



Women's Judges Assembly
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2016
Grey Eagle Resort "Many Horses" Room
3777 Grey Eagle Drive SW T3E 3X8 403-719-8883
8:30am – 11:30am

Attendance

B. Gyorfi	WP Coordinator	C. Foster
K. Beresnak	WP Assistant	M. Juska
S. Wilson	Chair	K. London
J. Howard Holmes	WJC member	B. Spencer
D. Critchley	WJC member	A. Johnson
A. Miller		K. Schrader-Balson
C. Casey		J. Scrambler
C. Bringas-Soriano		A. Klippnestein
K. Wills		A. McCalmon
S. Sebastian		S. Porter
N. Luttrell		J. Stuckenberg
C. Dickenson Lee S. Dickson		L. Lavoie
M. Darroch		C. Shannon

Minutes compose by K. Beresnak

1. Call to Order
8:40am

1.1. Introductions: WPC members, Sub Committees

- WJC members: Sheri Wilson (Chairperson), Aislinn McVittie, Deanna Critchley, Judy Howard-Holmes Brady Spencer (she had resigned at this point).

1.2. Identify all voting delegates

- 21 total number of voting delegates; 11 = Majority vote

1.3. Appoint two scrutineers

MOTION: To appoint Judy Howard-Holmes and Deanna Critchley as scrutineers.

K. London/K.Schrader-Balson
All in favour/Carried

1.4. Call for agenda items under New Business

- None

1.5. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the Agenda.

B. Spencer/K. London
All in favour/Carried

1.6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Oct 17, 2015)

MOTION: To approve the meeting minutes from Oct 17, 2015.

J. Stuckenberg/C. Shannon
All in favour/Carried

Motion: to accept Brady's resignation.

**C. Foster/J. Scrambler
All in Favour/Carried**

2. Reports

2.1. WJC Chairperson - S. Wilson

- Written report was circulated before the meeting
- Highlights: Great and busy year with lots of judges' travel in 2015/2016 and working with GCG and USAG to implement the Jo system. Looking at incorporating more compulsory courses into the program. Brevet judges' involvement: Sheri travelled with GCG to Pacific Rim and with Alberta/Team Excel to France in 2015-2016.
- The new Fig course exam will be in Indianapolis (Brady, Sheri, and Erin are eligible to go) in January 2016 and Cynthia will go to Mexico to do the exam in March.
- Special thanks to Women's Technical Committee for including judges into Team Excel experience.

3. New Business

3.1. New Judging System

3.1.1. Provincial Judging System

- All the changes are outlined in the handbook highlighted in yellow.
- Discussion on all the indicated changes going through the handbook.
- Level 1 and 2 will be included in compulsory courses.
- All new judges must take the course and pass to judge at that level.
- Each level will now include the new Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours (GCG mandated). These hours are in addition to actual judging time and are meant to keep a judges' knowledge base moving forward using a variety of different activities. (activity list will be included in the judges' manual). Judges are only required to write an exam once in a 4-year cycle if they plan to stay at that level for 4 years. If a judge wishes to move up a level they must take a course and write an exam, however, CPE hours are required every year and will allow you to keep up the knowledge of judging.
- First-year judges will be exempt from judging at a sanctioned event.
- Event head judge course is now created. This course will teach judges the proper protocol to use when in an event head judge position. The course will be approx. an additional 1.5 hours at the end of a judging course. A first year judge is not eligible to take the course. It is recommended but not expected at the JO 7 and 8 Levels. JO 9 judges are expected to fulfill this requirement. Optional Panel Judges must write an exam for each specific level (even if you are in a course offering a range of levels).
- The majority of routines for optional judges need to be at the level you are judging at but you can do some from levels below.
- 2 forms will be provided the current form in use now for routines and a new for to count CPE hours.
- Petitions will still be considered by the Judges committee on an individual basis.
- A judges' year will not be considered successful unless you complete the CPE hours PER YEAR. CPE hours can not be moved forward to another year.
- In 2017 JO optional changes will occur so all judges will need to take a course in the 2017-18 season.
- CPE hours have been adjusted in Alberta due to this being a new requirement: GCG recommends higher numbers for all provincial judges. The WJC will look at the CPE hours at the end of this season and make recommendations for the 2017-18 season.
- National and Brevet judges must do 16 hours, 8 being in a course. The WJC will look at offering several different types of courses to help judges fulfill this requirement.
- In the 2017-18 season, the WJC will set a date for a course for all judges and this will be mandatory to complete for CPE hours. This is now mandated by GCG.

3.1.2. National Judging System

- Aspire fits into JO 8 and higher judges.

- National judge's levels have been changed by GCG to include the following categories JO National and JO HP National judge (no longer N1, N2, etc).
- N1 and above last year will be considered HP judge this year and must complete a min of 20 HP routines, 2017-18 season all judges will be a JO National judge. If a national judge wants to be a HP national judge they will have to take the National HP Course. This will be by application process.
- At this point in time GCG has not given the provinces any detailed info on experience level needed to be eligible to judge at Canadians (expecting 3-year min as a JO 10 judge).
- HP National judges are expected to attend Canadians and possibly Elite Canada.
- If judges are looking to move up a level, please contact a WJC member and the committee will look at all assessments on an individual basis.
- The CPE Activity list will be added to the handbook.
- Kiera, Erin, and Candice (Chair) are appointed for the for JEX Committee.

3.2. Alberta Judges Handbook

- Review of all changes

MOTION: To accept all changes to the Judges' Handbook.

**S. Porter/A. Klippenstein
All in favour/Carried**

3.3. Budget review

- The 2016/17 Budget similar to last year.
- Extra dollars were added to international travel for Brevet judges because of 4 judges eligible this year to take the Fig course. Brady entering into Brevet category this year.
- For Professional Development Funding the application is same and the applications must be submitted 3 weeks before the event.
- Question on honorarium if it's the right amount: right now Alberta is the leading province because AGF honorarium is highest in the country for judges.
- Money strictly for entering Brevet course in Indianapolis in Jan 2017 (\$1500 per person is budgeted to covered by AGF and about \$1000 out of pocket).
- Budget is dependent on the amount of judges that we have in the province each year.
- Question if the budget reflects 3% increase.
- Followed up answer is that has no increase by %3 this year but it can be asked for the next cycle if it's across the board with other programs.

4. **Old Business**

4.1. Calendar of Events

- 4.1.1. Elite Canada Screening: TBD, potentially Dec 3rd
 - Date will be finalized ASAP
- 4.1.2. Northern Zones: March 10-12, 2017 in conjunction with Strathcona Gym Challenge Edmonton, Expo Centre at Northlands. Confirmed.
 - AGF is looking at developing a process for running a partnership competition, all suggestions should be directed to Brady.
- 4.1.3. Southern Zones/Trials to Westerns: March 16-19, 2017 in conjunction with UCIC.
 - There was a large fee difference for Northern and Southern Zones last year due to the partnership with UCIC.
- 4.1.4. Provincials/Trials to Canadians: April 6-9, 2017, Fort McMurray.
 - WJC will be bringing judges in for the complete weekend and will be offering CPE opportunities and judges social planned.
- 4.1.5. Westerns: April 26-29, 2017, Brandon, MB.
 - Team travel a concern with limited flights but will be sorted out by AGF program coordinators.
- 4.1.6. Canadians: May 23-28, 2017 Centre Claude Robillard, Montreal, QC
 - Hotels for all will be announced when GCG has indicated to AGF.

4.2. Judging Courses Fall 2016

- A great big thank you for working on preparing for the courses goes out to Deanna Critchley, Ashley Klippenstein, Candice Shannon, Carolyn Foster, Sarah Hornig, Heather Luttrell, Katy Younger
- Confirmed: November 19-20, 2016, Levels 1-5, Lethbridge. Ashley Klippenstein teaching it.
- Tentative: Looking for Host Clubs
JO 1-5 North-Edmonton and South-Calgary
JO 6 North-Edmonton and South-Calgary
JO 7-8 North or South depending on the majority
JO 9-January 5 and 6, 2017 North or South depending on the majority.

4.3 JEX Committee

- New committee members are C. Shannon- chair, K. Schrader-Balson (Provincial Rep), and E. Batisty (National Rep).

4.4 Mentor Program

- Not many changes from last year.
- More experienced judges can do mentorship as well.
- JO/National judges should be taking an active role in mentoring.
- An email will be sent out to ask for mentors (will count for CPE hours).

4.5 Continuing Professional Education (CPE)

- Required hours and opportunities-US congresses count as CPE hours (maybe not all hours but some of them will count).
- Committee will form a CPE working group, contact Sheri if you would like to be on this, open to all level judges.

4.6 Update on CWG and Team Excel

- CWG is in Red Deer in 2019, so we are in year 2, Kenda is the judging rep. The training camp is Dec 27-29, 2016 in Airdrie, all judges welcome to come and view if you would like to attend contact committee, recommended for JO 9 + judges. Dec 27 starts with a coaches' clinic and presenter in the evening, training camp will be Dec 28-29.
- Not sure yet who is eligible to judge CWG, JO 9 will not go to games. GCG will set the requirement for eligible judge to attend Canada Winter Games in 2019.
- Team Excel leaves Oct 16th to compete at the Rushmore Bowl in London England. The delegation consists of 10 athletes and 5 coaches including aspiring HP coach A. Miller as mentorship participant. Intended to have this as a yearly event that will include a judge. This trip allows team Alberta to work as a cohesive team and offers an additional international experience for coaches, athletes, and judges.
- M. Arsenaault has done a fabulous job in securing this opportunity for everyone, looking at different meets for each year in the fall, intent to give the kids a different experience every year. The intention is to also look at a JO optional team excel to go to a US meet for a similar experience in the future. This opportunity will also include a judge.

5. Elections

- Thank you to outgoing members.
- Officially turned over to Bogi.

5.1. Nominations and elections for the positions available

- 5.1.1. One (1) Chairperson position- 2-year term position
Nomination: Sheri Wilson

MOTION: To appoint Sheri Wilson as Chairperson.

B. Spencer/K.London

Appointed by acclamation

- 5.1.2. One (1) Provincial Representative- 2-year term position
Nomination: Aislinn McVittie

**MOTION: to appoint Aislinn McVittie as Provincial Representative by acclamation.
Spencer**

C.Foster/B.

Appointed by acclamation

- 5.1.3. One (1) National Representative – 2-year term position
Nominations: Katy Younger, Sarah Hornig, MaRae Juska

- M. Juska spoke on behalf of herself
- B. Spencer spoke on behalf of K. Younger
- B. Spencer spoke on behalf of S. Hornig
- Closed ballot voting occurred, M. Juska won by majority vote.

MOTION: To appoint M. Juska in as National Representative.

K.London/S. Porter

- 5.1.4. One (1) one-year term National Representative – to complete the second year term (Brady S. resignation)

Nominations: Katy Younger, Sarah Hornig

- Closed ballot voting occurred, K. Younger won by majority vote.

MOTION: To appoint K. Younger in as National Representative.

B.Spencer/K.Wills

MOTION: To destroy all ballots.

**K.Schrader-Balson/M.Darroch
All in Favour/Carried**

6. Adjournment

MOTION: to adjourn at 10:52am.

**B.Spencer/J.Stuckenberg
All in Favour/Carried**