

Oregon USA Gymnastics State Committee  
Meeting  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024  
Salem, OR.

Present:

Kelsey Kottek           SACC  
Molly Gill             Secretary  
Julia Eagen            Gym Owner Rep  
Lynn McCaffrey       Judges Rep  
Drew Groh             Education/Event Rep  
Sarah Halverson       Optional Rep  
Celia Storey           Xcel Rep via zoom  
Gabe Rice-Erso        North Sectional Compulsory Rep  
Alyssa Lytle           South Sectional Compulsory Rep  
Guests: Debbie Anderson (NAWGJ), Denise Nontavarnit, Tiffany Quincy (RDevRep)

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Kelsey Kottek

- I. State financials presented – we \$21,258.20 in the state account. Items pending are senior gifts, and state committee meeting expenses.
  - There is one club who has not paid their state head tax: Flightschool. If they have not paid by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 then they will be ineligible to be scheduled for future meets and will not be able to get judges assigned. There are three clubs who have not yet paid for Optional State and owe late fees: KGA, COGA, NGTC, and Peak Elite. If they do not pay by May 1<sup>st</sup> they will not be in good standing with the state and will not get judges assigned to any meets they would host the next season.
- II. Review of Committee Positions up for election: Judges Rep, Secretary, Meet director/owner, and Education/event Rep. Kelsey will be sending out a notice to all members for nominations to be sent in by June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- III. Dates for State Meets were determined:
  - Compulsory State – 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Optional State – March 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Xcel State – April 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
  - DP Regionals is April 11<sup>th</sup> thru 14<sup>th</sup> hosted by Naydenov in Portland, Or.
  - Xcel Regionals is April 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> hosted by Athletic Edge in Salem, Or.
  - Drop back date has been set for Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>
- IV. Bid forms for state meets will be sent out by and due back by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee discussed the possibility of combining compulsory and optional state in order to make the meet more economical. This led to a discussion of having the state cover certain costs.
  - Motion made by Drew to have the state cover costs of medals and waiving state head tax for optional state. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gabe

- Kelsey will share financials of state meet and discussion will continue at next committee meeting.

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- V. Western/Nationals training clinic
- Upon completion of regionals all athletes who qualify for Westerns/Nationals will be invited to participate in a training clinic tentatively set for April 27<sup>th</sup> to be hosted by Westside.
- VI. Summer Camp/Clinic
- Tentatively set to have an optional training camp for Oregon Athletes training for Level 8 thru 10 to be held at Westside. Drew to organize and promote. The # of athletes will be capped at around 40. Tentative date is Aug 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Drew will look into organizing a compulsory boot camp in the fall of 2024.
- VII. Oregon Club's priority access to registration
- The committee discussed comments made by Oregon clubs who get closed out of Oregon meets by clubs coming from out of state. Clubs will be asked to notify Oregon clubs when they open their registration in USA Gymnastics so that clubs can register early.
- VIII. Club/Coach of the year discussion
- The committee discussed adding a new category. It was later suggested via e-mail by Drew that we call the Oregon Spirit Award. Described as: "A YEARLY AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF PROGRAMS THAT ARE EMERGING, MAKING WAVES, INSPIRING, MOTIVATING, PERSISTING AND STANDING OUT, PROGRAMS WHO MAKE A BIG IMPRESSION WITH EFFORTS THAT BUILD AND ENERGIZE OREGON GYMNASTICS."
  - The committee has yet to vote and approve the new award.
- IX. Discussion or Regional Judges Rotation
- The committee discussed the possibility of a number of National rated judges who might not be testing next cycle. It was determined that the state rotation of judges should include eligible level 10's. Lynn will revise the current criterion and send out to committee to review.
- X. State meet draw
- The committee discussed how the draw has been done historically in our state. It was decided that the draw for each state meet would be done via zoom and the Pro-score ability to randomize would be utilized. Clubs would be notified when the draw was going to occur and anyone who wanted to be witness to the draw could be via zoom.
- XI. State Scheduling meeting and next committee meeting is set for June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Athletic Edge:
- 1pm – Committee Meeting
  - 3pm State Scheduling Meeting
- XII. Next year tabulating will include a google doc for coaches to upload rosters and to keep updated in order to assist tabulators with the task of staying on top of who has qualified and who hasn't.
- XIII. New business –
- The committee discussed a club that has had a number of complaints made against them. It was decided that we do not have jurisdiction of how clubs run their invitationals. It was determined that the club who had multiple complaints would not be considered for a State Meet bid.
  - The committee also discussed comments made by several coaches after compulsory state asking for state meets to have a bit more flare in way of decorations in order to give the meet a special feel.

- The committee discussed Level 6 and 7 vault judging in our state and how scores seemed to be noticeably lower than other places where clubs had competed. It was decided that Debbie Anderson would get video from clubs and do a clinic for the Oregon judges using that video footage. It was also asked of Tiffany Quincy if at Super Camp a vault session could occur that would include state judges and coaches.

Meeting ended at 1 pm and the next meeting will be at Athletic Edge on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.