

Texas NAWGJ
February 4, 2020
Conference Call



Board Members Present:

Bonnie Crawford (SJD)
Denise Coats-Lauriat (District 2/3 High School)
Jenny Robinson (District 4/7 Assigner)
Erika Franklin (District 5/6 Assigner)
Tiffany Schwartz (Treasurer)
Jennifer Porter (Secretary)
Laurie Skelton (Event Coordinator)

Absent:

Jack Dunlop (District 1 Assigner)
Kevin Freeman (District 2/3 Assigner)

Call to Order: Bonnie Crawford 8:32pm

Motion: To approve minutes from the last meeting with 1 correction(Nov 5, 2019)

Motion: Erika Franklin (approve minutes with 1 correction)

2nd: Jenny Robinson

PASSED

Member Reports:

A huge chunk of the assignments have been filled for USAG, TAAF, XCEL, High School, and Middle School. As always, there are some areas that will be a struggle to fill. All of the 1099 reports have been filed. There will be a quarterly report due in February.

Assignments:

Judges should always be prepared to show their up to date credentials to the Meet Referee and/ or the Meet Director. As a reminder, the judges that will be assigned first are those that are up to date on CPE, have current memberships through USAG & NAWGJ. Mileage should also be a consideration for assigning judges in attempting to save costs for the Meet Director. It is acceptable for a Meet Director to request specific judges, however, there is not a guarantee that those judges can or will be assigned. If a judge is requested for a meet, they should reply right away with whether or not they are available.

Financials:

We discussed types of gifts for Level 7 & 9/10 Regional judges. There was also some discussion on whether judges for Regional meets should get a single hotel room for 2021. This discussion was tabled for a later time.

Motion: To make a \$100 donation to the St. Joseph's Foundation of San Joaquin in Patty Shipman's honor.

Motion: Jennifer Porter

2nd: Erika Franklin

PASSED

Dolores Reiter was a long time mentor, friend and judge of Texas gymnastics. She was very loved and will be greatly missed.

Motion: To send a plant and card to the funeral service from her gymnastics friends in remembrance of Dolores (approximate value \$100)

Motion: Denise Coats-Lauriat

2nd: Laurie Skelton

PASSED

2020 Clinic Planning:

We discussed that each area would like to host some sort of judges clinic this Summer.

Since a large number will be attending Congress, we discussed the possibility of not inviting an outside lecturer to GAT this year and instead have more focused groups between coaches and judges. The goal would be to offer 5 sessions on Saturday and 4 on Sunday.

Level 7 Texas Challenge PROPOSAL:

This event is meant to select a team to represent Texas at the NJC, and is not necessarily made to make money. However, we need to reduce expenses in order to make it worthwhile. We could not offer T-shirts to the participants and no extra gifts for the top winners since their ultimate prize would be to represent Team TX at the NJC.

We discussed the possibility of selecting the top 20 athletes from Level 7 State, and ask them to commit to remaining a level 7 until after the NJC in January of 2021. They could, of course, train level 8 without competing. There are pros and cons to making such a change. We made a decision to discuss again later.

National Judges' Cup:

Team Texas 2020 placed 4th. NJC 2021 will be in Virginia Beach, VA January 7-10. Funds from the NJC provide symposium events, the facility, and extras such as the banquet, snacks and the sweater gift.

XCEL Xtravaganza Update:

This even will take place March 13-15, 2020 at Zero Gravity in Waco

There is a team from Mexico that is registered. There is a foreign sanction pending.

The gym/parent club will determine the theme and event prizes.

Judges receive REGULAR compensation packages for this event

There is a \$10 rebate for entries received before January 31st.

As of date, there are 93 athletes registered.

Volunteer Opportunities:

There are a multitude of events in TX and throughout the region providing amazing volunteer opportunities. Check the TXNAWGJ website for the full calendar and coordinator information

For Level 7 & 9/10 Regionals, the volunteer package will be as follows:

-TXNAWGJ will reimburse hotel rooms up to \$50/person/night not to exceed the value of the room

-TXNAWGJ will reimburse mileage \$0.25/mile

-The request for reimbursement must be submitted to the TXNAWGJ treasurer within 30 days of travel & will require:

- *receipt
- *reimbursement form
- *mileage documentation in the form of a printed map
- *self-addressed, stamped envelope

New:

New Judge Orientation is coming!

“Coaching Circles” is an opportunity to listen, brainstorm & discuss a variety of topics with a “leader” guiding the conversations

Incentives for being prepared!? Could include mentoring, studying, preparing, sharing planning

Judges Cup 2020

Sites will be: Permian Elite in Odessa; Trevino’s Gymnastics in Lancaster; Powerhouse TNT in San Antonio; Woodlands Gymnastics in Spring

MOTION: To adjourn 10:04pm

Motion: Erika Franklin

2nd: Denise Coats-Lauriat

PASSED

Submitted by: Jennifer Porter