

MN Judges Board Meeting Minutes, June 26, 2019

1. Meeting was called to order by Jennifer Sampson at 6:06 pm.
 - a. Roll Call:
 - Jennifer – SJD
 - Melissa – Secretary
 - Betsy - Winter Assigner
 - Liz – Webmaster
 - Linsey – Fall Assigner
 - Sharon – New Judge Liaison/ Education
 - Tandra – Fundraising
 - Robin – Education
 - Jasmine – Fundraising
2. Update from Jennifer:
 - a. SJD meeting in conjunction with the Judges Symposium in TX. Do we want to donate any raffle items? There will be a contest done by each state to decorate a cowboy hat with items that represent our state. Liz is going to send an email to everyone who are going to each bring an item to share.
 - b. Testing: Jennifer gave the test 3 times last season. The TA was supposed to be paid but because of USAG filing for bankruptcy the 400.00 check bounced. Jennifer will be giving another test at state congress if she can get 5 or more people who are willing to sign up. She will give the test that morning, 8am on September 8th. Sharon knows of 3-5 people who are interested in testing.
 - c. All the SJDs received results from the USAG Xcel feedback survey. The feedback is from all over the country: want 2 judge panels, consistency from meet to meet, rules are hard to be consistent because the rules are not how we are trained. We discussed a required Xcel bars session at congress or a mini congress/clinic for all judges to create consistency.
 - d. State Board Feedback: The board said they thought it was a great year and were happy with the season. Complaints: Level 10 vault- the scores were too low at state and regionals. Discussed an education session at state congress or mini clinic on L10 vault. Xcel bars at state- SV and scores. State board did do rankings of judges who sent in their resumes for regionals assignments. The list is not public.
 - e. As a NAWGJ Board we are under a lot of scrutiny. We need do what we expect others to do.
3. Education:
 - a. New Judges
 - i. How can we optimize this process and the timing of new judges testing so that they can get assignments in the first year they pass? The current year our timeline is already set, but can we consider another timeline in the future? One option would be to offer a test in May or June. In this case we would have the results prior to assigning. We could schedule the practice judging for September and early October. New judges would then have an opportunity to judge the rest of October, November, and December.
 - b. CPE Update
 - i. The following judges do not have enough credits as of now so they will go to the bottom of the assignment list.
 1. Erin Holly
 2. Ali Neimi
 - ii. The following judges have not communicated with Melissa regarding their CPE Records and therefore will go to the bottom of the assignment list
 1. Suzanne Hecht
 2. Jonah Schmidt
 - c. 2019-2020 Clinics/Study Sessions
 - i. Mini Clinic 1: Friday June 28, 9:30 - 11:30 am at FLIPS gymnastics,

3505 Commerce Blvd, White Bear Lake, MN 55110. This will be LIVE high level bars shorthand practice with FLIPS Elite and Level 10 athletes.

- ii. Mini Clinic 2: Tuesday October 1, 2019, evening (6-8 pm?) at a local library. Getting ready to judge Xcel. We will get more information on time and place once we can reserve a room 90 days in advance. (Clinicians: Jasmine and maybe Liz or Barb and Robin and Mandy from Lagacy)
- iii. Mini Clinic 3: Thursday November 7, 2019, evening (6-8 pm?) at a local library. Getting ready to judge Optionals. We will get more information on time and place once we can reserve a room 90 days in advance. (possible clinicians-Linda, Karin)
- iv. Mini Clinic 4: Saturday January 4, 2020, time TBD at the University of Minnesota Sports Pavillion. Getting ready to judge college. A chance to live practice judge routines at the University of Minnesota's Intersquad
- v. 2019 State Congress: meeting with education person from the state board next week. Want to do 6/7 vault (lots of changes) would like to have Linda come be our clinician

4. Fundraising

- a. We are not doing a critique this year
- b. Xcel Skills Workshop
 - i. (Target) September 14 or 15, 3 hour practice, host gym TBA Gleason's BP or EGA), charge \$TBD per gymnast
 - ii. Allow Xcel gymnasts the opportunity to perform skills/parts of routines in front of judges for evaluation
 - iii. Allow Xcel coaches the opportunity to ask about requirements, deductions, tips for composing successful routines, etc.
 - iv. Allow judges the opportunity to practice judging Xcel skills live in a low-stress environment
 - v. Possible parents meeting with Connie before the gymnasts perform their skills and charge parents a fee
- c. Prep for Xcel Clinic(s)
 - i. The fundraising chairs have received a number of requests from coaches to have more Xcel clinic opportunities. "Prep for Xcel" clinic, and/or host an additional Xcel clinic in the fall to answer questions, explain requirements, etc.
 - ii. We plan to charge coaches \$30/coach and aim for 40 coaches, this would raise \$1200.00
 - iii. Two hour clinic focusing on bars and beam and certain Xcel levels with trickier requirements and skills
 - iv. We will do more advertising to boost attendance
 - v. Send an email to the judges asking for difficult situations or rare occurrences that we have come across that we can combine and share with the coaches. Do a raffle for those judges who participate
 - vi. Parents Information Sessions for both Xcel and Compulsory: \$10.00/parent. 1 hour session with parents to inform them on all things Xcel and compulsory and to answer any questions they have. Do one in the west side and the east side of the cities. Connie D is very good at these.
- d. Prep for 2020 Judges Cup, day/time TBA, likely early/mid-September 2020
 - i. This project is taking quite a bit of lead time. The interest/commitment is there from the judging community to host a Judges Cup that would further fund NAWGJ memberships, USAG memberships, and/or Congress registration fees. We plan to host a 1-day Judges Cup in fall 2020.

5. Assigners

- a. FALL Assigning
 - i. Timeline Dates (proposed - same as last year)
 - 1. July 1: Requests for judge's deadline for meet directors. LH will send email to judges requesting that fall availability be entered in

GYM JAS

2. July 15: Availability deadline
 3. August 1: Assignment deadline (as of today, first meet is 8/25 EGA compulsory mock meet)
 - ii. Do a conference call with all the meet directors to educate them how to request judges and the process. There are more and more mock meets coming through GYM JAS and its harder and harder to fill all the requests.
 - iii. Judges are not covered by NAWGJ insurance if NAWGJ does not assign a meet. Look into the insurance coverage for judges who do not go through NAWGJ. Look into insurance if NAWGJ not assigned.
 - iv. Talked about having a separate meet ref on 1 panel Xcel meets for the bigger meets.
 - v. Action Item: Jennifer needs to have Ryan send an email to all the meet directors about us adding a walking meet ref for the Xcel meets with 1 judge panels: Twisted Moose, Gopher, Peppermint Twist, Northern Lights, Classic and Rising Stars.
 - vi. We liked the Meet Ref mentoring assignments and will do them again this year
 - b. WINTER Assigning
 - i. High level plans: Getting the properly rated judges for each meet.
 - ii. Timeline dates:
 1. Sept 4: Email out to all requesting Winter Availability
 2. Sept. 25: Deadline for judge's availability
 3. Oct. 23: Deadline for meet assigning
 4. Nov. 20: Judges deadline to accept meets in GYMJAS and generate contracts
6. Website:
- a. MN NAWGJ website can be tracked by Liz by our emails. Liz is wondering what social media people are using so we can resource that too.
 - b. Maybe add outside skills of our judges on our directory to be a resource in our community.
7. Budget
- Total income: \$6500
Total expenses: \$7025
Total right now: \$8600
- a. Banquet: Melissa to plan, date yet to be determined but thinking August, awards to be given out (voting by everyone)
 - b. Projector/screen for testing and clinics for education: look into the cost
 - c. Jennifer will do a revision of the budget and send it out for electronic approval

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.