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Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee Minutes  
Monday, October 13, 2020

Agenda approved by Dave Stiles on October 13, 2020

A general meeting (Go To Meeting) of the Illinois USA Gymnastics Women's Committee was held on Monday, October 13, 2020. Norbert Bendixen called the meeting to order at 8:05a.

**In attendance:**

Norbert Bendixen, Illinois USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee Chairman  
Cyndi Zimmerman, J.O. Chairman  
Ron Nasti, Elite Chairman  
Don McPherson, Safety Chairman  
Shane Sanders, Level 9/10 Chairman  
Sari Engle, Level 8 Chairman  
Nick Becker, Level 6/7 Chairman  
Andy Morreale, Level 4/5 Chairman  
Brad Tubbs, Level 3 Chairman  
Cindy Morano, Xcel Gold/Platinum Chairman  
Jessica Holtz, Xcel Bronze/Silver Chairman  
Mary Lou Ackman, Secretary  
Linda McDonald, NAWGJ Representative (Non-Voting)

**One Judge Panels – Levels 3 and 4**

A motion was made to allow gymnasts to qualify for state when using a one judge panel for levels 3 and 4 at any meet that has more than one team competing.

Motion: Sari Engle Second: Jessica Holtz

Vote: 10 in Favor; 1 abstained

Motion passed.

**One Judge Panels – Levels 3 and 4 – For Meets that have occurred on or after August 1, 2020**

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Motion: Don McPherson Second: Shane Sanders

Vote: 10 in Favor, 1 abstained

Motion passed.

### **One Judge Panels – Levels Xcel Bronze, Silver and Gold**

A motion was made to allow gymnasts to qualify for state when using a one judge panel for Levels Xcel Bronze, Silver and Gold at any meet that has more than one team competing.

Motion: Sari Engle Second: Jessica Holtz

Vote: 10 in Favor; 1 abstained

Motion passed.

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Motion: Don McPherson Second: Shane Sanders

Vote: 10 in Favor, 1 abstained

Motion passed.

### **Gymnast State Declaration Date**

A motion was made to keep the declaration date three weeks out from the date of the state meet.

Motion: Ron Nasti Second: Cindy Morano

Vote: All in Favor

Motion passed.

### **State Congress Next Year 2021**

Want to get on this earlier this year. Tabled for now.

### **State Series Gymnast Entry Fee**

Discussion to raise entry fee because of Covid. We are finalizing and preparing information for approval.

Tabled for now.

### **State Series Refund Policy**

-All state fees are 100% refundable by the entry deadline for any reason. (Including a government mandated shutdown)

-Clubs will receive 75% refund on state entry fees two weeks before the start of the first session for that state meet, only if there is government mandated shutdown.

-If there is a government mandated shutdown less than two weeks from the start of that state meet, the Illinois State Committee will evaluate expenses incurred by the host club and determine the amount of a fair refund.

Motion: Jessica Holtz Seconded by Ron Nasti

Vote: All in Favor

Motion passed.

### **State Series Refund Timeline**

State meet directors of host club wanting a refund because of a government shutdown must submit receipts within 4 weeks of the start of that state meet.

Motion: Jessica Holtz Seconded: Shane Sanders

Vote: All in Favor

Motion passed.

### **State Meet Series Chief Judge and Event Assignments**

State Series Head Judge and Event Assignments will be done by a committee including the JO Chairman-Cindy Zimmerman, State Level/Division Chairman for that specific state meet and the meet referee for that state meet. If the committee has any questions, they will consult the NAWGJ Board.

Motion: Shane Sanders Seconded: Sari Engle

Vote: All in Favor

Motion passed.

### **Virtual Meets and Sanction**

Virtual Meets are going to happen. Basic real time scenario. Any virtual meet will have to use the platform approved by USAG. Virtual meets will help with clubs who are concerned about competing with or without a mask. There will be a meet coordinator at both gyms. Camera setup will be specified. Judges will be judging from home. Play book coming out soon. Need to read and decide how we will move forward. Tabled for now.

### **Trainers at Meets**

USAG has come up with recommendations per level for trainers at meets. We are waiting on clarification on some details. Tabled for now.

### **Spectator Entry Fee**

Because meet directors will be restricted as to how many spectators are allowed at meets, an increase in spectator entry fees will be recommended. We will be looking into what other states and regions are charging, keeping in mind that our state may have different guidelines. Tabled for now.

### **Judges State Series Selection**

The committee is waiting on the list of judges from the region. Shane Sanders and Jessica Holtz will update/change the PIF form from last year. The PIF will be sent to all judge on or around November 1<sup>st</sup>. The judges will have two weeks to fill out and return to our committee.

### **Tabled Items:**

Judges Selection Procedure for the 2021 State Meet Series. Selection will not begin until the Regional Judges List is provided.

New Compulsories Workshop in 2021.

2021 State Congress.

2021 State Series Entry Fee.

2020/2021 Spectator Entry Fee.

Virtual Meets.

Trainers at Meets.

Meeting adjourned by Norbert Bendixen at 11:55a.

### **Special Go to Meeting, Monday, October 13, 2020 at 9:15p**

#### **In attendance:**

Norbert Bendixen, Illinois USA Gymnastics State Administrative Committee Chairman

Cyndi Zimmerman, J.O. Chairman

Ron Nasti, Elite Chairman

Nick Becker, Level 6/7 Chairman

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Committee members were recused from this meeting that were involved in the bids.

### **Level 9/10 Platinum/Diamond State Meet Bid**

Aerial Gymnastics was awarded the Level 9/10 Platinum/Diamond state meet bid with the understanding that the Meet Director will submit another gym setup in accordance with social distancing and covid restrictions.

Meeting adjourned by Norbert Bendixen at 930p.

Minutes submitted by: Mary Lou Ackman

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Norbert Bendixen Illinois State Chairman