



Women's Program Assembly Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2016

Grey Eagle Resort "Big Plume" Room

3777 Grey Eagle Drive SW T3E 3X8 403-719-8883

9:00am – 12:00pm

Attendance * indicates a voting member

B. Gyorfi	WP Coordinator				
K. Beresnak	WP Assistant				
B. Spencer	WPC Chair	K. Baksh*	CCGC 5	K. Schrader-Balson*	Judge 14
S. Wilson	WJC Chair	C. Casey*	CGC 6	Y. Hauglustaine*	Norfort 15
K. Haverstock	WPC member	V. Oudin*	Champions 7	T. Frith*	NEGC 16
A. Pelletier	WPC member	N. Wassef	Champions	K. O'Brien*	Ortona 17
N. Luttrell	WPC member	M. Arsenaull	Champions	E. Meyer*	Salta 18
K. Shore	AGF Board	B. Bilsborrow*	Exelta 8	O. Serban*	Salto 19
M. Patrie	AGF Board	A. Marshall*	Glenmore 9	M. Darroch*	Spruce Grove 20
T. Larson*	Airdrie 1	J. Dunford*	GP Gymniks 10	N. Bulgarelli	Spruce Grove
S. Floyd*	Altadore 2	M. Gilchrist	Gymtastics	C. Dickenson Lee*	Judge 21
W. Pretorius	Altadore	S. Stacey*	Gymtastics 11	J. Howard Holmes*	SCGC 22
J. Stuckenberg	Brazeau	A. Rivard	Gymtastics	R. McMullen*	Twist and Flip 23
J. Freaque*	Brazeau 3	L. Gamble*	Jasper 12	L. Pyke	West Wind
J. Drukarsh*	Canmore 4	J. McLuskey*	MSGC 13		

Minutes compiled by K. Beresnak

1. Call to Order

9:03am

1.1. Introductions: WPC members, Sub-Committees

- WPC: B. Spencer, A. Pelletier, N. Luttrell, K. Haverstock, J. Mosier, S. Wilson
- P.S.C.: S. Wilson, O. Serban, V. Oudin, Y. Hauglustaine
- D.S.C.: J. Stuckenberg, T. Larson, C. Casey
- WJC: S. Wilson, A. McVittie, D. Critchley, M Juska, K. Younger

1.2. Identify all voting delegates

- 23 total number of voting delegates; 12 = Majority vote

1.3. Appoint two scrutineers

MOTION: To appoint Nadia Wassef and Niki Bulgarelli as scrutineers.

**Pegasus/West Winds
All in favour/Carried**

1.4. Call for agenda items under New Business

1.4.1 Addition: Special Awards under Section 4.1

1.5. Approval of revised Agenda

MOTION: To approve the revised agenda with the new addition.

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

1.6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (June 26, 2016)

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from June 26, 2016.

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

2. Reports

2.1. WPC Chairperson – B. Spencer

- Report attached

- 2.2. WJC Chairperson – S. Wilson
 - Report attached
- 2.3. AGF Strategic Plan update- B. Spencer
 - Report Attached

3. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

3.1. Calendar of Events 2016-2017

Request from Champions to add some more info on the AGF calendar. Karen will add info as soon as clubs submit their information on the meet.

3.1.1. Coaches Clinics

- Review of the summer clinic which was well received with 140 participants. AGF would like to offer similar opportunity every summer around the same time for compulsory coaches. Good timing because classes have not started for rec and classes generally only run during the week in summer. Suggestion to possibly host one in the north and one in the south or alternate location with congress location. They will be added to the calendar of events.

3.1.2. Elite Canada and Screening

- February 1-5, 2017 in Halifax, December 3rd screening date (TBD), different date from BC (December 10) and Sask. (December 17), Initial suggested date is December 3rd but concerns that screening is 2 months before Elite Canada, suggestion to have a screening option attached to the training camp in December 2016, also look at December 17th weekend.
- Looking for a host possibly on the December 17th weekend around 12-14 athletes expected to attend.

3.1.3. Northern Zones

- In conjunction with Strathcona Gym Challenge March 10-12, 2017 will occur at the Northlands Expo Centre.
- The intention is to have a strong AGF present for sanctioning and working on to make the two events similar.
- Discussion about registration fee concerns. It was discussed that they are significantly higher than the fees traditionally charged for zones.
- Concerns on the last year registration deadline, it was 6 weeks before the southern zones event (northern zones was only 2 weeks).
- Champions concerned about the Gymnix date overlapping with Zones and some clubs have no option to send kids to both. AGF would need to look into the dates next year if possible.
- Some clubs don't want to be forced to go to UCIC instead Zones/Trials to Westerns and finding coaches fee (\$50) should not be charged for sanctioned events. Conclusion is to evaluate this year experience and come back to discussions for next year plans.

3.1.4. Southern Zones and Trials to Westerns

- March 16-19, 2017 in conjunction with UCIC.

3.1.5. Provincials

- April 6-9, 2017 Fort McMurray
- Discussion on how to showcase gymnastics and bring more spectators and sponsorship, Michel Arsenault has ideas on sponsorship and will follow up with Robin from AGF.
- Acro Provincials will be included on Sunday afternoon.

3.1.6. Western Canadian Championships

- April 26-29, 2017, Brandon, MB
- Team travel will be arranged through AGF, flights arrangement will be difficult because of limited flight to Brandon and part of the team may have to be bussed to Winnipeg and fly out of there.

3.1.7. Canadian Championships

- Montreal May 23-28, 2017.
- Canadian Championships categories will remain unchanged: JO9 (11-13), JO10 (12-15), JO10 (16+). JO categories will be 5 (Team) + 1 individual athlete (different from past years 2 individuals.) For JO 9-10 Finals: a maximum of 20 AA athletes (instead of the proposed 16).

- Accommodations will be in hotels, no food plan provided. Cannot book hotels until a host hotel list is sent to AGF from GCG. Suggestion is that close to metro would be best since Claude Robillard is far.
- GCG reduced team numbers to 5 Team +1 independent.

3.1.8. Canada Winter Games 2019

- Michel Arsenault presented the CWG workgroup plan. Year 2, funding opportunity plan is to cast a wider net to accommodate the coaches and athletes that are age and level eligible.
- Training camp idea is following the GCG Aspire camp model and utilizing the experts we have in the province.
- Will be held December 27-29 in Airdrie and will need feedback from clubs in terms of numbers of athletes eligible to attend, need to look into expert coaches interest as well. Hotel is booked and is in walking distance to the training venue.
- **Action: B. Gyorfi will send out a survey in the next week to the clubs to indicate their participation interest.**

MOTION: To host the CWG camp between December 27-29, 2016 in Airdrie.

Champions/Airdrie

All in Favour/Carried

3.1.9. Junior Age Activity Funding-Alberta Team Excel

MOTION: To rename the Junior Age Activity Funding to Alberta Team Excel Funding.

Champions/Norfort

All in favour/Carried

MOTION: To modify Team Excel Funding priority points to eligibility points as listed.

Stampede City/Norfort

All in favour/Carried

Suggestion from Michel Arsenault on criteria:

First criteria – Non Carded

Second criteria:

- Junior national team
- Junior non national team
- 1st year non national team senior (jr age senior)
- Expoir members
- HP Novice
- Note also that the WPC will identify the participants, not select them.

3.2. JO Program

3.1.10. Alberta Position

- Alberta will keep CJO revisions for this year.

3.1.11. Developmental Program

- JO 1-3 is now in the WAG program. JO 3 cannot attend zones this year based on set insurance categories.
- B. Gyorfi presented the DSC JO 1-3 sanctioned event proposal. Clubs were suggesting to look into doing two events North and South since the numbers predicted to be large.
- AGF Is looking for host possibly in May.
- **Action: B. Gyorfi clarify with SportzSoft the setting up JO 1, 2 and 3 and including the gold, silver and bronze ribbons as well as a standard range for all meets.**

3.3. Coaching Mentorship Program

- Very successful for 2015-2016 season. Ashley Sportun and Chantel Altares will present on the China trip, possibly during Zones or Provincials.
- 2 applications were approved for 2016-2017 Jamie Dunford and Kryssie Barry.
- Amy Miller is attending Team Excel meet in UK in October 2016 and asked to report back about her experience with the team trip and prepare a presentation for Provincials or Zones.
- The WPC would like to add mentorship opportunities for developmental level coaches.

3.4. WAG Program Budget

- WAG program praised for spending our money and aligned with the budget.
- Suggestion from Michel Arseneault to ask the AGF Board to try to work with WAG program and its needs. WAG program will need more financial support for the upcoming seasons and he would like to be more proactive on finding funding rather than reacting to the budget allowance.

3.5. Canadian Championship Training Camp

- Discussion on the individuals' vs independent athlete terminology when it comes for the Canadian Team selection. Michel Arseneault suggested that the 5 (team) +1 Independent should be named individual rather than the GCG term of independent. It was agreed that AGF will follow the GCG terminology to prevent confusion. It was suggested to work with GCG to change the term.
- WPC recommendation is to include it in the Handbook that participation in training camp is mandatory for all including alternates. Discussion on alternate team member must be included in the training camp and all athletes will be asked to perform routines on all 4 events.

MOTION: To include alternates and their coaches in the training camp.

**Norfort/Champions
4 abstain/19 in favour/Carried**

- Budget review: If every coach is included in the budget it could exceed the allowance. Last year the total was \$5200 without the individual coaches travel expense.
- If the WPA would like all coaches, alternates and extras be fully funded the budget needs to be adjusted for going forward.

MOTION: To ensure that all eligible coaches will be funded the same way for Canadian Championship Training Camp.

**Champions/Norfort
6 abstain/17 in favour/ Carried**

- **Action: B. Gyorfı will follow up with requesting to adjust the Budget moving forward if necessary.**

3.6. AGF Appeal Process

- Previous request to establish a general Appeal process.
- Action completed: There is a detailed Appeal Policy in place which is applied for all programs. It is in the AGF Board Manual section 5/AGF Policies and Process 25.0.

3.7. Fall Congress and Gala Awards

- WPC would like to be more proactive in selecting presenters for the Congress, and WPC need feedback from the members, WPC need to look at the budget for big presenters as well to attract more participation.
- The AGF Board will meet to do a Gala Awards review November 20th.
- Discussion about how this year's change was received. It was good to have a shorter program but athletes receiving multiple awards should at least have their accomplishments announced or projected on the video screen. Suggestion was not to give awards for HP status unless athletes achieve something within their level. All Provincial champions should be included for each age group, suggestion to do MAG/WAG and then TRAMP/ACRO Gala separate but it was indicated that it does not align with the board intention. It was noted that some members thought that all of the MAG Provincial Champions were invited and recognized. Everyone seemed please that there were no speeches this year, suggestion to add a video for coach of the year/ lifetime membership awards. Good idea to keep presenting awards during the meal, adding more award recipients also increases the amount of people attending so it may need to be looked at capping the amount of people each recipient can bring. Suggestion to make the awards equal for different programs.

4. New Business

4.1. Special Awards

- Discussion on the naming of special awards.

MOTION: To change the Special Awards as presented.

Champions/Ortona

2 abstain/21 in favour/ Carried

1. Most dynamic vault
2. Most dynamic bars
3. Most confident beam
4. Most engaging floor

4.2. WPTH review and approval

- Discussion on the Professional Development funding.

Motion: To change the Professional Development Priority of funding points as presented below.

CGC/GP

7 abstain/16 in favour/ Carried

1. Team Excel Coaches
2. HP coaches actively involved with HP athletes
3. National Coaches with active 9/10 athletes

- All of the highlighted changes in the WPTH were reviewed.

Motion: To approve all changes to the Women's Program Technical Handbook.

Champions/NEGC

All in favour/Carried

5. Elections

5.1. WPC Member-Developmental Rep (2-year term)

- One nomination: Kim Baksh

MOTION: To appoint Kim Baksh for WPC Member-Developmental Rep (2-year term) position by acclamation.

Norfort/Jasper

All in favour/Carried

6. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 11:54am

Spruce Grove/Jasper

All in favour/Carried