

2021 Spring State Meeting  
Zoom Meeting 3/20/21  
Meeting Minutes



**Call to order 1:07**

**Attendees:**

Oksana Balakarev- **Elite**, Matt Kieffer- **Classic**, Dale Bullivant- **North Shore**, Michael Kramer- **Judge**, Doug Price- **MHG**, Drew Shields-**TCT**, Michael Morse-**MHG**, James Letzring- **MHG**, Ron Hill- **Great Northern**, Vadim Balakarev- **Elite**, Zach Wareham- **ROGA**, Dave Engh- **Midwest**, Mike Burns – **U of M**

**Regional Championships:**

Mike Started by updating everyone on Regional Championships for 2021. He reminded everyone that it will be in Council Bluffs, IA April 9-11 and that it is hosted by Cahoy's Gymnastics. He also state that the qualifying score is the same as what was voted on for last year which is a 42 AA for compulsory; 30 AA for Optional or JD or Top 10 in an event. He also informed us that the Region 4 Spring Meeting will be April 1 at 10 am on Zoom.

**JO Nationals:**

Mike reminded everyone that JO Nationals will be hosted in Daytona Beach, FL May 11-16, 2021. He also informed us that the allotment Numbers have not been finalized but will be released on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Financial Report:**

Mike told us the state has \$3800 in the account as of March 20, 2021. Because of covid the state did not collect a head tax. The state will go back to collecting a head tax for the 2021-2022 season.

**State Chair Election**

Mike inform the state a few weeks ago that he will not be running for re-election because he is moving back to Buffalo. Oksana Balakirev ran unopposed and will be the new MN State Chairmen.

**Judging Recruitment**

2021 Judges Course Sunday in October

**Team Minnesota Clinic/Future Stars:**

Because of Covid there was no Team Minnesota Clinic or State Future Stars Testing. The two events were discussed. If to do the Team Minnesota Clinic at all this year. Ron suggested to move the Team Minnesota Clinic to September with the Future Stars Testing with the hope that covid restrictions have loosened and we can mix pods. Dave second the idea and it was passed. MHG volunteered to host the clinic. The state will move the Team Minnesota Clinic back to June in 2022.

**Regional Clinic/Future Stars:**

Mike said the Regional Clinic and Future Stars Testing will be in Nebraska in October.

**Regional Camp**

Mike informed us that it will be hosted at the University of Nebraska the first week in August. \$2500 is usually set aside to reimburse athletes that make the regional team. Dale made the motion to not reimburse those families this year because the state took in no head tax this year and the camp is already such a good price. Doug second the motion and it was approved.

**Meet Bids:**

- Dec 4-5: Compulsory Kickoff (NSGA)
- Jan 8-9: Ironman (Jam Hops)
- Jan 22-23: Twin Cities Invite (MHG)
- Jan 28-30: Ski-U-Mah (Mike Burns) – possibly move to first weekend of Feb
- Conflict on Feb 12-13: JR Iceberg (NSGA) and Ice Valley Invitational (EGA)
- March 4-6: Great Northern Invite (GNG)
- State Championships – Bids from Mike Burns and EGA
  - o 11 votes for U of M, 3 votes for EGA

2022 Regionals: North Dakota/South Dakota- Dale stated that he has talked to Davis the ND State Chair and he has been working on the Fargo Dome.

**Open Discussion**

Oksana made the motion to individual placing for level 4's at State Championships. She believes that those skilled level 4's should be rewarded for their accomplishments. James stated that it is in the MN rules and policies that level 4's only does participation. Dale made the motion to move the vote to the fall meeting. James second and it passed.

Mike Burns discussed the changes that he has been working on at the University of Minnesota. When he is done with this season his role with the University of Minnesota will move from the Athletic Department to the Recreation Ed Department. Also he will be moving from the NCAA to the GymAct program that has now working in conjunction with USA Gymnastics. He is currently recruiting his current athletes and a new class of gymnast to compete in this new format. They will continue to train out of Cooke Hall.

James brought up his concerns about the large drop in numbers of athletes in the state due to covid. He expressed his belief that the state needs expand its visibility in the community and particularly in the women's gymnastics community. He suggested to add an outreach position to the board specifically to help clubs start new teams. It was decided to set another board meeting for Tuesday March 23 at 10:00 am to discuss board positions. Both Oksana's Treasury position and a potential new outreach position.

**Meeting Adjourn: 7:32**