



Women's Program Assembly Part 1 Meeting Agenda (National items only)

May 13, 2016 4:00-6:30

Sandman Inn NW, Calgary AB

Attendance:	I. Meger – AGF Board	V. Oudin – Champions
B. Gyorfi – WP Coordinator	A. Miller – Altadore	M. Arseneault – Champions
C. Foster – WP Assistant	D. Kenwright – CGC	B. Bilsborrow – Exelta
N. Bulgarelli – WPC Chair	C. Casey – CGC	N. Luttrell – Norfort
S. Wilson – WJC Chair	J. Bredowout – CGC	Y. Hauglustaine – Norfort (vote for Ortona)
K. Baksh – WPC Member	A. Sportun - Canmore	J. Howard Holmes – Stampede City
K. Haverstock – WPC Member	K. Cloman – CCGC	N. Gafuik – U of C
A. MacDonald-Peltier – WPC Member	Z. Nagy – CCGC	

1. Call to Order

1.1. Introductions:

1.1.1. Women's Program Committee: Niki Bulgarelli, Sheri Wilson (WJC Chair), Kim Baksh, Jeremy Mosier (not present), Karen Haverstock, Courtney Ewaschuk (not present), Anita Pelletier, Bogi Gyorfi (WP Coordinator)

1.1.2. Board Members: Ingrid Meger

1.2. Identify all voting delegates

- 11 total number of voting delegates; 6 = Majority Vote
- Ortona requested their vote transfer to Yves Haugustaine, to vote on behalf of Ortona. The request was accepted by all participants.

1.3. Appoint two scrutineers

- **MOTION: to appoint Michel and Zoltan as scrutineers**

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

1.4. Call for agenda items under New Business

1.5. Approval of Agenda

- **MOTION: to approve the agenda**

**Champions/CCGC
All in favour/Carried**

2. Reports

2.1. WPC Chairperson (full report to happen in June)

Niki B

2.2. WJC Chairperson (full report to happen in June)

Sheri W

3. AGF Business

3.1. Elite Canada Screening

- Discussed the proposed date of December 17-18, 2016 as possibility to Host the event. (Rationale: avoid running into timeline issue similar this past year.)
- Concerns with this date: when the judges courses will be to learn the new FIG code; no National judging courses being held this year, Brevet courses yet to be scheduled (probably March)
- From a judging perspective, it is better to be earlier

- Do not know when Elite Canada is being held (proposed date of second weekend in February)
- Coaches agree that it is better to have it later for the athletes so they are more well prepared
- Revisit in June meeting to see if there are additional details after the GCG meeting
- Suggested an Email vote on when screening will occur after the GCG AGM

MOTION: Alberta motions that at the GCG AGM discussion, Alberta would represent the vote on not requiring Provincial Elite Canada Screening event.

**Champions/CCGC
10 in favour/1 abstention/Carried**

3.2. Western Canadian Championships

- Report on Results: 4 first place teams, 3 second place teams; 54 AA and event medals
- Some concerns Alberta had observed at 2016 Westerns Championships:
 - o Westerns did not always follow the proper warm-up format set out in the Westerns manual
 - o Westerns did not always enforce the rules on how many coaches were allowed on the floor
 - o There were multiply issues with judging
 - o There were no formal protest procedure
 - o Lack of formalities: e.g. march in and coaches meeting
- Some coaches felt that Alberta should not have team coaches that coach more than one team; it was not productive at the Thursday training

Action: Initiate a discussion on specifying the team coaches selection criteria in the handbook. To be decided if a team coach could be allowed to coach more than one team if it does not conflict with the competitive schedule.

- Alberta's Proposals for next year (to be discussed at the Westerns meeting at Canadians):
 - o Need to have a coaches meeting before each sessions
 - o Make wild cards even between provinces
 - o Warm-up: follow Westerns manual warm-up (block warm-up on every event for team, individuals do block warm-up on their own)
 - o Suggestion to have on site person to help with equipment between sessions
 - o Video routines for clarification
 - o Levels stay the same for last year; Try to schedule team training for all levels (Aspire 1 & 2).
 - o Training time should be based on number of athletes
 - o General warm-up should be part of the team training time
- Suggestion was made to host a Westerns training camp with all Alberta WAG Teams
 - o The training camp is a great concept in theory but logistically, it does not work, because lack of available weekends at competitive season.
- Please send all concerns regarding technical issues to Bogi
- Please send all concerns regarding judging to Sheri
- Alberta is sending a report to GYMBC on Westerns after compiling the information

3.3. Canada Winter Games

- Red Deer is hosting it in 2019
- Suggestion to create a Canada Winter Games Committee

MOTION: To create a CWG sub-committee with the following members: Michel Arsenault, Cody Casey, Judy Howard Holmes and a Judge Representative (min. National level)

**Champions/CCGC
All in favour/Carried**

- The committee will create a plan on how to apply and allocate funding
- Suggestion was made to have one Open Trials to select the team
- Discussed Canada Games Technical Regulations which are being revised and need to be approved and submitted to Canada Games by the end of this summer.
- Participating Athletes 12-19 years, Team of 6 athletes, 2 coaches.

- Alberta's proposal for level JO 10 to be used at CWG
- Discussion on items to be voted on at the AGM (date and location to be confirmed): seeding process for team competition, ties, process for entering if an athlete is a reserve, schedule, training day and timing of technical meeting.
- Seeding from previous CWG does not make sense because it was 4 years ago; Alberta suggests a random draw

MOTION: For Alberta to suggest random draw for CWG

**Champions/U of C
10 in favour/1 abstention/Carried**

MOTION: Alberta proposes no tie – breaking procedures.

**Champions/CCGC
10 in favour/1 abstention/Carried**

MOTION: Provinces should possess the ability to replace an athlete up to 24 hours before the competition

**Champions/CCGC
10 in favour/1 abstention/Carried**

MOTION: All the provinces need to submit the competition order after the official training sessions

**Champions/CCGC
10 in favour/1 abstention/Carried**

- Alberta would like to suggest that all flights should have a scheduled general warm-up
- Update on 2nd year funding application
 - o WPC members decided to ask for funding for an international meet for athletes eligible for CWG (Suggestion was for Nadia Comaneci International Imitation)
 - o In the proposal AGF asked to send 10 athletes and 4 coaches; Suggestion was made for a smaller team to maximize the funding for the athletes. Also need to include a judge in the funded team.
- The CWG Subcommittee will create the criteria on selection criteria for the international trip (after funding received)
- The CWG committee will review the 2nd year funding proposal and make suggestion from there on selection criteria for funded event.

Action: For the CWG committee to submit the proposal on selection criteria for the funded competition participants by the October WPA.

3.4. Junior Age funding opportunity

- To inform the WPA about the yearly opportunity for an out of country/ travel meet. To discuss the selection criteria and trip options for this upcoming season.
- WPC started to create the selection criteria
 - o Priority given to Junior Age athletes first
 - o 2nd priority to Novices
 - o All Senior/Junior/Novice athletes should be eligible to attend if funding allows
 - o No carded athletes
 - o Other athletes can come self-funded but would need their own coach and accommodation
 - o Judges invited to attend
- Possible competitions: Belgium Top Gym (November), Gent, Rushmore, Coup Avenir; would be beneficial to have a training camp and competition together.
- Need to create a proposal to see where AGF can add to the funding
- Should create a specific budget for this trip – WPC has already voted on this and has approved
- Ingrid expressed the boards full support of program needs and encouraged for proposal of need
- It was noted that Alberta mostly has JO competitions, it is hard for clubs that do not have High Performance athletes to be aware of all these competition opportunities
- Mentorship money should be used to help the newer coaches attend these FIG competitions

- Suggestion was made to invite all coaches to High Performance training camps
- Suggestion was made to change the name of **Jr.Age Funding** to the **Alberta Excel Team Funding**

Action: To discuss the suggested technical handbook changes at the next WPA meeting, create and add selection criteria in the handbook for the Alberta Excel Team Trip

- Application for athletes and coaches to attend needs to occur by end of July

MOTION: To create an Excel Working Group to present the proposal by June 8th for the WPC to approve and distribute the information to all clubs. (Michel Arsenault, David Kenwright and Yves Hauglustaine volunteered for the working group.)

Champions/U of C
All in favour/Carried

3.5. Points Charts Addition

- To review current Points Chart and discuss if any changes are required
- May have to make changes for next year
- Will review again at October WPA

4. GCG Business

4.1. WAG Program Manual

- To discuss Section 3 changes.
- To discuss Section 5 changes. (More detailed information will be circulated this week after receiving update from GCG.)
- Table discussion until GCG has sent out the changes for Sections 3 and 5

4.2. Aspire Program

- Discuss any changes Alberta would like to see in the Aspire Program
- Should not have to count running steps on floor
- All other technical rules and regulations should remain the same

4.3. High Performance Program

- Table discussion until GCG has sent out the changes to the Program

4.4. Canadian JO Program

- Discussed Alberta's feedback and suggestions for next year.
- Some coaches have overheard that JO 9 is going to be removed from Canadians; instead they would have 3 age categories of JO 10
- David has supported this information since he was at the GCG meeting when this was a discussion point
- Coaches believe that AGF's JO 9 athletes are not qualified to be JO 10; JO 9 is a good category for the younger athletes

MOTION: Alberta supports keeping the categories as is for the Canadian Championships

Champions/CCGC
8 in favour/2abstentions/1 against/Carried

MOTION: Alberta proposes that GCG follow straight JO technical rules, with reservation on equipment, mobility, warm-up, qualification procedures, and competition organization formats

Champions/U of C

- Straight JO means equipment specifications, judging changes, etc.
- JO is more to the beneficial to the athlete
- Mobility scores will come into effect

AMENDED MOTION: Alberta proposes to follow straight American JO system

4.5. National Stream Cup

- Discussed if there is interest in opening up the option for this competition. It is to host on the opposite years of Canada Winter Games. This event was last hosted in Montreal 2014.
- Alberta does not want to be involved in this event; rationale is too many competitions
- From a judging perspective, the National Stream Cup is a good experience for judges

5. Other Business

5.1 Sportsoft improvement

- To identify the problem with Sport Soft 2nd day draws. There are concerns that the athletes start on the same event on 2nd day of competition. After identifying the problem and desired change we will work with Sportsoft on developing a system to create draws for 2nd day of competition. It was confirmed that the Draw for second day should have dropped athletes by 2.
- Sportssoft needs to make sure actually be random draw

MOTION: To have a random draw for both days, following the JO rules.

Norfort/Ortona

- Table motion until June WPA meeting, to have a discussion after more information will be provided GCG WPA in regards to the JO system

5.2 Judging

- suggestion to bring in American JO judges to our Provincials (or other meets)
- When clubs go out of country competition, WP Coordinator will send the information to the judges

5.3 Handbook

- Need to review to make sure it is all updated
- Suggestions to add into the handbook: Training camp plan template
- Email WP Coordinator with any changes that suggested to be reviewed and in the handbook

Action: All updated and necessary changes need to be reviewed, discussed and motioned at the next WPA meeting

6. Adjournment

6:15pm

MOTION: Motion to adjourn

**CCGC/Champions
All in favour/Carried**