



USA GYMNASTICS HAWAII  
2010 General Membership Meeting  
Sunday August 1, 2010  
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am

Roll Call

Hawaiian Island Twisters  
Island Tumblers Gymnastics  
Kokokahi Gymnastics Team  
Kona Aerials  
Pantheon School of Gymnastics  
What's Up Gymnastics  
Pattie Walkabout- NAWGJ State Chair, SAC Member  
Pam Zak- USAG State Chair  
Kevin McMahon- SAC Member  
Kari Schaap- SAC Member

Absent: Hawaii Academy, K-bay Gymnastics, Maui Elite Gymnastics, Pacific Gymnastics, Rainbow Gymnastics, Valley Isle Gymnastics, Joe Rapp- SAC Member.

I. Opening & USAG Updates- Pam Zak

Pam Zak welcomed everyone to the meeting. Literature regarding JO Updates and other professional issues from Tom Koll was passed out. Pam also reminded everyone to check the membership services newsletter that all professional members should be receiving via email; it contains some very helpful information and updates. She also reminded everyone about the 2013 Compulsory Workshops.

II. Administrative (Calendar, Roster, Website)- Kari Schaap

Kari Schaap reviewed the calendar and roster. There were no changes or additions at that time. Kari requested that updates be sent to [admin@usaghawaii.com](mailto:admin@usaghawaii.com).

III. 2010 Compulsory State Championship Format

**The SAC Proposed the following changes for the 2010 Compulsory State Championships:**

- A. Level 5 & 6- 32.00 AA to qualify to State Championships. Must be done before the last day to qualify (November 21).
  1. Any level 5 or 6 athlete that does not score a 32.00 before November 21 will be eligible to participate in the Hawaii Invitational.
- B. USAG Invitational will serve as a level 4 sectional. 8 Age groups, top 9 athletes in each age group will qualify to State Championships.
  1. Any level 4 athlete who is not in the top 9 in their age group will be eligible to participate in the Hawaii Invitational.

2. There will be no alternates or substitutions for level 4 State Championships.
  3. In the event of a tie (in AA, event, and highest score)- both athletes will qualify to State Championships
- C. Team Awards- will only be given during the level 4,5,and 6 State Championship Sessions (top 3 scores count, minimum of 3 teams to be held).
- D. The Hawaii Invitational is open to all level 4-6 athletes who have not qualified to State Championships. It is to be held as an additional session in conjunction with State Championships.

The general membership discussed the negative impact of using this particular format. More specifically it was brought to the SAC attention that this particular format could have a negative impact on small clubs, outer island clubs, and athlete retention. In an effort to make sure that changes to the format were based on a general membership consensus the following proposals were discussed:

**Proposed to the SAC: Allow the professional members present at the meeting to vote on a format for 2010 Compulsory State Championships that would be in the best interest of our entire state including all programs and athletes.**

**Passed unanimously**

**Proposed: For level 4 athletes the qualification for State Championships is participation on all 4 events at a USAG sanctioned event. For 2010 Level 4 State Championships there will be two sessions (determined by dividing athletes equally e.g. 6-8 year old session, and 9+ session). There will be no team awards given in the level 4 session.**

Favor: 8

Opposed: 2

**Passed**

**Proposed: Lower the qualification score for level 5 & 6 from a 32.00 to a 31.00**

Favor: 9

Opposed: 1

**Passed**

**Based on the discussion and vote the 2010 Compulsory State Championships will use the following guidelines:**

**Qualification:**

**Level 4- participate on all 4 events at a sanctioned competition.**

**Level 5 & 6- 31.00 AA at a sanctioned competition**

**There will be no team award for Level 4**

**Team awards for level 5 & 6: top 3 scores count, minimum of 3 teams to be held.**

IV. NAWGJ Report- Pattie Walkabout

We need more judges. There will be test dates in October and December. Pattie encouraged the use of NAWGJ contracts for competitions. Contracts provide additional insurance for judges and also ensure that airfare is paid. New USAG rule: judges are no longer able to accept gifts. Pattie also discussed professionalism and using sound judgment when using Facebook, My Space, Twitter, etc. Meet Referee- chief judge or head judge required to report any infractions on sanction therefore they might not sign the sanction until the meet is over. Please make sure to provide a timer on each event including vault (see JO update and changes to warm-up on vault). Level 1-6 may use any type/height of matting to facilitate a mount.

V. Prep Op- Kevin McMahon

A. New Program for 2011 Season

1. This is a work in progress; more information will be distributed in October
2. Please contact Joe Rapp or Kevin McMahon for more information

This program is intended to be another track for athletes who have trouble transitioning between the compulsory and optional level. However in Hawaii we believe that making this option open to athletes after level 5 may better serve our state. The development of this program seemed very welcome by many of the clubs. The SAC is excited to have this program starting in January of 2011. Specific information will be distributed in October.

VII. Closing- Pam Zak

Reminded everyone that they should receive a hard copy of the Safety Certification book when you complete your online course. If you haven't please contact membership services. Many of the liability issues facing clubs today involve spectators.

*Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 am*