

USA Gymnastic Florida State Committee Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2023 in Tampa Florida

Toni begins the meeting at 1:00pm-

Serena appointed as Secretary to take minutes

Toni update from regional meeting:

Dropping silver from regionals, adding numbers for platinum and gold- no team for sapphire yet
Sapphire will qualify to regionals with a 34.00

At regional meets use 4 judges at 6/7/8 and 9/10 and 2 judge at Xcel

Gate fees remain the same, but entry fees are raised for all levels to \$130 for all Regional Meets

Judges will change events at Regional competitions when possible

A judge may not be assigned to more than 1 Regional meet unless there is a really good reason for it to occur.

Judges do not have to pay \$50 to attend regional training camps

Level 5 is now considered a skip level- if you score a 36 at 2 sanctioned events at level 4 you can skip level 5

New Regional Chairman is Michelle Pomerantz from Georgia

All Regional meets will do 50% +1 and only 16 athletes per age group for awards

State Committee elections will be held in 2024 for all voting members

MOTIONS BELOW WITH DISCUSSIONS

**Susan Monahan unanimously chosen as CPE coordinator.

**Motion to accept NAWGJ as Florida assigning organization-

Motion by Denise second Randy unanimous vote.

**Motion that state meets must accept credit cards for admissions-

Kathy Motion Serena second- all in favor- unanimously passed

**Motion Levels 1-5. Bronze/Silver/Gold will get 100% All Around State Medals at State Meet-

Motion by Kendall Second Nic unanimously passed.

Discussion about Team Divisions at State Meets- no change.

Senor Blankets-25 left with old logo-may be used next season however we must design new ones with new USA Gym logo for all future orders

Tim and Kendall will design and order new ones for next year

Discussion on Entry Fees for State Meets, team fees and door fees - will remain same as last year

No refunds at state meet – No change for next season

Budget presented to the committee for approval. Florida USA Gymnastics spent \$92,000 last season for athlete support, Free clinic for members, regional entry fees, gift leotards, travel expenses for SC, office supplies, donations

New budget presented for 2023-24 with estimated expenses of about \$75,000 for all of above

**Jeff motions to accept the budget- Mary seconds- Passed unanimously

Discussion about our Florida National/Eastern judges that are required to attend the National TC each year

National camp is always out of our state and it is very expensive for our judges to attend. We want to assist our judges with their expenses -

National/Eastern judges: Evelyn Chandler, Cookie Batsche, Denise Weaver, Sharyn Strickland, Marci Kaplan

**Mary motioned to help the National/Eastern judges from Florida with \$500 each towards expenses to attend the National Training Camp - motion was seconded by Anna passed unanimously

**The committee discussed issues with the judges at state meets concerning consistency from session to session, efficiency, and how to deal with athletes receiving lower scores at state meets than at our invites. In addition how can we make sure that athletes in the first session of a state meet are not scored lower than athletes in the later sessions.

Some solutions discussed

Selecting Chief judges that understand the importance of reviewing scores from previous sessions, and try to select judges for State meets that can work in an efficient pace while maintaining consistency.

All state judges should be made aware that their first athlete in the competition may be their best athlete –

When possible have the state judges change events when starting a new level which may help with fatigue issues and consistency

The committee had a long discussion and want the coaches to know that their concerns are being heard and we are doing the best we can to make this better each year.

Ken discussed the HUGS program and implementing it into more meets including a possible state meet in the future - will report back after the clinic in August

Discussion about how much Florida USA Gym should be donating to clubs that are impacted by natural disasters.

**Motion a maximum of \$5000 will be given from Florida USA gymnastics committee to clubs impacted by a natural disaster,

Motion by Serena - Nick seconds Passed unanimously

**Motion by Mary to accept State Meet bids for 2024-25, Anna seconds passed unanimously

Level 1/2/5 – Host Tumblebees Miami in Miami

Level 3&4 - Host Premier gym in Winter Haven

Level 8/9/10 – Host Lightning city in Winter Haven

Level 6/7/P/D/SAP – Host Lightning city in Winter Haven

XCEL B/S/G – Host USA Competitions in Ft Lauderdale

** Note that all clubs that submitted a bid for a state meet received at least one of the meets

Discussion about committee assistant for the State Chairman for various jobs that need to be done

Serena and Ken – Clinic Directors

Kathy – Club of the Year Director

Kendall & Tim – Senior blankets and regional coaches shirts

Mary – Graduating Senior List

Other members have agreed to assist if help is needed at Regional Training camps

Meeting adjourned at 3:12

State Meet Judges selection for 2023-24 season took place after the meeting. This meeting begins at 3:30 and ends at 5:00pm. Judges will be notified and contracts sent as soon as possible

Minutes submitted by Toni Rand

