

Board Meeting August 30th 2023 9:00 – 10:15pm

Board Members present: Dan Y., Darren M., Mike O., Debbie N., Sean Monaco, Craig Thibaudeau, Danilo Gattei, Tom Greet, Lorenzo Macaluso

Board members not present: Joe Zullo, Rich Ellis, Billy Callahan

Additional present: Dunkan Gould

Agenda

1. Regional Clinic 2023

- a. Dates and location confirmed- September 23rd / 24th at Sterling Gymnastics
- b. Discussion of format- 6 event clinicians to run events. Dunkan and Danilo possibly interested in being clinicians. Mike O. has tentative plans but may be available for some and will let us know. Craig will reach out to coaches to see if others are interested. Will be paid positions (tentative \$120 per session).
- c. Judges assistance- two judges were requested to Billy C.
- d. Encourage participation within your states.

2. Future Stars Qualifier 2023

- a. Date and location confirmed- October 15th at MEGA
- b. Tentative look at numbers- Craig will reach out to coaches to see if others are interested, but it looks to be a very small number.
(Aim High- 1 qual. Craig- 1 qual. Darren- 2 athletes)-
- c. Judges assistance and coaching needs- (Debbie and Lorenzo will be attending FS Nationals, so we will ask them to attend). Two judges were requested to Billy C. Craig will evaluate judges / coaches' needs once athletes are registered and we know numbers.

3. R6 Elite Team Events 2023 (Dunkan review)

- a. Update on qualification procedure document- Dunkan ran through the Elite Team events that have been confirmed.
- b. Discussion of petition process, moving forward- did not address this.
- c. Events, locations, and process
 - October 15th- practice for elite team athletes (no points)
 - November 12th- 4-skill sequence workshop at MEGA (for points)
 - December 2023- 6-skill sequence. Athletes can attend any invitational in December with the highest 6-skills per event contributing (for points)
 - January 2024- Combined D + E score at the Bay State Invitational

4. Regional Championships 2024

- a. Dates and location confirmed- April 12th, 13th, 14th 2024 at Springfield College
- b. Discussion of format- three-day competition in one venue will be a less expensive event and will open up a weekend for coaches.
- c. Preview of the event schedule- Tom Greet went over the tentative schedule. Final schedule will be based on actual numbers from the 2023-2024 season.
- d. Early discussion of entry fees- lowering the price from last year. Tentative price of \$150 per athlete, but we can evaluate as we move through the fall.

5. Reorganization Plans

- a. This will be our first meeting to discuss ideas for reorganization. Topics discussed are included below.
- b. Bylaws and elite team program rules / regulations- Craig has discussed with Bob the procedures that Region has been using. Region 7 has not been as organized and will need to work with us to create new bylaws and procedures. Discussions to be continued before state chair meetings.
- c. After our board meeting, we will set a zoom meeting for region 6 and region 7 boards to meet together. Board members agreed that a meeting in approximately two is a good timeline to get discussions started.

Topics Discussed for Reorganization of Region 6 and Region 7:

Dunkan:

- Regional Championships: keep compulsory athletes separate (north and south format)
- Optional levels should have a combined regionals.
- Have regionals be close as possible to the middle of our new region.

Tom:

- North/south regionals for compulsory athletes
- Optional athletes should have somewhere central for regionals each year.
- Have 1 regional chair, but consider having 2 vice chairs that deal with the everyday stuff (Why vice chairs? Tom- having one regional chair is already a hard job and it will be made significantly harder by increasing our numbers to approx. 2200 athletes).
- 6 northern and 6 southern judges at big regionals

Elite Team Program (Danilo, Debbie, Craig, Dunkan):

- Advocate for more guys at the meet than the current 6 from each region
- 9-man squad instead of 6, for example. (7 guys compete on each event?)
- Danilo- Junior session and senior session of ETC? (16-17 and 18-19)- Craig said this might not be possible because of time constraints.

Regional Team Session (Debbie, Dunkan):

- Like the energy and grouping, but the best athletes are not included as they are in JE session.
- It can be tough to maintain the energy throughout the day to have the regional team session be the last one of a long level 10 day.

6. New Business- Any items that board members would like to include?

- a. Danilo asked about the current status of moving to a 10.0 score for compulsory. Mike O. gave an update as he is on the compulsory working group. Tentative discussions about having Division I athletes start at a 9.0 and work their way up to 10.0 with bonus elements. Division II athletes might have a maximum score of 9.0 (no bonus elements like the current program).
- b. No additional topics brought to the board.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20pm