

March 11th, 2017

Pennsylvania USAG Board Meeting

Meeting held in Chambersburg Pennsylvania in conjunction with the Level 8 State Championships.

Board members present:

Donna Guenther, Karen Clark, Kevin Pope, Jill Morris, Lynn Ross, Melanie Sherrif, Tammy Nulph, Rich Fiorintino, Bridget Hild, Darrian Tissenbaum, Terri McGirk, Cara Jane Blumenschein and Mike Vanim

Meeting called to order at 8:00pm

1. Conversation/ discussion was had about the 2017 State clinic scheduled for Saturday September 30th and Sunday October 1st at International Gymnastics Camp in Stroudsburg, PA. The levels for this clinic will be USAG age group levels 4-8. The tentative schedule is for gymnasts to attend Saturday and coaches to attend Sunday. There will not be accommodations for either coaches or gymnasts to stay at the camp. More information including the structure of the clinic, associated costs, and sign up information will be provided in the near future on the state website.
2. The 2018 Junior Olympic post season calendar was proposed, discussed and voted on. The vote for accepting the following calendar was unanimous. The following are the dates of the competitions.
 - March 10th-11th: Level 8 states
 - March 17th-18th: Level 9/10 States
 - March 24th-25th: Level 7 States
 - APRIL 1ST: EASTER
 - April 7th-8th: Level 8 Regionals Level 6 States
 - April 13th-15th: Level 9/10 Regionals
 - April 14th-15th: Level 5 States
 - April 21st-22nd: Level 4 States
 - April 28th-29th: Level 3 States
 - May 5th-6th: Xcel States

3. Although this is a regional decision, the board discussed the current 34.00AA at Level 8 States to qualify to Regionals. Some felt this was too low of a score while others felt there should be a way to make sure that the older age groups were properly represented, possibly a combination of a score and a percentage. If you have any opinions or suggestions on this matter please feel free to email Donna Guenther so she may take information to the regional board.
4. Mark your calendar, the Region 7 Congress will be held in Baltimore Maryland on June 16th-18th, 2017. Early registration is available through the end of April. More information can be found at <http://www.usagymrc.com/region7>

Yesterday USA Gymnastics put out [an open letter to the gymnastics community](#). We as a State Board fully support the information put forth in that statement and agree and understand that there is absolutely nothing more important than the safety and well-being of the athletes in our charge.

As always, if you have any compliments, complaints and/ or suggestions please submit them in writing to a member of the state board. These letters/ emails are always taken seriously and discussed at the meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Pope
PA USAG Secretary/Record Keeper