

**Alabama State Administrative Committee Meeting**  
**March 16, 2017**  
**Mountain Brook Gymnastics**  
**Birmingham, Alabama**

**In Attendance:**      **Otis Reeves – SACC**  
                                 **Meg Henry**  
                                 **David Hill**  
                                 **Mike Holdefer**  
                                 **Erin Holdefer-Kightlinger**  
                                 **John Lowry**  
                                 **Helen Nabors**  
                                 **Mary Ann Wallace**  
                                 **Deb Kornegay – RACC**

Meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m.

The Agenda for the present meeting were approved.

Motion: John Lowry

2<sup>nd</sup>: Meg Henry

Approved Unanimously

The minutes for the last board Meeting on December 2, 2016 were approved.

Motion: Mary Ann Wallace

2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Holdefer

Approved Unanimously

**Report from Brittany Stephens, Alabama TOPS Coordinator** updated what is happening and planned for Alabama. 2017 is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the TOPS Program with USA Gymnastics. 3,000 Gymnast in the United States were tested last summer. With only 3 gyms in Alabama who participate in the TOPS program Brittany has plans to encourage and help other gyms develop programs in their gyms. This year Vault will be added to the testing process. The first testing will be in June at Jam Jev and the 2<sup>nd</sup> testing will be at Prattville YMCA later in the summer. Gyms are encouraged to visit Jam Jev to work with Brittany or Brittany is willing to go to gyms that are interested in beginning the TOPS program. Chelle Stack will be at Jam Jev for a Camp for Elite TOPS only on May 19-21, 2017. Ideas were discussed on how to encourage gyms to become a part of the TOPS program (workshops, travel to gyms to help set up program). USA Gymnast has developed a program that allows talented gyms to develop skills that will make them eligible for the whole Elite Track. The process begins with TOPS where a gymnast can qualify for HOPES and HOPES leads to the Elite Program. Gyms that are interested in learning more or developing a program in their gyms should contact Brittany and set up a time or request information on workshops that are in the planning stages. Brittany stressed that this is a program where all gyms in Alabama can work together to improve the level of gymnastics in Alabama.

### **Regional Apparel**

Erin Holdefer-Kightlinger showed the committee each level's apparel. The total cost of gymnast apparel this year will be \$10,114. The coaches' shirts will be in addition to this amount. Alabama is not ordering optional packages this year. The coaches' shirts will be given only to gymnast who qualifies to Regionals. Each gym that has a gymnast participating in a Regional Meet will receive 2 shirts without any cost, additional coaching shirts will be \$15.

Motion to approve Apparel Package was made by Helen Nabors

2<sup>nd</sup>: Meg Henry

Approved Unanimously

### **Meet Maker**

The board discussed the use of Meet Maker for State Meets. Meet Makers will be used for Compulsory and Optional State Meets. The \$25 late fee for registration to the State Meets will continue.

Motion: Erin Holdefer-Kightlinger

2<sup>nd</sup>: John Lowry

Approved Unanimously

The Committee highly recommends that all invitational meets use the Meet Reservation System on the USA Gymnastic web site.

Mike Holdefer discussed plans for the 2017 Compulsory State Meet at the Foley Event Center. The Amusement park is now open; the Hotel is schedule to open on March 31, 2017. Shuttles are available to the Shopping Outlets. Restaurants are being lined up. The facility is 90,000 square feet.

The State Committee Elections were discussed. The election is in May with the new committee members taking office In July, 2017.

### **The Process of Registration for State Meets and Inviationals**

Erin Holdefer-Kightlinger talked about the many complaints about Meet Maker this year. It was suggested that all Bids & Meet Information include the registration process.

Deb Kornegay stated that states do not have to use Meet Maker. She also answered the question about gymnast who show up for state meets who has not registered. Deb said any gymnast could show up for state meet and participate but can be placed in a session that will not change the session times, which might not be a qualifying session.

The Committee discussed Meet Reservation System provided by USA Gymnastics and encourages all meets to take advantage of this system. The question arose if the state meets should use Meet Maker or Meet Reservation System (MRS). Mike Holdefer said he had talked to Teri Lummis at USA Gymnastics to see if payments could be submitted through the Meet Reservation System in the future. Teri said that payments would be too involved and there was too great a possibility of

mistakes. Teri did say in the future; the coaches' sign in would be generated from the Sanction so coaches will have to register through the MRS.

It was recommended entry requirements (MeetMaker and MRS) be listed on the Bid Requirements form.

Helen feels MRS should be used for all meets, with many of the board members agreeing. When a gym registers through the MRS all the entries are verified as current members with the gymnast and coaches who are not up to date removed from the entry form.

### **Excel Mobility**

Specifically, the Gold Mobility was discussed. The change of mobility left gyms with the problem of preparing gymnast for skills they have never worked at the compulsory level. Otis sent out a notification that coaches could submit a form to hold a gymnast back at that level.

### **State Banner for 9/10 Regionals**

State Banners are available for 9/10 Regionals. AL USAG will purchase a 3X5 banner.

Motion: Mike Holdefer

2<sup>nd</sup>: David Hill

Approved Unanimously

### **2017 Optional Training Camp**

Meg Henry discussed the preparations for the 2017 AL Optional Training Camp. The TC will be held at Auburn University. At the present time is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>. Registration starts at 8:30, Training Camp from 9:00 – 4:30 with a lunch break. Contingent on approval from Auburn.

### **Awards Ceremony**

The Awards Ceremony and Reception is scheduled for Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00. Helen is checking on date with the church. Committee needs to think about the recipient for the Calvin-Dillard Award.

### **State Award for the Region**

The committee needs to think about this right after state meet.

The Committee talked changes in registration for the Optional State Meet for 2018, which will continue at the next board meeting.

Thank you to Helen, Lelia and staff for a wonderful breakfast.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Mike Holdefer

2<sup>nd</sup> David Hill.