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Southern California Men's Gymnastics Association – Summer Board Meeting

August 6, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 2:19 pm by State Director, Matt Lowry.

Those present:

Matt Lowry– State Director
Dean Archie - Vice President
Sue Jacoby – Treasurer
Maureen Miller – Secretary

Paul Sargsyan – North Conference Chair
Edmund O'Connor – South Conference Chair
Mitch Claman – Central Conference Chair
Member at Large – Kevin Fucella
Heinz Schulmeister – Collegiate Liason

1. Date for Pre-State Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 21 at 10:30 in the Marina del Rey area

2. Review and Approve Minutes from the March Board Meeting

Minutes Discussed and Approved

Motion: To approve minutes from March 14, 2016 Board Meeting

Motion: Dean Archie

Second: Edmund O'Connor

PASSED: 8-0-0

3. Region 1 Summer Board Meeting Report

Adam shared the information from the meeting and will distribute the meeting minutes to the Board and the Association

- A. Roger Baldwin has resigned as Regional Chairman. Adam Lomax has accepted the position. Adam resigned as Southern California State Chairman.
- B. Future Stars
There will be no more modified Future Stars Routines
- C. New Mens Rules discussed...
Only Devision 1 Athletes (with bonuses) can qualify to Regionals in 2017
- D. The Goal of Region 1 is to raise more money so we can send out Regional Select Team to an International Training Camp

4. Rearrangement of Southern California Board

Due to Adam Lomax accepting the position of Regional Chairman, it was necessary to rearrange the Southern California Board. After discussion, Matt Lowry agreed to take the position of State Chairman. The Treasurer Position became open and was taken by Sue Carlson. That opened the Vice President Position which was taken by Dean Archie. That opened the North Conference Chairman position which was taken by Paul Sargsyan. Kevin Fucella accepted the position of Member at Large.

Motion: To approve the rearrangement of the SCMGA Board

President	Matt Lowry
Vice President	Dean Archie
Treasurer	Sue Jacoby
Secretary	Maureen Miller
North Conference Chair	Paul Sargsyan
Central Conference Chair	Mitch Claman
South Conference Chair	Edmund O'Connor
Member at Large	Kevin Fucella
Collegiate Liason	Heinz Schulmeister

Motion: Paul Sargsyan
Second: Sue Jacoby
Passed: 8-0-0

5. **SCMGA Board Duties – Review**

All duties were discussed. Some duties were changed...see attachment.

6. **Web Portal Update**

Matt Lowry has continued to work on and improve the Web
Coaches will now have the opportunity to log in to view important information etc

7. **2017 State Championships Discussion**

There was a discussion regarding the numbers of boys in each awards category in all levels.

Motion: If there are 40 or more boys within any SCMGA level and designated age group at State Championships, then they must be split by individual ages for individual awards only. National Qualifying Levels and age groups will not be split for individual awards.

Motion: Mitch Claman
Second: Kevin Fucella
PASSED: 8-0-0

8. **All Star Uniforms – Embroidery Issue**

There was a discussion regarding the cost, style and future look of the All Star Uniforms. Many felt that the current style of jacket is out dated and too expensive to produce. Everyone agrees that the patches are a great idea but that iron-on patches might be better – Mitch Claman will investigate jacket styles and iron on patches. It was decided that in the future jerseys and jackets will have a silk screened logo, not embroidered. Everyone was in favor of investigating the possibility of using Turn Uniforms rather than GK. Discussion followed about whether to begin change with younger or older athletes. No decision was made...shelved until next meeting to continue discussion. Mitch Claman, Sue Jacoby and Matt Lowry will work on ideas to be presented at next meeting.

9. **Meet Bid Assignments**

There was a discussion regarding the voting process used in the past to determine who would be awarded the SCMGA Meets throughout the year. Concern was expressed that everyone should be able to vote for all meets even if the gym they were affiliated with was bidding and that the votes regarding each meet should be recorded.

Motion: The SMCGA Board will vote for each bid submitted for each competition and record the results. If there is only one bid for a particular competition, there will be no vote needed. In the event of a tie, the State Director has the executive decision as to who receives the bid.

Motion: Sue Jacoby
Second: Paul Sargsyan

The Board discussed all the bids for all the meets throughout the Competitive Season meet by meet discussing the pros and cons and calculating the best meet host for each meet.

Listed below are the voting results for each competition – Winners are listed in bold:

Future Stars:	Platinum	8-0-0
	SCEGA	0-8-0
	CGC	0-8-0
Optional Clinic	SCATS	no vote...only one bid
All Conference 1 st Prelim	Azarian	8-0-0
	CGC	0-8-0
	Gymnastics Olympica	0-8-0

South 2 nd Prelim	CGC	no vote...only one bid
North 2 nd Prelim	Platinum	no vote...only one bid
South Conference Championships	CGC	8-0-0
	Azarian	0-8-0
North Conference Championships	Gymnastics Olympica	no vote...only one bid
Central Conference Championships	South Coast	no vote...only one bid
Level 4 State Team Championships	Ecke YMCA	6-2-0
	Gymnastics Olympica	2-6-0
	CGC	0-8-0

A discussion followed regarding proposed changes in the meet bid sheet provided to gyms that are used to request meets. It would be helpful to have more information provided to us such as:

1. Size of Meet Location
2. Why bid submitted for a particular meet
3. Information regarding the Meet Director (experience, knowledge, etc)
4. If multiple bids are submitted they should be marked by priority.
5. If multiple bids are submitted – how many would the gym actually be able or want to host.

Matt Lowry will look into amending the meet bid sheets to accommodate these recommendations.

10. SCMGA Club and Athlete Fees

The board discussed the pros and cons of increasing both club and athlete fees.

Motion: To increase the Athlete Fee to \$20 per athlete for the 2016-2017 Season

To increase the Club Fee to \$175 for the 2016-2017 Season to support SC United

Motion: Edmund O'Connor

Second: Dean Archie

PASSED: 8-0-0

11. Compulsory and FS Clinic Meet Host Fees

Fee will remain at \$60 per athlete.

Discussion regarding how the fee should be distributed between SCMGA and the Meet Host tabled until the Pre-State Board Meeting.

12. SCMGA Meet Entry Fee Increase

The Board has not raised SCMGA Meet Entry Fees in many years. It was discussed that the new USAG format of Division 1 & Division 2 will increase the cost of awards to Meet Hosts.

The idea of a Head Tax for Meets was discussed and decided against at this time.

Motion: Level 5-10 Athlete Meet fees will increase by \$5 for all SCMGA Sanctioned Meets

Level 4 Athlete Meet fees will increase by \$5 for Conference and State Sanctioned Meets

Motion: Kevin Fucella

Second: Paul Sargsyan

PASSED: 8-0-0

13. JD Division & Division I/II Discussion

Matt Lowry explained the definition & requirements of the new Division I and II and JD as directed by USAG. He further recommended reading the Email from Lisa at USAG for more details.

Division I - Athletes are allowed to do bonus and will get bonus points. They are allowed to qualify to Regionals.

Division II - Athletes cannot do any bonus. They will not receive any bonus even if they attempt bonus. They cannot qualify to Regionals.

JD - "Junior Development" There are no levels in JD...only age groups (12-14) and (15-18)
A JD Athlete must do 6 skills of any degree on each event.
JD Athletes are allowed to go to Regionals but not Nationals

Discussion followed as to the timing of declaring whether an athlete was competing Division I or II and whether or not Level 4 would have Division I and II in the SCMGA Program

Motion: In SCMGA there will not be Division I and II for Level 4 Athletes

Motion: Mitch Claman

Second: Dean Archie

PASSED: 8-0-0

Motion: Meet Deadline is also the deadline for declaring Division I or II at any given competition.

Motion: Sue Jacoby

Second: Dean Archie

PASSED: 8-0-0

Motion: February 1 is the cut off for declaring athlete level and division for the 2016-2017 SCMGA Season.

Motion: Kevin Fucella

Second: Sue Jacoby

PASSED: 8-0-0

14. Level 4 Uniform Attire – Discussion

The Board discussed the Level 4 Clothing Attire Issue. It was agreed to leave the attire requirements as is. T-shirts are required but they should have sleeves. No determination was made as to the material allowed. Everyone has different preferences regarding fabric safety, looks, cost. It was discussed that Level 4 Uniforms should be uniform in style. The discussion was tabled until the Pre-State Board Meeting.

15. Level 4 Handstand Contest – Discussion

The Board discussed the Level 4 Handstand Concept for Level 4 (Pros and Cons)

The discussion revolved around the fact that most Level 4 Boys cannot hold handstands for any amount of time so we need to discuss ways to make the contest and title more meaningful.

Some thoughts were:

a) Drop the Mr. Handstand Contest for Level 4 Athletes

b) Allow “walking”

c) Change the contest to “Press Headstand”

d) Have Clubs determine their Level 4 Handstand Champ and have those boys compete at State

e) Only have all boys participate in a “Mr. Handstand” competition at State

Matt asked that all Board Members send their ideas to him and he will prepare a survey for all Clubs to consider.

16. 2016-2017 Budget and Financial Report

Presented by Matt Lowry. SCMGA is in good fiscal shape.

Matt hopes to get the Financial Report on the Website. See attachment.

17. Other Business

A. It was noted that Level 4 will not be using the Pommel Horse in the new Quadrenium.

18. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the 2016 Summer Board Meeting at 6:15 PM

Motion: Matt Lowry

Second: Maureen Miller

PASSED: 8-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Miller, SCMGA Secretary