

IL – NAWGJ Open Board Meeting July 29, 2012

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendees – Linda McDonald, Sue Brosnan, Cyndi Zimmerman, Deb Tritt, Kathie Gebhardt, Amy Aguilar, Elizabeth Austin, Brooke Bennett, Kristin Boeck, Kristy Brumback, Hilary Carlson, Laurel Douthwaite, Kim Dyer, Betsy Ellis, Jessica Holtz, Shamisa Ingram, Natalie Koga, , Kathy Krebs, Sarah Mark, Amy Nepywoda, Arlene Norris, Tracey Rogers, , Michele Schultz, Jasmine Swinigan, Cathy Thompson, Laura Vincent, Sue Woloszyk, Mary Joe Roehrig, JR Vanko , Rachel Tong , Elissa Konieczny, Melissa Miller, Erin Whitehead, Lauryn Rotundo

Linda introduced the Board Members.

Finance – Cyndi Zimmerman. Linda reminded the members that IL-NAWGJ is a 501(3)(c) charity and that we have earmarked money for the 2013 Education Fund. NAWGJ's main focus is the education of judges.

Income was \$75,019.51 with expenses at \$58,078.76 (these figures include Judges Cup 2011). Judges Cup made \$51,006.04. \$10,000 went into the 2013 Education Fund, earned \$2.00 in interest. The 2013 Educational Fund has a total of \$15,005. Looking ahead to 2013, the cost of Code of Points, Compulsory Books and testing for the membership could cost as much as \$27,000. Need everyone to work Judges Cup. We are financially in good shape.

Membership address changes – need to let national office and Linda know of any changes. If you didn't receive a ballot for the South Assigner's election, national office has the wrong address for you, please update. It is the judge's responsibility to update the National Office, IL SJD and the assigning system. USAG membership – all memberships expire on 7/31.

Assigner. Christy Kearns will be the new south assigner. Mary Lou will send passwords to all new judges so that they can access the assigning system. Please update availability whenever you become available or are no longer available. Need to update your status in the assigning system and send your USAG and NAWGJ cards and Certificate to Linda. Currently, IL-USAG is in Phase I and moving to Phase II of the meet acceptance stages.

Assigning letter to go out in the next week or two. Christy & Mary Lou will be working on the September through January meets first. Please remember, meet directors can request judges and they can request that judges NOT be assigned to their meets. Please let meet referee know your hotel needs. Read meet referee's emails. Respond to meet referee that you have received each email. Any and all questions should be directed to the meet referee not the assigners or SJD.

Once you have received a contract, please accept or decline within two weeks. Do not sit on contracts. Once you have accepted a contract, it is legally binding. Update your availability in the system. USAG does not have access to the assigning system.

State Meets – IL-USAG decides who will be assigned to the state meets. Please fill out the new form, due Aug 25, 2012. PIFs should be filled out by all – used to assign regional meets.

Judges Cup – Kathie Gebhardt. Judges Cup is November 9 – 11, 2012 at Hidden Cove in Bourbonnais. This is IL-NAWGJ's only fundraiser, need everyone to participate. No critique books this year, check-in will be the coaches responsibility. Need corporate sponsors, free ad and on back of t-shirts (this year's giveaway). Naperville has donated their scoring system.

Committees – Decorations, Hospitality, Awards.

Instead of book – coaches will be able to talk to the head judge for five (5) minutes after the rotation.

Hopefully this will allow for more practice judging.

We will be sending a Level 7 team to National Judges Cup in Florida. The team's entry fee will be paid and will be asking Motionwear to donate leos and Gym Treasures to donate warm-ups. We would like to send a judge – if someone is interested in representing IL at the National Judges Cup, need to let Linda know by September 7. Great learning experience for any level judge.

2013 Testing – everyone must recertify compulsory and optional ratings in 2013. Must be current in CPEs. Special rules if only judge college.

National test – Sylvan Learning Center on July 19, 2013. Current Nationals – open book test. New Nationals – closed test. Will receive eligibility packet in April. Will be setting up study sessions for all levels, will focus on the Nationals first and then the other ratings after July 19.

Education – Deb Tritt. Thanks to Jessica Holtz for opening her house for the clinic and to the clinicians.

10/21 – Excel clinic at Springhill Gymnastics. Clinic is for coaches/judges and gymnasts. Four CPE credits.

Region 5 adopted new Excel rules to include Bronze (in-house) and Diamond (equivalent to Level 8-10).

Requirements have changed, please see the website for the new rules.

Rules & Policies comes out in August – go online and order a copy.

Study sessions – let Deb know what works.

Test Aug 29 at Springhill Gymnastics.

IL-NAWGJ is developing a handbook – Kathie Gebhardt, Linda McDonald and Deb Tritt are on the committee, Leigh Ann Klaus is the proofreader. Recommending that all new judges and judges moving to a new level practice judge twice prior to judging at the new level. Attend training camps as a spectator and you will learn a lot.

Administrative Assistant – Sue Brosnan. Registered 21 judges for the Region 5 Congress.

Please note – Facebook page contains no personal information unless requested.

Thank you to all who volunteered at the Level 8-10 State Meets and Level 8 Regional Meet.

Meet adjourned at 5:23 –p.m.