned for the night at 11:45 p.m.

Meeting called to order on July 12, 2012 at 8:45 a.m.

Norbert Bendixen Cyndi Zimmerman Todd Gardiner Chairman J.O. Chairman Elite Chairman

Shane Sanders Sari Engle Steve Cacchione

Level 9/10 Chairman Level 8 Chairman Level 7 Chairman

Andy Morreale Judy Redmond Cindy Morano – Approved Early Dismissal

Level 6 Chairman Level 5 Chairman Level 4 Chairman

Kathie Gebhardt – Excused Absence Don McPherson - Late Leonard Isaacs - Excused Absence

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Non Voting member

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State Bids due August 20, 2012.

Meet Directors:

- 1. To host a meet starting in the 2012-2013 season, you must be a Member Club or a Registered State Business.
- 2. Business Owners cannot be on a banned list. If they are on the banned list, competitors cannot compete for that club.
- 3. By 2013, USA Gymnastics will align all pro numbers to end on the same expiration date.

Motion: Require Photo I.D.'s of coaches to sign in at sanctioned events.

Proposed by Steve Cacchione Seconded by Todd Gardiner

7 in favor

1 against

0 abstained

Passed

USA Gymnastics Recommendation:

1) A voting TOPS person should be on each State Committee. *Todd Gardiner is the Illinois liaison to TOPS and is on the Illinois State Committee.*

2) Judge Assigner should be on the State Committee however they do not need a vote. Linda McDonald, NAWGJ State Director, oversees the state's judging assigners is on the Illinois State Committee.

- 3.) USA Gymnastics University The U100 course will be required of all Professional Members.
 - a.) USA Gymnastics has a Pre-Placement Form online that can be filled out per discipline for coaches that have been pro members/ coaches for several years.
- 4.) USA Gymnastics Club of the Year

Illinois will need to submit an Illinois Club Candidate for this however we will need to set up criteria for this.

- 5.) Level 4 will be the Entry Level in the new 2013 cycle.
- 6.) State Committee Elections should be online.

Illinois already conducts it's elections in this manner.

- 5. Social Media Awareness Do not friend athletes on Facebook if under 18 years old.
- 6. Confidentiality & Conflict of Interest.

Brief Overview of Regional Meeting

- 1. Xcel Program Region 5's Rules will be the template for the National Rules
- 2. Judge's PIF Forms are due September 15, 2012.
- 3. A list of Level 9 10 judges must be recommended by the state to the region by October 15, 2012. The list of Level 9-10 judges recommended by the region to nationals will occur prior to this date.
- 4. Training Camps
- a.) Recommended that each Training Camp have it's own Site Director.
- b) Judges will play a different role in future Training Camps.

Illinois USA Gymnastics State Financial Report Form

Gifts:

Motion: Cover up to a maximum of \$2.00 per gymnast for gifts and it should be listed on the left side.

Proposed by Steve Cacchione

Seconded by Judy Redmond

9 in favor

0 against

0 abstained

Passed

Motion: Meet Directors are required to provide a gift to gymnasts at State Meets.

Proposed by Sari Engle

Seconded by Andy Morreale

9 in favor

0 against

0 abstained

Passed

Food:

Motion: Meet Directors will be able to claim up to \$1,000.00 for coaches food on the left side of the

form.

Proposed by Sari Engle

Seconded by Judy Redmond

0 in favor

9 against

0 abstained

Defeated

Motion: Language in the form of a recommendation from the State Committee be sent to potential meet

directors of state bids

Proposed by Don McPherson

No Second

Motion: A Budget is required with the bid form submitted to the State Committee for all Left Side

items.

Proposed by Cyndi Zimmerman

Seconded by Andy Morreale

9 in favor

0 against

0 abstained

Passed

Motion: Coaches Food be a Left Side item.

Proposed by Andy Morreale

Seconded by Steve Cacchione

9 in favor

0 against

0 abstained

Passed

Donated items:

Tabled to the next committee meeting for additional research on the topic.

State Series

1.) Fees:

Motion: Raise fees for Level 4, 5 and 6 State meets to \$75.00.

Proposed by Cyndi Zimmerman

Seconded by Sari Engle

8 in favor 1 against

0 abstained

Passed

2.) Qualifying Scores:

Motion: All Qualifying Scores remain the same in the 2012-13 competitive season

Proposed by Steve Cacchione

Seconded by Sari Engle

8 in favor 1 against 0 abstained Passed

3.) Xcel Level:

Motion: Xcel Level remain as a State Invite in the 2012-13 competitive season

Proposed by Sari Engle

Seconded by Todd Gardiner

1 in favor7 against1 abstainedDefeated

Motion: Xcel Level be run as State Meet in the 2012-13 competitive season

Proposed by Steve Cacchione Seconded by Andy Morreale

> 8 in favor 1 against 0 abstained Passed

Motion: Xcel Level competitors must compete at the Xcel Level at one (1) USA Gymnastics sanctioned

meet to qualify to State.

Proposed by Sari Engle

Seconded by Andy Morreale

9 in favor 0 against 0 abstained Passed

Motion: Xcel Level Entry Fees should be consistent with all other State Meet Entry Fees.

Proposed by Steve Cacchione

Seconded by Sari Engle

9 in favor 0 against 0 abstained Passed Motion: At the Xcel State Meet, Team Awards be awarded all-inclusive of all levels.

Proposed by Sari Engle

No Second

Motion: Xcel Team Awards "To Be Announced" at a later date closer to the State Meet based on

information gathered by the State Committee in the next few months.

Proposed by Steve Cacchione

Seconded by Cyndi Zimmerman

9 in favor 0 against 0 abstained Passed

Motion: Individual Awards at the Xcel State Meet be based on similar awards given at other State Meet

Levels.

Proposed by Sari Engle

Seconded by Cyndi Zimmerman

Tabled

4.) Level 3

Motion: Level 3 be run as State Invite Meet in the 2012-13 competitive season

Proposed by Steve Cacchione

Seconded by Don McPherson

9 in favor 0 against 0 abstained Passed

Motion: Level 3 Entry Fee be the same as other Levels in the 2012-13 competitive season

Proposed by Cyndi Zimmerman Seconded by Shane Sanders

Amended Motion: Level 3 Entry Fee be \$50.00.

Proposed by Cyndi Zimmerman Seconded by Shane Sanders

9 in favor 0 against 0 abstained Passed

Motion: Use one (1) judge panels for the Level 3 State Invite

Proposed by Sari Engle

Seconded by Steve Cacchione

8 in favor 1 against 0 abstained Passed

Motion: No Qualifying Score or Meet Requirement for gymnasts to go to the Level 3 State Invite

Proposed by Sari Engle

Seconded by Shane Sanders

8 in favor 1 against 0 abstained

Passed

5.) Judging Panels for Illinois 9 -10 State Meet

Motion: To have a two (2) judge panel at the 2013 Level 9 - 10 State Meet

Proposed by don McPherson Seconded by Todd Gardiner

> 7 in favor 2 against

0 abstained

Passed

Awards

Motion: To strike down splitting gymnasts at the State Meet into groups based on their scores.

Proposed by Cyndi Zimmerman Seconded by Cindy Morano

> 8 in favor 1 against 0 abstained Passed

Motion: All Awards Level 4 through Level 10 stay the same except Team Awards which will not go

past 10th Place.

Proposed by Cyndi Zimmerman

Seconded by Shane Sanders

9 in favor

0 against

0 abstained

Passed

Motion: At the Level 3 State Invite – Achievement Awards for events and a Participation Medal

Proposed by Cyndi Zimmerman

Seconded by Don McPherson

8 in favor

1 against

0 abstained

Passed

Motion: At the Level 3 State Invite – No Banners and No Team Awards

Proposed by Don McPherson

Seconded by Cyndi Zimmerman

8 in favor

1 against

0 abstained

Passed

Joint Meeting USAG-IL and NAWGJ-IL

Tabled

State Compulsory Workshop & Training Camp

Tabled to next meeting. Sari Engle will present a proposal that includes possible dates and pricing.

Illinois State T-Shirts

This is being looked into for Coaches that have Regional qualifiers.

State Congress

Tabled

State Awards Banquet

The State Banquet will be held on June 23, 2013 at the Esplanade Lakes by DoubleTree, 3500 Lacey Rd., Downers Grove, IL 60515 and the Level Chairs will hand out awards for their level.

Motion: Regional Level 8 All-Around Champions and one (1) of their coaches will guests of the

State to the State Banquet.

Proposed by Cyndi Zimmerman

Seconded by Todd Gardiner

9 in favor

0 against

0 abstained

Passed

Motion: All Illinois State All-Around Champions will be guests of the State to the State Banquet.

Proposed by Cindy Morano

Seconded by Cyndi Zimmerman

7 in favor

2 against

0 abstained

Passed

National Congress

National Congress will be held at an eastern location in August 2013.

Illinois Women's Gymnastics Website

Committee members are asked to review our website and report any mistakes to Norbert who will forward them to Cyndi Zimmerman.

IL Rules & Policies

IL Rules & Policies needs to be reviewed; Kathy Gebhardt, Steve Cacchione and Judy Redmond will review the IL Rules and Policies.

Committee Email Addresses

Cyndi can create an email address that reflects your Committee Chair level. Emails from this address can be forwarded to whatever address you want.

J.O. Club of the Year

We need to develop criteria for selection. The nominee will go to Region 5; a selection will be made from the Region and sent on to the national level for final selection.

Judge's Availability Forms

Judges who did not send in an availability form can send in a form with the meets now assigned to the appropriate dates. Judges who did send in forms can resend a form or the Committee will use what they already sent in. There is no penalty for not submitting a new form.

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Meet requests are due 7/15/12.

Motion: Meet Directors who do not meet the 7/15/12 deadline will move from Phase 1 to Phase 2 to

the bottom of the list.

Proposed by Judy Redmond

Seconded by Steve Cacchione

7 in favor 0 against 0 abstained

Cindy Morano and don McPherson – excused absence

Passed

All meet directors are not getting the results to Cyndi Zimmerman in the proper form or timely manner. Need for punitive action. Repeat offenders (9 from past history) will drop down 1 level for the next season.

They will go from Phase 1 to 2 or 2 to 3.

Tabled

Motion: Electronic scoring is required at State Meets

Proposed by Judy Redmond Seconded by Andy Morreale

7 in favor

6 against 1 abstained

Cindy Morano and don McPherson – excused absence

Passed

The Committee wants to be sure that our intention to host a state meet as a fund raiser is stated in the minutes for public consumption.

Meeting adjourned: 4:44 p.m.		
Minutes submitted by: Cindy Morano & Judy Redmond		
Cindy Morano	Norbert Bendixen	
Cindy Morano	Norbert Bendixen, State Chairman	