

NorCal NAWGJ – Board Meeting
San Jose, CA
8/15/14

I. Meeting was called to order by Maureen Kohler (NorCal SJD) at 6:20 p.m.

Roll call:

Board Members Present:

Jen Battaglia
Chizu Holmes
Maureen Kohler
Cindy Marchetti
Lori O'Dell
Rod Radunzel
Kat Sgamba
P.J. Slater
Holly Thomas

Board Members Not Present:

Evelyn Paradis

Other NorCal NAWGJ members present:

Scott Slater

II. Meeting Agenda

III. Conflict of Interest Form - signed by **all** board members **present**

IV. NAWGJ expenditure review form – discussed and implemented for future use

V. SJD Book – Preparation of an SJD Book to help with turnover for the next SJD was discussed. It will contain communications, books, newsletter, records, and any other pertinent material necessary for the next SJD

VI. Judge's Cup Budget - The updated budget for the 2014 Judge's Cup will be sent to Board Members by email for approval/amendments, **and vote**.

- A. The facility rental has increased to \$17,000 with the addition of a half day meet on Friday.
- B. Judges Gift for those volunteering at Judge's Cup
- C. New banners for team, new all-around awards
- D. \$2,000 to Jeri Foley for hospitality
- E. NAWGJ Memberships Dues are to be considered a paid expense for Judges Cup rather than a benefit for judges who work the meet.

- F. Judge's Cup Mileage Stipend – Judge's will be paid their normal mileage rates and expected to carpool just as they would for judging any other meet. Since Judge's Cup is a fundraiser for NorCal NAWGJ, judges may opt not to take the mileage compensation by donating it back to NorCal NAWGJ.

VII. NAWGJ Financial Advisor - Patty Shipman

- A. Laws of 501C3 – Judges must fill out W9's
1. As NorCal NAWGJ Treasurer, Lori O'Dell will sign a monthly review form of the NorCal NAWGJ financial status and also review the quarterly annual report.

VIII. NAWGJ Membership Profile - All NorCal NAWGJ members must update their NAWGJ membership profile for the purposes of online voting, which will be implemented shortly, and State Meet assignments. Make sure that you include both your compulsory and optional ratings. Visit the NAWGJ website in order to update your profile. There is an automated password login in case you have forgotten yours. All judges have a new number on the profile. The P-number used in the past is no longer in effect.

IX. New NorCal NAWGJ Website – NAWGJ Norcal.org (same address). Our website will continue to be hosted on the same server, Dreamweaver. Lee Bjella will receive a \$250 set up fee for the NorCal NAWGJ website and will receive \$25/hour to update information on our website. The website address for accessing judging assignments will not change. It will be a link with the same URL as before. NorCal NAWGJ Board Members are asked to provide the NorCal SJD, by email, any website feedback and suggestions for links. All information going out from NorCal NAWGJ will be included on the website and linked. Kat Sgamba requested that the links for becoming a judge remained capable by phone. Plan for test run of website on 9/1/14.

- A. Potential website content discussed:

College judging
Skill of the week
NorCal Tops results
Athlete news – need authorization [?].
Link to NorCal website for athletes who have moved through competitive milestones
New Rules and Policies link
Updates link
Pop quiz link
Testing link
What's new in NorCal NAWGJ
Website committee

- B. Suggestions will be solicited from NorCal NAWGJ members regarding website content after the new website is up and has been running.

Link for NorCal NAWGJ members to make website suggestions

- X. Judging Affiliation** – Judges may select what state they want to be affiliated with, but may only be affiliated with one state.
- XI. Athlete Scholarships** – Due to 501C3 rules it has been suggested that athlete scholarships are too hazy of an area to be partaking in.
- XI. Level 7 Qualifier/Optional Critique Meet** – Reported by Rod Radunzel
Two clubs have submitted bids for this meet: Liberty Gymnastics and International. Liberty gymnastics has an 80 foot vault runway, resi landing for uneven bars, and resi landing area for vault. NorCal NAWGJ will be obtaining a signed contract from the host club upon selection and approval. Cal Berkeley has indicated that they may want to host the meet in the future, possibly as early as 2015. This qualifier will consist of a live base score – one child per event prior to competition.
- A. Recommendation – Liberty Gymnastics host the Level 7 Qualifier/Optional Critique Meet.
Motion: Lori O'Dell
Second: Cindy Marchetti
PASSED - Unanimous
- B. Recommendation – Live four hour educational session where optional skills will be critiqued. Athletes will be obtained from a variety of clubs with gymnasts capable of performing the requested skills. Contact Maureen Kohler if you have gymnasts able to perform the requested skills. This will be run as a free judges training clinic on Sunday prior to the optional critique meet.
Motion: Cindy Marchetti
Second: Rod Radunzel
PASSED - Unanimous
- C. Recommendation – Bring in a non-affiliated Region 1 National or Brevet rated judge for the live Sunday clinic – travel expenses and clinician fee.
Motion: Rod Radunzel
Second: Jen Bataglia
PASSED – Unanimous
- D. Kat Sgamba will be in charge of critique forms for Sunday sessions

- E. Maureen Kohler is the meet assigner and meet referee.
2 vault judges - 1 critique judge
2 bar judges - 1 critique judge
2 beam judges - 2 critique judges
2 floor judges – 2 critique judges
- F. Sending NorCal Judges to National Judges Cup
Recommendation - NorCal NAWGJ will send 4 judges this year. Jennifer Battaglia will be attending for Maureen Kohler as the official chaperone.
Airfare, hotel, team bonding dinner and outing.
Motion: Rod Radunzel
Second: Holly Thomas
PASSED - Unanimous

XII. SAC (State Administrative Chair) – Evelyn Paradis

XIII. Event switching at meets – Judges need to remain on the event they were assigned to judge as indicated on the card. Thought was put into which events judges would be assigned to in order to best prepare the State Judging Panels by ensuring that each judge on the State Panel has judged that event at least twice during the regular season.

XIV. SJD Election May 2015 – Maureen Kohler wants to continue on for another term as NorCal NAWGJ SJD and will run again. If someone else is elected, she will help that person for a smooth transition.

XV. Newsletter – Our new website will take the place of the newsletter.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Recommendation by Jeri Foley that judges attend four hours of in-gym education in order to judge at State Meets. Upon discussion it was further recommended that four hours from a “live skills” training session would also meet this requirement. This is strongly suggested by the NorCal NAWGJ board to be performed by 12/31/14 for this year, and will be made a requirement for the following year. As SAC, Evelyn Paradis will be able to keep track of in gym hours for NorCal Judges.
Motion: Lori O’Dell
Second: Cindy Marchetti
PASSED – Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 9:02