

Minutes from IL-NAWGJ Meeting – Jan 2, 2002

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

Absent: Kathie Gebhardt

Level 10 State Meet: Jeanne presented to the IL-USAG Board the reason we would like to see a 4-judge panel, but they declined to hire the additional judges this year. (Experience for the gymnast who will see 4 judge panels at regionals, experience for judges who have never judged on a larger panel, giving more judges the experience of a higher-level state meet). IL-NAWGJ will pay for an additional 2 judges per panel this year only. IL-NAWGJ stipulates that the IL-USAG looks at the benefit of a 4-judge panel and possibly cover or split this cost with IL-NAWGJ next year.

Judge's Cups: The North Judges Cup will be the second weekend in November 2002. Bids will go out in the next IL-USAG newsletter along with the Athlete Nomination forms. The bid will include all parameters required and will have an approximate deadline of 6 weeks after the newsletter goes out. Glen will research off-site locations in case this is necessary.

South Judges Cup will be the first or second weekend in December. Cathy will look into the site.

At the previous IL-NAWGJ Board meeting, it was voted and passed to give Glen Marks and the Millers an honorarium for their efforts; a similar gesture was made for the Peebles. This is a one-year only expense for extra effort and will be noted as a "site expense".

Judges Cup Parameters for both the North and the South:

The Host gym would be able to enter a maximum of 30 gymnasts for half price.

Deadline for entries will be one month before the date.

NO refunds will be given out for cancellations after the deadline.

Check MUST accompany roster for the gymnasts to be considered registered.

Fees for 2002 Cups: \$50 per gymnast, Compulsory or Optional, includes t-shirt

We had 657 gymnasts in the North and 180 from the South. Per Rules and Policies, we have to pay IL-USAG \$1 per gymnast (total \$837) and Regional USAG \$1 per gymnast (total \$837). We will also set aside \$.50 per gymnast for the Erna Wachtel Scholarship Award (total \$418.50) and \$.50 per gymnast for the Doris Rutherford Awards (total \$418.50). Jeanne moved, and was passed, that we send \$.50 per gymnast to the Region V NAWGJ (total \$418.50). This is a total of \$2929.50.

Critique books were discussed. It was suggested that Paula Noe re-evaluate the books. Betty and Cathy will send out the books before the meets to all judges so they can better understand their importance. Betty will run a session at the IL-USAG Congress on how to fill out the book so that each gymnast receives a complete critique.

We have extra t-shirts for the Cups. The sizes and quantities are limited. They may be purchased for \$5. Contact Cyndi Zimmermann with the size and she will distribute at meets.

Betty and Glen will try to find volunteers to be Committee heads for 2002 so that work can begin soon. Those positions not filled will be published in a newsletter this spring.

ACTIVE STATUS: For 2002, we have to use Yellow Cards. Call Cyndi if you need one.

LEVEL 7 ALL-STAR TEAMS: Since Jim O'Shea is not able to attend the National Judge's Cup to represent the south, it was moved and passed to pay Linda Lowe for her gas. We thank Cyndi for making the team leo's and moved and passed to reimburse her for the materials. It was suggested that a volunteer be found to head this specific committee. Mary and Deb will ask at the National Cup where the competition will be in 2003 (*Asked: it will be Jan 10 - 12 and possible site is in Florida*).

STATE CONGRESS: Jeanne stated that we need to encourage judges to attend and that there will be specific judges sessions and possibly a general IL-NAWGJ meeting. It will be June 28 - 30, 2002 at the same location as 2001. There may be a reimbursement to IL-NAWGJ members who attend. Specifics will be voted on after Professional Benefits have been determined and a budget is worked out. Need to stress in newsletter now to save the dates.

TESTING: Many tests have been given in 2001 and we have some new judges. Four Optional judges are still halfway through their tests. Jeanne stated that we need to promote new judges. This will be put in the newsletter, too.

Mary Krause needs a scanner-printer-fax machine for the South. Jeanne is researching the cost.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 followed by a small committee meeting to discuss Professional Benefits.