



Minutes
Women's Program Committee Meeting # 1
Sunday, September 11, 2016 9:00 am
Place: Calgary Delta South Hotel

- 1. Call to Order** **8:52 am**
K. Haverstock/N. Luttrell

- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes of the, April 2, 2016 WPC meeting**
MOTION: To approve the previous meeting minutes. **S. Wilson/ J. Moiser**

- 3. Approval of Agenda**
MOTION: To approve the Agenda
With an addition in 7.3 **N. Luttrell/ J. Moiser**

- 4. Reports**
 - WJC Chair – Sheri Wilson
 - Judges' Assembly will be held at AGF Fall Congress; 4 positions are up for elections.
 - Handbook is under review for updates will be circulated September 23rd.
 - Judging system somewhat dictated by GCG
 - JO 1-5 Provincial Autonomy
 - JO 6-9 GCG making big recommendations as to requirements and structure, but provinces can modify ***materials for courses should come from GCG.
 - Big change is CPE hours- will be mandatory by GCG.
 - Update on Brevet Judges – Indianapolis course – waiting on confirmation on who is eligible. Sheri, Erin, Brady and Cynthia; January 8-14, cost approx. \$3000, with support from \$1500.
 - WPC Chair – Brady Spencer
 - JO 3 cannot be included in zones this year due to insurance and registration timeline - will be considered for 2017-2018 year.
 - AGF data shows a huge impact on the Gala if it chooses to include all Provincial Champions in the future as requested by the WPA, the Board and AGF are working on finding a solution.
 - Team Excel-funding is approved. Trip manager is Michel Arsenault. Delegation: 10 HP athletes, 5 coaches and a Mentorship coach.

- 5. WPC Matters**
 - Action: Create WPC Timeline/Calendar of Events
 - Coaches clinics
 - Karen's update on the first clinic: well received and a large turnout, coaches would like to see more clinics like this as there is a need. Suggestion to insert into a calendar of events and offer it the same time every year-possibly 3rd weekend in August.

ACTION: For WPC and DSC to plan another Developmental coaching clinic in June.

 - Identify future event needs (JO 6-8) and suggested time place.
 - Suggestion not to hold a JO 6-9 clinic when it is Fall Congress year. Other suggestions to organize JO 6-9 clinic in June in conjunction with WPA.
 - Possible date June 10/11.
 - There is a need for more beam clinics.

ACTION: To identify when and where WPA will be in June? Need confirmation from GCG about GCG WPA meeting time and place. Bogi will request information.

 - Elite Canada screening

- Conversation about suggested time and place. Rules of the screening requirements are the same as last season - whoever is on HP list does not have to screen.
- WPC is encouraging a December date.
- S. Wilson noted that the Judges are not available in January due to their FIG course in Indianapolis.
- Depending on #'s we may be able to do in club's gym screenings rather than competition format.
- Possible date Dec. 3: rationale is based on the request of GCG to have it in December and different weekend from neighbor provinces BC (Dec 10) or SK (Dec 17).

ACTION: Request information from GCG if the new FIG code/models are implemented and what are the score requirements? Is there a minimum # of athletes needed to hold a full competition? Survey the clubs for possible numbers of screening athletes.

6. Old Business

6.1 Calendar of Events

- Southern Zones/ Trials to Westerns: March 16-19, 2017 in conjunction with UCIC
 - Hosting guidelines/strategy will be voted on at AGM. WPC would like to review it before it is circulated.
 - Action: Brady will ask Scott for the document about hosting guidelines.
 - To discuss the experience with combining UCIC and Zones. Suggestions to improve the experience.
- Northern Zones: March 10-12, 2017 in conjunction with Strathcona Gym Challenge Edmonton, Expo Centre at Northlands.
 - Confirmed.
 - Same concerns regarding partnership meets and guidelines were discussed.
- Provincials / Trials to Canadians: April 6-9, 2017
 - Most likely new location: Spruce Grove and Red Deer expressed interest.
 - Action: Follow up with mixed messages from LOC and Nancy. She is not aware of the concerns regarding hosting Provincials at Fort McMurray
 - New format: no athlete cards.
 - Showcase gymnastics: Attempting to promote gymnastics and looking for ideas to make it more spectator friendly to attract additional viewing audiences.
 - Suggestions to internet broadcast.
 - Suggestion to do the awards like the States (kids all line up in order behind a curtain than come out together) to speed up award ceremonies.
 - Suggestion to look at options to do a separate event for all the Provincial Champions at Provincials (E.G. Parade of Champions on Saturday night). This would affect the other programs, schedule, budget and needs to be investigated if it is feasible and the Board may ask that all AGF programs would have to agree.

- Westerns: April 26-29, 2017 Brandon, MB
 - Team travel: AGF organized. Difficulties with limited flights in and out. Coming home, some members may have to be bussed to Winnipeg to get flights home. WPC agrees that the whole team should travel together approach is ideal but if necessary, different programs may need to travel in subgroups.

ACTION: Bogi will indicate the WPC recommendation when it is for discussion at AGF.

- Canadians: May 23-28, 2017 Centre Claude Robillard Montreal, QC
 - New format: 5+1
 - ~~AA Final (16+AF) based on top 8 absolute, additional athletes qualified based on 1 per province if minimum 1 per province not already met in the top 8, remaining athletes up to 16. Any athlete not qualified to AA final but ranked in the top 3 on an apparatus will qualify to compete on that apparatus only.~~
 - After the meeting GCG updated to 20 for AA finals
 - This change will have no effect on the Trials to Canadians format.

ACTION: Book downtown Montreal hotel close to train ASAP the team. Follow up for host hotels recommendations from GCG.

ACTION: Sheri will confirm judges' accommodation with GCG.

- October WPA:
 - Discussed the WPA Assembly Meeting Agenda draft.
 - Discussed the CWG workgroup timelines to be able to present the plan at the WPA.

6.2 Coaching Mentorship Program

- WPC future recommendation on funding for Team Excel trip. WPC agreed to support similar events. Last year's Project was very successful and well received. Alberta needs to promote Team environment for the HP athletes, coaches and judges and help them build international experience.
- Review after event reporting requirements for international events and trips.
- Suggestion to promote more information/ knowledge sharing and request short presentation from the attendees.
- Preference is to have Ashley/Chantelle present at Zones and Amy present at Provincials or Trials to Westerns.
- Explore strategic opportunities to develop mentorship program for the grassroots and entry level coaches.

6.3 Fall Congress

- Updates and schedule can be found at the web site.
- Addition of 2017 FIG code presentation (approx. 1h long) for the coaches prepared by Brevet Judges.
- Future Fall Congress planning notes; Suggestion is to look ahead to secure great presenters and a great key note speaker. Look at options for athlete engagement.

ACTION: To add 2018 Fall Congress Planning agenda point to the next WPC agenda.

6.4 Canada Winter Games:

- Update on 2nd year application: funding received.
- AGF has received the funding from ASC for amount of \$ 2520 and the budget was approved, AGF support is \$2940.
- WPC would need the CWG working group is Michel, Cody, Judy and Kenda to develop the plan by Sept 30th. Minimum of two options required for WPC to be able to make the best selection. The working group planned to meet in October 15th.
- WPC mandated CWG Working group to have options to WPC by September 30th.

ACTION: Suggestion Karen or Jeremy participate with Working group discussions as a liaison and set up the meeting ASAP.

6.5 Alberta Winter Game 2018

- Update: application to participate was submitted.
- WPC Confirmed - No changes are required for Alberta Winter Games 2018.

ACTION: Nancy to review technical package for AWG 2018.

6.6 Junior age funding opportunity- Team Excel

- Update on Project timelines and status.
- Organized by Michel Arsenault: everything is confirmed for the travel and on time.
- Delegation: 10 Junior and Novice HP athletes and 5 coaches and the mentorship coach.

MOTION: To rename Junior Age Funding Opportunity to Team Excel Funding and update the document and application form.
S. Wilson/ J. Moiser
All in favor – Carried

ACTION: Bogi to update form and application and circulate to WPC for review and present it at WPA.

7. New Business

7.1 JO 1-3 levels inclusion within WAG program

- To discuss and initiate a strategy to support the program without competitive meet component. Possibly an AGF Fun Meet Event for these levels.

ACTION: Discuss and plan an event for JO 1-2 for the 2017-2018 season at the following WPC meeting.

ACTION: To confirm at WPA that JO 3 can be included in Zones for 2017-2018 if it is still the interests of the clubs.

7.2 Judges / Coaches collaboration

- Discussion on continuing to foster collaborative relationships and assist each other for the coming season.
- Suggestion from DSC: organize a coaches and judges event together to understand routines and judging with different views.
- Discussion on what is the best way to host a collaboration event. Suggestion to look into future opportunities for a short version of judging courses for coaches' information only.
- Coaches also welcome to attend the Judges Debrief meeting sessions after the competition, as observers.

ACTION: To develop and circulate an informational JO Program Fact sheet and encourage clubs to invite judges to their gym for education.

7.3 WPTH review

- Review all changes in the WPTH
- LEAP tool review
- Participation at CC training camp
- Team coach responsibilities
- Role of alternates on teams
- AB Team Uniform Policy

ACTION: Follow up with LEAP. What is the status of the program? Does AGF have any financial commitment? Do clubs utilize the tool? After this assessment identify if there is any strategic opportunity to continue with the LEAP support.

ACTION: For future recommendation: to look into reviewing Team Manual.

ACTION: Bogi and Karen update WPTH to circulate to WPA.

MOTION: To accept WPTH changes as presented.

**Nancy/ Anita
All in favor- carried**

8. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn

12:25pm

**Jeremy/ Nancy
All in Favor- Carried**

Next proposed WPC meeting –At Elite Canada Screening event.