

Alabama State Committee Meeting
Tuscaloosa, AL
August 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Otis Reeves at 9:07 a.m.

Attending:

Mike Holdefer
Erin Holdefer-Kightlinger
John Lowery
LuAnn Nix
Otis Reeves
David Hill
Meg Henry
Helen Nabors

Not attending:

Mary Ann Wallace

Invocation by Lu Ann Nix.

Mike Holdefer made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Erin Holdefer-Kightlinger seconded. Passed.

John Lowery made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Meg Henry. Passed.

Compulsory State Meet report was given by Mike Holdefer. Equipment is secured from The Equipment Guy. Currently waiting on a grant from Tuscaloosa Tourist & Sports Commission. Belk Activity Center should be no charge. Medals for the meet will be ordered by Cindy Holdefer. Banners will be priced out by Otis Reeves and Mike Holdefer when the quantity is determined. Vendors that have been secured are Busy Bodies and Taylor Made Jewelry. The normal percentage earned from the vendors is 20%. At this time a photographer has not been arranged. Busy Bodies will do the State Meet Tee Shirts. Hospitality will be handled by Bama Bounders and Tumbling Tides. SAC will underwrite the hospitality. Concessions will be treated as vendor with 10% earned for the meet. Lu Ann Nix will contact Teresa Pritchitt to see if she is available to do the concessions. Mike Holdefer and Erin Holdefer-Kightlinger will comprise a list of what meet workers will be needed to be filled with volunteers from gyms around the state. Mike Holdefer will prepare a proposed budget for Compulsory State Meet. Erin Holdefer-Kightlinger will contact Holy Spirit soccer team or football team to see if they are interested in handling the equipment set-up and take-down.

Optional Training Camp Report given by Meg Henry. There were eighty gymnasts Level 7-10 who participated in the 2015 Optional Training Camp. There has been a suggestion to look at the number of Level 6's at Optional State Meet 2016 to consider adding Level 6 to Optional Training Camp for 2016. It has been recommended that if Level 6's are added to the Optional Training Camp they must have already competed Level 6 at Optional State Meet.

Bill Lorenz from the University of Alabama Gymnastics program contacted Mike Holdefer about hosting the Optional Training Camp in 2016 at the University of Alabama. It was discussed that if the Optional Training Camp is held at the University of Alabama, there will probably be a need to cap the participants at 85 to 90. It was suggested that the Optional Training Camp be held around the first to the middle of August. Meg Henry, with David Hill as assistant, will handle the Optional Training Camp arrangements.

Report on TOPS Program by Otis Reeves. Otis presented an overview of the TOPS Program and State Tops manager position.

Erin Holdefefer-Kightlinger made a motion to discontinue the use of Achievement ribbons at Compulsory Meets. John Lowery seconded the motion. Passed.

Declaration date for Compulsory Levels is November 23, 2015. Declaration date for Optional and XCEL Levels is March 7, 2016.

The following judges have been selected for the 2015 Alabama Optional State Meet:

Amy Arnts, Annette Burgin, Gayli Craver, Mary Lou Dillard, Julie Dumbacher, Jarrett Ezell, Tammye Goehring, Kelly Hill, Greg Kuhlmann, Stephanie Kuhlmann, Diane Peeks, Wendy Seabrook, Carol Smitherman, Phyllis Thompson, Jamie Wallace, Mary Ann Wallace, and Deb Kornegay as the Meet Referee.

Rules and Policies will now be available online only.

Level 8 vault changes were discussed.

Under Armor offered State Chairs a two month window to order apparel 40% off to be used by November 1, 2015. Erin Holdefefer and Lu Ann Nix will be on a committee to research the possibility of ordering coaches shirts for Regionals early.

Report on Coaches education by Otis Reeves. The W200 was well attended, with positive responses to the benefit of the clinic. Otis Reeves recommends doing another W200 course along with a business clinic. There was a suggestion to have John Aardama be the clinician for the business clinic. A second joint clinic suggestion is to do an Optional clinic along with the R102 Preschool course.

There was a suggestion to present the Stewards of Children video from USA Gymnastics in conjunction with any courses offered.

Otis Reeves will check on current email addresses, physical addresses, and other contact information for all gyms in our State.

Meg Henry and David Hill will coordinate the Optional Training Camp date. Helen Nabors and John Lowery will set up a date for the First Baptist Church in Birmingham for the Awards Reception. Otis Reeves will set up the W200 course for the same weekend as the Awards Reception. It was suggested the the business workshop be set up in the winter of 2016. Mike Holdefefer will send an email blast concerning Stewards of Children at the USA Gymnastics University. Otis Reeves will call USA Gymnastics about possibly having a code for Alabama people to use for participating in viewing the Stewards of Children video.

The apparel package 1 includes a tank, \$40.00, capri's, \$30.00, spirit shirt, \$38.00, for a total package price of \$108.00. This package would be for Level 6-8 Regional Alabama Teams. Erin Holdefefer-Kightlinger and Lu Ann Nix will work with Otis on recommendations for apparel.

Erin Holdefefer-Kightlinger made a motion to approve the financial statement. Meg seconded the motion. Passed. Financial Statement attached.

Erin Holdefefer-Kightlinger made a motion that determination of large team and small team at Compulsory State Meet will be based on entry and will not be changed due to scratches at the Compulsory State Meet. David Hill seconded the motion. Passed.

Mike Holdefefer made a motion to adjourn at 11:58 a.m. to tour Tuscaloosa County High School which is the facility that will be used for the Optional State Meet in 2016. Seconded by David Hill. Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Lu Ann Nix