

Saturday, October 23rd, 2004

The 2004 meeting was held at Boerne Gymnastics Center at 1 PM. In attendance were:

TAT Alex Douglas,  
BGC Lorna Spellman, Rumen Lachkov, Radostina Lachkova  
TSR Anna Smirnova, Dave Rogers, Chris Westra  
AF Valere Binet, Sarah T Binet  
GOSA Vladimir Vladev, Ty Hair

The following comments were made upon the meeting's agenda.

### **1. Review TX expense & income**

Due to no bank account, funds have not been deposited. At the 2002 R3 meeting, the agreement was made for each Texas meet host to pay \$1 per athlete for a Texas fund.

In 2003, these funds should have been paid:

1st Local TSR	April 12, 2003	41 athletes	\$41 (TSR, AF, BGC, TAT & LAT)
2nd Local AF	April 26, 2003	25 athletes	\$25 (AF, TSR, BGC, & TAT)
3rd Make Up TAT	May 10, 2003	8 athletes	\$ 8 (TSR & TAT)
State Meet TAT	May 24, 2003	32 athletes	\$32 (TAT, AF, TSR, BGC, NOAT)
			\$106

In 2004, these funds should have been paid:

1st Local TSR	April 3, 2004	38 athletes	\$38 (TSR, TAT, AF, BGC, & GOSA)
2nd Local TAT	April 17, 2004	40 athletes	\$40 (TAT, NOAT, TSR, & GOSA)
3rd Local BGC	May 1, 2004	51 athletes	\$51 (BGC, TSR, AF, GOSA, & TAT)
State Meet TAT	May 22, 2004	55 athletes	\$55 (TAT, NOAT, TSR, AF, BGC, & GOSA)
			\$184

Alex has agreed to pay the filing fees of \$200 to Austin for the Articles of Association, and \$150 to the IRS for the 501 (c) tax exemption. He would be reimbursed by the host clubs paying these past fees with the exception of AF since they are no longer associated with Alamo Gymnastics. Collection of these fees will be renewed after we gain our IRS letter of determination. No membership dues will be included in the by-laws at this time.

### **2. Review Articles of Association and sign**

The Articles of Association was reviewed. It was agreed that Chris Westra from TSR should be the Secretary instead of Anna Smirnova since english is Anna's second language. Otherwise the Articles were approved, but not signed since the Secretary change had to be made and an additional line for his signature had to be added.

### **3. Review TAGA Bylaws for any needed changes**

The bylaws were reviewed.

It was pointed out by Ty Hair that potential purpose of the association has to be spelled out in the bylaws in case of an IRS audit. Therefore another line under Article I was added to include funding Texas acro athletes going to international meets, even if it is never done.

Dave Rogers suggested adding a 1 vote per club clause to Article II, (a) Voting Member description. Ty Hair further added that the board still gets 1 vote each in addition to each club, which meant 2 votes for clubs with the board members.

Dave pointed out the need to specify Article III board of directors qualifications must include Pro Membership in USAG Acro.

General discussion revolved around what is needed for a quorum under Article III, 3.4. It was decided that all board members and a simple majority of clubs represented would make a quorum.

The rest of the Bylaws was approved pending the above mentioned changes.

#### **4. Form 8718 fee for exempt determination**

The form was reviewed.

#### **5. Employer ID Number**

The ID number was recognized.

#### **6. Form 1024 application for 501 (c) exemption**

The IRS form was reviewed, page 3 needed changing since Chris Westra was voted as the Secretary.

#### **7. TAGA website [www.freewebs.com/txacro](http://www.freewebs.com/txacro)**

The group was informed of the website being created, although it currently only has a holding page pending construction.

#### **8. Vote on nominees for board**

A vote was taken and unanimous vote was made for Alex Douglas to be the State Director, Lorna Spellman to be the Treasurer, and Chris Westra to be the Secretary.

#### **9. Review info from 2003 meeting**

The minutes from the 2003 meeting was overlooked.

#### **10. Create competition calendar for 2005 - state meet in Boerne**

Sarah Binet to the floor to direct the 2005 calendar.

She noted that January 15 was the Superclinic for Judges. Therefore we could not have a Judge's clinic until afterwards. It was agreed that Boerne Gymnastics would host the Judge's Clinic sometime in February pending Linda Ocmann's schedule.

After general discussion it was agreed that the 2005 Competition Calendar would be on these dates:

- 1st Local, TSR April 9, 2005
- 2nd Local, TAT April 23
- 3rd Local, AF May 7
- State, BGC, May 21
- Regionals up for vote at R3 meeting Nov 20 - possibly June 12

## **New Material**

After general discussion it was decided that we needed to be involved more with GAT. Lorna suggested we join the rest of Texas in holding our 2006 meeting with GAT in September on Labor Day. It was agreed we need to petition conducting a coach's clinic in acro and provide a demonstration. It was also agreed that contacting Group Gymnastics in Texas was probable route of encouraging acro growth in Texas with clinics. Alex was given the task of contacting GAT to make these future arrangements. He was also asked to check on the cost of a room to hold a seminar at GAT.

The Meeting was adjourned with the next meeting being the Region 3 meeting at Texas Sports Ranch in Houston at 2 PM.