

Texas Acrobatic Gymnastics State Meeting

Meeting Minutes September 26, 2009

1. Call to Order: The state meeting of the Texas Acrobatics Gymnastics was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Lorna Spellman, State Director.

Members Present: Ashley Eubanks, Angel Paulson, Jennifer Banowsky, Cahdi Jones, Vladimir Vladev, Rumen Lachkov, Ivan Ivanov, Lorna Spellman, Michelle Merwarth, and Brandi Lewis (via Instant Messenger)

2. Updated Information — Club, coach, and judge information updated via forms distributed.
3. Club Dues — Club dues of \$25 per club collected from WOGA, GOSA, USAAA, Boerne, and Brown's.
4. Clarification of Right to Absentee Vote
 1. Texas Acro bylaws do not allow specifically for proxy vote, but Region III bylaws do.
 2. Motion made by Lorna Spellman to amend the TAGA By-Laws to allow for proxy voting with advance notice of extenuating circumstances as written in the Region 3 Regulations.

Seconded — Michelle Merwarth

Passed unanimously

5. Voting
 1. Brandi Lewis motioned that the bylaws be changed to allow "a limitation of one vote per club plus the vote of unaffiliated judges if actively involved in acrobatics." There was no second.
 2. Brandi Lewis motioned that the bylaws be changed to allow one vote per club and that board members not get a vote.

Seconded — Jennifer Banowsky

Motion did not pass.

6. Financial Report — Presented by Michelle Merwarth
 1. Balance of \$1310.59
 2. Lorna Spellman asked that the treasurer distinguish between what was taken in via club fees and what was taken in via the \$1/athlete meet fee. Michelle Merwarth will research this information.
 3. Lorna Spellman will be reimbursed \$85 for Texas Acro Web site fees.
 - Coaches will send updated information to Texas Acro Web site webmaster.

7. Financial Assistance for International Competition
 1. Discussion opened on whether Texas Acro would use its funds to assist athletes in international competition under its stated goals of promoting Texas Acrobatic gymnastics.
 2. After much discussion, Lorna Spellman called for a motion that 50 percent of the previous years' funds be divided among Texas athletes going to Worlds 2010 (only) and that next year's meeting would decide how to appropriate any funds for that upcoming year, and that the \$1/athlete fee be raised to \$2/athlete to raise funds for this subsidy. Lorna Spellman suggested further research needed before a decision can be made.
 - Michelle Merwarth motioned to table discussion pending further research into rules allowing for disbursement of funds to athletes as this may not be allowed under the rules of a non-profit organization.
 - Seconded — Jennifer Banowsky
 - **Motion passed unanimously.**

8. Regional Update — Presented by Brandi Lewis

1. Congratulations to all the GAT award winners and to Junior National Team members Maren Merwarth and Taylor Mosher.
2. The Regional meeting will be Oct. 25 via an online forum.
3. Selena Peco will be putting in bid for Regionals either June 19 or June 12.
4. Agenda items for Regional meeting should be emailed

9. Texas 2010 Meet Schedule

1. March 27 — USAAA — Local #1
2. April 10 — Boerne — Local #2
3. April 24 — USAAA — Local #3
4. May 8 — Brown's — Local #4
5. May 22 (May 15 alternate) — Boerne — State
6. Regionals should be in LA either June 19 or June 12

10. Judges clinic set for Feb. 20–21 with Selena Peco hosted at Brown's (Boerne if Brown's can't)

11. Athlete Clinics

1. Lower level clinic at Boerne potentially Dec 5–6; charge athletes \$20
2. Upper level clinic with ATA clinician Feb 6–7

12. Discussion on Growth of Acrobatic Gymnastics

1. Brandi's sessions at GAT well-attended.
2. Lorna hosted booth at GAT and handed out info also.
3. J&R gym may start program in San Marcos
4. Lorna suggested Acro demo at GAT Banquet; board members enthusiastic, hopeful.
5. Encourage athletes going to college to be coaches/judges to grow the program.
6. Suggestion of Texas "elite team" to perform a San Antonio cheer nationals
7. HNI organizers are looking for Acro demonstrators March 4-7. Contact Tim Erwin terwin@jcchouston.org if you are interested.

13. The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.