

Men's Program Committee Conference Call Minutes

May 16, 2005

Conference call began at 9:05 a.m. Pacific by Chair Yoichi Tomita

I. Roll Call

Members Present:

Yoichi Tomita, MPC Chair & Vice Chair for Men

Kurt Golder, Sr. Coaches Rep.

Miles Avery, Sr. Coaches Rep.

Steve Butcher, MPC Secretary & Jr. Coaches Rep. (absent)

Bill Foster, Jr. Coaches Rep.

Jay Thornton, Athlete Rep.

John Roethlisberger, Athlete Rep.

II. Nominations to the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame Committee

The committee talked about individual who they felt might be willing to serve on the Hall of Fame Committee. Kurt Golder was asked to contact Tom Dunn, Abie Grossfeld, and Lou Burkel to find out if they were interested. Ron Galimore mentioned that Abie is presently serving on the committee, but was not sure if it was his second term. After Kurt reports back to the committee, an email vote will be done to determine who will be selected to serve on the committee.

III. Vice Chairman for Men's Program

Motion: To approve the following criteria for the Vice-Chair for Men's Program position:

- Must have been a former or active coach or administrator with domestic & international experience in men's gymnastics
- Must have extensive working knowledge of the USA Gymnastics Men's Program
- Must have strong communication skills
- Must have a strong desire to serve the gymnastics community as a whole
- Must be available for all Executive Committee meetings involving travel or conference calls

Motion: Kurt Golder

Second: Bill Foster

PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: Nominations are due to the MPC for the Vice Chairman for Men's Program position by June 20, 2005 with a final vote taking place at the MPC meeting scheduled to take place at the 2005 U.S. Qualifier in Colorado Springs.

Motion: Kurt Golder

Second: Jay Thornton

PASSED: Unanimously

VI. Petitions to the 2005 U.S. National Qualifier

The petitioning process was reviewed prior to the review of individual petitions.

Motion: To approve Troy Maillis, FX & VT Exhibition/Score Only

Motion: Yoichi Tomita

Second: Bill Foster

PASSED: Unanimously

There was a long discussion about the petition of Matt Hicks from Houston Gymnastics Academy. The committee questioned if there were extenuating circumstances or not, was concerned that the petition was based on scores from an intra-squad competition and asked Ron Galimore to gather more information before making a final decision.

Motion: To approve Johann Donawa, Universal Gymnastics, SR Only

Motion: Kurt Golder
Second: Jay Thornton
PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: To approve Abhinov Ramani, Exhibition/Score Only

Motion: Kurt Golder
Second: John Roethlisberger
PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: To approve Brian Liscovitz, Surgent's Elite

Motion: Bill Foster
Second: Yoichi Tomita
PASSED: Unanimously

Motion: To approve Cole Storer, WOGA

Motion: John Roethlisberger
Second: Jay Thornton
PASSED: Unanimously

The petition for Cole Storer was into the U.S. Championships and the U.S. Qualifier. The committee decided to address the petition into the U.S. Championships first and asked the office to get input from it's legal council concerning junior athletes petitioning into the 2005 Visa Championships.

Motion: to approve Kerry Adderly, Ohio State University

Motion: Kurt Golder
Second: Bill Foster
PASSED: Unanimously

V. New Business

Ron Brant mentioned that a proposed athlete and coaches funding document had been given to the coaches and athletes at a recent national team camp and that a decision needed to be made concerning funding in the near future.

VI. Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Pacific

Motion: Kurt Golder
Second:
PASSED: Unanimously

*Respectfully submitted by Ron Galimore, Sr. Director, Men's Program
Approved by: Ron Galimore, Senior Director, USAG Men's Program*

Approved by: Steve Penny, President, USA Gymnastics

Addendum

May 18, 2005 – Concerning Cole Storer, Ron Galimore reported to the committee that a petition to the 2005 Visa Championships from a junior athlete could be considered which led to an email vote.

- **Storer's petition to the 2005 Visa Championships was approved by email 7 votes in favor and 0 against.**

After considering additional information about Matt Hicks, his petition into the U.S. Qualifier was denied receiving 3 votes in favor and 4 votes against.