

Region 6 Board Meeting  
6/7/2023  
Time: 9:30pm – 10:30pm

Roll Cal: Craig Thibaudeau, Debbie Naka, Tom Greet, Michelle Beam, Mike Ouellette, Danilo Gattei, Cal Booker

Absent: Lorenzo Macaluso, Billy Callahan, Rich Ellis, Sean Monaco, Joe Zullo

### Board Meeting Minutes

1. Region 6 Elite Team Updates
  - a. Springfield Elite Team Camp 2023
    1. Budget (Collected fees and Expenses). Collect \$650 per athlete and \$600 per delegation athlete. Pay \$600 group leaders and \$400 assistant coaches.
    2. This should be a fundraiser for the Elite team: targeting \$4000-\$5000.
  - b. Looking ahead toward 2023/2024 Elite Team Program
    1. Elite Team Coaching Committee's task is to implement a program that works for all of region 6. They will begin formulating a plan at the Springfield Camp.
    2. Cal suggested that for 2024 camp, have the next athletes out start a clinic at the end of the elite team camp so they get to see the elite team athletes at the end.
2. Regional Championships 2024
  - a. Discussion of combining compulsory and optional championships – discuss pros and cons. Tom said that we can make this happen as long as we can use the three days and there are no college meets.
  - b. Site location and weekends available (NCAA)- Shooting for weekend of April 12-14<sup>th</sup> at Springfield College. Springfield takes care of set up and breakdown. Craig will continue to work with Matt Davis on regionals.
  - c. Working committee to look at budget. Should save a lot of money with it being held in one location and over one weekend.
3. Regional Clinic 2024
  - a. Location(s): Danilo said Aim High might be available. Craig will look into other options for hosts as well.
  - b. Dates: Cal likes the Thanksgiving weekend. Debbie said NOT the same year as future stars nationals. Some regions have their clinic in early fall. Could be done in conjunction with a future stars clinic. Maybe September 16/17<sup>th</sup>. Those on the call came to a consensus that we should try a September clinic this year; it is a good time before the season for athletes / coaches / judges to work together.
  - c. Format ideas (Return to clinic format with coaches as clinicians). Cal said more support if there is more ability to do gymnastics. Brings everyone together. Cal said we can keep it local with coaches/judges. Those on the call like the idea of a return to clinic format, with coaches as clinicians on each event. Craig will begin the planning phase and bring other coaches in to help.
4. State Chairman guidelines
  - a. Dissemination of information- you are the liaison between the national office, the region and your constituents. We discussed up to a 48-hour timeline for passing along information.
  - b. State clinic- brainstorm about this as it is supposed to be a duty of the state chairman. Tom said CT holds one and the judges and coaches go over problems from the last season. They talk about states, talk about team awards, etc. Michelle said VT is unique because they have been the only gym with boys for years. To add another fee to attend a clinic is more than they've been willing to agree to. Tom said you could have a judge come onto a zoom call and go over routine construction, common errors, etc.
  - c. Every 2-year nomination/voting process at state championships. 2023 was a voting year. This should still happen if it did not. State chairs will be responsible for making sure this either: 1. Already happened, or 2. Start the process now and get it done. Timeline for getting this done is July 1<sup>st</sup>.

5. Website
  - a. Pages
  - b. Subpages
  - c. Get information to Craig to be posted on the website. Craig asked if everyone could take a look at the website and let him know what changes could be made.
6. Judges Updates
  - a. List of Seniors for judging. Craig will collect this from gym clubs.
  - b. Judges request form and fees. Billy told Craig on a zoom call that the form will be revised. Craig will post onto the website when it is completed.
  - c. Billy report (not present)
7. Fundraising Ideas:
  - Cal said what are the things that people are interested in doing and that will bring people together. For example, running a meet.
  - There is no camp for guys who did not make a regional elite team.
  - Adding a clinic onto the Springfield Camp (before or after).
  - Having opportunities for guys who are not the best guys at the meet.
  - Danilo asked what is the expectation for raising money? It depends on what the event is.
  - For example, we could target \$15,000 for a fundraising event, then excess funds could be used to reduce fees for the next elite team camp.
  - Could we have a reduced fee if we commit to a certain number of years at Springfield? Craig will look into this.
8. Next Topics for Discussion?
  1. Michelle brought up coaches education- bringing in new coaches and making sure they are safe, educated, and trained well to stay in the sport.
  2. Cal mentioned Regional congress for the men's side?
  3. Where do we use our excess funds each year? How much do we keep in the account?

Meeting ended at 10:35pm

Next board meeting will be scheduled for the end of the summer/early September.