

## Region 6 Board Meeting

5/17/2023

Time: 9:30pm – 10:30pm

Roll Call: Tom Greet (Connecticut), Cal Booker (Massachusetts), Danilo Gattei (Rhode Island), Joe Zullo (Maine), Mike Ouellette (New Hampshire), Craig Thibaudeau (Chairman), Debbie Naka (JNCS rep), Rich Ellis (Operations and Technical Director), Billy Callahan (Development Director )

Voting members NOT present: Sean Monaco (Technical Director)

Non-voting members NOT present: Lorenzo Macaluso (JNCS rep)

### Meeting Agenda (minutes)

1. Region 6 Board
  - a. New Process established for meetings and dissemination of information
    1. Motions called for voting issues (must be seconded and must reach quorum)
    2. 24-hour timeline for dissemination of information to your respective communities (This is for information that is sent from the regional chairman to the state directors OR from the junior national coaching staff reps to the state directors. Please follow these guidelines so that the wider gymnastics community receives information within a similar time frame).
  - b. Committee proposal: Tech Person, Social Media, Secretary
    1. Tech person- Craig will work on this and ask for help, as needed
    2. Social Media- Debbie Naka will tackle this one and ask for help, as needed
    3. Secretary- Rich Ellis offered and the group agreed
  - c. Minutes document
    1. Minutes will be a detailed version of the agenda that was originally sent
    2. Will be completed by the secretary
    3. Will be sent to the regional chairman within 48 hours of the conclusion of a board meeting. The chairman will then release the minutes document to all board members.
    4. For items that were voted (approved or not), state directors will be responsible for sending out the information to their respective states following the same 24-hour timeline above.
2. Recap of MDPC Meetings at Development National Championships
  - a. Regional Realignment
    1. 7 yes, 2 no, 2 abstain (moved to the MPC)
    2. Mike Serra (member of MPC) e-mailed me to say that he has concerns about the low bar. The 4 votes not in favor are the regions most affected. Might have trouble passing the MPC.
    3. If it goes down to 6 regions (6 chairman) there is possibility of having assistant regional chairs so that there are still more people in the room.
    4. Craig will write the official abstain reason for the Region 6 vote based on feedback from the community.

- b. Future Stars 2023/2024 and Level 6 JE
  - 1. Future Stars National Championships 2023 will be the last one in Colorado
  - 2. Level 6 JE will be the new wave of the future, and it will replace the future stars program that happened in the fall. Streamline the process.
  - 3. Level 6 JE athletes will attend Easterns, and that is where national team members will be selected.
- c. Easterns 2024
  - 1. Cleveland, Ohio (same format as 2023)
- d. Development Nationals 2024
  - 2. Daytona Beach, Florida (same format as 2023)
- e. Compulsory Program (Level 3,4,5,6)
  - 1. 2023 will be the same (no changes)
  - 2. 2024/2025 could be dramatically different with scores for compulsory. Routines would likely be the same. Huge push by Tom Meadows to bring compulsory scores back to a maximum 10.0 score.
  - 3. Tom Greet asked about the bonus system. In the works, Tom Meadows is adding in bonus to the 10.0 system (maybe have the base score a 9.0 and they can work up to a 10.0). Proposal needs to be fine tuned and sent to the MDPC for approval.
  - 4. Cal Booker asked about the team results for combined Division I and II. This might make it easier to have team results without such a large discrepancy.
- f. Judge's report at MDPC (Weiging)
  - 1. Assigning of meets- The meet director (the one who is financially responsible) has the final say in who judges the meet. It is challenging in our region because of the limited number of judges.
  - 2. Score changes- This WILL NOT happen. There is already a procedure in place for future stars. Working group created (Craig, Jerit Pogue, Kevin Chope) to look at the potential for 2 discretionary spots in each region. This will be worked on over the summer months.
- 3. Regional Accounting
  - a. The state of our region
    - 1. \$19,823 in the account as of 4/30/2023
    - 2. 2022/2023 season was a wash. Balance is a carryover
    - 3. Regional Director will present information about budgets for regional 6 events (e.g., springfield camp, regional clinic, elite team events, regionals, etc.)
    - 4. Cal Booker spoke about having a head tax at the beginning of the season. Use these funds to make the cost of regionals a little cheaper. Get more information from other regions about what they are charging for a head tax.
    - 5. Tom Greet said you could add a head tax per athlete at each meet hosted in the state. Danilo feels the \$1 per athlete per meet might be an easier sell.
- 4. Region 6 Elite Team
  - a. 2023/2024 Qualifiers

1. Dunkan created a spreadsheet of all qualifiers based on regionals and Day 1 Easterns/Nationals **Craig will send this out tomorrow (Thursday 5-18)**
  2. Need to consider the Top level 9 athletes that were not in the 14-15 age group but who finished higher than the other athletes. **We could petition these athletes onto the team. At the very least, they should be invited to camp.**
  - b. Springfield Elite Team Camp 2023
    1. Dates set for July 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>
    2. Schedule of events? Shorter Sunday (12pm)?
    3. Elite Team working group zoom to look at the camp? **Craig will e-mail elite team committee members to start discussions about Camp organization/structure.**
    4. **Cal Booker talked about making more money at the camp by doing either a one-day clinic before the start of camp or at the end of the camp.**
    5. **How can we budget for the elite team camp so that we can have funds for the whole elite team season?**
  - c. Looking ahead toward 2023/2024 Elite Team Program. If realignment passes, ETC qualification will be very different.
    1. Bylaws **(reconsider for next season)**
    2. Rule changes **(reconsider for next season)**
  - d. 2024 Elite Team Cup
    1. February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 (same format for 2024). Probably needs to change for 2025.
    2. Location TBD
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**Items Tabled until the next board meeting:**

5. Regional Championships 2024
  - a. Discussion of combining compulsory and optional championships
    1. One weekend, but 3 days?
    2. Back to qualification criteria for compulsory?
  - b. Site location and weekends available (NCAA)
    1. NCAA will not budge on using the first weekend in April for conference meets.
  - c. Working committee to look at budget
    1. Site location, shirts, medals, judges, equipment rentals, hosting fees, etc.
6. Next topics
  - a. Working groups for age group program. Any coaches in the region want to be on a working group to discuss compulsory, club, optional, and elite tracks?)
  - b. JE and JN petition process

**Next Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 9:30pm – 10:30pm**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30pm**