

Alabama State Committee Meeting
Birmingham, AL
August 17, 2017

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

Attending:

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

Absent: Gayli Craver, Brittany Stevens

Invocation by Otis Reeves.

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

Mike Holdefer made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Meg Henry seconded the motion. Passed.

Otis Reeves gave the following reports:

AL-SAC Awards Reception was held on June 3, 2017, at First United Methodist Church, Prattville, Alabama. We had 177 registered athletes, coaches, judges, and friends (19 no-shows). Awards were presented to qualifiers for Regionals, Easterns, Nationals, TOPS, Level 7, Judges Cup Team, and Elite qualifier. Banners were presented to Clubs of the Year as follows: Compulsory – Planet; EX CEL – Noma's School of Gymnastics; and Optional and Regional Club nominee – JamJev.

Special gifts were presented to the seniors in attendance. Sydney Bassett, Level 10 at Prattville YMCA, was the speaker. Mary Lou Dillard presented the Calvin-Dillard award to Missy West, Armory Athletics. Special thanks to Lu Ann Nix for assisting Helen Nabors with refreshments, Mike Holdefer for the awards presentation and thanks to Julie Gunn, (Prattville YMCA) for handling registration.

Optional Training Camp was held on July 29, 2017, at the McWhorter Center, Auburn University. There were 77 level 6-10 gymnasts from 11 gyms that attended the training sessions: Ace, Auburn, Calvin's, Mountain Brook, NAGC, Prattville, SEAGA, Titan's, Top Flight, United, and Vision. It was good to see new coaches supporting the OTC. Meg Henry did a great job organizing the event. Committee members Joshlyn Bess and David Hill worked as coaches.

The election for the Alabama State Committee, run by Meet Integrity, was done online. Results were sent to Deb Kornegay, Regional Chair, and then forwarded to Otis Reeves, Alabama State Chair. We would like to welcome Joshlyn Bess, as the newest member, along with Meg Henry, David Hill, Erin Holdefer-Kightlinger, Mike Holdefer, John Lowery, Helen Nabors, and Lu Ann Nix. Gayli Craver, ALSJD, and Brittany Stevens, Tops Representative, have been appointed as non-voting members.

Otis Reeves reported that Brittany Stephens indicated that the TOPS testing for Alabama is over for this summer. JamJev qualified a gymnast, Caris Carr, for the TOPS Program.

Discussion on future plans for revenue and education projects for Alabama coaches and gyms.

Discussion concerning USA Gymnastics judges travel policy that judges are no longer required to deduct 30 miles. Otis is recommending that Gayli Craver coordinate with Mike Holdefer, Meg Henry, and Helen Nabors to address the issue of non-judging compensation. David Hill made a motion to approve this recommendation. Erin Holdefer-Kightlinger seconded the motion. Passed.

Planet Gymnastics has been awarded the bid for the 2018 Alabama XCEL/Optional State Championships at the Mobile Civic Center in Mobile, Alabama.

Request for bids for compulsory State Meet 2018 and Optional State meet 2019 will go out in September, 2017.

Optional State Meet 2018 Judges:

Deb Kornegay, Meet Referee

Mary Lou Dillard

Mary Ann Wallace

Karen Tilton

Diane Peeks

Stephanie Kuhlmann

Jamie Wallace

Gayli Craver

Amy Arnts

Carol Smitherman

Phyllis Thompson

Annette Burgin

Wendy Seabrook

Tammye Goehring

Jarrett Ezell

Kelly Hill

Sharon Griffin

1st Alternate: Greg Kuhlmann

2nd Alternate: Julie Dumbacher

John Lowery made a motion to keep in place the requirement for all Alabama State Optional Meets to be required to be held in an outside facility. Mike Holdefer seconded the motion. Passed.

John Lowery made a motion to adjourn at 11:34 a.m. Helen Nabors seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lu Ann Nix