



ALBERTA GYMNASTICS FEDERATION MEN'S TECHNICAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Friday January 13, 2017
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm
U of A Butterdome
Edmonton, AB

MINUTES

Attendance:

Travis Oxley	Chairperson
Wesley Chirima	Provincial Stream Representative
Nadov Simenaeur	Gymtastics (Gymt)
Julio Ferreira	Gymtastics (Gymt)
Miguel Costante	Capital City Gymnastics Club (CCGC)
Scott Rayment	Calgary Gymnastics Center (CGC)
Kyle Riley	Calgary Gymnastics Center (CGC)
Jason Woodnick	U of C (UC)
Tony Smith	U of C and GCG
Jie Wang	Exelta Gymnastics Club (Exelta)
Chris Michel	Phoenix Gym Club (Phoenix)
Brandon O'Neill	Ortona (Ort)
Alex Riordan	Salto Gym Club (SGC)
Derek Hanson	Men's Program Coordinator, Alberta Gymnastics Federation (AGF)

1.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by T. Oxley at 8:30 pm

1.1 Official Welcomes and Introductions

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Phoenix/UofC

MOTION: "To approve the agenda with additions."

ACCEPTED

1.3 Approval of Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, Sunday, October 16, 2016.

UofC/Ortona

MOTION: "To approve the minutes from the Sunday, October 16, 2016 meeting."

ACCEPTED

2. Report

- 2.1 Report from Men's Technical Chair – T. Oxley
See attached
ACTION: D.Hanson to add CWG and WCSG to AGF Awards proposal.
- 2.2 Report from Judging Representative – J. Ellacott
See attached
ACTION: J.Woodnick to draft letter regarding judging concerns at Gym Power.
- 2.3 Report from Provincial Stream Representative – W. Chirima
See attached
ACTION: T. Oxley to organize mini coach clinics amongst clubs.

3. New Business

- 3.1 Provincials 2017
It is confirmed that the 2017 Alberta Gymnastics Championships will be held again in Fort McMurray on April 7-8, 2017.
ACTION: S. Rayment to draft document outlining details on proposed Team Awards for Alberta Provincial Championships. D. Hanson to discuss with AGF staff.
- 3.2 CWG 2019
The bulletin for the CWG training camp (U of C, Feb 17-18, 2017) has been finalized and circulated. Please note date and location change from the original Calendar of Events from October
- 3.3 2016-2017 MAG Handbook
The 2016-2017 MAG Technical Handbook has been finalized, circulated and posted on the AGF webpage.
- 3.4 GCG Update (Tony Smith, National Team Director)
* Elite Pathways have been finalized and circulated
* Prov. Pathways are close to being finalized and will circulate ASAP
* There were problems with the video submissions of the Elite 4/Jr compulsories screening event.
* Next year there will be an actual event for Elite 4/Jr
* GCG Quadrennial has been completed, it is currently under review prior to its circulation
* Elite 1 and 2 coach clinics are in development
- 3.5 New Structure Discussion
If there are any observations or input regarding the new structure after the first event (Gym Power), please forward to T. Oxley or T. Smith.
- 3.6 Transportation to Westerns 2017 and Canadians 2017
As a reminder, D. Hanson explained that since Westerns are in Brandon, Manitoba and Canadians are in Montreal, Quebec, all Team Alberta flights will be booked and organized through AGF.
ACTION: As managers for Westerns and Canadians are still needed, all coaches are encouraged to circulate the Managers Applications forms.

- 3.7 Team Selection Review
Discussion regarding the use of Provincials as part of team selection for Westerns occurred. Everyone was in favor about the idea, but the details require more discussion. Item to be included for future meetings.
- 3.8 2016-2017 MAG Calendar of Events
Please note the following updates.
*CWG Training Camp – U of C – Feb 17,18, 2017
*Hollywood Classic – Genesis Center Calgary – May 13, 2017
- 3.9 AGF Awards Gala and Performance Funding Update
As noted in T. Oxley's report the AGF Board of Directors and AGF Staff are currently reviewing the AGF Awards Gala and Performance Funding.
- 3.10 NCCP/Police Checks and Intervention Checks
Friendly reminder to make sure all coaches have their proper NCCP certifications in place to be on the floor at AGF sanctioned events.
- Proof (ie receipt) that you have applied for your police checks and child intervention checks must be received to the AGF office by March 1, 2017. The final police check and child intervention check must be received by AGF by the registration deadline for each respective competition (ie Westerns or Canadians).
 - All police checks and child intervention checks are good for 3 years with AGF. All police checks dated July 2014 to the present are good for this season
 - Please check with Joanna Low at techadmin@abgym.ab.ca for further information
- 3.11 AGF Budget
D. Hanson presented how the budget and the MAG Operational Plans work. As always if anyone is interested the AGF MAG budget please contact Derek Hanson to set up a meeting.

4.0 Adjournment

CGC/U of C

MOTION: "To adjourn the January 13, 2017 MTA meeting at 9:40 PM."

ACCEPTED

Next MTA Meeting: January 16-19, 2017 in conjunction with 2nd Trials / UCIC Invitational.

Location: Calgary, Alberta

ACTION: D.Hanson to review UCIC schedule to determine if Team Ratification meetings could be held following each applicable session.

Men's Chair Report:

1. From the last AGF board meeting:

- The Board has put together a committee to review the AGF Enhancement Funding
- We reviewed the AGF Gala and discussed the following topics:
 - The Award- A committee was put together to review the awards
 - Philosophy- to celebrate athletes representing Alberta
 - Alcohol being present at the Gala- was voted Against
- AGF Concussion policy has been sent to clubs

2. Award Gala Sub Committee:

This is the recommendation to the board:

CURRENT AWARDS CRITERIA FOR WESTERNS, CANADIANS & ELITE CANADA/CANADA CUP								
	WESTERNS			CANADIANS			ELITE CANADA/CANADA CUP	
	All Around	Event	Team	All Around	Event	Team	All Around	Event
WAG	GOLD	GOLD	GOLD	Top 3	Top 3	GOLD	Not offered	Not offered
MAG	TOP 3	GOLD	Not offered	Top 6	Top 3	Not offered	Top 6	Top 3
T & T	Not offered	Not Offered	Not offered	Not offered	GOLD	Not offered	Not offered	Not offered
							GREY REPRESENTS CHANGES	
PROPOSED AWARDS CRITERIA FOR WESTERNS, CANADIANS & ELITE CANADA								
	WESTERNS			CANADIANS			ELITE CANADA/CANADA CUP	
	All Around	Event	Team	All Around	Event	Team	All Around	Event
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T & T	TOP 3	GOLD	GOLD	N/A	Top 3	GOLD	Not offered	Not offered

Thank you Derek for this chart.

3. Test Event December 4

Elite 4, Novice, Junior, Senior

I have not received any results yet

The women's Program is currently looking for a WAG Program Coordinator as of January 14th.

Judging Report - January 13, 2017
Jamie Ellacott

AGF Registration
- 35 registered judges as of Monday January 9

Judging courses

All courses were updated to reflect changes to Provincial and Elite Pathways documents and the new code of points. Courses this fall were well attended. We have 14 new judges this year, and many judges have upgraded their level.

Entry level course – 11 registrants, all are new judges

Regional level course – 8 registrants, 1 was a refresher

Provincial level course – 14 attended, 3 were refreshing

Intercontinental course – Results are in. Chris Grabowecky and Ray Heiderich are FIG category 2 judges for the next four years.

International course – Jamie Ellacott, Mark Heiderich, and Kelly Mock are attending this weekend.

Mentorship Program

Had a lengthy chat with Sheri Wilson, the WAG judging chair. Summary of the WAG mentorship program:

- They do not have a budget or spend money on this program
- Every new judge is assigned a mentor (a National or FIG judge) for two years
- Judges that show potential to reach a high level (National or FIG) may also be assigned a mentor
- WAG judges are required to a certain number of professional development hours depending on their level, being a mentor counts towards that
- WAG judges who mentor are more likely to be given an out of province judging assignment
- WAG judges who mentor are more likely to win the AB judge of the year award and a gift card
- Mentors are assigned based on geographical location
- Mentors are the go-to person if the mentee has any questions. Mentors are asked to check in with the mentee after competitions to see how it went and discuss any situations that came up
- Mentor and mentee are hopefully in the same city and may meet up to judge a mock meet together or practice judging
- Main goal of the program is for new judges to feel supported and for new judges to get to know the higher ranked judges

Jamie's thoughts on a potential MAG mentorship program

- We have a few judges that don't feel comfortable judging certain events ie. (pommel horse)
- It would help with retaining judges for longer periods of time
- We could start by picking a couple of judges that need the most support and see how it goes
- If we had a budget, after a competition we could pay the judges for an hour to stay and review. Potentially we could have a video camera stationed at pommel horse for a session. We watch those videos as a group and judge them.

Provincial Report 2016 .

Camp Updates

After a decision to scrap the level 1 and 2 from this years Provincial Training Camp was made at the last technical assembly, The 2016 Provincial training camp was open only to gymnasts P3 and up

The Training camp was hosted by Westwind Gymnastics club. Westwind Gymnastics club also offered to host the boys for a sleep-over, this was well received, and the boys had lots of fun.

Thank you to,

Merle - Mental Training

Andrea - Flexibility and mobility

Camp numbers by ages and categories

Category	9 yrs	10 yrs	11 yrs	12 yrs	13 yrs	14 yrs	15yrs	16yrs	17 yrs	Total
P3			4	3	4			1		12
P4				6	6	2		3	1	18
P5						2	1			3
Elite 3	6	8	5	1						20
Elite 4				1	1	1				3
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Coaches in attendance

Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level not specified	Total
4	6	1	4	15

The Camp format was well received. Coaches were assigned to an event over the weekend, and each group of boys rotated, this gave the coaches a chance to interact with every kid and category and the boys a chance to get feedback from each of the coaches in attendance.

Skills worked on each event

floor skills	P.Horse	Rings	Vault	P-Bars	H- Bar
Front	All Circles	Giants	Rounds off	Peach	Turns
Back		Hanstands	handsprings	Giants	Dismounts
		Dismounts			

The coaches also had an opportunity to discuss various topics affecting the province

Kelly also took some time to update the coaches on some of the changes to The Code of points that may affect optional routines.

As for the Level 1 and 2 categories a discussion was held encourage inter club training sessions amongst the clubs in the province..

A lot of coaches also expressed interest in the province hosting a “**Coach** centred hands on **type**’ of training camp “ where coaches would each bring a athlete to work on spotting techniques and share ideas on specific skills and so on.

Good luck to all the clubs competing in the 2017 competition season, lets keep striving to improve the quality of gymnastics in the province.

Thank you
Wesley.