

The Pennsylvania USAG board held a meeting on June 22nd at the Region 7 Congress in Harrisburg, PA.

State Chairperson Donna Guenther called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

Board Members present: Donna Guenther, Kevin Pope, Lynn Ross, Jill Morris, Bridgette Hild, Melanie Sheriff, Barb Cutillio, Jane Carusso, Tammy Nulf, Courtney Harrington, and Rich Fiorintino.

Board members absent:

Mike Vanim, Sandy Greiner, Katie Flemming, and Terry McGirk.

1. Suggestion was made for the state to purchase vault competition number flashers for use at post season meets. Question was raised if coaches could just verbally tell vault judges what the gymnast was going to compete. Jane Carusso is going to see if that would be allowed.
2. Suggestion was made for the state to order additional extra medals for post season meets. There have been several instances where the meet host has run out of medals before the end of the competition. A vote was UNANIMOUS.
3. Discussion on the digital scoring system that PA post season meet hosts had the option to use last season. Use of the scoring system decreased the amount of time between the ending of the routine and the posting of the score, as well as decreasing the number of non-essential people in the competition area. A vote to continue to make this system available for the 2019-2020 season was UNANIMOUS.
4. The state meet selection committee (this is comprised of board members who's clubs are NOT bidding for a state competition) met in seclusion to discuss all meet bids received by the 6/4/19 deadline. After lengthy discussion the following clubs are awarded the following state competitions for the 2019-2020 season.

Level 3: Dynamats

Level 4: Erie

Level 5: KMC

Level 6: Girls Co-op

Level 7: Somerton

Level 8: Central Bucks

Level 9/10: Xcel

Xcel: Centre Elite

A vote to accept the post season assignments was 6 for and 1 opposed.
PASSED.

5. A concern was brought up that both teams and individuals are not being randomly assigned to events as well as in squads as required by USAG Rules &

Policies. Meet host need to familiarize themselves with the scoring program they are using. All commonly used scoring programs can randomly assign clubs and gymnasts.

- 6. There was discussion on the Xcel states qualifying score. Some coaches believed that the 35.00aa was too high but with over 900 in last year's Xcel meet, lowering the qualifying score would increase the number of state qualifiers to the point where all levels of Xcel would no longer be able to compete states in the same weekend. It was decided for this reason to keep the Xcel qualifying score to states the same at 35.00. The state qualifying score for all other levels will also remain the same. A vote on this item was taken and the result was 8 for and 1 opposed. PASSED.**
- 7. Beginning this season (2019-2020) the entry deadline for postseason meets will be three weeks. This will enable meet directors to post the competition schedule sooner. A vote on this item was taken and the result was 7 for and 2 opposed. PASSED.**
- 8. There will be two state clinics in the near future. The first will be a level 2/3 clinic being held at Cumberland Gymnastics on July 28th. The second will be a two day clinic on September 28th and 29th at Centre Elite Gymnastics in State College PA. Saturday will be for the athletes and Sunday will be for the coaches. More information will be out shortly on the PA-USAG web site as well as on social media. Please note that these clinics will fill to capacity and it is first come first served.**
- 9. Also, in our state, at Centre Elite, there will be a Regional Xcel clinic Aug 3rd & 4th. Visit the Region 7 web site for additional information.**
- 10. Starting this season all graduating seniors will receive a packet from PA_NAWGJ with information on how to become a judging official. Hopefully this will begin to increase the number of younger officials in our state and will help alleviate any judging shortages that might develop due to retirements.**

As always if you have any suggestions, complaints or compliments about anything relating to gymnastics in Pennsylvania please put them in writing and submit them to State Chairperson Donna Guenther at Pausag155@gmail.com.

Meeting was adjourned by Donna Guenther at 2:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

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