



Women's Program Assembly Meeting MINUTES

June 13, 2015

Airdrie Edge Gymnastics – Genesis Place (Rotary Room)
800 East Lake Blvd, NE, Airdrie, AB

Attendance:

K. Morris	WP Coordinator	N. Butler	Exelta	N. Bulgarelli	Ortona
C. Foster	WP Assistant	T. Smart	Explosion	K. Klein	Phoenix
B. Onishenko	WPC Chair	K. Smart	Explosion	M. Rutter	Phoenix
H. Luttrell	WPC member	K. Beresnak	Glenmore	E. Meyer	Salta
A. Miller	WPC member	J. Dunford	GP Gymniks	D. Steiner	Salto
S. Wilson	WJC chair	X. Mo Sun	GP Gymniks	D. Grusie	Salto
A. McVittie	WJC member	K. Wang	GP Gymniks	M. Darroch	Spruce Grove
T. Larson	Airdrie Edge	K. Wills	GP Gymniks	S. Findling	St. Albert
S. Floyd	Altadore	A. Vetter	Gymtastics	E. Hall	St. Albert
S. Coderre	Brooks	K. Haverstock	Gymtastics	J. Howard Holmes	SCGC
B. Hamilton	Brooks	A. Kalin	Horizon	T. Smith	Strathmore
J. Drukarsh	Canmore	L. Gamble	Jasper	T. Geddes	Three Hills
K. Cloman	CCGC	J. McLuskey	MSGC	R. McMullen	Twist and Flip
T. Hirsche	CCGC	K. Schrader-Balson	MSGC	M. McMann	Wainwright
K. Baksh	CCGC	K. Lloyd	MSGC	D. Andreson	Wainwright
N. Wassef	Champions	Y. Hauglustaine	Norfort	K. Barry	Wetaskiwin
K. Baird	Dynamyx	T. Frith	NEGC	T. Cook	Wetaskiwin
B. Bilsborrow	Exelta	J. Scambler	Ortona	C. Morton	Wetaskiwin

Minutes compiled by C. Foster and K. Morris

1. Call to Order at 1:22pm

1.1. Introductions: WPC members, Sub Committees

- 1.1.1 WPC: B. Onishenko, V. Oudin, J. Ball, A. Miller, H. Luttrell
- 1.1.2 WJC: S. Wilson, J. Howard Holmes, E. Basisty, C. Campbell, A. McVittie
- 1.1.3 PSC: O. Serban, E. Meyer, J. Howard Holmes, M. Arsenaault
- 1.1.4 ASC: T. Larson, T. Frith, K. Beresnak
- 1.1.5 AGF President/CEO: Scott Hayes
- 1.1.6 AGF Board of Directors member: Ingrid Meger

1.2. Identify all voting delegates

- 30 votes (16 is majority)

1.3. Appoint two scrutineers

MOTION: To appoint T. Hirsche and R. McMullen as scrutineers

**CCGC/Airdrie
All in favour/Carried**

1.4. Call for agenda items under New Business

- 1.4.1. Addition of 4.4 WPTH Review

1.5. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve agenda

**Airdrie/S. Wilson
All in favour/Carried**

1.6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Oct 2014)

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the previous WPA

**Airdrie/Spruce Grove
All in favour/Carried**

2. Reports

- 2.1. WPC Chairperson – B.Onishenko (no report)
- 2.2. WJC Chairperson – S. Wilson (Written report to be attached)

3. Business Arising From Previous Meeting

3.1. Calendar of events 2015-2016

3.1.1. National Judges Course

- Date: September 18-20th, 2015
- Location: TBC – likely Calgary

3.1.2. JO Clinic (compulsories level 1-5)

- Please read JO transition document for JO Clinic details
- Date: September 12th/13th weekend Location TBC

3.1.3. AGF AGM 2015

- Date: October 16-18th, 2015
- Location: Westin Hotel (Downtown Calgary)
- WPA Saturday, October 17th
- WJA Sunday, October 18th TBC

3.1.4. JO Mock meet

- Date: Weekend of November 21st (ideally Sunday afternoon so athletes/coaches/judges can travel for the day)
- Levels: JO 6/7 as these are the levels going to Alberta Winter Games, cap at 40 athletes
- Host still required

3.1.5. Alberta Winter Games (Trials and Games)

- Host club: Canmore is sole applicant to date
- Trials will be held December 4-6th, 2015
- Games will be held in Medicine Hat, February 13-16th 2016, Saturday - Tuesday

3.1.6. Elite Canada (screening and EC)

- Dates for Elite Canada unknown (GCG calendar says February, still tentative)
- Possible link screening with Gym Power January 14th weekend. Could be held at the Butterdome in conjunction with Gym Power or at Capital City Gymnastics Club. AGF would address the development of the panels for the screening.
- Reviewed new GCG rules for Elite Canada Screening (only those athletes without high performance statues have to screen).

3.1.7. Northern Zones – Trials to Westerns

- No host to date
- Date: April 1st-3rd

3.1.8. Southern Zones

- No host to date
- Date: March 18th-20th

3.1.9. Provincials

- No host to date
- Date: April 15th-17th

3.1.10. Western Canadian Championships

- Date: May 5th-7th
- Location: Richmond, BC (hosted by Delta)

3.1.11. Canadians

- Date: May 31st-June 5th
- Location: Edmonton (hosted by Capital City Gymnastics Club)

3.2. JO Program – update on planning for transition

- Review of JO document that was emailed to all clubs May 15th
- WPC suggests sending potential meet directors and/or AGF staff to a competition in the States to shadow meet directors to see how a JO meet is run. This will help smooth out the transition to the JO system.
- Recommend that clubs continue to travel to the States to compete to gain a better understanding for how a JO meet is run.
- AGF Club registration changes: Elite (Jo 9, 10, and HP), Competitive (JO 4-8 and Pre-Novice), Pre-competitive (JO 1-3), Rec JO (JO 1-3)
- Discussed levels allowed to compete at Alberta Winter Games. Coaches working group agreed that it should be JO6 and JO7. Assembly discussed if JO5's should be allowed to go as well. Decided to remain as JO6 and JO 7, as the AWG is JO6 athletes' "big" event.

MOTION: To adopt the following regulations for the 2015-2016 competitive season as per attached document with the following changes:

- Adopt the JO Program and Procedures as is currently in the USAG documentation.
- A percentage of athletes who have achieved the JO qualifying score at Northern and Southern Zones will advance to Provincials. The percentage will be established once AGF knows the number of athletes competing in each age category.
- No minimum ages, as per the JO documents
- Age groups for competitions will be set after registrations have been received. Groups will be tried to be made as even as possible.
- Clubs are allowed to choose athletes entry point for the 2015/2016 season.

Horizon/Exelta
29 in favour/1 abstention/Carried

3.3. Pre-Competitive Coaching Clinics

- Decided to focus on JO clinics this year and re-evaluate next year.

3.4. Coaching Mentorship Program

- Applicants from 2014/15 season were Amy Miller, Diane Steiner, and Melanie Darroch.
- The coaching Mentorship Program is continuing to be a success.
- Reminder that applications are due June 15th for the July 2015 – June 2016 season

3.5. Strategic Plan

- Board of Directors is currently finalizing the January 2015-2019 strategic plan that was established in January 2015.

3.6. WAG Program Budget

- All programs are on budget, Westerns had a reduced cost share.
- Applied for the ASC Coach Visitation Grant to assist with funding for the JO Clinics being held.

3.7. Equipment specifications for AGF Sanctioned Events

- A few issues with uneven bars arose this year. To solve the problem AGF worked with AAI on proper set-up procedures.
- Space saver bars **should not** be allowed at sanctioned events. In the event that a space saver bar is the only option, a coach from that club must give a demonstration on how to properly adjust the bars.
- Should follow JO and FIG rules for equipment specifications for all sanctioned events. AGF and WPC will do more detailed site visits to approve sanctioned event locations.

4. New Business

4.1. GCG AGM

- Review documents emailed June 8th
- Discussion occurred about the new GCG rules to determine Alberta's response/feedback on these proposals.
- The Board of Directors appointed David Kenwright to attend on Alberta's behalf, however the WPA decided they wanted David to retain his position on the GCG WPC and appointed Kristi Cloman to attend instead.

MOTION: To nominate Kristi Cloman to attend the GCG AGM for Alberta

Stampede City/Norfort
25 in favour/5 abstentions/Carried

4.2. Westerns – Alberta's recommendation of levels and numbers for 2016

- Level 8 (2 age categories, teams of 7)
- Level 9 (2 age categories, teams of 5)
- Aspire (2 levels, teams of 7)
- JO 10 (1 age, team of 5)
- = 43 athletes attending Westerns
- Assembly was aware that this is just Alberta's recommendation to the Western provinces, but that the final decision will occur at the GCG AGM meetings

4.3. Late Fees

- Increase late fees to \$35 from current \$20

4.4. WPTH Review

4.4.1. Tabled till October 2015 WPA

4.4.2. Insert motion from Oct. 2013 WPA Minutes "That an athlete's competitive level be determined (and set for the remainder of the year) after the completion of their first AGF sanctioned event on or following March 1st of each competitive season. Athletes are still allowed to move up one level within their competitive stream but cannot move down."

5. Elections

5.1. Chairperson (1 year term)

5.1.1. Thank you to the current chairperson and co-chairperson (and outgoing two committee members) for their hard work and contributions.

5.1.2. Nominations received by deadline:

- Niki Bulgarelli

ACTION: to acclaim Niki Bulgarelli as chairperson for a 1 year term

5.2. Two members at large for Women's Program Committee (2 year terms)

5.2.1. Nominations received by deadline:

- Anita Pelletier
- Kim Baksh
- Kim Jones

MOTION: to elect Anita Pelletier and Kim Baksh to the WPC for a 2 year term

S. Wilson/NEGC
All in favour/Carried

- WPA would like to appoint more members to the WPC to help re-structure the Committee. The WPC will work together along with a AGF Board member, Katie Biberdorf, to determine how the WPC should be structured and governed.

MOTION: to appoint Kim Jones, Nancy Luttrell, and Nicola Butler as members to assist the WPC in creating a new governance structure

**CCGC/Stampede City
All in favour/Carried**

MOTION: to destroy ballots

**S. Wilson/Salta
All in favour/Carried**

5.3. Three members of Aspiration Sub Committee

5.3.1. Nominations from the floor

- Katie Castle was nominated by Taren Hirshe
- Tianna Larson was nominated by Ashley Kalin
- Tracey Frith was nominated by Kim Baksh

MOTION: to elect Katie Castle, Tianna Larson, and Tracey Frith to the ASC for a 1 year term

**CCGC/Horizon
All in favour/Carried**

5.4. Four members of Petition Sub Committee

5.4.1 Nominations received by deadline:

- Nikki Johnson
 - Ovidu Serban
- 5.4.1. Nominations from the floor**
- Kristi Cloman was nominated by Taren Hirsche
 - Ashley Sportun was nominated by Judy Howard-Holmes

MOTION: to elect Nikki Johnson, Ovidu Serban, Kristi Cloman, and Ashley Sportun to the PSC for a 1 year term

**Stampede City/Salta
All in favour/Carried**

6. Adjournment 4:22pm

MOTION: to adjourn

**Airdrie/NEGC
All in favour/Carried**