

SAC – MT
Open Membership Meeting
March 17, 2017

Call to order: Josh Burnham (SACC) called to order the Open Membership meeting of the SAC-MT at 10:35 p.m. on March 17, 2017, at Chillis Restaurant in Helena, MT.

Roll call: All board members present: Josh Burnham, Denis Berry, Denny Allen, and Sharon Mozer. Montana coaches, judges, and club owners were present.

Announcements:

1. Financials – \$13,451.97
2. State Camp 2016
 - a) Financials - \$7,449.06 profit from 2016 camp
 - b) Future Date: TBA (June 2018)
 - c) Compulsory State Camp – alternating with Optional State Camp (odd year)
3. **MT State Championship 2018 is awarded to Billings Gymnastics**
4. **Montana Invationals 2018:**

Date	Invitational	Place
December 9-10, 2017	Judges Open	TBA
January 12-14, 2018	State Cup	TBA
January 20-21, 2018	Glacier Challenge	Kalispell
January 26-27, 2018	Billings Invite	BGS
February 2-3, 2018	Mt. Helena Open	Helena
March 2-3, 2018	Mismo Magical	Missoula
March 16-17, 2018	State Championships	Billings

5. **National Judges Cup** – January 4-6, 2018. Montana judges will be volunteering this event in Portland, Oregon. Montana judges would like to encourage our athletes to compete in this event.
6. A bid has been submitted for the State Cup 2018. The bidding process is still open; please submit your bid a.s.a.p.
7. **Region 2 Congress** – June 24-25, 2017 Black Hills (WA) – email Josh if interested in event, the board will try to get a group rate.
8. R&P reminder:
 - a) Inquiry form – coach needs to use the inquiry form and not talk to the judge(s).
 - b) Mobility meet anytime of the year, coaches need to send results to the State Admin Chair (Josh) for proper documentation.

9. State Qualifying Scores for 2018 and 2019:

- a) 2018 Levels 3-10 will need a 32 AA to qualify to the state championships.
- b) 2019 Levels 3-10 will need a 33 AA to qualify to the state championships.

10. Xcel – Kelley presented updates expressing that Diane Palmer is the reference person to go to for questions and updates. Xcel continues to grow.
11. TOPS – Chris recounted a couple of Mismo athletes accomplishing great success at the Development Camp with Valerie Luikin. Chris is willing to help coaches in MT to get started with the TOPS program. Email Chris if interested.
12. Member Concerns:
- a) Judges food and compensations. R&P, pg. 43 – if concession style food is offered, other healthy options needs to be provided, or appropriate monetary compensation should be considered. Careful consideration to removing nuts/nut products on judging tables due to judges/athletes/coaches/volunteers may have nut allergies.

 - b) Meet Entry Fees. Open table discussion among coaches/club owners sharing ideas and thoughts about meet entry fees going up within the last few years. Are increased meet fees hurting meets in Montana? Are gyms going out of state more because of increased meet fees in our own state? Some coaches/club owners expressed that \$85.00 should be a minimum for a meet entry fee. Most club owners/coaches expressed that they have no interest in leotards and special gifts for athletes if it will increase the meet entry fees. It was expressed that a high meet entry fee may deter a team from entering an invitational in the state. A meet entry fee of \$110-\$125 is considered high.
13. Committee Terms/Elections nominations coming this summer 2017
14. USA Gymnastics – Steve Penny stepped down – if parents ask – we are to reply ‘no comment’ until further instructions.

Adjournment

Josh Burnham adjourned the meeting at 11:32 p.m.

Next meeting: TBA

Minutes submitted by: Sharon Mozer