

State Board Meeting
Meeting 11/16/22
Meeting Minutes



Call to order 10:18

Ron Motioned
Bob Seconded

Attendees:

Oksana Balakarev- **Elite**, James Letzring- **MHG**, Vadim Balakirev-**Elite**, Mike Burns- **U of M**, Ron Hill-
Great Northern, Bob Wuornos- **Judge**, Brian Meeker- **Kenwood**

Regionals Future Stars/Clinic

Oksana gave us an overview of the regional future stars testing and regional clinic. It was on October 21st -23rd at Salto Gymnastics in Milwaukee Wisconsin. She said six boys from MN tested which is the same number of gymnasts that tested at the State Testing. She said the clinic was very well attended and from what she could tell everything ran smoothly.

Outreach Program

Oksana asked for an update on the outreach program. She spoke about clubs struggling to find and keep good coaches. She said that JETS will not have a boys team this year. She also said that Kenwood will not have a boys team this year with the hope to have one on track again next season. Vadim spoke on the rise of payrolls and tuitions going up at many gyms. Mike and Brian spoke of the possibility of starting a club at Cooke Hall. He said there are a number of logistics that would need to be figured out but was interested in looking into that. There was an open discussion about the idea of having the U of M athletes coach in the local clubs to help start programs. Mike thought this would be very hard for his athletes. There was also an open discussion about using ninja programs to help build teams. Vadim warned that it can help to get more boys in the gym but it does not mean that it will help build a team program.

State and Regional Championships medals

Mike asked about clarification on tie-breaking procedures for State and Regional Championships. The current policy is that we do not break ties at those competitions. Mike said that he saw in the National meeting minutes that States and Regions can decide that for themselves. There was an open discussion on this. It was decided that we would maintain this policy and not break ties at State Championships.

State and Regional Championship logos

Vadim reminded the group of when hosting state or regional championships you must send in your logo to USAG for approval. He explained that he had to revise both the Boys Regional Championships logo and the Girls State Championships logo this year.

State Meet to GymAct

Ron proposed that in order to help support the University of Minnesota GymAct Program he would like the state board to award State Championships to the GymAct program for the next 3 years. Both Mike

and Oksana believed that this wouldn't be right. They both felt that this shouldn't be a decision the board can make and that if that is what the state wants that the GymAct program will win the bid each year.

Team Minnesota Clinic

Oksana proposed to have the Team Minnesota Clinic on June 11, 2023. She also proposed to have Mini-Hops host it again that we can run both the optionals session and the compulsory session at the same time, like we did last year. James expressed no issue with that but asked that Kostya be asked as well.

Minnesota Gymnastics Apparel Store

Oksana informed everyone that she is working with Gym Treasures on getting a store on the MN Men's website. This store will offer apparel with the new USAG MN logo.

Judging Fees

Ron informed everyone that there has been a small increase to judging fees for this year. He explained that their association is scheduled to review this every two years, but that we haven't had an increase in 6 years. He also informed us that with the loss of division 1 status for the University of Minnesota it has become increasingly hard to educate and give the experience needed to have our judges rise in the rankings of the judging community. He said that over the next two years he would like to work on ways of fundraising for the judges association so that they are able to do that.

Meeting Adjourn: 11:55

Mike motioned

Bob Seconded