

Minutes from IL-NAWGJ Board Meeting July 28, 2001

Present: Jeanne Johnson, Sue Brosnan, Sandy Oldham, Betty Axelson, Mary Krause, Kathie Gebhardt, Samme Cuthbertson, Cyndi Zimmermann, Deb Tritt

Absent: Cathy Peebles

Minutes from previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Ethics: A written complaint will be considered as a formal complaint, a verbal complaint may be considered as either formal or as just "venting." Venting can be used to help problem solved and is not discouraged by Samme. In a formal complaint, the Ethics chair will contact the other party or parties. Samme will act as a liaison between all parties to solve the problem. Complaints can be filed by e-mail, also. Samme will keep a file of all complaints and the plan to correct or solve the problem. We should all remember that the Meet Ref might handle small concerns immediately before the issue gets larger.

Treasurer/ Active Status: Cyndi has set up all of the accounts on the computer. The accounts will be broken down into smaller sections so that we can see exactly where our money is spent to allow for budgeting. Cyndi will get a new form out in the next newsletter. Please mark which account (i.e.: committee) the reimbursement should be charged to. Faxed requests will also be accepted (fax # 630-778-1370).

Newsletter: Deb passed out a sheet with the year-end summary and plans for 2001 – 2002. Copy attached.

North Assignor: Availability sheets will be out middle of August with a return date of Sept 1. Contracts for Oct and Nov will be mailed out in mid-Sept. Please remember that all meets must be contracted through the assignor. Sue will have an emergency # for each gym on the contract for a judge to call the day of the meet if there is a problem.

North Judge's Cup: Meet will be second weekend in Nov at Aerials in Joliet. Meet set-up may be different – Betty and Dan are working on it. Betty expects more teams to participate and the NAWGJ Board will mention this at the Scheduling Meeting.

The Board decided to raise the entry fee for each Judge's Cups to \$40 for Compulsory and \$45 for Optional. The fee will include a T-Shirt as our gift to the gymnast. No goodie bags will be provided. T-Shirts will have names of both Judge's cups on them to cut down on screening charges. Samme has offered to help with the design.

The Board decided to send 2 Level 7 All-Star teams to the National Judges Cup the first weekend in January 2002 in St Louis. One team from the north – one from the south. They will be chosen by rank order – with IL-NAWGJ

providing the entry fee, a leo and a minimum of \$25 per gymnast for expenses. A coach for each team will be selected by rank order with IL-NAWGJ supplying a minimum of \$100 per coach for expenses.

Betty will be looking into what we can give a gymnast who wins the Erna Wachtel award so that we are in compliance with NCAA>

Professional Benefits: We need the Board to help encourage all judges to help with the Judge's Cups. Sandy is working on a system, probably modeled after the one used in La by Brenda Eberhardt. Each judge will earn points – the value of the points will be determined after the profits are calculated. One year, a point could be worth 50 cents, another year a point could be worth \$1.00. Each judge has the option of spending their points on whatever they need, with their NAWGJ membership being paid first. Points will have to be spent each year – no carry over.

South Assignor: Mary mentioned that she could use some North help with ST Jude (Jan 19 and 20) and with Patrick/s Meet (Feb 2 – 3).

Education: Kathie discussed the Mentor program and that the problem is usually with the mentees, not the mentors. Kathie will be holding a short clinic at each Judge's Cup and will ask for clinic suggestions in the next newsletter. She reminded us that she needs the actual address of a prospective judge so she can mail out the packet. Kathie will work with Sue to pick some small early meets, or some in-house meets, that can be advertised in our newsletter as "practice judging" meets.

Kathie now sends out a welcome bag to all judges as they pass their first test. Kathie has requested any extra bags that we may have.

Two dates for video practice judging in homes have been set and will be mentioned in the next newsletter. Judges who wish to participate need to RSVP to the hostess at least a week before the date. The participants who are coming will determine levels practiced.

Wed Sept 9 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Either Sandy Oldham's or Betty Axelson's house

Sun Oct 7 or 14 2:00 – 6:00 pm
Jeanne Johnson's house

South Judge's Cup: Date will probably be Sept 29 –30. Jeanne will verify next week.

SJD: The ranking of judges and the professional Development form are due back soon. Jeanne will be mailing them soon. For the USAG Board, Jeanne will be sending a list of the judges who did the state series, as well as a list of judges who did the big invitationals. Sue Brosnan and Mary will help Jeanne with this list. We will not be publishing a new picture directory this year.

New Business:

The Board decided to change the fees for testing as the national office has changed what they charge. After the August test, the fee will be \$20 per part for the first time you test that level. If you need to re-take a level, the fee will be \$15 per part.

The Board decided to buy an unlimited time subscription to AOL for use by 7 of the Board members. The screen names would follow the board position so that e-mail communication would not be interrupted when we have a change in a Board member, either on a permanent or temporary condition. This AOL screen name should be used for e-mailing only and not for surfing the net as only one of the seven can be on-line at a time. Cyndi will handle this and will help any non-techno Board members with the set-up. The first ones to get the screen names will be the SJD, north and south assignors and north and south judge's cup chairs.

We adjourned at 9:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Tritt
Newsletter Chair