

EXECUTIVE TX MEN'S MTG: 06/11/2010 – 7:45PM - GIL ELSASS' CORPORATE OFFICE:

CALENDAR INFO:

State – L6-10 – 03/18-03/20/2011; State North/South – L4/5 – 04/09-04/10/2010

Discussion about L4/5 state numbers and possibly going back to being combined.

Kevin:

Focus on “New Things” for tonight:

Greg Schram = new Secretary / GAT Liaison

Jerit Pogue = Webmaster

Velmor Estilore = Communications

Kevin / Kathy-Sue – create separation from north/south/6-10 elite state when organizing info.

Gil – People need to contact the state committee to get in the database? Why not use the USAG mailing info for what we do? Have a link maybe.

Kathy / Kevin – Usag not accurate like TX or Reg 3 info.

Kathy – searched USAG online and showed how inaccurate the site is & how it's just some clubs.

Gil – Can we contact USAG and get registered clubs' info since we already can get their member numbers? Do you (Kathy) go through and eliminate non TX member clubs (non-paid).

Kathy – Explained that she can check it, update, and remove the outdated ones ... however we leave them on the list.

Marc – Didn't we only have 3 teams with issue?

Kathy – yes

Gil – We only want info on Jo programs with registered usag athletes.

Kevin – On web show direction for new people to go.

Gil – It needs to be on the people to be responsible.

Gil will contact USAG and find out some things. Problem is that often we get info for girls, t&t, etc. So, we need to be able to get info and make sure gym owners/directors give info out to coaches. More to think about regarding this.

Jerit – do you want another calendar for TX site?

Gil / Marc / Greg – prefer to keep just one (reg 3) and possibly look in to making it downloadable.

Jerit – Discussion of new website & its links/tabs.

Marc – Always put link to forms online with info.

Gil / Kevin / Marc – Administration: “Are you a new club?” – make this a tab and page with a step by step process on what to do as a new club.

Kevin – Gil will write a page for that section.

Discussion about registration & sorting. More discussion on the tabs, links, and format/look of the website.

Discussion about possible Facebook page. We will not do Twitter though. Kevin got a FB account!

Mtg ended at 10:05pm.

2010 SUMMER BUSINESS MTG – 06/12/10 – 10:30AM – CRENSHAW’S ATHLETIC CLUB

Kevin Muenz / Gil Elsass – Welcome

Kevin – State of the State – See 2009-2010 financial statement.

Discussion about meet tax & finances in general. We might be required in the future to go through USAG for certain meets and other matters.

Discussion about demographics – see reports.

Tom Meadows – explained that there are now 9 events. Removed 1 event – strength. Younger do PB and older to SR.
Discussion about Future Stars and developmental team.

Financial Report – **Motion** to accept – Marc Yancey
2nd – Bryan Kiser
Motion passes.

Future Stars letter from Dusty Ritter.

State Meet Reports:

Marc Yancey – L6-10 & L4/5 South

L6-10 - Discussion about format, splitting L6 (10-11) for individual at L6-10, finances, facility, etc. Made about 10,000 for club. Very few problems. Judges were great.

L4/5 South – Marc “ran” the meet for Kevin Mazeika. 2 day meet for them. Explained costs. Very smooth. Entries sent in well. Helps when entries come in earlier than deadline.

Discussion about participation medals, possible logos on them, etc.

Kevin Muenz – L4/5 North

Had in one day. Awards in other gym. Very smooth. Made about 8,000.

Discussion about “Technical Packet” from Marc Yancey

Gil Elsass – Regional Report

Explained the split in Level 6s and Level 7s.

L6s = 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12-13

L7 = 10, 11, 12-13

More age-groups, but less awards.

Regionals will be the “Premier Event” that it needs to be.

Ground transportation or walking. Not as needed to rent a car for those who fly in.

Developmental Team Camps:

L6 (8-9) – happening now at Empire

L7 (10-11), L9 (12-13), L10 (14-15 & 16-18) – back at OU

Entry fee, rebate, region fee, etc. explanation of what may come.

Discussion about Nationals and how the regional teams did.

Mark Sherman – Like to see Regionals in Texas for 2 consecutive years out of 3.

Gil – “Policy” is that, but it’s not a rule – depends on bids. Agreed it is needed. Problem is that often we don’t get enough viable bids based on cost, etc.

Terry Williams – we don’t want to bid against other Texas gyms.

Gil – People are aware, & the committee is aware and tries to be fair. However, we only have 1 vote for Texas. We can’t make it a ‘rule’ to have it be 2 out of 3 in Tx.

More discussion about regionals and the process it gets chosen.

Jerit Pogue – will we be bidding 2 years out for regionals?

Gil – we can, but it is rare since a facility needs to be locked in.

Bo Morris – Reg 5 – rotates alphabetically among the states for who gets it. They can pass. For us we'd only get it 1 out of 6, so what we have now trying to get 2 out of 3 is good.

State Meet Bids:

L4/5-South

Justin (Mike Pena) – Juergen's – probably 1 day meet, trad. format.

John Basel – Basel's – room for 150+ spectators, large parking, nice awards (not separate), food good, modified capital cup. Coaches get free t-shirt. Hilton Garden Inn – host hotel. Names of kids on shirts.

L4/5-North

Yuri – nice facility, large parking, bleachers, awards in gym, separate judge/coach hospitality, modified or trad. warm up. At Frisco (same as 2008). Hampton Inn – hotel.

Chris Brasier – Empire – large facility, parking good, separate awards, hospitality, proscore, several hotels, etc.

Kevin – Brandenburg Middle School – wants 2 years in a row to offset costs. Good facility, large locker rooms, separate awards gym (big displays), efficient, food good, proscore. All kids will get free t-shirt.

L6-10 –uncontested – Greg Schram / Bret Stout – Eagle's Wings Athletics (EWA)

Mark Sherman - High School Report – see report. Trying to make it like a NCAA meet.

Terry Williams – National High School Meet report.

Jerit Pogue – Sims Report – See financial report.

GAT will likely have another poker tournament. Problem (but good problem) – we had 11 good quality applicants. We had a long conversation on how to award the scholarship. We ended up picking the top guys and awarded more money to them rather than give all a smaller amount each. Explained how Raymond White was able to get Sims scholarship money since he wasn't recruited to OU and is a walk on.

Bryan Kiser – rule about gymnast staying in Texas – still?

Jerit – we changed it to be more open for the last few years allowing them to go out of state.

Jerit – encourage your athletes to apply.

Kathy Howell – what about National scholarship?

Discussion – Bill Foster, Jerit Pogue, Tom Meadows, Kathy Howell, Mizo, etc. about National Gymnastics Foundation.

This is not a USAG foundation.

Kathy Howell – Do we track the funds going to National.

Kevin – Yes, same as shown on report we have with Sims.

Bill / Tom – Yes, but it's difficult to find, but easier than before.

Marc Yancey – 1992 – Nat. Scholarship came up. Explained group of committee and guidelines. It was meant for athletes who couldn't get NCAA scholarships. Then there was a void. Then for years we didn't hear about it.

However, now it's back on track. Also, the money is safe and secure.

Gil – back on track – but people aren't requesting it enough.

Mizo – changing rules – 501 c 3 status policy changing - does it need to be voted/ratified. Also, possible letter – saying you are “eligible.”

Jerit – rules changing – application process – it is allowed. The board governs the scholarship. Meet directors are making donations.

Kevin – (to Jerit) how is the board set up.

Jerit – the president is set up as a “lifer” position and can't be voted out. He can appoint other members.

Bryan Kiser – more clarification about the original process of the set up of the 501 c 3

Tim – Did we send it out (the changes). How about a straw vote from the men’s coaches to see if the decision to allow gymnasts to go out of state is ok?

Jerit – sure

Mizo – the merit of the decision – no problem...just the process needs to be clarified.

Mizo – Why not prioritize those applicants wanting to stay in Texas?

Jerit – possibly

Tom – do we give out scholarships more than just at the state meet?

Jerit – maybe we could do it multiple times in the year. Provide more opportunity.

Jerit – show of hands for those who agree with rule (gymnasts going out of state) – majority of the Texas men’s coaches in the room voted yes.

Kevin – Tax will go directly to Sims – not through State Chair.

Lunch from 12:30-1:15

Greg Schram – GAT report – see flyer and website: www.gatx.org - ITP-Boys 1 & 2 will be at GAT + several general seminars. We will have lectures, videos, interactive seminars, group work, roundtables, hands-on spotting, on/off-site events, and more!

Calendar – Discussion about meets & dates. L6-10 State – March 19-20, 2011. End or Beginning of spring break. L4/5 State meet – April 9, 2011. Nationals – Long Beach – May 3-9, 2011. Summer mtg next year will be June 11.

Discussion about when/where for the 2011 summer mtg.

Website: Update – More user friendly. Jerit will take on the website. Velmore will be “Communications.” Greg will be the secretary. Marc is helping too.

New Business:

Discussion about removing the L6 & L7 – 14+ age groups.

Bill – **Motion** – remove 14+ Level 6 and remove 14+ Level 7

Bo – 2nd

More discussion:

Greg Schram - I have no problem and completely agree with getting the older boys to be with their age groups and compete upper levels. I just feel that we as coaches should be able to make the choice based on the specific needs of the boys in our gym from year to year. Also, if we made the Level 6 age group have 12-14 or be 12+ then it solves the problem. It eliminates the 14+ age-group basically by combining it with the 12-13s and it allows coaches to make the choice. It doesn't cause problems for the meet. Only a few boys are affected so why force them and remove the option. For us (with these 3 specific late starting boys) our plan was to go Level 5 at age 13, then Level 6 at 14, Level 8 at 15, and then Level 9 for 16+ to prepare for Level 10. Now the jump from Level 5 to 8 is big.

Bill - The boys can do Level 6 routines as Level 8s.

Oppose – 1 (Greg)

Motion carries.

Gil - **Motion** – Level 8 = 11-13 & 14-15 age-groups only (No 16-18)

2nd – Jerit

Oppose – 1 (Robert)

Motion carries.

Bill – **Motion** – Level 9 = 12-13 & 16-18 (no 14-15 age-group)

Discussion. – Mizo & Gil & Bill

Reed – 2nd

Motion carries.

Marc - It'll be updated in the Rules and Policies

Greg - Just did it now. Done.

Marc - Man, Schram's good.

Mark Sherman – explained judge's fees.

Motion - FIG card hold 20+ experience and increase by \$10 per session.

Discussion – Mizo – we can choose (meet directors) who (judges) we want.

Mark – yes, true. Suggestions made, but meet directors have final say.

Tom read the current pay rates for judges.

Tim –discussed how his meet (which has men and women) often have had women get paid more, but now men doing better, but if only top guys it's not many.

Mizo – great idea, but meet host has the choice.

Mark – do what you feel is the right thing to do.

Terry -2nd

More discussion. Mizo – you already get more correct. Mark – yes.

Motion carries.

TGJA – discussion about NGJA and getting info – rate fees, per diem, mileage, etc. New per diem will probably go up.

Fair for Texas. Most meets feed judges well so it's a non issue at times. Mileage – possibly give passenger ½ the rate the driver gets. Some states driver and passenger get the same.

Marc Yancey – this season?

Mark – possibly this season – yes.

Kevin - Judging rates for state discussed. 2nd set of judges different rate and don't get travel or hotel. This has been done for years. The TGJA and state account help out together to cover costs.

Mark – more clarification and history explained. Not an issue when L6-10 state is in the DFW area, but if it goes elsewhere then it might be an issue.

Kevin – State account & TGJA should help in the future.

Mark – why should Texas account and TGJA fund it if the meet host can cover it?

Chris Brasier – training for the judges.

Kevin – Once you say the meet host has to cover it then it will be a big hit their costs/expenses.

Jack – why not split it and have meet host cover the hotel/travel or stipend and the TX account and TGJA.

Gil – should we make this decision after it has already been bid on with only the one bid (EWA) on the table. Seems unfair to them.

Mark Sherman / Kevin – discuss and vote on it for next summer men's mtg in 2011.

Marc Yancey - discussed that the 10,000 is about the threshold for what it needs to make. It is tough to "sell" it to the parents if the profit gets hit.

Mizo – rule is just 6 judges required. We should make it a rule first before we decide on covering expenses for 2nd set of judges.

Mark / Mizo / Tim – not a rule, but it is a standard – we as coaches/judges expect.

Mizo - We will discuss this each year until we make it a rule.

Marc – discussion on what happened and concerns with his meet & budgeting figures. They worked it out where each group helped each other out. Make a rule ties our hands.

Mizo – I'm ok with that.

Bill – in 2006 we had a huge expense with facility and made less than 3000. We still would have made not 7000 with numbers like they are now. It depends on facility, equipment, etc. Things are fine the way it is now.

Gil – Like the way it has been done. The state and TGJA accounts aren't hurting by helping out.

Kevin – L4/5 judges paid for the meet.

Motion – to make the judges get paid the regular rate by sessions rather than the flat meet rate.

John Basel – 2nd

Discussion:

Gil – Explanation of history and process of the fees.

Jerit – the L4/5 was never a real issue. It was only included since we were doing the L6-10 state meet flat rate.

Terry / Tim – possibly dependant on type of format and number of days.

Mark – pay whatever the pay scale is. Flat rate creates a problem. Easier to pay whatever it says on the sheet. The state meet was large – 3 days.

Gil – how about leave us out of it and have the state committee and TGJA discuss this.

Motion – aborted.

Voting done for 4/5 North & South. L6-10 ran uncontested.

L4/5 – North – Empire

L4/5 – South – Juergen's

L6-10 – Eagle's Wings Athletics (EWA)

Motion to Adjourn – Kevin

Greg Schram – 2nd

Mtg adjourned at 2:30pm.